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Artist Wanda Slawik's art exhibition Seasons on the Prairies is now open at the Golden Prairie Arts Council gallery in Carman.

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# **Current GPAC art exhibition showcases Manitoba's beauty**

### By Becca Myskiw

An art exhibition showcasing Manitoba's beauty is on display for the next two months at Golden Prairie Arts Council (GPAC) in Carman.

Wanda Slawik's exhibition depicting the four seasons on the Prairies will be hung from Aug. 1 to Sept. 24 at GPAC. The Polish artist carefully crafted each textile piece, inspired by her love of the flat land.

Slawik came to Manitoba in 1982 as a refugee. Before leaving Poland, though, she finished art and architecture school and tried her hand at almost every medium she could, including photography, sculptures, and calligraphy. When she and her family came to Winnipeg, they left Poland illegally and found their sponsor in Austria.

When they arrived in Canada, Slawik's role in the family was to keep her and her husband's two children fed and the house tidy. She said her family made her life easier.

"It was hard but because I was the woman in the family, I had no time to be depressed," she said. "When you're young, your values are different. Growing up there, you don't realize how different other parts of the world are and that was my surprise."



Winter came hard and fast for Slawik. She said when she first saw a pair of mittens here, she thought they were for boxing.

But they got used to the winters and put down roots in the middle of Canada. At first, Slawik was creating art to decorate the walls in their home. Some pieces were of Polish architecture, and others were of the vast Manitoba landscape, but there weren't too many pieces in all — Slawik was focusing on learning English.

Because of her education in architecture, Slawik found it almost impossible to get a job when they first moved to Winnipeg. Soon enough, though,



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Wanda Slawik's current art exhibition at GPAC shows off Manitoba's beauty through weaving textiles.

she had her English down and got an architectural technician job in the industry that she kept for 30 years.

"It was a beautiful opportunity to work within Winnipeg, and that's what I was involved with," she said. "It's almost like I participated in building the province and building the city."

Slawik had a hand in designing the new airport, mall, a hospital, and a university. Her job offered her the opportunity to make her mark on Manitoba.

"In Europe, everything is already built; there's no space for new things," she said. "Here, there's space to develop and I was in that development."

For Slawik, architecture was like art. She treated every project as an art piece and saw herself as an artist. However, all good things must end — Slawik retired around five years ago. And since then, she's had the time and space to return to her art.

Unlike when she was in Poland, Slawik now has the knowledge to sketch more places and people of all cultures. She believes her art has become more beautiful with her travel, showing the true harmony and beauty of the world.

That's what her exhibition in GPAC is all about the beauty of Manitoba.

"Here, I see the sky," said Slawik. "I see the beauty; I see the freedom. That's what I want to show people their own beauty, their own special energy."

In all the travelling Slawik's done in her life, she's started to value rural life more. For her, small towns give them time to slow down and appreciate life. Small towns allow you to "see the beauty" around you. So, her various pieces in the exhibition depict one of the four seasons in Manitoba. They show the crisp snow, the melting snow, the grass. They show the noisy lakes, the frozen lakes, the many colours of the sky.

And each piece is done in weaving textiles, a medium Slawik got back into during the pandemic. She said weaving textiles goes horizontally like the landscape of Manitoba she's creating. That, combined with the different colours and lines, makes for a very harmonic medium for the topic.



# **A whirlwind summer for musician Rosemary Siemens**

### By Lorne Stelmach

It's been a whirlwind summer of performing for Rosemary Siemens.

The pride of Plum Coulee went from playing at a few of the world's most famous sites in Italy to then taking the stage at the Manitoba Threshermen's Reunion & Stampede.

It was all equally memorable for Siemens, who had her musician husband Eli Bennet and children and parents accompany her on her brief Italian tour before coming home to perform at Austin

"It was so different, but it was so awesome because I always love to play for my Manitoba audience," she said in chatting with the *Standard* last week. "There's not a lot of things I haven't done, but I can say I had never played for a rodeo. That was so cool to have a first like that, and the band just loved it." The tour to Italy came about through Candace Wicke, who is a good friend from New Jersey that Siemens met while in Miami getting her master's degree.

Wicke started the Continuo Arts Foundation and wanted Siemens to be part of their Italy plans.

"She's brought me many times to the Vatican before and she brought me to Carnegie Hall ... this was a trip she was planning with a 90-voice choir," said Siemens.

In addition to the choir made up of youth and adults from across the United States, there was also a cellist, a harpist, and an organist.

The first show was at the famous Duomo in Milan, which is the fifth largest church in the world. The tour then went to Florence to the Basilica of the Holy Trinity, which was built in 1065. "Incredible acoustics. That was the church with the best acoustics. It was unbelievable," shared Siemens. "The acoustics in all of these places are just spectacular, and that's one of the most special things."

The next stop was at a world famous palace in Rome.

"It's a thousand-room palace. It's one of the largest palaces in Europe," said Siemens, who then finished with a performance in the Vatican at St. Peters.

"I did some practicing for the choir stuff, but the main thing was to put together the hymn arrangement, and I made a score for it for the trio," she noted. "We didn't have a lot of time to prepare ... we had one rehearsal with everyone.

"It was just heavenly ... it was a very

special opportunity," Siemens said. "It was amazing, and it was very cool because [Wicke] knows about my hymn channel and my mission to bring back the hymns, so she let me put things together ... some of the pieces I was accompanying the choir and then I had two main features.

"It was very special to be doing hymns in all these venues and sharing my love for hymns in these venues across Italy. It was amazing."

Following the performances, Siemens made a stop in Switzerland to have work done on her violin.

"My violin is from 1714 ... so I don't just bring it to anyone, so whenever I'm in Europe, I bring it back to the place where it was purchased," she explained.

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STANDARD PHOTO BY LEORA COLLINGRIDGE

If you've strolled past Evergreen Place this summer you can't miss the pretty gardens residents plant and tend here. For the week of August 14 Carman Dufferin Communities in Bloom is very pleased to present Yard of the Week recognitions to two residents of Evergreen Place. Christine Findlay and Ron VandenBrul each have side-by-side gardens which are filled with Hostas, Potentillas, grapes and strawberries, plus many pretty annuals brightening up the landscape around them. CIB volunteer Paula Learmond presented Christine and Ron with hydrangeas for each of their gardens and extended a thank you on behalf of CIB for their work beautifying their surroundings for all to enjoy. Golf with Us!

The Carman Golf and Curling Club (CGCC) is located in Carman, Manitoba. The club was originally established on May 12, 1924 as a five hole club. In the spring of 1930 land was purchased and nine holes were opened on the "old side". On August 28, 1953 the first tournament was held. The course began production on the "new 11 holes" in 1982 and opened the 18 Hole Golf Course in the spring of 1984. On August 17, 1990 the new clubhouse officially opened and is enjoyed today! Carman Golf and Curling Club is known as a select destination for golf in the summer and curling in the winter months. Formerly two clubs, the CGCC amalgamated its executive and combined all operations to be a year round facility managed by a general manager and offering something for everyone. CGCC features a beautiful restaurant with an attached patio, a 200 capacity banquet facility, a five sheet curling arena, and an 18 hole golf course. Both the golf course and curling club have been recognized as top-notch clubs hosting many prestigious provincial and local events.



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## Veldman honoured for contributions to Carman horticultural community

### President of Carman Community Garden dubbed 'garden hero'

### By Ty Dilello

Last week, the Canadian Garden Council honoured Pat Veldman's contributions to Carman's gardening scene by naming her Garden Hero of 2023.

As president of the Carman Community Garden, Veldman is the driving force behind the local horticultural community. She helped to create the Carman Community Garden, which is now in its fifth year and home to over 70 gardeners.

promotes "Pat enthusiastically the garden and inspires the gardeners to grow nutritious and beautiful plants," said gardener Sharla Murray. "Her tireless work inspires all of us every year again. Carman's garden is the best."

In 2017, Veldman was involved with the Evangelism Committee of the Canadian Reformed Church West in Carman, which was trying to find new ways to support community members and encourage interaction.

"What could we do as a church to encourage neighbours to talk to their neighbours?" Veldman said, recalling conversations among the congregation.

"My suggestion was a community garden, as there is no better place to meet your neighbour, share a common interest and work side-by-side while promoting healthy living through outdoor activities and homegrown food. I may not go knock on my neighbour's door and say hi, but I will stop at your garden plot and ask you a question or two about what you are growing."

Veldman took the lead on the project and asked for volunteers from the church community to help her make it happen. Four others graciously agreed, and they were off and running.

"I wrote a letter to the Town of Carman explaining what we had in mind, and the town immediately came back with a positive response," said Veldman. "And here we are today. Our first year, we had 21 gardeners, and this year we are at over 75 gardeners."

