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Grade 6 Class of 1973-74 in Roland holds Reunion

By Ty Dilello

On Aug. 12, the Grade 6 Class of 1973-74 from Roland Elementary School gathered for a reunion.

This was their final year as a group in Roland before heading to Carman Collegiate for Grade 7. The class had 23 students with their teacher Mrs. Jean Sutton.

The idea of getting together was sparked a year earlier by Donna (Blue) Moffatt and Marilyn (Bartley) Gitzel. Along with Caroline (VanWyck) Stepler, Karen (Allison) Hiebert and Glenda (Bartley) Penner, they put their heads together and started planning for a summer reunion.

On Aug. 12, a group of 11 students and their spouses, 17 in all, gathered at the Roland School for a tour by current principal Melissa Benner. The group was surprised by the many changes that had been made to the school. A few students had a swing as they reminisced. The group then gathered at Marilyn and Allan Gitzel's for a catered meal and more time to reflect and look back fondly over their time at Roland School.

Many stories were exchanged, and students caught up on each other's lives. Former students came from Niverville, Landmark, Winnipeg,



(From left) Shawna Cameron connecting with Karen (Allison) Hiebert and Val (Stitt) Onsowich.

Brandon, Asessippi, Rossman Lake, Morden, Miami, Roland and Playa del Carmen, Mexico, to attend the reunion.

Some of the group was last together at a 25-year Carman Collegiate Reunion in 2005. The group is hopeful they can gather again soon and have more former classmates join them at a future reunion.



PHOTO SUBMITTED BY GLENDA PENNER

The Roland Elementary School Grade 6 Class of 1973-74 reunited on Aug. 12. Pictured left to right, back row: Glenda (Bartley) Penner, Bruce Reid, Doug Allison, Gene Sheldon Bausman, Murray Wood; front row: Marilyn (Bartley) Gitzel, Donna Blue Moffatt, Caroline (Van Wyck) Stepler, Karen (Allison) Hiebert, Val (Stitt) Onsowich. Missing from the photo is Shawna Cameron.



Gene Sheldon Bausman from Playa del Carmen, Mexico, enjoys a swing with former classmate Donna Blue Moffatt from Asessippi.

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Davin Lehmann of Carman and Emily Hatlaugh of Winnipeg shoot some hoops Saturday at the Carman Mennonite Church court.

King Korn Maze holds grand opening for new event space

By Becca Myskiw

King Korn Maze held its grand opening for their new barn this weekend, and it was a day full of sunshine and smiles.

The official ribbon cutting ceremony included local municipal, provincial and federal government dignitaries.

The local business is a community staple, offering everything from a corn maze to a golf range, with human hamster balls, mini golf, a bale slide, a tire structure, and lawn games for the whole family to enjoy. One admission fee gets you access to everything at the maze — \$9 for adults, \$6 for youth, and free for children three and under.

This new barn at King Korn Maze was built last year and serves multiple purposes. One wing is the golf range, the other wing is a dining area with modern washrooms (also brand new this year), and the middle part is an event centre they're hoping the community will take advantage of.

Janik Grenier owns the corn maze with her siblings, Justin and Taya. She



Siblings Taya Grenier, Justin Grenier and Janik Grenier are the owners of King Korn Maze.

said they noticed some holes in what the community could offer, so they created a corn maze, a driving range, and now an event centre for people to enjoy.

Grenier said they don't have anything planned in their barn yet, save for what's now becoming their annual haunted house in the fall. King Korn



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King Korn Maze held a ribbon cutting during their grand opening. Left to right: Lorne Reeve Aurel Pantel, co-owner Justin Grenier, MLA Doyle Pivniuk, MP Branden Leslie, co-owner Taya Grenier, Lorne councillor Gilbert Vigier, co-owner Janik Grenier and Lorne councillor Lindsay Ketsman.

Maze held its first haunted house last year and Grenier said it went well, with people coming out of it smiling and scared. They are already planning this year's haunted house and Grenier said people can only expect it to keep getting better.

Besides Halloween, King Korn Maze's barn is for locals to use. Grenier said they're hoping local businesses will rent it for private events

or customer appreciation events and that local people will consider it for their events too.

Last Friday's grand opening had a lunch by donation with \$1,400 being raised for the Notre Dame Fire Department.

To learn more about using King Korn Maze's new event space, call or text (204) 979-2358.



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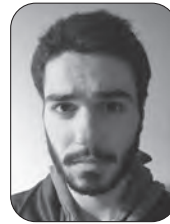
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Agriculture – our rich uncle

By Cam Dahl, General Manager of Manitoba Pork

Farmers face a growing number of challenges. The threat of drought and crop failure seem to be with us every year. Add to this protectionist policies that make it harder for Canadian farmers to trade, uncertain markets caused by political instability (e.g., war in Ukraine), and the potential for disease outbreaks that threaten productivity. It is not overly surprising that politicians and policy makers often look at agriculture as a series of problems that need to be solved. In fact, agriculture is not a policy problem child, but has become our rich uncle that we need to cultivate.

There was a time, beginning in the 1970s and through the 1990s, when the outlook for agriculture was bleak. Subsidy wars between Europe and the U.S. had decimated international prices. Protectionist tariff barriers kept Canadian products out of prime markets. Interest rates in the high teens drove producers into bankruptcy. The question in rural Canada at the time was “why would my kids want to farm?” Thankfully, times have considerably changed.

Canada has negotiated more trade agreements than any other developed country. We are connected to Asia through the Comprehensive and Progressive Trans-Pacific Partnership (CPTPP). We are connected to North America through the Canada-United States-Mexico Agreement (CUSMA), and to Europe through the Comprehensive Economic and Trade Agreement (CETA). Canada has free trade agreements with over 40 countries, and agriculture is featured prominently in each of them. Are these agreements perfect? Far from it; we have a lot of work to do to make them better. However, each of these agreements has opened the door to agricultural exports and helped make agriculture a driver of the Canadian economy.

Manitoba’s pork sector provides an example of how agriculture can transform the economy and communities.

Because of investments in hog production and processing, rural areas like Steinbach, Roblin, Killarney, and Notre Dame de Lourdes are being revitalized. Over 22,000 jobs in Manitoba are tied to hog production. These job numbers include thousands of people working in value-added processing in Brandon, Winkler, Neepawa, and Winnipeg. Jobs and investments help communities deliver new amenities like hospitals, childcare facilities, and recreation centres. The industry adds \$2.3 billion to the province’s GDP every year. Canola, oats, peas, cereal crops, beef, potatoes, and many more commodities add to agriculture’s contribution to our province.

