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Community clean-up

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Communities in Bloom volunteer Terri Dyck (at right) and students from the Carman Collegiate pose for a photo after a half hour of fast-paced work collecting litter during CIB's Clean Sweep day. The students' energy and enthusiasm was impressive despite working in the cold and rain of the morning of May 18.

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The Ste. Thérèse Roman Catholic Church Museum launches website

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As the Ste. Thérèse Roman Catholic Church Museum in Cardinal prepares for the season we are proud to launch their new website:

www.cardinalchurch.ca

The website tells the story of the Church, the village and the region. It contains a large collection of photos and maps, both recent and archival, to accompany the stories it tells.

The Church, in the village of Cardinal, was erected in stages between 1927 and 1939 and dedicated to Saint Thérèse of the Child Jesus. The church and the grounds it occupies are designated a Municipal Heritage Site.

The Church closed in 1960 and found new life in the early 1990s when descendants of the area's early residents mobilized to save it.

The building was moved onto a new foundation and exterior and interior woodwork was repaired. Renovations continued between 2003 and 2008 and were completed as part of the Manitoba Prairie Churches Project.

Inside the building guests will find a treasure trove of information and imagery about the community, the chapel and the people. Local history is preserved and presented through a collection of archival newspaper clippings and documents.

The collection of religious artifacts, historical information, photos and the beautiful building itself, are a tribute to the community.

The Church is open daily from May to October. Donations are accepted.

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Miami YIP to hand out grants on May 31

By Ty Dilello

The Miami School Youth in Philanthropy (YIP) group will be handing out their grants at the school on the evening of May 31.

"We have a strong group again this year who are active with running fundraising events in the building," said Miami School vice-principal Steve Doell. "However, the best part in all of this is receiving grant applications from organizations around the Miami area."

Miami School's YIP students then

must review the applications and decide where the grant monies should be allocated.

"This results in rich conversations with both myself and members of the Miami and Area Foundation," said Doell. "So we're looking forward to it again this year and handing out some grant money."

The Miami YIP Group will present its award winners at the Miami School Coffee House on May 31 during the intermission at 8 p.m.

School students do a 'Clean Sweep' of Carman

By Lorraine Stevenson

Carman and Dufferin Communities in Bloom volunteers and students from the three schools in Carman set out May 18 and May 19 to do a Clean Sweep of Carman, picking up litter and making public spaces around town look neater and tidied up. Clean Sweep was supported by generous donations of hot dogs from Homestead Co-op to feed the enthusiastic young workers, and gift certificates from Syls Drive Inn to go for ice cream cones afterwards. A BBQ was supplied by Carman and Dufferin fire department whose members did the cooking, and two educational events were done by representatives with Recycle Everywhere and MWM Environmental. The Town of Carman's public works crew were supportive partners for Clean Sweep, afterwards picking up all the bags of garbage collected by the students.



Carman Collegiate students including Luke Nordquist, Austin Reimer and Joaquin Taylor did a great job cleaning up parts of Carman during the Clean Sweep day hosted by CIB May 18.



Moriah Hector and Cameron Pethybridge were among other students from Carman Collegiate who did a great job tidying up areas around the school.

STANDARD PHOTOS BY LORRAINE STEVENSON
Students from three schools in Carman, including these members of three Gr. 3 classes at Carman Elementary School, were enthusiastically picking up litter in designated areas of Carman during Clean Sweep May 18.



Miller Vanderveen was one of the cheerful students of three Gr. 3 classes at Carman Elementary School who set out Friday morning to pick up litter and participate in CIB's Clean Sweep of their school yard and parts of the community pathway.



Left photo, Dufferin Christian School students ignored the rain and chill of last Thursday to participate in Communities in Bloom's Clean Sweep day, doing an excellent job tidying up parts of the community pathway and other areas of Carman.

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Family helping to raising awareness for rare syndrome

Prader-Willi fundraising walk in Winnipeg on June 4

By Emma McGill

Nine year old Darwin Joseph is a caring, adventurous young girl living in Winnipeg with her parents Mark and Jennifer (Carriere), who grew up in Woodlands, and six year old brother Edison. She is currently attending fourth grade, and although it doesn't appear so, she stands out from her peers; Darwin was born with Prader-Willis syndrome. She has dealt with cognitive and physical challenges since she was born, those of which have been faced with things like physiotherapy as well as occupational and speech therapy.

Prader-Willis syndrome is a rare genetic disorder that primarily affects the brain's ability to send signals to the body that tell someone they are full rather than hungry. This leads to something called hyperphagia, the extreme unsatisfied drive to consume food, which in turn can lead to extreme obesity and even diabetes. It can cause high food-related anxiety

and trouble focusing. For Darwin's sake, her family takes precautions like keeping food locked away when unsupervised both at home and at school.

This syndrome occurs in approximately 1 out of every 12,000 to 15,000 births, and can also affect cognitive ability or cause delayed motor skills and speech due to low muscle tone. Other common characteristics of PWS can include small hands and feet, and abnormal body composition and growth. These symptoms are likely due to a dysfunction of a part of the brain called the hypothalamus, which assists in many bodily functions such as hunger regulation, body temperature, and fluid balance, and more.

When Darwin was a baby, she didn't really open her eyes or make noise for several months.

"It was probably almost six months before we heard her actually cry," shares Jennifer.

Though other kids her age may play faster and stronger than Darwin, she always wants to be included. She likes to play games, do Zumba and cheerleading, has been a part of a Special Olympics downhill skiing team, and has participated in adaptive horse-



Nine year old Darwin Joseph was born with Prader-Willis syndrome.

back riding.

"She just loves new experiences," says her dad Mark.

On Sunday, June 4 at 10 a.m. there will be a walk as a part of the One Small Step fundraising campaign for PWS. Participants can meet at Kildonan Park (2015 Main St., Winnipeg). All proceeds raised with this event and through Darwin's Dream Team through One Small Step will go towards research to help take away some of the challenges associated with PWS.

For example, this research will help to develop



STANDARD PHOTOS BY TIFFANY MARIE PHOTOGRAPH Mark, Jennifer, Darwin and Edison Joseph will be participating in this year's One Small Step walk for Prader-Willis on Sunday, June 4 starting at 10 a.m. at Kildonan Park (2015 Main St., Winnipeg). The public is welcome to come out to walk in support of the fundraising campaign.

a medication people with PWS can take to help them feel full. There is currently no cure for Prader-Willis syndrome, and most research is used for treating specific symptoms, so it's important to raise awareness for such a rare disorder.

To learn more about PWS, you can visit the websites for One Small Step and the Foundation for Prader-Willis Research.



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Local students compete at Manitoba Business Case competition

By Ty Dilello

More than 70 high school students from across Manitoba were in Brandon earlier this month to compete in the 2023 Manitoba High School Business Case Competition.

The event kicked off Thursday evening with a welcome event hosted by Assiniboine Community College at the North Hill campus. Participants enjoyed a meal and a fun evening of trivia to meet, mingle and get ready for the competition that followed on Friday.

Students were delighted to learn that they each had the opportunity to claim a \$1,000 tuition credit toward Assiniboine Community College's Business Administration program. There were two categories that students competed in at the competition, Personal Finance and Entrepreneurship. The winner in each division received an additional \$1,000 tuition credit.

"The intent with this case competition and tuition credit is to expose high school students to our 'learn by doing' approach while reducing barriers students may face in obtaining a post-secondary education by offering some financial support," said Geoff Milne, Academic Chair, Business at Assiniboine. "Helping students obtain a college education, master their skills and start a viable, rewarding career helps not only the student, but also the community they are serving."

A number of students from the local schools had the opportunity to compete.

Representing Carman Collegiate - Olivia Lane, Ella Benner, Gracie Wiebe, Brayden Cox, Ava Nykoliati, Taylor Thiessen, Dane Bergen, Zander Cox, Neveah Enns and Alenju Cabato. The Carman Collegiate team of Zander Cox, Dane Bergen, Taylor Thiessen placed third in Entrepreneurship.

Elm Creek School - Kiya Burton, Marly Billing and Trinity Dykun

Miami School - Kai Mintenko, Egan Mintenko, Lincoln Koscielny, Danielle Poulsen, Abigail Dyck, and Addison Elias.

At the Provincial Case Competition, teams of three received a case study - a scenario or specific set of circumstances - that was to be completed in a limited period of time. Teams had to identify the most prominent issues presented in the case study and develop a customized strategy to solve these issues and achieve the stated goals. At the end of the time period, competitors presented their recommendation to a board of judges. Competitors are judged on their ability to identify the key issues, present



Miami students Lincoln Koscielny, Egan Mintenko, Jayden Chapellaz (St. Paul's Collegiate), and Kai Mintenko enjoyed the experience of meeting and making new friends.

creative solutions and communicate effectively.

Local students were chosen because Prairie Rose School Division has a new Applied Commerce Education program that is currently in its second year (of a four-year program). The Applied Commerce Education (ACE) program consists of 14 courses between Grades 9-12. Students must complete a minimum of 8 out of the 14 courses (with two at the Grade 11 level and two at the Grade 12 level) to qualify for a second high school diploma (the Technical Education Diploma in Applied Commerce).

"Our program is booming with steady growth in new student registrations every semester," said Laurie Anne Vermette, Applied Commerce Education Lead Teacher at the Prairie Rose School Division. "Our highly engaged students participate in scholarship competitions, as well as commerce competitions around the province, in addition to their course work.

The Carman and Community Chamber of Commerce supports our program by offering an annual scholarship of \$1000 to our graduating diploma student with the highest marks in the division. This is our first year participating in business competitions. We have/will attend three competitions this school year," said Vermette.

There were two categories that students competed in at the competition, Personal Finance and Entrepreneurship. The Carman Collegiate team of Zander Cox, Dane Bergen, Taylor Thiessen placed third in Entrepreneurship.

Miami School Grade 11 student Kai Mintenko enjoyed the opportunity to work with his schoolmates and com-



STANDARD PHOTO BY LAURIE ANNE VERMETTE

More than 70 high school students from across Manitoba were in Brandon last week to compete in the 2023 Manitoba High School Business Case Competition. Miami School students, left to right, Egan Mintenko, Kai Mintenko and Lincoln Koscielny.

pete in the Manitoba Business Case Competition in Brandon.

"It was fun and difficult, but working as a group, we were able to get the case study done," said Mintenko. "We were just wanting to have fun, less than doing really good and taking it super seriously, which made for a more fun atmosphere. Most of the people we met were nice, and we made some friends along the way."

Mintenko won't be accepting his \$1,000 scholarship to Assiniboine Community College as he would like to go to the University of Manitoba or the University of Winnipeg after graduation from Miami School in 2024. Mintenko is interested in architecture but is still figuring out what he wants to do.

If he takes another Applied Commerce course in Grade 12, Mintenko would be happy to do the case competition again.

