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## Growing artists



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# Carman Country Fair is happening July 7 to 9 this year

By Becca Myskiw

The Carman Country Fair has been confirmed for 2022.

At a March 24 meeting of the Dufferin Agricultural Society (DAS), they finalized dates for this year's fair — July 7 to July 9.

The Carman Country Fair is the longest consecutive running fair on this side of southern Ontario. It usually has a midway, a battle of the bands, entertainment, motorsports day, a human truck pull, and a petting zoo. The fair also hosts the Manitoba Provincial Percheron Show and the province's largest 4-H beef sale, with 50 animals sold each year.

It was cancelled in 2020 and 2021 due to COVID-19 and its restrictions, but DAS held an event in lieu of the historical event both years. In 2020, they hosted a Free Fry Day, which was put on by McCain Foods, Smart Electric, and Mid-Plains Implements, who partnered with the Carberry Fair Potato Truck to give away 7,500 bags of McCain Foods French Fries. Free Fry Day was also hosted in Winkler, Portage la Prairie, and Carberry.

Last year, DAS hosted the Denim and Dust Bar-

rel Racing Series all summer long, with a complete weekend wrap-up. The event brought people from all over Manitoba to Carman as it gave them one of the only chances to barrel race. That will be happening again this summer as well.

This year, with restrictions completely lifted and COVID-19 being less of a threat to public safety, DAS has decided to go ahead with the Carman Country Fair.

"We as a board are incredibly thrilled to be hosting the first fair since 2019," said DAS president Deena Boklaschuk. "We are hard at work and will be looking to recruit volunteers and such as we finalize plans over the coming months. We know that everyone has been through a lot over the last couple of years, so we look forward to putting on a great event and seeing everyone's smiling faces."

DAS will be sending out sponsorship packages in the next couple of weeks and more announcements after their meeting on April 7. They will also be at the Carman Collegiate job fair earlier that day to seek out junior directors if anyone is interested.



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The Carman Country Fair parade is planned for July 9.

## Moody retires from Manitoba justice after 15 years

By Becca Myskiw

After 15 years working with Manitoba Justice, Jan Moody is retiring.

When Moody and her husband lived in B.C., she took a legal assistant course and worked for a law firm for three years. They then moved to Win-

nipeg, and she took another job with another law firm.

Soon enough, a job opened at the Morden court office, so she successfully applied and became clerk of the court, staff justice of the peace, and deputy registrar. As clerk of the

court, Moody would swear information in front of the staff justice of the peace when police agencies came to the counter. She'd then enter that on the computer system, and from there, a person would go to court.

Part of Moody's job in that position was to record proceedings and take short notes of what was going on in the courtroom. Then, after court, she'd prepare the paperwork for people whose charges were disposed of, explain the conditions to them, and help them get on the road to doing things correctly and following their conditions properly.

"Court days are busy of course," she said. "There are lots of people coming in. You want to make sure they're dealt with fairly, give them time to understand what's going on."

Then, she worked in a Manitoba Justice position that required her to work wherever she was needed in Manitoba for three years.

"That was great," she said. "I travelled the province for three years filling in."

Moody worked all over Northern Manitoba, in Steinbach, Dauphin, Brandon, and more court offices in the province. An administration job in Morden then opened up, and she applied for that and got it.

"Morden is a smaller court office so when you're working there, you're doing a bit of everything," she said. "Which has been part of the magic of the job because there's great variety."

As an administrator, Moody's job was to make sure everything ran smoothly in the court office. Because she worked in ones across the prov-



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Jan Moody is retiring from Manitoba Justice after 15 years and seven months.

ince, it was easy for her to deal with them when she was in Morden — she knew how each worked.

"There is a lot to the job but it's very rewarding," she said. "And you don't make everybody happy, that's just not possible, but you can certainly do your best to guide people to where they need to go. The success stories make it worthwhile."

One of the most rewarding experiences for Moody was when someone comes in feeling alone, and they don't have anywhere to turn, and she can make their court process as easy and as comfortable as possible for them. She said lots of times, listening to their story is all it takes to help someone.

Now, Moody's stepping out of the job she loved simply because she believes it's time. Two young women at the Morden court office are taking over for her, and she knows they'll do a great job.

"You can't work forever," she said. "It would be easier retiring if I hated my job...I truly love my job and the role that Manitoba Justice plays in our society but there comes a time. It's easier to know I'm leaving it in good hands."

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# Carman sees three winners for the 2022 Tourism Awards

By Becca Myskiw

Three Carmanites and establishments have received Central Manitoba Tourism's 2022 Tourism Awards. Tracy Enns won for Volunteer of the Year for her work with Boyne River Keepers, Syl's Drive Inn won the Award of Distinction Business, and Tyler King won the Award of Distinction Individual.

The community first nominates people, then the Central Manitoba Tourism executive board reviews the nominees and makes their final decisions before choosing the winners.

The Award of Distinction Individual is for someone involved in tourism for a minimum of 10 years who has brought meaningful work into the sector. When he was just 15 years old, King started in tourism, filling in casually at a local tourist booth. He then started assisting with the Carman and Community Chamber of Commerce with a trade show, worked in a museum, and started in economic development in 2002. Now, King is the director of economic development for the Town of Carman and the rural municipality (RM) of Dufferin.

"I like bragging about amenities and things people have that somebody might take for granted, but maybe someone else might really appreciate as a tourism destination or venue," he said. "I think it is an interesting area as well because people are generally happy in tourism and dealing with tourists as well. It should be a positive experience sharing what we have and why it's so great."

King has spent most of his life working with and for many "wonderful" people. He's started initiatives with Central Manitoba Tourism when he was a more active board member and he's been an integral part in promoting Carman to ensure people know



Tyler King received the Award of Distinction Individual for the 2022 Tourism Awards.



Travis Enns of Syl's Drive Inn received the Award of Distinction Business.



STANDARD PHOTOS BY BECCA MYSKIW  
Tracy Enns received the Volunteer of the Year award.

where it is on the map. Being recognized for his hard work is something King really appreciates.

Enns was awarded Volunteer of the Year. She said she doesn't know who nominated her or that they even did it. So she was beyond surprised when King came to give her the award.

"I am accepting it as a group effort on behalf of the Boyne River Keepers," she said. "This is not an individual win."

The Boyne River Keepers have been working to bring awareness and light to the Boyne River for the past two years. They've had river cleanup days, installed a dock by the trestle bridge, are currently fundraising for a dock at Ryall Park, had paddle days on the river, celebrated World Riv-

ers Day last year, and installed solar lights on the bridges along the river.

They are just one of the groups in town, though, bettering the community. Enns said they aren't the only

ones working hard.

Travis Enns of Syl's Drive Inn was unavailable for comment on the award.

## Quilts for Ukrainian refugees on display for community April 2

By Becca Myskiw

After three weeks of work, a group of quilters have produced more than 50 quilts and blankets for Ukrainian refugees.

Maureen Carr put a call out on Facebook a few weeks ago, asking any quilters to lend their hands on Tuesday, March 15 for the cause. They set up shop in the Carman Legion Ladies Auxiliary Hall from dusk till dawn, sewing machines and fabric were strewn around the room. There were 19 quilters — and there have been five more days since.

As of Friday, March 25, the group

had over 50 blankets completed, some tied, some quilted. Because of their success, Carr said they plan to

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## Alzheimer Society looking for board members

By Ashleigh Viveiros

The Alzheimer Society of Manitoba is on the hunt for a few new board members.