Agriculture can continue to drive our growth and development. But we need the right policies, legislation, and regulations. We can’t forget that the difficult times of 30 and 40 years ago were caused by detrimental domestic and international policies.

What do we mean by good policies? Manitoba is at the beginning of an election campaign, and it is prime time to ask this question. First, we need our governments, both provincial and federal, to rigorously protect our ability to trade. We are seeing protectionism rise again, after 30 plus years of working to liberalize trade. Examples include non-science based regulatory hurdles that are blocking Canadian red meat producers from accessing the European market (despite CETA), proposed U.S. labelling regulations that will discriminate against Canadian meat, and activist driven welfare requirements that are limiting our ability to access the California market. Manitoba needs every leader running to be Premier to commit to actively fighting against these emerging trade barriers.

Second, Manitoba’s political leaders must commit to a rigorous science-based regulatory framework. There is a worrisome trend for regulations to be driven by activism and the latest social-media movement rather than science.



Cam Dahl, GM Manitoba Pork

Third, policies aimed at sustainability goals and climate change mitigation must encourage innovation and not simply add unbearable costs. Encouraging early adopters for more energy efficient barns or increased nutrient utilization will be effective in advancing societal goals and make our industry more competitive. Punitive policies, like energy taxes or limiting fertilizer use add costs and limit our farmers’ ability to compete in international markets. The incentive carrot is far more effective than restrictive regulation.

Fourth, farmers need ongoing support to mitigate some of the risks they face due to politically volatile markets. We do not want to see a return to the debilitating subsidy wars of the 1970s, but agriculture does need policies in place that will allow farmers to effectively plan for the future of their operations, get through natural disasters, and weather market contractions.

I want to end with a challenge to every farmer in Manitoba. Get out and meet your candidates. All of them, and not just the candidate you agree with. Let them know how important agriculture is to every community in Manitoba. Challenge them to support our trade, encourage innovation, and set regulatory policies that are based on sound science. Political leadership in these areas will help agriculture continue to attract investment, increase our value-added industries, and grow our economy and our communities.

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Watch for Elections Manitoba registration agents Aug. 17 to 24

Submitted by Elections Manitoba

From Aug. 17 to 24, Elections Manitoba registration agents will be visiting homes throughout the province to register eligible Manitobans to vote in the general election, expected on Oct. 3.

Targeted registration is used to improve the accuracy and completeness of the Manitoba voter registry, a permanent voters list.

Registration agents will visit newly constructed neighbourhoods as well as areas of high mobility – areas where people may move in and out more often such as apartment blocks



and near post-secondary campuses.

Voter registration agents will be wearing identification. When registration agents come to your door, they will request the name, address, and phone number of all eligible voters in the household. They will also request eligible voters' date of birth

and gender to improve the accuracy of the voters list.

Being registered to vote before the election makes voting faster. Voters who are not registered before the end of the revision period on Sept. 14 can still register at the poll when they go

to vote. Voters can also register to vote or update their information online at electionsmb.ca/register.

Manitoba residents are eligible to vote if they:

- are Canadian citizens;
- are at least 18 years of age on or before election day; and
- have lived in Manitoba for at least six months before election day.

Landlords and building caretakers are reminded that the law requires registration agents have access to apartment buildings and condominiums.

Flashback...Manitoba's 1978 Beer Strike, four month shortage

By Dennis Young

Forty five years ago 1978 was a dark year for beer drinkers in the province as the three major breweries (Molson, Labatt and Carling O'Keefe) locked out their workers in June.

MGEA (Manitoba Government Employees Association) were seeking an 18 month contract with a six per cent increase in the first 12 months and 11.3 per cent increase during the next six months. The Union claimed their members are 30 to 40 per cent behind their counterparts in Saskatchewan.

As the craft beer industry was still years away, this resulted in a four-month shortage of beer and a huge vacuum was created.

That vacuum resulted in significant losses for hotel owners and sent patrons scrambling for the border and U.S. beers. The owners, wishing to get product to fill their coolers, would follow suit.

"We could likely bring the beer in more cheaply on our own but we're



regulated by the Manitoba Liquor Control Commission" commented Brunkild Bar operator Muriel Klause then.

With the increase in costs most beverage rooms charged \$1/beer up from the standard .90/beer. The Brunk charged \$1.25/beer as did most city pubs while in Carman the Motor Inn was \$1.20 and The Ryall kept status que at the \$.90.

When there was eventually import beer available locally, a two-case limit was put into place as shipments were unreliable from the States. Most beverage rooms also suffered customer numbers too as they would fetch their



own favourite brands and enjoy the rides!

Another strike would happen in 1985.



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Carman Active Living Centre looking for new members

By Ty Dilello

The Carman Active Living Centre is holding an open house on Sept. 7 and 8 from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. in the hopes of attracting more senior members to its membership.

"The Active Living Centre is open to people of all ages but is primarily used as a multi-purpose seniors' centre, so we are hoping to attract younger seniors and hope that they will find something interesting to be part of this organization," said Gustine Wilton of the Carman Active Living Centre.

The centre offers an assortment of entertainment programming, including floor shuffle, fitness, carpet bowling, pool, bridge, table tennis, pick-

leball, movie nights, cooking, choir, old-time band dances on Friday afternoons and Scrabble.

Wilton, who will be 80 this year, was among the youngest to be on the planning committee for the centre when it started.

In the mid-1990s, a group of Carman citizens recognized the need for a facility for seniors in the community. After much research and discussion, a building project was proposed, a location was secured and fundraising was initiated.

There were gala dinners, golf tournaments, big band dances, talent auctions and cash calendars, as well as generous donations from many businesses and individuals.



STANDARD PHOTO BY LINDA MASLOW

The Carman Active Living Centre is holding an open house on Sept. 7 and 8 from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. as they try to attract some new senior members to its membership.

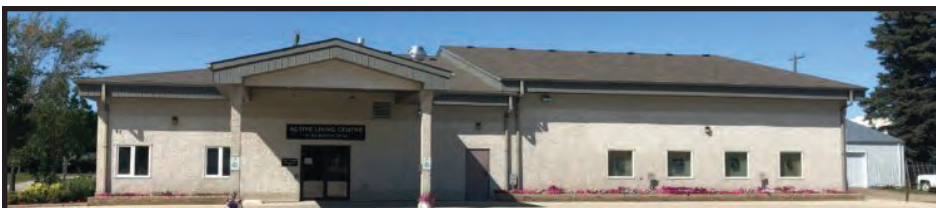
In November 2004, the sod was turned for the new building by former mayor Murray Rinn and building committee members Jim McCutcheon and Audrey Funke. Less than a year later, on Sept. 28, 2005, the centre celebrated its grand opening.