"It was really cool to do a case

study and compete against other schools, as it's an important thing for students to learn to do while they're in high school."



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Historic \$220 million in Manitoba parks infrastructure invested

Submitted by the Manitoba government

More Manitobans will soon be able to enjoy provincial parks thanks to a historic \$220-million, multi-year investment plan by the Manitoba government, Natural Resources and Northern Development Minister Greg Nesbitt and Transportation Minister Doyle Piwniuk announced Thursday.

“Manitobans care deeply about their provincial parks and have shared how important it is to increase investments in park infrastructure,” said Nesbitt. “Our bold plan prioritizes projects that enhance recreational opportunities and protect our precious ecosystems.”

As part of the Manitoba Provincial Parks Infrastructure Renewal Strat-

egy, campers will see a 50 per cent increase in yurts, more campsites with electrical service, enhanced interactive experiences along with improved services, and access to nature in each of the 20 busiest provincial parks. This modern strategy will provide Manitobans and tourists an unforgettable parks experience for generations to come, Nesbitt said.

The strategy focuses on two streams that invest \$121 million in parks infrastructure and \$103 million roadway renewal within and around provincial parks over the next 10 years.

Short- and long-term investments to infrastructure will increase park capacity for yurts by up to 4,500 night stays annually, develop trails and boat

launches, and enhance climate resiliency and environmental protection with water and wastewater upgrades.

Highlights of the plan include:

Whiteshell Provincial Park: replacement of the Nutimik Museum, reconstruction of the West Hawk Lake seawall, Mantario Trail amenity upgrades, surface upgrades to the Trans-Canada Highway at the Manitoba-Ontario border, and structure rehabilitation on the Trans-Canada Highway at Provincial Road (PR) 301 Falcon Lake Access, PR 301 Overpass Falcon Lake Road, and Provincial Trunk Highway (PTH) 44 at West

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letter to the editor

To RM of Thompson council members

A week has passed since I last wrote. This week has seen the case against Councillor Donna Cox reach the schedule for court, June 1 at 10 a.m. in Winnipeg. I can only hope that she can find representation to defend her from this most unjust and unneeded and deplorable action by Council, an action designed to usurp one of the central foundations of our country, province and community, democracy.

It truly saddens and frustrates me to see Council act in this fashion. Good advice from the province, and no doubt the CAO would seem to bounce off this Council, like a handful of raisins off an Oldsmobile. Is it pigheadedness? Is it arrogance? Is it vindictiveness? I think it is telling that Council would assent to putting

a fellow councillor through this experience, a fellow councillor who ran for election for the same reasons they no doubt did, to serve their community to the best of their ability, a fellow councillor who now has to pony up for a lawyer out of her own limited resources while Council has our purse to draw upon in a no doubt legal but misguided attempt to brandish the Sword of the Municipal Act, to cover for the fact it was ordained that meetings be held during the daytime only. One may wonder how it is that there was no dissenting voice at the resolution other than Councillor Cox, can it be that Council has their drawstrings tied together, like an array of Ma-ma dolls or children's toy ducks, quacking in unison? Are there no longer any voices of reason at Council? Independent thought? Is a contrary view to be stifled? What is

going on here? I ask these questions for good reason; we all have a duty to oversee our political servants, and I would suggest to the public at large that this Council is one that bears watching. Very closely. Unfortunately for the working ratepayers, this surveillance can now only take place during working hours.

I also find it sad that this council's legacy after its admittedly brief existence will be as an example of what not to do, with the story no doubt being retold yearly at Association of Manitoba Municipality training seminars. It might even make it into a few books, and definitely now will join the legal literature of Canada. While we are on that subject, I suggest Council familiarize themselves with the term *ultra vires*.

Until next time,
Royce Burnett, Miami

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Flashback....Falling Star Ranch annual cattle drive

By Dennis Young

Cowboys and cattle drives are making a comeback in Manitoba. Well at least on TV with the Yellowstone series but in 1974, the Falling Star Ranch kept the tradition alive when they drove their head old school. Why do you ask yourself?

Falling Star Ranch was a feedlot owned by Judy and Jim McGregor north of Carman where they fed calves all winter and then took them to pastures for the summer. This particular dry year, with about 650 head on hand counting custom-fed ones, forced them to acquire more land, which was a ways away.

When it came time to bring them back home in fall, Jim McGregor got a quote from Dave Epp Transfer for \$3/head. But with feed costs up and prices depressing, there had to be a better way. So with help from the Abbotts, Armstrongs, Smiths and Reimers, plus Ralph Woods, the drive started 8:30 a.m. on Thanksgiving day.

There were seven horses and riders (including some novices), another four men on foot part of the time, and Woods driving the ½ ton with the hay

bales for feed. The intent was to drive the truck in front of the herd for them to follow, which after a few attempts, proved successful other than a few unexpected problems.

If cattle spot other cattle, they quickly forget their route and head off to join up. Some are a tad lazier than others come morning and don't jump right up to leave the bushes. Oh, and every yard along the way seemed to have a dog.

The highlight of the drive had to be at the ½ waypoint. Not only for a break but it was when Judy and her friends served up a delicious chuck wagon dinner of wieners and beans. It was so enjoyed by the men they, too found it difficult to jump right back up.

The drive ended about 5 p.m. with no casualties other than the few steers left in the bushes, which were trucked back later. It did not end there for McGregor. He tells me, "I had brought in some cull potatoes for the steers to feed along with the normal hay and screenings. However, they gorged themselves, and I was up all night with my trocar relieving the bloat the



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Ralph Woods and Jim McGregor inspect some of the cattle brought in on the Falling Star Ranch drive the fall of '74.

spuds had caused!"

Jim recalls: After that experience, I relied on Dave Epp and his trucks to move our cattle from pasture to feedlot!

Woods was quoted then: That was as close to the real thing one could ex-

perience today.

Stan Armstrong recalls: That was one wild time. Cattle and some riders too, were going in every direction, but we were able to get them home alright. I was one of the bunch that returned to round up those left behind.

Regional Connections receives funding boost

By Ashleigh Viveiros

Continued funding support from the Manitoba government's Newcomer Community Integration Support (NCIS) program was welcome news to Regional Connections Immigrant Services last week.

Labour and Immigration Minister Jon Reyes announced the province is providing \$4 million to 24 newcomer service organizations through the funding program's Newcomer Community Connections Stream.

"Attracting and retaining new immigrants has been identified as a key factor in Manitoba's post-pandemic economic recovery," Reyes said. "This funding supports our government's vision of a skilled and talented

Manitoba, a key component of which is to welcome newcomers and ensure they are able to participate fully in the community and contribute to a growing economy."

Regional Connections received \$245,700 through the program, shares executive director Steve Reynolds.

"This is a funding renewal for us [not new funding], but we did get a little more than we did last year," he said. "So that's good, because it's needed."

The funds will be used to support programming across all four of Regional Connections' offices in Winler, Morden, Altona, and Dauphin.

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Spring planting well underway: local producers

By Lorne Stelmach

There is optimism among farmers this spring as they get to work on their fields and get going on seeding.

Overall, producers started to make significant progress over the last week with their field work, and warm temperatures and adequate soil moisture could mean crops could be emerging rapidly in the coming weeks.

"Every spring, it's always an optimistic time ... we're looking forward to see what will be produced. I think we're quite hopeful with the conditions," said Wayne Derksen of Hespeler Farms.

"This year is a little more normal," noted Marlon Kuhl of Southern Potato. "It's a little later than ideal, but we saw a later seeding last year, later than this year actually, and we had a really, really good crop, so I don't think there's any reason for any concern about being a little bit later than normal."

Manitoba Agriculture's crop report

last week estimated the seeding progress provincially was at about 25 per cent completion.

Recent warm weather was allowing progress to move ahead at a more rapid pace, the report said, and producers were able to seed most fields. That's in contrast to the week before, when producers had to be more selective on which field to plant due to wet soil conditions.

Cereal plantings are expected to wrap up towards the end of the week, the report continued, and soybean and canola seeding is expected to increase, while corn planting was at 15 per cent complete and is expected to increase as the week progresses.

For the most part, seeding was continuing at a fast and steady pace, with Carman and Roland areas further advanced in seeding than regions on the escarpment and heavier soils around Altona and along the Red River. Due to recent rains, many producers in those areas had yet to start seeding.

"We're starting a little bit later than usual, but moisture conditions are very good, and temperatures have been absolutely great," said Derksen. "The soil is nice, and I think the crops are going to come up very quickly once we get going, once we get everything planted."

"It's certainly been interesting the last few years," he reflected, going from extreme drought to flood conditions the next. "This is actually shaping up a lot like last year when we had quite a wet spring and everything was a bit later, but it turned out very well."

"We're hopeful that this year can also be a very good year," Derksen continued, noting Hespeler Farms is planting corn, wheat, barley, soybeans, and potatoes.

"Right now we're able to have all units running, which is great, but we're still finding a couple wet spots on some fields, but in most spots, we're able to plant corner to corner at

this time," he said.

"With the nice warm temperatures we're getting, I think things are going to pop out of the ground, which will help us out and help us catch up. Other years it's maybe been that we started earlier, but it's been cold and wet and the crop hasn't really progressed."

"So I'm very hopeful we'll have a great start with lots of moisture ... and I think the crops have as good a potential as a normal year."

"Things are progressing well. Over the last week, we were slowed down a little bit by the rain, but overall we're making good progress," agreed Kuhl.

"The early crops are already emerging and are off to a really good start," he said. "The conditions are for the most part really good. It's a little wet in certain areas ... the conditions are good for drying lately, and things are looking really good."

> PARK INVESTMENT, FROM PG. 6

Hawk Lake;

- Spruce Woods Provincial Park: new campground bay development, group use campsite electrification, surface upgrades to PTH 5 from PTH 2 to 15 kilometres north of PTH 2;

- Birds Hill Provincial Park: Fox Bay campsite upgrades, Lakeview Trail upgrades;

- Hecla/Grindstone Provincial Park: Gull Harbour campsite electrification, minor structure rehabilitation on PTH 8 at the Hecla causeway;

- Assessippi Provincial Park: new yurt village, upgrades to PR 482 leading to park entrance;

- Bakers Narrows Provincial Park:

new energy and water-efficient wash-room and shower building at campground;

- Duck Mountain Provincial Park: yurt expansion at Childs Lake, culvert replacement on PR 367 at Garland Creek;

- Grand Beach Provincial Park: East Beach washroom replacement; and

- Paint Lake Provincial Park: campground washroom building replacement, wastewater lagoon assessment and upgrade, surface upgrades to PR 375 from PTH 6.

"Our government is committed to enhancing the overall experience for visitors to our provincial parks and campgrounds and this includes ensuring safe travel and welcome arrival," said Piwniuk.

