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Seven-year-old Appaloosa Mighty Nuchex (Lily) gives the camera a side eye during a quiet moment with senior rider Calleigh White, 15, before the pair entered the ring to participate in the Open Show during the 143rd annual Carman Country Fair July 15. White and her horse were among an exceedingly impressive group of young people showcasing their talents, skills and know-how during the livestock shows last weekend.

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Exciting time at BTHC

By Lorne Stelmach

The campaign to support the expansion of the regional hospital is obviously top priority, but the Boundary Trails Health Centre Foundation is also not losing sight of its other ongoing goals.

That was the message from chairperson Ben Friesen after the foundation's annual meeting July 10.

"The palliative care and the spiritual care is still our core being of the foundation along with of course getting equipment," said Friesen. "That's the good part, the stuff that they can't get right now from Southern Health. They come to us, and we can't do everything, but we definitely provide the equipment needs.

"That's still the core and that's going to continue ... when our expansion fundraiser is completed, we still need to continue on with the core of the foundation."

He also noted the expanded hospital will present greater needs in terms of programs and equipment.

"The need for the foundation to continue to contribute will be there," said Friesen.

"We know there's going to be a lot of

equipment needs ... we know that the equipment needs will continue and they'll be very great going into the expansion," he said. "As we continue with the expansion fundraiser, we'll bring it to completion ... even if we reach the \$10 million goal, there will still be a lot of other equipment that will be required."

The annual meeting reflected on what was a successful year that ended March 31, 2023 with the foundation showing a surplus of over \$331,000.

There was a significant boost from fundraising events which were able to resume post pandemic. It included \$90,000 from its fall 2022 gala and \$72,000 from its golf tournament as well as a \$115,830 total jackpot from its winter 50/50.

The foundation also received \$272,908 in donations and \$108,300 in estate gifts as well as \$40,000 from the Morden Community Thrift Shop and over \$21,000 from Dr. Bob's Bed Push for Cancer Care.

The foundation then provided \$161,200 for the palliative care program and \$70,000 for the spiritual care program as well as equipment purchases totalling over \$112,000.



STANDARD PHOTO BY LORNE STELMACH

"It's been a really good year, very exciting year," said Ben Friesen, chairperson of the Boundary Trails Health Centre Foundation, here with executive director Shannon Samatte-Folkett.

Overall, it was good to have things return to normal, said Friesen, who added there has been a real boost to the hospital especially with the expansion in the works.

"We got back into the original programs and were able to get people in ... we did the virtual meetings, and

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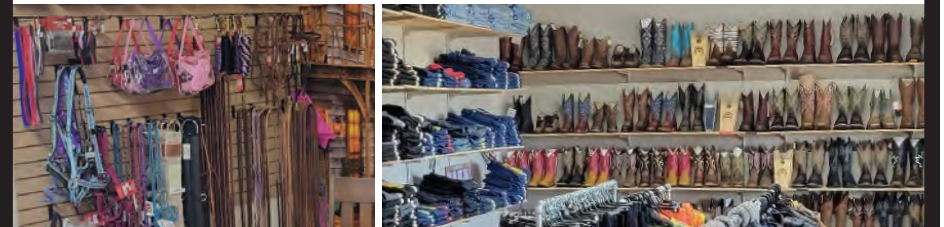
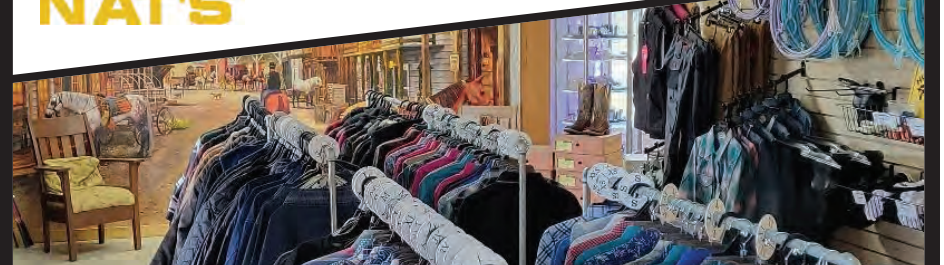


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Local nurse retires after 40 years of service

By Ty Dilello

Carman's Marie MacLean is retiring after a long fulfilling career as an operating room (OR) nurse at the Carman Hospital.

MacLean wanted to be a nurse ever since she was a young child. One of her older sisters, Elaine, was a nurse, and she wanted to be just like her.

MacLean graduated with her RN (registered nurse) in 1979. She joined the nursing staff on the ward at Carman Hospital in 1985 and has worked in the facility ever since. MacLean

was trained in the OR in 1990 and worked there on a casual basis in addition to her position on the ward. From 2009 until her recent retirement, she has worked full-time in the OR.

"Rural nursing has many challenges and rewards; caring for family and friends is an example of both," said Marie MacLean. "I have had the privilege of sharing in the joyful moments of the birth of a child. And I have had the bittersweet privilege of being present for the last breaths of a loved one."

MacLean notes that the OR in Carman has also been a great area to work in over the past few decades.

"We have an excellent team here and work well together. No two procedures are ever exactly the same, and we always have to be prepared for the unexpected," said MacLean. "The camaraderie in the OR is huge. We're chatting all day, so we really get to know all of the medical and nursing staff who work in there, and I consider them all very dear friends."

MacLean has also been involved with the Manitoba Nurses Union (MNU) since the Carman Hospital nurses joined in 1987. Back in April,



PHOTO SUBMITTED

Carman's Marie MacLean retired in June after a long career as an operating room (OR) nurse at the Carman Hospital.

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Carman's Yard of the Week



STANDARD PHOTO BY LEORA COLLINGRIDGE

Communities in Bloom Yard of the Week for July 14 features Kevin and Audrey Veldman's beautiful property on 5th Ave. SE. Their home is a corner lot with with spacious flower beds full of colour and unique placement of plants and shrubs. On behalf of CIB, volunteer Paula Learmond presented the Veldmans with a hanging basket donated by Vanderveens Greenhouses Ltd. and CIB's sign has been placed on their property for the week. Take a walk or drive by and be sure to admire this beautiful property.

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Come check out the Miami Railway Station Museum

By Ty Dilello

The Miami Railway Station Museum, located on Highway 23 in Miami, is a growing interactive museum for the whole family, train enthusiasts and history buffs. The volunteers, board members and employees are working hard every year to make the Museum an enjoyable visitor experience.

The Station, which was built in 1889 and is a National Historic Site, is set up today as a museum to represent the life and times of a rural prairie agent and

his family. In the past few years, a platform, a 1920s-style train shed, a 1914 wooden caboose, 280 feet of rail, a 1947 motor car and several other items of rail equipment have been added to the outdoor exhibits.

Inside, the Museum has exhibits portraying the importance of the rail, and a model train has been set up. Each year more exhibits are added and changed.

Unfortunately, the Museum has had its fair share of problems lately. During the past two springs, water has leaked into the base-

ment, causing damage. In order to prevent further damage, expensive repairs are necessary as soon as possible.

With that said, the Miami Railway Station Museum is hosting a Fun Golf Scramble on July 29 at the Miami Golf and Country Club to raise funds for these repairs. Registration is at 9:30 AM, and 10:00 AM is the starting time.

The Miami Post-Secondary Education Organization will be at Hole #4, fundraising with a "Land on the Green" contest. There will also be a 50/50 and a Rainbow Auction.

"This is a fun, family event at the beautiful Miami Golf and Country Club," said Joan Driedger, Chair of the Miami Railway Station Museum. "Golfers and non-golfers are welcome to come for nine holes of fun golf, great prizes, and a delicious lunch while helping the museum raise money."

In order to register, please call 204-435-2756 to reserve your spot. For \$50 per person, you get nine holes of golf and lunch. Cart rental is not included, but carts can be reserved by calling Miami Golf and Country Club.



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Come out and visit the Miami Railway Station Museum, which includes a platform, a 1920s style train shed, a 1914 wooden caboose, 280 feet of rail, and a 1947 motor car.

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MacLean was surprised and very honoured to receive the MNU Yellow Ribbon Award, which is given out for leadership at the grassroots level and advocacy for patients and staff. "I have loved my career, but the last few years have seen increased stress for all health-care providers, and I am no exception. Retirement in June was a huge decision, but one that

I am very happy with."

Even though she's now retired, MacLean plans on returning to work at the Carman Hospital casually. Spending more time with her family and friends will also be on the agenda for MacLean and her husband Kraig going forward.

PRSD's has several teacher idea fund projects on the go

By Ty Dilello

The Manitoba government launched a five-year, \$25-million Teachers' Idea Fund back in March to advance innovative ideas of teachers, staff, and school leaders. These ideas enhance classroom support and improve student learning outcomes and well-being across the province.

On June 19, Wayne Ewasko, Minister of Education and Early Childhood Learning, announced 31 new 2023-2024 single-year Teacher Idea Fund projects and confirmed the continuation of 19 multi-year Teacher Idea Fund projects.

Prairie Rose School Division received approval for several projects for 2023-24, including a Reconciliation Exploration Exchange at Helen Betty Osborne Ininiw Education Resource Centre and Elm Creek School, which is a collaboration between Frontier School Division and Prairie Rose School Division that received funding for \$89,464.

"For this initiative, we are so grateful to have Lisa Carlson at the helm of planning for our building," said Michelle Levesque, Director of Student Services for the Prairie Rose School Division. "Lisa has utilized her connections with family in Norway House, and their passions allowed for this project to come to fruition."

The general structure of the trip is for roughly 20 from each school to visit one another over different long weekends. Elm Creek School will visit Norway House around Orange Shirt Day in September and vice versa during the May Long Weekend.

"We have arranged an array of dif-

ferent cultural experiences in both settings," said Levesque. "We thought for this to be a Truth and Reconciliation Exchange that it was important to have students visit both spaces. We already started with our female students making ribbon dresses this past week along with a knowledge keeper and local seamstress for the exchange."

Prairie Rose School Division also received confirmation for continuing several multi-year Teacher Idea Fund projects, including a School Outdoor Revitalization at Elm Creek School with funding for \$48,300 (year three of a three-year commitment).

Levesque noted that this space is starting to get constructed this summer as the leads on the project include Levesque, Ashley Cook and Jackie DeVries.

"We have consulted with an elder and knowledge keeper. We have Little Bluestem as a landscape architecture firm and Lacoste as a contractor," said Levesque.

The project calls for creating and revamping spaces throughout the schoolyard. New areas include a fire circle with a portable fire pit, a prairie place with Indigenous grasses and a place to set up a tipi, a Hammock Forrest for shade and reading, and a Secret Garden for younger students to play in. They are also revamping its current outdoor classroom into a flowering classroom with more features.

"We have utilized an artist in the school grants to have murals created for several spaces to complement the project. Our PAC has fundraised, cre-



STANDARD PHOTO BY BARBARA LEPP

The Gaga Ball pit at Elm Creek School is thanks in part to a School Outdoor Revitalization project at Elm Creek School, which included funding from the province in the amount of \$48,300.

ated, and helped with parts of the project creating a Gaga Ball pit and securing a grant for our basketball court. We have also had community

members help with obtaining boulders and other materials for the project."

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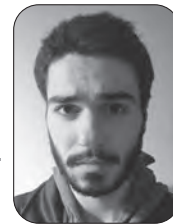
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Province announces plans to twin stretch of Hwy. 3

By Ty Dilello

More highway improvements are in the works for the region this summer.

Last week, the province announced that it had started a functional design study to twin a section of Provincial Trunk Highway (PTH) 3 beginning 1.6 kilometres east of PTH 100 to the city of Winnipeg limit.