Rob Kennedy, past board chair and current nominating committee head, says that as an organization that helps people affected by dementia across the province, they're looking for representation from all over.

"Because we're a province-wide organization with satellite offices in many rural communities around the province and a wide network of volunteers, we like and need to have rural and small town representation on our board," he stressed.

Board members typically serve two terms of three years each. The 12-member board has two members reaching the end of their terms this year, including a Winkler area resident.

"I'd like to do a little shout out to Jessica Phillips-Hunt, whose six-year service with the Alzheimer Society is running out in this June," Kennedy said. "She's a health care professional from the Southern Health region.

"We're looking for people like her. People who have a deep connection to persons with dementia, whether

that's through their professional life or a family member, and who also bring that rural and small town community perspective to our board table. That is paramount with us."

The board welcomes applicants with diverse backgrounds and skill sets and a eagerness to get involved.

"We would like to see people apply who are big picture orientated," Kennedy said, explaining the board follows the Carver Policy Governance model, which focuses on empowering the agency's staff to get things done. "We kind of stand back and create the policies under which the staff delivers the work."

The society provides programming, education, and support to thousands of Manitobans affected by dementia each year.

Its board meets six times a year. Members who drive into Winnipeg from out of town can be reimbursed for their travel expenses. Attending meetings virtually is also an option.

In addition to making policy decisions and the like, board meetings also regularly include guest speakers who help paint a picture of the impact of the society's work and the challenges families dealing with de-

mentia face.

"Hearing the stories is a mandate of the organization," noted Kennedy. "We've had numerous presentations from people with dementia and their caregiver ... talking about the trials and tribulations and the personal stories that can be heart-wrenching."

But it also helps board members better understand the work they are supporting and make decisions with the people they impact in mind, he observed.

After nearly six years as a board member, Kennedy is nearing the end of his own time with the organization. He doesn't hesitate to recommend the experience to anyone with a passion for helping others.

"It's been very rewarding," he said. "It's really a great group, a diverse group of people that includes health care professionals, physicians, architects, financial advisors, owners of construction companies, and a couple of retired people. So it's really an interesting group of people to work with."

If you're interested in learning more, head to [alzheimer.mb.ca](http://alzheimer.mb.ca). Applications are due in by April 22.

## Pandemic backlog continues to grow: Doctors MB

By Lorne Stelmach

Doctors Manitoba last week laid out how severe the surgical and diagnostic testing backlog remains in the province.

The organization updated its backlog dashboard with estimates that suggest it has reached nearly 168,000 cases.

This is a significant increase of more than 6,300 from last month's estimate, and it reflects the continued disruptive impact of the omicron wave on hospitals in Manitoba, said Dr. Kristjan Thompson, president of Doctors Manitoba.

"I always see a light at the end of the tunnel, but I think we have our work cut out for us. I think this massive surgical and diagnostic backlog will take

years to address," Thompson said in an online news conference.

The total estimated pandemic backlog is 167,887 cases. This includes:

- 54,820 surgeries (as of January 2022), up 2,493 over the last month's estimate.
- 45,251 diagnostic imaging procedures (as of January 2022), up 2,762 cases over last month's estimate.
- 67,816 other diagnostic procedures (as of February 2022), including allergy tests, endoscopies, mammograms, sleep disorder studies, and lung function tests, an increase of 1,047 cases over last month's estimate.

"This is a significant increase, and it reflects the continued disruptions to surgery and diagnostic testing that has occurred throughout the omicron

wave, which is thankfully receding but is still present," said Thompson.

"The backlog has grown effectively in every area that we monitor," he added. "It's impacting thousands of Manitobans, likely over 10 per cent of our population ... each case is a person ... it may be you ... our friends, our family, and our loved ones."

For nearly a year, Doctors Manitoba has estimated the backlog that has accumulated by calculating the reduced volume of procedures delivered since the pandemic began in March 2020 compared to pre-pandemic volumes.

Over the next several weeks, the organization will be working on a more comprehensive analysis with the aim

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# Time to get to running: Small Town Run and Walk Crew

By Becca Myskiw

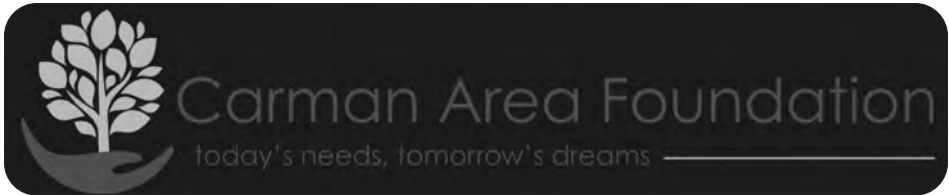
The Small Town Run and Walk Crew are gearing up for another season on the Carman pathways. After three successful years of building a running community, Chris Dick's run and walk club is getting ready to meet again. This year, 2022 will mark the fourth year of the Small Town Run and Walk Crew, whose motto is "all people, all paces." The crew will work as it has the past three years, but with a different initial meeting spot. The runners and walkers will get together at Ryall Park every

Thursday at 6:15 p.m., ready to start their activity by 6:30 p.m. The crew used to meet at Syl's Drive Inn, but Dick said he made the change because the park has readily available public washrooms. Dick will lead the runners, and his wife, Sheila, will lead the walkers. They take a few routes within Carman — the wooded pathway behind Carman Collegiate, going west towards King's Park, and more. Each day, the group will cover three to five km of trail. "I always like to have a couple different options for routes depending

on the weather too," he said. Last year, after the group's pause because of COVID-19, they had around five to 12 people show up each week. Dick is hoping to either match that this year or beat it. "I always like to encourage physical activity in our community," he said. "There's a social benefit too meeting other like-minded people. It creates other relationships." Running and walking with a group of people also holds everyone accountable, as everyone will check in on one another and motivate them. The Small

Town Run and Walk Crew is planning to get going at the end of April or the beginning of May this year, depending on weather as they use the Carman and Community Pathways and need them to be in good condition. They will go until October or when the weather says otherwise. This year, Dick hopes to get shirts made with the club logo and donate part of the sales proceeds to a Ukrainian aid, possibly the Red Cross. To stay up-to-date on the Small Town Run and Walk Crew, follow them on Instagram @small-townrunandwalkcrew.

# CAF hosting an annual gala in dine at home fashion



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The Carman Area Foundation is hosting another dine-at-home gala on April 29.

By Becca Myskiw

Locals will have the chance to dine at home again this year with the Carman Area Foundation (CAF). On April 29, CAF will be hosting their 16th annual community gala, and it will look a lot like last year's, only better. Because planning the annual event takes a lot of time, community foundations coordinator Caddie Crampton said it's a big commitment. When they started planning this year's event, COVID-19 restrictions were still in place with no end in sight, so instead of risking a complete cancellation, they planned another dine at home gala. "It's also for the safety and well-being of the community," she said. "We have to keep things in perspective." The foundation was incorporated in 1998 by the Carman Community Development Corporation in response to an incentive from the Thomas Sill Foundation's start-up grant challenge. They had to raise \$200,000, and the foundation would grant them \$100,000. Finally, with five months left of their four-year challenge, CAF reached its goal of \$300,000 in the community fund by the summer of 2002. The Carman Health Care Foundation merged with CAF in December, adding another \$100,000 to the fund. In 2014, they entered a partnership with the Winnipeg Foundation for fund management, ensuring the highest return rate on foundation assets. Next year will mark 25 years of CAF.

