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The Carman Skating Club presented Ken & Barbie In Ice World for their annual carnival last Friday. Pictured left to right, From left to right: Camryn Boeve, Jordyn Vanderveen, Tess Hannah, Emma Nicolajsen and Danielle Wiebe.

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# I'm a Barbie girl, in the Barbie world

By Lana Meier

The Carman Skating Club held its annual skating carnival last Friday to celebrate the skaters and their achievements this season. This year's theme, "Ken and Barbie in Ice World," was inspired by the award-winning film Barbie.

Over 80 skaters performed for a record number of friends and family.

"We had a full house, and the ambience was electric," commented Elise Dubourg, this year's carnival coordinator.

The arena was transformed into Barbie World, and all the skaters were different versions of Barbie and Ken. The Skaters dazzled the crowd with Barbie and Ken's confidence and grace.

"I have received so many positive comments about the skater's commitment and overall improvement this season. I am so proud to be their coach," said Debra McKinnon, Skate Canada Certified Coach.

"This year's carnival was a lot of fun to be a part of," said Chelsea Kozak Canskate coordinator. Adult Skate, a new program this season, performed in the show as the "Discontinued Barbies" and lit up the crowd.



Former CCS coach Kim Woods made a special appearance as Weird Barbie, got a rise out of the audience, and entertained the skaters.

"I do it for the kids," said Woods, who skated alongside the CanSkaters and lit up their faces and the audience with her hilarious antics. Andrew Woods, a program assistant for CanSkate, appeared as "Allen" from the hit film. He is just Allen—there are no multiples of Allen. The kids loved his energy, and the crowd was entertained.

"A successful carnival really does



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drive registrations for the following season," noted Treasurer Donna Wytinck.

"It's been a record year for registrations, and we are very excited about our newest addition of Adult Skate Fun & Fitness," said the club's vice president Lynsey Hannah. The Carman Skating club had over one hundred skaters this season in Star Skate, CanSkate, Shooting Stars, Parent and Tot and Adult Skate programs.

Coach McKinnon, who teaches all 104 skaters said, "It's been a great season, and the carnival was a wonderful ending."

"Coach Deb, who is also an educator, was made for the role. She is positive and engaging with all of our skaters. It has been so heartwarming to

watch our skaters' confidence grow. Our successes this season are owed to coach Deb," said club president Kirsten Nicolajsen.

"We would like to thank all of our skaters and parents that volunteer their time throughout the year to make our skating program as success. Also, the arena staff who maintain the arena and look after us throughout the season," said club secretary Kasey Reimer.

Jenna Vanderveen, fundraising coordinator, thanked the businesses for their support this season, with special thanks to Tracey Wiebe PPhotography, Carman Floristas, Prices Rite, TRS trucking, Kozak plumbing and heat-

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ing, Sperling Industries, Vanderveen Construction MMJS Law offices, Vanderveen greenhouses, Newman Hand Insurance Ltd., Legion, and Nakonechny and Power.

Nicolajsen commented about the hard work that goes into planning the season and the carnival.

“We really go all out with the decorations and even hire face painters as a gift to our skaters. A show in this capacity takes months of planning. I would like to thank all of the volunteers and the board of directors. This is an amazing group of women that

dedicate their time to making our club the success it is today,” she said.

After 11 years of dedicated service, long-time member Donna Wytinck will be moving on from the CSC board next season.

“Donna has been a mentor in our club for many years, and she will be greatly missed,” said Hannah.

The club is excited about next season and plans to launch registration this summer.

“It was a great season, and I hope everyone comes back,” said Coach McKinnon.

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## The loss of a voice

By Peter Cantelon

Starting a business is not for the faint of heart. Many people question if the stress and anxiety related to such an endeavour is even worth it.

But starting a newspaper in the 21st century? I mean, no one starts newspapers anymore. Newspapers are supposed to be shut down by big, impersonal corporate entities after they've been sucked dry of every last possible cent of profit and the staff have been fired without so much as a thank-you. What kind of person would start something like a newspaper?

Well, Rick Reimer did.

Rick passed away March 9 after battling a long illness and since learning of this I have been dwelling on his impact in my life and the lives of people throughout the Pembina Valley and more broadly, throughout Manitoba.

A long time ago in the impossibly distant past of 2010, in the land of Morden and Winkler, Rick, along with his business partners Lana Meier and Brett Mitchell, started the *Winkler Morden Voice* as part of a new community newspaper initiative in Manitoba that included the *Selkirk Record* and the *Stonewall Teulon Tribune*.

There were MANY who questioned the initiative. There were many who predicted the endeavour would not last the year. Well, here we are 14 years later and this small group of community newspapers has grown to include the *Express Weekly News*, the

*Carman Dufferin Standard*, and the *Altona Rhineland Morris Voice*.

To be frank, the Voice was a lifeline to me back when I was going through an incredibly difficult time in my life. It started right in the middle of my "what the heck am I going to do now?" phase and became the critical foundation for rebuilding.

If not for Rick, there would be no Voice. If not for Rick, there would have been no editor in Ashleigh Viveiros to take a chance hiring a guy like me as a full-time reporter. A guy who didn't have an article in his portfolio newer than 1996.

I liked Rick. It was hard not to like Rick. You have to understand many journalists do not get along with their publishers. In fact, many have downright hostile relations with their publishers. This is mostly because a lot of publishers are meddlesome and so focused on revenue that they seem to have lost sight of the point of journalism in the first place.

Rick was not like this. If the dictionary had an entry for "Nice Guy" it would be Rick's picture next to it. He was open, friendly, supportive and had a near permanent enormous smile. He actually cared about people.

Don't get me wrong, Rick was human like the rest of us. He was also a good businessperson. I think part of his success was due to the fact that he was a genuinely likeable guy. He didn't ignore the need to drive sales and create revenue because he understood that without it, the newspaper vanishes. But he kept an appropriate



Peter Cantelon

distance from the content.

Without Rick, community journalism in Manitoba would be less. Without him you would not have had to hear me whine and pontificate for the past 14 years (don't be too hard on him for that).