“Twinning this busy section of the highway will offer an improved level of service to commuters, travellers and commercial vehicles,” said Transportation and Infrastructure Minister Doyle Piwniuk. “We remain firmly committed to critical infrastructure investments that deliver enhanced safety and ease of travel and support the movement of goods and services across Manitoba.”

The Rural Municipality of MacDonald has seen significant development in recent years, contributing to higher traffic volumes between the rural municipality and Winnipeg. Reconstruction and twinning of the highway is necessary to account for increased volume, enable continued development and reduce traffic delays along a key economic route in southwest Manitoba.

The project scope includes a functional design study, land acquisition and utility relocation as required, intersection analysis and the reconstruction of PTH 3 to a four-lane divided highway from a two-lane undivided highway. Eventual construction work will include grading, placement of granular material and bituminous pavement, and drainage design.

“This is critical infrastructure running through our RM connecting many of our daily commuters and businesses to the city of Winnipeg,” said Brad Erb, Reeve for the RM of

MacDonald. “Public safety is top of mind for these people, so this is outstanding news. The announcement of these significant upgrades to this critical infrastructure is welcome news for our community residents and businesses. The added public safety they will experience in their daily commutes is immeasurable. This investment as well will result in great economic benefit to our community and the region in general.”

“We have been seeking upgrades for several years,” said Erb. “The industrial growth in the area as well as the growth inside the city of Winnipeg has spurred on the improvements.”

PTH 3 will receive an estimated \$90.1 million total investment through projects including surface reconstruction from PTH 3A to PTH 34 for an estimated investment of \$19.7 million and various other surface reconstruction, rehabilitation and preservation projects along PTH 3 for an estimated investment of \$54.1 million.

The work includes sections of highway from La Riviere to Crystal City, PTH 34 south of Crystal City to the junction with 5 and a short stretch from PTH 31 near Darlingford to 528.

A number of highways in southern and western Manitoba including sections of PTH 2, 3 and 23 will undergo major improvements over the summer to support traffic needs in the region.

Planned work as part of the \$201.4-million investment includes PTH 2 receiving an estimated \$26.5 million total investment for 25.5 kilometres of surface rehabilitation from St. Claude to Elm Creek.

PTH 23 will receive an estimated \$57.5 million total investment in sur-

face rehabilitation and reconstruction through projects including PTH 34 to PTH 5 for an estimated investment of over \$37 million and PR 336 to PR 422 near Morris for an estimated investment of \$20.5 million.

Projects are in various stages of design and planning with the majority of surface upgrades to begin this spring and be completed by the end of summer weather permitting.

The upgrades support the 2023 multi-year infrastructure investment strategy which outlines over \$4.1 billion in strategic investment in roads, highways, bridges, airports and flood protection over the next five years.

“This announcement by the Manitoba government is great news for the province,” said Shawn Wood, executive director of the Construction Association of Rural Manitoba.

“This commitment to providing a \$201.4-million investment into our transportation infrastructure will make our transportation routes safer for residents but also increase the access for industry, which will provide opportunities for economic growth and continue to provide employment opportunities to the construction industry

“Our trade and commerce routes are vitally important to Manitoba’s economy, allowing local businesses and producers to receive supplies and then move their goods to market in a seamless, efficient way,” said Chris Lorenc, president and CEO of the Manitoba Heavy Construction Association. “These investments will support that necessary activity in western Manitoba, home to some of Canada’s richest agricultural land.”

Increase support announced for people living with disabilities

By Jennifer McFee

Increased support is now available for eligible low-income Manitobans and adults living with disabilities.

The provincial government is providing more than \$13 million in additional funding to index Rent Assist

benefits for eligible low-income Manitobans.

In addition, the provincial government is also indexing basic needs benefits for the first time for people enrolled in the new Manitoba Supports

for Persons with Disabilities income assistance program.

Through the Rent Assist program, eligible households receiving Em-

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Speeding is a growing concern in Manitoba

MPI releases results of extensive study

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Speeding on Manitoba roads continues to be one of the top contributing factors in serious and often deadly collisions.

The results of an MPI study show 40 per cent of vehicles were found to be travelling above the posted speed limit, and seven per cent of these vehicles were travelling more than 10 kilometres above the limit.

The 2022 study included over 1.2 million vehicles at over 50 different urban and rural locations throughout the province, and it was aimed at better understanding how frequently drivers were speeding on Manitoba's roadways.

MPI plans to use the findings to improve existing programs and develop new targeted initiatives to reduce speeding.

"MPI data has consistently shown us that speed is a contributing factor in almost 20 per cent of all fatal collisions annually, and this latest study tells us that remains a common and risky habit for many drivers," said Satvir Jatana, MPI's chief customer officer. "No matter what road you're on, when you're behind the wheel it's important to drive the speed limit for that area and remember to adjust for weather, road and traffic conditions."

Preliminary fatal collision data shows speed was the primary contributing factor in about 30 per cent of the fatalities on Manitoba roads to date in 2023.

To increase drivers' awareness of their travelling speeds, MPI is launching a new program this fall to provide electronic speed display signs to interested municipalities and First Nations.

As part of the program, MPI will fund the purchase of up to 35 electronic speed reader signs in 2023 and an additional 20 signs in 2024 with no cost to communities.

"The results of our pilot program conducted last year found electronic signs are effective in reducing



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Preliminary fatal collision data shows speed was the primary contributing factor in about 30 per cent of the fatalities on Manitoba roads to date in 2023.

vehicle speeds and making our roads safer for all road users," Jatana said.

MPI also encourages drivers to follow these road safety tips to always keep speed in check:

- Plan your route and give yourself enough time to safely reach your destination.
- Use cruise control to avoid inadvertently going over the speed limit.
- Maintain a safe following distance, which means

a four-second distance in ideal driving conditions.

- Remember when passing by a roadside emergency vehicle, you must move to the farthest lane from the scene whenever possible. In this situation, drivers also are required to slow down to 40 km/h when the posted speed limit is below 79 km/h or 60 km/h when the posted speed limit is 80 km/h or higher.

> DISABILITIES, FROM PG. 6

ployment and Income Assistance or benefits through Manitoba Supports for Persons with Disabilities are provided shelter benefits as part of their monthly assistance. Low-income renters not receiving income assistance can also apply to receive benefits.

Now Rent Assist benefits for families receiving income assistance will be indexed to ensure that maximum rates reflect 77 per cent of the median market rent. Rent Assist benefits for families not in receipt of income assis-

tance will be indexed to 80 per cent of the median market rent.

The provincial government also amended the Disability Support Regulation to now include a formula to index these benefits to inflation annually.

Further, the provincial government is seeking an agency to deliver community-based assistance through a one-year pilot project called Manitoba Supports Community Helper.

Through this project, community

helpers will identify and assist potentially vulnerable persons enrolled or seeking enrolment in Manitoba Supports for Persons with Disabilities to access services and programming offered by the provincial government and in the community. This service aims to help them meet their financial needs, build support networks within their community and achieve greater access and social inclusion.

Jimm Simon, executive director of Community Living Interlake, said this announcement is good news.

"Any increase in funding for people living with disabilities is a good thing. Not only does this change to the program help vulnerable people through increasing their support levels, it also creates a new category of employment assistance for vulnerable people that should help them access funding more easily," he said.

"Lastly, this program allows for vulnerable people who are able to obtain some employment the opportunity to work more without affecting their income assistance."

Prize-winning mealworm biodegradation research by local teen

By Emma McGill

Just having finished eleventh grade at St. Mary's academy, Marissa Magsino is studying and experimenting with environmental science and biodegradation through the use of mealworms.

Magsino has been involved in science fairs since the sixth grade, and started her first project involving mealworms in the eighth grade. She discovered a mealworm's incredible ability to biodegrade polystyrene foam (styrofoam) through her pets. "I have a gecko and a turtle, and they consume mealworms as a part of their diet," she says.

Her inspiration to develop her projects stems from a research article that came out of a collaboration between Stanford University and Be Hang University in China, which Magsino still ties a lot of her own research back to.

"I've never seen any other invertebrate that could do this incredible process," she shares.

Because of a mealworm's natural instincts for survival and reproduction, Magsino finds, they are stimulated by their consumption of polystyrene, which is a huge producer of waste and pollution and can take up to 500 years to degrade. Initially interested in environmental sustainability, Magsino is looking to these mealworms to help find practical solutions that will help the planet. She experiments with different dependent environmental variables, materials, and prominent chemical compounds to find out the best way to positively stimulate these mealworms, also known as *Tenebrio molitor*, and alter their consumption rates.



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Magsino sitting proudly with a scanning electron microscope.

In the past, she has used natural oils and extracts that are toxic to mealworms to increase their consumption rate, and now she uses three chemical compounds of different concentrations to determine which is the most efficient without causing fatalities.

She has implemented a styrofoam recycling station at her school where students can bring their styrofoam products to give to the mealworms, and is the leader of her school's green team.

Through her work, Magsino has become highly awarded and has obtained the following special awards: Mid-Canada AOAC Award, Engineer and Geoscientists of Manitoba Award, Wise Kid-Netic Energy Award, and the Sanofi Biogenius special award for an outstanding biotechnology project. She was one of six students representing Manitoba in person at the Cana-

da-Wide Science Fair in Edmonton, which is the largest science fair in Canada, and won the grand award of Best Overall Project at the senior level. She has won a silver medal and the Sanofi Biogenius Canada award, both at a senior level as well. She has also had the opportunity to represent Canada at the International Biotechnology Convention in San Diego, California.

Magsino has had the opportunity to work closely with Dr. David Levin, a professor in the Department of Biosystems Engineering at the University of Manitoba over the last six months. With Levin, she had the opportunity to receive his guidance and insights on her experimental setup, and use an SEM microscope.

She currently holds one of eleven seats on the Youth Advisory Climate Council for the Manitoba govern-

ment, and is very grateful to be able to use her voice in that way and make an impact for environment science by providing her own perspective.

"I realized that science fairs and research encompass most of my areas of interest that I already enjoyed, such as utilizing my public speaking skills and exploring how I can make a positive impact on the environment. I also live in a rural town outside of Winnipeg and I see the beauty of nature from a different perspective, and I want others to be able to enjoy it in the future," shares Magsino.

Once she realized the potential of mealworms for a biological solution to waste, she knew she had to test the ways she could maximize the benefits of this process, and possibly one day implement her findings into society.

Outside of scientific interests, Magsino is involved in track, debate, and works two part-time jobs. Before St. Mary's academy, she attended Christ the King School and currently resides just outside of East St. Paul in St. Clements. Her parents are Michelle and Rom, and her father is a communications manager at Bell MTS. While their backgrounds aren't very science-related, they're very supportive.

Magsino hopes to pursue a biochemistry degree after highschool graduation, and stay focused on all the different components of what she's doing with her current research. She hopes to become a researcher or doctor, and currently wishes to stay in Manitoba for university, hoping to attend medical school after her first bachelor's degree.

"I know there's a lot of different possibilities for what I could do in the future," says Magsino.

> BOUNDARY TRAILS, FROM PG. 2

they were all good, but any time you can sit person to person, face to face, you just get better results.

"I think the whole atmosphere of the whole hospital ... it's been really improving the last year ... the morale is good," he said. "It's been a really good year, very exciting year."

Executive director Shannon Samatte-Folkett agreed there has been a boost in "the morale for the staff, knowing that they're going to have more space for the things they are so passionate about, the care that they're giving ... the more that they learn about what is going to be added in the additional wings and the programs that will have more space, you hear a lot of excitement.