Like last year, people can reserve their "spot" online. They'll pick which burger they want from which restaurant and reserve their time slot for pick-up. Again, there isn't a fee for those who partake in the gala, just a necessary donation to the foundation. Reservations start on April 7. Crampton said if each donation can, at minimal, cover the cost of the burger, that would be great. Each meal is around \$20. "But really we're just looking for the generosity of the community," she said. CAF has eight local restaurants offering burgers this year — McGee's Original Grill, Carman Golf and Curling Club, Breakaway Family Restaurant, Elm Creek Café, Scotswood Links, Chicken Chef, Crazy Lady's Cafeteria, and Big Willy's Pizza. The participating restaurants each got a budget from CAF to create their burgers. By supporting the gala and the foundation, people will also be supporting them. "They're outdoing themselves again this year," she said. "They've got some really great burgers on the menu." Each person will also get a grab bag with their burger, which has goodies and the list of 2022 grant recipients. Last year, the event sold out with 400 burgers. Crampton said they're hoping to at least match that this year, but their goal is to up it and sell 500. The annual gala is the largest fundraiser of the year for CAF. This year, they're granting over \$110,000 to local organizations, and Crampton said they wouldn't be able to do that with-

out community support, especially at events like this. "This is the only fundraising we really do," she said. "And we need that community support. It's a fun night. It's a good burger."

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  - Day 4 - Monday, April 11, 2022:** Book a spot at a Grand Beach, Nopiming and all remaining Whiteshell Provincial Parks.
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# Survey provides insight on Lake Minnewasta trail users

By Ashleigh Viveiros

The Stanley Trail Association now has a clearer picture of exactly who is using the Lake Minnewasta trail and what improvements they'd like to see made to it.

STA last week released the results of its 2021 trail user survey, which polled 328 people who make use of the trail system at the Morden lake.

"One of the bigger surprises was that there's a lot of regular users coming from outside of our region," said STA rep. Leanna Wiebe. "Obviously we weren't surprised to see that the majority of our users come from Morden, Winkler, and the RM of Stanley, but we also have regular trail users coming out from Winnipeg and Altona.

"Our region is getting a reputation for being a great destination for trails in Manitoba for mountain biking or hiking in a diverse landscape, especially on the Manitoba Escarpment."

Mordenites make the most use of the trail, representing 38 per cent of the survey's respondents, with Winkler not too far behind at 27 per cent followed by Stanley residents at 16 per cent.

In addition to Winnipeg and Altona, the 20 per cent of out-of-town trail users hailed from all across southern Manitoba, with a smattering of visitors last year from Saskatchewan, North Dakota, and even Germany.

The results also show the trail is used year-round, though less frequently in spring and winter, and in a variety of ways. Hiking is the most



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A survey conducted by the Stanley Trail Association last summer found 56 per cent of responding users enjoy biking the Lake Minnewasta Trail. The leading use was by hikers, at 80 per cent.

popular use at 80 per cent followed by mountain biking (56 per cent), trail running (21 per cent), photography (16 per cent), fat biking (11 per cent), and bird watching (nine per cent).

The trail seems to draw quite a mix of veteran users and newcomers—53.4 per cent of respondents said they'd only begun using the trail in the past four years. Nearly 23 per cent said they'd been using it for 5-10 years. Almost 24 per cent said they'd been enjoying the path for over a decade. If there's one thing survey respondents had in common, it's a desire for more trails. Ninety-four per cent expressed an interest in seeing additional trails created around the lake.

Trail users would also like to see a

bridge put in over or around the dam on the east side of the lake to close the trail loop. Increased signage, a greater variety of trails (some more technically challenging, others more accessible), year-round washrooms, more garbage cans, traffic management (perhaps designating certain trails for one-way use or having separate hiking and biking paths), Indigenous acknowledgement, and trail condition updates were among the other main recommendations that came up.

These findings have been shared with local municipalities and will be used to make decisions about the trail system in the future, Wiebe said.

"Now the process will be planning what's first priority and what are

some of our longer-term priorities," she said. "Obviously there was a lot of feedback, so it will take some time to put all of that into action."

Wiebe said they were thrilled at the response they got for this survey, which was promoted via signs at the trail and on several local social media pages.

"I think people were really excited to have some feedback on the trail," she said.

You can read the full report online at [stanleytrailmanitoba.ca](http://stanleytrailmanitoba.ca).

In addition to the trail survey, STA volunteers also tackled bird and plant surveys at the lake last summer. Check out next week's *Voice* for more on what those reports reveal

## Access CU once again named a top employer

By Lorne Stelmach

It's been an annual accolade for Access Credit Union now eight years in a row, but it is not an honour that can be taken for granted.

Named again recently as one of Manitoba's top 30 employers, Access Credit Union needs to constantly strive to meet those expectations, a representative suggested last week.

"The bar keeps being raised for what being a top employer means," said chief marketing officer Adam Monteith

"Eight years is a long time, and while we believe our core values make us a great place to work and provide us a solid foundation, it is a continual effort to meet and exceed those expectations for nearly 400 staff across all of Manitoba," he said, adding there is also "an expectation that will grow to nearly 800 employees with our suc-

cessful merger with Sunova and Noventis Credit Unions."

Manitoba's Top Employers designation is an annual program organized by the editors of *Canada's Top 100 Employers* which recognizes the Manitoba companies offering exceptional places to work.

In addition to this honour, the \$6.2 billion credit union was named one of Canada's best employers for recent graduates, according to *The Career Directory*.

Published annually since 1992, *The Career Directory* is Canada's longest-running employment guide for recent college and university graduates.

Highlights in Access' winning submission include the development and engagement of staff as well as a continued focus on member service and innovative technologies.

"It is an affirmation that we are do-

ing the right things," suggested Monteith. "The job market continues to change, and we continue to shift with it.

"The recruitment of top talent has always been a key part of our strategy, and being recognized externally for creating an environment that people want to work in is one of our greatest opportunity for maintaining and improving on our success there."

Building on Access' three main priorities—members, people and culture, and future outlook—Access has strived to create a culture of accountability, empowerment, and trust, said CEO Larry Davey. It is this commitment to a corporate culture that encourages employees to make decisions, share ideas, and develop their careers that has contributed to Access Credit Union earning accolades year after year, he said.

"We have worked hard to build a workplace culture that meets the evolving needs of our staff, who will then meet the needs of our members," Davey said. "For eight years, this recognition has confirmed that we're doing the right things to make Access the place everyone wants to be; both for their financial needs and their place of employment."

Some benefits of working at Access include paid training and continuing education, flexible hours and work locations, matched pension plans, competitive salaries, and the opportunity to contribute to community.

Access Credit Union has assets exceeding \$6.2 billion, and it serves 92,000 members through 26 offices spread across southern Manitoba and Winnipeg. Access CU is currently the second largest credit union in Manitoba.



# Province announces park reservations start April 4

## Submitted by Manitoba government

Reservations for Manitoba's provincial park campgrounds, yurts, cabins and group-use areas will begin on April 4 with expanded staggered launch dates and technical improvements for easier site bookings, Environment, Climate and Parks Minister Jeff Wharton announced Monday.

"Manitoba is home to 92 provincial parks, where every year Manitobans and visitors come to enjoy the spectacular beauty our province has to offer," said Wharton. "Our government understands that having easily accessible operations of the parks reservation service is part of the experience and we have implemented short-term changes to help improve this year's bookings. We want to thank visitors for their patience as we work diligently on implementing a new reservation system for future seasons."

While the province continues to implement a new system with the aim to have it in place by 2023, several technical improvements have been made to the existing parks reservation service to address challenges users have experienced in previous years.

