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Crazy Lady's Cafeteria reluctantly forced to close its doors

By Ty Dilello

The owner of Crazy Lady's Cafeteria, Susanne Keck, recently received a lease termination letter from her landlords, which is forcing her to close their doors for good on May 31.

Crazy Lady's Cafeteria first moved into the building at 8 1st Avenue SW in Carman, where the old bakery was in November of 2017, and renovated it to its needs. They have operated the business since, until recently, when they got the termination letter.

"We received a lease termination letter from our landlords because of building issues," said Keck. "We told our landlords (Kuric Property from Winnipeg) multiple times that so much needs to be fixed, and they certainly didn't do that. An insurance inspection revealed that the building is in really bad shape, and they wouldn't pay if we put in a claim."

"It's understanding from our side because the landlords haven't done a lot, and what they did wasn't very much. Now we have to close. The landlords told us they would renovate it, but then we have to pay basically triple the amount of what we pay now. So we have to close on May 31."



The more significant issues with the building started in the spring of 2018 when they had the first heavy rains. The restaurant had water coming through the roof, and the landlords promised to fix that. Some companies came and did some work, but it never got fixed properly.

"One time, the water came right through the electric panel, and then they hired another company, but it still wasn't fixed properly," said Keck.



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Crazy Lady's Cafeteria owner Susanne Keck will be forced to shut down for good on May 31 after receiving a termination letter from her landlord.

"We then addressed the issue with the back wall, as there was no insulation, a rotten outside wall and no siding. They said they would come next spring and fix it and never did."

In the meantime, the landlords continued to buy more buildings in Carman. But to Keck, they said they have no money to fix things like the water and back wall issues.

"During the pandemic, the walk-in freezer door became crooked. We got a company, Controlled Air, from

Winkler, in to fix it, but they said no repairs would work because the floor is totally unlevel. The landlord has to fix the floor first before they can address the door. So we contacted the landlord, and they told us we had to remove the walk-in cooler and freezer so they could fix it."

Keck spent \$12,000 to Controlled Air to dismantle and assemble the walk-in freezer and cooler so the landlord could fix the floor. However, now the

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Team Hayward honoured at Manitoba Legislature

By Ty Dilello

On March 14, Midland MLA Lauren Stone gave a Private Member's Statement at the Manitoba Legislature on Carman's Team Hayward and presented the curlers with certificates for their U18 National victory achievement.

A private members statement is an opportunity for elected members of the legislative assembly to celebrate their communities. This can be anything from major events and milestones to recognizing volunteers, organizations and community successes.

With all of Team Hayward's recent success on the curling ice this season, it was fitting that MLA Stone recognized the Carman junior rink on March 14 at the Legislature.

"I was thrilled to welcome Team Hayward to the Manitoba Legislature," said Stone. Among my MLA colleagues in the chamber, I made a Private Members Statement to recognize their recent success, winning Gold at the U18 Canadian Curling Nationals. In addition, I was excited to present them with congratulatory certificates and to personally wish them well as they head to Fort McMurray, Alberta, for the U21 Canadian Junior Championships."

Team Hayward, including skip Shaela Hayward, Keira Krahn, India Young, Rylie Cox is currently representing our province in Fort McMurray at the 2024 New Holland Canadian Under-21 Curling Championships from March 24 to 31.



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On March 14, Midland MLA, Lauren Stone gave a Private Member's Statement at the Manitoba Legislature to Carman's Shaela Hayward and her junior curling team. Left to right, coach Diane Hayward, Shaela Hayward, Keira Krahn, Lauren Stone, India Young and Rylie Cox.

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Hard to be green while in the red

By Cam Dahl, General Manager, Manitoba Pork Council

I did not come up with the line “hard to be green while in the red”, but I wish I had. It is a brief phrase describing one of the most challenging policy aspects of sustainability. It is difficult, or even impossible, to change farming practices to improve environmental sustainability when experiencing negative margins. The idea applies to every business.

Even though this policy truism seems obvious, governments do not always recognize it. The government’s most frequent policy tool is regulation. Imposing costly restrictions and penalties on businesses is often the default action. It should not be.

Take the carbon tax for example. The stated policy objective is to reduce carbon emissions by discouraging the use of fossil fuels. This may work when the use of fossil fuels is a discretionary expense, but heating a hog barn in winter is not discretionary. For hog farmers, energy costs are the second highest operating expense after feed. At a time when farmers’ margins are written in red ink, the carbon tax is making it more expensive to raise pigs. This is antithetical to the policy objective of reducing greenhouse gas emissions because farmers are more likely to adopt innovative business practices when their operation is profitable. The carbon tax has become a

barrier to adopting innovation that could improve environmental sustainability.

The carbon tax is also making Canadian hog farmers less competitive internationally. Manitoba exports 90 percent of the pigs raised in the province yearly, either as live animals exported to the United States or as packages of pork exported worldwide. Canadian farmers are competing against producers in other countries who do not face the added cost of the carbon tax. The reduction in our competitiveness impacts jobs in both urban and rural areas, which in Manitoba equals 22,000 jobs across the province and discourages investment in every link of the industry’s value chain.

To summarize, when applied to the energy requirements for raising pigs, the carbon tax does not achieve its policy goals, and it inhibits the adoption of alternative business practices that may improve sustainability, all while decreasing the competitiveness of Canadian farmers in world markets.

The cost and ineffectiveness of the carbon tax when applied to farming operations was recognized by the Member of Parliament (MP) who introduced bill C-234, An Act to Amend the Greenhouse Gas Pollution Pricing Act. This legislation, supported by most MPs, would remove the carbon



Cam Dahl, General Manager
Manitoba Pork Council

tax from essential agricultural operations like heating a barn in winter. Unfortunately, the Senate has disagreed and amended the legislation, removing the reference to barn heating. How much will this change cost Canadian farmers? The Parliamentary Budget Officer estimates this cost to be \$910 million annually.

There is a better way. Not all government policy objectives need to be met using a regulatory hammer, as is done with the carbon tax. Instead, governments should be adopting an incentive-based approach. The alternative policy approach is one rooted in collaboration with farmers and ac-

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Supreme Court denies churches’ request for appeal

Staff

The Supreme Court of Canada has decided not to hear the appeal of several churches who challenged Manitoba’s lockdown restrictions during the pandemic.

Five Manitoba churches, a pastor, and a deacon were seeking a Supreme Court ruling after two lower courts ruled against their assertions that public health orders in 2020 and 2021 closing in-person religious services

and restricting outdoor gatherings violated the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms.

A Manitoba justice had ruled in 2021 that the restrictions were necessary to prevent the spread of COVID-19. That decision was then upheld by the Manitoba Court of Appeal last year.

“Our clients are disappointed in the Supreme Court’s decision not to hear their appeal,” Allison Pejovic, lawyer for the applicants, said in a statement

issued by the Justice Centre for Constitutional Freedoms. “Governments urgently needed the Supreme Court of Canada’s guidance as to the degree to which they should accommodate Charter rights during a future pandemic or other emergency proclaimed by government. Leaving that issue undecided at the highest level is a grave injustice for all Canadians.”

As is its usual practice, the Supreme Court did not explain its decision.

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Flashback... Western Sailcraft

By Dennis Young

Dr. John Calverley purchased Western Sales Craft manufacturers of Winnipeg in 1971 and 1972 and relocated the business to Carman in E.D. McEachern's potato warehouse. With an initial investment of \$50,000 (\$370,000 today), the company manufactured several models of fibreglass sailboats for Canadian and U.S. markets.