The recent 2023 Garden Hero award came as a bit of a shock to Veldman, but she was also very excited.

"I do not feel like a hero. I am humbled to be recognized and honoured as such, but I also could not have created the garden we have without the hard work and support of so many others," she said.



**STANDARD PHOTO BY SHARLA MURRAY** 

Carman Mayor Brent Owen presents Pat Veldman, president of the Carman Community Garden, with the Canadian Garden Council's Garden Hero of 2023 award.

# **GPAC Concert Series to kick off Sept. 21**

### By Becca Myskiw

Golden Prairie Arts Council's from beginning to end. (GPAC) concert series is back for this

winter, and it's full of entertainment



This year's concert series has six shows lined up, five of which will be at the Active Living Centre, ending with a Royal MTC play at the Carman Collegiate Theatre. It will kick off on Sept. 21 with The Small Glories. This folk duo of Cara Luft and JD Edwards has multiple awards, including a Juno nomination. The group has been compared to Mandolin Orange and Shovels & Rope, other popular folk bands.

Next up in the concert series is JP Hoe on Oct. 20. A singer-songwriter, Hoe performs pop and folk songs and recently came out with his sixth studio album, Botanicals. Following him is Kevin Roy on Nov. 17, a Manitoba artist who left his teaching career for a life on the road. Roy's music has country and rock roots said to sound like "old country coming through brand new speakers".

Del Barber will kick off the other half of the concert series on Jan. 19. Barber's 2020 album, Easy Keeper, was nominated for a Juno. His new album, Stray Dogs, was written during the pandemic and bridged his past

and present with his folk tunes.

On Feb. 24, Gordie Mackeeman & His Rhythm Boys will take the stage and play their music, everything from country to bluegrass. The quartet will play fiddles, guitars, and more to serenade the Town of Carman before the Royal Manitoba Theatre Centre sets up in Carman Collegiate's theatre to perform Mixtapes From My Mom on March 12.

"We're excited about this series," said Brenda Major, executive director of GPAC. "We're all about supporting the arts and these performers have had a really tough time during the pandemic. They couldn't perform for a long time and that's how they make their living. It's important to support their livelihood."

People can purchase one ticket to get into each of the six shows for \$150 up until the concert series starts. After that, tickets can be purchased individually. There are also family packages available and children's ticket prices. For more information, call GPAC at (204) 745-6568.

# Prairie Roots overcomes drought, ready to bloom again

## Roseisle floriculturist to sell custom flowers for weddings, events

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If there's one thing gardeners know, it's that every beautiful flower must grow through dirt. Roseisle floriculturist Jodee James learned the lesson well, after a difficult 2020 drought year.

Now, James is starting over, with a plan to sell delphiniums, lupins, dahlias, peonies and astilbes direct to brides and event planners through

Prairie Roots Flower Farm.

The business's target market is predominantly do-it-yourself weddings and events in the Pembina Valley.

"Our direct farm flowers are an affordable alternative to commercial florists," James said. "It's always good to order local as the vast majority of non-local blooms have

a 4,000-mile delivery to Canada by planes from mostly Ecuador and Co-lombia."

James was born and raised in Winnipeg, and spent more than 20 years working in the wedding industry. She planted her first one-acre field in the spring of 2020, but lost much of the crop.

Flower crops are sensitive to fertilizer applications, irrigation, light and temperature, so growing them can be challenging, she said.

"Every plant species we grow has a uniquely different set of requirements, unlike, say, a canola crop where it is all the same," James said. "Moreover, unlike grain farms that use machinery, flower crops are almost exclusively done by hand. It is extremely manual labour-intensive work, but I love it. Like all crop farms, the issues of concern are always the same, with weather, weeds, water, and insects all playing a role."

This year signalled a restart year for James, who has been growing nursery beds to propagate for 2024.

She moved her flowers to her twoacre property and began to work at amending the sandy loam by adding large amounts of organic matter to improve water retention and soil health, while also removing river rocks by hand.

"While not anti-chemical exactly, I personally prefer to grow everything using only organic methods. This required a lot of out-of-the-box solutions for weed suppression and insect control. In addition to amending the soil for better water retention, we now use organic mulch and an in-ground... water release system," she said.

Born and raised in Winnipeg, James worked at Helene's Bridal Salon for four years during university while earning a business degree. She later purchased a photography studio, using her skills to document around 200 weddings.

James then met a farm boy and moved to Elm Creek, spending ten years as a farm wife.

"It was a formidable education, and I learnt a lot about the intricacies of all aspects of agriculture," she said. With her farm experience, extensive knowledge of the wedding industry and her love

of flowers, James completed a floriculture program with the purpose to start a farm specializing in wedding flowers.

She is now taking orders for customplanted flower crops.

The Prairie Roots Flower Farm page on Facebook and Instagram (@prairierootsflowerfarm) features many op-



STANDARD PHOTO BY SERENITY DYCK

With over 20 years of wedding industry experience, local floriculturist Jodee James of Roseisle has established Prairie Roots Flower Farm to sell direct to brides and event planners.

tions. Clients can also message (prairierootsflowerfarm@gmail.com) with their event date, colour scheme and favourite flower varieties. And James will customize a crop working with any budget.

Orders for 2024 events should be placed before November for guaran-

teed planting. Orders placed afterward may be subject to reduced availability and options, she said.

Prairie Roots Flower Farm running a promotion on its Facebook page (https://www.facebook.com/prairierootsflowerfarm) for \$175 worth of free flowers.



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## Homeschooling takes the lesson out of the classroom

Fresh corn on the cob for sale

### By Ty Dilello

Savoury, sweet and waiting to be shucked: local producers are ready for corn season.

The Peters family, who live outside of Miami on an acreage, are selling their Sweet N' Corny corn from a rustic wooden shed, two miles west of town on Highway 23.

"We planted enough to hopefully last us a month or more," said Casey Peters. "We are still experimenting with planting schedules to make our season last longer and longer each year. The extreme heat started our corn season earlier than most years for sweet corn."

The Peters family has been producing corn for years, but only started selling it in 2019 as Sweet N' Corny.

"We love the taste of our corn and wanted to share it with others, as well as the learning experience that comes with the production of vegetables."

The business operates with the help of Peters' husband, Ryan, and their six young children (Olivia, 14, Chloe, 12, Lochlan, 8, Sawyer, 7, Hayden, 4, and Violet, 4).

"It has become such a fun experience for our kids. We started homeschooling our children

in 2020, and this is just another learning experience for them — to learn how to plant the seed, watch how the rain and sunshine change the growth of the corn," Peters said. "Weeding seems like a tedious chore, but when done as a family, and when candy is the reward, it seems to go a lot faster. The best part, though, is the harvest. The kids love picking, checking the stand, and collecting the money from the box. They watch from the house for cars coming to the stand, so they can take the golf cart down the road and see if we need to pick more corn to bring out. We love this season of harvest."

Sweet N' Corny is typically open from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m., but hours fluctuate depending on the weather.





The family owned business is run by Ryan and Casey Peters and their six children Olivia, Chloe, Lochlan, Sawyer, Hayden, and Violet.



**PHOTO SUBMITTED BY CASEY PETERS** Two of the Peters children in the Sweet n' Corny retail outlet located two miles west of Miami on Highway 23.

# Plum Coulee Plum Fest is on this weekend

### **By Ashleigh Viveiros**

The community of Plum Coulee will be hopping this weekend with the 21st annual Plum Fest.

Festival director Erica Dyck says they have a busy three days of fun lined up for everyone.

"We've got some new stuff happening this year that we're really excited about," she says, noting that starts with extending the live music offerings by one day. "On Friday, we've got the Quonset Brothers on the main stage. We've never really had a stage show Friday night before."

The classic country cover band performs at 7 p.m. as part of an evening that also includes a community supper, a street dance, and line dancing.

Also new on the Plum Fest stage this year are a pair of comedians: "comedy dangerist" Herbert Henries performs Saturday at 11 a.m. followed by Rollin Penner at 1 p.m.

"They both are putting together a family-friendly show for us," Dyck says.

The comedy shows are part of a stage schedule that also includes performances from Shawn Enns, Matt Zimmerman, Lyle Baldwin, Sun Sets West, Vince Anderson, Grant Simpson, and The Cracked Egg Shell on Saturday, representing a variety of genres, and then Barbara Joy playing contemporary Christian music Sunday afternoon.

"They're all fairly local performers," Dyck says, noting they've tried to offer a little bit of something for every musical taste. "We live in an area where there used to be a larger demographic of one sort, but now with all the different cultures moving into the different communities we want to open it up as much as we can, try to bring in entertainment of all sorts."

There's no shortage of fun to be had off-stage as

well.