The centre has been the focal point for seniors' activity in Carman and surrounding areas ever since. Whether it's taking part in the many programs and events offered or just enjoying socializing and friendship, Wilton said.

"We're very excited that our pick-

leball has attracted quite a few new members in this past year and a younger demographic," Wilton said. "Our hope is that the new members we get will find new things to attract them, and they become a part of this community at the Active Living Centre. The open house will be an opportunity to meet board members and to try out some of our activities."

Prospective new members are encouraged to call 204-745-2356 or email carmanalc@gmail.com with questions.



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High school reunion



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It's hard to believe that the Miami Class of 1973 graduated 50 years ago! Eight graduates and their spouses and three teachers and their spouses gathered at the new Miami Active Living Centre for great visiting and a potluck supper on Aug. 13. Pictured left to right, back row: Frank Elias (math teacher), Doug Irwin, Cliff Madill, Jay Murray, Barbara Gall Murray; front row, Doreen Lenton (typing teacher), Dolores Friesen Dyck, Cathy Bruce Oakes, Allison Murray Forrest, Valerie Nordquist Williamson, Bob Walker (business subjects teacher).

RCMP are asking for the public's assistance in finding stolen property

Staff

The Pembina Valley RCMP are seeking the public's assistance in finding several pieces of stolen property as well as the owner of a found bicycle.

The stolen property including a set of car keys, an antique well pump and a set of folding lawn chairs were taken between July 1 and July 11, on the eastern side of Carman.

Police are asking for the public to help recover the stolen property and possibly identify anyone involved with the theft of the said property. If anyone has information, please call the Carman RCMP at 204-745-6760 or anonymously through Manitoba Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-8477, or secure tip online at www.manitobacrimestoppers.com.

The RCMP are also seeking the public's assistance in identifying the owner of a bicycle that was recovered south of the town of Carman on July 29.

If you have lost a bicycle, or a bicycle has been stolen from you, the RCMP may be in possession of it.

Police are asking potential owners of this bicycle to step forwards and identify the bicycle. If anyone has information, please call the Carman RCMP at 204-745-6760.



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Pembina Valley RCMP are seeking the public's assistance in locating a number of pieces of stolen property including these folding lawn chairs and antique water pump.

YFC Carman excited for grand opening on Sept. 29

By Ty Dilello

Youth for Christ Carman's grand opening is scheduled for Sept. 29 from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. It will be held at the new building at 108 Main St. S in Carman.

Formal remarks will take place at 3 p.m. and come-and-go tours will be available from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m.

The centre is excited about its official launch, having recently completed a 4400-square-foot expansion. The building was gutted to make room for the expansion, which includes up-

grades to the interior, exterior, plumbing and electrical systems.

The expansion includes many features, such as an improved gym space for sports like volleyball and basketball. Other features include a large commercial kitchen, bathrooms, storage and office space.

Making the building completely accessible was also important, with new wheelchair ramps added to the building's front and back, with plenty of accessibility features added inside as well.

The centre is up and running, so the focus has shifted to now gearing up for the grand opening on Sept. 29.

"We are fully functioning in the building with students, and that was our priority," said YFC Carman's Tyler Friesen.

"We are very excited to show off the

new space to anyone interested, especially those who invested their hard-earned dollars to make this dream a reality. The students have been loving the new commercial kitchen and the gym in particular."

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Youth for Christ Carman's grand opening is scheduled for Sept. 29 from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. The new YFC Carman is located at the new building at 108 Main St. S.

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Roseisle Tractor Drive rolling into town Sept. 4

By Ty Dilello

The Roseisle Tractor Club will host its sixth annual tractor drive on Sept. 4 at 10 a.m. at the Deerhaunt Retreat in Carman, located three miles west of town and a half-mile south on Road 27W.

"A tractor drive is like a parade, but most of it is done out on country roads at a speed of 10 mph, which would be fast for a parade," said organizer Curtis Cavers. "We welcome spectators as long as everyone keeps a safe distance and obeys all traffic laws."

The event is meant to raise donations for local charities. It will feature an assortment of tractors, vintage equipment, motorbikes, and quads. Other

vehicles are welcome to follow.

Cavers said it's hard to guess how many vehicles will participate, as it fluctuates from year to year.

"In past years, we get about a dozen, but with the change in venue, it would be nice to have more."

At 12:30 p.m., there will be grain binder and threshing demonstrations. Followed by 2 p.m. tractor pulls at \$10 per hook.

All tractors for the event must have functioning brakes and slow-moving signs with a 10-mph speed limit. French fries and burgers are available for lunch at the venue, with coffee and water served (cash only).



PHOTO SUBMITTED BY CURTIS CAVERS

The Roseisle Tractor Club will host its sixth annual Tractor Drive on Sept. 4 at 10 a.m. at the Deerhaunt Retreat in Carman, which is located three miles west from town and a half-mile south on Road 27W.

Corn & Apple takes over downtown Morden this weekend

By Lorne Stelmach

Organizers are optimistic the 2023 Morden Corn and Apple Festival could perhaps be the biggest and best one yet.

Everything is set to make the first full festival post pandemic a huge success, chairperson Nathan Knight suggested.

"We expect big crowds every year. Of course, we need a little bit of help from Mother Nature ... but we expect it to be even bigger than we had in 2022," Knight said in advance of this weekend's festivities.

"Things have fallen into place nicely. There's always things that come up, but we're well equipped to deal with them," he added. "And it's a full festival this year, which means the return of the parade, which a lot of people are excited about in particular."

Knight noted how being a street festival continues to make Corn and Apple special.

"I think that's what makes the festival unique. It comes with its challenges obviously, logistically in terms of getting everybody in and in the correct spots," he said. "It really adds to the charm of what the Corn and Apple Festival is, and I don't think it would be what it is if it wasn't downtown Morden."

"A lot of stores do have an exceptional weekend because of the festival, and maybe some people who normally might not be a customer get introduced to the business because of the festival," he said. "I do think it is

good for the economy, and not just for the Stephen Street businesses ... most businesses in the area I would say see a boost from Corn and Apple weekend."

The other big selling factor includes the sheer amount of options of things to enjoy.

"The festival has the largest selection of food vendors of any festival in the province, so we know a lot of people will come to the festival with the sole purpose of trying all of the food vendors," Knight said.