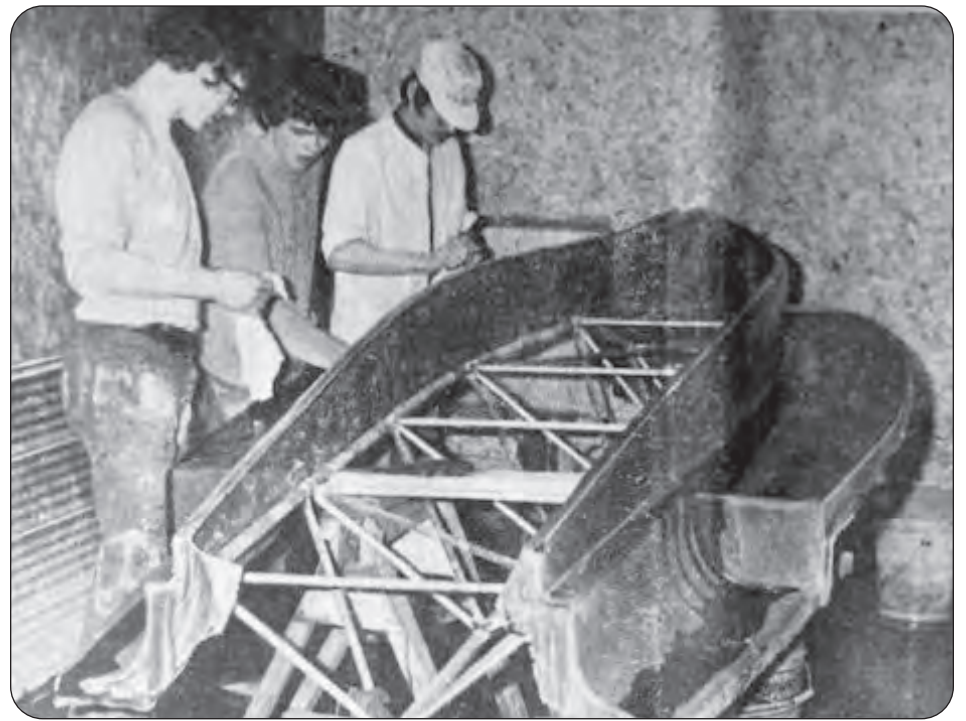
He converted the property into a departmentalized factory to handle all phases of the boat operation, from patterns to painting to final shipment. Upon opening here, Western Sailcraft employed one full-time employee and several high school students.

Fibreglass is preferred for crafts due to its lightness, strength, durability, and appearance. The wooden moulds take weeks to complete before being sanded and coated with

an interior wax. Once the hull is built and spray painted, it is covered with fibreglass and a minimum amount of resin for strength. Though the crafts have a very thin wall structure, they are amazingly strong. All boats are finished with hardware and ready for water testing.

Dr. Calverley held sailing clinics to promote and educate people about the sport. He demonstrated the proper way to outfit boats in his own Fireball boat alongside an instructor from the Manitoba Sailing Association.

In time, the company moved to Main Street (now Blayd Corp), became known as Foremost Sailcraft, and expanded into many different fibreglass products, especially agricultural tanks. In 1983, his company was hired to cover the entire corroding Kinsman Pool and its deck areas with fibreglass.



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After several months of preparation, Western Sailcraft and the first Carman built fiberglass sailboat were launched in 1972.

Access CU named Manitoba's Top Employer for 10th year

By Ashleigh Vivierois

Access Credit Union has made the cut once again for Manitoba's Top Employer list.

The list is compiled annually by the editors of Canada's Top 100 Employers to recognize Manitoba employers that lead their industries in offering exceptional places to work. Access CU has been on the list for 10 years now.

"At Access Credit Union we have a passion for what we do and want to make a positive difference," Access president and CEO Larry Davey said in a statement announcing the honour. "Our success is tied to the strength of our organizational values and leveraging the talent of our employees. We are delighted to be a Top Employer for the tenth year in a row."

The company says it prides itself

on creating a culture to maintain a healthy work-life balance and offering benefits that include paid training and continuing education subsidies, flexible hours and work locations, matched pension plans, competitive salaries, robust health plans, and the opportunity to give back to the community.

Access has also been selected by as one of Canada's best employers for

recent grads by The Career Directory, Canada's longest-running employment guide for new graduates.

Highlights in Access' winning submission, the company shared, include the development and engagement of staff as well as a continued focus on member service and innovative technologies.

> CRAZY LADY'S CLOSING, FROM PG. 2

floor is crooked again, as before, and they got a report from the health inspector because the freezer door is not closing again.

"We got our yearly inspection from the insurance company, and they said they won't cover if there is a claim. I sent letters to the landlords and thought, now they have to fix it, but no, they gave us a termination letter. We told them a lot of times to fix things, that this shouldn't have gone this far, but they never did."

The landlords told Keck, "We can't fix it with you in it, but when we are finished, you can come back and rent it for \$3,500."

"All in all, we spent roughly \$60,000 in that building, and getting kicked out is a little harsh," said Keck.

Despite Keck's hardships, she is glad that she has gotten to run her business for as long as she has in Carman and build countless relationships.

She moved to Carman in 2011 and did not know anyone when she first came to town. Keck ran the Carman Collegiate canteen for four years be-

fore opening Crazy Lady's Cafeteria in 2018.

"I love my customers, and at our store, everyone is welcome. We celebrated so many birthdays in our little cafe. We did wedding anniversaries and funerals, weddings, graduations, grand openings, paint nights, cookie decoration workshops, ukulele sessions, and much more. We are a store where you come in, and we know most of the names, habits, preferences, dislikes, and when you need a hug."

One of the best moments from Keck's time with Crazy Lady's Cafeteria comes from one fantastic anonymous donor.

"In December of 2020, a gentleman came into the store and asked me how many Christmas dinners I had sold. At first, I thought it was none of his business, but then he explained himself and he wanted to pay for all those meals to make people happy in the times of the pandemic. And he did. The customers got a surprise, and it was my best Christmas, to tell people that they don't have to pay. We had lots of tears

and laughter that Christmas Day. During Christmas of 2021, he did the same thing, and to this day, he wants to stay anonymous."

Keck has recently checked into a few buildings in Carman to move to potentially, but she just doesn't have the funds to start all over again.

"There is more work involved than just moving in. We have to make it

food-safe, as lots of the old buildings don't have enough power, and we need new plumbing, flooring, ceilings, and so much more."

If this is the end of Crazy Lady's Cafeteria as we know it, let's try to support Keck as much as possible before she shuts down her doors at the end of May.

> MB PORK, FROM PG. 4

cepting that financial sustainability for producers must be at the foundation of any strategy.

The collaborative approach may not be the easy path for those charged with implementing government policy. Canada is a large, diverse country, and innovative practices that drive

environmental sustainability in Quebec, the Maritimes or British Columbia may not work on the Prairies. There must be enough flexibility to account for differences in climate, soils, and eco-

systems across Canada. Provincial and local governments must be engaged when determining which new practices and technology will work in a specific region. While this may sound messy and complicated compared to a one-size-fits-all regulation, incentives and collaboration, instead of costly regulations, will deliver meaningful results in the long run.

The federal carbon tax is set to increase again on April 1. If this happens, Canadian farmers will be less competitive internationally and may see more red ink on the bottom line. It does not have to be this way.

Diemert was an innovator in the aviation world

By Ty Dilello

Carman's Bob Diemert, who passed away recently on Jan. 11 at the age of 85, was a pioneer in the aviation community for his longtime work and restorations of old planes.

Diemert was born in Morden on Oct. 4, 1938, and first lived on a farm near Manitou. He moved with his father to Winkler at around age eight and he quickly became an avid reader and excelled in school, especially math and science. His love of planes and engineering started at a young age. At 14, he built a three-wheeled car called a trike. This was stored under the stage of the Winkler Theatre, which his family owned at the time.

Diemert also worked at a cannery in Winkler and helped the owner by figuring out that the temperatures on the machines were set too high causing the cans to explode when cooling down. This discovery helped the plant save money after the discovery.

At age 17, Diemert solved the problem of high-altitude flying for the U.S. Air Force. In school, he invented a new type of jet engine for planes.

"He actually wrote to the Pentagon and told them about this engine," said Diemert's daughter, Dianne Sauvlet. "He was invited to Washington D.C. to present his idea, which eventually the United States used for their planes."

In his early 20s, Diemert moved with his dad to Carman, and they purchased some land south of town. He had a roller rink in one of the hangars and then later expanded it to what became Friendship Field Airport. He even built a house close to the airport.