"And the community, they came

out. They came to the golf tournament; they came to the gala ... we know we're doing the right things for the community."

Folkett also benefitted from the addition of Jennifer Ching-Faux as a fundraising co-ordinator and administrative assistant.

"She, leaps and bounds, has been such a positive experience. She helps me in ways I can't explain, and we get to do more with the foundation. There is so much I was unable to touch on my own and with her help, I think that you have seen it," said Folkett. "She's making more people aware and also helping in the office, and it's fantastic."

Kyle McNair, implementation lead for the expansion, also offered an up-

date on the project with the key point being that work will be proceeding well on the structures for the in-patient building followed by the energy centre and then the community services building.

"So by the winter time, we'll have three buildings going up on the structure, and all the work that's going to be done on the interiors will be occurring then," said McNair, who noted there is a summer 2025 target for completion.

"When we close out the construction project, that's when we open up the reconstruction of the existing facility," he added. "Starting this fall, we'll start the redesign of the existing spaces in the hospital.

"Those renovations are very compli-

cated because not only do you have to think about construction but you have to consider how to keep the hospital running while you're doing these construction projects."

Friesen noted a training facility will be a key part of the hospital expansion as well.

"We often don't talk about the training facility that's going to be within this expansion, but it's really huge. They have a dedicated training room that will be for staff who are here right now, for future staff and staff from other communities even," he said.

"There's huge training opportunities that are coming there, and that's something that the foundation really wants to be involved with," he concluded.

Celebrating 30 years of Carman's Community Pathway

By Dennis Young

It took four years of dedication, but the pathway dream became a vision. Now 30 years later, this public and privately funded project continues to offer citizens and visitors an active lifestyle while enjoying Carman's natural beauty.

In 1989 Carman and Community Development Corp. completed a future strategy for the Town, which identified a walking path as an important component. Carman Foot and Bike Path Committee member Graham McCrae stressed to town council then, "Everybody benefits from this type of project. It could link all of Carman and provide alternative routes for people to walk, ride, bike, run or ski."

Suggestions came forth, such as leaving sections in their rustic state, fitness stations, identification of trees and plants and wheelchair accessibility. With little objection, council granted that committee \$6,000 for the year to get their "feet moving."

The 1990 organizers introduced a pilot project to develop a groomed trail along the riverbank utilizing the 1.5k collegiate cross-country trail. Landowner Ross Laycock was approached regarding the idea and graciously allowed public use for a pathway.

Over the next 16 months, a 12-member volunteer committee, now known as the Carman Community Pathway to Active Living, was formed with sub-committees for the site, fundraising and public awareness. As well, U of M civil engineer student Shane McCartney was hired as a project coordinator with Steve Dick as an assistant through a grant.

The two staked out a one mile six-foot-wide path and began clearing bush from Chicken Delight to the Collegiate.

"There's a perception that we're going to go in here and bulldoze, but we've tried to keep our path winding around the trees," Shane stressed then. The factor there must be a 12-foot run for a 1-foot rise in ground level for wheelchair accessibility changed their perception of the design too. Not to mention the surface material had to be functional for all forms of wheels.

Eventually, plans were expanded to five km, encompassing the business district, schools, residential areas, recreation facilities, senior residents, museum and parks. This expansion forced the committee to take a much more aggressive fundraising approach. Their 1993 budget was \$80,000 in proposed revenue and an equal amount in expenditure for ex-

pansion and possible further developments.

"We won't leave many stones unturned," expressed fundraising chair Jack McKinnon. His committee of six "hit up" local merchants, individuals, schools and service clubs while numerous grant applications were filled out. The budget looked very ambitious at the time, but grants got approved, and money came in from unlikely sources.

Events were put into motion to raise capital and awareness as well. A Duck Race during Potato Blossom, Walk Across Canada joint excursion, raffles (an Autopac giveaway) and worked bingos. The volunteers stayed true to their dedication!

Construction of two bridges over Oxbow Island and another in the park over a drainage ditch added major unforeseen expenses. Still, good news came when the town donated approximately 4 km of abandoned CP railway they had purchased in 1994. This would extend the Pathway from the Collegiate west behind the school to Laycock Lane, then south across PTH 3 to the CP rail bed.

All good things, too, get their share of negativity, and the Pathway was no exception. Some nearby pathway residents were concerned about youth loitering; Councilors took issue with the lack of communication and cutting of bushes. Pathway Chairperson Susan Mooney squashed all that and redeemed themselves as well. "I think what they have done, Council couldn't have done in 20 years," Mayor Rinn voiced.

By 1995 the committee planned to spend approximately \$34,000 to complete the 5k path. With \$17,000 in place, fundraising continued wholeheartedly. And not just for funds but for enhancement. In August, they received word they were approved for the Elaine Burke Award for 2,000 tree seedlings, 100 spruce seedlings, a mature tree and wildflower seeds.

An environmental consulting firm was hired to develop an interpretive program for the river portion. An inventory showed over 100 different trees & shrubs, over 200 plant species and 71 different birds. The committee also worked with the U of M Agriculture Unit to establish a Tall Prairie Grass Project. This re-vegetation of three acres, in partnership with the R.M. of Dufferin, is along the far edge of the Pathway, where passersby can see the progress of grass through all its stages.

With the addition/expansion to the soccer complex in 2008 and more recently behind the PCH, the Pathway



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In 1993 this group "unveiled" the plaque to Mr. and Mrs. Ross Laycock as a way of showing our gratitude that the Pathway could be on their land. Left to right, Linda Revel, Wade Stewart (Field's Masonry), Becky, Vern McFarlane (Field's Masonry), Ross, Murray Billing (Carman Granite), Susan Mooney and Marlene Maykut.

now measures nine kms. Currently, a system of pathways throughout the ball complex is planned to add another 1.5 km.

With the ongoing interest in active living and maintaining an active lifestyle, the Pathway is an important

part of our community. Continued maintenance and improvements make it an enjoyable and safe place to walk...bike...run, and visit. The initiators and those who followed can walk it with their heads held high.

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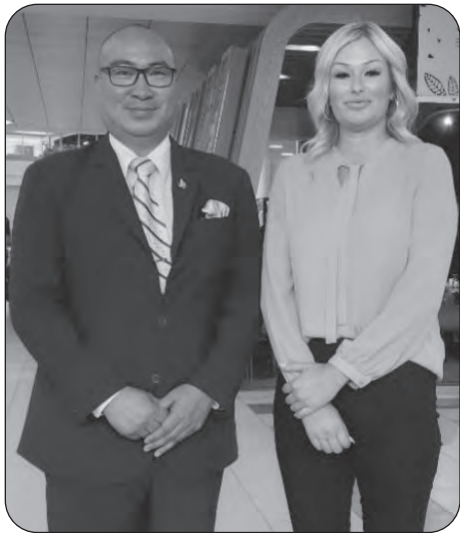
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Local representatives to have voice on immigration



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Labour and Immigration Minister Jon Reyes with Stephanie Harris, who is the economic development officer for the Town of Altona and the RM of Rhineland.

By Lorne Stelmach

The south central region will have representation on a provincial body to provide leadership on economic immigration and settlement in Manitoba.

The government selected members for the Advisory Council on Economic Immigration and Settlement, and it includes Stephanie Harris, who is the economic development officer for the Town of Altona and the RM of Rhineland, as well as Shelly Voth, who is the immigration coordinator for the City of Morden.

"It is exciting," said Voth. "I was hoping I would be able to get in on it because it's neat to be able to see things from a different perspective and to help shape the future of immigration in Manitoba."

She thinks a factor that may have worked in her favour is Morden is widely recognized for the success of its immigration program.

"We've had a lot of different communities in the past year come to us for advice on how to set up their own programs and how we are working things," said Voth. "This is the next step in that as well, as I can represent some of these communities. I can bring to the table what they are looking for as well."

"I'm hoping to be a rural voice. I want to be a voice at the table that will represent the needs of immigration outside of Winnipeg. They've made an effort this time to bring in some rural people, and I like that," said Voth.

"I'm honoured to have been appointed to this council," said Harris.

She feels her experience connected to the rural immigration pilot program and working with a range of stakeholders will be a benefit.

"I'm really looking forward to assisting the province in amending the current available services to make them more user friendly for both the employers and the immigrants," said Harris.

"It's really important to continue that community-based focus when it comes to immigration," she concluded. "We've got significant labour market shortages in our region, so immigration is critical in assisting to fill those labour market needs."

The council's role is to co-ordinate and oversee the implementation of the Manitoba government's Immigration Advisory Council recommendations including the development of a provincial economic immigration and settlement strategy. A report released in February outlines 70 recommendations to address the following goals:

- attracting more immigrants and business investors to Manitoba;
- streamlining the Manitoba Provincial Nominee Program (MPNP),

setting the right balance between the province's regional labour market, economic development and community needs;

- enhancing Manitoba's settlement, integration and foreign credential recognition programs and services to bolster newcomer retention.

Members will serve 12-month terms, and the chair and vice-chair sat on the Immigration Advisory Council as members, so it ensures continuity and will build on the work and recommendations.

Five recommendations have already been acted on by the province and include the following:

- requesting additional MPNP allocations and receiving 9,500 nominations for 2023, which meets the goal to boost the number of allocations to Manitoba;

- conducting targeted MPNP expression of interest draws to select candidates working in Manitoba in occupations with high levels of reported labour shortages;

- doubling the investment in the Newcomer Community Connections Stream of the Newcomer Community Integration Support Program to \$4 million to fund 24 direct service providers to enhance settlement and integration services and programs in Manitoba including six projects in communities outside Winnipeg. This investment exceeds the amount collected in MPNP application fees.

There are 39 recommendations currently underway including:

- adding additional staff to the Mani-

toba Provincial Nominee Program office to increase file processing capacity;

- recruiting international students, skilled workers and business investors through recruitment missions like the Philippines Health Recruitment Mission in February with plans for future recruitment missions underway;

- enhancing MPNP capacity to support employers through the Manitoba Employer Direct Recruitment Pathway;

- developing enhancements to the Business Investor Stream of the MPNP which will be re-launched later in 2023;

- advocating for improved processing times for work permit and permanent residence applications for MPNP candidates and standardized processing times for permanent resident applications across all federal economic class immigrants; and

- working with regulatory bodies to improve and streamline foreign credential recognition processes.

"Our government continues to work to advance Manitoba's economic immigration priorities, particularly addressing labour shortages, encouraging economic development and supporting Manitoba's francophone population," said Labour and Immigration Minister Jon Reyes. "I thank the members for joining the council and look forward to seeing their leadership translate into opportunities and supports for Manitobans, and those seeking to make Manitoba their new home."

Local festivals receive funding

Staff

Local community festivals continue to benefit from a provincial funding program.

The Manitoba government is providing over \$221,000 in grants to 38 rural and northern communities, and it includes just over \$8,300 to both the Harvest Festival and Corn and Apple Festival as well as about \$8,000 to the Manitoba Sunflower Festival in Altona and the \$3,500 for the Plum Fest in Plum Coulee.

This year's funding increased from last year to allow additional funds for community celebrations, noted Sport, Culture and Heritage Minister Obby Khan, who said the aim is especially to support festivals that promote understanding, awareness and appreciation of their heritage, culture and identity.

"Manitoba is known to have incredible festivals that truly showcase the

unique character and spirit of our province and we encourage all Manitobans to get out and enjoy these celebrations," said Khan.

"I love the diversity, inclusiveness and cultural heritage in these great communities, and our government is proud to support all forms of community festivals in all corners of this great province."

The community festivals and events program provides operating grants to festivals that take place over a minimum of two days in rural and northern Manitoba and are recognized as the community's signature annual event.

