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Hands-on learning

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Carman Minor Soccer's Touch-a-Truck fundraiser featured dozens of vehicles for kids and other things for them to explore, like construction equipment, tractors, safety and transportation vehicles. Jenna Dreger (6), left, and Ryan Swaenepoel (7) were comfortable sharing the seat in the John Deere tractor.

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Carman Minor Soccer presented its Touch-A-Truck event at the Carman Dufferin Arena on Aug. 26. Vehicles on display throughout the day included a firetruck, police car, excavator, monster truck, tow truck and much more. Pictured clockwise, starting top left: Ten year old Berlynn Tkachyk wanted to try the Zamboni, because her dad cleans the ice in Elm Creek; Maizy, Ellie and Luca each had a different flavour of cotton candy; The Majors, Chayston (2), Rowen (4) and Leah (6) enjoyed pancake breakfast; Joshua Doell and his dad of Calgary check out the grader; Right page, Charlie Hildebrand of Roland was comfortable in the skidsteer seat; Ryan Swaenepoel and Jenna Dreger couldn't believe how big the tires were on the tractor, Carman teachers were good sports in the dunk tank; Sawyer Knook and Katie Dreger had lots of questions for the RCMP; Liam and his grandma Kim from Sanford walked the ladder to the firetruck and Cole Boklaschuk (3) was happy on the Kabota tractor.

By Ty Dilello

On Aug. 26, Carman Minor Soccer presented its Touch-A-Truck event at the Carman Dufferin Arena. Vehicles on display throughout the day included a firetruck, police car, excavator, monster truck, tow truck and more.

The event raised just over \$2,000 for Carman Minor Soccer.

"The day went great," organizer Chelsea Kozak said. "The hits were the monster truck, combine, police car and ladder firetruck that the kids would walk up and over. The dunk tank for the Carman Travel Club was also a huge hit. Dunking a teacher went over so well, and the teachers were such good sports."

Carman Minor Soccer is working on expanding its soccer pitches on Sexsmith Drive, and they'd like to add a bathroom facility and possible canteen in the future.

"It's a big project, but it will be so beneficial to the community," Kozak said. "We will be able to host soccer tournaments for the older ages in-

stead of hosting them in surrounding communities, and also have more room for our rapidly growing U6 and U8 programs."

Carman Minor Soccer would also like to thank all the local businesses for bringing in vehicles for the Touch-A-Truck event.

Prairie Golf Supplies; O'Brien Built; Sperling Industries; Corduroy Plains; Kroeker Farms; Carman Dufferin Rec; Carman Concrete; Roseisle Backhoe; Dufferin Agricultural Society; Myron Pederson; Faux Farms; Kings Park Towing; RM of Grey; Carman Ford; Janzen's; Kozak Plumbing and Heating; Carman Dufferin Fire Department; Carman RCMP; Homestead Coop; and Vanderveen Commodities supported the fundraiser.

"A thank you to the Dufferin Agricultural Society for hosting us and helping with set up and the use of their tractor," Kozak added.

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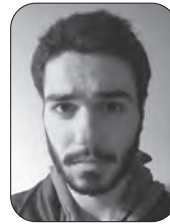
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COVID on the rise in Manitoba, first West Nile case confirmed

By Patricia Barrett

With new COVID variants picking up steam across the globe, Manitoba is experiencing an increase in COVID infections and hospitalizations.

There were 80 new COVID infections detected from Aug. 20-26, according to the provincial government's respiratory surveillance report for Week 34.

"The number of reported cases and number of COVID-19 hospital admissions increased compared with the previous week," states the report.

Twenty-two people with COVID were hospitalized in Week 34, including two people who required intervention in the intensive care unit. There were no deaths reported.

The numbers are based on comparisons of total severe outcomes that are provided in the current and previous week's report.

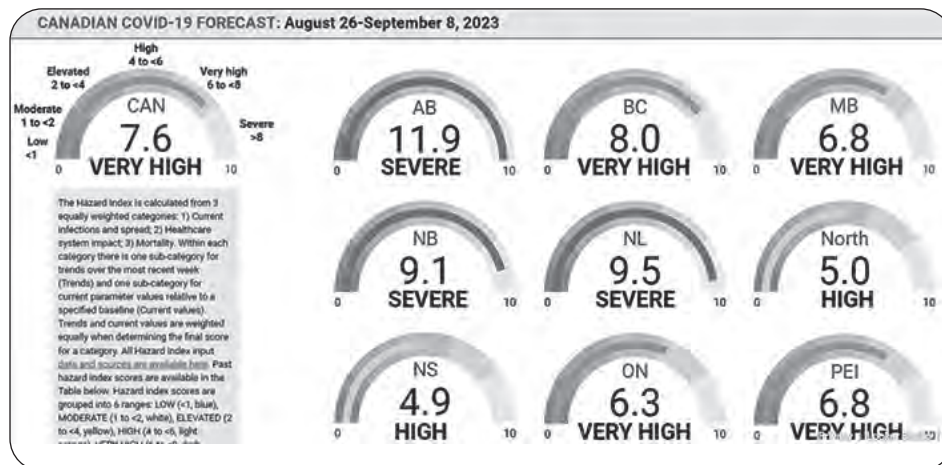
Wastewater surveillance data up to Aug. 22 indicates increased COVID activity in Winnipeg and Brandon.

There have been 2,508 deaths from COVID in Manitoba and 53,345 deaths in Canada, according to federal government data as of Aug. 19.

OTHER HEALTH NEWS:

-COVID-19 Resources Canada, a group of health and data experts, issues a COVID hazard index for provinces and territories based on current infections and spread, health-care system impact and deaths. Its estimate for the period Aug. 26 to Sept. 8 shows Manitoba's COVID hazard at 6.8 or very high.

-In the World Health Organization's last weekly epidemiological update of Sept. 1 (the WHO is moving to a



COVID-19 RESOURCES CANADA

COVID-19 Resources Canada's COVID hazard index rates Manitoba at 6.8 or very high.

four-week epidemiological reporting schedule), there were more than 1.4 million new COVID cases (an increase of 38 per cent) and over 1,800 deaths (a decrease of 50 per cent) reported to the organization between July 31 and Aug. 27.

The reported cases "do not accurately" represent infection rates because countries have reduced testing and reporting, states the WHO. But the organization said it will use available sources to continue monitoring COVID and its impact on health systems.

"COVID-19 remains a major threat and WHO urges Member States to maintain, not dismantle, their established COVID-19 infrastructure," states the WHO. "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."

The variant EG.5 is now the most prevalent variant of interest globally,

accounting for 26.1 per cent of reported sequences from Aug. 7 to 13, according to the report. The variant BA.2.86 was classified as a variant under monitoring on Aug. 17, and as of Aug. 30, 21 sequences have been reported from seven countries.

As of Aug. 27, there have been over 770 million confirmed COVID cases and over 6.9 million deaths reported worldwide.

-Manitoba Health reported the first confirmed human case of West Nile Virus this year and another three probable cases are under investigation

"The confirmed case in 40 to 49 years of age and lives in the Winnipeg Regional Health Authority," states Manitoba Health in an Aug. 25 West Nile Bulletin. "The individual experienced neurological symptoms and was hospitalized."

In 2022 there were seven confirmed cases of West Nile, with five people requiring hospitalization.

-Emergency department disruptions

MB Pork receives funding to battle African swine fever

By Lorne Stelmach

African swine fever is a global concern, so that is why Manitoba Pork is working with federal funding to help fight its spread.

Manitoba Pork recently received almost \$1 million to prepare for Af-

rican swine fever (ASF), and officials stressed the importance of the initiatives to aid in the preparation and preparedness work in the fight.

"If African swine fever was to hit Manitoba or hit Canada, our borders would close and our ability to export

would close," said Cam Dahl, general manager of Manitoba Pork.

"The threat of ASF to the province of Manitoba is really significant," he said, noting that 90 per cent of hog

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Flashback...2008 Manitoba Summer Games

By Dennis Young

During the summer of 2004, the Town and RM of Dufferin Councils received information to bid on hosting the next Manitoba Summer Games for 2008. With the success and experience from hosting the 1990 Games, it was decided to source out some key volunteers to form a committee.

Two co-chairs accepted the challenge and sought dedicated community leaders to complete their executive. They arranged a presentation and a tour for Sport Manitoba armed with an organization chart of nine divisions and 49 sub-committees. The announcement came in March 2005 that Carman would be the Power Smart Manitoba Summer Games Host Society.

From the outset, all executives were encouraged to develop their ideas and budgets, as the co-chairs would not micromanage. This recipe was successful and was one of the main reasons the Games were such a great experience, as everyone was their own "boss."

With a \$870,000 budget (\$226,000 in our 1990 Games), fundraising was immediately kicked into high gear. The marketing plan was ambitious, but the Fundraising Committee was met with open hearts and cheque-books, eventually rounding up almost \$600,000 in cash, gifts in kind and sweat equity - more than enough to run successful Games.

With the money flowing in, the Sport & Facility Divisions could begin the major renovations they had planned, which ended up being a \$416,000 item. Of the ten sports being hosted, four major facility accomplishments were: two beach volleyball courts \$10K; the ball diamonds uplift \$41K, a hard top six lane outdoor track \$130K; and the new soccer facility \$80K.

One of the most enduring stories of the facility preparation was one of the four dedicated men who, over three summers, oversaw the construction

of two soccer pitches on donated land west of Town. Starting with just 1.2 acres of bare field and north winds, they transformed it into one of the top facilities for soccer in Manitoba and the only rural one with irrigation!

When not competing, athletes, coaches and managers were fed and watered at the Community Hall, where Food Services received high praise and many accolades from guests. To athletes, their success in the Games experience sometimes rests in their stomachs.

The Collegiate and the Elementary school rooms were gutted and made into living accommodations with camping mats, security, medical staff, lounges and maintenance scheduled around the clock at both locations. Outdoor portable showers were even added due to the increase in need.