Rick helped to create opportunities for journalists and journalism in Manitoba. His efforts have contributed to creating and saving careers. He made a difference, and he did it mostly from the background, quietly working to ensure there was a community newspaper that connected people and kept them informed.

You may not have known Rick but if you've read the Voice or any of its family of newspapers he has had an impact on your life.

Rick made a difference. I'm sad that he is gone, but his Voice continues.

*Peter Cantelon is a columnist for the Carman Standard*

## Donations being accepted for Clearwater Memorial Fund until April 2

By Becca Myskiw

A memorial fund has been established to remember a young Carman family who were tragically taken from the community last month.

Amanda Clearwater and her three young children, Bethany, Jayven, and Isabella Manoakesick, and niece Myah-Lee Gratton were all murdered and found in different locations in and around Carman by police on Feb. 11.

A number of community members have started the Clearwater Memorial Fund with hopes of honouring

the young family. Donations are being accepted until April 2 at any Access Credit Union in Manitoba. These contributions will be utilized to commemorate the family, in a meaningful way within the community. An idea that has been suggested is the idea of installing a bench dedicated to the family at the Splash Pad.

It's important to note that any excess funds will be transferred to the Carman Area Foundation to establish a special Endowment Fund in honour of Amanda Clearwater, her children,

Bethany, Jayven, and Isabella Manoakesick, as well as Myah-Lee Gratton. This fund will provide grants back to the community that has stood behind and supported the family during this difficult time.

The Clearwater family is extremely thankful to the Carman community for their support during this time. Another way people can support them right now is by leaving a meal for them with the Carman United Church, who drops them off with the family.

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# Eden Foundation hosting fundraising concert March 24

By Ashleigh Viveiros

Eden Foundation invites the community down for an Evening With Elvis at the Winkler concert hall this coming Palm Sunday.

The show taking place on March 24 at 7 p.m. at the P.W. Enns Centennial Concert Hall will feature gospel music from Elvis tribute artist Corny Rempel and the New Covenant Quartet.

"Both the New Covenant Quartet and Corny Rempel have been great supporters of Eden Foundation and are very open about sharing mental health stories and experiences that they've had," says Jayme Giesbrecht, the foundation's director of development. "It's just so great to watch and listen to such entertainers, as well as hearing a great message."

Admission is free, though donations will be accepted towards Eden's mental health programming.

"As always when funds are given to Eden Foundation, we collect it into one big pot and during our granting season we are able to support Eden's programs like Segue Career Options, the employment services department;



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The New Covenant Quartet will perform at Eden Foundation's fundraising concert at the P.W. Enns Centennial Concert Hall in Winkler March 24.

Eden's residential care services, our housing and supports. We have housing or apartment units in Winkler, in Steinbach, and in Winnipeg that all need support beyond what the government gives.

"The Recovery of Hope counselling is probably the biggest way that donors are supporting Eden," Giesbrecht continues. "That is through the sliding fee scale—when someone that is not able to commit to the full payment amount for seeing a counsellor, Eden Foundation steps in to make sure that the rest is covered. Without donor support, we wouldn't be able to do that."

"We don't want to let a thing like money stop people from getting the help and the hope that they need."

If you can't make the Winkler concert on the 24th,



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Elvis tribute artist Corny Rempel will also be taking to the stage in support of Eden Foundation.

the foundation is also hosting a Gospel Music afternoon show in Steinbach on Sunday, March 17.

"Last year we did a Palm Sunday gospel concert in Winkler that went over really well," says Giesbrecht. "So I thought I would continue that trend and this time do one in Winkler and one in Steinbach, because Eden has a footprint in both places and we would love the support of people in both."

The Steinbach show is also admission by donation and features music from the New Covenant Quartet, Giesbrecht, Kim Thiessen, Jon Guenter, and Darryl Neustaedter Barg. Further details can be found online at edenhealthcare.ca/events.

## Flashback... 1960 Carman Aerial View of construction

By Dennis Young

A record year of new construction was set in 1960, with over \$662,000 in value. About two-thirds, or \$450,000, was spent on business and the two new school projects. New homes and renovations of \$212,000, the major residential portion of which took place on Hammond Ave (now 1st Street SE) and College Ave (now 3rd Street SE), made up the rest.

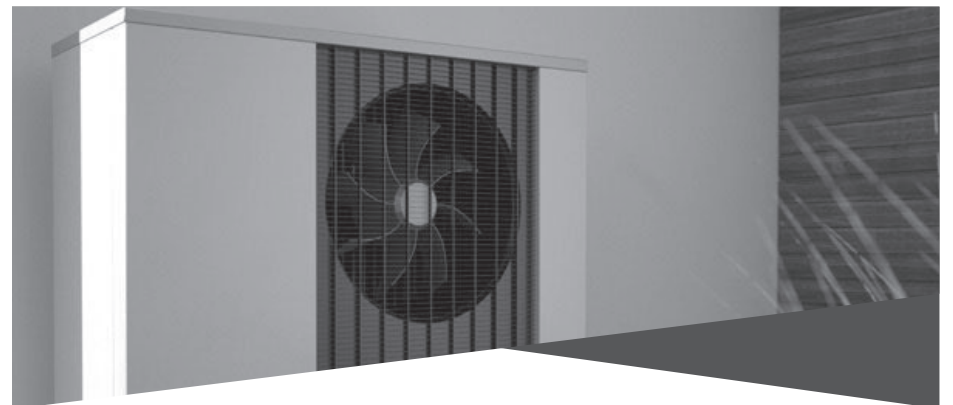
The new business buildings were the Co-op store, Cam Johnston's new machine shop, Elias Lumber, Pat's B/A, and R & S Drive Inn. Renos included Safeway's expansion, McMillan's Red & White, and Sanders Drugs.

In comparison for 2023: Residential New: \$2,195,000.00 Residential (renos, additions etc.) \$498,000 Commercial/Industrial/Farm \$ 7,874,703.



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Looking north, the streets were, left to right, Hammond Ave S (1st Street SE), O'Brien Ave S (2nd Street SE) and College Avenue (3rd Street SE). In the foreground, left to right, R & S Drive-in, Pat's B/A, Johnston Farm Supplies and Canadian Reformed Church. At the right center is the new High School under construction and behind that Ross Laycock Farms.