The program supports events that encourage youth participation and leadership, reflect, celebrate and profile the unique character of communities, foster a sense of identity and pride and contribute to local tourism and economic activity.

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Something for everyone at Sunflower Festival

By Lori Penner

The Manitoba Sunflower Festival is taking place from Fri., July 28 to Sun., July 30, and this year's festival features a huge variety of events and attractions for the whole family.

Eric Hildebrand, recreation services manager for the Town of Altona, said the Sunflower Festival is something not only the community looks forward to but also visitors from across the province.

"Our hope is Altona and surrounding area residents are ready to come out to celebrate and enjoy a weekend of fun," said Hildebrand.

"It's an event for everyone to take in and often to maintain connections to the community. Maybe they grew up here and want to make the festival weekend a kind of a homecoming with family and friends. Events like this tend to form lifelong connections where great memories are made."

The excitement begins Friday with Queen Quest speeches at the MEC, Mennonite food at the Rhineland Pioneer Centre featuring all the traditional favourites, and Gifted - The Market which celebrates the talents and creativity of local small businesses and artisans.

Friday night will take you back in time when Revenge of the 80s takes the Altona Centennial Park stage, covering hits from all your favourite artists, such as Aha, Cyndi Lauper, B52s, Michael Jackson, Corey Hart, Survivor

and many more.

Next will be Hip Hop Night featuring Tirrel Thomas and Yung Balboa. From Roseau River First Nation and Altona, they will turn it up and round off the night with hip hop music and rhymes.

Saturday at the festival begins with the much-anticipated free pancake breakfast at the Access Credit Union parking lot. Then pull up a lawn chair and watch the gigantic commercial parade, bringing colourful floats and free candy for the kids all along the parade route.

After the parade, pack up the family and head back to the park where a huge selection of entertainment options awaits.

There will be Eric the Juggler, who makes a living tossing dangerous objects - fire, knives and chainsaws. A petting zoo, inflatables and free face painting return as a festival standard, and a Sprkl Studio Youth Rock Band Showcase will show kids how to create their own songs.

Also on Saturday, enjoy the arts, crafts, clothing and games from countries around the world at the Regional Connections Culture Fest. Along with music, dance and drumming, it's a great way to celebrate, connect and educate.

If you love to cheer on your favourite team, don't miss the Altona Rhineland Emergency Services Fire Truck

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Friday, July 28, 2023

- 11:00AM – 5:00PM** Gallery in the Park features artwork throughout the weekend Featuring Kroeger Clocks Heritage Foundation, Barb Bottle, Candace Propp, and Jozanna Loewen
- 2:00pm** – Queen Quest Speeches (@ the MEC)
- 4:00 – 8:00pm** – Mennonite Foods (Rhineland Pioneer Centre)
- 4:00 – 9:00pm** – Gifted the Market (@ the MEC)
- 5:00 – 8:00pm** – Bounce-a-rama Inflatables sponsored by Elmers Manufacturing (Altona Centennial Park)
- 5:00 – 10:00pm** Food Trucks Open (Altona Centennial Park)
- 6:00 – 7:00pm** – Altona Fire Dept – Family Fun! (Ecole Parkside School) Opening Ceremonies (Located at the PlayNOW Stage)
- 8:00PM** – Introduction of the 2023 Manitoba Sunflower Festival Queen Contestants
- 8:00PM** – Altona Farm Service Friday Night Stage Show by “Revenge of the 80’s” (located on the PlayNow Stage)
- 10:00PM** – Hip Hop Night Feat. Tirrel Thomas and Yung Balboa (located on the PlayNow Stage)

Saturday, July 29, 2023

- 7:30 – 9:00pm** – Pancake Breakfast by donation sponsored by Access Credit Union (All proceeds going to Kiddie Sunshine Centre Expansion Project) (Access Credit Union parking lot)
- 10:00AM** – Gigantic Commercial Parade (Downtown)
- 11:00 – 7:00pm** – Mennonite Foods (Rhineland Pioneer Centre)
- 11:30** – Free Yoga, outdoors at the Gallery in the Park (Bring a mat)
WEATHER DEPENDENT
- 11:00 – 3:00pm** – Altona Farmers Market (located on 10th Ave at the Altona Centennial Park)
- 11:00 – 8:00pm** – Bounce-a-rama Inflatables sponsored by Elmers Manufacturing
- 11:00 – 8:00pm** – Cole and Mace Law Office Petting Zoo by Riklyn Farms
- 11:00AM – 5:00PM** Gallery in the Park features artwork throughout the weekend Featuring Kroeger Clocks Heritage Foundation, Barb Bottle, Candace Propp, and Jozanna Loewen
- 12:00 – Dusk** – Food Trucks Open
- 12:30 – 4:00pm** CultureFest
- 12:00 – 8:00pm** – Gifted The Market (@ the MEC)
- 1:30** – Altona Rhineland Emergency Services Fire Truck Pull (10th Ave Across from Park)
- 2:00pm** Manitoba Sunflower Festival Queen Quest Fashion Show (PlayNow Stage)
- 3:00pm** – Eric the Juggler (PlayNow Stage)
- 4:00pm** – Sprkl Studio youth band showcase
- 3:00 – 6:00pm** – Free Face Painting
- 7:30pm** – Saturday Night Stage Show with entertainment by Emma Peterson and Manitoba Sunflower Festival Queen Quest fashion show brought to you by Town of Altona and Friesens Corporation (PlayNow Stage)
- 9:30 – 11:00pm** – Gallery After Dark Silent Disco (Dance party at the Gallery in the Park)
- 10:00pm** – Crowning of the Manitoba Sunflower Festival Queen
- 8:00 - 1:00am** - Elks Dance (Rhineland Pioneer Centre)

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Pull supporting Altona Panthers Special Olympics. One team will reign supreme at this fun, family friendly community event.

You can also witness and encourage another set of competitors at the Outland Games event where local teams challenge their strength and put their fitness to the test.

All the while, you can satisfy your appetite anytime at the food trucks located along the park loop.

Anchoring the Saturday evening stage entertainment is Emma Peterson, an up-and-coming country music star whose powerful voice, relatable lyricism and storytelling will leave you wanting more.

And the grand finale Saturday night on the stage will feature the crowning of the 2023 Manitoba Sunflower Festival Queen at 10 p.m.

Sunday’s stage lineup begins with the community worship service at 10:30 a.m. followed by an afternoon of Music in the Park from artists that include Noah Gitzel, SNACKIE, Bowen and Silas Presley.

Find a picnic table in the shade and enjoy all this free entertainment while munching on watermelon and rollkuchen. If you need to cool off, take a plunge in the pool as the aquatic centre offers free swimming for everyone.

Legends Car Show returns on Sunday as well with a huge assortment of classic and antique cars, trucks, motorcycles and snowmobiles, all beautifully displayed through the park.

And thrill seekers will love the free-style stunts presented by Twinstunts – two energetic twin brothers who bring two action-packed shows consisting of wheelies, acrobatics, burn-outs and more.

Now in its 57th year, the festival is always offering a few things for all age groups with an overall focus on families, said Hildebrand.

“I know they’ve been working really hard over the last number of months to try and put on a weekend-long event that caters to the community at large, for everyone young and old to enjoy,” he said. “They’ve done a fantastic job to provide a wide variety of things to see and experience, and the committee is always changing up a few things to keep it fresh and exciting. A big part of that is the entertainment.

“It’s going to be a fantastic weekend. We’re looking forward to seeing all our plans come together and watching everyone have a great time.”

NOTE: The Elks dance social is from 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. and not 8 p.m. to 10 p.m. as indicated in the festival brochure.

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Outland Games offer fun fitness test

By Lori Penner

The Manitoba Sunflower Festival not only offers fun but also supports fitness with the Outland Games event.

This exciting out of the ordinary mixed partner outdoor fitness competition takes place Sat., July 29 and will see teams of two work together through four workouts throughout the day with a chance to reach the final for the top five teams.

There are three different skill level divisions, making this competition suited for all athletic levels. It is scaled for those who are newer to competitions, Intermediate for those who have been in the game for some time and can master almost all the movements, and there is RX for those who are more experienced and can master all the movements.

"Each workout is designed to test their fitness, push them a bit and bring in things they may not have seen before," says Outland Fitness owner Dan Maguet.

While there is no age limit, there are standards for each division that athletes should have including different weights for fitness levels they would

need to perform, he noted.

There are 28 teams registered for the event with about 30 volunteers lending a hand.

Prizes for the winning teams include swag bags for all athletes registered and prizes for the top three teams in each division.

Event one takes place at the Altona Aquatic Centre at 9 a.m. and will involve a swimming competition incorporating a variety of movements. Event two takes place at the Buffalo Creek Nature Park hill at 11 a.m. with the remaining events at the Gallery in the Park parking lot.

"All the events test overall fitness, skills, capacity, endurance and strength for upper and lower body. You'll definitely feel the workout at the end of the day," said Outland Fitness general manager Dominique Wiebe.

"This will be our fourth time hosting this competition. It was held in Winkler for the past three years. We are excited to bring it to our hometown this year," added Maguet. "Working out doesn't

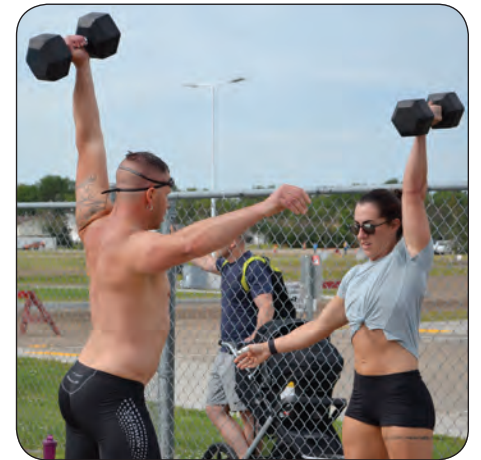
need to be traditionally the same old training for everyday functionality. So you're strong, able and can continue to move for a long time."

Wiebe said it's a fun event, and they're hoping to see big crowds cheering on the competitors.

"We want their support, but we also want to show them that there are different competition opportunities out there, even after you're out of high school. People tend to drop out of sports later, and don't really have those competitions they can participate in, but there is this option.

"We want to show them that working out can be fun and there are a variety of things you can do to stay active, no matter your age or fitness level. We're looking forward to seeing everybody there and hoping for great weather. But this event will take place, rain or shine."

To follow the event, go online to competitioncorner.net/events/10160/workouts?f=team.



PROVIDED PHOTOS

"Each workout is designed to test their fitness, push them a bit and bring in things they may not have seen before."

Sunday, July 30, 2023

- 10:30am – Community Worship Service (PlayNow Stage)
- 12:00pm – 42th Legends Car Club Show in the Park
- 12:00pm – Bounce-a-rama Inflatables sponsored by Elmers MFG
- 12:00pm - Cole and Mace Law Office Petting Zoo by Riklyn Farms
- 12:00pm – 6:00pm Food Trucks Open
- 1:30 – 8:00pm – Free Public Swimming (Altona Aquatic Centre)
- 1:30, 2:30, & 4:00 – Twin Stunts Sponsored by Friesens Corporation
- 1:00 – 6:00pm – Sunday afternoon music in the Park (PlayNow Stage)
- 1:00 – 1:25pm Noah Gitzel,
- 2:00 – 2:45pm SNACKIE
- 3:15 – 4:00pm Bowen,
- 4:30 – 5:15pm Silas Presley
- 3:00pm – Free Fasma – Watermelon and Rollkuchen served to you by Town of Altona and Municipality of Rhineland
- 4:00pm – Legends Car Club trophy presentation
- 6:00 – 10:00pm – Old Time Dance (Pioneer Centre)

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This year's Saskatoon berry harvest, fast and furious

By Emma McGill

Interlake Saskatoons had one of their fastest and earliest harvests on record this year, lasting all of eight days.