Along with his father, they purchased the Carman Theatre until selling it in the mid 1970s. He then married Elaine Roberts of Miami in 1970 and they had three daughters together (Dianne, Tracie, Cindy).



Bob Diemert was honoured with the Queen's Platinum Jubilee medal last year.

Diemert first started rebuilding warplanes in the 1960s and went to the South Pacific to salvage parts from Japanese fighter planes used in the Second World War. Once restored, the planes were then sold to museums, including a Mitsubishi A6M, better known as the Japanese Zero that is on display at the Pearl Harbor Aviation Museum in Hawaii.

He also restored a Hawker Hurricane, which he ended up going to England for, and was a stunt pilot in the 1969 movie *Battle of Britain*. He also designed a low-flying fighter plane called the Defender, which the Canadian National Film Board did a documentary about in the mid-1980s that revolves around his quest to not only build an aircraft, but to mass produce a cheaper alternative for the Canadian military.

Diemert built this aircraft, like many of his other restoration projects, out of the hangars at Friendship Field Airport, with some of its design plans even sketched out on the floor.

"The U.S. Air Force then contacted my dad to design a top-secret radar/



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Carman's Bob Diemert has recently passed away at the age of 85 on Jan. 11. He was a pioneer and legend in the Canadian aviation community for his many restorations of old warplanes.

aerial made of wood and fibreglass," said Sauvlet. "It was to be attached to the outside of a jet without the use of metal. He was also asked to design a large wood and fibreglass door for the side of an aircraft that would allow a laser gun to be fired through it. The plane had to look like a regular aircraft. The force of air pressure at high altitude is very great, and Dad was able to create the door to withstand this great amount of pressure."

Diemert was very proud to be honoured with the Queen's Diamond Jubilee Medal in November of 2022 for his accomplishments in Canadian Aviation. It meant a lot that his longtime friend Wes Vanstone of Miami had nominated him for the award.

Bob Diemert was a brilliant and kind man. He always had time for friends and his family. If you stopped by the airport for a visit, even if he didn't know you, he would welcome you in and have plenty of stories to tell. He was well-known in the aviation community worldwide, and what's amazing is that all of his success was self-taught.

"I can speak on behalf of my sisters and say that he was a great father," said Sauvlet. "We learned how to work hard at whatever we did. He was always there when we needed him, and we saw many different countries on family trips. We all miss him dearly."

Carman Minor Soccer hosting ladies' night fundraiser

By Becca Myskiw

The second annual ladies' night is happening in Carman this May, this time acting as a fundraiser for Carman Minor Soccer.

On April 20, all women are invited to the Carman Community Hall for a night of eating, drinking, and socializing in support of the local soccer program. The formal attire-coded party will feature live music from The Rainy Day Apparel, specialty cocktails and wine, a mystic mirror photo booth, and a few surprises being kept until the event.

Carman Minor Soccer president

Chelsea Kozak said last year's ladies' night was a successful fundraiser for the Boyne River Keepers, and the group was excited to be offered the chance to host it for 2024.

Carman Minor Soccer is growing, seeing almost twice as many players in U10 to U17 this year as in 2022. The program also changed its dynamic this year, creating eight soccer teams to play in Carman against each other and just one travel team rather than having four or five travel teams.

Because of the growing number of teams and players, Carman Minor Soccer needs two more nets this sea-

son, so that's what funds raised at ladies' night will go towards. Kozak said those nets will cost more than \$10,000 total, and though they have a grant from a local organization coming soon, they don't know how much it's for and hope to see a good turnout at the fundraiser.

This season, there are 267 youth registered from U4 to U17 in Carman. Kozak is thrilled to see the growth, and she hopes numbers continue to rise.

"Soccer is an affordable sport," she said. "It's an easy sport to learn. It's a great activity for two months to get

the kids out there being active, learning new skills, socializing."

She noted Carman Minor Soccer's goal is to keep their program affordable, and with the steady increase in players, they're happy that goal is working for the community.

As of last week, 15 of the 28 tables available at ladies' night were sold. Women can buy tickets for the event for \$50 each or an entire table for \$400. To purchase either, contact Kozak at carmanminorsoccer@gmail.com or 204-745-8787.

Carman Gun and Hobby Show returns on April 6

By Ty Dilello

The Carman Gun and Hobby Show will return for their 33rd year on April 6 (Saturday) from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Carman Hall (60 1st St NW). Admission is \$7 daily, with children 12 and under free.

The organizer for the event is Bruce Reid, who can be contacted at carmangunshow@gmail.com.

"We plan on having the Carman Hall full with 80 tables with some new and interesting stuff for sale," said Reid. "Back for another show, will be food served by Crazy Lady's Cafeteria. We are having two draws this year with

the prizes supplied by Kel-Lea Outdoors out of Homewood. This show is generating a lot of interest from all over the area as there will be guns, ammo, a gunsmith, and a few knife makers in attendance. Also, one vendor will have info about acquiring your gun license."

The Gun Show has a special charity portion to the event as they raffle off an item and donate 100 per cent of the proceeds to a different charity every year. This year, the proceeds will go to Katie's Cottage.

"It's a very special place to stay near

the Boundary Trails Hospital," said Reid. "And it's a place that some of my family stayed at in the past when my wife was a patient there at the hospital."

The spring show that they held in Carman has been very well attended in the past. Over 1,000 people came through to check out the vendors. This year, vendors will come all over from Manitoba, Saskatchewan, and Ontario.

"It's one of the only locations you can go and see so many at one point. The owners know all the info and

history about the guns, so you're getting all that knowledge firsthand. The atmosphere is great, and everyone seems to have a common idea as it's the same kind of hobby."

Reid is excited to see how many people will come out on April 6 to Carman Hall.

"Everyone is welcome to take in the day to browse, shop, trade or sell. All signs are looking like another great show with all the regular and new people attending."

Access Charity Golf Tournament to support Katie Cares and RMHC Manitoba

By Lana Meier

On Sept. 11, Access Credit Union will hold their 11th annual Charity Golf Tournament. For the third consecutive year, the event will consist of two tournaments hosted simultaneously at Minnewasta Golf & Country Club in Morden and at Bridges Golf Club in Starbuck.

This year's 2024 Access Charity Golf Tournament has chosen two beneficiaries: Katie Cares (KC) and Ronald McDonald House Charities Manitoba (RMHC).

Katie Cares (Katie's Cottage) is a non-profit organization that offers lodging and support for families with hospitalized loved ones at the Boundary Trails Hospital in southern Manitoba. The charity was founded by Kaitlyn Reimer, who was inspired to start it after being diagnosed with cancer. Her vision was for her family to continue her legacy through this organization, as she possessed an incredible capacity for love and compassion. Through this charity, her love can live on.

"Katie Cares is pleased to have been selected by Access Credit Union to join Ronald McDonald House as one of the beneficiaries of the annual Access Charity Golf Tournament," expressed Ruth Reimer, CEO of Katie Cares. "It is exciting to be aligned as co-benefactors with RMHC for this golf event as Ronald McDonald House was the inspiration for Kaitlyn's dream and vision to build the home at Boundary Trails Hospital. A huge thank you to Access Credit Union for recognizing Katie Cares as an important part of the fabric of our province."

RMHC Manitoba is a charitable organization dedicated to keeping families together. Their goal is to enhance the well-being and support the medi-

cal care of children by offering vital services and a comforting home for their families.

"RMHC Manitoba is incredibly thankful to be selected alongside Katie Cares as Access Credit Union's charities of choice for the 2024 golf tournaments," said Wendy Galagan, CEO of RMHC Manitoba. "Annually across RMHC Manitoba's two core programs (Ronald McDonald House and Ronald McDonald Family Room), the health and well-being of over 1,000 families are supported with essential services and a home away from home when their ill or injured child receives medical care in Winnipeg. We are deeply grateful to Access Credit Union for recognizing and valuing our mission, and for making RMHC Manitoba families stronger because of this generous partnership."