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# Interactive Wellness Day on March 23 in Carman

By Ty Dilello

Carman's Interactive Wellness Day will be held on March 23 from noon to 5 p.m. at the Carman Legion Auxiliary Hall.

It will be an action-packed, fun-filled afternoon, and it is planned for people in attendance to try new wellness techniques and hear from six different professionals.

The speakers lined up for the event are Lee Collingridge (Young Living Essential Oils Silver), Amanda Martens (BA MA Health Counselling), Zofia Dove (Communications Expert in Palliative Care), Evelyn Hoogerdijk (Taekwondo Black Belt), Lana Yaskiw (Young Living Essential Oils Silver), Diane Gillingham (Newcomer Support) and Linda Revel (Fitness Instructor).

"I put on the first Wellness Day last year at this time," said Collingridge. The intention is to make it an annual event in Carman. I myself am a distributor for Young Living Essential Oils, which is a very useful tool in a healthy lifestyle and can help with sleep, pain, digestion, skin issues, and much

more."

"Through my own associations, I realized that a problem that many people have is that they would like to try fitness and health methods before they actually buy into it. They want to know that it is useful for them and is a good fit."

Collingridge also realized that one method is usually not a complete answer for anyone, and it needs to be a lifestyle change that combines fitness, food, mental health, and community involvement. Therefore, she decided to pull together a group of professionals and educators who are happy to show and speak about what they have to offer without commitment from the individual.

"We make it fun and interactive, where people will participate if they want to or just listen. We have an opportunity to talk as a group and one-on-one with the presenters. I got most of the presenters through my own community involvement, and the keynote speaker, Zofia Dove, is a personal friend. I believe that it is imperative that we interact with others

as we make our way through life's ever-changing issues, that we look for new and effective ways to cope and create our own happiness."

In the afternoon, you will try a taekwondo move, exercise, chat with a health therapist, interact with a communications expert, and find the oil for your issue. Educate yourself about the newcomers to Carman and win a nice prize."

"It's all about friendship and wellness methods that you can try without having to buy," said Collingridge. "This afternoon will be uplifting, entertaining and full of info that you can keep. Last year, we had four subjects, and everyone left with a smile. This year, we have grown to have six ways to wellness, and we promise you a great afternoon."

People are encouraged to come and spend the whole afternoon to get the most out of the day. There will be prizes and refreshments throughout the afternoon. Tickets are \$40 and can be purchased from Lee Collingridge at leecollingu@gmail.com or 204-750-1338.



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Carman's Lee Collingridge has been working hard behind the scenes to help set up Carman's Interactive Wellness Day on March 23 from noon to 5 p.m. at the Carman Legion Auxiliary Hall.

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# Variety Choir Show coming up on March 27

By Ty Dilello

The Carman Active Living Centre will host the Variety Choir Show on March 27 at 1:30 p.m. It will be performed by the Boyne River Voice choir, which has many old songs to sing. The event is open to the public and is by donation.

Boyne River Voices allows seniors to participate in choral music in a relaxed atmosphere. Singing in a group is fun and promotes physical, emotional, and mental well-being. There's always the challenge of some new pieces along with old music from the collection.

Members meet on Wednesdays at 1:30 for an hour for ten weeks from September to December and again from January to March. The season ends with the annual Variety Concert.

"It started out by us saying why we don't invite people to listen to us practice, and that was 15 years ago," said choir director Audrey Myers. "We just sing the pieces that we've been working on and hope that we entertain people and have them sing along if they so wish."



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Variety choir director Audrey Myers, left, and pianist Deanna Mutcher are looking forward to the Variety Choir Show on March 27 at 1:30 p.m. at the Carman Active Living Centre.

This year, the choir has around 25 members who will perform in the concert, singing familiar, easy-listen-

ing show tunes and folk songs.

"The fact that we've lasted this long is impressive, so we encourage people

to come out," said Myers. "Singing in community is good for one's health."

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# Your FARM



## Be mindful of margins heading into spring seeding

By Raegan Hedley

This past year, 2023, was the most expensive year ever for growers. Due to high input costs—especially fertilizer—and steadily rising equipment costs, a lot is riding on spring seeding

going well.

The dry winter we're having complicates things even further. The Hydrologic Forecast Centre recently published the February Flood Outlook Report, showing a low-to-mod-

erate risk of spring flooding across Manitoba, and soil moisture levels are normal to below normal. While some may be rejoicing that flood risk is low, a lack of snow cover on fields can be bad news for growers for several reasons.

Charles (Chuck) Fossay has been farming for 50 years and is currently a director with the Manitoba Canola Growers and the Canola Council of Canada. Fossay and his brothers grow grains and oil seeds north of Starbuck, Manitoba.

Fossay says that the arrival of late snow in March through April would help fill irrigation ponds and even recharge the soil, but would likely not be enough to save winter wheat and fall rye.



In his 50 years of farming in Manitoba, Charles Fossay has been both a grower and pork producer, and has been involved with various organizations, including Manitoba Pool Elevators, Manitoba Pork and Keystone Agriculture Producers.

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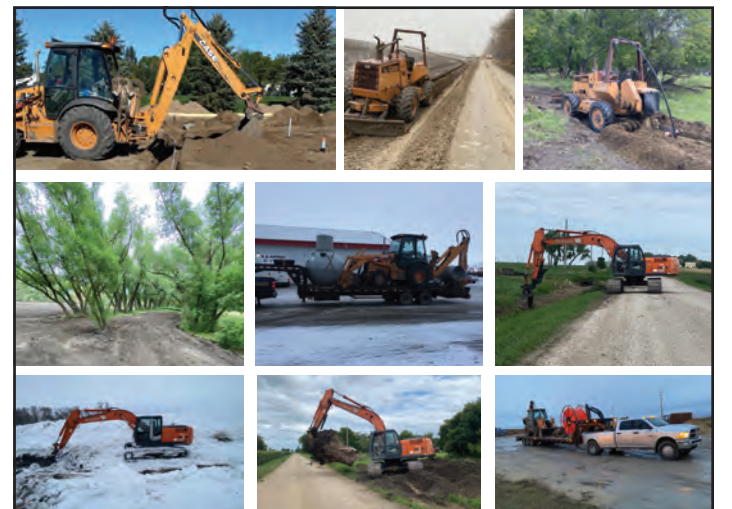


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# Your FARM



## MFGA Green Gold Program looking for hay or alfalfa producers

By Becca Myskiw

Manitoba alfalfa producers can predict their optimum harvest date—and it costs them nothing.