Saturday kicks off with the famous waffle and crackles breakfast and festival parade followed by the street market all day long, the Duck Race at the beach, the Fireman's Rodeo at the fire hall, line dancing, a community supper, the Old Tyme Dance, and fireworks to cap things off at dusk.

On Sunday, the community church service begins at 10 a.m. followed by lunch.

Dyck notes they've beefed up their children's activities this year.

The petting zoo and inflatables are back, along with an obstacle course and meet and greets with A Country Princess.

But this year they've added laser tag and a surfing demo for the 13+ set.

"We received some grant money from the Youth in Philanthropy program and one of their requests was to bring in some more activities that were more age appropriate to them," Dyck explains.

And, thanks to a partnership with Valley Fiber, the entire downtown festival area will be offering free Wi-Fi.

"We all know that Plum Coulee has poor internet service and cell service, so the free Wi-Fi is going to be so beneficial for our vendors and food trucks and then for everyone coming to enjoy themselves," says Dyck.

If you've never checked out Plum Fest before, Dyck urges you to make this the year you fix that. The fact that it's a small festival is one of the draw-

ing cards for a lot of people, she observes. "Everything is contained to just a couple of blocks,

but we have a huge market, so many events, and I think the fireworks are

one of the best around,"



Dyck says. "And then there's the stage shows, the food trucks, the fundraising meals ..."

It's all made possible thanks to dozens of dedicated volunteers. It's not too late to get involved as one of them.

"We're always looking for volunteers, and they don't have to be limited to the community," Dyck stresses. "Sometimes a smaller festival is easier to get your feet wet in than a bigger one."

You can get in touch with festival organizers to see how you can help this weekend and check out the full event schedule online at www.plumfest.com.

## **Strike continues for MGEU members**



STANDARD PHOTO BY LORRAINE STEVENSON

Local Manitoba Liquor Mart employees are now among about 1,400 Manitoba Government Employee Union (MGEU) members who began taking part in a province-wide strike on Tuesday morning. MGEU members have been participating in selective strike action since July 19 as part of the ongoing labour dispute. Manitoba Liquor and Lotteries announced over the weekend that it is closing 10 liquor marts across the province during the dispute and Carman is one of these locations.



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### > SIEMENS, FROM PG. 3

Siemens is now looking forward to a number of upcoming Manitoba shows including Sept. 15 in Winkler, Sept. 16 in Steinbach, and Sept. 17 in Winnipeg. She then performs at the

vincial and federal taxes cost 46 cents per litre of gasoline.

Gas taxes drive up Manitoba pump prices

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The federal carbon tax currently costs 14 cents per litre of gasoline. The federal government imposed a second carbon tax through fuel regulations that took effect on July 1. By 2030, when the fuel regulations are fully implemented, the two carbon taxes will increase the price of gasoline by about 55 cents per litre and cost the average Manitoba family more than \$2,100 annually.

The Manitoba government charges a gas tax of 14 cents per litre.

The provincial governments of Alberta, Ontario and Newfoundland and Labrador all cut gas taxes to save drivers money.

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"Premier Heather Stefanson rightly calls out the cost of the federal carbon tax but refuses to cut her provincial gas tax like many other provinces have done," Haubrich said. "Stefanson should step up and provide relief by cutting her gas taxes.'

The CTF is Canada's leading non-partisan citizens' advocacy group fighting for lower taxes, less waste and accountable government.

### **Omicron subvariant EG.5 rapidly spreading, little evidence about severity**

Countries reporting a high or in-

creasing percentage of the EG.5 CO-

VID strain include China (30.6 per

cent of its sequences), the U.S. (18.4

per cent), Republic of Korea (14.1 per

cent), Japan (11.1 per cent) and Cana-

The WHO has pegged the severity of

EG.5 as low based on limited data to

"While EG.5 has shown increased

prevalence, growth advantage, and

immune escape properties, there have

been no reported changes in disease

severity to date. However, due to its

growth advantage and immune es-

cape characteristics, EG.5 may cause

7.6%."

da (5.3 per cent).

### By Patricia Barrett

The World Health Organization is sounding the alert on a new omicron subvariant that has spread rapidly to a large number of countries and could become dominant worldwide.

Submitted by Gage Haubrich, CTF Prairie Di-

The Canadian Taxpayers Federation

is calling on the federal and provincial

governments to cut gas taxes to save

"Manitobans are now paying two

carbon taxes they can't afford," Gage

Haubrich, CTF Prairie Director, said.

"Prime Minister Justin Trudeau needs

to stop piling more costs on families

and scrap both of his carbon taxes that

The CTF's Gas Tax Honesty Report

shows that taxes make up 29 per cent

are making life more expensive."

ed in February 2023. In mid-July the WHO designated it as a variant under monitoring (VUM), but the global health organization is now upgrading EG.5's status to a variant of interest (VOI) given its presence in about 51

Evaluation report Aug. 9, saying EG.5 is accelerating worldwide.

increase in the proportion of EG.5 reported," states the report. "During epidemiological week 29 (17 to 23 July 2023), the global prevalence of EG.5 was 17.4%. This is a notable rise from the data reported four weeks prior (week 25, 19 to 25 June 2023), when the global prevalence of EG.5 was

### Grand Ol Opry in March.

In the meantime, Siemens continues to enjoy doing her regular Sunday hymn channel on YouTube, which has garnered over 100 million views

"It's touching lives. We get these very, very touching messages," she

### globally."

The WHO is encouraging its member countries to monitor and share information on EG.5 as COVID continues to be a "major threat."

"Although the public health emergency of international concern for COVID-19 was declared over on 5 May 2023, COVID-19 remains a major threat," states the WHO in its weekly epidemiological report published Aug. 10. "WHO continues to urge Member States to maintain, not dismantle, their established COVID-19 infrastructure. It is crucial to sustain early warning, surveillance and reporting, variant tracking, early clinical care provision, administration of vaccine boosters to high-risk groups, improvements in ventilation, and regular communication."

At the global level, there have been 6.9 million deaths from COVID, according to the WHO as of Aug. 9. In Canada, 53,216 people have died from the virus.

said, adding that she finds it interesting that it is believed half of her audience is people under the age of 45. "We're just very thankful that God has placed this ministry in our life and for how it's touching and changing lives."



of the pump price in Manitoba. Pro-

The EG.5 subvariant was first reportcountries since early August.

The WHO issued an Initial Risk

date. "Based on the available evidence, the public health risk posed by EG.5 is evaluated as low at the global level, aligning with the risk associated with XBB.1.16 and the other currently circulating VOIs ...," states the report.

"Globally, there has been a steady

a rise in case incidence and become dominant in some countries or even



## Flashback...Man-Sask Ball Champions 60 years ago

By Dennis Young

The Bantam B's (12 and under) were the first-ever Carman minor ball team to win a provincial title in 1963. After eliminating teams from Pilot Mound, Treherne and Melita, they were pitted against Elkhorn in a 3-game Manitoba playoff. The boys won the first game on the road behind the 8-inning pitching of Glen Morrison. Back home for a doubleheader, the first contest went 4-0 in favour of the visitors, but game three was a nailbiter with Carman scoring the winning run on a wild pitch. That would qualify them to represent Manitoba at the inter-provincial tournament in Saskatoon.

They bolstered the roster by adding three players from the area, including Mike Mutcheson, Gary Toews and Gerald Strauss. The team and coaches travelled by bus to PLP and then train to Saskatoon. There the youngsters were billeted out and treated royally by the hosts.

In Game 1 vs a powerful Saskatoon club, Morrison again pitched as well as hitting a 2 out 7th inning home run to gain the 3-2 victory. Game 2 was a wild affair, with teams exchanging 8 early runs each before a 10-8 host result. The final was a much closer game with Carman prevailing 2-1. Crests and congrats were presented to all as well Morrison received an award for the top batter.



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The Carman Bantam Bs Manitoba-Saskatchewan Champions posed with their jackets presented to them by the Town and RM. Front row: Greg Doyle fielder, Mike Mutcheson 3rd base, Bill Adams fielder, Gerald Strauss pitcher and Ted Pethybridge fielder; Centre row: Graham Wilton pitcher, Doug Bailey 2nd base, Doug Sylvester fielder, Ivan Milne fielder, Blake Fox catcher, Dale Garnett fielder, Doug Skeavington fielder, Allan Mileham 1st base, Brian Coates 2nd base, Doug Sexsmith 1st base; Back row: Gary Gibson coach, Glen Morrison pitcher, Gary Toews pitcher and Joe Pethybridge Manager. Missing Jim Mutcheson coach.

Upon returning home, the team's bus was met north of town by a motor cavalcade that proudly escorted them around town and then to the Memorial Hall for a brief ceremony. The trip

racked up \$476.80 in expenses but \$389 was raised by the Athletic Association via canvassing businesses and local donations.