Both Katie Cares and RMHC Manitoba share a common goal: to support families by keeping them together and easing the added burden that often comes with having a loved one in need of medical care.

"These two organizations provide a priceless service for families in our province during challenging times," noted Larry Davey, CEO of Access Credit Union. "We value the work that they do, the compassion they provide, and the feeling of community they deliver to every family they serve. We are excited to work together, in turn helping Manitobans for years to come."

Access Credit Union is also excited to announce that Red River Group will return for the second consecutive year as the Title Sponsor (Big Heart Sponsor) of the 2024 tournaments.

Registration for golfers and sponsors will open later this spring and will be filled on a first-come, first serve basis.

Please follow Access Credit Union on Facebook and Instagram or visit the tournament website at accesscu.ca/charitygolf to stay informed.

Interactive learning



STANDARD PHOTO BY BRETT MITCHELL

Carman's Interactive Wellness Day was action-packed for people in attendance to try new wellness techniques and hear from seven different professionals including 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). The afternoon gave participants the opportunity to learn and try the products without having to buy. Above, Amanda Martens from Whispering Hope Counselling and Leora Collingridge, Young Living Essential Oils Silver.

CFDC eager for this summer's dig season

By Lorne Stelmach

The excitement never lessens for an avid fossil hunter like Gerry Peters.

The longtime volunteer and now technician for the Canadian Fossil Discovery Centre in fact may have almost never been as excited as he was last summer when not one but two new mosasaur fossils were uncovered north of Morden.

"These things have been sitting under the ground just waiting for somebody to come and expose them ... and I've been collecting fossils since 1975, but I always get a big kick out of it," Peters said last week as he looked over pieces of the most recent finds. "Both of them are perhaps the best finds I have ever found for sure. I often find individual bones or maybe a handful from one animal, but to find hundreds of bones from one is special."

The finds were made early last season on the museum's property near

what is commonly known as the Mount Nebo and Twin Sisters sites. The CFDC had purchased an excavator which could be used to more quickly clear out the top layer in looking for possible new places to dig.

"I think it was maybe the second or third day out clearing. I had picked a few areas that I thought were likely to have good exposure," recalled Peters. "I was scraping off some of the overburden, some of the loose shale, from on top very carefully in just thin layers."

"I saw one of the bones just peeked out. It was a different colour than the surrounding shale. So the tractor stops, and you get out with the paint brushes immediately. I could tell there was a few of the vertebrae there, so there was a good chance there would be more."

The early June timing was perfect as it meant the influx of dig tours could be put to work on the discov-



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The CFDC's Gerry Peters with one of two mosasaur fossils they found last year. They're looking forward to getting back at the dig site this summer.

ery. The museum's fossil crew only found maybe a dozen or so of the 300 bones—the rest were found by visitors.

"We dug there basically all summer. Every time we brought a tour out

there, they all got down on their hands and knees and started slowly moving stuff away," said Peters. "It's exciting for people to find the fossils. We left a

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Carman Dufferin Pool and Campground registrations open April 17

By Ty Dilello

The Carman Dufferin Pool and Campground registration opens on-line at the Town of Carman website on Wednesday, April 17, at 7 a.m.

The Carman Dufferin Pool is a heated pool with two slides and a modern pool change house. The Town's recreation department offers 11 sessions of swimming lessons for the summer months. The June lessons are only evening sessions as school is still in, but they offer morning and evening lessons from July to the end of August.

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For more information or assistance, contact the Carman Dufferin Recreation office at 204-745-2684 or email admindcdr@townofcarman.com.



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The Town of Carman opens the on-line Carman Dufferin Pool and Campground registration on April 17.

Basic First Aid course on April 27

By Ty Dilello

Safe Communities and Carman Dufferin Recreation are partnering to offer an eight-hour Emergency First Aid/Basic First Aid/CPR C/AED Training course at the Carman Community Hall on Saturday, April 27, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

To register, please visit the Carman Dufferin Recreation Registration page at www.carmandufferinrecreation.com. The cost is \$140 per person, which includes a textbook.

Instructor Bill Vanderveen is a certified instructor through Heartbeat Inc. He was a paramedic for 25 years and has been training first aid since 2000.

"There are lots of benefits, which include, first and fore-

most, being trained in first aid; you may help save a life," said Sheena Nakonechny from the Carman Dufferin Recreation Department. "It gives you the tools to prevent a medical emergency from becoming worse. And having first aid training gives you the confidence to know what to do and react in an emergency situation at work or at home."

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ACSL raises funds at fun puzzle night for field trips

By Ty Dilello

Ecole Carman Elementary's Advisory Council for School Leadership (ACSL) hosted its Puzzle Night competition on March 21 at the Carman Golf and Country Club to raise funds for its spring field trip costs.

"It was another fun evening as this was our second Puzzle Night we have hosted," said ACSL Chair Sonia Picton. "This one, we were raising money for the students at Ecole Carman Elementary for field trips."

The first-place team was Random Pieces, which consisted of Kyla Orchard, Kerri Colpits, Martha Krahn, and Judy Duthie. They finished the puzzle in 44 minutes and 14 seconds.

In second place was Family Pieces, which included Tiffany Husbands, Teresa Timmerman, Amanda Gerbrandt, and Carla Harder. In third place was team Just Put it In, which

included Mandy Hill, Leslie Rose, Mary Reimer, and Robyn Gitzel.

The Puzzle Night had sponsorship from Evensong Shoppe, The Price is Rite, Roseisle Backhoe, Hometown Carwash, Kozak Plumbing, Unique Yoga, Birch and Honey, J Tran Beauty, and Carman Floristas, with prizes for first, second, and third place and some random prizes.

At the end of the evening, draws were made for four puzzles. Eight of the puzzles will be donated to the school's Puzzle Club, and the rest will be donated throughout the community to places like the Lodge, Meadows, and Visions of Independence.

The Puzzle Night raised \$1,175 after the costs of the puzzles and prizes. The Advisory Council for School Leadership (ACSL) previously provided up to \$10 per student for field trips. And each field trip has a different cost de-



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Team Random Pieces including Kyla Orchard, Kerri Colpits, Martha Krahn and Judy Duthie won the Ecole Carman Elementary's Advisory Council for School Leadership Puzzle Night finishing in 44 mins and 14 seconds. Teams of four or five joined up to complete a puzzle as fast as possible for prizes in an evening to raise funds for school field trips.



Tiffany Husbands, Teresa Timmerman, Amanda Gerbrandt and Carla Harder of 'Family Pieces' finished in second place.

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pending on where they go. "This was our last fundraiser for this year," said Picton. "There will be a new board in the fall, so it will be up to them if they

decide to do another puzzle night. It's a fun evening and fairly easy to plan, so I'm sure there will be another one in the future."

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> SUMMER FOSSIL DIG, FROM PG. 8

lot of the fun for them. We wanted to do it ourselves, but this was better. It was an exciting time. Everybody who was out last year found at least one fossil."

While working on that first find, Peters noted he then found traces of yet another mosasaur nearby.

"I actually was digging a little drainage ditch ... I think it was the second scoop of dirt I took out and came upon another little fossil. I could see right away it was a different colour."

The finds have been given the nicknames of Baratheon and Stark, two family names from *Game of Thrones*. The first fossil so far has perhaps 320 bones while the other one is up to about 50.

"Both of them are ongoing digs," Peters said. "This is just what we have found so far."

With the first find, they have found pieces all the way from the neck bone back to the tip of the tail, so it is enough that they can make a good guess at the possible size. Peters estimated both of them probably would have been in the six-metre (20-foot) range in length, much smaller than

their most famous mosasaur Bruce (who is 43 feet long), but still significant.

"We have better ones, but these were near the surface for a long time, so they have had to survive a lot of freeze and thaw cycles ... they were breaking up a lot, so we have had repairs to do," said Peters. "They're decent. We have far more pristine fossils, but we also have ones that are way worse."

