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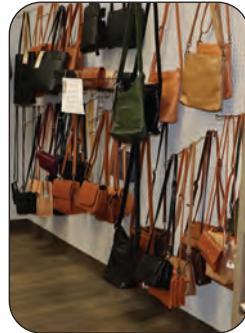
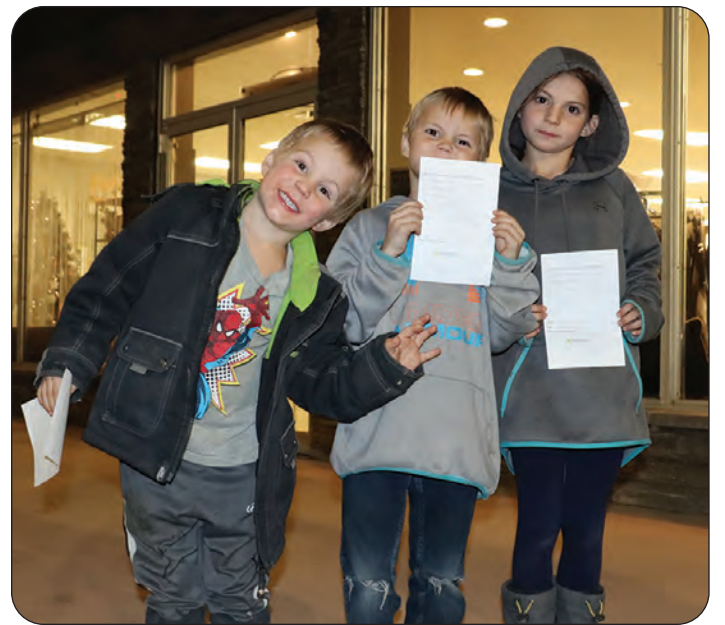
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Holiday Hoopla kicks off with late night shopping



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Carman and Area Chamber of Commerce kicked off their late night shopping event by giving away \$1,000 Chamber Bucks to one lucky shopper at the 2023 Holiday Hoopla last Thursday. This year's winner was Glenn Smith who entered

to win at the Carman Pharmacy. The pharmacy has lots of gift ideas including jewellery, purses, handbags, clothing and household decorations. Evensong was excited to welcome shoppers to their new location and had a number of specials throughout the store. Shoppers were encouraged to try a number of product samples. Late night scavenger hunters, Dakota, Maverick and Ava were having lots of fun with their dad, while out searching for items.

We feel blessed to enjoy the gifts of friendship and goodwill from kind customers and friends like you all year round, but especially during this time of year. We sincerely appreciate your support!

We wish you and yours all the very best this holiday season.
SEASONS GREETINGS FROM OUR STAFF TO YOU!

HAPPY HOLIDAYS & Warm Winter Wishes

A blanket of snow covers the ground; the spirit of Christmas is all around. As the joys of the season brighten each day, we'd like to pause for a moment and say: Good folks like you do fill us with cheer, and we're so very grateful to be right here!

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Carman Veterinary Clinic accepting donations for a 'Season FUR Everyone'

By Autumn Fehr

The Manitoba Veterinary Medical Association (MVMA) is excited to announce the launch of its annual "Season FUR Everyone" campaign, a heartwarming initiative aimed at supporting pets in need during the winter season. This December, veterinary clinics across Manitoba will come together to collect and deliver donations of pet food and supplies to families, shelters, rescues, and local food banks.

The holiday season can be particularly challenging for many pets and their families. Recognizing this, the MVMA has taken the initiative to ensure that no pet goes hungry during these colder months. Veterinary clinics participating in the "Season FUR Everyone" campaign will act as collection points for donations from the public.

Manitobans are encouraged to extend their generosity and love for animals by donating pet food and supplies at any participating veterinary clinic. This is a wonderful opportunity for animal lovers to make a tangible difference in the lives of pets in their communities.

Each participating clinic will select a local family, shelter, rescue, or food bank to receive the collected donations. This ensures that the contributions make a direct and meaningful impact within their communities.

This year, throughout December, the Carman Veterinary Clinic is accepting donations for the Pembina Valley Humane Society through their, "Operation Santa Paws," initiative.

The list of needed supplies include: wet and dry kitten food, wet cat food, dry puppy food, wet dog food, laundry detergent, compostable kitchen bags, clumping cat litter, disposable gloves, liver dog treats and doggy poop bags.

Donations can be dropped off Monday to Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at 195 Main St. South #1, Carman. The deadline for donation drop-offs is Dec. 22.

This allows sufficient time for the donations to be sorted and delivered,



ensuring that pets in need can enjoy a happier and healthier holiday season.

The MVMA believes that every pet deserves a loving home and the necessary care to thrive.

As many of us know, the holiday season can increase stress and financial strain, but it can be particularly challenging for families with pets. Unfortunately, tight finances can affect the lives of our furry friends.

Kusano said the initiative aims to alleviate these additional challenges and ensure pets receive the care and nutrition they need and deserve.

Through financial hardships during the holiday season, an initiative like this could be the one thing standing between families having to surrender their beloved pets and keeping them past the tough season. It also helps avoid adding additional strain to the already struggling rescues in Manitoba.

"We believe that every contribution, no matter its size, plays a vital part in making a positive difference in the lives of pets and their families during the winter season," said Kusano.

"We see 'Season FUR Everyone' not just as a campaign to collect donations but as a movement that fosters a sense of community and raises awareness about animal welfare," she said.

For more information about the "Season FUR Everyone" campaign, including a list of participating clinics across Manitoba, please visit <https://www.mvma.ca/season-fur-everyone-2023?>

Let's give back to our furry friends this Christmas and ensure every animal has the necessities to thrive.



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The Carman Veterinary Clinic is accepting donations for the Pembina Valley Humane Society until Dec. 22.

Best wishes for Happy Holidays and a wonderful New Year.



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The best managers measure

When I was a kid, I absolutely HATED report card day. Use your imagination to figure out why.

I didn't want to know (because I secretly suspected), and what you don't know can't hurt you, right? Certainly what your mum doesn't know can't hurt you.

Thankfully I grew up and began to understand how ridiculous the idea was. My career in the IT sector helped with this SIGNIFICANTLY.

I started work at an asset management software company where I was taught through trial-by-fire the ins and outs of why every last cent—tangible and intangible—needed to be captured and measured when it came to networked IT infrastructure.

Then, when you were done, guess what? You did it all over again. Why? Because a data set of information is relatively useless if you have nothing to compare it to. Data over time? That's where valuable intelligence comes your way.

Eventually I went to work for an IT research and consulting company called Gartner as a senior research analyst focused on Total Cost of Ownership (TCO). Gartner had a mantra I am going to put here in all caps because I believe in it so strongly:

YOU CANNOT MANAGE WHAT YOU DO NOT MEASURE.

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By Peter Cantelon

This is particularly useful in finance but also in infrastructure, home budgeting, in the gym, dieting, school (report cards), and much, much more.

The point of measurement is simple: how am I doing? Where am I doing well? Where could I improve?

If you are responsible for anything you should be measuring various aspects of that thing at multiple points over time so that you can gain a sense for how you've been doing, where you are at, and what needs to be done in the future to get better.

This is why I have been a huge cheerleader for the Community Foundations of Canada's initiative Vital Signs.

Vital Signs is essentially a community report card. The initiative collects measurable, actionable real data from a community and provides an in-depth report back about all of the critical elements that are working and what perhaps needs improvement.

The report presents info on key attributes of the community like health and wellness, income, work and economy, belonging, housing, standard of living, safety, arts, culture and recreation, and much more.

The data is packaged in an incredibly well laid out, illustrative, and easy to understand report for the whole community to read.

Of the communities in our region, only Winkler has participated, in 2012 and 2018 (it's time for another one, Winkler). Morden and Altona have never participated.

Such a tool is invaluable in the hands of a city council and its administration. It is one of the few things I can honestly say the cost of not doing it is much larger than the cost of doing it.

I get it: nobody likes being graded. It feels threatening and scary, like you're being judged. But frankly the value of knowing where you are in comparison to where you've been is critical in successfully developing a roadmap to where you want to go (unless you like stumbling about in the dark).

With two new councilors and a new mayor soon to join Morden council, I would urge the city to consider seeking out Vital Signs. I say the same to Altona and I will repeat: **YOU CANNOT MANAGE WHAT YOU DO NOT MEASURE.**

Don't give me any of that "we measure ourselves all the time" because if I wrote my own report cards back in elementary school it would be A+ across the board, with an A- for the sake of humility.

As incredibly diverse, fast-growing communities, this is an initiative that should be a no brainer ... let's make it happen.

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Balsillie was known as the larger-than-life Burlesque Queen

By Ty Dilello

In her heyday, Gladys Balsillie was known as the Burlesque Queen of Manitoba and was one of Winnipeg's most notorious residents.

Born in the Rural Municipality of Franklin near Dominion City in 1919, Balsillie later moved as a child and grew up on a farm near Roland.

In 1950, she met and married musician Reginald Balsillie and became his booking agent in Winnipeg. In the 1950s, she helped to form the Women's Auxiliary of the Winnipeg Flying Club. The couple eventually saved enough from his shows to purchase a Main Street restaurant called the Swinging Gate in 1961.