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Manitoba Blue Cross is providing marriage and family counselling to the public at a discounted rate for a limited time. The not-for-profit organization is welcoming four Marriage & Family Therapy (MFT) interns to their team in September 2023 and will be offering their services to Manitobans at a discounted rate of only \$75 per session. The typical market rate for counselling is \$125-150 per session.

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# Miami Horticultural Show Aug. 17

### By Ty Dilello

The Miami Horticultural Society will host its annual Miami Horticultural Show on Aug. 17 from 3 to 8 p.m. in the Miami Community Hall.

"Come out for a drive, view the lovely displays, have a visit with friends over a cold glass of iced tea, coffee and a cookie," said society member Lynn Sprott. "You're sure to enjoy the afternoon or evening."

The event begins with a public viewing, where patrons can see flower arrangements, houseplants, cut flowers, veggies and fruit. Awards for the show winners will be presented later in the day, along with several raffle draws.

Ian Steppler, provincial chairperson of the Bee Keepers Association, will host a presentation at 7 p.m.

Show books are available at Miami Library, Garg's Groceries and Miami Variety Store, or online at the RM of Thompson website.

Everyone is welcome to attend or enter the show.

"We are the only Horticultural Society with flowers, veggies, fruit and photos, in Southern Manitoba and the Pembina Valley," Sprott said. "We hope to see you."

## Correction

Staff

In the Aug. 3 edition of the Carman Dufferin Standard we reported that the annual Pritchard Memorial golf tournament has raised over \$1,001,000 in 26 years. Unfortunately the way it was worded, the reader may have assumed that it has raised \$1,001,000 for the local cancer organization. The Pritchard family want to clarify that they donated \$101,492 this year and that they have donated \$523.000 to South Central Cancer Resource and the CancerCare Manitoba Foundation since 2013. We could not confirm how much the tournament has raised in 26 years.

Also in the original article, dated July 13, Ed Belfour's name was spelled incorrectly.

The *Standard* apologizes for the confusion.

## 10 The Carman-Dufferin Standard Thursday, August 17, 2023 Hog industry remains an economic powerhouse

### By Lorne Stelmach

A new study shows the contributions of Manitoba's hog farming and pork processing sector to the provincial economy are substantial.

The results of a recent economic analysis back up the belief that the sector is an economic powerhouse, officials with Manitoba Pork suggested last week.

"There are reasons to be optimistic about the future of the industry in Manitoba," said general manager Cam Dahl. "We're going through a bit of a tough spell right now in the hog industry ... but I really do think the long run outlook for production in Manitoba is very positive. We produce a high quality product that's demanded throughout the world."

The independent economic analysis found 55 per cent of all agriculture and food processing jobs in Manitoba are tied to the hog sector.

Numbers compiled by Serecon also show the provincial hog sector contributes 22,000 jobs across Manitoba in both urban and rural communities as well as over \$2.3 billion to the provincial GDP annually.

Manitoba's hog sector also directly contributes \$139 million annually to the provincial government in tax revenue and another \$87 million in municipal tax revenue, the analysis reports.

"Our direct and indirect financial support allows both the provincial and municipal governments to fund key priorities like health care, education and infrastructure," said Rick Prejet, chair of Manitoba Pork. "The growth and success of urban and rural communities can be directly tied to hog farming and value-added processing."

Manitoba's hog sector has seen over 40 new barn sites or expansions approved across the province since 2017, and it is adding over \$200 million in new private investment in primary agricultural production.

The industry is also attracting new value-added investment such as the recent \$182 million expansion of the Maple Leaf Foods bacon facility in Winnipeg. There was also the recent announcement of a \$52.8 million expansion at Winkler Meats and \$35 million invested by the genetics company Topigs Norsvin on a new facility just outside of Plumas.

"It just shows that creation of a critical mass of hog farmers in Manitoba has attracted our value-added processors like HyLife and Maple Leaf and of course Winkler Meats, which is growing," said Dahl. "That's actually a really good example of how we have that critical mass of production here that is attracting significant investment.

"It's a testament to the importance of the hog industry in Manitoba," added Dahl, who noted the sector has come a long way since the freeze on development in the industry a few years ago.

"It's not that long ago ... since about 2016 we saw growth again in new barns or refurbishment of old barns,



MANITOBA PORK PHOTO

A recent economic analysis showed 55 per cent of all agriculture and food processing jobs in Manitoba are tied to the hog sector.

and we've had about 40 since that time ... so we're seeing some of that investment in the primary production infrastructure as well."

Dahl believes there are a few key factors that are helping drive that continued growth.

"Manitoba has a number of competitive advantages to feeding livestock like hogs," he said. "One is our location in the middle of North America that allows us to access the U.S. market. Another is access to reliable supply of feed grains ... and a third I would cite as being really important is an abundance of land, of grain land, that can make use of the nutrition that

comes out of hog barns."

Prejet sounded an equally optimistic tone about the future..

"Manitoba's hog sector looks forward to continuing our legacy of growth and sustainability in the coming years, with the right conditions in which to expand local economies, build new barns, and continue to employ over 22,000 Manitobans," he said. "We will continue to work with our partners across the province, including both the provincial and municipal governments on ensuring our sector supports our communities for decades to come."

### **MARCHE** hosts meeting at Salem Home for feedback on long-term care in Manitoba

### **By Ashleigh Viveiros**

The Manitoba Association of Residential and Community Care Homes for the Elderly (MARCHE) hosted an event in Winkler last month to get people talking about the province's long-term care home system.

MARCHE invited community members to a meeting at Salem Home July 27 to share their personal experiences, ideas, and recommendations ahead of this fall's provincial election.

"We're hoping to get feedback from people living in the community, residents and family members of residents who are living in long-term care, on what their experience has been from the get-go," explained MARCHE executive director Julie Turenne-Maynard ahead of the event.

Participants were invited to share their thoughts on every step of the process: from the initial realization that advanced care was needed to panelling to settling into a personal care home (PCH) "What are your experiences? What can be improved?" Turenne-Maynard said, noting they wanted to hear from community members at large as well about the system and what they'd like to see improved.

"We're in a provincial election year. So what would you want to be telling the candidates that are canvassing at your door? What is important to you as a person related to long term care?"

The evening drew about a dozen people who were given the chance to discuss the matter in small groups.

After the meeting, Turenne-Maynard shared a few common threads that came out of those conversations.

Chief among them was a concern for sustainable funding, with many care homes struggling with the provincial dollars that are provided and having to increasingly rely on community support to make improvements.



STANDARD PHOTO BY ASHLEIGH VIVEIROS

Julie Turenne-Maynard, executive director of the Manitoba Association of Residential and Community Care Homes for the Elderly, was at Winkler's Salem Home last month to get feedback on the long-term care home system in Manitoba.

Participants also expressed concern about rising food costs, the length of time it takes to be admitted into a PCH, challenges for younger adults who need longterm care, the impact the pandemic had on quality of life for residents, the inability of many PCHs to care for bariatric residents due to lack of room or specialized equipment,



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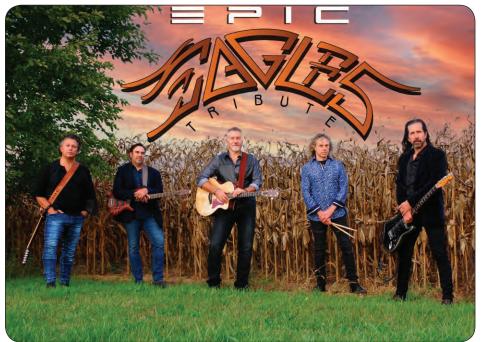
# Friday night on the main stage



### THE M'LADIES 7-7:50 P.M.

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# Saturday night on the main stage



### BK & THE BAD HABITS, 7-7:50 P.M.

Forged on the frozen prairies of southern Manitoba, BK and the Bad Habits are a hard rocking, hard partying band of musical misfits channeling a '90s alternative sound. Playing both original songs and legendary rock hits, one can expect a fun, high-energy, and passionate performance at every show.

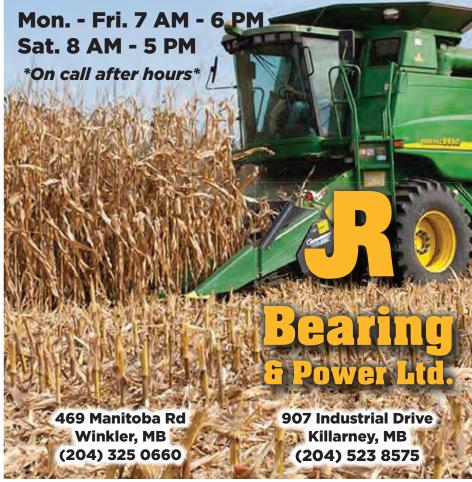


### ECONOLINE CRUSH, 8:10-9 P.M.

Econoline Crush formed in 1992 and released their breakthrough (and ultimately platinum-selling) album *The Devil You Know* in 1997. The band has toured with Alice Cooper and opened for KISS at Madison Square Garden. *When The Devil Drives* is the group's new album, which releases later this year.