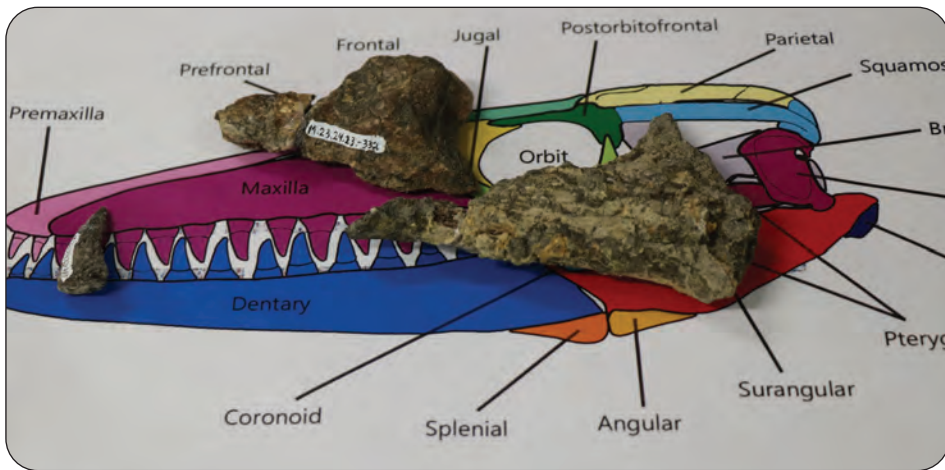
"We've got quite a ways to go," he explained. "It's a slow process ... if you don't do it right, you can lose the scientific information."

"You take time; you take a lot of notes. I've got pages and pages of notes and maps. We've plotted where every single bone was found in relation to all of the others ... everything is very meticulously written down."

Peters has had a lot of help in the dig from Will Kalinowski, a recently retired teacher who was helping out with a class last year and joined up as a volunteer.

"He did almost all of the opening of the field jackets and cleaning out the fossils," shared Peters.

"I THINK IT WAS THE SECOND SCOOP OF DIRT I TOOK OUT AND CAME UPON ANOTHER LITTLE FOSSIL."



STANDARD PHOTOS SUBMITTED

With two major fossil finds last summer, basically everyone who took part in a dig tour got to have a hand in discovering a fossil, says the CFDC's Gerry Peters.

Peters sees the ongoing work as being a big boost again this year for the upcoming field season.

"It's good for the museum. It's good for the fossil centre because we have researchers from the University of Manitoba coming out ... and tourists are coming from far and wide," he noted. "Last summer, we had people

from down in Texas and California, from all over the States and from Canada. Actually, we had far more people from far and away than we did from the local area.

"We're already taking bookings. I know by the end of last summer, we were completely booked up, and the space ran out."

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Flags lowered in honour of former Prime Minister Brian Mulroney



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The National Flag of Canada was lowered all over Canada for the Right Honourable Brian Mulroney, the 18th Prime Minister of Canada, who died on Thursday, Feb. 29, 2024 at the age of 84. Mr. Mulroney served the citizens of Canada as Prime Minister from 1984-1993. The flags remained at half-mast until sunset on the day of his funeral, March 23.



Experience the excitement of your neighborhood Bud's grand reopening!

By Lana Meier

Rural Buds Cannabis Shops dispensary in Carman (9 Centre Ave West) is having their Grand Reopening on Thursday, March 28, after undergoing renovations that started in late October.

In May 2021, the Carman Rural Buds Store opened its doors, following the success of their original location in Morris at 654 Main St. South in January of 2021. Since then, they have opened a store in July of 2021 at 530 Rue Sabourin in St. Pierre-Jolys and a fourth store in April of 2022 at 511 Main St. in St. Adolphe.

District Manager Stacie Rasmussen and her crew have been very busy increasing the square footage of the Carman store to provide a wider selection of product and services.

"The revamped space redefines the cannabis experience with a clean, upscale atmosphere that is simultaneously approachable and comfortable, aiming to dispel stereotypes associated with cannabis," said store manager Tianna Wanders.

Rural Buds Cannabis took over the retail space next door which was Big Willy's Pizza.

"Although it's sad not to have Chad visiting from next door, we are super excited to be getting bigger and much better!" said district manager Rasmussen.

The wall between the two spaces was removed to open the floor plan and doubled the retail space. New lighting and flooring have been added and the size of the vault has increased, which increases the selection of cannabis products too! The new

display cabinets, new window decals and painted walls add a nice bright green to liven the space up.

"We are so proud to be a part of this beautiful community and happy to be able to invest in it," said Rasmussen.

The newly renovated space carries cannabis products and cannabis accessories and most recently an abundant influx of nicotine products like juices, disposables, and hardware.

"Before, our little shop was, well little. Now, there's more room to have more accessories like candles, bongos, games, stickers, lifestyle products including incense, books, apparel and much more. The atmosphere is bright, airy, and colourful!" said store manager Tiffany Robertson.

"Our Budtenders (employees) are a great resource for information on all of the products we carry," said Rasmussen. All the Rural Bud stores are pet friendly and welcome anything from exotic reptiles to grandma's Kitty. "The most exotic animal to accompany their owner into one of our stores was a Patagonian mara, look that one up!" said Kieran Fowler, store manager.

You can place online orders through the Rural Buds website or through Leafly. Rural Buds also has social media accounts on Facebook and Instagram.

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PVLIP celebrates region's growing diversity

By Lori Penner

The Pembina Valley Local Immigration Partnership (PVLIP) showcased the region's increasing diversity at its annual Connecting Cultures & Communities event last week.

This was the first time Altona hosted the celebration, which took place Feb. 22 at The Community Exchange.

The full house of attendees was treated to a vibrant musical performance by musical group Alter Limitz, which is made up of newcomers who have benefitted from local immigration services.

Guests also enjoyed a Filipino buffet supper prepared by Potpourri of Flavours followed by presentations by members of the PVLIP team.

"Really, this celebration is about looking at the wonderful work that is happening in the communities and the people that live here, and celebrating the cultures that we get to enjoy," program coordinator Elaine Burton Saindon told the crowd.

She shared the organization's highlights from the past year, emphasizing the success of diversity workshops centered around the recently developed Connecting Cultures & Communities Guide and Toolkit.

"These workshops—totaling almost 70 with nearly 700 participants—exceeded expectations, reflecting the community's eagerness to engage in cross-cultural dialogue."

In 2023, PVLIP established a permanent office in Altona at The Community Exchange, with part-time staff now available there three days a week.

Burton Saindon highlighted the office's role in connecting people to resources, understanding their stories, and exploring potential volunteer opportunities.

"When we get all those voices together, we can implement change," she explained.

She also shared some of the history of the organization and described the work that they do.

"We're a non-profit. We don't get a lot of visibility. A lot of our work is behind the scenes. Across Canada, we have approximately 87 programs like ours. We're established to work with communities, to help them prepare for an increase of newcomers through immigration or develop solutions to address the impact of immigration. The main objective of a local immigration partnership is to strive to engage a wide variety of stakeholders in a focused planned session to create goals that will strengthen welcoming communities for newcomers, which will

promote their success in Canada."

PVLIP has a variety of community services that collaborate in this process.

"One of the main ones is Regional Connections Immigration Services. They are our host organization, so we work with them, and that partnership is very strong."

Burton Saindon noted that when it comes to immigration, there's a growing attraction to rural communities throughout Canada, and the Pembina Valley is one of them.

"One of the values that this region is known for is its ability for communities and businesses to respond to the needs of others. To be willing to find a way to host, help and accommodate people, whether it's in a crisis, or whether it's by assisting new residents from around the world."

Burton Saindon said the numbers reflect the need for an organization like theirs. Over the past 25 years, the population of the Pembina Valley has grown. According to census data from 2021, that increase has been almost 32 per cent. During those years, the Pembina Valley Canadian-born population increased by 19 per cent, while the foreign-born population increased by 149 per cent.

"We now have 147 countries calling the Pembina Valley home, representing 64 mother tongues that are not English or French," Burton Saindon noted.

According to the Permanent Resident Landing numbers, in 2022 and 2023 combined, 3,435 permanent residents have moved into the region.