The Hospitality Division was the largest outside of Sport. It was handed the tasks of supplying nightly adult entertainment (dances), opening/closing ceremonies (darn rain), decorating (can still see a few painted barrels around Town), medals/awards (Ryall Park for some) and so much more.

Other Divisions were contributing as well. Public Relations produced daily newsletters with results, pictures and tidbits of info, which athletes and volunteers could not wait to read. They also provided Games clothing for purchase by anyone attending, which generated funds.

Operations provided signage, collected garbage and kept lines of communication open with all departments. The administration was balancing books and paying bills while spectator services oversaw situations such as providing ample parking at all venues.

The volunteer division started by recruiting 1,200 people and then getting them accredited and up to speed on what was expected of them. Along the way, they offered TGIFs, a Pep



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Work turned into fun at the soccer complex preparing for 2008 Games.

Rally, a fantastic windup to wrap up the Games, and three years of hard work by many.

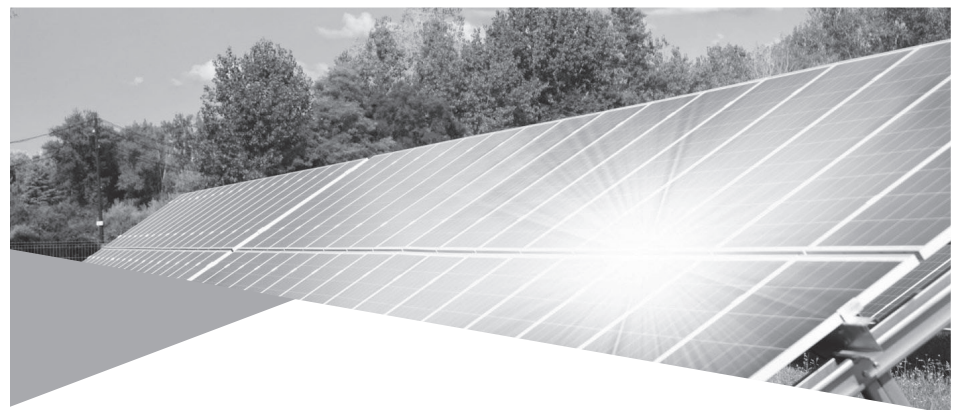
The host society would use the windup to recognize and acknowledge the many talents of the "behind the scenes" volunteers, corporate sponsors and great partners such as the Town and RM of Dufferin who assisted Carman in making the 2008 Games not only possible but a huge success.

The host society had planned two legacies for the Town and surrounding area:

- to increase community spirit and cohesiveness with the training of volunteers capable of handling future multi-sport events

- a monetary legacy that included over \$250,000 in facility upgrades, providing \$10,000 in equipment to the Town, creating an economic impact close to \$1 million, increasing awareness for the Town due to province-wide exposure, and finally the opportunity for a monetary surplus (was \$100,000) at the completion.

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Letter to the editor

Thank you for the great hospitality

A few weeks ago, my husband and I were camping in the Carman area. We enjoy playing Pickleball, and were able to connect with the Pickleball Club that plays at the Active Living Centre. We just want to compliment this very welcoming group of people, they were inviting, friendly and a fun group to play pickleball with. It is well known

that pickleball is an up-and-coming sport that can be played at any age. We are seniors, and are able to keep active participating in the sport, and highly recommend it to others. For those interested in checking out the game of pickleball this group would be a great place to learn.

- Debbie and Werner Rempel

Learning and growing on Wednesday morning

Wednesday morning group in Carman a staple in the community 43 years later

By Autumn Fehr

In May 1980, Clarice Gilchrist of Carman helped organize a Wednesday Morning meeting.

Gilchrist and a number of community members were interested in learning about a variety of topics. They thought it would be easier to bring speakers to the community and they could all learn together.

Gilchrist called a meeting, and word was spread. At the meeting, they brainstormed ideas of what the organization could be and started inviting people to speak to them.

Gilchrist started what is known today as 'Wednesday Morning' - a meeting group that has blossomed, and now, over 40 years later, the group is still going strong.

Wednesday Morning started with a few young moms with children who met regularly on Wednesday mornings to discuss different topics. These moms wanted the social connections and support of each other and to feed their curiosity. Working together, they arranged for shared childcare.

"At the beginning, we thought we were going to take turns at childcare, but discovered that we all just wanted to be hearing the speakers, so we hired someone to do childcare for us. Those children are now in their 40s," said Gustine Wilton, a woman who has been attending the group on and off since it started.

She is often part of the planning group who meet at someone's house to throw around ideas of who the group would like to invite to come and speak. The planning is done very loosely in a collaborative manner.

"This has been such a great organization for me. Over these forty-some-

thing years, I've done an amazing amount of learning, and I think anybody who has come to these meetings would say the same thing, that we are always learning something," said Wilton.

The meeting is open to anyone and generally meets from late September to late May. The meeting takes a couple of weeks off over Christmas. Of course, it happens on Wednesday mornings from 10 a.m. to 11:45 a.m. at the Carman United Church.

Since that day in May of 1980, Wednesday Morning has evolved. There is a different emphasis today, and childcare has not been needed for years.

Forty-three years later, there are still a few of the original moms. They are now grandmothers but are still curious and have inquiring minds. Although it is primarily women who attend the group, some men attend too, and they are more than welcome.

The group has many guests over the decades, including community members and organizations, local politicians, activists, professors, and writers who share their stories. Some prominent Canadian authors such as Carol Shields and Miriam Towe have come three times.

The meetings have a specific question and answer timeline format to them, where attendees get the opportunity to soak in as much information as possible. For example, Wednesday Morning had Kim Dyck of Hundredfold Farm come in to speak about their fibre farm, making a connection between clothing and agriculture. They've also had a more laid back, sharing morning where attendees bring an article of theirs and share a



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Some of the regulars at the Wednesday Morning meeting.

story about it. Another guest that has spoken at the meeting was Regional Connections - Immigrant Services. Two staff who work in the settlement, based in Morden, came to share their story. They shared how they are both interested in building connections in Carman & area to help welcome and support newcomers. These are just some out of the many guests that the program has welcomed over the years.

Wilton said the way they get their guests is often by cold calling people, asking if the person can come to speak to their group.

"We offer gas money and lunch. Surprisingly, many people say yes," she said.

"It's magical how frequently these people we call up say yes... It's so generous."

Each week, attendees put a few dollars on a teacup saucer, and the gas money comes from that 'bank account.'

"We were just interested in a broad range of topics, and we wanted to learn everything," said Wilton.

Today, 15 to 25 people attend the group regularly, both men and women. Wednesday Morning has a core group of ten attendees, and there are about 20 other individuals who come when the topic interests them. Attendance is optional for the program. Instead, people are encouraged to come when the topic is interesting to them.

For Wilton, Wednesday Morning has been a big part of her life for the last 40-plus years and has made a significant difference in her life.

"I have learned a huge amount about many, many different subjects - art, health science, history, politics, public policy, religion, literature, public affairs, so learning has been really important to me," she said.

"I've made important social connections with the other people that attend. When I moved here, I didn't know people, and this was hugely important for me to make those social connections."

Wilton welcomes anyone to stop by on Wednesday Morning to join the conversation and learn something new.

All MPI locations closed and scheduled appointments cancelled until further notice

Submitted by MPI

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strike action, all Manitoba Public Insurance (MPI) locations will be closed and all scheduled appointments will be cancelled until further notice. This includes all driver testing, estimating, adjusting and driver fitness appointments. Affected customers will be contacted to re-schedule at a later date. More information is available on MPI's website.

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Annual fee is \$60. No audition required.

For more information call Brenda at 204-750-3234.

Honey, Garlic & Maple Syrup Festival is on this weekend

By Lorne Stelmach

It's got that small town fair feel to it, but one of the main appeals of the Honey, Garlic & Maple Syrup Festival is evident in its name.

Whether its stocking up on those three staples or enjoying the gourmet alley and buffet, there's lots to sample and taste at the festival set for this Saturday in Manitou.

"It's mainly the food, but people really seem to like the shopping ... and there's so many vendors to see and lots of unique items," said chairperson Juanita Cobb. "And the concert Saturday night is something new, so now people can go right from the buffet to the concert."

The community at large really gets involved and supports the festival, said Cobb.

"The festival tries to support our local clubs and organizations," she added, noting for example the Kinsmen Club starts the day with a pancake breakfast, and local 4H members do clean-up. As well, the curling club runs the bar, and arena reps help with the set-up while Services for Seniors makes all the salads.

"It takes well over 200 volunteers from our local community to put it on, but it brings a few thousand people into town, so for a small town, that's a pretty big feat."

The farmers' market and craft show

features many local farms and artists, so be sure to stop by and grab your fresh honey, garlic and maple syrup and maybe even start your Christmas shopping a little early.

"There's all kinds of tables set up with homemade items," Cobb said.

Don't forget then to stop by gourmet alley featuring local restaurants for a light lunch or a snack, and you can kick back and have a drink at the Pembina Valley Saloon in support of the Manitou Curling Club and listen to some entertainment.

The gourmet food alley runs from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., while the Pembina Valley Saloon goes from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. with beer and spirits and cider from

Wooden Gate Cider Company.

Take a wander then outside to see the 'mighty machines' supported by many local businesses. Stop in at the kids tent organized by the Manitou Christian Fellowship to win some awesome prizes. And if cars are your thing, the Country Hicks Car Club has been known for their huge turnout of classic cars, trucks and motorcycles.

The grand finale is the gourmet buffet meal in the evening which in recent years has served as many as 600 people in about 45 minutes.

You can find more information online at pembina.ca/m/honey-garlic-maple-syrup-festival.

> SWINE FEVER, FROM PG. 4

production in Manitoba is exported. "We are putting a lot of effort into ensuring that we do everything we can to prevent ASF from arriving and having a plan in place in the event it does arrive, and that's really what these funds are going towards."

The detection of African swine fever in Canada would be catastrophic for both the Manitoba and Canadian hog sectors, resulting in not only a prolonged closure of international borders to pork, but a significant financial impact as well.