From there, Gladys Balsillie worked the bar until the restaurant closed in 1967, after which she set up a bartending school. Around this time, she began booking go-go dancers in hotel lounges, expanding the business by recruiting women from other industries, including teachers and secretaries.

Balsillie also became manager of the Airport Hotel's Continental Room, where many of her "girls" performed, and her husband led the house band in the hotel's lounge.

At the peak of her business, Balsillie became known as Winnipeg's "Queen of Burlesque," managing roughly 100 exotic dancers and booking gigs in 45 Winnipeg hotels, giving her a virtual monopoly over exotic dancing in the city. In 1980, she introduced the first male exotic dancers to Winnipeg.

A large woman known for her flamboyant style, Balsillie was also known to be a strong,

devout Catholic who made all her performers sign contracts forbidding drug use and prostitution.

Almost every drinking establishment in Winnipeg became caught up with running burlesque shows. With Gladys' shows, however, there was no nudity. Instead, the dancers wore mini-skirts and high-heeled boots.

"Everybody was after me to provide girls," said Gladys Balsillie in a 1972 Winnipeg Free Press story, "and the salaries were pretty darn attractive. I recruited them from everywhere — teachers, bank tellers, secretaries and housewives — and paid them salaries ranging from \$150 to \$400 a week."

Gladys Balsillie was also the aunt of Jim Balsillie, who went on to do some pretty big things at the international level. Jim Balsillie was the CEO of the technology company Research In Motion, which, at its prime in the 2000s, made over \$20 billion with the ever-popular BlackBerry phone.

Jim Balsillie is also known for failing to become an NHL owner after trying to buy the Pittsburgh Penguins and move them to Hamilton, Ontario. He also attempted to buy the Nashville Predators, Arizona Coyotes and Atlanta Thrashers before the latter was sold and moved to Winnipeg.

Jim Balsillie's life and story of the BlackBerry is dramatized in the 2023 film "BlackBerry," which stars Hollywood actors Jay Baruchel and Glenn Howerton.

Gladys Balsillie passed away in 1987 at the age of 6



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From the 1960s until the late 1980s, every exotic dancer in the city of Winnipeg was managed by one woman with Roland roots named Gladys Balsillie.

Cancer survivor bites back with chocolate moustache fundraiser

Tasty treats generate more than \$18K for cancer care

By Becca Myskiw

When Mary Reimer started making chocolate moustaches to support those with cancer, she never expected to fundraise more than \$18,000 in two months.

For the third consecutive year, the Carman Collegiate principal made chocolate moustaches to raise money for Boundary Trails Health Centre's cancer supports. She started the fundraiser after a friend and colleague was diagnosed with cancer.

After buying the moustache molds, melting chocolate and making more than 3,000 of the tasty treats, Reimer had generated over \$1,500 for Cancer-Care Manitoba.

Then, on Aug. 30, 2022, Reimer herself was diagnosed with breast cancer.

While going through chemotherapy in October (breast cancer awareness

month), she started making the moustaches again for the cause — generating an additional \$8,300.

This year, Reimer offered the chocolate moustaches for \$2 each in milk chocolate, dark chocolate, white chocolate, Skor, cookies and cream, candy cane, Reese's Pieces and birthday cake flavours. She started selling the candies at the beginning of October and went through to the end of November. Her goal was to raise \$12,500.

After one week, Reimer had raised \$3,044. After two weeks, that number rose to \$7,794. Before she'd been selling the chocolates for three weeks, Reimer had surpassed last year's total. By the end of it all, she raised \$18,260 for Boundary Trails cancer care, selling more than 9,000 chocolate moustaches.

"It feels like something I started as a way to support a friend and colleague has turned into something that's an annual event," she said. "People are recognizing the movement and the cause."

It's projected one in two men and one in three women will receive a

cancer diagnosis in their life-time.

Cancer is the second-leading cause of death in the world, with 10 million people dying from it each year. According to World Cancer Day, 30 per cent of cancer-related deaths could be prevented through screening and early detection.

Reimer spent almost every night of the past two months in the Carman Collegiate kitchen making the moustaches. She received orders from Carman, Morden, Winkler and beyond. Though the past two months have been busy, she's beyond grateful for the support from everyone far and wide, she said.

Reimer was able to have almost no costs for this year's campaign, thanks to The Prices Rite selling her all her supplies as cost and the OMG Candy Company donating almost 600 pounds of chocolate for her to use.

Reimer has around 50 pounds of that chocolate left unopened, so she's going to see if the candy company wants it back or if the school can make use of it, possibly making more moustaches to do-nate to local organizations and

businesses.

"Without these costs, the amount of money we made increased significantly," she said.

Reimer attributes the success of this year to the commonality of cancer.

"Unfortunately, it's a disease that's touched all of us at some point," she said. "It's that feeling of identifying with the struggle. Everybody kind of collectively took ownership of the fundraiser and they donated in whichever way they could."

Some people donated without buying the chocolates. Others bought chocolates for Reimer to give to people. Reimer said the now annual campaign has brought out the best in the community, and she's "eternally grateful" for their support.

Boundary Trails cancer care is aware of Reimer's big donation this year. She said they've already been in contact and the director was pleasantly surprised at the event's success.

Reimer will officially present them with a cheque later this month.

Roseisle equestrian group to trot out choreographed performances

Cowgirls and Angels debut as new drill team

By Becca Myskiw

A new drill team in Roseisle is hoping to get younger riders more confident on their horses.

The Cowgirls and Angels are comprised of five riders from the Roseisle area — Josepha Bauer, Rachel Bauer, Jessica Bauer, Theresa Unrau and Lissi Bauer, the youngest member of the team at just 11 years old.

Josepha Bauer said the five girls have been into horses ever since they were little and have been riding together for years.

A few years ago, Unrau took the group to see and ride with a drill team, and after performing with them, the girls were hooked.

With inflation raising the price of fuel, the group knew they couldn't continue to drive a few hours every week to ride with that drill team, so they decided to start their own.

A drill team is a group of horses

and their riders performing choreographed moves to music. They perform at rodeos, fairs, parades and other events with the intention of entertaining the crowd while working on their showmanship, horsemanship, teamwork and confidence.

Each member of a drill team has to have a uniform appearance from their outfits down to the type of horse they ride. Drill teams range in size from four members to more than 20.

Though there aren't many drill team competitions, when being evaluated, judges look for ability, timing, coordination, originality, difficulty, speed, horsemanship, uniformity, music and crowd appeal.

"When we started, we were very inexperienced," said Josepha, 18. "We hadn't done it very much. It's really helped us to get better and get more experience and to be more confident."

Cowgirls and Angels is hoping to grow from its current five members, but not too quickly, as they want to get their footing first. Right now, they're working on getting permission to build a riding arena in Roseisle, but until then, they plan to practice at



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DrillTeam: (Left to right) Rachel, Jessica, Josepha, and Lissi Bauer are four of the five members of Cowgirls and Angels.

home or in Carman.

The team will teach themselves and make up their own routines. They plan to practice until they can perform at a rodeo or drill team event. Josepha said the team is hoping to get

more riders involved over time, so the younger ones can work on their confidence and gain that experience with their horse.

"It's really fun and good for horses and riders," she said.

Minds in Motion helps those with Alzheimer's, dementia

By Ty Dilello

A new program called Minds in Motion that the Alzheimer Society of Manitoba is putting on will be held at the Carman Active Living Centre on Fridays from 1-3 p.m. (Jan. 12 – March 8).

Residents are encouraged to note brain changes in neighbours and friends and invite them to this new Minds in Motion group. The eight-week program is designed for those with early to moderate symptoms of Alzheimer's disease or other forms of dementia. Those affected attend with a family member, friend, or caregiver.

"Each session starts with exercise for the first 45 minutes, and then we have a good coffee break with snacks," said Rebecca Atkinson, Southcentral Regional Coordinator for the Alzheimer's Society of Manitoba. "And then we play social cognitive games or challenges or activities."

"It's supposed to be fun. It's not a place to learn about dementia and express the challenges with it. It's not a support group or education session. It's just about coming out and having fun in a safe, inclusive way that is helpful to the approach of dealing with dementia."

The Alzheimer's Society of Manitoba has run the Minds in Motion program for many years in Winnipeg and communities throughout the province, but it was halted during the COVID-19 pandemic. Atkinson notes that it's been a little slow getting the program going again since COVID-19. They have one going in Altona and are trying to get Carman going.

The new Minds in Motion group can provide respite so that people who join will get to do something fun, create new memories with their partner, and even make some new friends with whom they have some common ground.

"The bigger goal is to have dementia-friendly communities, where someone with dementia can attend the pool game at the Centre, for example, and it would be modified for people with dementia and support where support is needed," said Atkinson. "That's more of a global initiative to build awareness about dementia."

There is no cure for Alzheimer's or dementia, and those affected will see symptoms gradually get worse.