The Manitoba Forage and Grassland Association (MFGA) has the longest-running producer-based program for Manitoba forage producers with their Green Gold Program. Running through May and June, the Green Gold Program calls for producers with hay fields that are mostly alfalfa, fairly new, and in good condition. Those producers will test their crops twice weekly (clipping alfalfa) throughout the May/June growing season until the first cut. MFGA will then send subscribed producers two weekly results for the entire sampling duration. The program provides growers with real-time information on the best time to cut the alfalfa stand.

Last year's Green Gold Program involved 23 fields from Central, Eastern, and Western Manitoba. Alfalfa sampling started on May 18 at 10

inches and ended on May 31 when most of the fields were in the early bloom stage. Last spring saw warm conditions followed by intense heat and an early frost before sampling. MFGA found the optimum harvest date to be June 1 for the Central and Western regions and May 31 for the Eastern/Interlake region.

MFGA says that by clipping alfalfa samples from fields, testing results suggest that the first cut date has a higher relative feed value for the optimum livestock feed value.

The MFGA Green Gold Program aims to encourage growers to be strategic with their alfalfa crop harvest, making decisions based on the best first-cut date for specific feed and market needs and field observations. The program relies solely on Manitoba alfalfa producers to clip and send in alfalfa samples twice weekly. Because the sampling happens in real-time, the results accurately reflect current weather conditions. Results are



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MFGA is looking for producers to participate in their Green Gold Program, which predicts the optimal harvest date for alfalfa growers.

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Green Gold Program or to sign up for it, go to <https://mfga.net/green-gold>.

### > SPRING SEEDING, FROM PG. 8

"Talking to some of the local agronomists, they feel that those winter crops are probably not surviving this winter."

Fossay adds that he believes there's likely enough topsoil moisture right now to seed and get crops off to a good start.

Instead of focusing on what could go wrong with the weather, Darren Bond, a farm management specialist with Manitoba Agriculture, suggests focusing on positive news: The 2024 AgriInsurance Crop Dollar Values are currently above current grain market prices, which he says takes some risk off the table for producers.

"It will be important this year to continually monitor one's costs of production, changing projected values into actual values as we move through the growing season... Having a realistic expectation on the

2024 crop's yield potential will be especially important."

Bond says fertilizer is the highest operating cost on a farm today, and considering the tight margins projected for 2024, it's worthwhile for growers to review their fertilizing regime. He recommends adopting 4R Nutrient Stewardship practices like banding and moving fertilizer applications to spring, which can result in savings of \$20-\$40 per acre without negatively impacting yield.

"The most important factor is to make sure you have the right rate to avoid missing out on potential rev-

enue...For example, under-fertilizing canola and losing 3 to 5 bushels per acre can result in a loss of \$40-\$70 per acre," says Bond.

"Adjusting fertilizer application practices can be costly, so it is important to evaluate the savings with fertilizer cost to the cost of equipment

upgrades. Some gains may be easy to obtain and implement, while other changes may be cost-prohibitive."

Fossay says it's easy to develop a habit where growers simply maximize all their inputs to increase yields. He said this is the year to really ask

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yourself if you need the second application of herbicides to control weeds if you have a good-looking crop and the disease risk is relatively low.

"I don't really need to spend another \$15 spraying for weeds because there's just not that much margin in the crop. If I spray a second time, I might get a couple extra bushels, but the cost of the herbicide is more than the bushels are worth."

Success this year seems like it's going to come down to managing costs of production. Manitoba Agriculture releases a Crop Costs of Production Guide every year, and this year the

only profitable crops were projected to be pinto beans, white beans, black beans, soybeans, canola and oats.

Bond explains that the guide is just a reference, and growers should use their own numbers to determine the cost of production.

"To make your costs of production even more accurate, compare them to previous years' actual costs. Some costs like fertilizer may vary greatly depending on market prices, while others like labour and repairs may not vary as much," says Bond. "Is there a large discrepancy between what is projected for 2024 compared

to the last few years? Perhaps there's a valid reason for the difference, but if there isn't, the projection should be checked for accuracy."

Fossay says he does his own budget because the provincial guide is a good average indicator of costs, but everybody has drastically different costs. One of which may be debt for farm equipment.

"The good news is that equipment costs can be controlled by the producer with discipline and an objective analysis of the value an investment in a piece of equipment brings to the farm. Is there an increase in efficiency, an ability to decrease costs or the potential to increase yields on the

farm?" says Bond. "While determining the costs of adding a piece of machinery to the farm is easy to quantify, determining the financial benefits can be much more difficult."

There's plenty to be optimistic about heading into spring—as long as you're prepared to pay close attention to profitability and risk.

**"IT WILL BE IMPORTANT THIS YEAR TO CONTINUALLY MONITOR ONE'S COSTS OF PRODUCTION."**



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# sports & recreation

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## Hayward makes history with third provincial title

By Ty Dilello

Carman's Shaela Hayward became the first curler in Manitoba history to win three provincial championships in one season after capturing the 2024 Manitoba Mixed Curling Championships on Sunday evening at the Neepawa Curling Club.

Hayward, who was playing third for Ryan Wiebe, along with Ty Dilello and Jennifer Clark-Rouire out of the Fort Rouge Curling Club, stole the winning point in the eighth end to win 4-3 over Carberry's Braden Calvert (Kelsey Rocque, Trevor Calvert, Alyssa Calvert) in the provincial final.

Team Wiebe went 6-2 at the provincials to win the championships, including a three-win day on Sunday by defeating Arden's Kevin Paramor, Deer Lodge's Sean Grassie and Calvert.

Hayward made this journalist and the rest of her teammates look very good all weekend long with her strong play on the ice.