Improvements include:  
additional computing resources

added to increase system performance;

improvements to increase stability of the queue and reduce the likelihood of users losing their place in line; and

immediate confirmations at time of booking provided by web page messaging with a confirmation email sent within 24 hours to help speed up performance of the service.

In addition, the province has scheduled two additional launch days to help spread out the user load on the system. Instead of three launch days, initial bookings will be staggered across five days.

The Manitoba parks reservation service will accept bookings in five phases:

April 4 at 7 a.m. for all cabins, yurts and group-use areas;

April 6 at 7 a.m. for campsite reservations at Birds Hill, Falcon Beach, Falcon Lakeshore and West Hawk Lake;

April 8 at 7 a.m. for campsite reservations at all western and northern region parks (Assessippi, Bakers Narrows, Clearwater Lake, Duck Mountain, Manipogo, Paint Lake, Rainbow Beach, Rivers, Spruce Woods, Turtle

Mountain, William Lake and Wekusko Falls);

April 11 at 7 a.m. for campsite reservations at Grand Beach, Nopiming and all remaining Whiteshell campgrounds (Caddy Lake, Big Whiteshell, Brereton Lake, Nutimik Lake, Opapiskaw, Otter Falls, Betula Lake and White Lake); and

April 13 at 7 a.m. for all remaining locations (Birch Point, Camp Morton, Hecla, Hnaua Beach, Lunder Beach, Moose Lake, St. Malo, Stephenfield, Watchorn and Winnipeg Beach).

Policy changes have also been made to increase opportunities for yurt and cabin stays. A maximum stay in a cabin or yurt has been reduced to seven nights from 14. Cabins, yurts and group-use areas will be limited to two reservations per session on opening day, down from three. The number of campsite reservations remains at three per session on opening days.

While short-term changes have been made to help improve this year's opening day booking experience, users may continue to experience system delays or wait times. To accommodate the expected high demand on April 4, online and call centre services will begin at 7 a.m. at <https://prspub.gov.mb.ca/>, 204-948-3333 (in Winnipeg) and 1 888-482-2267 (toll free). Customers are advised to check the website for call centre hours on other days and those making online reservations should confirm their user IDs and passwords prior to April 1. While online or call centre reservations are preferred, walk-in reservations and in-person payment arrangements can be made at 200 Saulteaux Cres. in Winnipeg and will be available beginning April 4 Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

The Manitoba government continues to focus on provincial parks as a priority for continued future investment in parks programming, services and infrastructure to modernize and enhance future park experiences for all Manitobans, the minister noted.

Manitobans are reminded that 2022 annual park vehicle permits are now available to purchase and print online at [www.manitobaelicensing.ca/licensing.page](http://www.manitobaelicensing.ca/licensing.page).

A list of tips and technical advice is attached and online at [www.manitobaparks.com](http://www.manitobaparks.com) to help improve the user experience on system launch days.

# Work underway on new ag insurance product

## By Jennifer McFee

A new usage-based insurance product has cropped up to help forage and livestock producers mitigate risks.

The provincial and federal governments recently announced a \$253,600-investment through the Canadian Agricultural Partnership to create a new usage-based insurance product to respond to needs of forage producers.

This project is underway in collaboration with Dairy Farmers of Manitoba, which is leading the initiative in partnership with Manitoba Beef Producers and four more producer organizations.

David Wiens, chair of Dairy Farmers of Manitoba, explained that this usage-based insurance will use leading-edge artificial intelligence.

"This product will measure and predict forage crop yields. It does this automatically and pretty much in near real-time based on satellite remote sensing, weather and geophysical data. In the past, crop insurance on forages has not been all that ideal. It's been difficult to work with at times," he said.

"So certainly we need to have an insurance company specifically for

forage, and I think it's going to be very effective. It will be much more responsive to our needs as a result of adverse weather that we experience. Last summer is also a very good indication of how we're getting into more volatile weather situations, partly as a result of climate change."

Forage is an essential part of a cow's diet and nutrition program, he added.

"We need to ensure that the cows are healthy and, in our case, are producing high quality milk," Wiens said. "That's what really draws us to a project like this."

The revamped insurance product focuses on forage and pasture crops throughout Manitoba, he added.

"The technology will be using satellite remote sensing, weather and machine learning based approaches to help solve some of the problems that limit the application of traditional insurance," he said.

"This platform will offer us — whether we're dairy producers, beef producers or forage growers — a new risk management tool with a focus on education, transparency and efficiency."

Work is already underway by AIRM Consulting, a research-focused pro-

fessional services firm with expertise in actuarial science, engineering, computer science, data science and agribusiness. Over an 18-month period, the company will develop a website with a geographic information system interface for farmers to buy insurance, monitor their policies and support their claim settlements.

"They have a successful track record in working with both the private and public sector entities in Canada and internationally. Because of our heavy reliance on forages for our industry and others, it becomes very important to have that real-time information," Wiens said.

"For those of us who worked with crop insurance, it can be sometimes challenging when you have to wait until everything is said and done to make a claim. In the situation we had last summer, you could see it wasn't looking very good. Then the question becomes whether you are in a claim position or not. In the past, you always had to report the yields and then harvest the crop first. That all takes time, so it was at the end of the season when you could really solidify whatever claims you might have."

With this new initiative, the real-

time information will offer a much better idea of how crops are doing earlier in the season. Farmers will be able to rely on satellite remote sensing and other data, combined with an interactive web-based application, to individualize their insurance. At the same time, this project will allow for real-time and dynamic pricing. As well, farmers will be able to monitor forage production through the season, leading to fast-track claim settlements.

"This will be very reliable for information needed to make claims. Also, as farmers, when we're trying to ensure we have enough feed for our cattle for the coming winter, this allows us to have a better idea earlier on about much feed we'll actually have to source," Wiens said.

"Then you can start to make decisions on the farm about trying to access feed earlier rather than later in the season, so there are some other benefits besides just the crop insurance aspect of it. This real-time information is going to be extremely useful from a management perspective on farms as well. This will be very much a welcome development for our industry."



# Elementary students happy mask restrictions lifted

By Becca Myskiw

Carman Elementary's Grade 2 students are excited to be maskless, but not everyone feels the same way.

The current Grade 2 class at Carman Elementary School had to start wearing masks this school year. It wasn't mandatory for students in Kindergarten to Grade 3 last year but it was made mandatory for all this one. The students didn't have to wear them at their desks, but they had to put the cloth or paper over their mouths and nose anytime they got up. However, restrictions were completely lifted in March and they no longer have to wear them.

Cash McGorman, Grade 2 student, was initially very worried when he had to start wearing a mask at school, but he said he got used to it pretty quickly.

"I just felt weird wearing it," he said. "Because almost the whole entire day you would wear it until you got home."

And recently, McGorman got glasses and had to deal with them fogging up often because of the mask, making it more difficult to be comfortable in a mask. When he found out he didn't have to wear one anymore, he was excited because he knew he'd be able to breathe better.

"And just so that I could show my mouth," he said.

Student Amy Penner is a bus student. She said having to wear her mask all day was especially annoy-



Carman Elementary Grade 2 teacher Julie Fehr will continue to wear her mask in the classroom for the safety of her children at home.

ing because she wore it on the way to school, at school, and on the way home from school. Some smelled weird too, she said, and others itched her cheeks, being uncomfortable.

Having to not wear one feels weird for her — Penner said it feels like she's forgetting something.

The children's teacher, Julie Fehr, is still wearing her mask in the classroom despite the changed restrictions. She has two young children at home who can't yet be vaccinated, and not wearing one makes her nervous.