"Important investments in infrastructure such as roads and highways leading

to and within our parks will help enhance the experience for visitors, now and into the future."

The ministers noted the plan will be flexible and responsive to address visitor expectations and shifting priorities, as identified in ongoing public engagement opportunities.

In addition, the Manitoba government is investing almost \$200 million to restore and rehabilitate provincial infrastructure damaged throughout Manitoba from the spring 2022 flood event. Projects in and surrounding provincial parks include:

- Manigotagan River bridge on PR 314 in Nopiming Provincial Park: two bridge projects over Rice Creek on PR 315 (east of Lac du Bonnet and south of Nopiming Provincial Park) and on PR 313 (east of Lac du Bonnet and west of north Whiteshell at Pointe du Bois); bridge-sized culverts west of Favel River and Roaring River on PR 367 (north of Duck Mountain Provincial Park) and restoration on both PR 366 and PR 367 in Duck Mountain Provincial Park; Whitemouth River

bridge on PR 307 (west of Whiteshell Provincial Park);

- bridge replacement at Drunken River near Silver Harbour (north of Gimli); and

- structure replacement at Boundary Creek through Prospect Road at Winnipeg Beach.

Since the Provincial Parks Act was proclaimed in 1960, there have been 92 parks established in Manitoba offering 4,500 nightly campsites, 1,500 seasonal campsites, and programming for residents and visitors to enjoy. Today, the province has the largest cottaging community in provincial parks in Canada with nearly 6,200 dwellings, and the Manitoba government also works with 180 commercial operators to provide unique lodgings and other offerings to park users to complement provincial campsites and services.

"We are encouraged by today's announcement that the Manitoba government will be investing \$220 million for new capital initiatives in and around our provincial parks, enhancing and modernizing our provincial parks for all Manitobans and visitors to enjoy," said Ronald Smith, chair, Manitoba Provincial Parks Cabin Owners Association. "MPPCOA is a coalition of provincial park cottage owner associations representing over 80 per cent of Manitoba provincial park cottage owners, and we are pleased to have worked collaboratively with the Manitoba government to make positive changes to our provincial parks."

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Work underway to twin Trans-Canada Hwy: Falcon Lake to Manitoba-Ontario border

Twinning prioritized to improve safety and accessibility

Submitted by Manitoba government

Work is now underway as the Manitoba government begins its next steps on twinning the Trans-Canada Highway from Falcon Lake to Manitoba-Ontario border, Premier Heather Stefanson announced last week.

"It is important for Manitobans to have safe and reliable highways to get around this great province of ours and also to get to neighbouring provinces," said Stefanson. "That is why we have prioritized this work as it not only serves as a key trade route, but is one of the busiest stretches of highways especially during the summer months for cottagers and travellers.

The Manitoba government has committed to four lanes of traffic on the Trans-Canada Highway between Falcon Lake and the Manitoba-Ontario border and has prioritized twinning 700 metres of the highway nearest the border to align with Ontario's new four-lane highway.

Work is currently underway, including tree clearing and other activities that began last month with an anticipated completion by fall 2024.

The Manitoba government has also commissioned a conceptual design study for full 16-kilometre twinning project and following a competitive

request for proposal process has selected Tetra Tech Canada Inc. to complete the study.

"As a major corridor of the national highway system, the Trans-Canada Highway is essential for Manitoba's communities and the province's trade and tourism industries," said Transportation and Infrastructure Minister Doyle Piwniuk. "The 16-kilometre section from Falcon Lake to the Manitoba-Ontario border is the only remaining stretch not yet twinned. Our government is committed to upgrading this important east-west link to improve public safety, enhance the reliability and efficiency of interprovincial and international commerce, and enable future development."

The conceptual design study will include:

- route options for the four lanes on the existing alignment or on a new alignment;
- designs for new or modified interchanges at Provincial Road (PR) 301 and Provincial Trunk Highway (PTH) 44;
- options to eliminate three remaining intersections;
- access requirements at Hunt and Lyons lakes;
- options for replacing the existing flyover at PR 301; and
- assess additional interchanges or grade separations that may be required at additional locations.

The conceptual design study will take approximately two years to complete, with functional and detailed

design studies commissioned as the project progresses. All studies will include consultation with Indigenous rights holders, and engagement with land and business owners, the public, and stakeholders, to develop a full understanding of the project's implications, noted Piwniuk.

Survey crews are expected at the site in the coming weeks. These surveys, which will include the use of drone survey equipment, are needed to learn about existing conditions while engaging local stakeholders and communities to better inform potential design alternatives.

"The Manitoba Trucking Association welcomes this announcement and we look forward to the completion of this project", said Aaron Dolyniuk, executive director, Manitoba Trucking Association. "This road improvement will have a positive impact on all road users. It will improve road safety not only for Manitoba's trucking companies, but all carriers who operate across Canada, as well as the general

public."

The project to twin the Trans-Canada Highway is one of the major capital projects detailed in the recently released 2023 Multi-year Infrastructure Investment Strategy, noted Piwniuk.

Along with the twinning, the Manitoba government is also planning to invest over \$10 million for improvements on the existing Trans-Canada Highway in the interim including:

- structure rehabilitation on the Trans-Canada Highway over the Falcon Lake access road;
- structure rehabilitation over Falcon Lake Road in Whiteshell Provincial Park; and
- structure rehabilitation over PTH 44 into the community of West Hawk Lake.

The 2023 Multi-year Infrastructure Investment Strategy can be viewed online at www.gov.mb.ca/mit/myhis/index.html.

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Client numbers are on the rise across their service areas, Reynolds notes, so every single dollar is needed to continue to provide immigrants with the help they need to integrate into their new homes.

The agency offers settlement services, English and literacy classes, employment services, and a variety of community integration programs for newcomers.

The bulk of their funding comes from the federal government, but those dollars are earmarked for permanent residents (immigrants who are living here permanently but are not Canadian citizens).

"That leaves a lot of people out," Reynolds says. "We have about a thousand clients a year who are not permanent residents, but they have the same needs. We see a lot of temporary foreign workers, seasonal workers, and people who have got

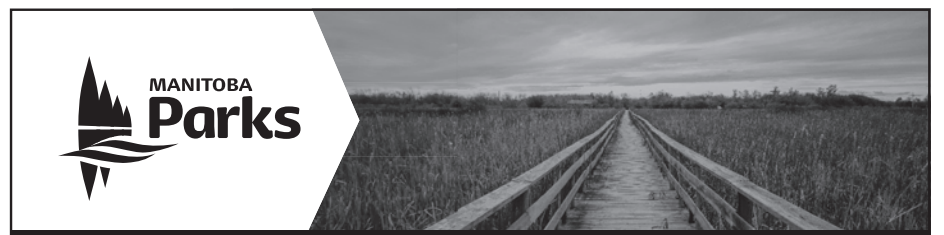
ten Canadian citizenship as newcomers but might still have something come up they need help with."

This funding, then, helps eliminate "a pretty big gap," Reynolds says. "Without it, about a thousand people a year who need these services wouldn't be able to get them, just because of their immigration status.

"Our goal is for anybody who needs support, they should be able to access it."

Regional Connections had a record-setting year in 2022, with 1,561 new arrivals accessing their programming (its overall client numbers are about three times that, as newcomers from previous years continue to make use of their services).

"We're on pace for lots of new people this year too," Reynolds says. "Basically as long as there's still jobs available and people are hiring, people will keep coming."



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Significant amounts of money will also go towards renewal projects in provincial roads and highways to improve access to, around and within provincial parks.

For more details on the **Manitoba Provincial Parks Infrastructure Renewal Strategy**, visit manitobaparks.com.



Why I Quit the Conservative Party, and why you should, too.

On August 23rd, 2018, I left the Conservative Party. Three weeks later, I founded the People's Party of Canada. At the time, I was fifty-five years old. Most men at that age are happy to settle down and enjoy the tail-end of their professional careers.

The question, then, people kept asking me was: "Why, Max?"

It's very simple. The Conservative Party — and its predecessor, the Progressive Conservative Party — has lacked principles and guts for decades. Not since John Diefenbaker's time has there been a true conservative vision in that Party.

Today, our children are indoctrinated in the classroom into a dangerous transgender ideology which confuses and sexualizes them. It didn't appear out of nowhere. It's happening because the Conservatives let it happen. They are too afraid of being called 'bigots' by their opponents.

As a father myself, I know how important traditional families are to our communities and our country; they form the very bedrock of our nation.

Portage-Lisgar deserves a strong voice for families in the House of Commons: one that will fight tirelessly against the onslaught of the Woke Cult in our schools, institutions, and corporate media. We know the Conservatives won't do it.

On June 19th, I urge you to vote for your values. Vote for something, not against something.

Sincerely,



Maxime Bernier
Leader and Candidate for Portage-Lisgar
People's Party of Canada



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Student blood donors



STANDARD PHOTO SUBMITTED BY KIERA JOHNSTON

A group of 10 students from Carman Collegiate gave blood during a blood donation clinic at the Carman Community Hall on May 18.

"One of our Grade 12 teachers, Mrs. Massinon, offered for 10 students to donate blood, and we all decided we wanted to donate to help others," said Kiera Johnston. Pictured left to right: Griffen Carnelley, Cole Robertson, Keira Doerkson, Zoe Pritchard, Maddy Saquet, Kiera Johnston, Reid North and Wynelle Dueck. Missing from the photo is Cassidy Phillips.

Community support



STANDARD PHOTO BY EVELYN REMPEL PETKAU

After the Carman and Area Food Pantry put up donation bins at various locations in the community to collect non-perishable food items and toiletries for the food pantry, last week they packed a record of 86 hampers. Well done and thank you to everyone who contributed.

Elm Creek students learn through Indigenous teachings

By Ty Dilello

On May 16, Elm Creek School held its Land Based Education Day, where students learned through Indigenous teachings for the entire school day.

Land-based learning typically uses an Indigenous and environmentally-focused approach to education by first recognizing the deep, physical, mental, and spiritual connection to the land that is a part of Indigenous cultures.

Research shows that learning in an outdoor environment has mental health benefits, improves understanding for active learners, and can help students to develop environmental awareness and a connection to the land.

For this year's Land Based Education Day, there was Tipi Teachings

with Tipi Joe as Knowledge Keeper, a scavenger hunt, bannock making, storytelling with Elder Stan, Ribbon Dress/Shirts with Knowledge Keeper Meg, Treaty Map Training, and the Manitoba Indigenous Games.

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The school had several stations set up for the day. All Kindergarten to grade 12 students attended, in addition to 15 or so students from every other high school within the division.

"Having a range of students K-12 was wonderful, and getting to connect with guests from different buildings was great too," said Elm Creek School principal Jesse Thomaschewski. "The presenters for each workshop did a great job

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Elder Stan shared stories with Elm Creek School students at its Land Based Education Day.