"She's the real deal," said Wiebe. "We were very excited that Shaela joined our team, and everything worked out perfectly. It's an amazing

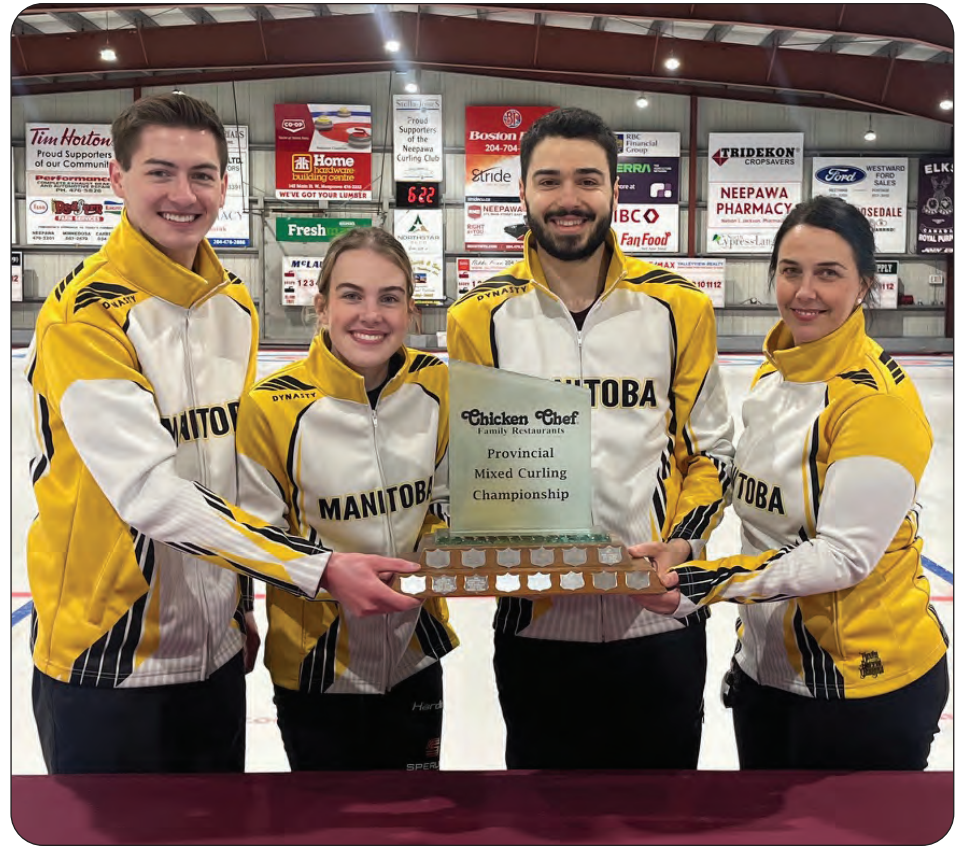
accomplishment winning this provincial together."

In addition to Sunday's mixed provincials victory, Hayward has also won this year's Manitoba U18 and U21 Provincials to make it a Manitoba all-time record of three provincial championships in one year. It's a major accomplishment for the 17-year-old who is still wrapping up her Grade 12 year at Carman Collegiate.

"I really can't believe it," said Shaela Hayward. "This was the most nerve-racking win of them all I think as it was really back and forth all game. It's going to be very exciting to be heading to another national championship. I can't wait."

Team Wiebe will now be headed to the 2024 Canadian Mixed Curling Championship to be played Nov. 3-9 at the St. Catherines Golf and Country Club in St. Catherines, Ontario.

In the meantime, Hayward and her junior team with Keira Krahn, India Young and Rylie Cox are now off to Fort McMurray, Alberta, this weekend for the Canadian U21 Junior Curling Championships, which runs from March 24 to 31.



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Carman's Shaela Hayward captured the 2024 Manitoba Mixed Curling Championships on Sunday evening at the Neepawa Curling Club. From left, Ryan Wiebe, Shaela Hayward, Ty Dilello, Jennifer Clark-Rouire.

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#### Pesticide Control Program

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Environmental Approvals Branch  
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## Carman's high school hockey all-stars



STANDARD PHOTO BY MICHAEL HETHERINGTON

The Zone 4 High School Hockey All-Star Game was held on March 16 in Winkler. The Carman Cougars had four players who appeared in the game: Forwards Ethan Wilde and Josh Hiebert, defenseman Owen Rey, and goaltender Maysen Mazurat. The Zone 4 All-Stars played against the Winnipeg Elite team and lost 6-5. Wilde opened the scoring for the Zone 4 All-Stars with an unassisted goal, Hiebert assisted on one of his line goals, and Mazurat made 21 saves in his half of the game.

# sports & recreation

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## Twisters sweep Raiders to advance to MMJHL semi-finals

By Ty Dilello/Sean Conway

The Pembina Valley Twisters have advanced to the MMJHL semi-finals after a four-game sweep of the Raiders Jr. Hockey Club in the first round of the playoffs.

Following their strong performance in the first two games, the Twisters extended their series lead by defeating the Raiders 4-0 on March 12. Merik Degraeve was a standout for the team, scoring two goals, while Josh Guilford and Mark Plett also contributed to the victory. Goaltender Owen LaRocque stopped 21 shots for the shutout.

The Twisters sealed the series in Game 4 on March 15 with a 2-1 overtime victory over the Raiders. Brett Bergman and Slade Sotheran each found the back of the net. LaRocque

started in net and made 6 saves. Enns was brought in to finish the game at the start of the second period making 13 saves to secure the win.

"It's always great to advance rounds," said Twisters' head coach Braeden Beernaerts. "It was a tough series despite being over in four games, as many games could've gone either way. We were happy to get the bounces, and score timely goals."

"Our team's play has been great so far and we focused down on the little things from the start of playoffs. Despite a few moments in the games where emotions and fatigue had taken over, for the most part we stuck with it, and claimed the series."

The Twisters will now have some time off as they await the results of the other MMJHL quarterfinal series'



STANDARD PHOTO BY LANA MEIER

Pembina Valley's goaltender Logan Enns celebrates the win against the Raiders. The Twisters now advance to the semi-finals.