ASF does not pose a health risk to humans, other animals or the food system, and to date, it has not been detected in pigs in Canada. However, it is currently spreading throughout countries in Europe and Asia and was discovered last year in the Dominican Republic.

Manitoba Pork has received \$944,340 from Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada's African Swine Fever Industry Preparedness Program.

The funding is divided between three projects: increased funding to support the work of the Squeal on Pigs Manitoba initiative, funding to aid in communicating with small-scale pork producers in the province, and the development of a response plan in the event a case of ASF is found in the province.

The largest portion of funding—\$813,867, with a federal contribution of \$691,787—is going to the Squeal on Pigs program to increase activity around the surveillance, education, and outreach activities in Manitoba.

Presently the program is staffed by a project coordinator and three field staff as well as being supported by staff at Manitoba Pork in the areas of swine health and communications.

New funding will be deployed in

multiple ways, including bringing the staff up to five, expanding the capacity to capture and remove wild pigs, monitoring and reporting on pig control activities, and expanding the public outreach campaign.

As well, they will be expanding testing and deploying new surveillance methods and equipment, developing and refining an information system to track results, supporting and evaluating research across the country that shows promise and supporting the development of a national strategy to eradicate wild pigs.

"They are invasive. They're not natural to the province," said Dahl. "Those wild invasive pigs really do pose a threat. They can become disease reservoirs, and of course they also do a significant amount of ecological damage and damage to crops."

He also stressed the importance of solidifying the emergency management plans including "outreach to small producers to ensure they are aware of the steps that they need to take to protect their herds and the industry as a whole."

Development of the ASF response plan receives funding of \$263,010 including a federal contribution of \$191,493. Other funding will support the communication with small-scale producers with \$71,836, including a federal contribution of \$61,060.

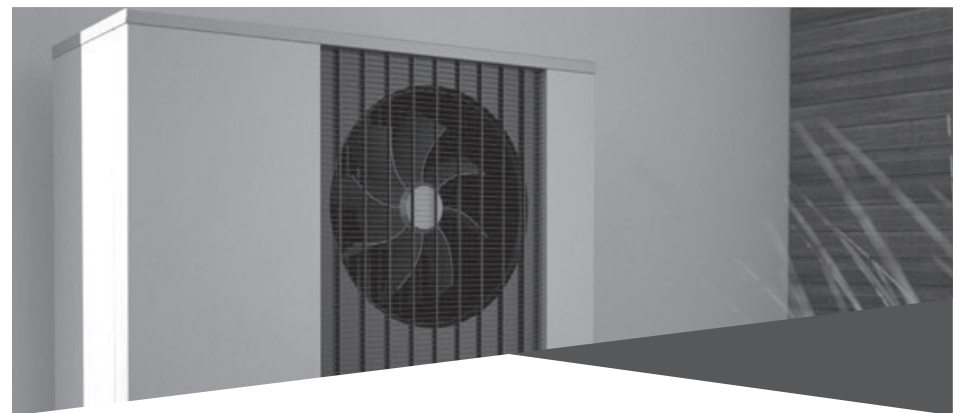
Funding under this stream will help Manitoba Pork improve bio-security and food safety practices of small-scale pork producers by increasing awareness, sharing and developing communications materials and creating a network of small-scale producers who have access to a variety of education materials.

There will be webinars, how-to videos, social media content and e-newsletters among other materials, and

it will act as a pilot project for other jurisdictions who may be interested in better connecting with small-scale producers in their area.

"Animal diseases like ASF have a significant impact on the economy and on the mental health of producers," said Lawrence MacAulay, federal minister of agriculture and agri-food. "Investing in these proactive initiatives, led by Manitoba Pork, will help protect animal health and ensure the sector remains resilient and competitive internationally."

"African swine fever poses a tremendous risk to our province's hog sector, and we need to do everything we can to ensure that we are prepared in the event that horrible day comes upon us," said Manitoba Pork chair Rick Prejet. "We want to commend the federal government for not only stepping up with funding to support producers and our sector but for their continued engagement on preparatory work with our producers and our staff to ensure that we are best prepared for an outbreak."



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Carrie Anne Co available for cleaning services

By Ty Dilello

Keeping up with the family tradition, Carman's Carrie Klassen loves to clean.

Carrie Anne Co is a small business providing cleaning services for residential, post-construction and commercial enterprises in the Carman and Winnipeg area.

Klassen, who registered the business last fall, got into the cleaning through her mom, Kim, who has operated a similar venture in Carman for many years.

"I helped my mom out lots when I was in high school and still do from time to time," Klassen said. "Helping her and seeing her have her own cleaning business really made me want to start a business of my own."

"I have a passion for cleaning and helping others, so I thought, why not start my own cleaning business... I also have a degree in business that I graduated with in 2022, so that really helped me."

Although she has only been operating for a year, Klassen is pleased with



Carrie Anne Co. is a cleaning business operated by Carman's Carrie Klassen. It provides cleaning services for residential, post construction and commercial enterprises in the Carman and Winnipeg area.

the number of clients she found, as the workflow has been a good amount so far.

"I have learned a lot in the first couple months of working, and I am

still a growing business, so I would like to thank everyone for all of their support."

People interested in hiring Klassen can reach her at 204-332-2197 or

email carrianneco1@gmail.com. Her business's Instagram account is @carrianneco_.



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Winkler Heritage Museum marking Mennonite Heritage Week

Crokinole tournament is planned for Saturday, Sept. 16

By Ashleigh Viveiros

The Winkler Heritage Society celebrates Mennonite Heritage Week with its third annual crokinole tournament.

The Sept. 16 competition takes place in front of the Winkler Heritage Museum in the Southland Mall starting at 10:30 a.m.

All skill levels are welcome to compete, says museum curator Joanne Bergen, noting last time the fun lasted well into the afternoon.

"We only had about a dozen people last year but it still lasted a few hours," she says, explaining they're trying to structure the day so that everyone gets to play several games at least.

Crokinole is the perfect way to mark Mennonite Heritage Week, Bergen reflects.

"Anyone who was raised in a Mennonite household, or Mennonite adjacent, grew up playing crokinole," she says. "The adults would be playing on the card table and us kids would have our board too it's just something that has been a part of the Mennonite culture forever."

To register in advance for the tournament, contact Bergen at 204-319-0080. Same-day registrations are also welcome, space allowing.

The entry fee is \$10 per player, part of which will make up the cash prize pots for the winners, with the rest supporting the heritage society's work at the museum and the Winkler Archives.

If crokinole isn't your game, you're still invited to stop by the museum to check out the special displays they have set up for both Mennonite Heritage Week and to mark the centennial of the 1923 Mennonite migration from Russia to Canada in the wake of the Bolshevik Revolution.

The heritage week displays include vintage photographs, dolls wearing authentic dresses, a handmade shawl with intricate embroidery on it, and a few fancy lace hats worn by Mennonite women a century ago.

The migration displays include a series of photos and unique artifacts donated to the museum by local families.

The photos, blown up large, include a portrait of the Fast family in Osterwick, Russia, just before they moved to Canada in 1923. Others show the family arriving at the Winkler train station before settling in Gnadenthal.

"This was the second big Mennonite migration to Canada," says Bergen, "and they were basically running for their lives. They were losing their land, they were being starved, persecuted."

Artifacts include a bag bed brought over by John C. and Frieda Loewen and a wooden suitcase made by Jakob Hildebrand, who intended to leave Russia but didn't make it out before the border was closed. He was sent to Siberia, where he died. His family later successfully made it to Canada after the Second World War, Hildebrand's suitcase in hand.

Bergen notes she will also be on hand Sept. 16 to show guests around the museum and talk about the genealogical program they have that can help people flesh out their family trees.



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Joanne Bergen of the Winkler Heritage Museum with the display they recently put up to honour the centennial of the 1923 Mennonite migration to Canada. They also have artifacts on display marking Mennonite Heritage Week (left).

Children's Camps International celebrating 20 years

By Lorne Stelmach

Children's Camps International has come a long way in its 20 years of service.

As they prepare to celebrate that milestone with a Sept. 17 banquet in Winkler, vice-president Dave Thiessen reflected on how much the organization has grown.

It all started in 2003 by sending 500 kids to camp in India while partnering with five local churches.

"Today we're partnering with thousands of churches, and in 2022, we reached just over 865,000 kids in one year," said Thiessen. "And as of June this year, we've reached just over four million kids total since we started."

"It's incredible to see how God's worked through the years ... how we've navigated and how it's grown and really with its foundational principles," he said. "It's been really exciting, and yet, at the same time, you've almost got to pinch yourself on where it's come."

Children's Camps International is a Christian ministry that works with churches in developing countries to host camps for kids. Their aim is transformation through intentional evangelism, discipleship, and leadership training programs.

Since those first camps in India, CCI has had 2,402,095 children attend camp there, including 500,000 in 2020 alone.

It then expanded into Cambodia in 2007 (58,525 kids so far) and Brazil in 2015 (12,402 campers to date).

Thiessen believes there are a few key factors driving their success and continued growth.

"I think it's sticking to the fundamentals, the foundational principles of the organization, which is we work in a developing country," he said. "We have a national leader; it's very important to have a national leader."

"We partner with a local church. That's very important to us. You need to have a partnering body to do the discipleship aspect, which is very important to us."

Just as important as the camp experience itself is to then follow through with kids after the camp experience.

"That is where we see a lot of the transformation taking place. It is very important to us to have that ongoing commitment," said Thiessen. "We really think kids should have a great time, a fun time, but then where we see where the impact really comes in is when we do the follow-up and building into their lives ... we continue to work and share with the kids."

"So we're teaching the country to fish, meaning we don't want them to just depend on our dollars. We want to teach them to own it, help them come up with a business plan and engage their communities to be able to fund it, so that one day we can step out of the way and let them run it."

As well, he noted churches now fund around 75 to 80 per cent of the costs.

"That's why we can reach the numbers that we're reaching. If we needed



CHILDREN'S CAMPS INTERNATIONAL PHOTOS

Children's Camps International is marking 20 years of ministry with a banquet in Winkler Sept. 17.



to fund all of it, we wouldn't be running 800,000 kids.