Tipi Joe shared the importance and the history of the tipi through Indigenous teachings.

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The School's History

It was the evening of April 22, anno Domini 1954, a beautiful spring evening. There was a bit of snow around yet, but the temperature was mild and the roads were good.

Many members of the Canadian Reformed Church at Homewood headed for the residence of Mr. H. Versteeg Sr., a large yellow house just south of the Dufferin Feed Mill on Highway 3 south.

A special meeting had been organized to discuss together the possibility of Reformed education in Carman, or at the very least, to establish a school society.

We will have a look at the minutes of what turned out to be an historic gathering.

The Rev. H. Scholten chaired the meeting, and requested that Ps. 105, stanzas 5 and 24 from the Dutch Psalmbook be sung. "God zal Zin waarheid nimmer krenken, maar eeuwig Zin verbond gedenken." "And, "Die gunst heeft God Zijn volk bewezen, opdat het altoos Hem zou vrezen."

After prayer, the Rev Scholten read



The first teacher of the Saturday School: the Rev. H. Scholten.

the familiar Scripture passage from the first part of Deuteronomy 6: "Hear therefore O Israel and be careful to do them; (the Lord's statutes and commandments that is) that it may go well with you . . . And, "you shall teach them diligently to your children and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise. And you shall bind them as a sign upon your hand, and they shall be as frontlets between

your eyes."

The Rev. Scholten stressed the seriousness of these words. We as parents promised the Lord at the baptism font that we would tell our children about these commandments and promises, and that we would have them instructed 1 in them. After all, did the Lord not say, "This child is mine?"

In order to have our children instructed, we need help.

That instruction is given through the preaching of God's Word and through catechism classes. But in a different way help has to be given in school by brothers and sisters who have made the same promises and embrace the same confessions as the parents. The teachers and the parents, side by side, have to make clear to the students what it means to be baptized and what it means to be a covenant child.

We have to teach the children how to live in the church, how to pray for the church, and to fight for the church."

After these introductory remarks, a lively discussion developed. Some quotes: "At what point in time can we start with Christian education?"

"We don't know, but if there is a society with a board it becomes easier to work towards that goal."

Everyone present at the meeting became a member of the newly formed society, and a board was elected. Mr. G. Vandersluis Sr. became chairman,

and Mr. K. DeWit, Mr. H. Klos Sr., Mr. J. Tiggelaar, and Mr. John Kuik were elected to the board.

The draft constitution and by-laws were discussed and adopted after a few minor changes.

The above is a summary of the happenings during the very first hours of the Canadian Reformed School Society of Carman Incorporated, which since September 1973, operates Dufferin Christian School.

**"AND YOU SHALL LOVE THE LORD YOUR GOD WITH ALL YOUR HEART, AND WITH ALL YOUR SOUL, AND WITH ALL YOUR MIGHT. AND THESE WORDS WHICH I COMMAND YOU THIS DAY SHALL BE UPON YOUR HEART; AND YOU SHALL TEACH THEM DILIGENTLY TO YOUR CHILDREN, AND SHALL TALK OF THEM WHEN YOU SIT IN YOUR HOUSE, AND WHEN YOU WALK BY THE WAY, AND WHEN YOU LIE DOWN, AND WHEN YOU RISE."
DEUTERONOMY 6:5-7**



PHOTOS SUBMITTED

Saturday School 1959 in Assiniboine Park with the teachers: Mrs. J. Mulder and Mrs. J. Kuik. Standing left to right: Albert Tiggelaar, Henry Versteeg, Henk Visscher, Dirk Kiers, Len Rook, Hank Kamminga, Andy Luiten, Peter Veenendaal, and Terry VanDasselaar.

Centre row: Celia Veenendaal, Tineke Veldman, Anne van Sijdenborg, Ina Meijer, Ria van Sijdenborg, Pieta Versteeg, Rietje Meier, and Liz Rook.

Sitting: Fenny Tiggelaar, Alice VanDasselaar, Teuntje VanDasselaar, Dorothy Meier, Trudy van Dijk, and Grace Versteeg.



Graduation 1977. Left to right: Dennis Douma, Bert Veenendaal, Leonard Bergsma, Joyce Klos, Harold van Dijk, Theresa Vanderveen, Blake Termier and Alan Vanderveen.



Graduation 1987, back row, left to right: Anton Borst, Matthew Jagersma, Steven Vandersluis, Ryan Veldman, Allan Bergsma, Ken Bergsma. Front row: Evelyn Ruiter, Ingrid Veenendaal, Judith Poppe, Jeanette Veenendaal, Monique Graafland, Marjorie DeWit, Pauline DeRuiter.



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Dufferin Christian School Celebrates 50 Years

By Ty Dilello (Standard)

Dufferin Christian School (DCS) is celebrating its 50-year anniversary next weekend from June 2-4.

The celebration weekend begins on the Friday evening with a fine art gala, which will include presentations and singing. The organizing committee has reached out to former teachers, principals, and former students, wherever they spread out in the country, to attend this 50-year celebration.

On the Saturday, there will be an open house at the school, starting at 3:00 PM. And then, at 5:00 PM, there will be a community supper with a

caterer brought in where people can come and gather and have a reunion. There is an estimated total of 500 people that are slated to attend.

"We are really trying to have a fun weekend for everyone to come and celebrate 50 years of DCS," said celebrations organizer Dolf Feddes, who has been a board member at the school for 12 years. "We have some former principals confirmed and many others coming, as we've been planning this anniversary since December."

Parents who shared a common expression of the Christian faith collaborated to begin a Christian school in



the Carman area that aligns with the worldview of this faith. Thus, Dufferin Christian School was opened on Sept 4, 1973, from Grades 1 to 6, with Bill VanSpronsen as the first principal.

The school was made to serve the needs of members of the Canadian Reformed School Society, who believed that education should be in harmony with teaching in the home and church.

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In 1974, an addition was put on, and Grade 7 was added. Grade 8 was added a year later, and Grade 9 was added a year after that.

The student population at DCS has held steady for a number of years, from 214 in 2006 to 207 in 2012. In the last ten years, there has been a significant increase to more than 280 students today.

"We are blessed with a bright, beautiful school building and a large playground area with an outdoor skating rink for winter enjoyment," said DCS historian Sylvia Bortslap. "The increase in the student population was the drive behind the addition of a number of elementary classrooms in the last ten

years. Some grades are split due to large class sizes. Currently, we are projecting a significant increase in the high school end over the next ten years."

Over the last decade, DCS has welcomed two external review teams into the school to help improve its operation. These reviews have helped them with its strategic planning, improved learning outcomes and an increased focus on the school's mission statement as well as the development of a purpose statement were some of the results. The aim is continuous improvement of both teaching and learning.

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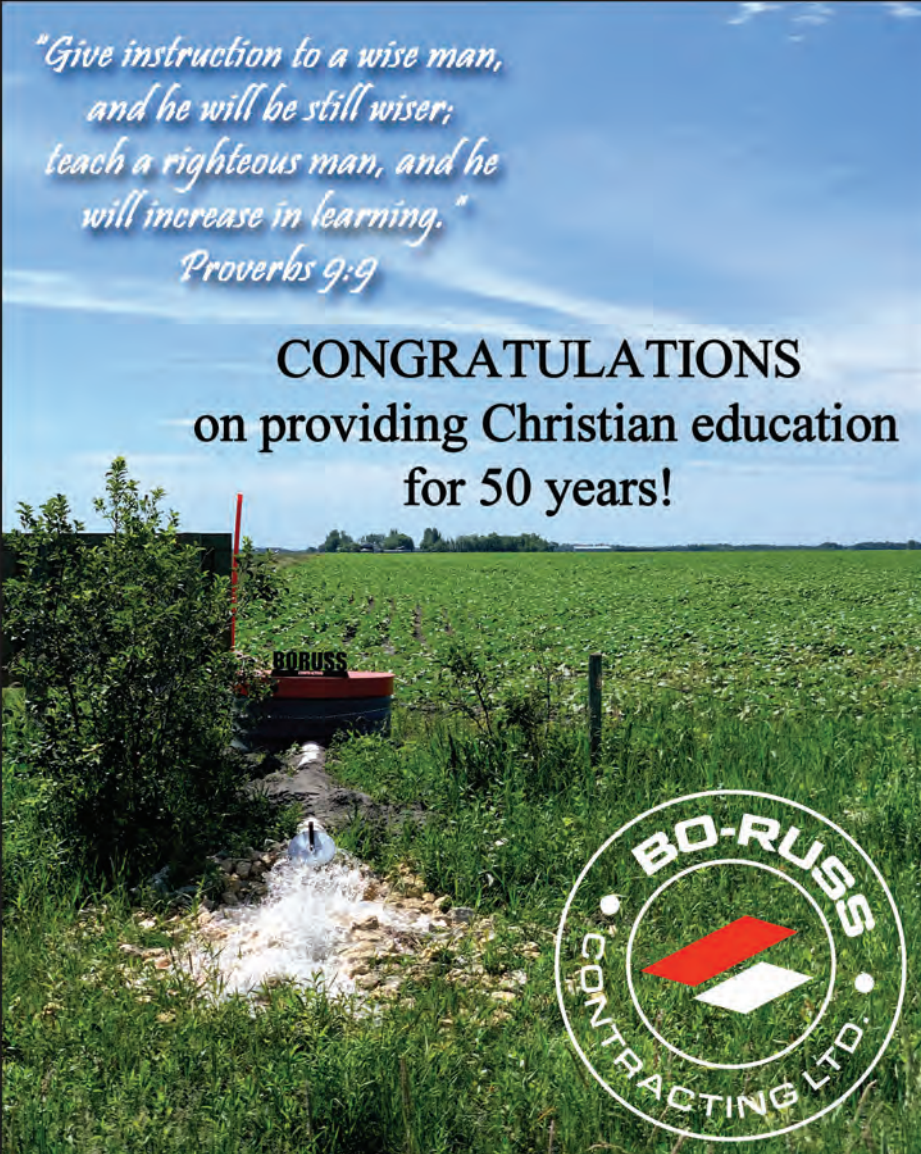
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in both what we teach and how we teach it," said Bortslap. "It also comes out in how we interact with each other at school. We follow the Manitoba curriculum but focus on including our faith in all aspects of teaching and learning. We are very thankful to our heavenly Father for keeping us faithful to Him over the last 50 years."

Garrett Veldman was heavily involved in the DCS building expansion projects that were undertaken in the last few years and is a current board member of the school. He was the chairman of the building committee in both 2015 and 2017.

In late 2014, student projects showed a needed

increase for classrooms in the elementary wing. By spring 2015, LCL Construction was well underway to build a new Entrance and Admin area, along with three new classrooms on the new "south wing."