"I was worried about bringing home



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Grade 2 students Amara and Paislee are happy to see each other's faces again without masks being mandatory at school.

all sorts of things to my kids who haven't been vaccinated and haven't really been exposed to colds and flus," she said.

When Fehr is at her desk or in the staff room, she doesn't keep her mask on, but at all other times, she does. Though she keeps the cloth on for her children, Fehr said it's hard to do her

job because her students can't read her facial expressions.

"It's almost everything in my job," she said. "If they can't read my facial expressions, they have no idea how to approach any social situation. It's hindered the relationships between students. They also had a hard time connecting with social cues."

## Access CU announces \$13.1M in patronage returns

By Voice staff

Access Credit Union is giving back \$13.1 million to its members—the largest profit sharing return in the financial institution's history.

Access is crediting the increase—up from \$8.2 million last spring—in part to its merger with Crosstown Civic Union in January 2021 and the growth that partnership generated.

This year's Member Rewards payout makes good on the merger prom-

ise to not only continue to pay patronage returns, but also to pay out existing Surplus Shares as cash.

"The successes of 2021 reflect an organization that is committed to excellence in every facet of our operation," board chair Ingrid Loewen said in a statement. "It's this achievement that allows us to give back to our members through the Member Rewards program."

three bats and has \$1,000 left to get more. She's still accepting donations as any money left over will be donated to help Ukrainians. E transfers can be sent to gmcarr112@gmail.com.

"Anything that is left over is not going to go amiss," Carr said. "It will go directly to the Ukrainian refugees. Whoever needs it."

Because of the community's generosity, each quilt will be on display on April 2 for people to see where their money went. The Carman Active Liv-

"We are proud of the accomplishments achieved last year and are eager to return the associated earnings to our valued members, while maintaining a strong equity position for the future."

The rebate amount a member receives is based on interest earned on non-registered deposits and interest paid on lending products with Access CU.

ing Centre will have the collection up from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. that day, with no fee for people to enter. There will be a donation box for those who would like to give cash.

"People have donated and I just want them to see how fast we have put these things together."

Each quilt will also have a heart-shaped label that says "Welcome to Canada; we care" on the back, which is being done by one of the quilters. Winkler Softline Fabrics is putting

"It is important that Access Credit Union remains true to its cooperative values," noted president and CEO Larry Davey. "Whether that be through volunteer and donation efforts in our communities, or by returning an unprecedented patronage payout to our loyal members, we are a true coop and we will continue to place emphasis on those values into the future."

together bags for each blanket too, which will come with a pillow for the refugees to sleep comfortably when in Manitoba.

Carr has been in contact with the Ukrainian Canadian Congress of Manitoba, and they say refugees should start to arrive in three to four weeks. Then, Carr will get the blankets in their hands once they're here.

> UKRAINIAN QUILTS, FROM PG. 3 keep on quilting.

"There's no reason to stop as far as I'm concerned," she said. "If I've got the manpower to do it and we've got the facilities to do it in, I've got a great bunch of gals that show up."

Part of making the quilts is placing batting between the layers to make the blanket warm. That's the expensive part — \$100 to \$400 a bat — and Carr's been collecting donations to get it. So far, she's been able to buy



# Canola seeding steps to reduce flea beetle risk

By Keith Gabert

Canola growers can take steps before or at seeding to improve crop competition against flea beetles. These include:

## Residue management

Standing stubble protects soil from erosion and collects more snow. Stubble also improves flea beetle management by providing shelter from wind. With direct seeding, the remaining stubble can keep flea beetles feeding on leaves – and not down on the stems. A few bites on a leaf are far less damaging than a few bites on the stem.

## Seed decisions

If growers have some wiggle room on last minute seed treatment decisions, they may upgrade their seed treatment. Enhanced insecticide seed treatments will improve flea beetle protection, especially when used in combination with the following management practices. Arrange a check strip comparison if you have two seed treatments on the same variety.

## Aim for five to eight plants per Square foot

This target is good for yield, and more plants mean fewer flea beetles per plant and more seed treatment per acre.

## Take steps for fast emergence and more vigour

Rapid emergence and vigorous early-season growth can extend seed treatment protection until the four-leaf stage, which is generally considered to be the end of the flea beetle risk period. To achieve these objectives, seed shallow, at a reduced speed, into a warm, moist seedbed. Use only safe rates of seed-placed fertilizer. Our best recommendation is to use only phosphorus in the seed row and no more than 20 lb./ac. of actual phosphate. Higher rates of seed-placed fertilizer can add more stress, slow the pace of growth and reduce the plant stand.

Even with all of these steps, flea beetle damage can still reach the economic threshold of 25 per cent leaf



CANOLA COUNCIL OF CANADA PHOTO

Even after taking the steps described in this article, flea beetle damage can still reach the economic threshold of 25 per cent leaf area loss across the field. Immediately after crop emergence, be on the lookout for striped flea beetles (with orange stripes) and crucifer flea beetles (all black). This photo shows one of each.

area loss across the field. If feeding is a concern, scout frequently, especially in warm, dry conditions that are ideal for flea beetles.

Flea beetles become active with the first extended period of warm weather in April and May. Striped flea beetles emerge from winter rest one to four weeks before the crucifer flea beetles, and it may take three weeks for all overwintering adults to emerge.

Canola Watch has good tips on the spray decision and tips to improve results. Please go to [canolawatch.org/fundamentals](http://canolawatch.org/fundamentals), click on the Insects section and read “The flea beetle spray decision: 8 steps” and “How to assess leaf area loss from flea beetles”.

Keith Gabert is a Canola Council of Canada agronomy specialist and a contributor to Canola Watch. Subscribe for the timely agronomy emails at [canolawatch.org/signup](http://canolawatch.org/signup).

## > PANDEMIC BACKLOG, FROM PG. 4

of offering a more refined estimate of the work that will be required to clear the backlog.

After two years of repeated disruptions to surgeries and diagnostic procedures, it's important to gauge how much capacity is needed to catch back up and ensure Manitobans get the care they need, Thompson said.

And he noted that a new feature had been added online that documents the impact the backlog is having on patients across Manitoba based on news media reports.

“These aren't just numbers, they're people,” Thompson said. “The harrowing stories of Manitobans left waiting help us to understand the true impact this enormous backlog is having on patients and their families.”

He stressed that transparent monthly reporting of the data is important to understand the breadth of the backlog in order to then address it.

“Without that data, it's going to be hard to assess whether what we're doing is actually working,” said Thompson. “It's important to note that a return to pre-pandemic volumes alone is not going to help clear this massive backlog. New capacity must be added to help those Manitobans who are still left waiting in both pain and uncertainty.

“There's a lot of things that Doctors

Manitoba has been engaging with the task force ... there are a lot of ideas coming from front line workers, and I think we just have to continue working with them to implement these plans,” he added. “And the task force needs to have the resources and latitude to make these changes and to implement these ideas.

“I hope that government gives the task force the resources they need to

accomplish these tasks ... we're having more physician input at the table, which I think is critical.”

The surgical and diagnostic backlog dashboard can be accessed at [DoctorsManitoba.ca/backlog](http://DoctorsManitoba.ca/backlog).

As COVID-19 hospitalizations continue their downward trend, Health Minister Audrey Gordon earlier this month stressed that health-care staff who had been reassigned to care for COVID-19 patients are being returned to their regular duties to sup-

port planned increases in surgical activity that will bring capacity back to pre-pandemic levels.