"As always, we make sure there's activities for people of all ages, and that's everything from the petting zoo and reptile area for the kids to the Cottonwood stage for the more experienced guests of the festival," he continued. "With the main stage entertainment, there really is something for everyone. And of course the Wonder Shows midway is always one of the larger attractions as well."

"People are very happy that the parade is back," added Knight, noting that new chairpersons Tammy Duncan and Tara Ritchie have really stepped up. "When it went away last year due to the lack of volunteers, that was the first area we were able to fill with volunteers this year."

The festival is offering a double bill of 1990s alternative-indie rock acts as a headline stage show this year.

The Saturday night concert featuring Sloan and opening act Econoline Crush is generating a lot of interest.



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"Going with Big Wreck last year was a bit outside of the box for us," noted Knight. "With all of the people who came from out of town to specifically see the show, that told us something."

"When you start talking about the Canadian rock that came out of the '90s, that really does create the buzz. It's time to try something different."

The Friday evening lineup, meanwhile, features a headline performance from Canada's premier Eagles tribute act Epic Eagles.

The festival's praise and worship events kick off Saturday night at the Access Event Centre with the Fehr Family and The Browns. They will be joined on the main stage Sunday by the Glencross Quartet along with a morning service led by Richard and

Kristjana Hale from Bethel Community Church and guest speaker Bruce Martin, who is the former pastor of Calvary Temple in Winnipeg.

Knight noted there is also excitement around the youth stage at the Kenmor Theatre, which has a host of performances and activities scheduled through the weekend.

"Almost every venue is being used—from the Access Event Centre to the Kenmor Theatre. There's great entertainment on the youth stage. The fact that we have three stages that run all weekend long, and each one caters to a different interest ... that's a feat that takes a lot of work."

For the full festival schedule, head to cornandapple.com.



Living history



STANDARD PHOTOS BY LORNE STELMACH
The Manitoba World War One Museum located just outside La Riviere hosted its annual A Day in the Trenches heritage celebration Sunday afternoon. In addition to the museum, which features an extensive library and archives as well artifacts and memorabilia, a highlight of the day included two re-enactments of a battle in the trenches built on the property (left). Top, from left: A volunteers explains some of the guns and weaponry used in the First World War; museum director Bruce Tascona talks ammunition; a youth tries out a trench periscope.



The Duhks perform in Manitou Sept. 9

By Lorne Stelmach

A Juno Award-winning band will play at the historic Manitou Opera House as part of the annual Honey Garlic and Maple Syrup Festival.

The Manitou Coffee House Musicians bring The Duhks to town on Saturday, Sept. 9 at 8 p.m. as a feature event of the festival.

The five-piece group was formed in 2002 in Winnipeg by a collection of accomplished folk nerds who met through the adventures of Leonard Podolak, son of famous Winnipeg Folk Festival founder Mitch Podolak and whose former band was dubbed Scruj MacDuhk.

Podolak is glad to have the band back at it again post-pandemic.

"The last couple of years have shown us that we all need to do what we can to bring joy into the world and into our own lives as much as we can," he said. "This seemed like a perfect reason for The Duhks to reunite and to tap into the essence of what brought them together in the first place, which was utter love of music, with the intention of having a great time with friends, within the band, their musical community and their fans out there on the road."

Manitou Coffee House Musicians representative Mariette Howatt expressed their excitement at having landed The Duhks to perform.

"They've been around for quite a while ... and they are well steeped in roots and folk music," she said. "I think they draw all sorts of people ... they cover a lot of different styles with what they do."

It is a further draw for the festival, which is partly why they moved the feature concert from the Friday night to the Saturday, which is the main day of the festival.

"We thought with people who are attending, it might make it a bit easier for those who are coming from a distance to enjoy it all ... go over from the



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The Duhks take the stage at the Manitou Opera House Sept. 9.

supper to the concert."

The opera house itself is also part of the draw.

"We're very proud of it," said Howatt. "There's a great group of people who take care of it and keep it going and keep good entertainment coming here."

The Duhks have performed over a thousand shows in 12 countries.

Podolak plays Appalachian-influenced clawhammer banjo with gospel and soul-influenced Jessee Havey up-front on vocals.

The group has no bass player, which is an unusual choice that has worked because of the innovation of founding member and luthier Jordan McConnell, who modified his guitar to allow a deep bass line to emanate in addition to the rich tone of his natural sounding guitar channel.

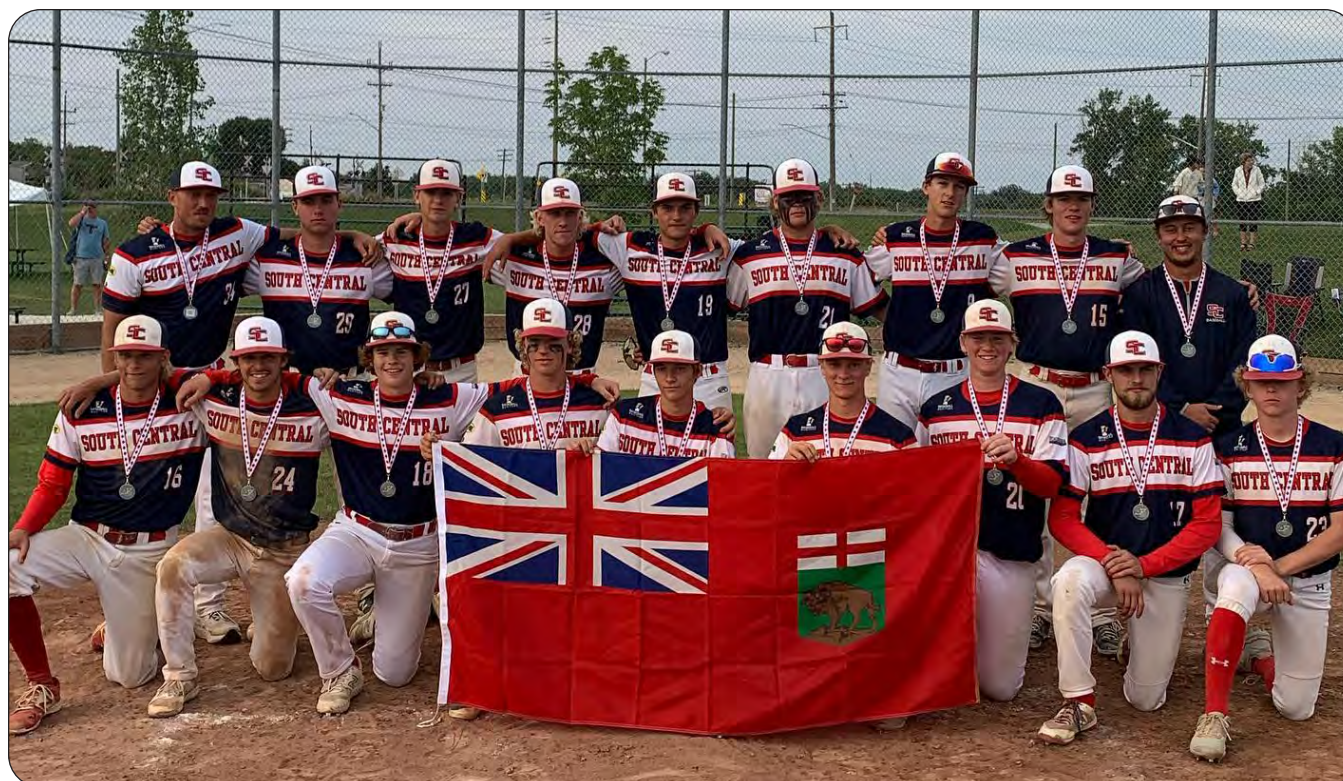
Percussionist Scott Senior displays Latin influ-