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### SLOAN, 9:30-10:45 P.M.

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# **Sunday programming**

The festival's Sunday Programming Committee presents a lineup of spiritual fare that actually begins Saturday at the Access Event Centre with music from The Fehr Family at 7 p.m. and The Browns at 8 p.m.

The Fehr Family is band whose style blends family harmonies and acoustic instruments with a range of genres—from good old-fashioned hymns to bluegrass to southern gospel. The Browns are an award-winning family quartet who deliver the powerful message of the gospel through word and song.

On Sunday, the action moves to the main stage downtown with a 10:30 a.m.

worship service led by Richard and Kristjana Hale from Bethel Community Church and featuring guest speaker Bruce Martin, former pastor of Calvary Temple Winnipeg.

The kids church service, meanwhile, will run at the Kenmor Theatre from 10:30 a.m. to noon.

Finally, The Fehr Family, The Browns, and the Glencross Quartet will perform live on the main stage from 1-5 p.m. to close out festival weekend.





## Live at the Cottonwood Dance Stage

The Cottonwood Dance Stage offers festival-goers a great lineup of old time/country music and a dance floor on which to kick up their heels while they enjoy the tunes. Friday's schedule runs from 12:30 to 11 p.m. and includes performances from Young and Haggard, Northern Reflections, and Vince Anderson & The Ace Band. Saturday sees Dale Maksymic & The 78 RPMs kick things off at noon followed by music again from Northern Reflections and Vince Anderson & The Ace Band until 11 p.m. On Sunday, Ukie Fusion performs from 1-5 p.m.





The Youth Stage at the Kenmor Theatre this year features an All-Styles Dance Battle organized by DanceWorks Friday at 5:30 p.m. Guest dance troupe Dynamix and solo dance artists will also be demonstrating their skills. That's followed by "The Very Late Show" at 8:30 p.m. featuring comedian Matt Falk, band The Razberry Jam, improv artists Kenton and Jeremy, and a few other local guests, and the Corn and Apple Film Fest of short films at 10 p.m. Saturday the youth stage hosts the Triple Threat Camp's production of Jurassic Corn at 1 p.m. and "Saturday Night Live" featuring performances from Rachel Hesom, 3 Out of 4 Strings, Avenue, EzRa, Superheater, The Silas Presley Band, and Ditch starting at 5:30 p.m. On Sunday, Lulu & The TomCat perform at 1 p.m. followed by a "Sunday Mix" of local bands at 2 p.m.

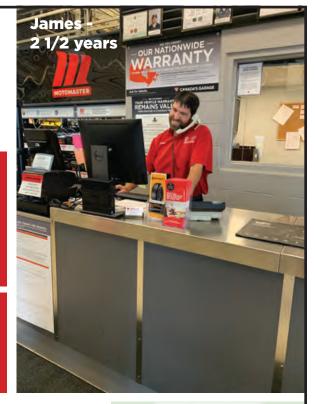


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# **Creative expression**



There's free hands-on art and crafts for the kids at the tent in Confederation Park all weekend from 1-5 p.m. Looking for other creative outlets? Local artists Willi Richardson, Susan Pharoah, and Margie Hildebrand are offering art demonstrations Friday and Saturday afternoons at the Pembina Hills Arts Centre.

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# 'A Day in the Trenches' offers a living history experience

### By Lorne Stelmach

Visitors can once again get a feel this weekend for what it would have been like fighting in the First World War.

The Manitoba World War One Museum near La Riviere is hosting its annual heritage event 'A Day in the Trenches' this Sunday afternoon.

The non-profit museum is dedicated to the memory of Manitobans who served in the Great War of 1914-1918. It features an extensive library and archives as well artifacts and memorabilia such as medals, uniforms, and equipment.

From noon to 4 p.m., costumed presenters will guide visitors through the Allied and enemy trenches built on-site, headquarters, battle stations, and other period displays. Special re-enactments take place at 1:30 p.m. and 3 p.m.

The museum got its start in 2012 with retirement and a move to the Pembina Valley where Tascona and his wife operated the Silver Springs bed and breakfast. Tascona had been involved in military museums in Winnipeg and had been a collector of military artifacts, so one thing led to another.

A Day in the Trenches, he noted, is bolstered by a group of dedicated volunteers eager to share their enthusiasm for and knowledge of history.

"I've got a good group of people who want to keep doing it, and they keep pushing me along," said Tascona. "My focus is educating visitors, and there's these volunteers who fall in line with wanting to educate people on the Great War.

"It just seems to be taking on a life of its own among these people who like to present the living history."

To check it out, you can find your way to the museum by watching for the signs about three miles west of La Riviere on Highway 3.

The museum otherwise is open weekends from mid-May to mid-September from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. or by appointment.



**STANDARD FILE PHOTO** 

The trench system at the Manitoba World War One Museum offers a taste at what life would have been like for soldiers in the war. The museum hosts its A Day in the Trenches activities this weekend.

# **Remembering the legacy left by Margaret Burnett**

### By Dennis Young

Margaret Burnett's early teen years as CGIT secretary showed the leadership that pointed to the trend of things ahead. Burnett's drive and compassion would lead her down many paths of volunteerism. Carman was fortunate to be a benefactor of those paths.

Born in and graduated from Graysville, she completed a secretarial course at Success Business College. Upon graduation, she was a member of a large group of qualified women facing few openings in the office world. She protested the unfairness via a Letter to the Editor in *The Free Press* and was consequently offered her first correspondent job. Subscribers would go on to read her column for the next 65 years in the *Dufferin Leader, Valley Leader,* and *Pembina Times*!

In 1929 she went to work for the Health of Animals office in Carman (46 years) and commuted from Graysville. During the Second World War years she oversaw the local Wartime Ration Board and the Red Cross prepaid medical plan before Medicare.

She and her mother moved to town in 1952 when Margaret was already seen as the new face of orchestration. With a strong faith behind her, she continued to be Graysville's Church secretary-treasurer while active in the Women's Missionary Society of Carman, the Young People's Union as a Presbyterial executive and was a Presbyterial delegate for Manitoba.

Along the way, Margaret would find time to lead the largest group in rural Manitoba to enter the Manitoba Hospitalization Plan before disbandment. She was also the group leader of the Manitoba Medical Services plan, which held a membership of 1000... largest in the province.

Margaret worked in support of many other organizations, some recorded as firsts. She instituted the first annual Harness Racing Festival, organized the first adult education group, the first St. John's Home Nursing studies and was the first secretary-treasurer for the Women's Hospital Aid Group (10 years), the Boyne Valley Hostel Corp., the Recreation Association, and the Chamber of Commerce (35 years). She also became the first woman elected as a Town Councilor (17 years) in 1968, with two stints as Deputy Mayor.

Her most significant contributions were establishing senior housing and the Handi-Van in Carman. To get the Lodge started, she initiated a survey to determine the need, worked through the newspaper for public awareness then organized a petition presented to the Council for support.

When Anton Meuli donated the land in 1964 on which the Lodge now

sits, this proved to be the determining factor needed by Margaret to spark local support for a project of this magnitude. With her undying determination, a vote and money by-law was passed in 1966, and construction began and opened for guests on July 25, 1967.

When the Handi-Van project first appeared, it was described by the Council as a "white elephant" and "will never fly". But Margaret did her homework and would not be denied. Margaret's strength in fundraising technics saw 90 per cent of the funds required to purchase the van raised solely by her. And after the first three years of operation, the committee was in the black.

Margaret also volunteered for the Boyne Regional Library, Flood Diversion Committee, Carman Horticultural Society, Pembina Tourist and Convention Assoc, Red Cross Society 20 years, Cancer Society 20 years, and the DAS. I bet I have missed some for sure!

But Margaret was not after fame and recognition, yet it came in spades. In 1966, the province presented her with a special award acknowledging her contribution in support of the Chamber. In 1970 she was one of seven Manitobans selected for the Good Citizen Award presented by the Lieutenant-Governor. The award exemplifies how she makes Manitoba a better



Margaret Burnett with her 1983 Bronze Quill Award for distinguished newspaper service.

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In 1975 the Federal Health Dept recognized her years in their office with a scroll from Prime Minister Trudeau. That year, she was also named Carman Citizen of the Year. She was presented the Bronze Quill by the Canadian Community Newspaper Association for distinguished service and in 1983 was the Carman Woman of the Year. She died Aug. 6, 1999.