"At that time, we also renovated one of the original sections of the school to allow for a multi-purpose room," said Veldman. "2015 was a busy summer with a lot of volunteer help from members making way for the school to be ready for mid-August for teachers to move into their new classrooms, and the opening of the school doors by Sept 1."

In late 2016, it was apparent that the student population was still on the rise in the foreseeable fu-

ture, as some new families had moved into the area, causing another need for an expansion. Veldman notes that two more classrooms were added on the south wing in the spring and summer of 2017 by Vanderveen Construction.

An outdoor basketball court was added a few years later, and most recently, the outdoor rink received a new foundation and lights.

Current Dufferin Christian School principal Chris De Boer points out that his mission in 1973, when DCS first opened, was to have Christian teachers work diligently in teaching covenant children the content of government-mandated curriculum

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through the lens of a Reformed Christian worldview, with the goal that young people would learn to be faithful disciples of the Lord Jesus Christ, as they live out their faith in contemporary society. That remains the purpose of DCS to this day.

"For us, covenant children are children of believers who share in the blessing of belonging to the Christian community," said Dufferin Christian School principal Chris De Boer. "Parents are mandated by God to raise their children in the ways of the Lord, and one of the ways we collaborate in doing so is by having our own Christian school. We can envision the relationship between church, homes, and school as a triangle where all three institutions are working from the same foundation, the same expression of the Christian faith."

This is why admission to Dufferin Christian School is tied to one's membership in the church.

"While we are convinced that we share a broad unity with many expressions of the Christian

faith, we find it essential that, as we train and teach our children, that we do so under the shared expression of our biblical faith as articulated in historic confessional statements or creeds."

While DCS maintains its foundational mission, it has since articulated a refreshed purpose statement: Growing in Grace, Equipping for Excellence, Learning for Life. This three-fold purpose statement demonstrates what kind of school culture that they envision.

"We want DCS to be a community of grace, where we, as recipients of God's grace and love, express that grace and love to others, both inside the walls of our school and church community, as well as in the broader community," said De Boer. "We want to visit Seniors Homes, help out setting up for Remembrance Day gatherings, assist in cleaning the streets of Carman, promote the Christian Cheer Board and Operation Christmas Child, participate in extra-curricular activities, sell apple pies, host bazaars, etc."

De Boer also wants DCS to be a place where

they are equipping students to develop and use their gifts and talents in service to God and their neighbour.

"That's what we mean by excellence. Excellence looks different for each child, but each child must be encouraged to persevere in developing their gifts to the best of their ability. What they learn at DCS, we pray, will equip them for a life of service beyond our walls. We anticipate that what they learn here will equip them to be fruitful members of society for the rest of their lives. We also hope that their journey of learning at DCS is just the beginning of their education as they formally and/or informally train themselves in knowledge and skills that they can apply to their life of service in church, home, and society."

If you're an alumnus that wishes to attend the 50th-anniversary celebrations of Dufferin Christian School this weekend or would like more information, please contact Dolf Feddes at dolfFeddes@royalpage.ca or Lisa Breukelman at klbreukelman@gmail.com.



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About Dufferin Christian School

The parents of Dufferin Christian School envision DCS as a place where students and teachers are engaged in the study of various subjects and enlightened by the Word of God, as confessed in the Belgic Confession, the Heidelberg Catechism, and the Canons of Dort, for living a life of Christian discipleship in contemporary society.

Dufferin Christian School offers a learning program that is approved by Manitoba, Education and Youth, taking into account a variety of abilities and needs God has given to each child.



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of making it meaningful for the different grade levels we worked with.”

Some of the big things that the students could learn included tipi teachings, what it means to be a grateful and humble person, different hunting techniques, and the history behind ribbon skirts and shirts.

Elm Creek School brought in Elder Stan, Tipi Joe and Knowledge Keeper Meg for the day to help out with the

Land Based Education.

“Ashley Cook connected with Elder Stan through the Manitoba Chief Assembly, and from there, our team got to work with him more,” said Thomaschewski. “He has helped us with our school Outdoor Revitalization Project and smaller projects, too, like our school mural out back. Knowledge Keeper Meg is someone I am connected to through my time at the



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University of Winnipeg. And Tipi Joe has worked with numerous schools in Winnipeg, so we heard about his work while visiting other spaces. Glowing reviews, so we knew we had to get in contact with him. We get to keep the Tipi as well now to practice teachings and hold this kind of space regularly.”

Thomaschewski notes that Elm Creek School tries to do an excellent job of inclusion efforts for people of all races, origins and beliefs.

“We regularly reflect on ways to move the needle in making our building a welcoming and safe space for all people; there is always more work to be done on this front. Having caring students, a hard-working team, and a supportive community makes these efforts all more rewarding. Today was simply a celebration of Indigenous Education and outdoor learning; these are practices we put forth on a regular basis within our building.”

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MB gov't announces Building Sustainable Communities funding

By Lorne Stelmach

A variety of projects around the region are benefitting from the Building Sustainable Communities program.

The Manitoba government last week announced the investment of over \$25 million through the program to support 428 community development projects throughout the province.

The grants are to be matched by the organizations or municipalities involved in the projects, but receiving up to 50 per cent of the eligible costs makes a significant difference.

"We simply couldn't do it without the support of the Manitoba government and Building Sustainable Communities," said Barbara Biggar, who was involved in landing a \$117,118 grant for the Nellie McClung Heritage Site in Manitou for upgrades to the McClung House.

"It absolutely makes a huge difference in terms of how quickly projects can move ahead," noted Henry Siemens, mayor of Winkler, which received grants of \$72,372 for Lion's Park upgrades and \$150,000 for phase one of the pathway between Winkler and Reinfeld.

In Morden, the Canadian Fossil Discovery Centre received \$62,075 for equipment upgrades.

"It is thanks to this kind of support that we can improve our mission to preserve and research our Manitoba heritage and to reach as much public as possible now and in the future," noted executive director Adolfo Cuetara.

The Building Sustainable Communities program commitment of \$25 million was doubled from last year to increase support for community projects.

It was launched four years ago to offer municipalities and non-profit organizations a new program that streamlined administrative processes and reduced red tape, replacing several other funding programs.

"The idea of it was to consolidate some of the other projects and the other funding streams into one so that municipalities and community groups across the province could have one place to go and apply for funding," Municipal Relations Minister Andrew Smith said in announcing the recipients last week.

"Locally developed projects are, by design, tailored to address their community's specific, unique needs and opportunities," he continued. "Our government is pleased to continue supporting community-based projects that foster thriving, sustainable neighbourhoods and improve residents' quality of life."

The Building Sustainable Communi-

ties grant program supports planning activities, organizational capacity building projects, equipment costs, capital infrastructure and other local or regional initiatives that enhance the sustainability of communities.

Projects can receive up to 50 per cent toward eligible costs. The maximum grant for projects in the regular stream is \$75,000, while larger-scale capital projects can receive up to \$300,000.

"The program is making a remarkable difference in communities province-wide," suggested Smith. "From installing play structures to creating outdoor recreation spaces to renovating community centres, these projects make communities healthier, stronger and more competitive."

"WE'RE EXTREMELY APPRECIATIVE"

"As a community, we're extremely appreciative of these dollars and the fact they've contributed to projects that we believe are very worthwhile," Mayor Siemens said.

He also welcomed grants for The Bunker for youth centre upgrades and the Winkler Whips baseball team for its diamond upgrades.

"Both of those are really good as well and help to build community," said Sie-

mens, who especially cited the Whips for their efforts on the improvements at Arctic Field. "They have put lots of sweat equity into it and lots of fundraising. They are building a first-rate diamond."

"We're really glad to receive these grants," said RM of Stanley Reeve Ike Friesen, who welcomed news of a \$123,616 grant for a municipal pathway project and \$68,304 for Stanley Park upgrades. In addition, the Reinfeld park committee received \$135,802 for its park development project.

Friesen explained that Stanley Park will get a new bridge over the creek as well as some new signage and path lighting. The other grant is for the municipal pathway from Reinfeld and will help extend it further towards connecting it to Winkler.

"This certainly makes it all more possible," said Friesen. "All of these projects are going to be really good for community and just having the opportunity to enjoy it all more."

The funding for the McClung House will allow for a major retrofit and full refurbishment of the interior of the building, which was built in 1899 and at no point has really had any major work done on the interior.

"We will be upgrading it really from a one-season museum and facility to a three-season, so we will be adding

heating and cooling, which will really extend our season overall," said Biggar.

"We see this as really securing McClung House for the future," she said. "It's going to be a real game changer for us in terms of being able to really reinvigorate that home and secure it for the long term future."

Cuetara explained the CFDC grant is a 50 per cent contribution towards a total cost of \$124,150 to purchase a 3D scanner, 3D printer, and a powerful dedicated computer to handle the software.

The museum has also applied to the Canada Cultural Spaces Fund to match this contribution, so they hope to be able to put together both grants to acquire this technology.

"All the fossil specimens hosted at the CFDC are incomplete, which is something normal in any palaeontology museum," said Cuetara. "Making available a 3D scanner and printer is fundamental to be able to reconstruct whole skulls or skeletons."

"The possibilities of this technology for the CFDC are endless, especially for research, creation of new displays, fabrication of replicas or collaboration with other museums, like the Miami Museum."

Twenty-one local projects benefitting

The Building Sustainable Communities program is benefitting a variety of projects across the province.

The Manitoba government announced the investment of over \$25 million through the program to support 428 community development projects.

Here are some of the projects that are receiving support across the south central region:

MORDEN

- Canadian Fossil Discovery Centre: \$62,075 for equipment upgrades
- Morden Community Curling Club: \$32,505 for facility upgrades.
- Pembina Valley Humane Society: \$30,000 for community education and volunteer recruitment.

RM of STANLEY

- R.M. of Stanley: \$123,616 for phase one of the municipal pathway project.
- R.M. of Stanley: \$68,304 for Stanley Park upgrades.

- Reinfeld park committee: \$135,802 for the development of a community park.

WINKLER

- City of Winkler: \$72,372 for Lion's Park upgrades.
- City of Winkler: \$150,000 for phase one of the Winkler-Reinfeld pathway.
- The Bunker Youth Ministry: \$41,000 for youth centre upgrades.
- Winkler Whips senior baseball team: \$75,000 for baseball diamond upgrades.

CARMAN

- Carman Dufferin Grey Planning District: \$60,000 for a development plan and zoning bylaw updates.
- Carman Golf and Country Club: \$40,914 for golf course upgrades.
- Town of Carman: \$33,664 for pool upgrades.
- Youth for Christ (Winnipeg): \$75,000 for phase two of the Carman youth centre upgrades.

MIAMI

- Lloyd Orchard Community Arena: \$6,248 for facility upgrades.
- R.M. of Thompson: \$19,102 for a zoning bylaw update.