## Banner season for U11 team



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The Carman Cougars topped off a very successful season winning the Pembina Valley 2023-24 U11 Silver A Division banner last week. This was the team's third banner win of the season after victories in Dauphin at the U11 A1 Meltdown tournament and the Silver Division of the Portage Cup. After the league championship, coach Jason Rose followed through on a deal with the team that they could shave his head if they won it all. Pictured left to right, back row: coaches Craig Den Heyer, Aaron Nakonechny, Jason Rose and manager Ron Friesen; third row, Noah Friesen, Connor Den Heyer, Bekka Bartley, Quinn Froebe, Chase Rose, James Pritchard; second row, Alex Unger, Ryker George, Brooks Falk and goaltender Miller Vanderveen.

and see who they will matchup with in the semi-finals.

"The plan for the next few days is to keep the legs under us, as we can't get too complacent about what we've

accomplished so far," said Beernaerts. "We plan to sharpen up on a few things, review our next opponent, and make sure we are ready for the next round."

## League champions



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The Odds n Ends captured the Carman Men's Rec League title last Wednesday, defeating the A-side reps, The Coasters, by a score of 5-2. The Odds n Ends had to come back from the B-side after losing to the Coasters in the first round. The league is made up of seven teams. Regular season standings: Odds & Ends 15-4-1, Dangle Berries 14-6, Dutchmen 13-6-1, Coasters 12-8, Playboys 9-10-1, Storm 5-14-1, Mad Dogs 0-20.

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7	9	5	4	3	8	6	1	2
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Sudoku Answer

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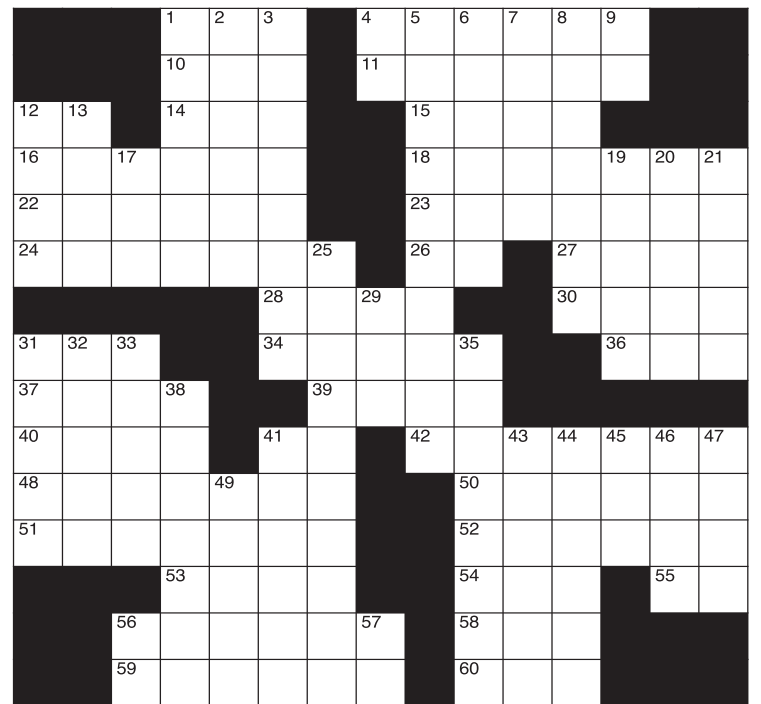
## CROSSWORD

#### CLUES ACROSS

- Small Eurasian deer
- Baltimore ballplayer
- Salary
- Irish county
- Influential world body
- Engravers
- Declared as fact
- One who steals
- Jewelry
- Hospital employee (abbr.)
- Nonsense (slang)
- Town in Galilee
- Value
10. A major division of geological time
- Broadway actor Lane
- Canadian province (abbr.)
- Human gene
- Two
- A famous one is blue
- Utter repeatedly
- Ring-shaped objects
- Spoils
- Occurs
- Commercial
- Near
- Products you may need
- Pledge thrown down as a challenge
- TV network
- Silk or cotton garments
- Soviet Socialist Republics
- Retired American football coach Dean
- Hot dish
- A type of gin
- Atomic #84
- Sawhorse
- About ground
- Medicine man
- Seedless raisin
- Capital of Albania
- Appendage
- OJ trial judge
- By the way (abbr.)
- Bicycle parts
- Barbie's friend
- Moved one's neck to see
- Commercials

#### CLUES DOWN

- Make up for



2. Baltimore ballplayer
3. Salary
4. Influential world body
5. Engravers
6. Declared as fact
7. One who steals
8. Jewelry
9. Hospital employee (abbr.)
10. Nonsense (slang)
11. Town in Galilee
12. Value
13. W. Pacific island group
14. Tolkien character
15. Ancient symbol co-opted by the Nazi party
16. Pioneer
17. Scribe
18. Painted a bright color
19. Lowest members of British nobility
20. Actress Thurman
21. Type of sugar
22. Crest of a hill
23. N. American people of British Columbia
24. Device
25. The Mount Rushmore State
26. Recuses
27. Creative works
28. Appropriate for a particular time of year
29. Recuses
30. Recuses
31. Recuses



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**NOTICE OF DIRECTOR ELECTIONS ELECTRONIC VOTING AND ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING (the "AGM") MEMBERS OF ACCESS CREDIT UNION LIMITED (the "Credit Union")**

**TO: ALL MEMBERS OF THE CREDIT UNION**

**VOTING FOR BOARD OF DIRECTORS**  
 TAKE NOTICE THAT voting for the Board of Directors is open to all members who have a share at any Credit Union branch. Voting will be done by electronic ballot and will be tallied electronically by a third party provider. **Voting will be open from 9:00 am CDT on Monday, the 8th day of April, 2024 until 5:00 pm CDT on Friday, the 12th of April, 2024.** Members of the Credit Union are invited to vote online at [www.accessvotes.ca](http://www.accessvotes.ca). Each member may vote on a personal electronic device or should any member prefer, devices for the purpose of voting will be available at all branches of the Credit Union during operating hours.