"So the camps are flourishing in all three countries," Thiessen continued. "Our plan is to just maintain the course. I don't think we want to change the vision and the mission of the organization."

"Moving forward, we really want to continue to work in the countries and really teach them how to fish so they can just continue to run the camps independent from what we do here in Canada and North America ... once they become independent, we can go to other countries and provide resources to other countries."

"So the opportunity is there to grow even more as time goes on ... the Lord willing and if it's still in His favour, we will continue to grow."

Two of the country leaders will speak and answer questions as part of a 20th anniversary banquet set for Sept. 17 at the Winkler Mennonite Brethren Church.

Tickets are free but limited. Email info@ccicamps.com or call 204-331-4003 to reserve a seat.

Stepping back in time



STANDARD PHOTOS BY DENNIS YOUNG

Belinda and Grady Dennis of Portage la Prairie toured the Dufferin Historical Museum a week ago Sunday. They also visited both the Boyne School and the Sexsmith log house.

Summer reading wraps up at Boyne Regional Library

By Ty Dilello

Summer is coming to an end, and with that, the Boyne Regional Library in Carman had its annual grand prize draw to wrap up the Summer Reading Program.

This summer's program was very successful and introduced many new aspects to the yearly programming at Boyne Regional Library.

The Summer Reading Program kicked off on June 21 with a celebration in Ryall Park. Despite the heat, the kids had lots of fun doing crafts, playing games, eating snacks, and participating in gymnastics with the My Gym staff and equipment.

Children could sign up and receive prize ballots during the kickoff. And throughout the summer, 518 kids were enrolled in the program.

"As always, the goal of the program was to encourage kids to continue reading outside of school," said Lynsey Hannah of Boyne Regional Library. "The hope was to instill a love of reading independently and introduce new topics and interests."

This year, participants were given ten ballots upon signing up. Additional ballots were awarded for completing weekly incentive challenges throughout the summer, such as asking the library staff questions, reading a book by a Canadian author, or reading a biography. This way, active participants could increase their chances of winning the grand prizes while becoming more familiar with the Li-

brary and exploring new topics in their reading.

In addition to the ten grand prizes generously sponsored by Access Credit Union, two other awards were also up for grabs. Payacres Equestrian Centre sponsored a bonus prize of free horse-riding lessons. Children could enter to win if they completed a book review. The second bonus prize, much to the delight of parents and other adult patrons of the Library, was sponsored by Tim Horton's and could be entered by simply signing out books for themselves.

The winners were chosen on Aug. 22 by Nancy Swain of Access Credit Union. The ten grand prizes included games, a metal detector, family fun activities, STEAM-related toys, an RC truck, items for teens, Lego, crafts, John Deere toys, and a snow bike. The Tim Horton's adult prize and four one-hour horse-riding lessons were also drawn on the same day. The winners have been contacted, and the results have been posted on the Library's social media and website.

"We are tremendously grateful for all the local businesses who contributed to the program this year," said Hannah. "The Library hopes to continue growing and improving the Summer Reading Program next year. In the meantime, there will continue to be fun activities throughout the year for library patrons of all ages."



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The Summer Reading Program at Boyne Regional Library in Carman has wrapped up another fantastic summer of reading. Left-to-right: Boyne Regional Library employee Cassidy Phillips and Nancy Swain from Access Credit Union.

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Pembina Valley Studio Tour is Sept. 9-10

By Lorne Stelmach

It's been running now for almost two decades, but the Pembina Valley Studio Tour always offers plenty of reasons for people to come back again and again.

There are usually at least a new artist or two, and the familiar faces who are there most years always have new work to show, organizers noted last week in advance of the tour weekend Sept. 9-10.

"It's not entirely the same tour year after year. It always changes up at least a little bit," said Susan Pharaoh, who is part of the organizing committee and a participating artist. "I think it's something you can't ever get tired of doing the studio tour because there's always something interesting and different ... it's like a treasure hunt.

"There's lots of really interesting artists out here ... so it can really spark your interest and imagination," she added. "There's lots of interesting participants on the tour, and there's something for everyone."

The 19th annual showcase of arts is back with a full slate of artists' homes, studios, and galleries to visit.

"Artists are super excited to get involved where there's people coming to see them in their own places. We all do our own things as artists, and

now with this studio tour you get a chance to show off what you're doing," said Pharaoh, noting there are over two dozen stops in all. "This year we've got a really wide variety ... and a wider geography with a few more people outside of where we've been in the past."

This year's tour goes further east with potter Joanne Graydon in Emerson, and as far west as Pilot Mound with the United Community Arts. To the north, Carman has a strong presence with not only the Golden Prairie Arts Council but also artists Barb Murray, Beverly McLean, and Chris Larsen.

"So we've kind of expanded way east and way west, and that's been really cool for everybody to start to see," Pharaoh said. "We've got a number of group tour stops, so they're one stop points for people."

Pilot Mound has really become a great addition, Pharaoh said, noting how it has developed a great centre in the community.

"It's a real gift back to the community," she said, adding as well that it has been good that Winkler has a real presence in the tour again. "It's sort of a central area for the tour ... and I think the art gallery in Winkler as well has been instrumental in encouraging people to show their work."



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The Pembina Valley Studio Tour gives art-lovers the chance to peek inside the workspaces of local artists Sept. 9-10.

There will be many familiar faces and places but also some new highlights for the self-guided tour.

Altona stops include not only the Gallery in the Park but artists Ken Loewen and Olga Krahn. In Winkler, there is not only Winkler Arts and Culture but also artists Jessica Rachelle, Sharon Kroeker, and Nina Sawazki.

In Morden, the tour features the Pembina Hills Gallery and also artists Marilyn Young, George Fieber, Laverne Lovatt, and Margie Hildebrand.

In the area from Darlingford to Manitou and La Riviere, participating artists include Susan Crawford Young, Susan Pharaoh, Tracy Currie, Deb Petersen, and the Wee Wolle Shoppe and Studio.

Miami will have Brian McMillan

and Lucinda Doran in addition to the group show at the active living centre.

Pharaoh hopes having more artists spread out over a larger area will encourage more people to spend multiple days exploring.

"You get the most out of it if you can plan a two-day tour because you get to see a lot more, and you don't need to make it a hurried trip."

The variety of galleries, studios, and homes will be open on the Saturday between 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. and Sunday between noon and 5 p.m.

Brochures are available at various community locations, including Gallery in the Park in Altona, Winkler Arts and Culture, and the Pembina Hills Arts Council in Morden.

You can also head to www.pembina-valleystudiotour.com for more information.

Homemade, home baked and home grown at Farmers Market



Ryker and Keagan, both 9 years old, of Stephenfield eye up the candy at The Little Sugar stand at the Carman Farmers Market last Friday. The market is open for business on Fridays from 4 to 6:30 p.m. with the final one of the season on Sept. 15.



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John Heard sells another batch of corn from his three acres outside of Carman at the Farmer's Market. Lee and Bev Lotscher will enjoy a meal tonight!

Ride 4 MS poker derby makes its way through region this weekend

By Lorne Stelmach

Bob Wishart is hoping to start an annual fundraiser to support the fight against Multiple Sclerosis (MS).

It is a personal mission for the former carpenter from Portage la Prairie, as his late wife had the disease.

Now he's doing his part to battle it by organizing the Ride 4 MS poker derby this weekend, merging a desire to give back with a former passion of his: riding a motorcycle.

"I missed 40 years [of riding]. I got married and had children ... got to have a roof over our heads and food in our bellies," said Wishart. "We were supporting MS for quite a few years, so I figured this would be a fun way of raising some money."

MS is a chronic autoimmune disease of the central nervous system. Since that includes the brain, spinal cord, and optic nerve, MS can affect vision, memory, balance and mobility.

Canada has one of the highest rates of MS in the world with an estimated 90,000 Canadians living with the disease. On average, 12 Canadians are diagnosed with MS every day. Most people are diagnosed between the ages of 20 and 49, and the unpredict-

able effects of the disease will last for the rest of their lives.

"Pretty much everybody knows somebody or someone in their family who have MS. It's pretty widespread," Wishart noted.

The Ride 4 MS poker derby starts Saturday with check-in beginning at 10:30 a.m. followed at about 11:30 a.m. with departure from Gaslight Harley Davidson in Morden.

The route then takes the riders to Carman, Morris, and Altona before ending in Winkler at the Smitty's Restaurant bar, which will have their wings and draft on sale.

"I'm just trying to keep it as local as possible ... but you want a decent ride," said Wishart.

"I just thought it would be a fun way to get people together and go to different places and stop ... and the more people that come, the bigger the pot. You get to meet more people, and the more people you meet, the more people you can ride with.

"I'm hoping it just kind of gets bigger and bigger all the time," Wishart added. "I would love to make it an annual event ... hopefully it goes as planned. I just hope some people



STANDARD PHOTO BY LORNE STELMACH

Bob Wishart is heading up the Ride 4 MS poker derby setting out from Morden and making its way through Carman, Morris, Altona, and Winkler Saturday.

come and enjoy themselves."

To register (\$20 per hand) or get more information, contact Wishart at 204-

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Children's Vision And Eye Health - Part of Back to School Preparations

While you were rushing around picking up school supplies, new school clothes, indoor shoes and lunch kits did you remember to book your child's annual eye exam?

Your child should have a routine eye exam before starting kindergarten, then every year throughout their school years. Most learning in school is visual and you need to ensure that your child can see what is being taught, see the board at the front of the class and be able to read books clearly. Most provincial health care plans cover the cost of eye exams for children.

The following are some of the signs and symptoms you should keep an eye out for in your children:

- difficulty reading the chalkboard,
- frequent headaches,
- sitting too close to the TV,
- squinting or rubbing eyes frequently,
- losing their place while reading,
- holding a book closer than usual,
- red, itchy or watery eyes.

If your child shows any of these symptoms you may want to call an Optometrist.

Many provinces in Canada have

the Eye See...Eye Learn® program which is a program designed to educate teachers, children and parents in the importance of eye health. Through this program Optometrists detect, diagnose and treat eye health and vision issues in kindergarten children.