MANITOU

- Nellie McClung Heritage Site: \$117,118 for upgrades to the McClung House.

PILOT MOUND

- Pilot Mound: \$300,000 for upgrades at the Louise Aquatic Centre.
- United Community Arts - Pilot Mound: \$13,500 for arts centre upgrades.

CRYSTAL CITY

- Crystal City Community Centre: \$145,925 for arena upgrades.

ALTONA

- Elmwood Home and School Association: \$39,375 for playground upgrades.

The legend of Plum Coulee's bank robber Bloody Jack

By Ty Dilello

Plum Coulee's John Krafchenko was one of the most notorious Canadian bank robbers of the early 1900s.

Known to the press and public throughout his heyday as "Bloody Jack," John Krafchenko was born in Romania in 1881. In 1888 his family immigrated to Canada and settled near Plum Coulee. Although he spent little time in school, Krafchenko was apparently quite bright and could speak several different languages, including Russian, German, Italian, Bulgarian and English.

Early on in his youth, Krafchenko exhibited violent and aggressive behaviours that began to get him in trouble with the law. By the age of 15, he had been arrested for theft and sentenced to jail. Upon his release, Krafchenko travelled to Australia and trained to become a professional wrestler. He returned to North America and wrestled successfully under the names Australian Tommy Ryan and Pearl Smith.

In 1902, he gave up wrestling and returned to Manitoba, where he toured as a temperance lecturer. This is where his life of crime began to unfold. Numerous offences were committed under various alias names as he began to pass countless bad cheques through his speaking engagements as a temperance lecturer.

He was finally caught in Regina and sentenced to 18 months in the Prince Albert Penitentiary. Once at the jail, Krafchenko was put in charge of painting the outside walls of the penitentiary. Not being one to pass up on an opportunity, he struck his guard over the head with a paint can and escaped with three other inmates.



John Krafchenko

He wound up getting back to Manitoba, escaping into the United States, and then robbed a few banks in New York before slipping on a freighter bound for England. Once in Europe, he continued to rob banks in England, Germany and Italy. He was reputed to have robbed a bank in Milan, where he locked the manager in the vault and then joined the crowd outside to watch the excitement.

From Italy, he moved to Russia and married there in 1905. In 1906, Krafchenko and his wife returned to settle near Plum Coulee.

Once arriving, it was only a short time before he got the itch to rob another bank. The Bank of Hamilton between Plum Coulee and Winkler was his first target. Although he robbed the bank successfully, he was subsequently arrested and sentenced to Stony Mountain Penitentiary for three years.

Once released, he moved to Winnipeg. And during several trips to Plum Coulee in November of 1913,



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Plum Coulee's John Krafchenko was one of the most notorious Canadian bank robbers of the early 1900s. The Bank of Montreal in Plum Coulee that Krafchenko robbed in 1913.

Krafchenko decided that the Bank of Montreal in Plum Coulee was the perfect target for his next robbery. After watching the bank, he discovered that, during the lunch hour, the only person in the bank was the manager, Henry Arnold.

On Dec. 3, 1913, Krafchenko robbed the Bank of Montreal in Plum Coulee at gunpoint for a sum of \$4,200. As he fled to a waiting taxicab, he turned and fired one shot at Arnold, the bank manager who was pursuing him. Arnold died from his injuries.

The shooting was witnessed by at least three different people, all of whom indicated there was only one gunman. One of the witnesses, a schoolgirl named Mary Doerksen, identified the man seen leaving the scene as John Krafchenko.

After leaving Plum Coulee, Krafchenko had the taxi driver, William Dyck, take him three or four miles

outside of the town and then drop him off. Krafchenko threatened to come back and kill Dyck if he told anyone who he was and advised him to make up a good story regarding where he had been.

Krafchenko made it back to Winnipeg and hunkered down for a bit, but he was eventually captured by the Winnipeg Police. Although he managed to escape after bribing the two officers who were guarding him, Krafchenko was eventually arrested again and forced to stand trial.

At his trial, Krafchenko pleaded not guilty but was ultimately sentenced to death by hanging. One of Canada's most infamous criminals dropped from the gallows on July 9, 1914, at the Vaughn Street Jail in Winnipeg.

On the day before his death, Krafchenko admitted to the robbery but blamed the murder on an unnamed accomplice.

Bernier wants to reopen abortion debate in Canada

By Ashleigh Viveiros

If elected to a seat in Parliament in the Portage-Lisgar by-election next month, People's Party of Canada (PPC) candidate Maxime Bernier intends to reopen the abortion debate in Canada.

Bernier announced his stance on the topic at a press conference in Winkler last week, pledging to table the Protection of Preborn Children Act, a private member's bill to amend Section 287 of the Criminal Code, as soon as possible should he take office. The bill was written by Laura-Lynn Tyler Thompson and Paul Mitchell, both of

whom ran unsuccessfully for the PPC in Alberta in the 2019 election.

"The bill would limit the legal availability of abortion to 24 weeks maximum, and outlaw late-term abortions unless the mother's life or health are at risk, there has been rape or abuse, or if the baby has a lethal abnormality or no brain function," Bernier said, lamenting the fact there is no current law regulating abortion in Canada.

"Our governments regulate almost everything in our lives, including such ridiculous things like plastic straws," he said. "But there is a complete legal void when it comes to kill-

ing unborn human beings."

The Supreme Court of Canada ruled in 1988 that the abortion provision in the Criminal Code was unconstitutional because it violated women's rights under section 7 of the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms to security of the person (*R. v. Morgentaler*). Prior to this decision, women had to receive approval from the therapeutic abortion committee of an accredited hospital before receiving an abortion.

"Because of this legal void, there is no legal obstacle in Canada to have an abortion at any stage in the pregnan-

cy—including in theory up to minutes before a child is born," Bernier said. "Freedom is one of my core values. But it doesn't include supporting the freedom of a mother to kill her fully developed baby, before or after it is born."

He noted some people would like to see even further restrictions on abortions, as is the case in other countries, and he agrees that should be discussed, but "we need to start somewhere."

Bernier, who is the leader of the PPC nationally, stressed his party "welcomes a debate on abortion."

Where are they now? Catching up with Dee McEachern

By Dennis Young

This feature will attempt to renew some acquaintances with those who called Carman and area home at one time or another. I have randomly selected people to answer questions of their past and present so the readers can be brought up to speed on their lives.

Q. Firstly, let's get familiar with you again. When did you live in Carman?

I moved to Homewood from Alberta in 1968 when I married Don McEachern and lived on the farm for 24 years, the last four on my own with the children as Don & I had separated.

Q. What activities did you participate in?

Besides supporting many farm and family needs, I put my energy into Homewood community events, the United Church, curling, the Sonatrice Singers and the Ag Society Ladies Section.

Q. What was the career?

I took several positions in lay ministry beginning in 1986 at Altona, then youth ministry at Fort Garry U.C. and West Hawk U.C. Then while I worked for two winters selling aerial farm photos from Carman, I began a Bachelor in Theology at the U of W.

Q. What got you to leave Carman and where?

With that degree I was offered a fulltime position in the Strathclair/Newdale/Cardale Pastoral Charge in 1991. The older girls were now in Winnipeg, so the twins and I moved to Strathclair. Our home was a manse and started a new life off the farm serving 3 small churches.

Q. Did you move around lots in career or life?

I stayed in Strathclair for 8 years and began my training for an ordained minister in a 5-year field-based course out of U of W. The last 4 years of that program I would live, work ¾ time and study ½ time in Niverville. I was ordained in 2003 in Thunder Bay and the Robson Valley Shared Ministry in B.C., was my first calling as an ordained minister. It was a two-point charge including McBride and Valemount where the manse was. What beautiful country!

Q. Did you raise any children here or where? Names, where now and doing what?



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Stephanie McEachern, Dee McEachern, Tamara McEachern, Brodie McEachern, and Briana McDonald.

Our 4 children all started their lives in Homewood/Carman on the farm. Over the years the oldest 2 Stephanie and Tammy went on to Winnipeg for school/work while the twins, Brodie & Briana, came with me to Strathclair. Steph is single and a grade 1 teacher in Calgary. In Langdon, east of Calgary, Tammy and her partner James have settled. She is a specialist for the Calgary Board of Education. The twins still call Strathclair home. Briana and her husband Travis, Mya (14) and Lane (12) farm and she is a loans officer at Sunrise C.U.. Brodie attended ACC in Brandon to get his mechanic papers and works for Enns Bros. in Shoal Lake. He is married to Crystal and they have one daughter, Natalie (8) and he has a daughter Townsly (14).

Q. Do you have extended family living here?

Ellen McEachern lives in the Boyne Lodge

Q. What do you do now? Retired?

As of this July 1st I will be 13 years retired but still busy. I have done pulpit supply on the Island, Canmore, Jasper, Prince George and locally. I served on the Social Advisory Committee for the Columbia Basin Trust, and chaired Cariboo Presbytery for 2 years. Another 10 years on the Senior Citizens Housing Society. Presently I am the secretary of

the 2 church boards. I also deliver Meals on Wheels twice a month.

Q. What passes your leisure time?

Along with my niece Brenda McEachern, we share season tickets to Theatre Northwest. My singing has been mostly in worship leadership, but Valemount is on a travelling musician itinerary, so I am exposed to music luckily! I am in my 78th year and I still walk about 1 hour Monday to Friday mornings. Horses and hiking have become an important part of keeping me here.

Q. Have you travelled and where?

I have had the chance to travel to Mexico, Dominican, most of Canada & U.S., Ireland, England, Wales, France, Netherlands, and Germany.

Q. Any future plans? Do you have to do list?

I am looking forward to seeing family and friends in Calgary and Halifax. I would like to do some writing.

Q. Do you ever return to Carman?

At least twice a year I am back to Carman. This June I will be there.

Q. What are some of your fondest memories of your Carman days?

Singing with Sonatrice, worship and music at the United Church, learning at the Wednesday Morning Group, Carman Fair, making costumes for figure skating, hours in the arena watching figure skating, ringette, hockey and curling and working in the canteen. The two weeks of swimming lessons and Syl's Drive-Inn.

Q. Any last words you wish to send to our readers?

I just want to congratulate the Sonatrice Singers on 50 years of singing, and Audrey Myers, 50 years of playing! Those are wonderful achievements. I had the privilege of being part of Sonatrice for it's first 20 years. I was also a founding member of the Wednesday Morning Group in Carman, which is still meeting after 43 years. Because of the guests and topics, I learned so much about women's issues and social justice, which has been a huge asset in my ministry.

Flashback...School Cornerstone time capsule 1963

By Dennis Young

Carman's new \$210,000 60,000 sq/ft Elementary School was set to be officially opened Dec. 7, 1963 but a week prior a time capsule was placed in a cornerstone.