This year's harvest ran smooth, but was short due to a windy spring season.

"It took a lot of blossoms off the trees before the berries set, so we had a smaller harvest than usual," said Wendy Rutherford, of Rutherford Farms.

United as Interlake Saskatoons, five orchards across the area have been working together to bring quality Saskatoon berries to surrounding communities since 2013.

Though the majority of the orchards themselves were planted around 2007 or 2008, it took about five to eight years, using the DDJ orchard as a specific example, for the orchard to grow



Delicious Saskatoon berries that double as antioxidants.

enough berries to make harvesting them worthwhile.

Harvesting across all five orchards is done mechanically; each orchard owner farms individually, but they harvest, spray for fungus three times

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The processing line at Warren's DDJ orchard.



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Interlake Saskatoons, also branded as PurpleFit Saskatoons, consists of Rutherford Farms in Grosse Isle, the Research Orchard in Stonewall at the South Interlake Agricultural Centre, the Jensen Orchard just east of Stonewall (the oldest of the orchards established in 1999), and two Warren-based orchards: The DDJ Orchard and The Riddell Seed Farm Orchard.

The DDJ orchard, named as an acronym for the three siblings that ran the farm, Doug, Dennis, and Jennifer, began in 2008 as a commemorative orchard for their parents who loved Saskatoon berries made from leftover family land.

It comes time for harvest, when approximately 60 percent of the berries are purple. They ripen about 43 days after the petals drop, which tends to be at the end of May or in early June. This year's harvest was spotty and,

therefore, less than average for all orchards except the largest, but returns of the crop are shared among the board members of Interlake Saskatoons.

"We sell several thousand pounds fresh right out of our building in Warren," said Doug Langrell of the DDJ Orchard. The berries not sold to Warren and surrounding communities are frozen and then sold all across Canada and parts of the northern United States.

"One thing about Saskatoons is, even though they're perennials, after fifteen to twenty years, the trees get very large," shared Langrell. He and his sister are currently in the process of chopping the orchard down so that rejuvenation of the new trees will happen from the tree's crown up. Because the orchard was planted 16 years ago, the trees are older, and therefore their energy is going more into sustaining the wood rather than the leaves and berries, as it would if the tree were younger. Berries begin



Harvest has been done by machine since the trees were large enough.

to grow only on the top and sides of the plant. This creates diminishing returns for harvest, with fewer and fewer berries as the orchard becomes overgrown, making it time for a trim.

Saskatoon berries are known for their sweetness and accessibility to the prairie populations and are most often used for delicious jams, pies, tarts, and pastries.

"We like them, of course, for the taste," said Langrell.

People don't often know about these berries' many health benefits; they are very high in antioxidant properties that help protect and enforce our immune system and reduce the risk of

diseases, including heart disease, diabetes, and cancer. They also contain anti-inflammatory properties.

In Grosse Isle, Rutherford runs a U-Pick orchard where people of all ages can enjoy the berries they've picked directly from the trees. The U-Pick started about 12 years ago when the trees were still too small to harvest the berries mechanically. It began with friends coming to try it out, and later many mothers and children came. Even after the harvesting could be done by machine, it kept running.

"It is my happy place and a happy place for a lot of people," shared Rutherford. "The income is a bonus."

There has never been a huge number of people to come and pick, but some come every year and are considered "lifers." The orchard is off the beaten path, and it may take a bit of effort to find, but it's accessible with lots of berries and room to roam.

"It's a more traditional way of picking saskatoons, and people often do it for nostalgic reasons," said Langrell.

Board members of Interlake Saskatoons and PurpleFit are enthusiastic about the upkeep of their orchards, the benefits of the berries they harvest, and getting them to the Interlake.



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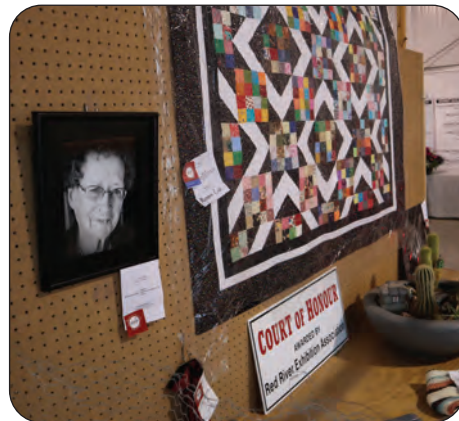
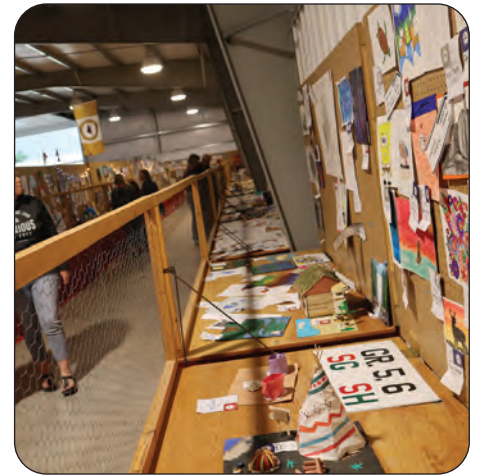
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Sperling Industries...building futures for 45 years

By Dennis Young

It was the 1970s, and Russ Nicolajsen was getting experience in steel construction while employed at Dominion Bridge. He returned to his roots after 10 years and found a demand for his skill set on Manitoba farms. To meet the demand, Nicolajsen decided to build his welding shop on a former blacksmith lot. Sperling Welding was open for business!

"I located here because it is my hometown, and I predict more young families will be locate in smaller centers like Sperling," Russ told the *Leader* back then. He went on to say there is quite a bit of work with modern equipment, increasing the demand for assistance on the farm.

As things progressed, Russ brought in as partners brothers David and Jeff and family friend John Barrett.

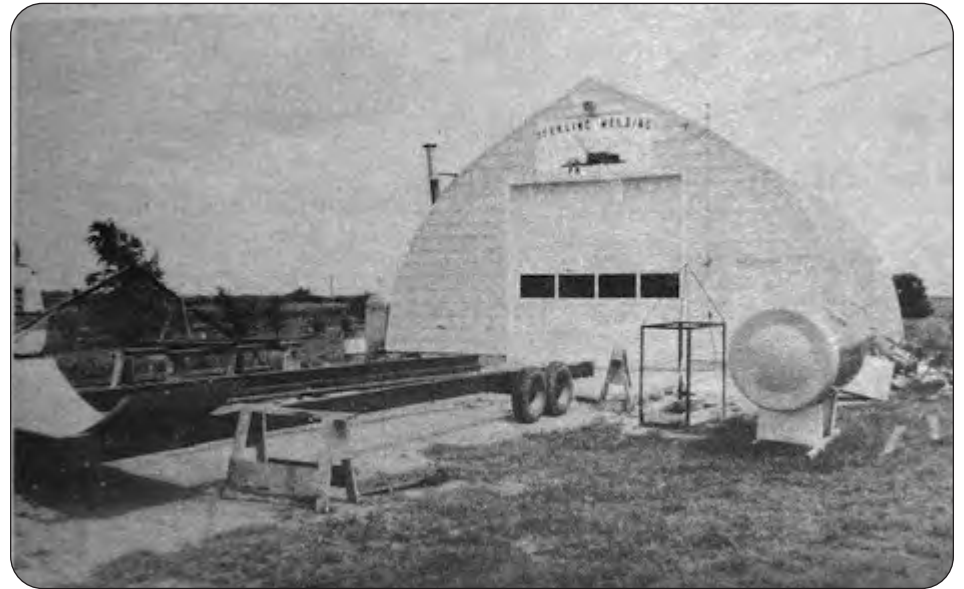
"Jeff was the shop guy, Dave was the field guy, and John the machining guy," Russ recently explained. "The majority of our jobs and bids were as project managers overseeing entirely from the bottom up. People hire people to do jobs they would not do



Brothers Russ (left) and Jeff looking over plans for a job in 1987.

themselves, that's us."

A major portion of Sperling Welding's business in the first 6 months of operation was the erection of grain handling systems, bins and sheds which eventually would turn into a lifetime of commitment and growth in the industrial sector. Expansion



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Sperling Welding's machine shop in 1979.

came in '81, adding 6000 square feet to the original 4300 sq/ft building. Then in 1987, the addition of a 9000 sq/ft fabricating shop to house a 7.5 ton overhead crane.

By 1989 they had grown to a firm with 75 employees and increased

sales to millions over the years. Seven mobile tool rigs and personnel were on the road fulfilling successful bids in B.C., Alberta, Saskatchewan and Northern Ontario as well as Manitoba.

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Candlewick brings The Silver Chair to the stage

By Lorne Stelmach

The Candlewick Players will be taking their audience on an adventure into the world of Narnia this summer.

There will be giants, lions, talking owls, kings, queens, and lost princes when the theatre company presents *The Silver Chair* the weekends of July 28-30 and Aug. 4-6 at the Manitou Opera House.

Director Richard Klassen suggested there is a special appeal to this story aside from the attraction of Narnia in general.

"*The Silver Chair* is a great Narnian adaptation for those who are familiar with the popular movies and are interested in experiencing more of that world," he said. "More than any other of the novels in the Narnia series, *The Silver Chair* delves into the underland of Narnia, the deep and mysterious land underneath the surface where the Green Queen, played by Hannah Franz, rules."

Adapted by Klassen with permission from the C.S. Lewis Company, the play follows Jill and Eustace as they venture in search of Prince Rillian (played by Ian Wiebe), who is the lost son of the aging and heartbroken King Caspian of Narnia (played by Jeff Franz).



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Candlewick Players performs *The Silver Chair* at the Manitou Opera House July 28-30 and Aug. 4-6.

The adventure ensues as an unlikely trio come together to overcome the evils that lurk deep under Narnia. Bickering schoolmates Jill Pole and Eustace Scrubb (played by Jacinda Young and Quentin Stoesz) team up with a glass-half-empty Marshwiggles named Puddleglum (played by Ezra Reimer).

Under Aslan's careful instructions, they embark on the perilous journey to help King Caspian find his lost son

Prince Rilian, who disappeared many years ago shortly after the mysterious death of the queen (played by Emily Penner) by a great serpent.

Klassen noted that there will be a couple special aspects to this production.

"I think the audience will be amazed by the crew's craftsmanship in creating the 'overland' and 'underland' special effects and their respective fantastical creatures," he said.

"There will be huge giants and a great Aslan puppet played by a team of two—Alex Klages and Luke Qually—and a host of fawns, nymphs, dryads, gnomes, dwarves and underlanders."

Tickets are available by visiting www.candlewick.ca or calling 204-822-SHOW or emailing tickets@candlewick.ca.

Local talent shines at Cripple Creek

Music festival continuing on after four decades

By Lorne Stelmach

For over four decades now, things haven't changed much at the Cripple Creek Music Festival.

Organizers do change things up a little bit and aim to bring in a different act or two, but keeping it simple and traditional is the draw that keeps bringing the crowds back year after year.

"We always have some repeat performers but some new ones as well," said organizing committee member Art Wiebe.

"One thing we did, this will be the second year in a row, is rather than having 30 minute sets, we have one hour sets," he noted. "That seems to make much better use of the time for the performers rather than having them on twice for 30 minute sets."

"We are excited ... there's a lot of talent lined up for people who enjoy gospel or bluegrass or folk or country music," said Wiebe.