The program offers routine eye exams to kindergarten children and even provides free eyeglasses to them if needed. Each year in Alberta, between 1,500 and 1,800 pairs of free eyeglasses are distributed and of those, about 60% are first-time prescriptions.

Untreated vision problems can lead to:

- learning at a slower rate than other children
- frustration with learning
- negative self-image
- behaviour and discipline problems
- possible need for special education and related services
- higher risk for school drop out
- lifelong disadvantages and underachievement

A comprehensive eye exam will ensure your child's vision health

A vision screening test is not the

same as a comprehensive eye exam. While vision screening tests the ability to see clearly at a distance, a comprehensive eye exam looks at all aspects of a child's vision function, including how well the eyes focus up close, how the eyes work together and the overall health of the eyes. Even if your child has 20/20 vision, they still need to have an eye exam.

What else can you do

Your child's eyes get a workout at home with computers, video games and homework. Make sure the rooms are eye-friendly by reducing glare and offering soft overall light. Encourage periodic breaks from digital screens to give their eyes a much-needed break. Optometrists recommend the 20-20-20 rule: every 20 minutes, take a 20 second break and focus on something at least 20 feet away. Balance computer time with plenty of creative, outdoor and quiet play - their eyes, developing minds, and their growing bodies will thank you.

How often should you have an eye exam?

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Miami Horticultural annual show of flowers and vegetables

Staff

The Miami Horticultural Society held their annual show on Thurs., Aug. 17 at the Miami Community Centre.

Members set up the room on Wednesday night with a new floor plan allowing for better viewing and accessibility.

This year's layout included a new seating area with round tables decorated with table cloths and flower arrangements. Guests also enjoyed coffee, tea and cold refreshments and cookies all homemade by the members.

"It was just beautiful and the hall looked so nice. The photo entries were on easels and looked professional. All the members worked together to put this is on. It was all the efforts of all our members that made the show a huge success," said Miami Horticultural Society president Lynn Sprott. "Thank you to all of our sponsors for the donations that make the show possible."

This year's show had a total of 31 exhibitors, 11 juniors and 20 adults with nine new exhibitors. The total entries was 383 for both junior and adults.

The oldest exhibitor was Velma Orchard (96 years young) and has been an active member of the horticultural society for many years.

"Orchard has held every office position on the board and mentored every member who is there today. She is a wonderful resource," said Sprott.

The youngest exhibitor Garrett Lawson, 22 months attended with his mom Celeste Lawson and grandmother Gwen Lawson. He made a mud pie and entered in the junior category.

"We have a section for juniors for flowers, vegetables, specials, mud pies, unusual persons or animals made from veggies. It's always interesting," said Sprott.

Organizers were excited to have nine new junior exhibitors with over half of them under seven years old.

The Court of Honour is where we showcase our winners.

"This year we wanted to spice things up and we added the white and gold table covers. We have a wonderful group of members and everyone works so hard," said Sprott.

Gail Snider won the most points in the entire show while Joan Robinson won most points in the flower section with her husband Dale Robinson earning the most points in the vegetables and fruit section.

The most points in the junior sections was won by Jadyen Dueck.

The show book, has a large number of categories including: cut flowers,



Gail Snider placed second with her illustration naming a song: 'These boots are made for walking.'



Joan Robinson placed second with her salmon coloured Gladiolas spike.

houseplants, fruit, vegetables, a photo section and flower sections.

The Junior section includes cut flowers and vegetables, photography and specials.

Best in Show winners:

- Best flower arrangement - Jolene Callum

- Best gladiola - Joan Robinson
- Best potted geranium - Judy Knox
- Best hydrangea - Joan Robinson
- Best rose - Jolene Callum
- Best violet - Lynn Sprott
- Best plate of fruit - Dale Robinson

Eighty five guests signed the guest book.

This year's judges include Maxine Angres of Miami, Louise Page of Winnipeg and Anne Copeland of Winnipeg. Judging took place from 9:15 a.m. to 2 p.m. Following the judging the hall was opened for the public to view the exhibits from 2 to 8 p.m.

Trophies were presented to the winners at 7 p.m.

A bus from the Carman Boyne Lodge



STANDARD PHOTOS BY WENDY PEARSON

The Miami Horticultural Society Court of Honour show winners.



Jayden Dueck's Gus the Goose, right, placed first in the Human or Animal Character made from vegetables and Max Miller placed second with Bob the surfer.

brought over a number of residents who enjoyed an afternoon outing and refreshments.

Upcoming Events:

On Saturday, Sept. 2, the Horticultural Society is dedicating a bench in memory of Diane Parkinson. The bench will be placed on the deck at the Blair Sharpe Active Living Centre. Parkinson was a valuable member of the society and passed away from cancer.

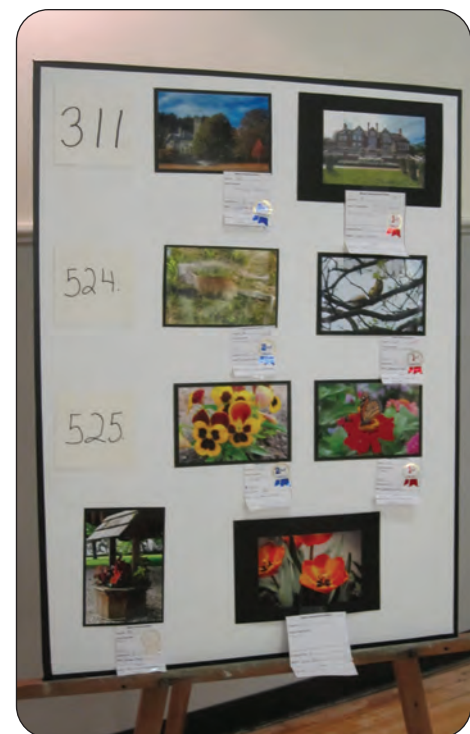
The dedication is taking place during Music Night at 7:30 p.m. at the Miami Pavilion at the park. Every Saturday there is a variety of entertainment with donations to the Arts Council.

The Horticultural Society has a plant sale in late spring.

Throughout the year the club welcomes guest speakers and from time to time do tours.

The club is always looking for new members. There is no membership fee but an interest in gardening is a must. If interested contact Lynn Sprott at 204-435-2050.

Sprott said the club welcomes gardeners from outside the area. The



show is not limited to just Miami residents.

"We are always happy to have people to join us. We welcome gardeners from all areas," said Sprott.

The Show book can be downloaded or viewed at: RM of Thomson website under the community clubs.



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PTM hosts 55th annual Reunion Days this weekend

By Lorne Stelmach

This weekend's Reunion Days offers a good chance for the Pembina Threshermens's Museum to get more people in through the gates perhaps for the first time.

It is always surprising to board president Ike Elias that there are likely lots of people who have never taken a turn off Hwy. 3 at the "tractor in the sky" at the entrance to the museum between Morden and Winkler.

"There are lots of people who drive past there hundreds of times or thousands of times, and they don't know what all we have until they come and see it ... and I think word of mouth gets around about it," said Elias. "It's surprising too how many of our visitors from Winkler or Morden will say, 'I've never been here before, and I didn't realize you have so much stuff here.'"

Visitors can stop in this Friday and Saturday for a variety of blast-from-the-past activities, including threshing, sawmill, blacksmith, rope making, and spinning demos, antique tractor parades, barrel train rides, hands-on interactive stations like corn grinding, and the kids zone activity centre.

All the buildings are open this weekend, including the 4,000 sq. ft. indoor Brimberly Village and the General Store with ice cream and treats available for purchase.

Lunch is available for purchase as well in the dining hall, and there is entertainment and music in both the Roseisle United Church at 10 a.m. and on the main stage at 3:30 p.m. Friday will feature John Penner and Shield of Faith while Saturday will have Dead Horse Country and John Penner.

Elias thinks a large part of the appeal of Reunion Days—an annual tradition for 55 years now—is the good food and the overall atmosphere of the pioneer village museum.

"There's definitely just an interest in the yesteryear," he suggested. "The Valley Harvest Maids have a good reputation for their food, and the fact that some of the food gets prepared in a stone oven in an old-fashioned way ... it makes it taste a little bit better."

A few of the event's regular features are always highlights.

"The parade is a big thing ... and I'm trying to change it up a little bit every year to keep it interesting," said Elias. "The old-timers definitely come for



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The antique tractor parade is always a highlight of PTM's Reunion Days festivities, which run this Friday and Saturday at the Hwy. 3 heritage museum.

the threshing demonstration, for sure.

"Just about every year, there's a new building or one that gets redone," he continued. "This past year, we had one building, the Haskett elevator, that had the exterior redone, and a new picnic shelter was built."

"We always try to have something new," Elias said, noting this year that

includes a special sale. "We will have a surplus inventory booth with surplus items for sale ... we have difficulty displaying all that we have there because there is never enough room to display everything well."

Gates open daily this weekend at 9 a.m.

'Relive the Music' at the Winkler concert hall Sept. 15

By Lorne Stelmach

A concert in Winkler Sept. 15 promises to be like a rock and roll musical.

Relive the Music - 50's & 60's Rock N Roll very much has a Broadway feel with a band accompanied by singers and dancers.

Over 40 years ago, Steve Marshall thought of doing a show featuring '50s and '60s music. Every year since, he kept pondering doing the show but always put it off until next year. It wasn't until early 2018 that he finally committed by booking three big theaters on Vancouver Island after making a bet with himself.

"I produced the show over 40 years ago in Prince Rupert, where I'm from, because the bars in town wouldn't hire us," Marshall recalled. "So I rented a big gym there, got our band and another band, and we held our own show ... then the bars came to me and said any time you want to perform, just let us know, because we emptied all the bars."

While it's music that perhaps especially connects with Baby Boomers, many of these songs are evergreen, popping up regularly in television shows and commercials for decades, allowing younger generations to ex-

perience them as well.