On Nov. 30 some 450 students, staff, board members, councillors and parents watched an impressive ceremony chaired by Principal Gladwyn Scott. Various documents presented by several guests were sealed in a copper box during the event. Here's who and what:

1) Grade 2 student Willie Klassen placed a list of names of the students, teachers, school inspector, trustees and janitors present that year.

2) Mrs. Myra Aikins placed an envelope containing the minutes of the first meeting of the DAS along with some history of Carman and district.

3) Chairman of the school board, Ken Draper, placed documents with detailed history of Consolidated School District, names of the those schools

and information on the financing of this building.

4) Representing the Town, Councillor Alex King placed a list of signatures of all businessmen in Carman, a picture of the council and a copy of the assessment roll.

5) Reeve Harry McCullough placed information on Dufferin, the assessment and details on the type of farming carried out at that time.

After speeches and a prayer by Rev. John Bays of the St. John's Anglican Church, local contractor Hugh Strong sealed the box in the cornerstone still there to this day. When Gladwyn Scott came for Homecoming 2000 he attempted to put into play a plan to have it removed and to celebrate the findings after 37 years. He was stopped and since no date was ever documented when it could be opened, it had to stay in place until the building was demolished or at least renovated at that particular spot of origin.

Would it not be very interesting to have that cer-



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Those participating in the 1963 cornerstone time capsule ceremony, from left, Town Councillor Alex King, Reeve Harry McCullough, Mayor Roy Skelton, DAS rep. Myra Aikens, student Willie Klassen, School Board member Ken Draper and Reverend John Bays.

emony, see the contents and reseal with updates in 2023 after 60 years? How is with me?

Manitoba Highways in desperate need of repairs

By Ty Dilello

Every year once the snow melts and the spring comes around, we see potholes plague highways and roads across the province, making it dangerous for drivers. One of the biggest problems right now for the province's Highways Department is Provincial Road 428 near Roland.

"Provincial Road 428 is in terrible shape right now," said RM of Roland Reeve Jodi Laine-Gaultier. "It's a provincial road, and unfortunately, there are many provincial roads in southern Manitoba that are in need of significant repairs."

The local municipalities have already contacted the province's Highways Department to try and get them out fixing the road sooner than later. However, Laine-Gaultier stresses that it's best for individuals to contact the highways office and/or their provincial representative.

"The more people that do that the better," said Laine-Gaultier. "I did notice there was some patching started at the junction of Highway 23 and 428 the other day. So hopefully, the patching continues the whole way to Winkler."



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Provincial Road 428 near Roland is one of the many Manitoba highways in desperate need of repair.

Local senior warns residents of convincing phone scam

Local resident was almost caught in grandparent scam

By Katelyn Boulanger

Grandparent scams are once again making the rounds in our community and an 82-year-old resident wants to share her experience so that others know how convincing these frauds are becoming.

The resident does not want to be identified in this article but is a senior who lives locally.

"I received a phone call and he said, 'Hello, Grandma. How are you,' And then I said fine. Then he said, 'Do you know who this is?' And I said his name. And, he started to tell me that he was in big trouble," said the Selkirk resident.

The resident did think that the fraudster's voice didn't sound exactly like her grandson's but thought that he might have had a cold because his voice was quite similar to that of the family member she assumed he was.

The fraudster then ramped up the urgency by saying that he only had one phone call.

"And of course, me thinking well, his mother and dad are both working and if you're only allowed one call [it makes sense to call your grandmother who is often at home]," said the resident.

The scammer then went on to say

that the grandson and his friend had been caught on drug possession charges and that they were in jail.

"He shared the story and then he said, 'I'll let you talk to my lawyer or a policeman, I'm not quite sure but I did talk to a 'policeman' and a 'lawyer'. They kept saying, 'You know, I think he's not guilty. He seems like such a nice kid and he's got no record or anything.' Convincing me that he wasn't guilty," she said.

This fraud took place on a Friday.

They then told the resident that if her grandson stayed in jail over the weekend that he would have a record but if they could get him released by the end of the day that the charges wouldn't apply but that her grandson would need a bond.

Initially, they said that they would need a \$50,000 bond but the resident said that she didn't have that kind of money. The fraudsters then told her that they could get a bondsman involved which would reduce the cost to \$7,000 and that she would get the money back when her grandson showed up to court.

"[The fraudster] said, 'What I want you to do is go to get the money out of the bank and I'll call you back in 20 minutes.' I said, 'I don't think the

bank's going to give me that type of money.' And he says, 'Well, just say that you've got an emergency or you're going on holidays,'" said the resident.

She then said that she didn't know how to ship that kind of money safely to the city where her grandson lives.

The fraudster then made a big mistake that clued the resident into the fact that this was a scam. He asked her how to spell the name of her grandson's city which is a well-known city in the province.

"I continued eating [my lunch] and I'm thinking, this is not right," said the resident.

She decided to double-check and called her grandson. Her grandson was home safe and sound and she says she was so happy that she would have jumped for joy if her knees were capable of it.

She then went right to the police station to let our local RCMP officers know that this scam happened.

Luckily the quick thinking of this local senior made it so that she didn't get scammed herself but she wanted to share her story so that other seniors who may be in a similar position recognize the scam for what it is without having to worry like she did.

This type of scam called a grandparent scam is a variation of an emergency scam that targets grandparents. Residents should be aware that

scams like this can target anyone in our community not just grandparents as scammers can use the same type of trickery to try to convince people that any relative, friend, or loved one is in immediate need.

Emergency scams create a sense of urgency making the person who is being targeted feel like they must act quickly instead of thinking the situation through.

Constable Paul Human community policing officer with the RCMP says that residents need to "be an investigator. These calls will grab at your heart and all you will want to do is help them out. Take a time-out. Re-count the story with someone else (hopefully another family member). If the story sounds weird, it is."

His top 3 tips to prevent grandparent scams are:

Ask the caller a few personal questions that only a real grandchild would know and an imposter would not.

After they hang up, verify the story by calling the parents or other relatives of the grandchild.

NEVER send money to someone under uncertain conditions.

If you would like to report a scam or learn more about recent frauds in Canada visit the Canadian Anti-Fraud Centre website at <https://www.antifraudcentre-centreantifraude.ca/index-eng.htm>.

Trudell played on the Atomic Line with the New York Rangers

By Ty Dilello

Hailing from Mariapolis, Rene Trudell played 129 games in the National Hockey League with the New York Rangers between 1946 and 1948. The rest of his career, which lasted from 1938 to 1949, was spent in the minor leagues.

Trudell grew up in Mariapolis and nearby Graysville, where he learned how to skate and play hockey, before moving into the Transcona area of Winnipeg as a teenager.

From there, Trudell quickly developed as a top junior player in the city with a reputation as a fine skater and stick handler. However, his career got shelved for part of his prime as he served in the Canadian military during the Second World War.

Following the war and four years spent in the army, Trudell joined the New York Rangers senior affiliate, the New York Rovers, playing on a line with fellow Manitobans Cal Gardner and Church Russell. Described by the press as 'flashy' and called 'The Atomic Line,' the trio were dominant, with all three players being called up to the Rangers and making their debuts on Feb. 10, 1946. From their debut, the three remained intact as a line until Dec. 1947.

There were very few hockey-playing Second World War veterans that cracked NHL lineups after their service was done. The NHL had found a new



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Rene Trudell played 129 games in the National Hockey League with the New York Rangers between 1946 and 1948.

wave of younger talent and welcomed back many of the old familiar names, making it tough for a player like Trudell to crack a lineup. But Trudell did and persevered for several seasons.

"Dad was determined to make the NHL after the War ended as he felt like it was his last chance to make it," said Rene's daughter Tuffy Trudell. "He got to play in the NHL for three seasons and was very pleased with what he was able to do in hockey when it was all said and done."

After spending parts of three seasons with the Rangers, Trudell was traded to the reigning Stanley Cup champions, the Toronto Maple Leafs in 1948, alongside Cal Gardner, Bill Juzda, and the rights to Frank Mathers for Wally Stanowski and Elwyn Morris. The Maple Leafs subsequently sold him to the Springfield Indians, where he would play for a final season before retiring at the age of 30.

Ultimately, Trudell spent his entire NHL career with the Rangers, scoring 24 goals and 28 assists for 52 points across 129 career games.

When his professional hockey career came to an end, Trudell moved to San Francisco and opened a bar/restaurant called Hockey Haven. He ran the bar for a few years but got into a terrible car accident at Devil's Slide, a steep rocky cliff road along the Pacific Ocean and became a paraplegic. Trudell died in San Francisco on March 19, 1972.

Following Rene's accident, his wife Hilda took over Hockey Haven. She owned it until 1989, before selling it. Hockey Haven is still operational today in San Francisco.

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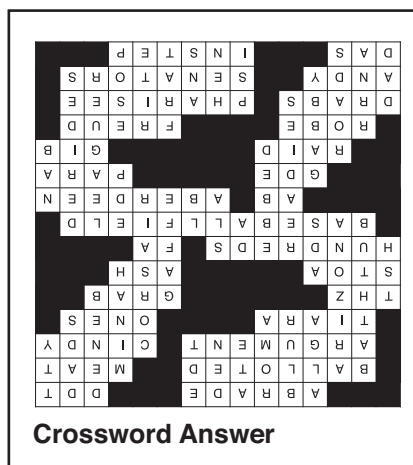
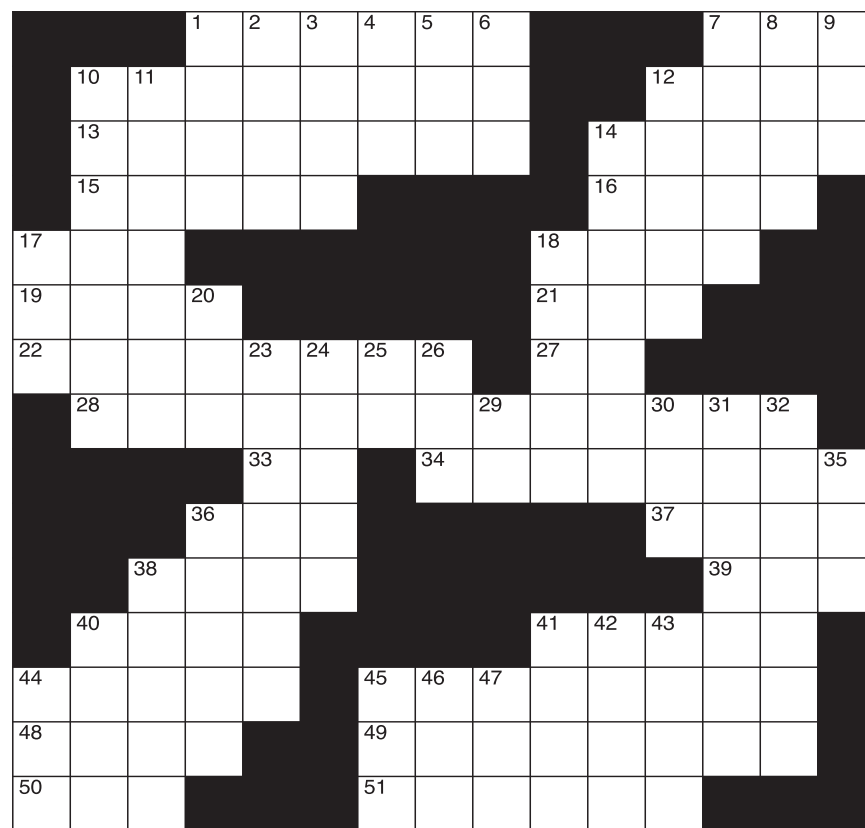
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CLUES ACROSS

1. Wear away by friction
7. Insecticide
10. Elicited a secret vote
12. Beef
13. Disagreement
14. ___ Crawford, supermodel
15. Jeweled headdress
16. Digits
17. Trillion hertz
18. Snap up
19. Classical portico
21. Residue after burning
22. Large integers
27. Free agent
28. Where ballplayers work
33. Blood type
34. Scottish city
36. Google certification (abbr.)