“Our government is focused on ensuring our health-care system has the resources needed to balance the day-to-day pressures in critical care with our need to fully restore capacity for services that have been impacted by COVID-19, such as elective and non-urgent surgeries,” she said as the province released its COVID-19 Health System Recovery Plan.

## NOTICE OF MEETING

### Prairie Roots Co-operative

The Board of Directors invite members to the virtual Annual General Meeting of the Prairie Roots Co-operative

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#### Proposed By-Law Change: 10.03 Time and Place of Meetings [Section 221(1)]

Meetings of members shall be held at the time and place in Manitoba that the board determines is appropriate.

1) The Board of directors may permit members to attend a meeting of members by means of telephonic, electronic or other communication facility that permits all persons participating in the meeting to communicate adequately with each other during the meeting.

#### Proposed By-Law Change: 10.05 Notice of Meetings

Notice of the date, time and place of each meeting of members shall be given by any one or any combination of the following methods, as determined by the Board of Directors 21 to 50 days in advance of the meeting: [Section 226(1)]

- 1) posting the notice in each place of business of the Cooperative.
- 2) posting on Prairie Roots Co-op's website; and social media.
- 3) advertising in a newspaper circulating in the Cooperative's trading area, where the first advertising day of publication is between 14 and 30 days before the meeting.



# Dragonflies: Like a canary in a coal mine

By Nicole Brownlee

Dragonflies flitting over softly rippling lakes and ripening golden fields are a sign of summer hitting the prairies, but their presence also indicates the health of wetlands.

Ducks Unlimited Canada highlights dragonflies' integral role in the environment through Project Dragonfly.

Dragonflies are sensitive to changes in the environment, and their welfare is an indicator of the overall health of wetland ecosystems where they live and breed, said Larry Kaumeyer, CEO of DUC, in a news release.

"These amazing insects are sending us a clear message about the fate that could potentially befall hundreds of other species that depend on wetlands during their life cycles."

Wetlands store carbon, protect from floods and are habitats for up to 40 per cent of the world's known species. Around a quarter of the world's wetlands are in Canada.

"Dragonflies are more fortunate than some species because they migrate," said Janine Massey, DUC's chief marketing and communications officer.

"We could be seeing species from the U.S. coming to Canada that usually haven't... Just like we've seen the patterns changing with migratory birds as a result of changes in climate and warming temperatures."

While Canada's dragonfly populations are seemingly unchanged, Europe, South America, South Asia and Southeast Asia are noting declines because of habitat loss, water quality decline and climate change.

Wetlands globally are disappearing three times faster than forests, said Dr. Bruno Oberle, International Union for Conservation of Nature's director general, in a news release in December 2021.

It's hard to tell how Canada is truly impacted by wetland loss because there is no comprehensive wetland inventory and monitoring system in Canada. Most industrialized nations, including the U.S., have a full wetland inventory to track changes.

DUC warns that if Canada continues to lose wetlands and doesn't effectively monitor habitat loss, the world might lose more than dragonflies.

The Green Budget Coalition, which

consists of 23 of Canada's leading environmental organizations, has appealed to the federal government to commit to creating an inventory and monitoring system.

"We need to be investing in watching our at-risk species and ensuring that their populations are in a healthy state," said Massey.

In addition to donating to DUC and signing up for a monthly newsletter about the organization's conservation efforts, DUC is offering the public a chance to help track dragonfly populations.

DUC is hosting a webinar in May to kick off the citizen science project on iNaturalist, a social network that maps and shares biodiversity observations.

Participants can join the team on Biodiversity Day on May 22 to document dragonfly sightings in Canada.

To add information to iNaturalist about dragonfly populations, participants can add the free iNaturalist application to their phone, take a photo of a dragonfly and share it through the app.

"This also gets people interested and



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Ducks Unlimited Canada launched Project Dragonfly to preserve Canada's wetlands, which are home to thousands of species.

engaged with nature, which is really quite important for all of us," said Massey.

"Hopefully people will be much more motivated to help conserve natural spaces once they understand the beauty and intricacy of our wildlife that exists there."

For more information, visit [ducks.ca/project-dragonfly](https://ducks.ca/project-dragonfly).

## Carman and Dufferin officially proclaim 2022 as the Year of the Garden

By Becca Myskiw

The Town of Carman and the Rural Municipality (RM) of Dufferin are two of over 60 cities and towns across Canada to proclaim 2022 as the Year of the Garden.

Year of the Garden is an initiative supported by the national Communities in Bloom (CIB) program, the Canadian Garden Council and other founding partners to recognize and highlight the multiple benefits gardening has for the health of individuals, communities and the environment.

The national CIB program invited Canadian municipalities of all sizes to proclaim the year to acknowledge those benefits better and spur local gardening programs and activities among clubs, groups and horticultural businesses.

Carman Dufferin Communities in Bloom is thrilled to celebrate the Year of the Garden at home.

"After two years in a pandemic, we all need to get outdoors and enjoy the creative process of gardening," said CIB co-chair Judy McGregor. "Who doesn't look forward to the colour, beauty, and healthy produce that gardens provide? Our hope is that everyone will embrace this Year of the Garden theme and participate in

whatever way they can."

People can participate by sprucing up their yards this summer as Carman Dufferin CIB will be hosting the Yard of the Month contest. People can also take pride in and partake in activities at the Carman Golf and Curling Club, King's Park, the Carman Community Pathways, the Boyne River, and Ryall Park.

The RM of Dufferin is also home to the extensive horticultural businesses of Vanderveen's Greenhouses Ltd. and Aubin's Nurseries Garden Centre. Residents of Roseisle also maintain a beautiful memorial rose garden.

"The Town of Carman is committed to being a garden-friendly town, supporting the development of its garden culture, and is proud to have the community garden and development of various pocket parks throughout the community," said Carman Mayor Brent Owen.

Rm of Dufferin Reeve George Gray said the area is garden land with respect to soil productivity.

"That makes our area a gardener's paradise," he said. "It is a pleasure for the RM of Dufferin to support the Year of the Garden which has been put forward by the CIB. Gardening for many residents of the RM and Carman is a passion. The garden not only brings



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Town of Carman and RM of Dufferin proclaim 2022 Year of the Garden, left to right, RM of Dufferin Councillor John Peckover, RM of Dufferin Reeve George Gray, CIB co-chair Judy McGregor, Town of Carman Mayor Brent Owen, and Town Councillor Bernie Townsend signing off to make 2022 Year of the Garden.

joy during the growing season but furnishes those families with an array of vegetables."

Larger cities such as Victoria, BC, Niagara Falls, Ontario, Halifax, and

Nova Scotia have also declared 2022 as the Year of the Garden. So far in Manitoba Boissevain, Stonewall, East. St. Paul, and Winnipeg have also proclaimed the year.



# A huge THANK YOU to all our essential workers

## Recognizing the heroic efforts of essential workers

Many businesses were forced to close their facilities to the public as local governments implemented measures to prevent the spread of the novel coronavirus COVID-19. Businesses deemed "non-essential" could no longer welcome customers into their offices and stores, prompting many people to wonder just why some businesses are considered "essential" while others are not.

Prior to the COVID-19 outbreak, residents may not have given much thought to the people who help to keep their communities running smoothly. But now more than ever, it's vital to understand what essential workers do, and how their efforts during this uncertain time are helping us all.

### Sanitation workers

Sanitation workers ride in garbage trucks and collect trash from local businesses and residents. These workers' efforts are often taken for granted, but their work has been especially important during the COVID-19 outbreak. Stay-at-home measures

have produced more residential garbage, and sanitation workers have ensured that garbage is still being taken away. During a time when people are being urged to stay home as much as possible, these vital workers are still moving from house to house in service of their communities, making them unsung heroes of this outbreak.