**VOTING FOR BYLAW CHANGES**  
 TAKE FURTHER NOTICE THAT Voting will take place during the AGM held on the 16th day of April, 2024 to consider the approval of the amendment of the Credit Union's Bylaws. Instructions on registration, authentication, voting process, and technical support are available on our corporate website at [www.accesscu.ca/AGM](http://www.accesscu.ca/AGM). Immediately preceding the meeting opening, and at the beginning of the meeting, members will be given instructions on how to ask questions during the meeting.

**SUMMARY OF PROPOSED BYLAW CHANGES**  
 The proposed Bylaw changes align the document with Credit Union Central of Manitoba's model and includes several amendments, a summary of which can be viewed at [www.accesscu.ca/AGM](http://www.accesscu.ca/AGM). The proposed amended and restated by-laws are available on request. At the meeting, a presentation will be made explaining the changes and their purpose. Members will have the opportunity to ask questions during the presentation, although not all questions may be answered if there is insufficient time. The Members will be asked to vote on the following motion: to approve the amended and restated by-laws as presented to the Members. Each member may vote on a personal electronic device. Voting will end during the AGM and results will be shared.


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**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**  
 The AGM of the members of the Credit Union will be held on **Tuesday, April 16, 2024 at 7:00 p.m. CDT** via virtual means, for the following purposes:

1. 2023 Audited Financial Statements and Auditor's Report
2. Board of Directors Report
3. Appointment of Auditors
4. Announcement of Member Rewards
5. Director Elections Voting Results
6. Bylaw Changes Voting and Results

All eligible members wishing to participate in the AGM are required to register online at [www.accesscu.ca](http://www.accesscu.ca) prior to April 16, 2024 at 4:00 P.M. CDT. Instructions for voting processes and how to ask questions will be displayed on the screen commencing at 6:45 p.m. CDT. These instructions will also be reviewed at the opening of the meeting. More information can be found at: [www.accesscu.ca](http://www.accesscu.ca).

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**OBITUARY**



**Richard Donald Reimer**

It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of our beloved husband and father Richard Donald Reimer, who passed away peacefully at home surrounded by his family, on the evening of March 9th, 2024 at the age of 71.

After a long and courageous battle with cancer, he was ready to go home to his Heavenly Father. Rick's faith remained unwavering as he faced the many struggles of his illness in the last years of his life. He was an inspiration to those who knew him.

Rick was born in Winnipeg in 1952. His childhood was spent in St. Vital, where he grew up with three siblings including a twin brother. He excelled at school and in sports, later going on to attend Wayland Baptist University in Texas on a scholarship for track and field.

After graduating university, he moved back to Winnipeg where he managed a fitness centre. This is where he met Colleen, who he married in 1988. Wonderful years followed as they raised their three children together, Sam (1993), Holly (1995), and Joelle (1997). Rick loved being a dad and he greatly enjoyed spending time with his family going hiking, tobogganing, on bike rides and family road trips. Also special for him were the trips to the Dominican with Colleen and their close friends, and many good times at the cottage in Victoria Beach. Rick had a passion for watching hockey and football, reading books, and bird watching in the backyard. He also loved a hot cup of tea, cookies, and extra cheese on everything!

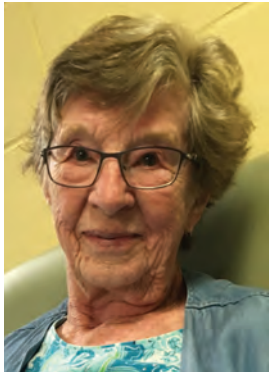
Rick worked hard and always pursued excellence in everything he did. He started managing fitness centres and then went on to own his own gym. A career path change led him to become an advertising sales rep for the community newspapers in the Interlake. He later became publisher of the newspapers in southern Manitoba. Rick and his two business partners then went on to establish their own group of award-winning community newspapers.

Rick was a devoted husband and loving father. His family and friends will miss the many conversations with him in which he shared his insight, wit and wisdom. We will also miss the many laughs we had as he shared his fun-loving and goofy side, which was so endearing.

He will be forever cherished by his beloved wife of 35 years Colleen, and children Sam, Holly (Chris), and Joelle. He is predeceased by his father Stanley Reimer and brother-in-law Tim Jeffrey. He is survived by his mother Joan Reimer as well as his siblings Daryl (Ruth) Reimer, Dave (Marty) Reimer, and Corrine Jeffrey. He will also be remembered by his nieces and nephews, aunts and uncles, cousins, Colleen's side of the family, as well as many dear friends and colleagues.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Siloam Mission in memory of Rick.

**OBITUARY**



**Margaret Cutting**

Margaret Ellen (Jones) Cutting, born July 1, 1927 near Elm Creek, Manitoba passed peacefully at the age of 96 with family by her side on March 13, 2024. A private service will be held.

Family would like to thank everyone for the support we received including the staff at the Boyne Lodge.

In lieu of flowers, a donation can be made to the following: Boyne Lodge Personal Care Home - Activities, Box 910, Carman, Manitoba, R0G 0J0, www.southernhealth.ca or to Canadian Cancer Society - www.cancer.ca

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**OBITUARY**



**Barbara Elaine Vandermeulen**

Elaine Vandermeulen of Carman, MB passed away peacefully at the Carman Memorial Hospital on March 13, 2024 at the age of 72 years.

She was predeceased by her twin brothers Elmer and Roy Blanchard.

She is survived by her husband John, of 51 years, her children Matthew (Divine), Stuart, Tracy, Wes, and granddaughter Sophia, sisters Hazel Skelton and Shirley (Lefty) Nyrose.

Mom was born and raised in the Carman area. She met John and raised four children. She was a very caring and selfless person who always put others ahead of herself. She enjoyed baking and sharing it with family and friends. For many years she worked diligently as secretary at the Dufferin Christian School. She had many talents and could play organ and accordion, which her neighbors would love to listen to as she played outside on beautiful summer evenings. She enjoyed spending time with her grandchildren.

She will be greatly missed by all of us.

The family wishes to thank Dr. Atchison and all of the amazing staff at Carman Memorial Hospital for the wonderful care she received during her stay.