"It's music that lasts. It's songs that last because they get redone again and again," Marshall said. "That's how it lasts, and people think, oh, I know that song, and maybe they hear their granddaughter playing it then."

Marshall is on the road with 15 people, a 40-foot motor home, and a large trailer with all of the equipment. The group together handle every aspect of the show.

It is very much a family affair as well, with Marshall on drums, his daughters Kimi and Zenia on guitar and vocals, and his wife Luisa and sister-in-law Tota Mendez on vocals as well.

Another feature of the show is how a voiceover tells trivia before each song starts without telling the name of the artist. The audience has a few seconds to yell out the name they think it may be, and then the party begins.

"We take them through all the different costumes, so costumes are just flying left and right all night," shared Marshall, who noted the first set goes through the 1950s while the second delves into the 1960s. "It's all about bringing people back. The music of the era kind of floats away a bit, and



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Relive the Music—50's & 60's Rock N Roll takes the stage at the P.W. Enns Centennial Concert Hall in Winkler Sept. 15.

we take them through it."

He is always encouraged by the positive response the show receives. He recalled one audience member in Prince George coming up to him afterwards with tears in his eyes.

"He said these are tears of joy. You guys just brought back my life, and we were just kind of wow," Marshall said. "That's how it is ... the good ones just keep going ... and it's just so pop-

ular.

"I have never seen so many Baby Boomers and older folks so happy. It brought back many memories for all. And a lot of people commented that they didn't know the history."

Show time in Winkler is 7 p.m. Friday, Sept. 15 at the PW Enns Centennial Concert Hall. Tickets are available at winklerconcerthall.ca.

Film weaves the story of Mennonite journey from Ukraine to Canada

By Lori Penner

The Mennonite Historical Society of Manitoba (MHS) is partnering with an internationally renowned cinematographer to produce a film about the 1874 migration of Mennonites to Manitoba.

Across an Ocean of Buffalo Grass chronicles the hopes and hardships that brought the Mennonites to Canada, and the stories that have lived on through the generations that followed.

MHS president Conrad Stoesz says filmmaker Dale Hildebrand originally approached him with the concept of the historical documentary, hoping to join forces to pursue grants to support the project.

Hildebrand is a producer, director, writer, and winner/nominee of over 50 international awards and was also raised in a Mennonite community.

"I'm excited to work with him," Stoesz says. "We had some hurdles to jump through in terms of funding, but we have already received grants from the Plett Foundation, Sill Foundation, and the Province. We're at about 75 per cent of our goal and with a few more irons in the fire."

Stoesz acknowledges there have al-

ready been many films made about the Mennonites arrival in Manitoba but says that the historical society is supporting Hildebrand's project of creating this documentary because it will look at the Mennonite experience of moving from Imperial Russia to Manitoba from a different point of view than the others.

"He'll be looking at why did the Mennonites leave, what was the process for leaving and what it was like setting up communities in Manitoba in the first few years."

Finding research material that details not just the historical details and facts, but images of everyday life can be a struggle.

"When the Mennonites were coming to the province, photography was still a fairly young technology. They didn't have the time or money to spend on technology. They were worried about building a shelter before the snow came. They were worried about getting animals or crops in, all that stuff for survival. Not taking pictures."

Hildebrand and his sister Eleanor Chornoboy, author of several books reflecting the Mennonite experience, have been diving deep into any his-

torical material they can acquire from the MHS archives.

"We've already written the draft script. They've been shipping me things non-stop, and it's been amazing to search through all the diaries and journals. I had no idea there were so many aspects of our history."

While the film's main focus is the journey to Canada in 1874, it begins with some background into the persecution history of the Mennonites and provides some insight into why they thought they had to leave Ukraine. It also includes the story of the delegation that arrived first in Canada to scope out suitable land.

Hildebrand describes their struggles.

"Laden with hope and burdened with what little belongings they had, the immigrants embarked on a voyage that would shape their destinies, define their identities, and leave an indelible mark on the pages of history. Little did they know of the challenges that awaited them—the losses, the injustices, the suffering. Most had never even seen a train or ship before, never mind travel 20,000 km on them to reach the 'promised land'—only to find that the promise was a complete-



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Director Dale Hildebrand new film *Across an Ocean of Buffalo Grass* chronicles the hopes and hardships of the Mennonites who came to Canada in 1874.

ly untamed frontier in the middle of a never-ending ocean of mosquitoes, swamps, and buffalo grass."

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Enns completes Ride 4 Ukraine bike tour

By Ty Dilello

Eighty-year-old Fred Enns completed his Ride 4 Ukraine bike tour as he cycled over 3,000 kilometres across Manitoba to draw continued awareness to the war that's going on right now in Ukraine.

An avid cyclist for years, Enns went out on this tour as an opportunity to spread awareness about the war in Ukraine while he made his way through roughly 120 Manitoba communities.

Enns's parents had initially fled Ukraine for a more secure life in Canada. He was raised on a farm just south of La Salle until he was 18 when he moved to Winnipeg.

The war in Ukraine became personal for Enns and was the reason behind setting out on his bicycle and riding around the province.

"I decided to use the bicycle as a way of creating awareness," said Fred Enns. "And it's not that people in these small towns of Manitoba and cities weren't aware of what happened in Ukraine, but from a personal standpoint, I could remind them that there's an opportunity to do something about it and to assist them. So that was my motivation."

On July 18, Enns set out from Winnipeg on a nearly 3,000-kilometre bicycle ride across Southern Manitoba to travel at least 100 km a day on his journey.

Some of the 120 communities Enns travelled through included Holland, Glenboro, Gladstone, Portage La Prairie, Rathwell, St Claude, Manitou, Morden, Winkler, Altona, Morris, Sperling, Carman, Elm Creek, and Fannystelle.

On his final day of cycling on Aug. 16, Enns began his day in Stonewall and then travelled through Lockport, Oakbank, Dugald, Lorette, and Ile des Chenes.

He completed his bike tour two days early, arriving in Winnipeg, where he also spent time at the Ukrainian Pavilion at Folkarama.

The very in-shape 80-year-old Enns noted how he was pleased with the condition of his health and the condition of his equipment and bicycle for the duration of his bike tour.

Although Enns did not collect pledges or accept donations along the way, his goal was to bring continued awareness and share information on how to give and donate.



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Fred Enns recently completed his Ride 4 Ukraine bike tour as he cycled over 3,000 kilometres across Manitoba to draw continued awareness to the war that's going on right now in Ukraine. Enns travelled to over 120 communities in Manitoba throughout his travels.

Thiessen crosses million dollar mark on the racetrack

By Ty Dilello

Elm Creek's Daryl Thiessen has been making a name for himself in the harness racing world this past year with several terrific finishes and getting to race at Woodbine.

Thiessen was raised on an 80-acre ranch near Elm Creek, with 30 horses and 50 cows.

"Dad and Grandpa used to have an old racehorse, and that's where I learned to drive and ride was with that horse," said Thiessen. "Both of them were involved in racing while I was growing up, so I was always at the track watching and picking up what I could."

Thiessen first got into the rodeo as a bullfighter from a young age and did that professionally until he was 26. After that, he shifted back to driving racehorses, and the rest is history.

"Some days when I look back at my life, I have to pinch myself, and I can't believe how much I've accomplished," said Thiessen.

It's been a roller coaster ride for Thiessen as he overcame a bad accident two years ago where he endured a broken femur, dislocated hip, heel tear, shoulder surgery and head trauma. He was out of action for a year and a half while he recovered from his injuries.

This current 2023 campaign has been Thiessen's comeback year on the track. And it's been one for the record books.

Thiessen has had an incredible run, winning several big race wins and over \$450,000 in purses. Last month, he crossed the \$1,000,000 mark in career purse earnings. Thiessen has been racing seven days a week at Toronto's Woodbine and other raceways in southern Ontario.

"I just want to make as much money as possible and just be the best driver that I can be," said Thiessen. "My aspirations are to be the best in the world, so I hope to do that. I want to just get a little bit better every day. I have Grand Circuit aspirations, and I believe deep down I can make it there one day. I guess that will be up to me."



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Elm Creek's Daryl Thiessen has quickly shot up the ranks this past 2023 season as one of the finest harness racers in all of Canada.

> MENNONITE JOURNEY FROM PG. 17

It would take 11 different trains, five ships, two wagon trains, river boats, Red River ox carts. There were foreign diseases in every port, icebergs as tall as their masts, and more despair than they could ever have imagined. Chil-

dren were born en route, and many died. When they landed at Fort Dufferin in 1875, it became a place of mourning. Almost a child a day died there.

While much of the story is told through interviews with historians, as well as computer-generated and original archival material, a large part of the film focuses on a group of women two generations later, gathered for a quilting bee, recalling the stories they had heard and the things they had seen during that fateful journey from Ukraine to Canada.

"There are pieces of clothing representing a child buried at sea, or a piece of leather that came from the Metis or other Indigenous people. As we weave the story together, so is the quilt woven together. At the end, we complete the quilt, we complete the journey, we complete the story. And throughout the story, we're also bringing in the heart and compassion toward the journey, and the suffering they endured to get here, but also the other people who were in Manitoba at the time."

Hildebrand adds, "We want to make it a story

that people will be proud of. This is their heritage. Something that can not only be commemorated on the 150th anniversary, but also for many years to come."

"I'm very grateful that people like Dale are interested in capturing this part of the Mennonite journey," says Stoesz. "I think there's a great interest in the Mennonite story, not just for historical value, but for its heritage. It's important to remember it for our communities. It provides a sense of who we were, so there's a sense of belonging, and it's important for understanding who we are now. History explains the present. It's a legacy for future generations."

"I'm thankful that the provincial government has been able to provide us with the funding to work with this project, and if there are people out there who want to support the project, we're still looking for sponsors."

Hildebrand hopes to have the hour-long film completed by the summer of 2024 in time to commemorate the 150th anniversary of Mennonites in Manitoba.