### Healthcare workers

The efforts of healthcare workers during the COVID-19 outbreak have been nothing short of heroic. Doctors and nurses risk their health each day to treat patients with COVID-19 as well as the myriad other conditions and diseases that continue to affect people across the globe. But the National Institutes of Health note that healthcare workers also comprise administrative staffs, aides, lab technicians, and other healthcare industry professionals, many of whom have continued to go to work throughout this crisis. These people provide vital services that have kept people safe and healthy during this uncertain time.



### Postal carriers

Postal carriers also perform vital services every day. For aging men and women confined to their homes while stay-at-home orders are in place, postal carriers may be delivering the only consistent communications with the outside world they receive each day. Like sanitation workers, postal carriers are showing up for work each day despite the risks of traveling from house to house. In addition to postal carriers, in-office postal workers are working diligently each day to sort letters and packages, doing so during a time when many people are fearful of coming into contact with anything they have not disinfected. These efforts are helping people receive necessary supplies, including medications and masks, while also ensuring that people continue to receive vital communications from local governments, financial advisors, banks, and other institutions.

### Financial workers

As unemployment rates soar across much of the globe, workers in the financial sector are helping people con-

front the economic uncertainty that arises from job loss and furloughs. Banking administrators and executives have continued to help customers learn about assistance programs, and many institutions have relaxed penalties and payment deadlines for customers struggling to make ends meet.

### Grocery workers

Grocery store workers have been among the hardest working men and women during the COVID-19 crisis. Shelves are emptying rapidly, and grocery workers are working diligently to deliver goods, unload trucks, restock shelves, and clean stores each night in order to keep communities safe and well fed.

The tireless efforts of essential workers has helped communities stay strong during the COVID-19 outbreak. Such efforts may go unnoticed, but it's important that communities recognize and acknowledge the vital services these workers provide.

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# Carman's skating surfaces Part 2 a second complex

By Dennis Young

The 1928 built rink was in trouble as reported in 1947. "All activities in the Carman Rink have been suspended for an indefinite period as the result of the discovery on Friday of a potentially hazardous condition in the structure," read the notice in the Dufferin Leader. "Following a high wind early Friday it was noted that five of the arches in the skating section had sagged perceptibly, apparently as a result of the effect of the wind and the heavy covering of snow on the roof."

Careful use continued until 1957 when Council ordered repairs to bring it into reasonably good condition which they hoped would extend its life expectancy by 10 years. J.B. Ross Construction & Supplies was awarded the \$2385 contract. A further \$2400 contract for installation of modern plumbing and oil heating in the waiting room was also in final stages of tendering.

Then the unthinkable happened in 1958. The 30-year-old rink had already been condemned and repairs under way when a howling blizzard dropped 2 feet of wet snow. The weight proved too much for the old barn and in 2 thunderous crashes the roof collapsed. No one was in the building at the time.

"I recall sitting at the typewriter deep in thought one stormy November afternoon staring blankly at the York Café when I was jarred out of my reverie by a dull thunder-like roar followed by a moment later by another." Dufferin Leader employee Abe Loeppky recorded in his column that week of 1958.

The skating rink was considered a total loss, would not be repaired and was decided to use as an outdoor rink. A tender of \$1275 was given to W. Hannah of Poplar Point for the job of cleaning up the rink portion while Jack Ross added a new roof to the waiting rooms. The 3 sheet curling rink's south wall (skating's north wall) was repaired and that club forged ahead.

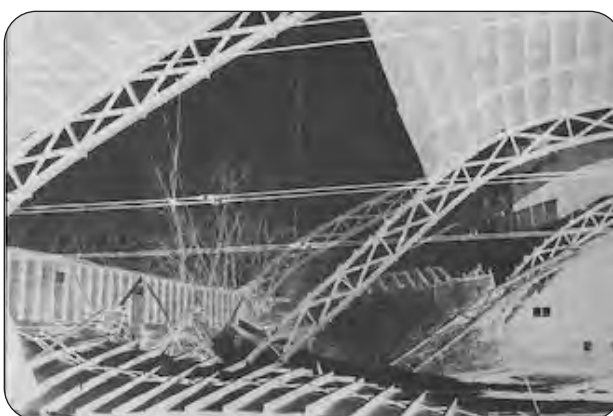


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The roof over the skating ice collapsed under heavy snow in 1958.

The building was not insured for damages by causes of this kind as a local agent stated that insurance for snow or ice loads is not procurable for mercantile structures. There was a note of irony in the collapse too. With interest, the building costs came to \$30,000 (\$285,000 today) and the final payment of the 30 year debenture was just made last spring!

The proposal of a new skating rink in Carman gained momentum among user groups and the Chamber of Commerce. The issue of where however created a debate that lasted until 1960. Huge numbers attended open meetings which led to

2 options. The present site, since the rumors of a supermarket being built there disappeared and because it was centre to shopping. The other was the successful choice in the park in cooperation with the D.A.S..

A committee consisting of RM Reeve Harry McCullough, Councillors Lew Roth and Archie Gibson, Town Councillors Freeman Lucking, James Janick and Harry Malcolmson met with D.A.S. reps Clarence Armstrong, Bill Dickenson and Blake Atkins to begin the procedure. Mr. Dickenson commented at the time "it would be a wonderful opportunity for the co-operation between the rural and urban segments of the community!"

The plans for the new \$180,000 (\$1.65 million today) Carman Coliseum / Agricultural Society Arena (depends who you talked to) were drawn up. They were for a 200 x 221 foot steel-girder structure featuring 2 ice surfaces, waiting rooms, 4H room, mezzanine overlooking the skating ice and 4 dressing rooms. For Federal grant approval plans were sent off to Ottawa.

After a Town and RM voting process, by 1961 construction was underway west of the racetrack. When completed the small ice would host 5 sheets of curling ice come winter and 4H activities in summer. Councillor Lucking stated then "The building will be a boon to the Ag. Society and especially suited to their 4H clubs."

The Town put up \$60,000 twice the amount of the RM's whose tax payers wished a full disclosure of it's spending on this project. Sec-Treasurer Colin Rothwell broke it down over the 20 year payment. Land owners would see just 1/3 of 1 mill rate per 1/4 section or a total of \$20 over those years. The remainder funding came from Fed and Prov cash grants with the understanding the primary use would be by D.A.S. for exhibition buildings. The property stayed in the D.A.S.'s name.

Next part 3....60 years of upgrades.

## Steps in HOPE starting up another session

### Support group for women grieving due to miscarriage, stillbirth begins next month

By Lorne Stelmach

Women who are impacted by the grief and loss around miscarriage and stillbirth need support to work through their feelings.

Coming to terms with what is a traumatic experience is something the support group Steps in HOPE (Healing Our Pregnancy Experiences) aims to help them with.

The Pembina Valley Pregnancy Care

Centre support group is starting up a new six-week session starting in early April.

"Yes, they can talk to their friends or their family members, but there's something unique about the group experience and the commonalities," said executive director Linda Marek. "If they're struggling or if they feel they're still struggling where it's recent or a loss from further back, everyone is welcome to come."

Sessions focus on sharing your experience with other women, learning to cope, cycles of grief, self-care, honouring your difficult journey and creating a keepsake.