The 2023 festival takes place Sunday, July 23 from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. in the traditional location southeast of Morden.

Cripple Creek brings people out each year for bluegrass, country, folk and gospel music performed in the scenic shade of the mighty oak and



Joe Wilson

ash trees at the scenic site just south of the Glencross Church.

The appeal of the festival aside from the setting is just the traditional roots music that has lasting appeal.

The day starts with a morning of gospel music followed by the remainder of the festival lineup which includes Ed Wayne at 11 a.m., Byron Falk at 12 p.m., Blue Water Boys at 1 p.m., the Yodeling Farmers Daughter at 2 p.m., Orlando and Grace at 3 p.m., Three's Country at 4 p.m., The Travelling Kind at 5 p.m. and Joe Wilson at 6 p.m.

There will be food available through the youth ministry The Bunker as well as snacks from Sunny Day, and a shuttle will be available to take people from the overflow parking lot.

Wiebe noted the festival has only had to postpone or cancel the festival three times in 42 years - once because of weather and two years during the



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Joe Wilson will be the closing act for the Cripple Creek Music Festival which, as always, is set in the scenic location southwest of Morden.

pandemic - so they were pleased to return again last year.

"It was amazing. There just seemed to be an atmosphere of jubilation, a freedom that we had taken for granted ... it was just enjoying the moment," he said.

"They will be unable to keep their feet still ... in fact there might even be some dancing in front of the stage," he said with a laugh.

And, as always, the setting adds to the appeal.

"There's a lot of areas in and around Morden and Winkler that could be

used, but it would not be the same ... we have the creek, and we have the oak trees ... it's just a special, unique spot," said Wiebe. "We cut the grass ... otherwise, we don't disturb the setting ... it's left as natural as possible for the people to enjoy and for the musicians to enjoy."

Cripple Creek is located about six miles south of Morden on Road 27 West or go seven miles south of Winkler on Highway 32 then six miles west on PR 201 and a half mile north. You can find more information on the festival at www.facebook.com/CrippleCreekMusicFestivalMB.

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So well heard of and spoken of, Sperling Welding was 1 of 8 Western Diversification-funded businesses to travel to Russia in 1990 under the Agri-Tech umbrella. A new law enabled the state to pay their farmers to buy equipment that will increase production. The Canadian market and Sperling had much to offer.

All was going well, and in 1992, Sperling Welding would become 2 separate operations. One is a numbered company for management and leasing, and the other is Sperling Industries Ltd. for construction and manufacturing.

An Omaha NE-based operation was established in 1994, and in 2000, they acquired BOSS, a leading US-based company. Sperling Industries' "Boss" line of hog and beef meat processing equipment is manufactured by Sperling Industries Ltd. and shipped

across the border to the plants. Boss equipment has proven to be one of the most durable names in the industry, with some still in service 100 years later!

Construction of a \$10M 35,000 sq/ft facility northwest of Sperling began in 2011 to stay on the cutting edge of structural steel manufacturing technology. Sperling had been looking at larger-scale projects, and this allowed for increased production. Russ, Jeff, and now new generations of their families forged ahead with that expansion and never looked back.

Russ semi-retired 10 years ago, and since then, Jeff has carried on leading the business along. Many family members are actively involved in operations and carrying on the family business. Russ's children, Jaime Nordquist is office administrator, Kara McCartney is the controller in the

finance department, and Clayton is production supervisor. Jeff's children, Erin Dunn is quality control manager, Adam is business, project & design manager, and Colin is operations manager. Also, Erin's husband, Jason Dunn, is the fleet manager.

Jeff expressed how important their employees are to the company. "Sperling Industries wouldn't be where we are today without the talented and hardworking employees of both past and present. We've been fortunate to have a lot of long-term employees who have contributed to our success."

Over the last 15 years, Sperling Industries Ltd. has expanded its design and engineering capabilities. It now employs five registered structural and mechanical Engineers/EITs and another 10 design and project management staff. Their objective is to provide customers with creative and effective solutions suited to our auto-

mated fabrication processes.

"Our core value as a company is demonstrated on complex, multi-disciplinary, industrial projects - especially those under tight deadlines or on critical plant shutdowns," Adam explained.

Russ was asked what some of their "prize" jobs were. He listed the \$10M meat packing plant in Australia, the \$7M canola plant in Ste. Agathe, seven or eight Saskatchewan Pool Elevators at \$1M each, a \$1.5M Cargill meat plant in the U.S. and the Grain Millers \$20M oat processing plant expansion.

These are just some highlights of the 45 years Sperling Welding, Sperling Construction, and Sperling Industries Ltd. have proudly accomplished. It all started with three young men who strived for a goal and succeeded by utilizing their strengths and initiatives, taking their hometown name-sake worldwide.

Fauquier running the races of her, mother's life

By Joshua Frey-Sam

"One foot in front of the other:" it's a personal message that's pushed Stephanie (Steph) Fauquier in the most challenging moments over the last 11 months, and what she will continue preaching as she completes the race of her, and her mother's, life.

Fauquier, 34, is in the midst of a 16-week nationwide endeavour that would make even the most elite athletes a bit skittish.

The Toronto product is attempting to complete 10 triathlons or half-ironmans, each in a different Canadian city, over the next four months to raise money for research toward Alzheimer's disease. Fauquier, who is five races into her journey, coined #RaceWithSteph, has raised almost \$250,000 since she started swimming, biking and running in May.

Her Canadian race made a pit stop in Hecla Island on Saturday, when she competed in the Hecla Triathlon — a 750-metre swim, 22.5-kilometre bike ride and 5km run. It was the fifth stop on her tour.

It's the reason Fauquier took on the ambitious journey that has inspired supporters, though.

Fauquier's mother, Dr. Robin McLeod, a world-renowned surgeon and Officer of the Order of Canada, was diagnosed with Alzheimer's in 2021. Knowing the disease was fatal, Fauquier set her sights on making her mom's remaining days something the country could rally around.

"My mom had the best work ethic, she was tireless, she did everything," said Fauquier. "She achieved so many amazing things — being named to the Order of Canada — but then she was also an amazing parent and I think that was because she was very consistent, very deliberate — she was very focused with the time that she gave and was giving to you. So I see a lot of parallels coming together through this endeavour. We see my mom a lot."

Fauquier, who had already run 10 triathlons in her life and was a cross-country runner during her time at St. Thomas University in Fredericton, N.B., began training for the four-month challenge last August. Indeed, the task has been demanding as she had imagined, especially after fracturing her toe during a race almost two months ago.

"There's been two really interesting things that



Inside the suit shows two photos Stephanie keeps close to her heart during her races.



Stephanie Fauquier competed in the cycle course of the Half Ironman Triathlon in Victoria B.C. in May 2023.



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Dr. Robin McLeod celebrates with daughter Stephanie Fauquier at the finish line of the Western Cycle Triathlon at Stony Plain, Alberta, July 2023.

cheer on Fauquier at a couple of races this summer.

"It's been a real pleasure working with Steph. One of the things that I really love about endurance pursuit is as we pursue these endurance goals, we really get in tune with who we are as people, so I really am able to see transformation through people."

That transformation for Fauquier, he explained, has come in the form of resilience and persistence, which were tested greatly once she broke her toe.

"The mental fortitude, but also the trust — at some point, we have to trust ourselves and really

get connected to who we are, and trust and believe in ourselves, and that was a real turning point for her with the broken toe because she had to believe and trust that her fitness was going to be there to support her.

"Even though what most would consider to be a roadblock with a fractured toe, really just became a resistance for her to figure out."

Fauquier will take the next couple of weeks off before flying to the Maritimes for three races. She'll finish her journey with a triathlon in Montreal and a half-ironman in Toronto. She said she's already considered making it an annual endeavour but would like to find a way to make

#RaceWithSteph more inclusive going forward.

"I said I was going to do it and I just did it," Fauquier said. "It's really cool to see all the people who are so supportive and get on board with your ideas and rally behind you."

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have come from this: the first being — I've always been very ambitious and I've always taken on different challenges. But through training this year, I have really gotten into this idea of, 'one foot in front of the other.' That is, by putting and being very consistent and deliberate, all the small pieces together make big outcomes," she said.

"So often when I'm racing, I've just thought to myself, 'It's one foot in front of the other,' and you're totally unstoppable when you do it. And you get that feeling of consistency and discipline."

Fauquier finished third overall — first in her age group — at the Hecla Triathlon on Saturday. She made no reference of the importance of her finishes, but said it's "really cool to see all the people who are so supportive — who get on board with your ideas and rally behind you."

"When a family member goes through a change like Alzheimer's or a cognitive impairment, you don't really talk about it at first because there's embarrassment and all these sort of feelings. I felt like my mom went from being seen as an amazing person to people almost writing her off and saying, 'Okay, well, this is the end.'

"It's not the end, it is a next chapter and it's an important chapter and one that we should talk about. I felt that this was something I could do for my mom and start this conversation and make a disease like Alzheimer's disease, which is terminal and no one wants to talk about it — talk about it and educate people," said Fauquier, adding she decided to do a Canada-wide endeavour because the disease affects the whole country.

"I just felt like there's this uniquely patriotic thing — like let's race across the country, let's be united in this fight and let's have a conversation about it."

Andrew Flynn has been training Fauquier six days a week since she decided to race 11 months ago. While Flynn, who has coached all forms of ultra-endurance athletes for the last 15 years in Toronto, said he's seen others try to run multiple triathlons in a short period, he noted a few things that have separated Fauquier's journey.

"What's unique about this is the triathlon, coupled with doing it in every province, coupled with the philanthropic arm of it," said Flynn, who will



Stephanie Fauquier, an amateur athlete has undertaken an endeavour in honour of her mother, a renowned surgeon who was diagnosed with Alzheimer's disease two years ago. Through #RaceWithSteph, she has raised nearly \$250,000 to support Alzheimer's research and is boosting awareness about a disease that affects 747,000 Canadians and their families. Pictured left to right, Stephanie Fauquier with her parents, Dr. Robin McLeod and John Fauquier.

"IT'S NOT THE END, IT IS A NEXT CHAPTER AND IT'S AN IMPORTANT CHAPTER AND ONE THAT WE SHOULD TALK ABOUT."

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Cardinals earn win heading into playoffs

By Ty Dilello

The Carman Cardinals ended their regular season on July 14 after an impressive 7-6 victory of the Pilot Mound Pilots in the Border Baseball League. With the win, the Cardinals finish the regular season in fourth place in the East Division with a record of 4-8-1.

The Cardinals will enter the playoffs this week as they take on the number one seeded Morden Mud Hens, in the East Division semifinals. Game times are:

- Thursday, July 20 Carman at Morden 7 p.m.,
- Sunday, July 23 Morden at Carman 6 p.m.



The Cardinals' Doug Whitehead waits for the throw.



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The Carman Cardinals will take on the Morden Mud Hens in the first round of playoffs.

Beavers hockey windup



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The 2022-23 Carman Beavers windup was held at the Carman Golf and Curling Club in conjunction with the First Annual Beavers Golf Tournament. The tournament had 93 golfers including many alumni to make the first annual a success. Beavers award winners were left to right, back row, Tyler Livingston - (Most Improved), Tanner Mole (Rookie of The Year, shared with Ben Dalke and Sportsmanship); front, Dane Halstead (Best Defenceman), Jack Lotscher (Coaches Award), Fraser Mirrlees (Top Scorer, shared with Ben Dalke). Missing from the photo, Ben Dalke (Team MVP).