But the Alzheimer Society of Manitoba says physical activity combined with mental and social stimulation,



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STANDARD PHOTO BY REBECCA ATKINSON

Minds in Motion is a new program sponsored by the Alzheimer's Society of Manitoba that aims to help people with mild to moderate forms of dementia and have some fun in the process.

like the activities done in Minds in Motion, can slow the disease's progress.

If you or someone you know is interested in the program, please call Linda to register at 204-745-2356 or

Active Living Centre is taking registrations for this program. And it costs \$65 per couple for the eight-week, two-hour program.

New book shares stories of rural life in Manitoba

By Lorne Stelmach

Bill Redekop returns to his *Winnipeg Free Press* roots in mining the highways and byways of rural Manitoba for the stories that make up his new book.

Don't Fence Me In: True Stories about Rural Manitoba chronicles stories of rural life, and they are all original and written specifically for this book.

In many ways, *Don't Fence Me In* is a tribute album to the scores of people who have welcomed Redekop into their homes during his years traveling the province for the *Free Press* and again for this book.

It's a heartfelt journey that he hopes will bring readers a sense of the rural life and landscape, as there is a lot of urban ignorance about rural Manitoba.

"I always felt, in my role, that I was kind of a bridge between urban and rural ... I like to think that this is a continuation of that," said Redekop.

"It was largely a labour of love for me because this was kind of my territory at the *Free Press* ... to travel the province and meet people and find interesting stories, of which there is no shortage," he continued. "When you leave a newspaper ... you have this whole storehouse of information of the subject that you've been covering for a long time ... I had a lot of story ideas still that I wanted to pursue, and so I thought the book would be a way."

The Winnipeg-based writer spent 31 years at the *Free Press*, where he was the rural reporter for 14 years. He has been a freelance writer since 2019.

He is the author of five previous books, the last of which, *Lake Agassiz: The Rise and Demise of the World's Greatest Lake*, was the top-selling Manitoba non-fiction work in 2017 and the third best selling release of 2018.

Redekop has also recently penned *The Life and Legacy of Commodore D.A. Ritchie*, due out this fall, and *The Princess Auto Story*, due in spring of 2024.

With books like *Don't Fence Me In*, Redekop suggests a genre name for it could be the Remainers: people who have resisted urban migration, stayed on the land, and opted for a rural lifestyle.

Then there are those who have moved back to a rural setting like commuters or organic farmers. They are the Returners, as in returning to the land or their rural roots. This is the post-rural era we live in, Redekop maintained, where these two people intersect.

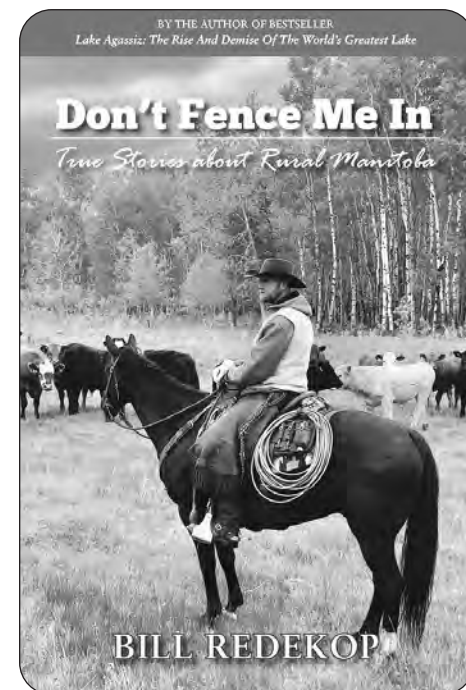
The book's format is also unique: nonfiction short stories. Short nonfiction books, where they exist, will typically have a unifying theme such as rural renewal or rural architecture or the future of a rural region. The short stories in Redekop's book are linked only by their rural genre while crossing many different themes.

The stories range from a community cemetery where volunteers hand dig graves for family members to tales of Jesse James in Manitoba, quicksand in the Carberry desert, Canada's northernmost drive-in movie theatre in Flin Flon, and Our Lady of Seven Sorrows Catholic Church in Camperville, where there was a recent dig for



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Author and former *Winnipeg Free Press* reporter Bill Redekop has released his sixth book this fall: *Don't Fence Me In: True Stories about Rural Manitoba*.



unmarked graves at a former residential school.

The book also profiles friendship through the experience of two Morden women. Longtime friends Ruth Isaac and Cheryl Link have had a friendship for 35 years and go out to lunch every week.

"They make a point to maintain their friendship. They commit to that friendship ... they make it a priority," said Redekop. "We often don't treat friendships that way. It was a great opportunity to look into the nature of friendship."

Then there is *The Burning Mountain* set in the Pembina Valley escarpment and which reveals the natural gas reservoirs. Redekop spoke to Normand Bosc, who showed how "he can stick a pipe into the ground and light the

other end, and a huge flame will go shooting out like a blow torch ... he gave me a demonstration, and it was absolutely fantastic."

The book covers a lot of the province, but Redekop didn't set out to hit every possible region of Manitoba.

"I didn't go out of my way to cover every area because I couldn't; as it is, the book was getting kind of long. You can't get everything, and there was too much material," he said. "I went with stories I knew about that really interested me ... I cover a pretty good spread of the province."

Don't Fence Me In: True Stories about Rural Manitoba went on sale Oct. 1.

Flashback... the end of Carman's highway sign

By Dennis Young

Final arrangements were made in 1963 to erect an illuminated, plastic sign at Oak Bluff Highways #2 and #3, promoting the Town of Carman.

It was to be 30 feet by 10 feet in red, yellow, white and black with green read-o-graph 12-inch letters.

The official ceremony was "turned on" by Mayor Roy Skelton, congratulating the local Chamber of Commerce and financial supporters from several organizations. He proudly claimed it was the largest illuminated sign on the ground in Western Canada.

The Chamber reported the sign cost approximately \$4,000 (equivalent to \$40,000 today) and was paid for in four years, however, the struggles to finance the upkeep crept in.

The \$600 annual maintenance cost

was a fundraising burden for the Chamber.

Private firms wishing to advertise were charged on a sliding scale, but organizations that contributed would be charged a \$10 weekly fee.

By 1967, the Chamber had the sign up for tender. The sign originally paid for by donations, the Golf Club, Fair Board and both town councils was to be placed close to the intersection, however metro bylaws and the provincial Department of Highways and Transportation regulations ruled it had to be located further back. To make matters worse, a weigh station was erected blocking the view on Highway #2.

Good reasons why funds and the sign dried up, I suppose?



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Upkeep costs for the former Town of Carman sign proved prohibitive, despite support from town officials, businesses and residents.

Carman man's elaborate displays capture festive spirit

By Becca Myskiw

What started as a way to cure his boredom has turned into a beloved holiday tradition for a Carman man.

Rick Beers has been setting up a display in his yard almost every holiday since he and his wife moved to Carman three years ago.

As the couple moved to town during the COVID-19 pandemic, they weren't able to get out and make friends the way they'd have liked. And because Beers is a hairdresser, he wasn't working at that time, so to give himself something to do during the day, he started making Halloween decorations for his yard.

As families would walk by his yard and take in the scene, Beers would say hi, and it wasn't long before the children gave him their ideas of what else he should add to his displays.

During his first Christmas in Carman, his friends from Canada's maritime provinces — where Beers previously called home — were asking what he'd put up in his yard, which added more fuel to his fire.

"It started as a Halloween thing and it got right out of hand," he said, laughing.

After getting a donation of birch wood from a neighbour, Beers crafted multiple reindeer to sell for \$40 in support of the Carman and District Christmas Cheer Board. By the end, he'd fundraised more than \$800 for the cause, and the reindeer can still be seen around town during the holidays.

That following Valentine's Day, he made another display. He did the same for St. Patrick's Day, and then Easter, making more than 180 different objects for his yard, including four-foot rabbits, a Bugs Bunny, and more.

Each time a child gave him an idea, he made it and added it to the scene. Once the season was over, he made a post online asking people to pick a number and the three closest got to take what they wanted from the display.

This Halloween, Beers made his front yard into the Hard Rock Cemetery, complete with rockers coming from graves and tombstones; he spent nearly 70



The arbour Beers turned into the North Pole.

hours working on the display.

"It's just become a tradition since that first year," he said.

This Christmas, Beers has installed another of his locally famous displays in his yard — this time with a sweet touch.

Lights of yellows, blues, reds and greens illuminate the trees on his front lawn. A large, inflatable Santa Claus waves to passersby from behind a festive raccoon. A family of snowmen sit together in front of his house. Lit up reindeer pull a sleigh coming from an arbour in his yard made to resemble the North Pole, complete with Santa waving from the chimney. A gingerbread man shines from the



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Rick Beers has turned his yard into a huge Christmas display, including this tree with real candy canes on it for people to grab.

side of the house, candy canes lead the way to his door and candy canes hang from the famous Candy Cane Tree right off the sidewalk.

This year, the Candy Cane Tree has real candy canes hanging from it amid the fake ones — and anyone walking by can grab one as a treat.

"It's a good pastime," said Beers. "And I just enjoy talking to the kids and the parents. We moved here and the only place we could meet new people was through this. I've made new friendships on my front lawn."

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The logo for Carman Legion, featuring a red flower.