In her words, "Community service is the rent we owe for the space we take up in this world. I want to pay my rent!" Paid in full!

### **24** The Carman-Dufferin Standard Thursday, August 17, 2023 Local Cycle of Hope riders raise \$12K for Habitat for Humanity

### By Lorne Stelmach

Three local cyclists recently conquered the challenge of a long distance ride in support of Habitat for Humanity.

Debra Fehr, Nettie Reimer, and Nancy Bezan took part in the Cycle of Hope ride which saw them spend 12 days biking 782 kilometres from Little Current to Niagara Falls, Ontario.

They collectively raised around \$12,000 that will support the Winkler/Morden chapter, so it was well worth the effort.

"We're very happy with it, and it can make a big difference," said Fehr. "It was intense on a lot of different levels ... I don't know if I would do it again, but I can see why people do it ... the social aspect of it makes it a very good experience, but it's intense."

"It was pretty exciting," said Bezan. "It was nice to ride with a group of people with a likemindedness of biking and wanting to support Habitat."

Tackling this for the first time was Reimer, who recalled the first day was about 60 km with the next day reaching 130 km. She skipped the first 30 but did the last 100 km.

"That was a big one for me. The next day, I did 100, so that was a really long day," she said. "It was challenging ... every hill I came to, I wanted to stop, but there were all these other ladies with me, and they just encouraged me to keep going, and I managed to finish the day.

"I guess I didn't quite expect the go, go, go ... we had until 5 o'clock before we ended the day, and a lot of times we got done a bit earlier," Reimer said. "There were times it just felt a bit rushed ... I wanted to slow down just to see the scenery along the way as well. I did slow down, especially going along Lake Erie because that was a pretty long stretch."

She has many good and fun memories of the experience overall.

"The stops where we stayed for the night, a few places were a bit crowded, but we made do," she said. "Deb and I actually slept under the bus one night ... just because all the cabins were a bit crowded, and we decided to try it out."

"We got creative and slept in the cargo hold spot on the bus," said Fehr.

"I had my goals ... I wanted to be able to do 60 km a day," she said. "The first two days, I did that, not without crying, but then the third day I did much better, and I ended up doing two days of 100 km each and a couple of 70, 80 km days ... I was happy that I could do more.

"It was definitely a different ride, a challenging ride," she continued. "This ride was nothing but hills, so I needed to get my strength ... and just the rhythm ... it's a different thing, and it took me a couple days to figure it out.

"It was beautiful terrain," noted Fehr, who added a highlight was everyone being fully in on the adventure and being ready to support each other. "There's a real camaraderie amongst all of the riders. You're in different riding groups, and you end up sitting or sleeping with them next to you on the bus ... it's a great team, and everyone is really supportive."

This was the fourth time for Bezan, so she had a good idea of what she was in for, but it was still challenging.

"We were really lucky with our ride. We had pretty much good weather the whole time," she said. "There were





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Nettie Reimer, Debra Fehr, and Nancy Bezan catch a breather during their 782-kilometre ride in support of Habitat for Humanity. Below: The Cycle of Hope team.

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challenging moments. There were lots of hills and things like that, but all in all, it was a very good

all, it was a very good event. All of us, I believe, really enjoyed it.

"It was quite hilly, and there were some higher grades we had to go up ... most of us usually don't ride that amount anywhere from 60 to a 100 km a day—for consecutive days."

One day even reached about 160 km, she noted.

"At the same time, the scenery was gorgeous, so I guess that took a little bit out of it too," said Bezan, who noted they were part of a group that included 27 riders in total.

She enjoyed the camaraderie of the ride and recalled having had an accident where a dog ran out at her though it resulted in nothing serious.

"It was nice how everyone came to check on me," she noted.

And something that stood out for her was in one town where a girl spoke to the group about her struggles after having been separated and trying to make it on her own with family, shuffling from one apartment to the next. As well, there was the connection with the First Nations people involved with Habitat and in the process of getting perhaps five new

homes built there.

She would gladly do something like this again.

"I kind of like the idea of doing another one that would be just strictly for this area ... but I certainly would like to do another ride."

"I already have my support for next year if I want to go again," said Reimer. "Next year is their

30th anniversary, so they might have something big going on ... if people would like to have an adventure and something new ... all of the people are very supportive along the way."

Next up is the Spirit of Hope ride taking place in Manitoba in late August where riders will spend five days biking along the shores of Lake Winnipeg.

The two charity rides help Habitat for Humanity build homes for deserving families in Manitoba including through the local chapter in Morden-Winkler. You can find out more about both the Cycle of Hope and Spirit of Hope rides and support the participants with a donation online at www. habitat.mb.ca.

## Hockey legend Aldcorn reflects on storied career, life in Manitoba

### By Ty Dilello

Former NHLer Gary Aldcorn went from rural Manitoba to hockey's hall of fame, thanks to his love of the game.

The *Carman Dufferin Standard* caught up with Aldcorn when he visited Winnipeg recently for a University of Manitoba football reunion. The fourhour interview spanned everything from curling and hockey, to life.

Aldcorn was born on March 7, 1935, in Shaunavon, Saskatchewan.

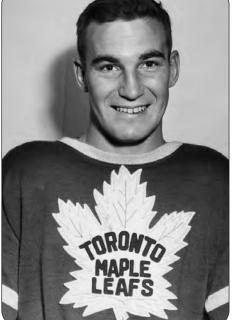
His father was in the grain business with Pioneer Grain and was the superintendent for Shaunavon and the surrounding area. The family moved to Carman and Morris, before settling in Winnipeg's West End neighbourhood when he was 12.

Aldcorn joined the Winnipeg Monarchs club for midget, juvenile and junior hockey in the early 1950s. When he was 16-years-old, the head scout of the Toronto Maple Leafs came to his parent's house and offered him \$100 to sign a "C Form" — an amateur contract that secured his negotiating rights.

"We didn't know any better, so we said, why not. I thought everyone was signing one, but it turned out I was the only one on my Monarchs team that signed," he said. "In the eyes of the (National Collegiate Athletic Association), when you signed a C Form, you were professional and couldn't play college hockey. So, when I was playing junior hockey, I was wondering why people on my team were hearing from colleges and not me. I eventually found out that I was ineligible for college."

The next year, Aldcorn joined the Toronto Marlboros for his final year of junior hockey. Coached by legendary netminder Turk Broda, the Marlboros won the 1955 Memorial Cup.

Aldcorn joined the pro hockey ranks in 1955, when the Leafs assigned him to play with the WHL's Winnipeg Warriors. Playing alongside pros Bill



Aldcorn signed his first provisional contract with the Toronto Maple Leafs at 16-years-old.

Mosienko, Eddie Mazur, Fred Shero and others, Aldcorn had a solid rookie season scoring 34 points in 67 games.

"Coach Alf Pike gave me playing time. Everyone got equal playing time, and we all produced well," he said.

The Warriors won the league championship and Edinburgh Trophy, giving Aldcorn two championships in two years.

For the next few seasons, he played with the Toronto Maple Leafs and the AHL's Rochester Americans as a left winger.

When Punch Imlach became the Leafs' coach, he took issue with Ald-corn's game.

"Punch later said, 'I had Frank Mahovlich and Dick Duff at left wing, two Hall of Fame guys, and then I have Aldcorn, so why would I keep him?' I guess I have to agree with that," Aldcorn said.

In the summer of 1959, the Detroit Red Wings chose Aldcorn in the interleague draft. Fellow Manitoban Jimmy Skinner was a scout for the Red

homes across the country, the deficiencies in it, the lack of commitment by governments to support them," she continued. "Just because the pandemic has lessened, the problems don't go away, the financial burdens don't go away. The the state of many of the care homes that are over 50, 60, 70 years old need to be addressed. The

human resources crisis still exists. MARCHE is a volunteer provincial association and collective of private non-profit organizations that serve Manitoba's elderly, including independent living and supportive housing complexes as well as personal care homes.



STANDARD PHOTO BY TY DILELLO

Gary Aldcorn, who spent time in Carman and Morris, had a lengthy professional hockey career that included stints with the Toronto Maple Leafs, Detroit Red Wings and Boston Bruins.

Wings and he orchestrated the move, he said.

"They picked me up to play with Gordie Howe. So, I sat in the dressing room next to him, and Alex Delvecchio, and it was a real honour for me to play with that club. Especially with Gordie and our goaltender Terry Sawchuk, who was also a legend."

Playing primarily on a line with Howe, Aldcorn had the best statistical season of his NHL career, scoring 51 points in 70 games for the Red Wings in 1959-60.