enced poly rhythms on congas, cajon, bongo and cymbals meant to be hit with a hand, not a stick. Jeremy Penner, fiddle player extraordinaire of *Wailin' Jennys* fame, is joining the band on fiddle for the Manitou performance.

The Duhks' first album *Your Daughters & Your Sons* in 2003 was nominated for a Juno. Their second album won a Juno for best roots and traditional album by a group.

"Heaven's My Home" from their third album *Migrations* in 2006 was nominated for a 2007 Grammy award for best country performance by a duo or group with vocal.

Tickets to the show in Manitou are \$25 for adults and \$15 for 17 and under. Call or text 204-242-4415 to book.



South Central clinch silver

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The South Central team brought home silver from the 2023 18U AAA Western Canada Championships held in Winnipeg over the weekend. The team were victorious for much of the weekend, downing the Calgary Bisons 6-3, North Shore Padres 8-7, and the Carillon Sultans 10-0 before coming up short against the Regina Wolfpack 9-1. They shook that loss off to defeat the Sultans 5-3 in the tie-breaker, but then fell once again to Regina 8-5 in the gold medal match.

Manitoba Fly-In touches down in Morden Sept. 2

By Lorne Stelmach

The Morden airport will play host to a celebration of aviation next weekend.

The Manitoba Fly-In takes place throughout the day Saturday, Sept. 2. It will bring together aircraft, pilots, passengers, and the public for an opportunity to enjoy and view all manner of things related to aviation.

"It's what they say about birds of a feather ... pilots from all over are invited to fly in ... and last time we drew some from Saskatchewan, one or two from Alberta and northwest Ontario," said organizer Chris Unrau. "Last time we had about 60 airplanes, and this time we're hoping for a hundred."

The event was first held in 2021 and went over well despite there being public health restrictions in place.

"We were still a little bit in the pandemic at that point, so it was a little bit tempered with what we could all do and how far and wide we wanted to advertise it," said Unrau. "But this time around, it's wide open, so we're putting the invite out there to the public.

"There's going to be lots of planes flying in, and we're going to do some flight demonstrations and have some displays and airplane rides available and lots of fun to be had."

Events are planned throughout the day to showcase pilots and airplanes, and there will be ground displays, food trucks, and fly-bys.

"As long as the weather is good, we're aiming to get things kicked off around 10 a.m.," said Unrau, who noted they will aim for Sunday, Sept. 3 if the conditions are not good on the Saturday.

At noon, there will be a flour drop where pilots can register to participate in dropping a flour bomb on a target at the airfield.

Next up at 1 p.m. will be a spot landing demonstration where pilots can practice their skills and aim for the white chalk line.

At 2 p.m. there will be a short take off and landing demonstration.

"These are pretty specialized aircraft that can take off and land in very short distances," said Unrau. "The pilots will come around and we'll mea-



STANDARD FILE PHOTO

The Morden airport hosts a Manitoba Fly-In celebration on Saturday, Sept. 2.

sure how long it takes them to stop and take off again.

"So we've got some unique aircraft coming in," he said. "Hopefully, de-

pending on the weather and timing, we'll see some pretty cool stuff come in for people to see and enjoy that day."

Race fans pack the stands at airport drags

By Lori Penner

The bleachers were packed at the 19th annual Legends Car Club Airport Drags last weekend with thousands of spectators from across the region eager to witness the speed and hear the rumble of high-octane power of race cars of all makes and models.

Club president Alex Loewen said they were thrilled with the turnout.

"It was standing room only on Sunday," he noted. "Saturday, we also had very good crowds, but [it was] probably a little too warm for some."

There was a good showing of drivers, as well.

"We were full both days, with 60 drivers each day," Loewen said. "There were a few cancellations on Saturday going into Sunday, but that

usually happens. Overall, just a fantastic response from spectators and participants."

Racers came from as far away as Neepawa and Selkirk.

"Track conditions were great throughout the weekend," Loewen said. "Aside from a little rain, it all went smoothly."

Eliminations took place on Sunday. Each class winner received a trophy, and instead of receiving the prize money, the winners donated it to one of three title charities chosen by Legends Car Club this year. The drivers will receive a tax receipt in return.

"But then Dave Millar of Millar Engines, our platinum sponsor, stepped forward and added \$100 cash to each winner, and Vern Wieler from Vern's



SUBMITTED PHOTOS BY BETTY FALK LOEWEN

The 19th annual Legends Car Club Airport Drags took over the Altona airport last weekend to raise funds for SCCR, Genesis House, and STARS.



Customs in Winkler did the same," Loewen said. "Then Frank and Lacey Jay Safonovos, one of our racers from Team Peregrine Racing, followed by giving \$200 to each class winner, as well. So, on top of the tax receipt from the club, each class winner ended up with \$400 in cash from various sponsors and local businesses, all out of the goodness of their hearts."

Charities reaping the benefits of the event this year include STARS Air

Ambulance, South Central Cancer Resource and Genesis House.

Loewen noted it could take a few weeks to determine the final tally of the weekend after expenses.

"It's still too early to tell what we raised this year, but last year, each of these charities received \$4,000 from the proceeds of the races," he said. "We're thrilled with how the weekend went. It still draws huge crowds year after year."