Boyne Valley Hostel Corporation (1998) Rebrands as Boyne Lodge Campus Charity Inc.



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Boyne Lodge Campus Charity Directors Debbie Steinsvik (left) and Sandra Takvam recently delivered holiday poinsettias to bring some Christmas cheer to the residents of Boyne Lodge and Boyne Towers.

By Fred Colvin

The Directors of the Boyne Valley Hostel Corporation (1998) proudly announce that the organization has officially rebranded to "Boyne Lodge Campus Charity Inc." This significant change was approved by the corporation's membership at the Annual General Meeting held on Oct. 24.

Founded in 1967, the Boyne Valley Hostel Corporation was pivotal in providing assisted living facilities for seniors seeking a supportive lifestyle. Over the years, the organization

evolved, adapting to changing care needs, ultimately transforming into a fully supported long-term care home. In 1998, the Central Region Health Authority assumed management, leading to the corporation's re-incorporation as a registered charity.

In collaboration with Boyne Care Holdings, a community non-profit corporation overseeing the construction of a new Boyne Lodge, Boyne Valley Hostel Corporation was the partner charity responsible for managing donations and issuing chari-



table tax receipts. After completing the Lodge project, the corporation refocused on its core mandate—raising funds to support programs and projects at Boyne Lodge and Boyne Towers.

Recognizing the need for clarity in its role amid confusion between Boyne Care Holdings and Boyne Valley Hostel Corporation, the Board of Directors decided to change the corporate name. The new name, "Boyne Lodge Campus Charity Inc.," more accurately reflects the organization's commitment to supporting the Boyne Lodge and the broader campus of related facilities, both present and future.

"We are excited about this new chapter in our organization's history. The name 'Boyne Lodge Campus Charity Inc.' aligns more closely with our mission, and we are confident that these changes will foster increased community engagement and support," said Kelly Seward, Board Chairperson.

In addition to the name change, Boyne Lodge Campus Charity Inc. has developed a new logo and tagline. The organization is also in the process of creating a website to strengthen

connections with its donor community. These strategic steps aim to reinforce the organization's dedication to continuing the legacy of attracting community support to enhance the quality of life for residents in Boyne Lodge, Boyne Towers, and future facilities.

For more information, please contact: Kelly Seward, Chair, at 204-641-3634; or Linda MacNair, Treasurer, at 204-745-3006; or by email boynelodgecharity@gmail.com.

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Above, Red Apple Carman store employees Brenda Thorvaldason, left, and Kathy Phillips were spreading the joy of giving in support of the annual Fill the Sleigh toy drive during Holiday Hoopla last Friday. The Together We Care® Toy Drive is organized with the collaborative efforts of Red Apple and The Bargain Shop. The Carman's store goal of raising \$4,300 between toys and cash was met and exceeded on Saturday with the support of the community. The total received was \$4517.65. Five per cent of all Saturday sales, totalling \$400 were also donated to the Carman Christmas Cheer Board. All \$10 donations were entered to win a gift basket. Last Saturday was the last day to donate at the store. Top right photo, Sandy Scott and Della Heaman of the Cheer Board were at the store on Saturday to celebrate the success of the annual toy drive and to accept the cheque from Phillips.



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Inspiring ideas for last-minute holiday shoppers

It's unlikely that anyone aspires to be a last-minute holiday shopper. Putting off holiday shopping until the last minute can make for a stressful home stretch to the season, and there's no guarantee store shelves won't already be picked clean or that gifts purchased online will arrive on time.

Despite how unappealing

last-minute shopping can be, it's still a fact of life for millions of holiday shoppers. As the clock winds down this holiday season, shoppers can look to these ideas for inspiration.

- Gift cards: Gift cards may never earn a distinction as the most sentimental item to give a loved one during the holiday season, but they

are surprisingly sought-after. In fact, a survey from the National Retail Federation found that 54 percent of participants identified gift cards as the most-wanted gift of the 2022 holiday season. Chain retailers, small businesses and restaurants are among the many establishments that sell gift cards, so shoppers are bound to find a card to please anyone on their shopping list.

- Food/beverage: The holiday season is a popular time to indulge in some great food and wash it down with a favorite wine or another adult beverage. That makes food and beverages a great holiday gift. Shoppers can take a loved one out to a favorite restaurant, prepare a homemade treat or purchase a favorite dish from a local specialty grocery store or eatery. Pair the food with an appropriate beverage and this accessible last-minute gift idea is sure to be a hit.



- Tickets: Tickets to a movie, sporting event, live theater performance, or concert are another gift idea that likely won't be gobbled up by early bird shoppers. People of all ages enjoy experiences, and a 2022 survey from the travel booking platform GetYourGuide found that 50 percent of survey respondents indicated they would enjoy tickets to a concert or show.

- Books: Books make an ideal holiday gift for everyone from young kids to grandparents. Traditional print books are small enough that they can likely arrive on time even if they're purchased just a few days before Christmas. E-book sellers enable gift givers to pick the perfect time to notify loved ones they have received an electronic book. Audiobooks, which can be downloaded to a smartphone or given as a CD, make an ideal gift for loved ones who spend a lot of time behind the wheel.

Last-minute holiday shopping can be stressful. However, various sought-after items can be secured at the last minute, ensuring gift givers' loved ones have a happy holiday season.



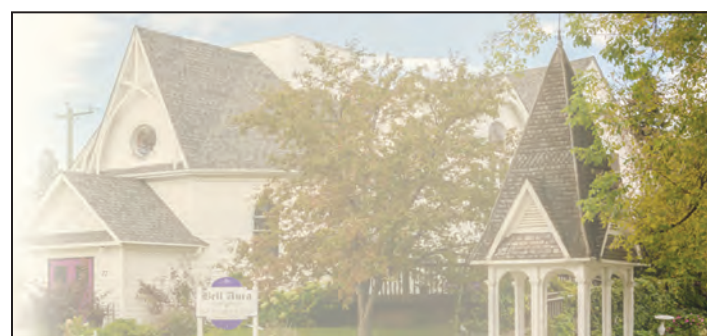
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By Ty Dilello

The fifth Annual Elm Creek School PAC pancake breakfast was held on the morning of Dec. 8. Over 230 hot pancake breakfasts were served before school starts by many of the parent volunteers at Elm Creek School.

At the pancake breakfast, there was a silver collection for the Elm Creek School Helping Hands Fund. This fund is available to families that are in need to access groceries, cover school and athletic fees. A total of \$776 was raised on the day.

Elm Creek School continues to grow with over 250 students now compared to 180 just a few years ago. And



Elm Creek School student Bailey Ladouceur plays the piano at the annual Elm Creek School pancake breakfast that was held on Dec. 8.

this year's pancake breakfast was the largest turnout it's ever had for the event, with students, staff and families, in attendance.

Special thanks to Prairie Roots Co-Op for sourcing the groceries and Canada Green for sourcing compostable plates, cups and cutlery to ensure alignment with Elm Creek School's UNESCO Associated School status, and a thank you to Karina Dyck and her piano students for playing lovely holidays tunes during the event.

"Everyone was so pleased with the event, funds and a chance to connect," said Andrea Ladouceur, Chair of the Elm Creek School Parent/Guardian Advisory Council (PAC). "The gym was overflowing the whole time. And we used all the food as this was our biggest crowd yet. Our PAC is strong, ambitious and seems to be able to do whatever they put their minds too."

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Board games are coming to a SCRL branch near you

By Ashleigh Viveiros

The South Central Regional Library is beefing up its catalogue with something new this winter.

Staff were recently able to use some excess funds to purchase a

couple dozen brand new board games that can be taken out by patrons.

"We previously had a few games in Winkler and Morden in the past, but those were mainly for in-library use," says Raina Teigrob, office manager for the Winkler branch and branch administrator in Miami.

"In Miami, we had a patron come in and donate a bunch of old board games that she'd had, and that got me thinking about the fact that we could do board games ... it's something you do see in other libraries."

The pandemic pushed the idea back a few years, but when funds became available recently, cataloguing technician Joanna Dueck says they jumped at the opportunity.

"It seemed like a really good thing to add to the collection for people to borrow so they don't have to spend money to try a new game out," she said.

The stack of games runs the gamut from classics like Clue to a range of modern hits, including Ticket to Ride, Set-

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Raina Teigrob and Joanna Dueck with some of the South Central Regional Library's new board game purchases, which are now available for patrons to borrow.

tlers of Catan, Dixit, Mysterium, Carcassonne, 7 Wonders, Codenames, Cascadia, and many more.

"We got some more popular names that people would recognize but also some that you might have never heard of," Teigrob said, noting they also have a few kid versions of games like Ticket to Ride. "We even have a few one-player games that you can play solo, which is really cool."

You can search the full list of available games by heading to scrl.mb.libraries.coop and searching for "board games" under the "toys, puzzles, and equipment" category.

Teigrob said they plan to continue to grow the collection, both with future purchases of new games and, hopefully, donations of gently used games from the community.

"We're hoping to get a lot more of the classic games, stan-

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Communities in Bloom needs financial support for child's play

Submitted by Lee Collingridge

The members of Carman/Dufferin Communities in Bloom are eager to raise awareness about the funding required for their Friends and Family Playground project.