He played one more season, split between the Red Wings and the Boston Bruins, before his NHL career was over.

Altogether, Aldcorn played in 226 NHL games with the Leafs, Red Wings and the Bruins, scoring 41 goals and 56 assists for 97 points. Aldcorn credits never drinking a beer his whole life to helping him go far in hockey.

He was a member of Team Canada at the 1965 World Hockey Championship, where they finished in fourth

Salem Home is one of MARCHE's members.

"We have a lot of community support here at Salem, but we understand that we're different from other facilities in that way," noted CEO Karin Oliveira. "We're very fortunate here, but I don't want to take that for granted. We're part of MARCHE to support the other facilities that maybe don't have the same support that we have."

Lobbying for a better-funded personal care home system in Manitoba serves to help all such facilities, Oliveira noted.

"I think there is a misconception in our community about the funding for place. He also played with the 1963 Winnipeg Maroons and 1968 St. Boniface Mohawks, both of which were Allan Cup finalists.

Aldcorn returned to Manitoba in 1961, and played five seasons for the Maroons, and also went to the University of Manitoba to get a Masters of Business Administration. He was an assistant coach for the Canadian National Team in 1969-70, and later worked in player development for Hockey Canada. He helped create the organization's national coaching certification program.

Aldcorn was inducted into the Manitoba Hockey Hall of Fame in 1997. He was also inducted into the Manitoba Sports Hall of Fame in 2016.

Aldcorn is finally slowing down after spending 20 winters living on a boat around the Bahamas, where he pursued his passion for sculpting. He now lives in Lethbridge, Alberta, where one of his children lives.

"It's been one heck of a ride," he said. "I wouldn't change it for the world."

Salem ... we are a church-owned facility, but government funded," she said. "So we still need the funding from the government."

With the election coming up, Turenne-Maynard encourages Manitobans to share their concerns on th is topic.

"We've put out a call to action, because we need to make candidates aware, we need to make the community aware that long-term care is not going away, and that it can't be neglected any longer."

You can learn about MARCHE's call to action online at marchemb.ca.

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and the importance of spiritual care.

MARCHE has held similar events

like this in Winnipeg in recent months

as the agency works to develop its

advocacy plans for the election and

"I have regular meetings with the

Department of Seniors and Long-

Term Care," Turenne-Maynard said,

"and we really need to be able to com-

municate to them what the people in

"Obviously COVID really shone

the light on the state of personal care

Manitoba want and need.

beyond.



## **Central Energy wins U19 Women's Softball Championship**

#### By Ty Dilello

The Central Energy softball team recently won the U19 Women's 2023 Western Canadian Softball Championships held from Aug. 4-7 in Regina, Saskatchewan.

The U19 Central Energy team finished second in their MPSL regular season with a record of 10-8 before finishing second in the provincial championships qualifying them to compete in the Western Canadian championships.

Playing in the Westerns as Team Manitoba 1, Central Energy went undefeated throughout the event and rolled through the round-robin with a record of 5-0. They advanced to the finals after winning their semi-final encounter by a 12-2 scoreline.

In the championship final against Team British Columbia 1, Central Energy continued their winning and won 7-0.

The players on Central Energy are made up of the finest young softball players from all over southern and central Manitoba. Players on the U19 Central Energy team include Lexie Nelson (Carman), Ryanne Bass (Elie), Finley Folkett (Morden), Olivia Goderis (Swan Lake), Kylyn Shindle (Portage La Prairie), Aliya Edbom-Kehler (Altona), Alexa Guilford (Crystal City), Kindal DeGraeve (Holland), Rayna French (La Salle), Natasha Driedger (Morris).

Holland's Kindal DeGraeve, playing in her final season at the U19 level, was ecstatic with her team's performance in winning the Western Canadian championship.

"It was amazing," said DeGraeve "We had some really close games, but we were always able to pull out ahead, and that feeling is indescribable. We went in to win, and we knew we were strong, but we didn't know what to expect from the other teams until we played them."

The victory at Westerns now wraps up the season for U19 Central Energy. Many players will now move back to their respective schools and colleges before the end of August.

For DeGraeve, she goes to Dakota College at Bottineau in North Dakota, where she plays for their softball and hockey teams.

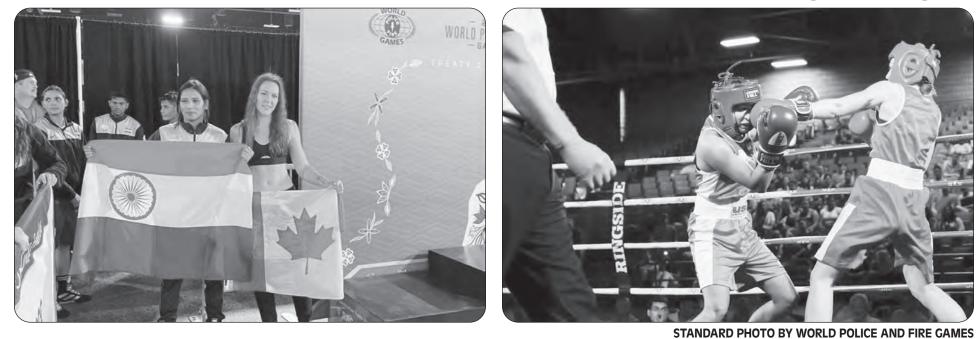
"Our Central Energy team had our highs and lows for sure, but we were always able to level out and play our game. I am unsure of my softball plans in the future, but for now, I will head back to Bottineau in a few weeks' time for my next year of college."



STANDARD PHOTO BY KINDAL DEGRAEVE

The U19 Central Energy softball team won the U19 Women's 2023 Western Canadian Softball Championships in Regina, Saskatchewan from Aug. 4-7. Left to right, back row: Alexa Guilford, Ryanne Bass, Natasha Driedger, Lexie Nelson, Olivia Goderis; front row: Madison Dauphinais, Rayna French, Brooklyn Franklin, Finley Folkett, Aliya Edbom-Kehler, Kindal DeGraeve and Bailey Gardner.

# Silver medallist on the world boxing stage



Roland's Stacey Parker (on the right in red clothing) earned a silver medal for her performance in boxing at the 2023 World Police and Fire Games in Winnipeg.



## **Gimli ranch introducing Valais Blacknose sheep to Canada**

#### By Becca Myskiw

A Gimli couple is introducing a rare breed of sheep to Canada one lamb at a time.

Joachim De Smedt and Idris th

**"INBREEDING IS ALWAYS A** 

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SOMETHING NEW."

Dheedene moved to Manitoba from Belgium in 2014. Just over a year ago, they started breeding Valais Blacknose sheep, an adorable farm animal originating in Switzerland.

This hardy sheep is from the mountains in the Valais region of the country. They

have a completely black nose with their white wool coming over their eyes, making for one of the cutest animals known. They're typically bred for both their wool and meat but De Smedt and Dheedene breed them for pets on Tribble Ranch.

"They're super cute," said De Smedt. "We sort of fell in love when we saw the pictures of them online."

> The breed is also known for being extremely friendly — that's the main reason De Smedt and Dheedene decided to add them to their farm. He said that fact has rung true.

Tribble Ranch's sheep are curious towards people and will run up to the fence when they see them, waiting to

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Joachim De Smedt, left and Idris Dheedene have started breeding Valais Blacknose sheep with the hopes of establishing the breed in Canada.



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The Valais Blacknose sheep are used for both wool and meat.

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be loved.

Their sheep were recently at the Carman Country Fair petting zoo and De Smedt said the entire time, they stood by the edge of the fence so they'd get ample petting time.

The Valais Blacknose sheep is not commonly found in Canada, likely because you can't import the animal here. Instead, breeders have to import the breed's embryos or semen samples and start their own bloodline — that's exactly what De Smedt and Dheedene are doing.

Right now, the couple has four purebred Valais Blacknose Sheep and seven crossbreeds. As they breed up, they're making crosses of Valais and Shropshire. The crosses will have a larger percentage of Valais in them each time, eventually leading to their own purebreds of the breed.

"We figured the Shropshire would make a nice match," said De Smedt. "They have a lot of the same characteristics as the Valais like black in their legs and face."

De Smedt and Dheedene are importing high quality embryos and semen samples from different countries and bloodlines to keep their herd's genetics diverse.

"Inbreeding is always a concern when you're trying to establish something new," said De Smedt.

So, they're working hard to ensure that doesn't happen.

Valais Blacknose sheep are known in Switzerland for having a different textured meat. De Smedt and Dheedene can't attest to that themselves, but

they can say the sheeps' wool is unique. It's a different kind of fibre, very curled and light. As the Valais Blacknose sheep has to be sheered twice a year, they've already seen twice the quality of this wool.