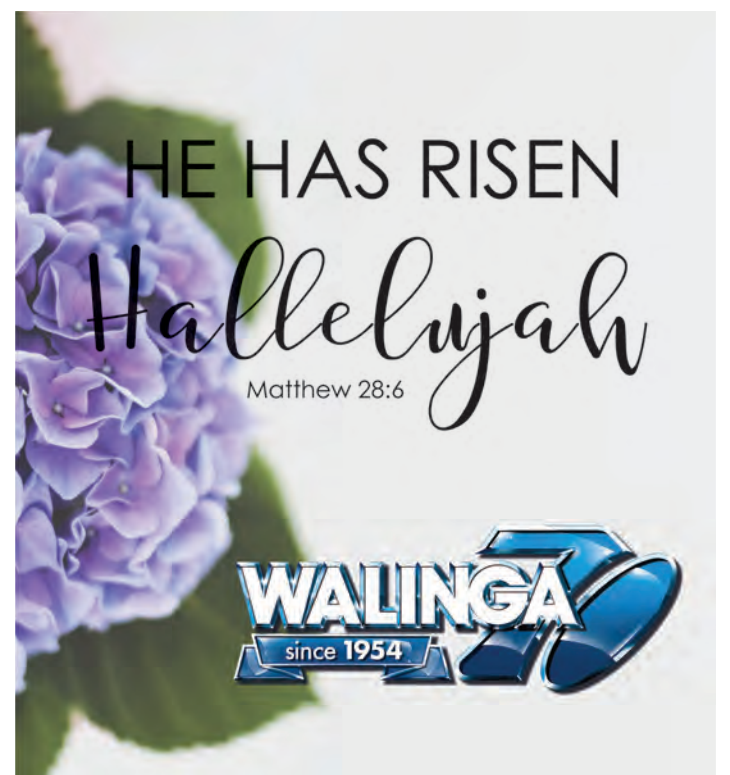


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The Community Exchange in Altona was packed Feb. 22 with supporters and teams involved in the PVLIP program.

"The language diversity in our region is quite high," shared Burton Saindon. "One-third of our residents do not speak English or French as their first language. The national average of non-English or French

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Minnewasta Golf's clubhouse is on track for fall opening

By Lorne Stelmach

Construction of the new clubhouse at the Minnewasta Golf and Country Club is progressing nicely, putting the building on track to open this fall.

After some initial delays with the project, favourable weather over the winter has helped work to keep pace, head pro and general manager Greg Hesom said last week.

"We're moving along now, and I would imagine September or October we will be finished, and it is starting to look beautiful," he said. "It is looking like we have envisioned."

"I think we have to remember it's a big building. It's a very customized building, so it's not cookie cutter ... and we did have some delays right at the beginning of the project. When you start digging, you always find stuff you didn't expect to find underneath, so we had to work around that," Hesom said. "If we get finished by September or October, a 16-month build on a building of this scale in our area is actually a pretty quick build."

A fire destroyed the old restaurant and clubhouse in late 2021. Minnewasta worked with LM Architectural Group of Winnipeg on the design and plans for the new facility being built by Triple E Developments.

There were a couple key elements that became a focus with the design, including capitalizing on the view of the course. There will also be a section of the patio area that will be raised to serve as a stage, as they hope to bring back special events like the Friday Night Lights concerts.

The hope is also to have the restaurant be a year-round facility operated by Santa Lucia. There will also be golf simulators to help attract people in the off-season.

The priority early on was to get the roof up and windows in so that the building was sealed to allow the interior work to get started, noted Hesom.

"Lots of the door framing is finished, and electrical is busy, plumbing is busy, and lots of mechanical stuff is already in the basement," he said. "They'll continue to work away at all of that ... you can't see progress from the outside, but you know how much is going on in the inside."

"There's lots of traffic that comes driving by to check it out on a daily basis. I think we'll really get a good sense of the excitement once the golf season starts and we've got people here on a daily basis and visitors coming from outside the city who haven't seen it or haven't looked at it on a daily basis."

Minnewasta was working from a funding base of about \$3 million through insurance coverage, and the fundrais-



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The roof is up and windows have been installed in the new clubhouse at the Morden golf course, allowing workers to spend the rest of the year focusing on getting the interior done in time for a fall opening.

ing campaign has so far brought in \$1.4 million, including a \$300,000 grant from the province, but Hesom said the final overall price tag is not entirely set in stone.

"It's a bit of a moving target whenever you have a project of this size, but we're where we expected to be," he said, estimating the building itself is around \$5.5 million, but there is then all of the extras including extensive landscaping and patio space as well as all of the furnishings, media components, kitchen, and golf simulator rooms.

"All of that stuff adds up on top of the actual building project," Hesom said. "We'll still be under the \$7 million mark by the end of the day ... we have all of the financing in place for what we don't have from insurance and raised money."

"We'll continue over the next number of years with fundraising as much as we can," he added, emphasizing how much this building will be a benefit to Morden and the surrounding area.

"I think we are building a fantastic asset for the city of Morden ... we are really excited about what this will do for the community," Hesom said, noting how often the club hosts significant fundraising events. "That's a half million dollars a year flowing straight back into a lot of social needs in the city ... it is coming through the course, and it is a continuous flow of funds, which I think is really important."

> PVLIP, FROM PG. 13



PVLIP coordinator Elaine Burton Saindon reflects on the success of the program over the past year.

speaking immigrants in any community or town is approximately 13 per cent. In the Pembina Valley, it's 33 per cent."

The role of PVLIP, Burton Saindon explained, is not to provide direct service to newcomers, or to solve immigration related issues by themselves.

"Our role is to bring a variety of voices together and through that collective community response, create solutions to 'do welcome better.' Our goal is to create welcoming communities, ensuring our new residents feel at home and have a sense of belonging in their settlement journey. So, when we bring all these voices together, we end up coming up with a tool or resource."

Last week's celebration also marked the unveiling of PVLIP's new set of five-year priorities. One of those priorities includes the formation of action teams, incorporating PVLIP members as well as local people, striving for ways to help their communities become even more welcoming.

"We will be creating more intentional awareness of this over the next year," said Burton Saindon. "Our goal is to see at least one action team in every community we work with in the Pembina Valley."

The teams will meet four times a year while also interacting with community members to gain exposure, or raise awareness of goals in their town.

"They'll be giving feedback and facilitating their own ideas," Burton Saindon said. "We have some broad, attainable goals, but they can also make it specific for what they feel would work the best. It's super exciting."

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Team Hayward send off for 2024 New Holland Canadian Under-21 Curling Championships



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The Carman Golf and Country Club hosted a send-off party for Carman's Team Hayward on March 20 before the provincial champions headed off to Fort McMurray, Alberta, for the 2024 Canadian Junior National Curling Championships. A fun time was had by all as there was food, drinks and speeches given out throughout the evening. Parker Rheault was the lucky winner of the signed broom from Team Manitoba. Team Hayward began their quest at Nationals on the evening of March 24, with a tough 7-5 loss to Northern Ontario's Claire Dubinsky in Draw 1 action but picked up an 8-7 win against Saskatchewan (Pomedli) Monday afternoon after scoring three in the 10th end. Hayward will play an eight-game round robin this week and then will hope to qualify for the medal round from there.

Carman hosts U13 provincials



STANDARD PHOTO BY JODI WINKLER

Hockey Manitoba held its Co-Ed U13 Rural "A1" Provincial Championships in Carman from March 8-10. Nine teams across the province competed in the Carman, Virden, Dauphin, Brandon, Stonewall, Niverville, Morden, Portage, and Thompson tournaments. Brandon won the gold medal, while Morden earned silver, and Stonewall captured the bronze medal. Carman missed the medal round with a round-robin record of 1-2.

Men's league champions



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Carman Golf and Curling Club Wednesday night Men's curling champions, left to right, Dean North, Mike Hutton, Chris Swaenepoel and Pat Crampton. The team had seven wins and four losses in league play and went 6-0 in playoffs.