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Winkler's Stephenson tended goal in SEMHL

By Ty Dilello

Wayne Stephenson might be the greatest hockey player to ever play in the SEMHL (Southeastern Manitoba Hockey League), along with Jimmy McFadden, perhaps.

Stephenson was born in Fort William, Ontario (now Thunder Bay) on Jan. 29, 1945, to Lillian (nee Horsfall) and Fred Stephenson, who owned an air-conditioning business. The family moved during his childhood to Vancouver and Calgary before settling in Winnipeg when Stephenson was a teenager.

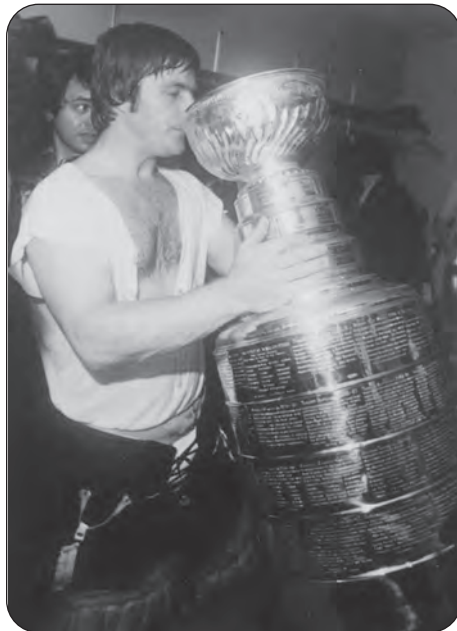
When Stephenson arrived in Winnipeg, he attended Grant Park High School and played for their hockey team and ran track and field team. He also played junior hockey with the Winnipeg Braves and began picking up steam as a potential goaltending prospect.

When he graduated from Grant Park, his classmates presented him with a goalie stick with a puck-shaped hole in the blade as a gag gift.

Soon after high school, Stephenson joined the Canadian National Team and was a member of the 1968 Canadian Olympic Hockey Team that won a bronze medal in Grenoble, France.

One of the big reasons why Stephenson didn't want to turn professional right away and instead pursue the National Team route was so that he could continue his education at the college level. He graduated from the University of Winnipeg with an economics degree and later worked as a chartered accountant.

When the National Team folded in 1970, Stephenson thought his hockey career was pretty much over and thought he would just work at his job for a living instead of playing pro hockey.



Wayne Stephenson drinks out of the Stanley Cup.

Still enjoying the sport of hockey, he joined the Winkler Royals of the SEMHL and tended goal with them for the 1970-71 season. It was here that he stopped pucks from the likes of the Carman Beavers and Altona Maroons as he carried the Royals to the league championship that spring.

In December of 1971, Stephenson was called up to the NHL's St. Louis Blues on a thirty-day tryout as the team's goalies were going through some injury problems. He said he would come back and play another year for the Winkler Royals if he didn't make it.

But he did make it and wound up spending the next ten seasons as a goaltender in the National Hockey League.

After three seasons with the Blues, he was traded to the Philadelphia Flyers. While in Philadelphia, Stephenson served as a backup to Hall



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Stanley Cup winner Wayne Stephenson once suited up for the Winkler Royals of the SEMHL and tended goal against the likes of the Altona Maroons and Carman Beavers.

of Famer Bernie Parent for the 1974-75 season, where Stephenson won his first and only Stanley Cup.

When Parent suffered a pinched nerve in his neck during the 1975-76 preseason that required surgery, Stephenson became the Flyers starting goaltender and retained the job when Parent returned late in the season but couldn't regain his previous All Star form.

During that year, Stephenson also allowed one goal in the Flyers' win over the Soviet Red Army hockey team, in a victory that Stephenson referred to as the highlight of his career. He even got the game sheet from that night bronzed so it could be immortalized forever.

After a few more years in Philadel-

phia, Stephenson was traded to the Washington Capitals prior to the start of the 1979-80 campaign. He played there for two seasons before retiring.

When it was all said and done, Stephenson accumulated a 146-103-49 record in 328 NHL games and 14 shutouts.

After he retired from professional hockey, Stephenson worked in the banking industry. He passed away from brain cancer on June 22, 2010, in Madison, Wisconsin. He left behind his wife Nedina and four children, two sons and two daughters.

"Wayne was an amazing father, and I'm so thankful for the time we got to spend with him," said Wayne's oldest son Chris Stephenson.

Westman Magic win Westerns in Winkler

By Standard staff

Winkler's Parkland diamonds hosted the 2023 U17 Girls Western Canadian Championship last weekend.

There were three Manitoba teams at the event: Westman Magic, Smitty's Terminators, and the Manitoba An-

gels.

Both the Magic and the Terminators made it to the playoff round on Sunday with round robin records of 5-1 and 4-2, respectively.

The Terminators' loss came at the hands of B.C.'s Abbotsford Outlaws

14-4 while the Magic fell to the Terminators 8-6 and the Lloydminster Liners (Alberta) 7-9.

The Liners and the Outlaws also made it to the playoffs. The Smitty's beat Abbotsford 10-3 to advance to the championship final, while the

Magic had to work their way through both teams to do the same, beating the Outlaws 5-2 and then the Liners 13-6.

In the gold medal match, the Magic came out ahead 12-5 to win the title.

U17 Central Energy compete at softball Nationals

By Ty Dilello

The U17 Central Energy softball team has wrapped up its season after competing on the national stage last week in Saskatoon.

"The team was extremely excited to make it to nationals," said U17 Central Energy head coach Kassidy Cunningham, who lead the team to the 2023 U17 Girls Canadian Fast Pitch Championship on Aug. 9 to 13.

Central Energy played five games in the round robin portion of the tournament, earning a record of two wins and three losses. The teams then split into three different playoff brackets. Central Energy finished fourth in its pool, so the team was placed into the Tier 2 bracket.

"We ended up having to play Eastman in our first playoff game," Cunningham said. "We looked at this

game as a tiebreaker/redemption game from provincials. The team was amped to play them again, and the bats came alive as we won 8-4."

Central Energy advanced to the semifinal round of the Tier 2 bracket, where a hard-fought loss against the Alberta team marked an end to the season.

"The girls are happy with the way they finished the season. They never gave up and definitely left it all on the field. The whole coaching staff is beyond proud of the girls and their effort this season."

From the Central Energy squad, eight girls will stay at the U17 level, and five will go up to U19.

If anyone is interested in trying out for Central Energy next season, the tryout dates are available online: <https://shorturl.at/fovCM>



STANDARD PHOTO BY KASSIDY CUNNINGHAM

The U17 Central Energy softball team has wrapped up its season after competing at the 2023 U17 Girl's Canadian Fast Pitch Championship in Saskatoon, Sask. - Aug. 9 - 13.