The volunteer organization is planning to build on its already well established track record of creating and improving park and playground facilities in Carman. The Friends and Family Playground is located on 5th Street NW in Carman's north side where there are no other playground facilities. The Town of Carman established very sturdy and attractive swings and slides in the playground. In collaboration with community members CIB has identified a need for shade, safe and comfortable seat-

ing, play tables and connections to the natural environment.

CIB hopes to add to the beautiful structures that are already in place and give the many children in this area of town a well serviced place for natural play away from electronic devices. CIB volunteers have mapped out the park, applied for grants and through canvassing of the neighbourhood pulled together some community involvement.

Last fall, CIB planted trees in the playground to provide shade for the children. However, as trees take time to grow, CIB is also planning to install a colorful shade sail. Due to wear and tear, new picnic tables are needed in the park. Additionally, a play table

made with natural materials will help foster creativity among the children. To make the park more accessible, CIB hopes to add a rubber walkway that can accommodate wheelchairs and walkers. And for some winter-time fun, an ice rink is also being considered. Staying true to their mission, CIB plans on creating a garden patch with rocks, logs, and plants for everyone to enjoy. While they have the support of dedicated volunteers, financial contributions from the community and local businesses are necessary for this project to come to fruition. Whether big or small, any donation will greatly benefit Carman's children and the community as a whole. Those interested in helping can reach out to



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Carman's Communities in Bloom volunteers were out spreading Christmas cheer last week with spruced up town planters.

Judy Neustadter at judyneus@gmail.com or Lee Collingridge at leecollingu@gmail.com.

> GAMES, FROM PG. 18

dard games by donation and then we can really focus on putting the money into newer, unique type of games," she said.

"Right now I think we're at 34 games to start with, and this is just our first purchase of games," Teigrob said. "In the new year we'll be buying more."

If you'd like to make a game donation, reach out to your local SCRL branch.

As far borrowing the games go, it works the same as any other library loan.

"It will be a three-week checkout, like a book would be," Teigrob explained. "So it's enough time for people to really get into it."

While most people think books when they think of their local library, the modern SCRL catalogue is quite a bit more extensive, Teigrob said, and they're always looking for new things to add.

"I think there's a lot of education we could still do on what libraries all offer," she said, noting SCRL also has a huge puzzle collection, not to mention DVDs, audiobooks, CDs, and more.

"I think catering to a different crowd is always a good thing," she said. "Not everyone wants to read or enjoys it even, so this helps us bring in people that want something different."

Teigrob said they're hoping the various branches can start hosting board game nights to give people a chance to come in and try out a few of the titles.

"So there's that element as well of bringing in new people and put forward new programming too."

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Elm Creek hockey and curling rinks set to open this week

By Ty Dilello

Hockey season is underway across the province, and Elm Creek boasts a U7, U9, U11, and U13 team this year. However, the Elm Creek Skating Rink isn't ready yet for action as it's a natural ice facility, and the weather has yet to cooperate.

"We have to rent ice in other nearby towns to practice, and this year, we even need to rent ice to play home games as our ice isn't quite ready," said Daniel Lepp, Elm Creek hockey organizer. "We are currently close to putting on lines and then will need to build more ice on top of that to start practicing and playing in our rink. It wouldn't take long, we just need some colder weather."

The Elm Creek Skating Rink was the beneficiary of a \$2,800 grant from the Carman Area Foundation, which was used to purchase new rubber matting in the waiting room, stairs to the basement and players' benches. The arena is also in debt to the Culross Kopper Ladies Club for their donation of \$1,000, which was also put towards new rubber matting in the rink.

"The rubber matting got installed



The Elm Creek arena has had new rubber matting installed thanks to a grant and donation.

this fall, and we are very pleased with how it looks, and we think it will last a long time," said Lepp.

Elm Creek Skating Rink committee volunteers are currently in the beginning stages of looking into applying for grants to help purchase a new type of artificial ice plant. This is some-



STANDARD PHOTO BY DANIEL LEPP

Folks in Elm Creek will be enjoying the skating and curling ice this week after a busy couple of weeks and change in temperatures.

thing that would cost in the range of \$800,000 to \$1,000,000, depending on the type of plant.

The Elm Creek Curling Club has

also been busy as volunteers have been getting the ice set up over the past few weeks. League play for this winter is slated to begin on Dec. 12.

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Vigil honours the victims of violence against women

By Ashleigh Viveiros

Genesis House, the regional shelter for the victims of domestic violence, teamed up with Agape House in Steinbach and the Ginew Wellness Centre for a vigil last week to mark the National Day of Remembrance and Action on Violence Against Women.

People filled the Makoons Centre on the Roseau River Anishinaabe First Nation Dec. 7 for a ceremony that shone the spotlight on domestic violence in our communities and also honoured missing and murdered Manitoba women. A similar gathering was held in Carman the day before.

Genesis House executive director Ang Braun noted they've partnered with Roseau River service providers in the past on programming, but this is the first time they've hosted this vigil there.

"We've been trying to find ways to build bridges with our Indigenous neighbours," she said. "We recognize as an organization that Indigenous women are at a much higher risk for violence than other Canadian women."

Seventeen Manitoba women have been murdered in 2023, Braun said, referring to the number shared at the provincial ceremony for the National Day of Remembrance and Action on Violence Against Women.

"Normally we would see around 12, which is still too high," she said, observing that the pandemic years have exacerbated issues of domestic violence in communities across the province. "There are so many more people

that are struggling."

Ceremonies held across Canada on and around Dec. 6 mark the anniversary of the murders of 14 young women at l'École Polytechnique de Montréal in 1989.

Violence against women remains a major societal issue today, 34 years later.

"I think most people still think it's far away from us, it doesn't happen here, but it does," Braun said, urging people to speak up when they see violence happening or hear inappropriate comments being made. "Call them out. I think the shift in what is acceptable has to change. And we're all responsible for that. That's something we can all do."

"It's not just a women's issue," Braun stressed. "All of society has to take responsibility to eliminate this violence."

"As a society, we cannot and we must not tolerate this," she said. "Living free of violence is a human right, not a privilege."

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Last Thursday's gathering began with a spiritual water ceremony led by Hilda Atkinson, who then shared briefly about her own experience with domestic violence and the loss of a family member to violence.

"I want to think about all the ladies that have to survive and have to go through those things. It's really hard



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BY ASHLEIGH VIVEIROS

Above: Genesis House's Ang Braun speaks at last week's vigil in honour of the National Day of Remembrance and Action on Violence Against Women. Right: Jo Seenie sings a warrior women's song in memory of missing and murdered Indigenous women.



on people when stuff like that happens," she said. "We will pray for them and remember them and keep fighting ... to be strong."

Jo Seenie, a Roseau River Wolf Clan member who has been involved in searching for the remains of missing Indigenous women, shared a few thoughts about her experiences and sang a heartfelt lament in memory of the victims.

"I've been active for the last 17 years, volunteering in the ground search. I've been to many places to help search for loved ones," Seenie said, sharing that her involvement began in the wake of her family's own tragedies: her father was murdered in 1982 and her uncle has been missing for over 20 years.

"I walk this life because I understand what it feels like to have someone missing," she said. "I know what it feels like to have someone murdered."

"They say time heals, but it doesn't. You just learn how to live with it ... you learn how to walk with it, and you walk with the memory of when it happened."

Violence against women has affected many local families, Seenie reflected.

"We also have a history of missing and murdered women here in our commu-

nity," she said, pointing to Roseau River residents like Christina Littlejohn and Mary Lisa Smith, who have been missing since 1968 and 1999, respectively.

It's not easy helping family members search for lost loved ones, but it's something Seenie says she feels called to do.

"I do my best to live my clan. There's roles, responsibilities, duties and obligations as your clan, and that's what I use when I go search," she said. "I use my scent, my sight, my hearing ... and mother instinct—I use what I am as a mom, I use that when I'm out there."

"I've learned that there's a strength that women have," Seenie said. "All of us moms, all of us grandmothers, we have this strength. We do anything to protect our family ... when they search, they have no boundaries."

Seenie said action needs to be taken much sooner when a family reports a loved one missing.

"They need to react right away," she stressed. "A parent knows their child. Even if they're struggling, they know their child or their loved ones. They know them. If something's not right, they're not calling [back], then react."

The ceremony also included the reading of the names of the 14 l'École Polytechnique victims, candle lighting in honour of all victims of violence against women, a moment of silence, and an opportunity for a few other community members to share personal experiences they've had with domestic violence.



PHOTO BY ASHLEIGH VIVEIROS/VOICE

Hilda Atkinson (left) received a blanket from Genesis House in thanks for her leading the water ceremony at the vigil.

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Viterra and Scotties regional berths awarded over the weekend

By Ty Dilello

The Viterra Championship and Scotties Tournament of Hearts regional playdowns were played this past weekend across the province.

At the Interlake Viterra regionals in Gimli, Emerson Klimpke of Stonewall was a 9-3 victor over Justin Richter of Beausejour to earn a berth, while Justin Reynolds of Winnipeg Beach won 7-2 over Wayne Ewasko of Beausejour to claim another Interlake berth to provincials.