Twisters take Game 1 of MMJHL semifinals

By Ty Dilello

The Pembina Valley Twisters remain undefeated in the MMJHL postseason, having won 3-1 over the St. Boniface Riels in Game 1 of their best-of-seven series in the league semifinals.

Game 1 was played in Morris on the evening of March 24, and it was Pembina Valley that earned the 3-1 win. Derek Wiebe, Kyle Van Deynze and Cohen Thomas scored for the Twisters, while Logan Enns stopped 15 shots in goal for the win.

Pembina Valley had quite the long

break after sweeping their quarter-final series in four games, but there were no signs of a lull in Game 1 as they were the better team from start to finish.

"Of course, there are some concerns when you have a long break," said Twisters' head coach Braeden Beernaerts. "But we managed to fit in a few high-intensity practices to try and help keep the feet underneath us, and tonight we controlled the game in a full sixty-minute fashion, which was

nice to see."

The Twisters and Riels will be back in action for Game 2 of their best-of-seven series on Wednesday, March 27 at Southdale Arena in Winnipeg. The puck drops at 7:30 p.m.

Game 3 is Saturday, March 30 in Morris at 7 p.m.

Game 4 - Monday, April 1 at Southdale Arena, 8 p.m.

Game 5 (if necessary) - Wednesday, April 3 in Morris at 8 p.m.

Game 6 - (if necessary) Friday, April

5 at Southdale Arena, 7:30 p.m.

Game 7 - (if necessary) Sunday, April 7 in Morris at 7 p.m.

"Staying successful goes towards what we've preached all year, and that is consistency," said Beernaerts. "We're facing a good goaltender this series, so we need to constantly get pucks and bodies to the net without cheating or becoming too fancy and overthinking in the other team's zone."

Women's soccer league starting up in Pembina Valley

By Ty Dilello

A new women's soccer league hopes to launch its inaugural season this summer in the Pembina Valley.

Laura Visscher and Rhonda Vandembos are sisters who grew up playing soccer in the Carman area. Vandembos started at age five, and Visscher at age 11 through the minor soccer club in town then.

Both sisters were eventually goalkeepers for the DCS Stingers team in high school. After high school, they both became involved in Carwin United FC, a women's soccer team that played in the Winnipeg Women's Soccer League (WWSL) through playing, coaching or managing.

During the pandemic, the WWSL switched all its games to being played in Winnipeg, and they continue to play all games there to this day.

"Since COVID-19, we've struggled to get our Carwin team back up and running because every game is played in Winnipeg, and this is a large commitment for many ladies, as they have jobs and families," said Rhonda Vandembos. "The ladies we talked to expressed how they would love to play, but they would prefer to have at least the home games be played in town; that way, they wouldn't have to travel somewhere every week. Those comments got us thinking: why couldn't we have a rural league? Both of us have either been on or are currently on our local minor soccer board, so we have an idea of how to run a league, but we still want help."

The sisters sent a poster to all the municipalities in the area, and by sharing it with the local papers and their own contacts, they hope to get

the news out there as much as possible so that the inaugural season can take place this summer.

The new women's league will have eight games plus playoffs in July and August. There will be a cap of 20 players per team, and everyone must be 18+ (born in 2006 and earlier). This will give teams extra players because summers can get very busy with travel and family time.

"Ideally, we hope to have at least four teams, but we aren't sure what to expect at this time," said Rhonda Vandembos. "We've had interest from some clubs in Morden, who sounded really excited about the idea, as they also had some interest expressed to them from parents in the past about playing."

Once you have your team together or are even interested in putting a

team together, you can register by contacting the league officials via email at pvwsoccer@gmail.com.

Each team will need a manager to whom all league emails will be sent. The new league doesn't have a cost established at this time as the field costs differ from community to community, and they won't know until they lock in all of the teams.

"We do hope to keep costs down as we aren't in this to make money, but to share our love of the sport and to give ladies another way to stay active. We would like to start a board by using a member from every community that has a team in the league, as this way, every community gets fair representation and has a say in how things are run," said Rhonda Vandembos.

Hawks coach pleased at team's strong showing at season's end

By Lorne Stelmach

It was a rough start to the season for the male U18 Pembina Valley Hawks, but a late surge led to a strong post season showing.

The Hawks finished in seventh place, so it matched them up with the second-place Southwest Cougars, and a dramatic 2-1 overtime victory in game five gave the Hawks a 3-2 series victory.

Their championships hopes then came to an end at the hands of the Brandon Wheat Kings, but the Hawks can still hold their heads high after the three-game series sweep by a team that had only suffered one overtime loss all year.

"Brandon is a pretty special team this year," reflected coach Brendan Edie. "We got swept, but you look at

game three, we were tied with them going into the third ... so we pushed them.

"There's definitely some good memories for the guys there," Edie said, citing especially the overtime win over the Cougars.

He was proud of how the team came together after having had a rough start to the year.

"We would have liked to have finished a little higher in the regular season, but we kind of got around to it and peaked at the right time leading up to the playoffs.

"We dealt with some adversity early in the season ... and with a tough schedule as well, so we kind of put ourselves behind the eight ball a bit to start," he said. "Our last 10 games leading up to the playoffs we went

8-1-1, so that's obviously how you want to finish a season.

"There was a lot of growth, a lot of development, some learning and some mistakes along the way, but overall I think most guys can walk out of this hopefully having had a positive experience."

One thing that stood out for Edie was how the players progressed, especially into the second half of the season.

"We had some guys who we had lower on the roster to start who kind of stepped up after the holiday break, so that was positive to see. There was definitely some growth with the players," he said. "Growing up, all of these kids would have been the top players on their teams, so there's some maturity than comes

with this then.

"Special teams is something maybe we could have started making some tweaks a little earlier in the season," he added. "Part of that as well is growing as a coaching staff as well."

Edie has some high hopes for next season, but it is hard to say what the roster might look like at this point.

"We'll have some guys who are eligible to return ... we obviously would love to have some of those guys back," he said. "We're thinking about running a spring camp just to kind of touch base and show families what the program has to offer and hopefully recruit some kids that way."

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INSIDE > OUTSIDE > UPSIDE DOWN

Winkler Flyers take Game 1 in MJHL playoffs

By Ashleigh Viveiros

The Winkler Flyers took game one of their MJHL first-round playoff series against the Portage Terriers over the weekend, but then dropped game two.

The opening salvo Friday night in Winkler saw the home team dominate thanks to two goals from Mike Svenson and singles from Jayce Legaarden and Zach Nicolas along with the net-minding skills of Malachi Klassen, who denied all but one of Portage's 26 shots on goal. Winkler, meanwhile, had 35 shots on net in the 4-1 victory.

Portage then tied the series with a 3-2 win two nights later.

The Terriers were up 3-0 before Connor Jensen got Winkler up on the board midway through the final period. Trent Penner scored a few minutes later, but the Flyers failed to close the gap any further.

Klassen and Liam Ernst both got time between the posts, with Klassen making 18 saves off 21 shots in his 40 minutes in net, while Ernst stopped all five he faced in the remainder.

The two teams meet back in Winkler Wednesday night for the tie-breaker. Game four is then in Portage Friday evening followed by game five in Winkler Saturday.

If needed, game six is in Portage Monday night, April 1, followed by game seven in Winkler on Wednesday, April 3.

The Terriers finished in third place behind the second-place Flyers in the regular season standings.

The two teams faced off against each other five times this season, with Portage coming out ahead in four of those, though three were close, with the Terriers victorious by just one goal.



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Winkler's Trent Penner escapes the defensive efforts of Portage's Decker Mujcin in game one of the MJHL playoff series last week, which the Flyers took 4-1. Right: Forward Dalton Andrew received the Mike Ridley Trophy as the league's top scorer for the regular season. Andrew had 43 goals in 54 games, along with 39 assists and an average of 1.52 points per game.

In the league's other playoff series, the Steinbach Pistons lead the Niverville Nighthawks two games to zero, as do the Dauphin Kings against the Winnipeg Blizzard. The Virden Oil Capitals versus the Neepawa Knights series was tied at 1-1 at press time.