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> MEAL IDEAS



Grape, Broccoli and Avocado Salad with Toasty Oat Topping

2 cups lightly packed torn curly kale
1 1/2 cups halved Grapes from California

1/2 cup minced red onion
1/3 cup chopped dried figs
freshly ground pepper, to taste
1 large, firm but ripe avocado, diced
To make toasted oat topping: In medium skillet over medium-low heat, cook butter, almonds, oats, salt and Italian herb seasoning about 5 minutes, or until lightly toasted and fragrant, stirring frequently.

To make dressing: In small blender, puree olive oil, grapes, wine vinegar, honey, sea salt and pepper, to taste, until smooth.

To make salad: In large bowl, mix broccoli slaw, kale, grapes, red onion and figs; season with pepper, to taste, and drizzle with dressing; toss well to coat. Add avocado and toss lightly. Transfer to six serving plates or bowls and sprinkle with toasted oat topping.

Prep time: 30 minutes
Cook time: 5 minutes
Servings: 6
Toasted Oat Topping:
1/2 tablespoon butter
1/3 cup sliced almonds, coarsely chopped
3 tablespoons steel-cut oats
1/8 teaspoon seasoned salt
1/4 teaspoon Italian herb seasoning
Dressing:
6 tablespoons extra-virgin olive oil
1/3 cup quartered red or green Grapes from California
1/4 cup wine vinegar
1 tablespoon honey
1/4 teaspoon sea salt
freshly ground pepper, to taste
Salad:
1 bag (12 ounces) broccoli slaw



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1 tablespoon unsweetened cocoa powder
1/4 teaspoon pure vanilla extract

2 teaspoons cacao nibs
2 teaspoons chopped hazelnuts

To make Mixed Berry Blast: In small bowl, use fork to whisk mixed berry drink, chia seeds, maple syrup and vanilla extract. Let mixture sit 10 minutes to thicken then stir to distribute seeds. Stir in 1/2 cup berries and transfer to serving glass. Top with remaining berries.

To make Peaches and Cream Dream: In small bowl, use fork to whisk peaches and cream drink, chia seeds, honey

Prep time: 15 minutes
Servings: 1 per flavor
Mixed Berry Blast:
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2 teaspoons pure maple syrup
1/4 teaspoon pure vanilla extract
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1 peach, chopped
1 tablespoon sliced almonds
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Exercise as medicine



Fitness and Nutrition expert
Julie Germaine Coram

By Julie Germaine Coram

Exercise is commonly known to be “good for you” and plays a vital role in a healthy lifestyle. However are you aware that exercise can function as medicine for serious diseases and dangerous conditions?

Yes! Getting active and maintaining a routine that includes regular physical activity isn’t just a solution for weight management, but can be used as an additional way to manage certain medical conditions.

For example, diabetes is related to high blood sugar levels, and millions of people are affected by this around the world. When one exercises, glucose is used by our muscles for energy as fuel, which in turn helps maintain an optimal blood sugar level. Insulin sensitivity is also improved when you workout, a way once again to regulate blood sugar levels. Truth: I had a client whose doctor wanted to put her on medication to manage diabetes, but agreed to wait three months while the patient tried to get healthier. We did it! She completely turned her diagnoses around with the nutritional tips and exercise routine we developed together.

I also recommend speaking with your doctor before starting a new fitness routine, but some simple activities you can try to incorporate to see these types of benefits include walking, swimming, playing casual spots, or going for a bike ride. Remember that making a change doesn’t have to be painful or extreme. Small steps towards more movement every day add up quickly.

and vanilla extract. Let mixture sit 10 minutes to thicken then stir to distribute seeds. Stir in half the peaches and transfer to serving glass. Top with remaining peaches and sliced almonds.

To make Strawberry Cheesecake Delight: In small bowl, use fork to whisk strawberry cheesecake drink, chia seeds, maple syrup and vanilla extract. Let mixture sit on 10 minutes to thicken then stir to distribute seeds.

Want help getting started or to ask me your nutrition or fitness questions? Please email me julie@juliegermaine.fit

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1/2 cup Skim milk or non-dairy milk of choice

1 teaspoon Coconut oil

Directions:

1. In a bowl, use a power blender to mix together all ingredients (except for the coconut oil) until mixture thickens slightly.

2. Heat coconut oil in a large non-stick pan.

3. Pour in half recipe (or amount of mixture to create pancakes of desired size).

4. Cook 5 minutes each side (flipping carefully once with a large spatula).

5. Top with diced strawberries and sugar-free maple syrup, and enjoy! Can be refrigerated and reheated for use later too.

Makes two servings.

Macros

Calories (1/2 recipe): 302 Carbs:7g
Fat: 20g Protein:24g

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Stir in 1/2 cup strawberries and transfer to serving glass. Top with remaining strawberries and granola.

To make Milk and Cookies Madness: In small bowl, use fork to whisk milk and cookies drink, chia seeds, maple syrup, cocoa powder and vanilla extract. Let mixture sit 10 minutes to thicken then stir to distribute seeds. Transfer to serving glass and top with cacao nibs and chopped hazelnuts.

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Rouire performs well for Smitty's Terminators

By Ty Dilello

St. Claude's Aspen Rouire has wrapped up her softball season with a silver medal at the U17 Western Canadian Softball Championships.

The 16-year-old Rouire, who is entering Grade 12 at St. Claude School Complex, has been playing softball for nine years, with five of those being in AAA softball with the Smitty's Terminators out of the southwestern part of Winnipeg.

Rouire has been a pitcher for most of her nine years but has recently focused on playing the outfield position.

"My parents are big fans of softball and encouraged me to sign up when I was young," said Rouire.

When asked why Rouire plays for Smitty's Terminators over the more local Central Energy club? Rouire's answer was five years ago, players were still allowed to try out for any team in the province, and Smitty's Terminators was a tough one to get into. When Rouire received an offer, she took it right away. Since then, she has formed bonds and friendships

with players and coaches, so she has stayed with Smitty's Terminators all this time.

"We had a great season with some great wins and some tough losses," said Rouire. "We travelled to several tournaments this season, including Saskatoon, Sioux Falls, and Fargo. We also finished third in the AAA U17 Provincials."

Rouire's team headed to the Western Canadian championship to end their season. They finished the round-robin with a 5-1 record before eventually coming away with a silver medal after losing a tough final to the Westman Magic.

"It was great to play against Western Canada's top teams. They all gave us some great games."

In the future, Rouire plans to move up to play with the U19 Smitty's Terminators next season while also preparing to play college softball.

"My goal is to play university/college softball next year, and I am looking forward to showcasing my skills to a variety of coaches in the next few months."



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St. Claude's Aspen Rouire has wrapped up a solid season of softball with the U17 Smitty's Terminators.

Bandits Volleyball Club starting up in Winkler

By Ashleigh Viveiros

The Bandits Volleyball Club is looking to start up a new 17U girls team in the Pembina Valley this winter.

Coach Carly Dumanske has put a call out to see how many athletes are interested in trying out for the team.

"I was wanting to start up a program here in Winkler and I reached out to the Bandits [a Winnipeg volleyball program] with some questions. They suggested that I bring the Bandits to Winkler," she explains. "I've played against the Bandits before when I coached last year and it's a wonderful program. So I thought this would be an absolutely amazing opportunity for the parents and athletes in the community."

They're looking at 17U right now, though Dumanske says they'd love to expand that to other age groups. That would require more local coaches, though.

"I know a lot of parents are willing to coach, but the only thing that holds them back is needing their coach-

ing certifications," Dumanske says. "There are some workshops that are going to be held at the beginning of January before the season starts that people can take that would allow them to get certified to coach the club season."

She's also looking for an assistant coach for the 17U team.

Tryouts for the Bandits will take place in early December. To be eligible for the 17U team, athletes must be born between Sept. 1, 2006 to December 31, 2007.

The season gets underway in January and runs until May (avoiding the high school volleyball season entirely). Players who make the cut will practice two or three times a week in Winkler and will travel to Winnipeg for several weekend tournaments.

"And then we also have provincials, which are in Winnipeg, and nationals, which are in Edmonton," Dumanske says. She also hopes to take the team to an international tournament in Omaha, Nebraska.

While the Bandit's home base will be Winkler, it's open to players from across the region.

"With where Winkler is we have so many different communities to pull from," Dumanske says. "I have zero doubt in my mind that we will get an absolutely great amount of girls."

Club volleyball gives youth athletes a chance to really hone their skills, both on and off the court, Dumanske says

"It is a lot of commitment, but athletes get to train at an elite level and it teaches them teamwork and social skills. They get to learn self-confidence. They get to see so many different role models throughout all these competitions.

"They learn leadership and healthy habits that it takes not just to be an athlete, but to be a functioning adult."

If you're interested in getting involved as a coach or a player, email Dumanske at coachcarlybelle@gmail.com.



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Coach Carly Dumanske is starting up Bandits volleyball in the Pembina Valley.

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Contract will be for 2023/2024 and 2024/2025 winter seasons (approximately October 1st to April 30th). Bidders are to submit a list of equipment to be used under the contract and hourly rate for same. Preference will be given to bidders who would be using a snow blower for sidewalks. Successful bidder will be required to carry a minimum of \$2,000,000 liability insurance coverage and provide proof of coverage upon acceptance of bid or it can be added to the municipalities Insurance Policy and any cost for same would be charged back to the successful bidder.

Tenders must be sealed and marked "Snow Removal Tender" and received at the R.M. of Grey Office, at 27 Church Avenue East, Elm Creek, MB, by 4:30 P.M. on Wednesday, September 13, 2023. Lowest or any tender shall not necessarily be accepted.

Copy of snow removal contract and map available upon request at the municipal office.