Joey Witherspoon (Assiniboine Memorial), Daniel Birchard (Pembina), Thomas McGillivray (St. Vital), Steen Sigurdson (Deer Lodge), Hayden Forrester (Fort Rouge), Darren Perche (Charleswood) and Devon Wiebe (Charleswood) won the seven Winnipeg Viterra Berths that were available.

Jeremy Sundell (Holland) won the first of the available berths in the Central zone in Clearwater. Sundell will go on to skip the first provincial entry from Holland in many years after a win over Dean North (Carman) in an A-Side berth final.

Other Viterra berths over the weekend were awarded to Steve Irwin (Brandon), Cale Dunbar (Brandon), Jace Freeman (Virden), Glenn Toews (Dauphin), Grant Brown (Thompson), Greg Todoruk (Dauphin), Justin Richter (Beausejour) beat Wayne Ewasko (Beausejour), Dean North (Carman), Jesse Janz (Baldur), Mark Lowdon (La Salle), and Jeff Stewart (Gladstone).

The berth winners from this past weekend have now advanced to compete at the 2024 Viterra Championships, which will be held in Stonewall from Feb. 6-11.

In Scotties' regional action, Carman's Shaela Hayward won a berth to provincials after winning both games of a best-of-three showdown with Manitou's Rhonda Varnes in the central zone.

Other Scotties berths awarded over the weekend went to Tiffany Armstong (Dauphin), Zoey Terrick (Heather), Rachel Kaatz (Assiniboine Memorial), Emily Cherwinski (Assiniboine Memorial), and



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Team Emerson Klimpke has earned a berth to the 2024 Viterra Championships after winning an Interlake zone spot over the weekend in Gimli. From left-to-right: Logan Ede, Reece Hamm, Emerson Klimpke and Ryan Zapotochny.

Emma Jensen (Heather).

The Manitoba Scotties Tournament of Hearts will

be held from Jan. 23-28 in Morden.

PV Twisters on three game winning streak

Twisters win third in a row

By Ty Dilello

The Pembina Valley Twisters have won their third straight game with a pair of wins this past week. With the victories, the Twisters now move into fifth place in the MMJHL's standings with a record of 11-8-2.

The Twisters defeated the Transcona Railer Express 6-3 at home on Dec. 8. Merek Degraeve led the charge for Pembina Valley with a pair of goals, while Riley Goertzen, Mark Plett,

Mike Heppner and Max Collet had the other Twisters' tallies. Logan Enns stopped 47 shots in the net for the win.

A few nights later, the Twisters blasted the St. Boniface Riels by a 6-2 count on the road on Dec. 10. Alex VanDeynze had a hat trick, while his brother Kyle VanDeynze also scored for Pembina Valley. Degraeve and Derek Wiebe scored other Twisters' goals on the night. Enns was fantastic again in the Twisters' net, stopping 36

shots for the win.

"We played hard in our end and capitalized in the offensive zone by working the puck deep. Our power-play came through big at key times in the game, gaining us more momentum," said Pembina Valley Twisters' head coach Braeden Beernaerts. "To be a top contender in the league, we are finding out that on-ice consistency starts with coming to the rink prepared before each game, day in and day out, regardless of the standings."

Twisters' sniper Wiebe is currently third in the MMJHL's scoring race with 37 points in 21 games and Degraeve is in eighth with 31 points in 21 games. Enns is sitting fourth in the goalie rankings, boasting a 3.21 goals-against average and a .910 save percentage.

The Twisters are back in action with a home game on Dec. 15 at the Morris Multiplex against the Stonewall Jets. The puck drops at 8 p.m.

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Schwaller and Horgan capture titles at DEKALB Superspiel

By Ty Dilello

The DEKALB Superspiel, Manitoba's biggest World Curling Tour event of the season, was played this past weekend at the Morris Curling Club.

From Dec. 1 to 4, 24 women's teams and 16 men's teams gave local curling fans quite the show, as players came to Morris from across Canada, the United States, Switzerland and South Korea.

On the women's side of the event, Switzerland's Xenia Schwaller defeated Alberta's Serena Gray-Withers 6-5 in an extra end in Monday night's championship final. Schwaller earned \$10,500 for the victory.

Seven Manitoba teams competed in the women's event, but unfortunately, none reached the playoff round.

Tanner Horgan of northern Ontario took home the men's title in Morris with a 4-2 victory in the final over Winnipeg's Braden Calvert. In addition to Calvert, two other Manitoba teams reached the playoff in Winnipeg's Ryan Wiebe and Jordon McDonald — both got to the semi-finals before losing out to Horgan and Calvert.



Local curler Anna Ginters of Altona got a picture with Jared Allen, a former all-star NFL player with the Minnesota Vikings, who has now tried his hand at curling at the DEKALB Superspiel.

The men's event also boasted a celebrity appearance from Jared Allen, a former NFL star and Hall of Fame nominee with the Minnesota Vikings.



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Switzerland's Xenia Schwaller was victorious at the 2023 DEKALB Superspiel in Morris that was held from Dec. 1-4, with a dramatic 6-5 extra end over Alberta's Serena Gray-Withers.

The former football player, who has begun curling in his retirement, has his sights set on representing the United States in curling at the 2026 Winter Olympics in Italy.

Allen, who was curling for Team Rich Ruohonen out of Minnesota, reached the playoff round before losing to Jordon McDonald in the quarterfinals.

U18 AAA Male Hawks best Bruins, fall to Thrashers

By Lorne Stelmach

The male U18 Pembina Valley Hawks picked up three of a possible four points this past week.

The Hawks first came up with a big 4-1 win over the fourth-place Winnipeg Bruins last Wednesday in Morden.

Then, after their Friday game in Brandon against the Wheat Kings was postponed due to the weather, the Hawks battled the Thrashers to

overtime Saturday in Winnipeg before falling 4-3.

The Hawks connected for a pair of powerplay goals against the Bruins as they took period leads of 1-0 and 2-1 before putting the game away with two more in the third.

Scoring for Pembina Valley were Cohen Pilkington, Sam Delaquis, Adrien McIntosh, and Jaxon Hildebrand. Bryson Yaschyshyn made 31 saves. The shots on goal was 32-29 in Win-

nipeg's favour.

The Thrashers on Sunday led Pembina Valley 2-1 after one period and then led 3-2 early in the third before Sam Delaquis connected for the Hawks to force overtime, where the Thrashers won it 31 seconds in.

Also scoring for Pembina Valley were Pilkington and Kam Thomas, while Ryler Gates made 31 saves off the 35 shots on goal he faced. His teammates fired 42 the other way.

The Hawks sit in seventh place at 8-9-2-3 for 21 points, which has them one up on Eastman and four behind the Thrashers. Parkland and Norman are also just two and three points behind Pembina Valley.

The Hawks head to Dauphin this weekend for a pair of games Saturday and Sunday against the Parkland Rangers.

Female Hawks still looking for a break in losing streak

By Lorne Stelmach

It is now 12 games without a win for the female U18 Pembina Valley Hawks.

As it has often been through the losing streak, the Hawks were not far off from breaking the streak, as they only lost 5-3 Saturday to the first-place Winnipeg Ice.

Sunday though was a different story as Pembina Valley was blanked 7-0 by

the fourth-place Eastman Selects.

The Hawks trailed 2-1 and 4-1 at the intermissions before trying to draw close with a pair of third period goals against Winnipeg.

Delaney Darby scored a pair for Pembina Valley, with the other goal coming from Abigail Brigg. Kasia Rakowski kept the Hawks in the game with 42 saves, but Pembina Valley was outshot 47-33.

The Hawks then trailed 2-0 and 4-0 at the intermissions against Eastman, which put it away with three more goals in the third period.

Vayha Willis took the loss in allowing the seven goals on 37 shots through 52 minutes of play. Rakowski made nine saves in eight minutes of play, with the overall shots on goal 46-23 in favour of the Selects.

Pembina Valley remains in seventh

place at 3-11-1 for seven points, which is four up on Central Plains and two behind Interlake in sixth place.

The Hawks have a busy three-game weekend starting with Yellowhead Friday in Morden followed by Central Plains in Portage Saturday and then the Winnipeg Avros Sunday afternoon at Seven Oaks.

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Flyers down Wolverines, Stampeders

By Ashleigh Viveiros

It was a winning week for the Winkler Flyers in Manitoba Junior Hockey League action.

Winkler came home from their game in Waywayseecappo against the Wolverines with a 5-2 win last Wednesday night.

The team massively outshot their opponents 50-15, with Nich McKee finding the back of the net in the first period, Trent Penner, Spencer Shugrue, and Noah Diemer making it 4-2 in the second, and Zach Nicholas finishing things off in the third. Liam Ernst made 13 saves in net.

Back in Winkler Sunday night, the Flyers came out ahead against the Swan Valley Stampeders 6-2.

There was a bit of back and forth in the first two periods, Swan Valley taking a 1-0 lead six minutes in only to have Penner even things out with Winkler's first goal a minute later.

The Stampeders pulled ahead again early in the middle frame, but goals from Nicholas and Avery Anderson gave Winkler the lead 3-2 heading into the final period.