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OBITUARY



Catherine (Cathy) June Reid (nee Hiebert)
July 11, 1963 – March 19, 2024

Peacefully, at the Carman Memorial Hospital on Tuesday, March 19, 2024 Catherine June Reid passed away with her family by her side.

She is survived by her loving husband, Bruce; her three daughters, Ashley (Jamie), Amanda (Steve), and Chelsey (Dean); her grandchildren, Lexie, Samuel, Thomas, Gracey, Charlie, Bailey, Theo, Nash, Owen and Brody. Her mother Anita, sister Audrey (Peter), sisters-in-law, Merle (Stan) and Dorothy (Bob), as well as numerous nieces and nephews.

She is predeceased by her father Peter G Hiebert and brother-in-law Gerald Unrau.

Cathy, the older of two girls was born in Pilot Mound, MB. At a young age she moved to BC, where she would eventually start her own family and have her three girls.

Crafting was always a large part of her life, starting with her work at a small craft store making keepsakes to her eventual love of scrapbooking. To know Cathy, was to know she could be found scrapbooking in the winter, and gardening in the summer.

Gardening was her other passion, most of all the growing of flowers. Every color of the rainbow could be found in "Grandmas Garden". She had hundreds of flowers and could tell you the name of each and every one.

Cathy's greatest love of all was her family. Bruce, her girls, but especially her grandchildren. Even with her busy schedule, Grandma was always on top of the goings on of her grandchildren. From the daily facetime chats to the monthly baby pictures. Weekends with grandma will always be remembered.

"There are some who bring a light so great to the world that even after they have gone the light remains."

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> MEAL IDEAS



Kids Krafty Easter Cake Pops

Recipe courtesy of "Cookin' Savvy"

- 1 box cake mix
- 1 can frosting
- 1 bunny chocolate mold
- 1 cakesicle mold
- ice pop sticks
- 1 bag white chocolate chips or melting chips
- cake pop sticks
- 1 bag orange melting chips
- 2 tablespoons canola or coconut oil, divided
- 1 bag green melting chips
- pastel sprinkles
- 1 piece hard foam (optional)
- edible markers

Bake cake according to package instructions and let cool completely.

Crumble cake and mix with 1/2 can frosting until dough forms. Add more frosting, if needed. Using small cookie scoop, form dough into balls and set aside. Place dough in bunny molds then pop out and set aside with balls. Place dough in cakesicle mold, insert ice pop stick in each slot and freeze 5-10 minutes.

Melt handful of white melting chips. Stick tip of each cake pop stick in choc-

olate then insert into every cake ball and bunny until each has one stick. Set aside to dry.

Remove cakesicles from freezer and pop out of molds. In bowl, melt orange melts then mix in 1 tablespoon oil and transfer to cup. Dip cakesicles and scrape off excess using rim of cup. Place on parchment paper to dry.

In bowl, melt green melts then place in zip-top or piping bag. Cut tip off bag, pipe carrot leaves onto piece of parchment paper and let dry.

Melt remaining white melts and mix in remaining oil. Transfer to cup and dip ball-shaped cake pops and bunnies then tap stick on edge of cup to remove excess.

Over separate bowl, sprinkle ball-shaped pops with pastel sprinkles. To keep ball shape, let dry by sticking in piece of hard foam. Bunnies can dry face side up on parchment paper. After bunnies are dry, use edible markers to make face and color in ears.

When carrots and leaves are dry, remelt orange melts and place in piping or zip-top bag. Cut off tip and drizzle orange over carrots. Add small line of orange on each ice pop stick and place leaves on each stick. Let dry.



Easter Sugar Cookies

3 cups all-purpose flour
To make icing: Mix meringue powder, 1/2 cup warm water, vanilla, powdered sugar and corn syrup. Separate into bowls and add food coloring; mix with water, as needed, to thin for piping.

To make cookies: Heat oven to 350 F. Cream butter and sugar. Mix in egg, vanilla, baking powder and salt. Mix in flour 1 cup at a time to form dough. Roll dough out to 1/4-1/2-inch thickness.

Cut into shapes, place on baking sheet and freeze 10 minutes. Bake 8-12 minutes. Cool completely before icing.

Place icing in zip-top or piping bags and cut off tips. Put cookies on parchment paper. Trace outline first then fill in middle. Use toothpicks to smooth out.

Let dry 6 hours and finish decorating with different icing colors or edible markers.

Recipe courtesy of "Cookin' Savvy"

- Icing:
- 1/3 cup meringue powder
 - 1/2 cup warm water, plus additional for thinning (optional), divided
 - 3 tablespoons vanilla
 - 1 bag (2 pounds) powdered sugar
 - 2 tablespoons corn syrup
 - assorted food coloring
- Cookies:
- 2 sticks unsalted butter, at room temperature
 - 1 cup sugar
 - 1 egg
 - 1 tablespoon vanilla
 - 2 teaspoons baking powder
 - 1 dash salt

Expert Patient Here to Help!

By Susie Schwartz

Here's a top tip: celebrate the small (and big) stuff.

In April, I'll be turning fifty. Fifty! Wowza. I'm too young to be this old. (Although my body tells me I'm too old to be this young, ha.)

Here's the thing. The doctors were telling me at about age seventeen that, based on my diabetes control, I could be dead by the age of twenty-five. Guess what? I didn't die. I'll do the math for you (you're welcome); I've doubled that projected lifespan.

I could get all, 'boohoo I'm getting older' or, and this is what I'm choosing to do - I can see these 'extra(?)' years as a gift - a realization of a longer, more full life. What does this mean? I am going to celebrate the snot out of this birthday. I've given myself the year of 2024 to celebrate 50 days. On the list? A coffee date with Carlos the wonder Chihuahua; a spa day; a party on the night before my actual birthday to ring in the big day (yes, my guests must stay until after midnight); having a friend from Stonewall come over to England for a week. (I just got the tingles from excitement!)

I've actually started my celebratory activities. I headed to a large, new Salvation Army charity shop. Oh, how I love the hunt of finding a treasure that has already been loved by someone else. I also found a little wooden sign that said, 'I just want to read my book and ignore my adult problems,' which I regret not buying. I found a delightful T-shirt. It reads, "I do not like the cone of shame - Dug" and sports a picture



Susie Schwartz

of a dog in a vet-issued head cone. My next dog shall be named 'Dug,' (But spelled right, maybe?), and I shall rock this T-shirt with pleather trousers and funky boots often. It cost me £3. See? Treasure.

Those of us who can't say, 'At least I have my health,' can often find gratitude and honour in each breath we take and all the beautiful things that fill those moments we still have. It needn't be skydiving or sunbathing in Hawaii. We need to be intentional and present. Carpe Diem and all that.

I do hope you are healthy, but whether you do or not, celebrate some small (and big) stuff with me?

Less health stress, yes?

A published author and musician, Susie currently lives in the UK. Find her on Instagram @medicalmiss_stress, and at www.lesshealthstress.com If you like her writing, find more on her Substack page: The Quest For Less Health Stress



- Yield: 1 roast
- Salt
 - pepper
 - garlic powder
 - 1 roast (3 pounds)
 - 1 bag (1 pound) baby carrots
 - 1 bag (1 1/2 pounds) trio potatoes or potato of choice
 - 3 cups beef broth
 - 1 can (10 ounces) cream of mushroom soup
 - 1 tablespoon garlic pepper
 - 3 tablespoons brown sugar
 - 1 onion, roughly chopped
 - 1 bundle asparagus



Easter Roast

Preheat oven to 350 F. Sprinkle salt, pepper and garlic powder over roast and rub into front, back and sides. Place seasoned roast in middle of large roasting pan.

Place carrots on one side of roasting pan and potatoes on other side.

In large bowl, mix beef broth and cream of mushroom soup with garlic pepper. Pour mixture over roast, potatoes and carrots. Sprinkle brown sugar over carrots and add chopped onion. Cover and cook 2 1/2 hours then remove from oven, add asparagus and cook uncovered 30 minutes.

Serve from pan or place on platter for more formal presentation.