"They grow very fluffy," said De Smedt. "When they come running to you, you can see their coat coming up and down."

As the sheep isn't widely known in Canada, the market for their wool is quite

small. The couple has, however, managed to find people who want it to make beautiful creations. Their goal is to keep breeding and growing their herd, getting big enough to sell lambs as pets for more and more Canadians.

Taking care of the sheep is not a hard task. In fact, they might be one of the easier farm animals to have as they're built for tough mountain conditions. De Smedt said almost immediately after a newborn lamb

is up, they can go play in the snow and be absolutely fine. While they're nursing, De Smedt and Dheedene give the ewes a sheep feed mixture to give them the extra nutrients needed, but otherwise, the Valais Blacknose sheep just graze off the land and drinks water.

"If you're into sheep I think it's the best sheep you can get," he said.

Right now, Tribble Ranch is a hobby for De Smedt and Dheedene but they're hoping it will get big and busy enough to become a full-time job. They're already selling lambs from their herd — seven are still available from this year. To see which lambs are up for grabs (and to see just how cute this breed of sheep is), go to www.tribbleranch.ca.

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### OBITUARY

Helen Margaret Murray On July 30, 2023, after a long life filled with joy and love, Helen Margaret Murray has passed away at the age of 99 years. She is survived by her children Sandra (Ken), Bruce (Roseann), Karen (Roly) and Charles (Sherry), and daughter-in-law Barb, 12

grandchildren and 15 great-grandchildren. She was predeceased by her husband of 57 years Gordon, son Bob, daughter Bonnie and her siblings Cliff, Percy and Marj.

Helen was born near Carman and lived her entire life in the area. She was a wonderful wife, mother, grandmother, greatgrandmother, and a friend to many. She taught school and was actively involved in the running of the family farm near Graysville. Helen was also active in her church and community. She loved to travel and be among friends and family. She saw the best in everyone and will be greatly missed.

The entire family would like to express our profound gratitude for all of those at the Boyne Lodge and everyone else involved in her care.

Memorial service was held on Wednesday, August 9, 2023 at 11:00 a.m. from the Carman United Church with Rev. Harold Kenyan officiating. Interment followed in Riverside Cemetery, Graysville. Love is eternal, she will be missed.

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OBITUARY



Martha Penner (nee Enns) Martha passed away peacefully at Boundary Trails Health Centre on August 7, 2023 at the age of 93 years.

Martha married Henry Penner on June 4, 1955 in Kitchener, Ontario. Following their wedding, Henry and Martha returned to Elm Creek. Manitoba to farm. Their married life was blessed with five children: four sons and one daughter. Martha was a dedicated mother and farm wife. She spent countless hours baking, sewing, cooking, canning, doing laundry, ironing, and gardening but she was always willing to entertain her children with her great storytelling while she worked. Martha's steadfast faith was evident in all parts of her life and she enjoyed serving in various roles in her church community at Elm Creek M. B. Church. She was a dedicated Sunday School teacher and also served as church librarian for several years. After 47 years of farming, Henry and

Martha sold their farm and retired to Carman, Manitoba in 1985. Martha was predeceased by her husband Henry, one daughter-in-law, and one granddaughter (in infancy).

She will be fondly remembered by her children: Richard (Mary), Robert (Lorraine), Alvin (Ursula), Harvey (Laurie), and Patricia (Jeff) Podjan; 12 grandchildren; and 14 great-grandchildren. Private family service with interment in Elm Creek Cemetery at a later date.

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Prep time: 10 minutes Cook time: 20 minutes Servings: 4 2 tablespoons extra-virgin olive oil

1 small onion, chopped

1 1/2 teaspoons ground cumin

1/2 teaspoon kosher salt, plus additional, to taste, divided

1/8 teaspoon ground allspice

1 cup Israeli pearl couscous

3/4 teaspoon ground turmeric

1 1/2 cups water

1 can (15 ounces) no-salt-added chickpeas (garbanzo beans), drained 1 cup red Grapes from California, halved

2 tablespoons chopped fresh cilantro or



Cook time: 50 minutes Servings: 6 8 ounces cavatappi pasta 1 teaspoon salt, plus additional for salting pasta water, to taste

1 tablespoon butter

- 1 block (8 ounces) cheddar cheese
- 1/2 cup raw pecan pieces
- 15 ounces part-skim ricotta cheese
- 4 tablespoons sour cream
- 1/4 teaspoon ground pepper
- 1 large egg, lightly beaten
- Preheat oven to 375 F.

Cook cavatappi in salted boiling water. Drain, reserving 1/2 cup pasta cooking

## Warm-Spiced Chickpeas and Couscous with Grapes and Arugula

### parsley

freshly ground black pepper, to taste 4 cups lightly packed baby arugula lemon wedges

In large saucepan over medium heat, heat oil. Add onion, cumin, 1/2 teaspoon salt and allspice; cook, stirring, until onion is softened, about 3 minutes. Add couscous and stir 1 minute to toast lightly. Add turmeric and water; bring to boil. Reduce heat, cover and simmer until couscous is tender, about 15 minutes. Stir chickpeas, grapes and cilantro into couscous then season with salt and pepper, to taste. Transfer couscous-grape mixture to large bowl, add arugula and toss well. Serve warm or at room tem-

# Mac and Cheese with Pecan Breadcrumbs

perature with lemon wedges.

water. Return pasta to pot and stir in butter.

Using box grater, shred cheddar cheese. Using food processor, combine 1/4 cup shredded cheddar cheese with pecans. Process to coarse breadcrumb consistency.

Add remaining cheddar cheese, ricotta, sour cream, 1 teaspoon salt and pepper to warm pasta. Stir until thoroughly combined. Add egg; stir. Add 2-4 tablespoons reserved pasta water to loosen mixture; stir until smooth.

Pour into buttered 9-inch square or round casserole dish and top evenly with pecan topping.

Bake 30 minutes.

Substitutions: Use pre-shredded cheese in place of cheddar cheese block. Use pasta of choice in place of cavatappi.

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Susie Schwartz

#### **By Susie Schwartz**

Sitting here eating my lunch at Keele University School of Medicine, my face is about to fall off from smiling so big. It's like my wedding day all over again. And I'm almost as happy today as then. No, I'm not becoming a doctor. I mean, seriously? I had a massage the other day and said, out loud to myself, "Wipe your face when you get to the car." Did I remember after 15 short steps? Nope. Then I met a new neighbour and talked to her for 15 minutes before heading into the house. As I caught a glimpse in the mirror, I almost fainted from the reflection. Think raccoon that's just stumbled home from a rave. Not exactly doctor material.

No, I am smiling because I have the honour of helping medical students learn, and I get to give my two cents about the patient experience as someone with a chronic illness.

Not only did they practice manoeuvring my limbs, poke me with toothpicks, and hammer my knees and elbows for a neurological exam, but the professor let them ask me questions.

"How does diabetes affect your

daily life?"

"Does the neuropathy in your feet hurt all the time?"

"What's the one thing you want us to know to make us better doctors?" I sat taller on the exam table with each question until I almost jumped up and started dancing at the last one!

I tell you all this because when students learn to be doctors, they care. And sometimes, I think after years of practicing medicine, some get jaded or worn out from being on that side of the desk. A bit of their humanness disappears.

But I think (usually) they still have it – the desire to care well for people. And when we as patients build strong relationships by being prepared, being on time, being patient, and giving them our respect, even if we disagree with the treatment plan, we witness their compassion – their buried humanness.

And guess what my answer was to that last question posed?

"See your patients as people and not as a number. We have fears and frustrations, and our health, as scary as that is, isn't even our only problem. Please treat us with compassion and respect. Hmm...

It seems to go both ways – this humanizing each other at the doctor's office.

Less health stress, yes?

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## **Superfood Pecan Energy Bars**

Cook time: 40 minutes Servings: 14 15 Medjool dates (9 ounces) 1 cup pecan pieces 1/2 cup gluten-free oats 1 tablespoon chia seeds 1 teaspoon vanilla extract 1/2 teaspoon cinnamon 1/4 teaspoon kosher salt Preheat oven to 200 F.

In food processor, process or pulse dates until chopped and rough texture forms. Add pecan pieces, oats, chia seeds, vanilla extract, cinnamon and kosher salt; process about 1 minute until crumbly dough forms.

Line baking sheet or jelly roll pan with parchment paper. Dump dough into center of parchment paper and use rolling pin to roll into 6-by10 1/2-inch rectangle. Cut dough into 14 bars about 11/2-by-3 inches or into desired shapes. Bake bars 30 minutes. Cool bars to room temperature then refrigerate in sealed container between sheets of wax paper.

To package for on-the-go snacking, cut 4-by-6-inch rectangles of wax paper, wrap around bars and secure with tape.