There, Tanner George, Brody Beauchemin, and Penner all scored to put an end to the Stampeders' hopes of catching back up.

The shots on net tally was another lopsided affair: 50-19 for Winkler, with Malachi Klassen in net this time making 17 saves.

Winkler is in third place in the MGEU East Division standings with a record of 19-3-1-1 and 40 points, one point shy of the Portage Terriers in second place and three behind the Steinbach Pistons in first, though with several games in hand



STANDARD PHOTO BY RICK HIEBERT

In his first game in a Flyers uniform, Jakob Jones recorded three assists en route to a 6-2 win over the Swan Valley Stampeders Sunday in Winkler.

over those two teams.

This week, Winkler hosts OCN Tuesday night and then travels to play in Niverville

Friday before returning home to host Dauphin on Saturday.

Inaugural Carman stick curling tour event

Staff

The Carman Golf and Curling Club hosted a Manitoba Stick Curling Tour event on Dec. 8 and 9 with two pools of teams from across the province participating in this event.

Two local teams made it through the round robin and faced off in the semifinals with Cheyenne Keith and Bill North stealing a point in the final end to defeat Charlie McCullough and Richard Dyck.

The finals were played between the Keith/North team and the Norm Magnusson/Melanie Shura team from the Fort Rouge curling club in Winnipeg. The Keith/North team won this inaugural event.



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Cheyenne Keith and Bill North won the Manitoba Stick Curling Tour event at the Carman Golf and Curling Club last weekend.

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Hickory Smoked Spiral Sliced Ham with Bourbon, Honey and Orange Glaze

Total time: 2 hours, 40 minutes
 1 Smithfield Hickory Smoked Spiral Sliced Ham
 1/2 cup bourbon
 1/2 cup honey
 1 1/2 cups fresh orange juice
 1/2 cup brown sugar
 1/2 teaspoon ground clove
 1 teaspoon ground cinnamon
 1 tablespoon ground ginger
 Preheat oven to 325 F.
 Remove packaging from ham, including glaze packet, and place face down in large roasting pan.
 Heat ham, uncovered, 12-14 minutes per pound, or until internal temperature reaches 120 F. Heating time

will vary by weight.
 When about 30 minutes of cook time remains, in small saucepan over medium-high heat, whisk bourbon, honey, orange juice, brown sugar, clove, cinnamon and ginger; bring to boil.
 Pour glaze over ham.
 Continue baking ham, basting frequently.
 For final 10 minutes of cook time, turn oven up to 425 F, continuing to baste with glaze.
 When ham is heated through, remove from oven, drain liquid in bottom of baking dish and reserve to serve on side of hot ham.



Dairy Free Salted Caramel Cupcakes

Prep time: 25 minutes
 Total time: 1 hour, 15 minutes
 Servings: 12
Salted Caramel:
 2 cups granulated sugar
 6 tablespoons Country Crock Plant Butter Sticks with Avocado Oil, at room temperature
 1/2 cup Country Crock Plant Cream, at room temperature
 2 tablespoons coconut oil
 1/2 teaspoon salt
Cupcakes:
 1 cup all-purpose flour
 1 1/2 teaspoons baking soda
 1 teaspoon baking powder
 2 teaspoons cinnamon
 1/2 teaspoon salt
 1 cup (2 sticks) Country Crock Plant Butter Sticks with Avocado Oil, at room temperature
 1 cup powdered sugar
 1/2 cup brown sugar
 2 teaspoons vanilla extract
 1 cup Country Crock Plant Cream
Vegan Caramel Frosting:
 1/2 cup (1 stick) Country Crock Plant Butter Sticks with Avocado Oil, at room temperature
 1 1/2 cups powdered sugar, plus additional, if necessary

2 teaspoons caramel sauce, at room temperature
 Country Crock Plant Cream, as needed
 1/2 teaspoon vanilla
 2 teaspoons caramel salt flakes (optional)
 caramel cubes (optional)
 To make caramel: In medium, light-colored saucepan over medium heat, stir sugar constantly until evenly melted.
 Remove pan from heat and add Plant Butter, Plant Cream, coconut oil and salt.
 Return mixture to medium heat, stirring constantly, 1 minute. Turn heat to low, stir and cook until mixture is thick and smooth. If caramel separates, whisk vigorously until it's back together.
 Pour caramel into heat-proof bowl, passing through fine mesh strainer to remove crystallized sugar. Cover and cool completely in fridge.
 To make cupcakes: Preheat oven to 350 F. Line cupcake pan with liners; set aside.
 In medium bowl, whisk flour, baking soda, baking powder, cinnamon and salt. Set aside.
 In bowl of stand mixer, using whisk attachment, cream together Plant Butter, powdered sugar and brown sugar until light and fluffy. Add vanilla and cooled caramel, whisking on medium speed until combined.
 Slowly add flour mixture, Plant Cream, scraping down sides of bowl

Ask The Money Lady

Dear Money Lady,
 We are just starting to invest and wondered if there were any good investments you could recommend. We want something that makes money of course, but also promotes environmental change and social justice. Thanks, Valerie

Bravo Valerie! Great to see you are trying to make a difference in the world, especially nowadays!

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Offered mainly at large investment firms, a Sustainable Portfolio would include a guided stock portfolio of proven high-quality companies that demonstrate superior corporate governance, business ethics, labor and human rights standards, as well as responsible actions towards climate change, water management and pollution.

If you are thinking of changing your portfolio to hold more environmentally sustainable options, be sure to do your research. Not all investment firms hold a socially responsible platform, and many are still not forward thinking when it comes to global change. It should be something your financial planner takes very seriously and not touted as a sales pitch to get your assets on their books. Most large brokerages who believe in the value of Sustainable Portfolios will be rated, (you want an A+ Rating for the Dealer-Firm) by the UN Principles for Responsible Investments, as well as provide investors with a framework



Christine Ibbotson

and product offering for a wider impact and active management philosophy. Ask about the firm's assets under management in this sector, (AUM/sector). The AUM should be at least \$2-5 billion if they are serious and committed to advancing the options for Canadians to invest better. Portfolios should always be actively managed from both a top-down and bottom-up perspective and evaluated using macroeconomic and geopolitical factors, trends, and with a specific selection process in place. Short- and long-term risks should always be mitigated in the fund analysis to ensure strong portfolio returns.

For those that wish to enhance their existing portfolio with a small portion of sustainable stock options, many can choose from a variety of mutual funds (MF) or exchange traded funds (ETF). These are generally always actively managed funds with many providing downside protection, risk control, flexibility and the potential to outperform the market. Talk to your advisor. Do your homework. Always be well diversified when investing. Why not consider a higher standard in your stock selection for next year, to do your part in creating a better world for all.

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 Money Lady
 Written by Christine Ibbotson, Author, Finance Writer, National Radio Host, and now on CTV Morning Live, and CTV News @6 syndicated across Canada. Send your questions through her website at askthemoneylady.ca

until combined. Divide batter evenly into liners, filling each 3/4 full.

Bake until tops spring back when touched or toothpick inserted in center comes out clean, 18-20 minutes. Transfer cupcakes to wire rack and cool 5 minutes then remove from pan. Allow cupcakes to cool completely at room temperature.

To make frosting: In bowl of stand mixer, mix Plant Butter on medium-

high speed about 1 minute.

Add powdered sugar and Plant Cream together about 1 minute then add caramel sauce and mix until fully combined.

Add vanilla then Plant Cream as necessary, 1 teaspoon at a time, while mixing to desired consistency.

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Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken down into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numeric clues already provided in the boxes. The more numbers you name, the easier it gets to solve the puzzle!

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Crossword Answer

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- Mimic
- Payroll firm
- Perform in a play
- Opine: __ philosophical
- Crony
- Political action committee
- 1991 Wimbledon winner
- Affirmative
- Exclamation of disgust
- Action of connecting
- A way to calm
- Especially fine or decorative clothing
- Walked proudly
- Group of people related through male heir
- Supplemented with difficulty
- Soft touch
- Erases
- Spanish river
- A princess can detect it
- Clouds of gas
- A way to get through
- Part of a book
- Southwestern US state
- Fields where rice is grown
- Area in Ghana
- Sayings
- Involve deeply
- Compels to act
- "Ignore all rules"
- Indoor entertainment space
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- Inspiring

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- Clothing
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- Former French republic
- Single lens reflex
- Men's fashion accessory
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- Marry
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- Body of water
- People of southern Benin
- Decorate a cake with frosting
- Snag
- Yearly tonnage (abbr.)
- Records brain activity (abbr.)
- Car mechanics group
- Brought up to snuff
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- Phil __, former CIA
- Affixed
- Period of adolescence
- Substance
- Danced
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AMALGAMATION OF GREY REGIONAL AND ST. CLAUDE WATER
AND WASTEWATER UTILITIES
December 4, 2023**

The Rural Municipality of Grey (RM) has applied to the Public Utilities Board (Board) for revised water and wastewater rates for Grey Water and Wastewater Utility (Utility) as set out in By-law No. 09/23, read the first time on July 19, 2023. Rates for Grey Regional Water and Wastewater were last approved in 2020 in Board Order No. 28/20, with current rates coming into effect January 1, 2022, and rates for the St. Claude Water and Wastewater were last approved in 2020 in Board Order 29/20, with current rates coming into effect January 1, 2022. The RM has been granted approval in Board Orders 137-22 and 140-22 to pass through rate increases from Pembina Valley Water Co-op and Cartier Water Co-op. The RM is also requesting amalgamation of the utilities into one utility known as Grey Utility. The RM also has a deficit application before the Board to recover the 2018-2022 St. Claude Deficit.