- Tuesday, July 25 Carman at Morden 7 p.m. (if necessary)

Four Carman Cardinals players (Brent Dunn, Kevin Dunn, Doug Whitehead, Jon Rempel) were also

named to the East Division All-Star team and played in an All Star Game against the West Division All Stars on July 16.

Central Energy teams have successful weekend of softball

By Ty Dilello

The Manitoba Premier Softball League for junior women's players is in full swing for the 2023 season. The Central Energy team is made up of players from across Southern and Central Manitoba as they compete with the best young softball players in the province.

The U13 Central Energy team sits in second place in their league with a record of 16-8. On July 8, Central Energy won both games of a doubleheader (4-1 and 7-4) against the Smitty's Terminators to wrap up their regular season.

The U15 Central Energy squad is now in third place in their eight-team league with a record of 18-10.

Central Energy wrapped up their regular season with a pair of wins (6-2 and 6-0) over the Manitoba Thunder on July 13.

The U17 Central Energy team is currently in second place in their eight-team league with a record of 16-10. On July 9, Central Energy split a double header on the road against the Winnipeg Lightning, winning 10-2 and losing 20-13.

The U19 Central Energy team is currently in second place in their league with a 10-6 record. The Central Energy squad will now spend the summer competing in tournaments, before finishing up their league matches in September.

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Last Mile Athletic Club having strong season

By Ty Dilello

The Last Mile Athletic Club out of Carman continues to churn out top-quality track athletes in the province.

The Manitoba High School Provincial Track Meet took place in Brandon from June 8-10. The Last Mile Athletics Club members represented Carman Collegiate at the meet with excellent results.

In the Junior Varsity category, Nate Phillips claimed gold in the 1,500 m and 3,000 m events and finished second in the 800 m event. In the Senior Varsity category, Nathan Dyck finished second in the 3,000 m and fourth in the 1,500 m race. Sara Gross and Hana Lysiuk made the finals for the 800 m overall, and the Varsity girls came fourth with their Medley Relay team.

The Last Mile Athletics Club attended the Age Class Provincial track meet in Selkirk from July 7-8. This meet is a qualifier for the Legion National Championships in Sherbrooke, Quebec, which is taking place in August. In the U18 category, Sara Gross won the 3,000 and 1,500 m events, and Phillips won the 1,500 m and 3,000 m events. Other results included Lysiuk being awarded 2nd in the 800, 1,500 and 3,000 m, while Dyck finished fourth in the 3,000 m.

Phillips was the one member of the Last Mile Athletic Club that was chosen to go to Nationals. The

local Legion in Carman and the Royal Canadian Legion are sponsoring the Nationals event, which includes covering everything from team tracksuits, hats, backpacks, running singlets, airfare, ground transport, hotels and food for the athletes, and touring athletes around Sherbrooke throughout the weeklong event.

"I've been training hard throughout the year, and I'm excited to be chosen as a member of the Manitoba/Northwestern Ontario team to compete at the Canadian Nationals," said Phillips. "I have gotten to know athletes from other track clubs in Manitoba, Alberta and Quebec. It will be good to meet up with them in Sherbrooke. I thank the Legion for sponsoring this event and for giving me this fantastic opportunity. I'm going to give it my all."

The next big event for Last Mile Athletic Club athletes is the Dual Track Meet held in Regina with competitors from Saskatchewan. Phillips, Lysiuk, Gross and Campbell Park will compete at this event later in July.

The Last Mile Athletics Club trains under coach Lyle Myers daily. The athletes' and coaches' dedication allows them to succeed at these larger meets. Any students ages 11-17 wanting to join the Last Mile Athletic Club are welcome and can contact lastmileathletics@gmail.com



STANDARD PHOTO BY JOANNE GROSS
Carman Collegiate's Nate Phillips of the Last Mile Athletic Club is headed to the Canadian Track Nationals in Sherbrooke, Quebec, next month.

Mixed results for local Major soccer squads

By Ashleigh Viveiros

It was a week with a little bit of everything for the Winkler Storm soccer teams.

Storm 1, playing in the Manitoba Major Soccer

League's Premier Division, fell 2-0 to the visiting Sporting Club Mosaic Sunday evening.

Storm 2, meanwhile, won their 3rd Division game against Dunvegan Castle

4-1 last Thursday. Mosi William, Mohammed Shahab, Munashe Siyawamwaya and Philipp Unruh scored for Winkler.

A few nights later, they battled the visiting Punjab FC to a scoreless tie.

With that, Storm 2 moved into second place with a 5-2-1 record, trailing Scorpions FC by nine points. Storm 1 is in eighth place in Premier with a record of 2-8.

This week, Storm 2 host WPG B FC at 4 p.m. Sunday while Storm 1 host Lions FC at 6 p.m.



STANDARD PHOTO BY RICK HIEBERT
Sporting Club Mosaic's Eamon Nugent-Doyle leaps to head the ball in between two Winkler Storm 1 players in action Sunday. Winkler fell 2-0 in this game and remain in eighth place in the Premier Division.

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NOTICES

URGENT PRESS RELEASES - Have a newsworthy item to announce? An exciting change in operations? Announcing a scholarship? Though we cannot guarantee publication, MCNA will get the information into the right hands for **ONLY \$35 + GST/HST.** Call MCNA 204-947-1691 for more information. See www.mcna.com under the "Types of Advertising" tab for more details.

NOTICES

Summer/Fall **HIRING? SOMETHING FOR SALE? HAVING AN EVENT?** Book your Blanket Classified Ads in the 31 Weekly Manitoba Community Newspapers to have your messaging seen all over the province! Call 204-467-5836 or call MCNA at 204-947-1691 for more details or to book ads. MCNA - Manitoba Community Newspapers Association. www.mcna.com

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Are you suffering from joint or arthritic pain? If so, you owe it to yourself to try elk velvet antler capsules. Hundreds have found relief. Benefits humans and pets. EVA is composed of proteins, amino acids, minerals, lipids and water. Key compounds that work to stimulate red blood cell production & cartilage cell regeneration & development. Stonewood Elk Ranch Ltd., 204-467-8884 or e-mail stonewoodelkranch@mymts.net

CARMAN FARMERS market
Open Every Friday until Sept 15th
4 - 6:30 p.m.
This week we will be located just east of the pool in King's Park.
All goods locally produced
Home Grown Home Baked
Home Made
Contact Joyce 204-626-3310 or Edith 204-745-3077

Reporter/Photographer Wanted

Are you a natural born storyteller with an eye for photography and a passion for community news? Carman-Dufferin Standard is currently seeking a full-time reporter and photographer to join its multi award-winning weekly community newspaper.

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
- Experience covering council and school board meetings
- Knowledge of CP Style and about the Interlake and its surrounding communities would be an asset

Please forward your resumé along with three writing and photography samples to:

Lana Meier
Email: news@stonewallteulontribune.ca



Prairie Rose School Division ANNUAL PUBLIC NOTICE ADDITIONS TO THE VOTERS LIST AND/OR PERSONAL SECURITY PROTECTION REQUESTS

Notice is hereby given that a copy of the VOTERS LIST may be revised at: **45 Main St. S., Carman, MB** between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. Monday - Thursday

At this time the Senior Election Official (S.E.O) will be available to update the voters list by:

1. adding the names of voters who are entitled to have their names on the list;
2. deleting the names of persons who are not entitled to have their names on the list;
3. making such other corrections of errors to the list as required.

VOTER ELIGIBILITY:

A person is eligible to have his or her name added to the Voters List if they are:

1. A Canadian citizen at least 18 years of age on election day; and
2. A resident of the School Division for at least 6 months prior to election day, OR a registered owner of land in the municipality for at least six months prior to election day.

APPLICATION FOR PERSONAL SECURITY PROTECTION:

A voter may apply in writing to the S.E.O. (at the address/fax below) no later than August 10, 2023, to have their name and other personal information omitted or obscured from the voters list in order to protect the voter's personal security. The application may be submitted in person, by mail, or fax, and must include your name, address, and include proof of identity.

All changes to the voters list must be completed on or before August 10, 2023.

Dated at Carman in the Province of Manitoba, on July 13, 2023.

Prairie Rose School Division
Rhonda Smith
Senior Election Official (S.E.O.)
Box 1510, 45 Main Street South, Carman, MB R0G 0J0
Phone: 204-745-2003 or Fax: 204-745-3699

A By-election for Ward 2 (Roland/Homewood/Sperling) takes place on September 14, 2023.

Remember Your Loved Ones with an Announcement in the
The Carman-Dufferin
STANDARD
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Prairie Rose School Division PUBLIC NOTICE NOTICE OF NOMINATIONS WARD 2 – Roland/Homewood/Sperling

Ward 2 - Roland/Homewood/Sperling - One Trustee to be elected.
Please visit our website for a ward map at www.prsdmb.ca.
School trustee by-election for Ward 2 is set for September 14, 2023.
NOTICE OF NOMINATION IS HEREBY GIVEN that on the following days:
August 3, 7, 8, 9, and 10th, 2023, between the hours of 8:00 a.m. to noon and 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the following location: School Division Office, 45 Main Street. South, Carman, MB., the Senior Elections Officer will receive nominations for the office of School Trustee for Ward 2 of the aforesaid Division.
The nomination deadline is August 10, 2023, at 4:00 p.m. Nominations cannot be accepted after this day and time. Candidates seeking election for School Trustee must obtain on their Nomination Form a minimum of 25 signatures of voters or not less than 1% of the voters of the ward (whichever is the lesser). Voters who have signed the candidate's nomination form, must have their name on the Prairie Rose School Division Voters List for Ward 2 (Roland/Homewood/Sperling).
Completed nominations must be submitted in person at the above location on the dates and hours specified. Candidates must bring in the original nomination form with acceptable signatures. Please phone 204-745-2003 for an appointment to submit your nomination prior to coming in person. Nomination forms and more information can be found at www.prsdmb.ca under the "Board" menu or contact Prairie Rose School Division by phone at (204) 745-2003 or email at prsd@prsdmb.ca

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12 Patterson Dr., Stonewall, MB

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204-346-3231

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12 Patterson Dr., Stonewall, MB

Online Timed Auctions @ iCollector.com

Ray Caron Construction
Closes July 27 @ 6:30PM

Estate of Don Gulewich
Closes August 1 @ 7:00PM

Estate of Jean Wilkinson
Closes August 3 @ 7:00PM

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Hours of operation are Monday to Friday (8:30am to 5:30pm) and Saturday Rotation (9:00am to 3:00pm)

Our Carman Branch is seeking a licensed Insurance Broker, someone who is looking for a new challenge and opportunity! Our Insurance Brokers are brand ambassadors who possess a high level of skill to provide top tier insurance experience for those who live and work in our surrounding communities. As part of our team, a BSI insurance broker is responsible for counselling and assessing risk in Autopac, Personal Lines, Commercial and Farm policies. With our strong knowledge of insurance markets, products, and pricing with support from our teams, we match a client's risk needs with the correct product. We want our brokers to use a high level of risk assessment skills to provide insurance solutions off all kinds to deliver an exceptional customer service that meets our Company Core Values:

C – Communication | Community A – **Ambition** | Passion R – **Respect** | Teamwork E – **Ethics** | Integrity

Candidates require an aptitude for learning; excellent communication and interpersonal skills in speaking and writing; a commitment to problem-solving; a professional demeanor and a high level of personal integrity. Entry level candidates will be considered for this position, but you must be committed to achieving a Level 1 Brokers License and ready to pursue Level 2 after. If you already have a license that is great, and we'll help you get to the next level. BSI is prepared to offer financial incentives beyond base salary for ideal candidates.

Previous insurance experience and post secondary education in business are not necessary but beneficial. We are willing to train the right individual with a genuine interest in becoming an insurance professional.