Kim Arnal, CMMA
Chief Administrative Officer
R.M. of Grey
27 Church Avenue East
Box 99, Elm Creek, MB R0G 0N0

**THE RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF THOMPSON
PUBLIC NOTICE – BOARD OF REVISION**

Public Notice is hereby given that the 2024 assessment roll for the Rural Municipality of Thompson has been delivered to the Municipal Office at 530 Norton Avenue, Miami, Manitoba and is open for public inspection during regular business hours. Applications for revision may be made in accordance with sections 42 & 43 of The Municipal Assessment Act:

APPLICATION FOR REVISION:
42 (1) A person in whose name property has been assessed, a mortgagee in possession of property under section 114 (1) of The Real Property Act, an occupier of premises who is required under the terms of lease to pay the taxes on the property, or the assessor may make application for the revision of an assessment roll with respect to the following matters:
a) liability to taxation;
b) amount of an assessed value;
c) classification of property;
d) a refusal by an assessor to amend the assessment roll under subsection 13 (2)

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS:
43 (1) An application for revision must:
a) be made in writing;
b) set out the roll number and legal description of the assessable property for which a revision is sought;
c) set out which of the matters referred to in subsection 42 (1) are at issue, and the grounds for each of those matters; and
d) be filed by
(i) delivering it or causing it to be delivered to the office indicated in the public notice given under subsection 41 (2), or
(ii) serving it upon the secretary, at least 15 days before the scheduled sitting date of the Board.

The Board of Revision will sit on Thursday, October 12th, 2023 at 10:00 a.m. in the Council Chamber of the Rural Municipality of Thompson to hear applications.
Applications must be received by the Secretary of the Board on or before Tuesday, September 26th, 2023.

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NOTICE BY THE MUNICIPAL BOARD OF MANITOBA

NOTICE OF PROPOSAL TO ANNEX CERTAIN LANDS FROM THE RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF DUFFERIN TO THE TOWN OF CARMAN

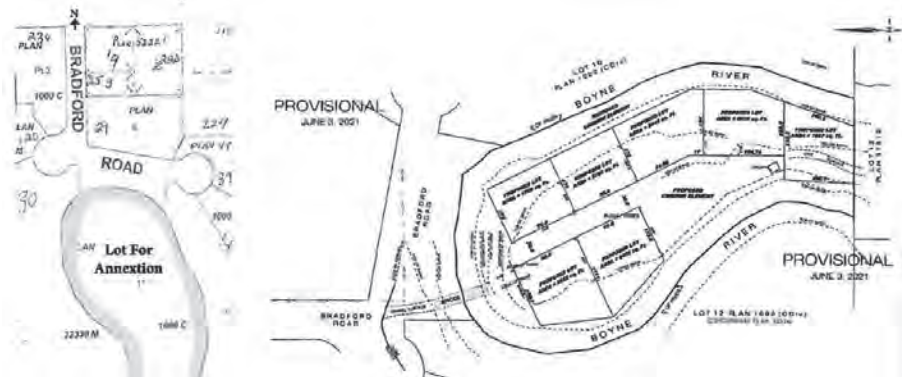
(BOARD FILE NO. 22E2-0002)

Pursuant to Sections 20(1) and 20(2) of The Municipal Act (the "Act"), The Municipal Board of Manitoba gives notice that it has received from the Rural Municipality of Dufferin and the Town of Carman a proposal to annex certain lands from the Rural Municipality of Dufferin to the Town of Carman.

The lands proposed for annexing are described as follows:

Lot 11; Plan 1000-C (approximately 2.8 acres)

as shown on the maps below:



The Municipal Board is satisfied that there is general agreement with the proposal.

Unless an objection is filed with the Board by September 28, 2023 pursuant to Section 20(1)(b) of the Act, the Board will make its recommendation to the Minister of Manitoba Municipal Relations without holding a public hearing.

Any objection should be filed with The Municipal Board, 1144 – 363 Broadway, Winnipeg, Manitoba R3C 3N9, Attention: Erin Wills, Secretary of the Board.

A copy of the proposal is available for public viewing at the Municipal Offices and at The Municipal Board Office.

Dated at the Town of Carman, Manitoba, this 28th day of August, 2023.

Erin Wills
Secretary/Chief Administrative Officer
The Municipal Board
1144 - 363 Broadway
Winnipeg, MB R3C 3N9

Susan Stein
Chief Administrative Officer
Town of Carman
12-2nd Avenue SW
Carman, MB R0G 0J0

Sharla Murray
Chief Administrative Officer
Rural Municipality of Dufferin
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OBITUARY



Bert Ivan Leroy Cumber
February 7, 1927 - August 28, 2023

On August 28, 2023 Bert Ivan Leroy Cumber, of Carman, MB passed away peacefully at the Carman Memorial hospital with family at his side.

He leaves to mourn his wife of 64 years, Velma (nee Campbell); his two children Heather (Tony) Cumber-Branco, Tracey Cumber; and his granddaughter Taylor (Anthony) Branco. Bert is survived by his brother Edgar (Cathy) Cumber and a multitude of very special nieces and nephews.

He was predeceased by his parents Amos and Ida Cumber, brothers Arlie, Wilfred, Lloyd and Evert, and sisters Viola, Elsie and Chloe.

A memorial service will be held at the Carman United Church on Saturday, September 9, 2023 at 11:00 a.m. A private family interment will take place at Greenwood Cemetery, Carman, MB.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to CancerCare Manitoba.

Bert was born at home on the family farm north of Carman. He was part of a large close knit family that maintained this connection throughout their lives. Bert and his brother Edgar, lived only a few miles apart for the majority of their lives and were especially close. They liked to plan family reunions to reconnect with those living further away.

Bert worked 15 years in road construction, and then found his true calling as a Shell bulk fuel agent in Roseisle for 30 years until his retirement at the age of 65. If that wasn't enough he also had a farm where he raised beef cattle and put up hay.

He truly lucked out when he met and married the love of his life, Velma. One of his stories was when he told a friend, "see that girl behind the counter? That's the girl I'm going to marry," and he did. They were inseparable ever since, both at work and play. His two children Heather and Tracey and granddaughter Taylor were the other loves of his life.

Even though work and family kept him busy he always made time for other interests. He loved to dance. Bert and Velma were often seen headed out in their fancy duds to go square, pattern or old time dancing.

Bert was also very passionate about politics and would lead the charge in supporting candidates he felt would make a difference. He always stressed the importance of taking care of our local community and our country.

Bert had three brothers who served over seas. He thought it was important to recognize the veterans from the community, so he spear headed his vision of erecting a war memorial in Roseisle which came to fruition in 1989.

Another project Bert started, and added to every year was his outdoor Christmas decorations and lights. They came complete with Santa Claus and his reindeer. He had so many lights one year that it blew the fuse in the house and everyone ate in the dark, but it sure was pretty outside.

Bert was a people person. He made friends wherever he went. Family and friends were very important to him and he would drop everything to lend a hand if needed. Bert and Velma attended church regularly and valued their Grayville and Carman United Church families.

Bert retired to Carman in 2010 where he enjoyed walking the beautiful pathways, eating out, playing cards and floor shuffle at the Active Living Centre, and making his way to the Legion on Friday nights.

There are so many people to thank that helped Dad keep his independence as long as he did, and allowed him to go to the many activities that he enjoyed, Edgar, Cathy and Karen, Larry and Irene, Ray and Darlene, Thomas, Grant, United Church members, and Legion members. We would like to thank Marni, Daryl and all the home care staff that took such special care of Dad while he was still at home. We would also like to thank all the friends and family that visited Dad during his time at the hospital. Each and every one of you he held close to his heart. Our endless gratitude also goes out to all the Carman hospital doctors, nurses, and health care aids that took such good care of Dad, and Mom as well, during his time there.

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OBITUARY



Jacob (Jake) Wall

Jacob (Jake) Wall passed away peacefully into the presence of his Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ, on August 29, 2023 at the age of 90 years.

Jake was predeceased by his granddaughter (Kennedy), sister (Mary) and brother (Peter).

He is survived by his wife of 65 years, Linda; five children: Ron (Sherry), Al (Pam), Art (Joyce), Gord (Shannon), Lois Brucki (Trevor); 16 grandchildren, and 10 great-grandchildren. Jake leaves behind his siblings and in-laws: Anne, Elizabeth, Susan, and Neil (Rosina) and brother-in-law, Henry.

A Celebration of Life will be held at Crossway Elm Creek Church on Monday, September 11, 2023 at 11:00 a.m.

The family is so very thankful for the care shown to Jake over the past nine months at Carman Memorial Hospital.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to: YoungLife Lethbridge (the full-time youth ministry of Jake's grandson, Jacob) or YFC Carman if so desired.

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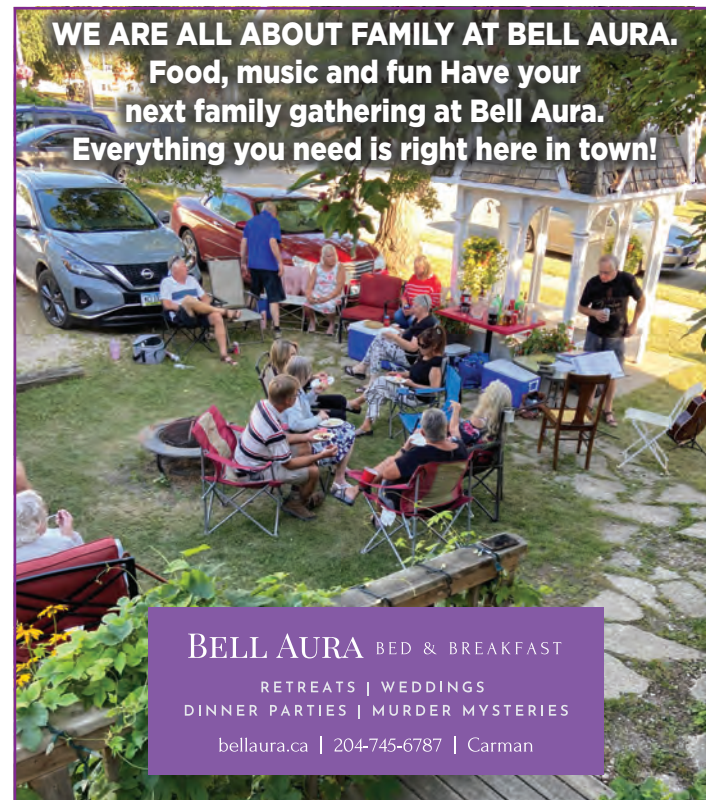
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