CLUES DOWN

37. Serbian monetary unit
38. Make a sudden surprise attack on
39. Wood or metal bolt
40. Relaxing attire
41. Famed neurologist
44. Dullish brown fabrics
45. Member of ancient Jewish sect
48. Griffith, Rooney
49. Lawmakers
50. Government lawyers
51. The arch of the foot
1. Nonflowering aquatic plant
2. Britpop rockers
3. National capital
4. Consumed
5. The habitat of wild animals
6. Sun up in New York
7. Cygnus star
8. Male parents
9. Talk to you (abbr.)
10. A place to clean oneself
11. Southwestern US state
12. South Korean idol singer
14. Pirate
17. Pituitary hormone (abbr.)
18. Mistake
20. Promotions
23. Prepares
24. Partner to flowed
25. State lawyer
26. Patti Hearst's captors
29. Pound
30. Electronic data processing
31. Sports player



Crossword Answer

32. Treats with contempt
35. Apprehend
36. Excessively talkative
38. Highways
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Tenders will be received until 4:00 p.m. on Tuesday, May 30th, 2023. Tenders must be sealed and marked "Tender for R.M. of Dufferin Mowing Graysville" and mailed to Box 100, Carman, MB ROG OJO or delivered to the Municipal Office at 12-2nd Ave S.W., Carman. Lowest or any tender not necessarily accepted. For further information please contact the undersigned at 204-745-2301 or via email at cao@rmofdufferin.com.

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

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

Sudoku Answer

P	E	T	S	N	I	S	V	D					
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N	E	N	D	E	R	D	E	V	A	V			
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T	V	M											
T	D												

Crossword Answer

X CROSSWORD

CLUES ACROSS

- Wear away by friction
- Insecticide
- Elicited a secret vote
- Beef
- Disagreement
- __ Crawford, supermodel
- Jeweled headdress
- Digits
- Trillion hertz
- Snap up
- Classical portico
- Residue after burning
- Large integers
- Free agent
- Where ballplayers work
- Blood type
- Scottish city
- Google certification (abbr.)
- Serbian monetary unit
- Make a sudden surprise attack on
- Wood or metal bolt
- Relaxing attire
- Famed neurologist
- Dullish brown fabrics
- Member of ancient Jewish sect
- Griffith, Rooney
- Lawmakers
- Government lawyers
- The arch of the foot

CLUES DOWN

- Nonflowering aquatic plant
- Britpop rockers
- National capital
- Consumed
- The habitat of wild animals
- Sun up in New York

			1	2	3	4	5	6			7	8	9
	10	11										12	
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44									45	46	47		
48									49				
50									51				

- Cygnus star
- Male parents
- Talk to you (abbr.)
- A place to clean oneself
- Southwestern US state
- South Korean idol singer
- Pirate
- Pituitary hormone (abbr.)
- Mistake
- Promotions
- Prepares
- Partner to flowed
- State lawyer
- Patti Hearst's captors
- Pound
- Electronic data processing
- Sports player
- Treats with contempt

- Apprehend
- Excessively talkative
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FARM LAND FOR SALE BY TENDER

Sealed, written tenders for land and yard site in the RM of Roland / Prairie Rose School Division described below will be received by:

Franz Hoepfner Wiens Law Office
Box 99, 1 - 880 J
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LAND:
NE ¼ 34-4-4 WPM excepting public road plan 643 MLTO (157.57 acres)

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- Under bin conveyor

Out Buildings:

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CONDITIONS OF TENDER:

1. The parcels of land and yard site with buildings described will be sold "as is".
2. Tenders must be received on or before 5:00 PM on May 31, 2023.
3. Highest or any tender not necessarily accepted.
4. Possession is November 1, 2023.
5. Tender must be accompanied by a refundable deposit of \$10,000.00; 5% total deposit upon acceptance of the tender bid (cheque made payable to Franz Hoepfner Wiens Law Office).

TERMS OF SALE:

1. The successful bidder(s) shall enter a formal agreement covering terms and conditions of sale.
2. Possession is not authorized until acceptable arrangements for full payment are made following acceptance of tender.
3. If the balance of the accepted tender is not paid on the Due Date, the deposit paid may be forfeited as liquidated damages.
4. Successful bidder will be responsible for real property taxes commencing January 1, 2024.
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CELEBRATION OF LIFE

George Huston

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We are looking for someone who is both motivated and passionate about being the best outlet of interesting and breaking news stories and event coverage in the Carman-Dufferin area and surrounding area communities.

Qualifications:

- A post-secondary degree/diploma in journalism or equivalent experience in a related field
- Strong photography and writing skills with an interest in social media
- Self-starter with the ability to exercise solid news judgement
- Ability to establish professional relationships to consistently source and write a wide range of stories and cover events in a fair, balanced and accurate manner
- Able to work both independently and as a team on a flexible work schedule including both evenings and weekends to meet our weekly editorial deadline
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Acai Bowl with Whole-Wheat Toast

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Under warm water, thaw frozen acai smoothie pack about 5 seconds.

In blender, combine acai, milk, banana and mixed berries. Blend until smooth.

Toast bread slices to desired doneness.

Pour acai mixture into bowl and garnish with blueberries, granola and coconut flakes before serving. Serve with toast.

1 frozen acai smoothie pack (100 milligrams)

1 cup low-fat milk

1 medium frozen banana, sliced

1 cup fresh or frozen mixed berries

2 slices whole-wheat bread
fresh blueberries



Overnight Oats

1/4 teaspoon vanilla extract
2 tablespoons mixed dried fruit
1 tablespoon walnuts, chopped
1 tablespoon honey

In bowl or jar, combine oats, milk and vanilla extract. Cover and refrigerate overnight.

Before serving, stir in dried fruit, walnuts and honey.

1/3 cup old-fashioned rolled oats
1/2 cup low-fat milk



Buffalo Chicken Dip

vegetable sticks
Heat oven to 400 F.

In bowl, mix shredded chicken, cream cheese, sour cream, 1 1/2 cups shredded cheese, onion powder, garlic powder and dried dill until combined. Add hot sauce; mix until combined.

Transfer mixture from bowl to oven-safe dish. Top with additional shredded cheese, to taste.

Bake until cheese is melted, approximately 15 minutes.

Top with blue cheese crumbles and chopped green onion.

Serve warm with chips and vegetable sticks.

Servings: 3-4

2 cups shredded chicken

8 ounces cream cheese

1/2 cup sour cream

1 1/2 cups sharp cheddar cheese, plus additional for topping, divided

1/2 teaspoon onion powder

1/2 teaspoon garlic powder

1 heavy pinch dried dill

1/2 cup hot sauce

2 green onions, chopped

blue cheese crumbles
chips

Ask the Money Lady

Dear Money Lady, what do think about reverse mortgages – I own my home but only have a widow's pension and OAS to live on. Now that everything is a little more expensive, I am finding it really difficult to live and pay my bills. Verna

Dear Verna – sounds like you are asset rich, (own your home) but cash poor. A reverse mortgage could be an option.

Reverse mortgages have their place as a viable equity product and there are two primary lenders in Canada that offer them: Home Equity Bank and Equitable Bank. Most of the time this product is sold through a mortgage broker and is designed to meet the need for aging homeowners that cannot qualify for a traditional home equity loan or line of credit because they no longer work or can't make the monthly payments. This type of equity-take-out loan allows someone to access a portion of the value of their primary residence without selling it or making monthly payments to repay the debt. Now before you get too excited, let's discuss the pros and cons of this product.

To be eligible for a reverse mortgage you must be 55 or older and own your home. The matrix for qualification is based on three criteria: your age, home value, and location. Of course, the amount provided by the lender will be higher if you live in an urban center as opposed to rurally, and you can choose to get a lump sum payout or have a scheduled payment setup. There are many different types of reverse mortgage products with some that are fully open and others that are locked in. The interest rates range from 7% to 11% compounded annually and repayment is due upon your death, when you sell the home, or if you decide to end the contract and pay back the loan in full. The setup and cessation fees are quite high and of course you will need to do this through a real estate lawyer because a lien will be placed on your property for the loan. Some additional fees could involve prepayment penalties if you pay off the mortgage before it's due and independent legal advice requirements. Some initial start-up fees can be added to the balance of your loan, (which will incur additional interest over the life of the product), but others may need to be paid up front, to be deducted from your payout.

Obviously, the pros to reverse



Christine Ibbotson

mortgages are that you don't have to make regular loan payments and you can turn the value of your home into cash without having to sell it. The cons would be that it is quite costly to do so, with interest rates so much higher than most other types of mortgages and secured lines of credit. The biggest drawback I see with this product is that the equity you hold in your home may go down over time as you accumulate more and more interest on your loan. The other problem is that when you die, your estate must repay the loan + interest + fees within a set period of time, regardless of how long it takes to settle your estate, leaving the onus on your beneficiaries.

I know there are many retirees that have considered this option. It is definitely an option to "stay and play," but I must caution you on the compounded interest component. Interest is continually added to your loan each month and tacked on to the principal balance. Each month, interest accrues on a larger balance, meaning you are basically paying interest upon interest. If you are looking to this product to shore up your financial resources so you can stop working, pay off credit card debt or travel and enjoy life, I would suggest you either sell and downsize your home or look to a conventional lender with lower lending rates, (rates for a reverse mortgage average 9% - 14%). Think of this product, not as an added benefit to owning a home, but as a tool of last resort to be considered in your older years, when every other resource or option has been exhausted.

Good Luck & Best Wishes,
ATML - Christine Ibbotson

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