BSI offers competitive wages, a great working environment, training & development, profit sharing bonuses, health benefits, matched RRSP/DPSP plan, annual performance increases and a day off on your birthday.

If you are looking for an exciting new opportunity working with an exceptional team, please email your resume: careers@bsimb.com. Please reply by July 21, 2023.

We thank all applicants, however, only those under consideration will be contacted.



**RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF DUFFERIN
ANNUAL PUBLIC NOTICE
ADDITIONS TO THE VOTERS LIST AND/OR
PERSONAL SECURITY PROTECTION REQUESTS**

In accordance with Section 36 of The Municipal Councils and School Boards Election Act (MCSBEA), the Rural Municipality of Dufferin Voters List is open for changes or revisions.

- Any person who is eligible to vote in municipal elections in the Rural Municipality of Dufferin can have his or her name added to the Voters List, or have any information about the Voters List corrected.
- Any person can request to have his or her name and address obscured from the Voters List.

A person whose name has been obscured will receive a Personal Security Certificate and identification number. That person may only vote by Sealed Envelope Ballot and cannot vote in person at the regular or advance voting places.

To implement the above, a written request must be submitted to the Senior Election Official, in person, by email, fax or mail to:

**Rural Municipality of Dufferin
12-2nd Ave S.W.**

Box 100, Carman, MB R0G 0J0

Email: cao@rmofdufferin.com Phone: 745-2301 or Fax: 745-6348

**Sharla Murray, CMAA
Senior Election Official**



**NOTICE OF CLOSING
AND CONVEYING A
PUBLIC ROAD**

TAKE NOTICE that the Rural Municipality of Grey intends to enact a By-Law pursuant to Section 290 of **The Municipal Act** to close and convey a portion of a Public Road, which is located within the Rural Municipality of Grey and legally described as follows:

A portion of D. Bruneau Rd. 45.1N in the SW 22-8-7 WPM and convey same to the adjacent property owner

AND FURTHER TAKE NOTICE that the Council of the Rural Municipality of Grey intends to consider and enact a By-Law to close and convey that portion of the said Public Road at its meeting and public hearing to be held on **Wednesday, August 16, 2023 at 11:00 a.m.**

AND FURTHER TAKE NOTICE that anyone who claims that his land will be prejudicially affected by the enactment of this By-Law and who applies to make a representation, ask questions or register an objection, may appear before Council at the public hearing and be heard.

Copies of the above road closing and supporting material may be inspected by any person between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday to Friday, at the Municipal Office, 27 Church Avenue East, Elm Creek, Manitoba, R0G 0N0, Phone: 204-436-2014. Copies may be made and extracts taken therefrom

Dated the 14th day of July, 2023.

**Kim Arnal, CMAA
Chief Administrative Officer
Rural Municipality of Grey**



**TOWN OF CARMAN
PUBLIC NOTICE**

Town of Carman staff will be flushing fire hydrants commencing August 14, 2023, until the end of September.

Some cloudiness to your water may occur, however the quality of the water will NOT be affected.

If you have any questions, please call the

Town of Carman office at 204-745-2443 or the Water Treatment Plant at 204-745-2481.



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But then again
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For one more day with you.
-Love Shirley, Linda, Doreen

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at 4 p.m. prior to Thursday's publication
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OBITUARY



Frost, Joan Katherine (nee: Caswell)
April 27, 1932 - July 13, 2023

On July 13, 2023, Joan Katherine Frost of Pembina Manitou Health Centre, formerly of Miami and Morden, passed away at the age of 91 years.

Joan will lovingly be remembered by her sons Robert (Deb), Doug (Veronica) and Raymond (Bev) as well as grandchildren, Benji, Ryan (Kate), Kim (James), Michelle, Joel (Naomi), Amber (Danny), great-grandchildren Mason, Holden, Saul, Cody (Morgan), Tatiana, Emma, Layla, Ripplen, Adley, Daxton, numerous nieces, and nephews as well as many friends.

She was predeceased by her loving husband Cyril Roy Frost on December 7, 1992, her parents Roy and Joy Caswell, her in-laws Roy and Elsie Frost, great-grandson Brad Wall, two brothers, one brother-in-law and three sisters-in-law.

A private family service will be held at the Miami Cemetery with a come and go Celebration of Life at the Miami Community Hall, commencing at 2:00 p.m. July 19th.

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

**UNDER THE AUTHORITY OF THE PLANNING ACT
NOTICE
OF PUBLIC HEARING**

On the date and at the time and location shown below, a PUBLIC HEARING will be held to receive representations from any person(s) who wish to make them in respect to the following matter:

**CARMAN-DUFFERIN BY-LAW NO. 24-2023
BEING AN AMENDMENT TO THE CARMAN- DUFFERIN
PLANNING DISTRICT ZONING BY-LAW NO. 4-2014, AS AMENDED.**

HEARING LOCATION: Memorial Hall
12 2nd Ave SW, Carman MB
Council Chambers

DATE & TIME: August 9, 2023
8:00 AM

GENERAL INTENT: To re-zone the portions of land
Shaded in red on the attached map:

FROM: "RS" Residential Single Family
TO: "RM" Residential Multi Family

AREA: Being All of Lot 2, Plan 69701
MLTO
Part of the NE¼ 24-6-5W



FOR INFORMATION CONTACT: Kim MacLellan, Coordinator of Planning Service
Carman-Dufferin Planning District
Box 160
Carman, MB R0G 0J0
Phone (204) 745-2509
Email: kim@cdgplanning.com



A copy of the above proposal and supporting material may be inspected at the location noted above during normal office hours, Monday to Friday. Copies may be made, and extracts taken therefrom, upon request.

SALES CAREER OPPORTUNITY

**Big and Colourful
Printing & Publishing**
is looking for a dynamic, highly motivated person to become part of our advertising sales team in the Interlake area.

The successful candidate will thrive in a fast paced sales environment where a competitive nature, strong work ethic and excellent customer service skills are required and rewarded.

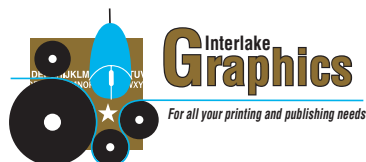
This opportunity involves building relationships and representing our newspapers to new and existing customers.

Qualifications: The successful candidate must be professional, dependable, energetic, goal-oriented, self-starter, can work within deadlines, well organized and friendly.

Customer service, sales experience and passion is a must.

- Strong computer skills, including Microsoft Office
- Excellent communication skills and a genuine love of people
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PROTECT OUR CHILDREN - RAISING AWARENESS

Did you know that some concerned parents either spoke or submitted written delegations at the June 19th Prairie Rose School Division (PRSD) board meeting in Carman regarding pornographic material that was found in a school library?

Did you know that Prairie Rose School Division (PRSD) trustees voted to keep pornographic and sexually explicit books available to children and youth in our libraries and classrooms? And that some educational staff as well as others were also in favor of this decision as they declared in presentations to the board. This sexually explicit material meets the criteria considered to be Child Pornography as per Sections Criminal Code Section 163.1 (1)4 : Definition of child pornography <https://laws-lois.justice.gc.ca/eng/acts/c-46/section-163.1.html> and Criminal Code Section 152.6 Invitation to Sexual Touching <https://www.criminal-code.ca/criminal-code-of-canada-section-152-invitation-to-sexual-touching/>.

- Go to <https://www.g.prsdmb.ca/home> -
 - click on the drop down labelled 'Board',
 - then click on the label 'Board Meeting Minutes and Highlights',
 - Click on 'Board Meeting Highlights'
 - Click on 'June 19, 2023 Board Meeting Recording' to hear what exactly is written in some of these books in question.
 - Click on 'Prairie Rose School Division Board of Trustees Response to Delegations of June 19, 2023' justifying pornography
- Go to <https://www.protectchildren.ca/en/> to research the affects of sexually explicit material on our children

Did you know what the impact of sexually explicit and exploitative materials is on our children?

- https://www.nsvrc.org/sites/default/files/2013-12/publications_nsvrc_factsheet_impact-of-exposure-to-sexually-explicit-and-exploitative-materials.pdf

Did you know that in our local schools...

- that children in our schools are encouraged to use pronouns?
- asked to answer written surveys about their gender identity and coerced into answering that survey when they refuse?
- that teens who are 'transitioning' are paraded throughout the school encouraging other children to transition?
- that words related to sex are posted on the boards in the classroom, and in elementary, and children are asked to determine the meaning?
- that groups known as SAGA, which stands for Sexuality and Gay Alliance, are organized by the teachers? As a parent, do you know if your child attends any of these meetings?
- many students are identifying themselves as non-binary? Have you asked your child or grandchild how many students are identifying themselves this way?

Did you know that our government is planning to implement a new curriculum that is broadening the sex education into classes like Math and English for example instead of Dick and Jane names it will be nonbinary Tad and nonbinary other name. SIECCAN – The Sexual Information and Education Council of Canada

- <https://www.sieccan.org/>

Did you know that brochures like this one can be found on school division websites here in Manitoba?

- <https://www.itspronouncedmetrosexual.com/2011/11/breaking-through-the-binary-gender-explained-using-continuums/>

Did you know that SOGI – Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity – a radical sex education curriculum has been approved and implemented in Ontario and British Columbia?

- Will Manitoba follow this program?
- <https://action4canada.com/wp-content/uploads/SOGI-leaflet.pdf>

Did you know that there are other provinces fighting back against this gender ideology?

- New Brunswick: #StrongAndFREENB – Kris Austin, an MLA for New Brunswick, Canada states “The province does not own our kids and God help us if we ever succumb to that way of thinking!”
- <https://www.tiktok.com/@awakenedchef/video/7245388022970141958>

Did you know that our Prime Minister does not believe that parents should have the right to parent?

- <https://nationalpost.com/opinion/michael-higgins-justin-trudeau-dismisses-parental-rights-as-far-right>

Did you know that there is a movement around the world to normalize sexual behaviour between adults and children and that the United Nations endorses it? Have you heard of the terms MAP, Minorly Attracted Persons, or Intergenerational Love? Who signed us on to this UN Agenda?

- Search here for detailed information and research to back this up - <https://action4canada.com/political-lgbtq-activism/>
- <https://dailycaller.com/2018/07/09/pedophiles-lgbt-community/>

Did you know that the United Nations describes children as being sexual from the age of birth?

- <https://humanevents.com/2023/04/16/new-un-report-advocates-for-decriminalizing-sex-with-minors>

Did you know that in Canada, “On January 7, 2022, Bill C-4 came into effect, making it a criminal offence if you do not support your child’s gender dysphoria. In other words, you (the parent), could be criminally charged and go to jail for advising your daughter not to have her breasts removed. In April 2021, a father in BC was sent to jail for 6 months for opposing his 14-year-old daughter’s gender transition” as per the Action4Canada website.

- <https://action4canada.com/wp-content/uploads/SOGI-leaflet.pdf>
- See page 8, and 51-56: https://www.edu.gov.mb.ca/k12/docs/support/transgender/full_doc.pdf
- <https://unmaskingthetransmovement.com/>

Did you know that a hard copy paper petition to remove all pornographic material from schools has been initiated because the on-line petition was pulled down? These questions represent an overview of community concerns. The implications of reading or viewing sexually explicit books as well as the implementation of the new explicit sex education curriculum will have long term and life altering ramifications to young minds. We encourage you to do your own research. If you would like to join parents and grandparents in protecting all children from sexual exploitation and would like to sign this petition to remove all pornographic and sexually explicit books from school libraries and in the classroom, you may email drawingourline@hotmail.com for more information.

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