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**OBITUARY**



**Carman George Colvin**

With sadness, we announce the passing of Carman George Colvin, aged 105 years, beloved husband of the late Vera Colvin on March 3, 2024 at the Carman Hospital.

The son of George and Ethel Colvin, Carman was born in Carman on November 30, 1918. His family lived north of Graysville, moving to the Carman area in 1923.

Carm attended school in Carman. He then worked in the local area, including as a lineman with the Manitoba Telephone System until he enlisted in the army (Royal Signal Corps of Canada) in July 1942. He married Vera Nelson on February 3, 1942. He went overseas in 1943, serving with the Canadian Army in England and northern Europe, returning to Canada in January 1946.

Upon his return, Carm started work at Carman Cleaners, which he and Vera later purchased and operated until 1970. Carm also operated a fleet of school buses for 12 years. In 1970, he joined the Carman Co-op as manager of the dry goods department, retiring in 1983.

Music was a major passion throughout Carm's life. A self-taught tenor banjo player, he played at dances and other events for 90 years, making life-long friends with hundreds of fellow musicians. Active in fiddle festivals, as an accompanist and judge, Carm was inducted into the Manitoba Fiddle Association Wall of Fame in 2010.

Carm was an active member of Carman Legion Branch #18 for 78 years, serving multiple roles on the Executive, including twice as President. Carm chaired the planning committee for building Riverview Legion Place, and subsequently served as Chair of the Riverview Board for 25 years. He was awarded a Life Membership, the Meritorious Service Award and the Palm Leaf Award by the Branch. He also was awarded the French Legion of Honour medal in 2020.

Carm and Vera were married for over 77 years, until her passing in August, 2019. Carm is survived by his children Elaine Ganske, Lynda and Doug Michie, and Fred and Phyllis Colvin; his grandchildren Pam and Tim Dowell, Carm and Deeann Ganske, Jodie and Ted Gross, Shelly and Trevor Juby, Brent and Danielle Michie, Carly and Clarke Deacon, Caddie and Patrick Crampton, Brooke and Justyn Pisa, Andrew and Mélissa Colvin, Grant and Rebecca Colvin. He is also survived by 20 great-grandchildren, and a sister-in-law Thelma McDougall, along with many nieces, nephews and cousins.

Besides his wife, Carm was predeceased by his parents, brothers Fred, in WWII, and Tom (Verna) in 1972, and son-in-law Raymond Ganske in 2013.

The family would like to thank the many home care workers, and the staff at Carman and Boundary Trails Hospitals for their kindness and wonderful care.

Funeral service was held on Friday, March 15th, at the Carman United Church with the Reverend Harold Kenyon officiating. Interment took place in Greenwood Cemetery.

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# Medical students get a taste of rural living

By Lorne Stelmach

First- and second-year medical students spent the day Saturday at Boundary Trails Health Centre to get a small taste of what it could be like to practice medicine in rural Manitoba.

The annual initiative involves students who are part of the Rural Interest Group at the University of Manitoba, and they rotated through stations that demonstrated a variety of things such as intubation, IUD insertion, suturing, ultrasound, and more.

It is always an important opportunity, said Dr. Leanne Nause, who added that they hope the students even just have fun with the day and make some good memories.

"And hopefully we inspire some to come back or seek another rural area for their medical practice," said Nause.

"More than 20 years ago, I was in a group like this, and it definitely led me to my career path," said the Morden-based doctor. "It may not be for all of them, but even if they have fun and know what's out here and know what they can experience even in learning ... residents get really top-notch learning out here."

The Rural Interest Group is among a number of initiatives that can help lead more medical students to consider working in rural Manitoba. There is also the Rural Week that places students here for a week as well as the Home for the Summer program, which offers seasonal employment to post-secondary medical students providing hands-on experience.

The Rural Interest Group is led by co-president and Mordenite Vienna Peters, who is a second-year medical student.

"We host events throughout the school year for students interested in rural medicine to get a sense of what it would be like to work in rural communities," she explained.

There were just under 30 students out for the day at BTHC, and Peters believed the experience would make a good impression on them.

"It's good exposure ... you get a sense of what it would be like to work here one day," she said.

"In med one and two, we don't get tons of exposure to clinical experience," Peters noted. "It's a lot of lecture work, so this is a good way to get out of the classroom and learn the skills ahead of time."

"It's really nice coming to rural communities and working with the staff from the area because we learn about the needs here, what kind of patient population we would be working with, and that could help us tailor our education as we go through med school to kind of focus on something," Peters suggested. "You're getting to work with the doctors who are a big part of the community ... and students often don't really know what kind of practice they could do in areas outside Winnipeg."

Nause and other local medical practitioners were happy to be part of the day.

"We love this event. It is very exciting to have a bunch of medical stu-



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Mordenite Vienna Peters (far left), co-president of the Rural Interest Group, and Dr. Leanne Nause (right) at BTHC Saturday, which welcomed medical students eager to learn more about what it's like to be a rural doctor.

dents who are usually in their first or second years ... and we know they are enthusiastic about coming to get exposure out in a rural area," she said.

And there are vast options available especially in a regional centre like Boundary Trails Health Centre, she noted.

"It gives them an idea because maybe some don't know much about rural life," she said. "Rural medicine has so many different avenues. You can do radiology, family medicine, obstetrics, pediatrics ... there are lots of different opportunities."

"Ever since I have been here, there has always been a need for more doctors," Nause added. "We want to continue to encourage medical providers to come out to this area so we can meet the growing population needs."

"The Rural Interest Group is a really great opportunity for us to welcome students who have never seen rural

medicine and to give them exposure to what our hospital has, and it is often an eye-opening experience," said Nicole Walske, executive director of the Menzies Medical Centre in Morden.

She noted one current resident working here today had been part of the group as a student.

"I think it's a testament to how important it is for them to see that difference," she said. "I think our primary goal is to give them an opportunity to understand that the learning isn't just at the university level and that we as a community of physicians here want to support their learning."

"We want to give them an environment that is nurturing and safe ... the more they want to be here and like being here, the more potential we will have to keep them here as working physicians."



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Medical students got the chance to try their hand at a variety of procedures at BTHC on Saturday.