Girouard combines umpiring and woodworking passions

By Ty Dilello

Carman's Chantal Girouard has recently returned home after umpiring at the Western Canadian softball championship for the second time.

Girouard grew up playing many sports, including softball/baseball, as a catcher and second base.

"Umpiring came very naturally to me, making me more motivated to get better at it," said Chantal Girouard. "As my skills grew, so did my passion for umpiring."

This year's Westerns were in Richmond, British Columbia, and as an added bonus, Girouard was selected to umpire in the event's gold medal game.

"When I found out I earned the gold medal game, I was ecstatic," said Girouard. "My hard work and high energy paid off throughout the tournament and gave me the opportunity to work the plate in a three-umpire system with two other amazing umpires from British Columbia."

In the future, Girouard wants to keep umpiring and moving up the ranks to one day potentially working at the Olympics.

"I'd eventually love to umpire along the east coast in places like Prince Edward Island would be great. But my short-term goals are to obtain my full Level 4 in umpiring within the next few years at a U19 Canadian Championships, wherever it might be."

In addition to umpiring, Girouard has several other passions, and one of them is woodworking. She first took up shop classes while she went to school at Carman Collegiate (gradu-



Safe at home plate.

ated in 2020) and picked it up right away.

"I loved how creative that I could be and how I could see a piece come together from start to finish. I also had a couple of really great teachers who encouraged me to continue it."

Now that passion has evolved into a full-time job at Prairie Barnwood in Morden, where she has been at for three years, as well as a side business making custom house decor called 'CG Custom Woodworking.'

"My favourite pieces of mine include a Barnwood bench made from elevator wood, custom canvas frames made from Barnwood, and my own designed charcuterie boards made from walnut and ash."

Girouard takes custom orders for



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Carman's Chantal Girouard has recently returned home after umpiring at the Western Canadian softball championship for the second time.



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CROSSWORD

CLUES ACROSS
1. Russian painter
6. Very fast jet
9. Phillipine municipality
13. Intestinal
14. Small freshwater fish
15. Algerian coastal city
16. Vomit
17. Famed astronomer
18. Ghanaian currency
19. Improved the condition of
21. Int'l association of interpreters
22. Infections
23. Dish made with lentils
24. Thou
25. Former CIA
28. Unit used to compare power levels
29. Members of Pueblo people
31. Myanmar monetary units
33. Polished
36. Signed a contract
38. Nothing
39. Once-ubiquitous department store
41. Neural structures
44. Thick piece of something
45. Slang for trucks with trailers
46. Longing
48. Senior officer
49. Levels of frequency
51. Bird's beak
52. Move rapidly downwards
54. Koran chapters
56. Stretches out
60. Top of the human body
61. A Chinese temple and Indian town are two
62. Fertility god
63. Sea eagle
64. Dry
65. Zodiac sign
66. "Horizon Call of the Mountain" character
67. Have the ability to
68. Take somewhere

CLUES DOWN
1. "Iron Man" actress Leslie
2. Wings
3. Adjust the spacing
4. They're usually locked
5. Atomic #43
6. Wise individuals
7. Horse mackerel
8. Pearl Jam's debut album
9. Confines
10. Colorless crystalline compound
11. Unsatisfactorily
12. Plant of the parsley family
14. Determines time
17. Causes the birth of
20. Small ornament on a watch chain
21. Richly decorated cloth tapestry
23. Vito Corleone was one
25. Igbo musical instrument
26. Put in harmony
27. Japanese alcoholic drinks
29. Tinseltown
30. Closes tightly
32. Songs sung to one's lover
34. One thousandth of an inch
35. Small drink of whiskey
37. Political divisions in ancient Greece
40. Helps little firms
42. Baby's eating accessory
43. Very long periods of time
47. Small block of wood
49. Town in Surrey, England
50. Enquiry
52. Murdered
53. Bura-__: Chadic language
55. Crater on Mars
56. Mammal genus
57. Sock
58. Make
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61. Partner on Mars
65. Pound

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OBITUARY



Neil Andrew Howard Waddell
With overwhelming sadness, we announce the sudden passing of Neil Andrew Howard Waddell of Sperling, Manitoba, on August 11th, 2023.

Neil will always be remembered for his love and devotion to his parents, Brian and Sandra Waddell; his sister, Kelly Waddell; his grandmother, Mary Prokopchuk; his uncle and aunt, Brian and Gale Lemon; and his cousin, Cassie Lemon (Brendan). He will be greatly missed by his great uncle and aunt, Keith and Diana Hainstock (Stacey and Lorena); and his great aunt, Donna Prokopchuk (April and Jennifer). Neil will also be sadly missed by his many friends for his kindness, loyalty, resiliency, sense of humour, and strength of character.

Neil was predeceased by his grandparents, Howard and Beth Waddell; his grandfather, Ross Prokopchuk; and his great uncle,

Eugene Prokopchuk.
A funeral service was held at 1:00 p.m. on Tuesday, August 22, 2023 at the Sperling Arena. Following the service, a private interment occurred for the family. A link to view the service will be available on the Doyle's Funeral Home Ltd. webpage for those who cannot attend.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to a homeless shelter of one's choosing. The family would like to thank all those who have provided love and support.

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James Bruce Shearer
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It is with deep sadness that we announce the passing of Bruce Shearer on August 18, 2023.

He will be greatly missed by his loving wife, Leslie, his daughter Stacey (Jamie), son Bryan (Jen) and grandchildren James, Kira, Brooke and Ben; sister Alice (Glenn) and brother Bob (Wendy); brothers and sisters in-law as well as numerous nieces, nephews and lifelong friends.

Bruce was born on November 16, 1948, to Annie and Harry Shearer and lived in Elm Creek, Mb most of his life. He graduated from the University of Manitoba with a degree in Animal Science. Bruce was a farmer and a long-haul trucker and also worked in other professions such as real estate and crop insurance adjuster. Farming and travelling were his passions in life, and he was fortunate to have been able to experience opportunities in both for many years. Family and community were most important to Bruce, and he spent many hours at his grandchildren's hockey, soccer and baseball games as well as swim meets, concerts, musicals and family gatherings. He looked forward to breakfast at the Elm Creek Café with dear friends every Sunday.

Some of Bruce's favourite pastimes were sitting around a fire with family and friends, watching fireworks, hunting and being outdoors.

The family would like to thank the wonderful staff at Carman Hospital, Portage Hospital and St. Boniface Hospital who provided respect and kindness for Bruce during his care.