The current and proposed rates are as follows:

	St. Claude	Grey Regional	By-Law 09/23 Year 1	By-Law 09/23 Year 2	By-Law 09/23 Year 3
Quarterly Service Charge	\$ 32.52	\$ 29.87	\$ 30.47	\$ 30.73	\$ 30.98
Water (per 1,000 gallons)	\$ 16.55	\$ 17.57	\$ 21.36	\$ 22.97	\$ 24.59
Wastewater (per 1,000 gallons)	\$ 6.40	\$ 6.43	\$ 7.20	\$ 7.53	\$ 7.86
Minimum Quarterly Charge*	\$ 101.37	\$ 101.87	\$ 116.15	\$ 122.23	\$ 128.33
Wastewater only customers**	\$ 90.12	\$ 87.74	\$ 95.27	\$ 98.50	\$ 101.72
Bulk Water Sales(per 1,000 gallons)	\$ 19.00	\$ 19.00	\$ 23.00	\$ 24.75	\$ 26.50
Tipping Fees (per load)	\$ 20.00	\$ 20.00	\$ 30.00	\$ 30.00	\$ 30.00
Hyrant Rental (Annual)	\$ 125.00	\$ 125.00	\$ 200.00	\$ 200.00	\$ 200.00
Deficit Recovery - Rate Riders					
St. Claude Deficit ¹	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1.78	\$ 1.78	\$ 1.78
Minimum Quarterly Charge with deficit*	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 121.49	\$ 127.57	\$ 133.67

*Based on 3,000 gallons

**Based on 9,000 gallons

1 St. Claude Deficit Rate Rider application currently before the Board for approval

Details of the RM's application are available for review at the RM office or the Public Utilities Board's office. Any questions concerning the application for revised rates, or the operation of the Utility, should be sent directly to the RM.

If you have concerns/comments regarding the RM of Grey's application for water and wastewater rates please go to www.pubmanitoba.ca and provide your comment. *Please note all comments will be forwarded to the RM.*

Questions or comments should be sent on or before **January 19, 2024.**

The Public Utilities Board is the provincial regulatory agency that reviews and approves rates for water and wastewater utilities in Manitoba, with the exception of the City of Winnipeg. The Board's review process involves:

- the Utility filing a rate application to the Board,
- a public notification of proposed rate changes,
- the Board's review of the application through a public hearing or paper review process, and
- the issuance of an Order which outlines the Board's decision on the rate application and the rates to be charged.

The Manitoba Ombudsman has privacy guidelines for administrative tribunals. The Board is mindful of its obligations under those guidelines. Its decisions in respect of the application being considered will be sensitive to the guidelines. Personal information will not be disclosed unless it is appropriate and necessary to do so. However, the Board advises participants that these proceedings are public and that as a result, personal information protections are reduced.

The Board will then decide whether any further notice is required and whether to proceed with a public hearing or paper review process. All concerns received by the Board will be considered in the Board's decision on rates to be charged.

PLEASE BE ADVISED THAT IN CONSIDERING THIS APPLICATION, THE PUBLIC UTILITIES BOARD MAY OR MAY NOT FIND IT NECESSARY TO DETERMINE RATES DIFFERENT FROM THOSE APPLIED FOR BY THE APPLICANT.

Note: All proceedings will be conducted in accordance with the Board's Rules of Practice and Procedure, which the Board may vary in order to constrain regulatory costs. The Rules are available at www.pubmanitoba.ca.

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OBITUARY



Veenendaal, Gerardus (Gerald) Ottonius
November 21, 1941 - December 05, 2023

On Tuesday, December 05, 2023 our dear husband, father, grandfather, and great-grandfather was called home by His Lord and Saviour at the age of 82 years.

Gerald was born in Leusden, the Netherlands, the fourth of 10 children to Gijsbertus and Aalbertha Veenendaal. He immigrated to Canada with his parents and siblings in 1956 and settled in the Homewood area. Upon marrying his first wife Theresa VanSydenborgh in 1968, he took over the family farm. Together they operated a mixed farm of crops and pigs and raised seven children. Dad continued to live on the farm until Mom passed away. He then moved to Carman and slowly became less involved in farming. In 2017 Dad married Marianna Vandermeulen and together they enjoyed road trips, stopping in on vacationing children and socializing with many acquaintances. Favorite activities of Dad would include reading, crop checking, seeing what was going on in the agricultural world and handing out treats to visiting family members. His love for the LORD, humble character, thought for others, but especially Marianna, and quiet words of wisdom, will be remembered and treasured.

Gerald is survived by his wife Marianna; his children Joyce (Juergen) Beichter, Earle (Linda), Arlene (Andy) Bouwers, Carla (Russell) Bergsma, Norm (Charlene), Art (Whitley), and Yolande (Jon) Dewit; 33 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. He is also survived by two brothers, Herman and Peter; three sisters, Alice, Celia, and Dita; and many sisters-in-law and brothers-in-law.

The family wishes to thank all for their thoughts, prayers, and acts of kindness and support during Dad's increasingly complicated health concerns. Special thank you to Dr Woelk, Dr Johnston and Dr Atchison for their compassion, expertise and care for Dad.

Funeral service was held on Monday, December 11 at the Canadian Reformed Church of Carman East.

"The Lord is at hand; do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God." Philippians 4:5b - 6.

Memorial donations may be made to Boundary Trails Health Foundation, designated for CancerCare.

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OBITUARY



Edith Lenore Harrison (nee Holm)

Edith passed away peacefully at her residence on December 6, 2023 at the age of 85. In recent years Mom battled with dementia and cardiovascular disease.

Edith is survived by her son Glen (Jo-Anne) Harrison, her grandchildren Deanna (Russ) Stevenson, Matt (Katie) Harrison, Jeremy (Mikayla) Franczak, and Brett (Meara) Harrison and her great-grandson Harvey Stevenson.

She was predeceased by her husband Grant, her daughter Adele Franczak, her parents Arnor and Dell Holm, and Grant's parents Percy and Ida Harrison.

Edith was born June 14, 1938 in Winnipeg, Manitoba and was raised on a dairy farm near Husavik, Manitoba. After she completed her schooling at Kjarna School, she attended Teacher's College in Winnipeg and taught in Darlingford and Glenora. It was in Glenora where she met Grant, and in 1959, they were married.

They farmed and raised their family in Glenora and retired to Carman in 1998. Edith was proud of her Icelandic heritage and enjoyed making all the traditional treats every Christmas. She was an active member of the Glenora Booster Club and enjoyed volunteering at various events within the community.

When they moved to Carman, Edith continued her volunteer work with the Carman Ladies Legion Auxiliary and the Carman Health Auxiliary.

Edith was very artistic and taught ceramic classes for many years out of her basement studio, eventually developing a passion for oil painting. She took great pride in displaying her work within her home and at art shows around southern Manitoba.

At Edith's request there will be no formal service. A private family service will be planned at a later date.

The family would like to extend their appreciation to Dr. Tyler Atchison, the staff at the Carman Clinic, and the Carman Home Care team for all they did to help Edith.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to: Carman Ladies Legion Auxiliary, Box 98, Carman, MB R0G 0J0; Alzheimer Society of Manitoba, 10 -120 Donald Street, Winnipeg, MB R3C 4G2;

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OBITUARY



Rosie Somers
April 8, 1941 - December 04, 2023

Rosie leaves to mourn her three children: Cheryl (Dave) Good, Gladys (Murray) Dunn, Warren (Charlene Beliveau) Somers; grandchildren Jacklyn (Jason), Alex (Nicole), Bradly, Erin (friend Russ), Dallas (Ben), Daniel (Samantha), Brooke (friend Rob); and 18 great-grandchildren.

Rosie grew up in Pansy, MB then moved to Transcona. She met the love of her life, Donald George Somers of Carman in 1957 through friends. They were married in 1958 and settled on the farm north of Carman. Rosie had many occupations over the years, but the one she would talk about the most was being a school bus driver. She LOVED it. Rosie also loved to garden, knit and crochet. She took up oil painting in her later years and was very good at it. She loved to cook for her family and friends and always expected

75 random guests to show up to help eat all the food she had prepared. She cherished her time with her family and friends, creating memories and carrying on traditions such as jam making, perogies, and collecting items.

After Don passed in 2018, Rosie moved off the farm and into a condo in town in 2020. Dementia started to take hold and in June 2022 she was admitted to the Carman Hospital while she waited for placement in the Personal Care Home in Carman. She was moved into the PCH in July 2023.

The family would like to thank the staff at the Carman Hospital and the Personal Care Home for the care of our dear Rosie.

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-Carm Colvin

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