Funeral service will be held on Saturday, August 26, 2023 at 11:00 a.m. at the Elm Creek Community Hall. Interment will be held in the Elm Creek Cemetery.

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> MEAL IDEAS



Game Day Buffalo Chicken Dip

chips
vegetable sticks
Heat oven to 400 F.

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

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

Bake until cheese is melted, approximately 15 minutes.

Top with blue cheese crumbles and chopped green onion.

Serve warm with chips and vegetable sticks.

Servings: 3-4
2 cups shredded chicken
8 ounces cream cheese
1/2 cup sour cream
1 1/2 cups sharp cheddar cheese, plus additional for topping, divided
1/2 teaspoon onion powder
1/2 teaspoon garlic powder
1 heavy pinch dried dill
1/2 cup hot sauce
2 green onions, chopped
blue cheese crumbles



Game Day Taco Dip

cheese
1 cup tomatoes, chopped
1 can (2 1/4 ounces) sliced black olives, drained

1 package (14 ounces) tortilla chips

In skillet over medium-high heat, cook beef 5 minutes, or until no longer pink. Sprinkle with taco seasoning; mix well. Add water; cook 2 minutes, or until water is absorbed. Transfer to bowl; cool to room temperature. Add cilantro; mix well.

In 9-inch pie plate, evenly spread refried beans; top with seasoned ground beef and salsa. Add spoonfuls of guacamole across top of salsa then carefully spread to smooth.

Place sour cream in small resealable bag; cut off corner. Pipe sour cream to create football shape on guacamole.

Put pie plate in center of 15-by-18-inch tray. Arrange salad blend around pie plate. Top with cheddar cheese, tomatoes and olives. Serve with tortilla chips.

Prep time: 25 minutes
Cook time: 5 minutes
Servings: 12
1 pound ground beef
1 package (1 ounce) taco seasoning
1/4 cup water
2 tablespoons minced cilantro
1 can (16 ounces) refried beans, zesty salsa flavor
1 jar (16 ounces) thick and chunky salsa, medium or hot
2 cups guacamole
1/2 cup sour cream
3 packages (5 ounces each) Fresh Express Butter Supreme
1 1/2 cups shredded sharp cheddar



Game Day Chicken Wings

fresh parsley (optional)
Preheat oven to 425 F.
Line baking sheet with foil. Arrange butter cubes on foil.

In medium bowl, combine flour, paprika, garlic powder, salt and pepper.

Coat both sides of wings in flour mixture then evenly space among butter cubes on baking sheet.

Bake wings 30 minutes.
Turn wings over and bake 15 minutes, or until crispy and fully cooked.

Serve with dipping sauces and sprinkle with fresh parsley, if desired.

Total time: 50 minutes
Servings: 4
1/2 cup butter, cubed
1/3 cup flour
2 teaspoons paprika
1 teaspoon garlic powder
1 teaspoon salt
1 teaspoon black pepper
10 chicken wingettes, thawed
dipping sauces (optional)

Children as scapegoats



By Gwen Randall

An insidious problem that sometimes arises in families occurs when issues between the parents are not dealt with directly, and instead become acted out with the children.

An example might be a man who feels his wife is too controlling, perhaps even bossy, and so when he hears her disciplining a child, tells her to get off the child's back. Or the woman who feels her husband is too strict with the children, and so undermines his rules when he is not around.

There is the case where a father feels his wife is babying their son, and so he's extra tough with him so he'll "learn to be a man." (Yes, this still happens.) Or the woman who is jealous of the closeness between her husband and their daughter, and so (often unconsciously) punishes the daughter by being very hard on her. And then on the simplest level is misdirected anger: you're angry at your spouse, so you yell at the kids.

These behaviours all arise either because we are unconscious about what we are really doing, or we are not taking responsibility for dealing with the issues in our lives. It is much easier,

and less scary to act out our frustrations, than to confront and deal with what's really going on.

It is also much more damaging. It is really insecure and misdirected thinking that leads to the conclusion that it's better to carry on a kind of emotional guerrilla warfare than to go and get some help to change your process. Often these negative processes are so well entrenched that the couple feels hopeless about it ever changing. This is because what they often really want is for the other person to change. It's easy to get locked into this dead-end perspective, and that is why having a third party who can point out the blind spots can help you to move beyond them.

We all have limitations and need to grow, and sometimes children are the catalysts who set this growth in motion. So if there is a lot of conflict at your house over how the children are to be treated or disciplined, then you need to honestly look at what is going on between you and your spouse.

Children must not be made into scapegoats. If this is happening, staying together for the sake of the kids is ludicrous, because the child is being emotionally damaged. If you see this pattern in your family, talk it over with your partner, and vow to change it. If you need help, then get help. Do this... for the sake of the kids.

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Raspberry Streusel Muffins

Recipe courtesy of the American Heart Association and Sorghum Checkoff

Servings: 12 (1 muffin per serving)
Muffins:
Nonstick cooking spray
1 1/2 cups whole grain sorghum flour

1 teaspoon ground cinnamon
3/4 teaspoon baking soda
3/4 cup low-fat buttermilk
1/3 cup firmly packed light brown sugar

3 large egg whites
1/4 cup canola or corn oil
2 teaspoons grated lemon zest
1 teaspoon vanilla extract
1 cup fresh or frozen unsweetened raspberries, thawed if frozen

Streusel:
2 tablespoons whole grain sorghum flour
2 tablespoons light brown sugar
2 tablespoons uncooked quick-cooking rolled oats
2 tablespoons chopped pecans
2 tablespoons light tub margarine
1/2 teaspoon ground cinnamon



To make muffins: Preheat oven to 400 F. Lightly spray 12-cup muffin pan with nonstick cooking spray.

In large bowl, stir sorghum flour, cinnamon and baking soda.

In medium bowl, whisk buttermilk, brown sugar, egg whites, oil, lemon zest and vanilla. Stir into flour mixture until batter is just moistened and no flour is visible without overmixing. Spoon batter into muffin cups. Top each muffin with raspberries.

To make streusel: In small bowl, stir sorghum flour, brown sugar, oats, pecans, margarine and cinnamon to reach texture of coarse crumbs. Sprinkle over muffins, gently pushing into batter. Bake 16 minutes, or until wooden toothpick inserted in center comes out clean. The USDA recommends cooking egg dishes to 160 F.

Transfer pan to cooling rack. Let stand 5 minutes. Carefully transfer muffins to rack. Let cool completely, about 20 minutes.