"The feedback has been really positive that it has been meaningful and helpful," said Marek. "Truly the intent was to be supportive, and all of that is reflected in all of the feedback

we received from people. So we're glad that it was helpful in their seasons of grief. It was just lovely to see the warm connections among the participants."

A big part of it is providing a safe, caring space for women to come together and know they aren't alone with their grief.

"Sometimes the pain is so deep, but women are told they should be over it by now, or they feel misunderstood when they do take that brave step to be vulnerable about their experiences," Marek said.

"We have always offered one-on-one support to women experiencing any type of loss, and one client indicated that having a group to connect with would be helpful to them in their grief journey. So with a grant from the Morden Area Foundation, we were

able to create this program and ran it in 2020 before restrictions required us to close. In fall 2021 we were able to run the program in its entirety.

"Miscarriage can happen at any time, pandemic or not, and women's grief has been even more complicated with all that's been going on in the past few years."

Anyone who knows of a woman who might benefit from this support group is urged to encourage her to contact the centre.

For more information on Steps in HOPE, pre-register by email to [stepsinhope@gmail.com](mailto:stepsinhope@gmail.com) or by calling 204-325-7900. You can also learn more online at [www.pvpcc.com/miscarriage-and-loss-support](http://www.pvpcc.com/miscarriage-and-loss-support).



# Kroeker Farms receives PVWD Conservation Award

By Lorne Stelmach

Their success is very much tied to the natural world, but being environmentally conscious goes even deeper than that for Kroeker Farms.

It's a commitment that recently earned the Winkler-based company the 2022 Conservation Award from the Pembina Valley Watershed District.

The Conservation Award, created in memory of Mike Cabernel, is presented each year to recognize an individual, organization, family or business who actively promotes wise farm management and conservation practices.

"It's a fantastic award, and we're very honoured to receive it," said Kroeker Farms CEO Wayne Rempel, who described the company as having an obligation beyond economics, as we all need to protect and enhance the environment and the resource of our soil.

"The need to take care of the environment is very important to us ... you have to be committed to it, and it has to be more important than profit."

In the early days, potato farmers had a poor reputation for soil erosion, and any time there was dust up in the air during a windstorm, it always was potato farmers that got the blame.

In an effort to change this mind-

set, Kroekers started trying various things including planting corn rows and even experimenting with Jerusalem artichokes for annual barriers which could trap snow or stop blowing. They would often have potato fields that would have a strip of corn every few hundred feet.

Of course, it was a multi-step approach. They tried to reduce tillage and tried not to have fields too black. They worked hard at keeping the soil covered where possible, not tilling too much.

One of the things that they found to really be a problem were the tree rows. They knew that trees were very helpful in preventing erosion, but they became more and more of a problem in several ways.

In the years following, Kroekers kept working at solutions. While their tree rows in their fields were very helpful in reducing wind erosion, these tree rows were also a problem in other ways.

As they started irrigating more in the '90s, these rows were in the way for the irrigation systems, which were typically large irrigation pivots. The temptation was to remove the trees to allow for the installation of this equipment. In effect, they were actually going backwards.

The other problem that arose in the



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Deadhorse sub-district chairman Bob Giesbrecht (right) presenting Wayne Rempel of Kroeker Farms with the 2022 Conservation Award on behalf of the Pembina Valley Watershed District.

wet years was the tree rows were actually causing a drainage problem.

In early years, PFRA really promoted tree row planting and recommended the rows be planted in a north-south orientation. However, in the western Red River valley, all of the fields drain towards the east, so north and south tree rows actually blocked the water.

This was also a time Kroekers was starting to install drain tile, so they had a tough decision to make, which was to remove tree rows and replant new ones. Over the years, they painfully removed a lot of these rows but replanted many in the proper east-west orientation and on the perimeter of fields.

One of the big things that was done back in the early days of irrigation, and with many of the old tree rows removed, was to plant a cover crop of barley or rye right after the potato crop. Often it was seeded right after harvest was done, but they also spread the rye on before harvest, so it got as fast a start as possible.

Kroekers continued to focus more and more on tree rows and continued the cover crop program—almost every acre of potatoes today gets a cover crop.

Their organic production has put strong emphasis on soil health, so, if anything, they are more devoted to that cause than ever before, and it means again they have zero tolerance for blowing.

Over the years, Kroekers have further developed the tree row system, especially in their organic production.

Tree rows can still be problematic in that they cause large snow drifts and delay planting as well as reduce the wind movement and encourage disease to form more easily in their organic production. To help alleviate

these issues, the company has planted mostly hybrid Poplars that grow fast.

Kroekers also trim them up to 10 or 15 feet high, which means the wind can blow through in summer and not create disease, and they can cultivate close to the tree rows and keep them clean. In winter, when the winds and blizzards come, the snow doesn't get deposited right beside the tree rows but continues through and spreads the snow out over the field, which is a huge improvement.

Besides the cost of maintaining them, the company feels like the tree rows have almost no negative implications but lots of positives because of the contribution to the prevention of soil erosion from wind.

"It's something we work and think about almost every day," said Rempel. "There's nothing that frustrates us more than to see dust in the air ... it's been a goal to reduce soil erosion ever since I started working with the company. It's been a major focus for me."

"And any more trees growing is fantastic," he added. "I think it's really come around ... and things like cover crops; we do lots of organics, so all those things contribute to reducing soil erosion."

"Kroeker Farms Ltd continues to demonstrate leadership in farm sustainability throughout all areas of their production," said Clint Cavers, PVWD GROW co-ordinator. "Their use of shelterbelts, cover crops, organic production methods and crop diversity show their desire to keep land and water health tied to farm productivity and profit."

Kroeker Farms will be recognized at the Manitoba Association of Watersheds conference this December.

## Flashback: 65 Main Street South/Porter's Garage



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Left photo, the Toombs block built by Ed Watson in 1901. Various businesses operated there until Russ H. Porter opened Porter's Garage in 1916. Porter refurbished the frontage in 1946 before Earl Clearwater & Elton Sharpe bought it in 1959. Clearwater ran it until 1978 when a fire destroyed the block. That event forced Clearwater to build on Hwy #3 East as Carman Ford Sales (now Tri Star Ag). The lot on Main St. remained empty and was eventually made into a formal parking lot by the town.



## Peak of the Market Growers invest \$50,000 in Agriculture in the Classroom

Submitted by Peak of the Market

Peak of the Market is proud to announce a significant partnership with Agriculture in the Classroom.

"Peak of the Market believes in the significance of Agriculture education and looks forward to sharing the benefits of the industry and the importance of eating both potatoes and other vegetables with Manitoba students," said Pamela Kolochuk, CEO, Peak of the Market. "We are very pleased to support a well-established organization like AITC-M that connects with over 56,000 students and more than 1000 teachers in balanced and meaningful ways."

As part of the partnership, Peak of the Market will be the presenting sponsor of the Foundations of Manitoba Agriculture Virtual Resource - a hub on the AITC-M website where all major crop and livestock commodities in Manitoba will be highlighted specifically for educators and students across the grade K-12 audience. In addition, potato and vegetable

farming will be highlighted by AITC-M through other digital and in-classroom materials including the new Amazing Veggies Race.

"We are so excited about this incredible partnership with Peak of the Market," said Sue Clayton, Executive Director of AITC-M. "The Foundations of Manitoba Agriculture is a much anticipated resource that will be used by Manitoba teachers and students for many years to come."

Peak of the Market is an inclusive and diverse company driven by a dedicated group of Growers and staff that has marketed quality produce for 80 years; supplying a wide variety of fresh, quality vegetables across Canada and throughout the United States. Peak of the Market has earned the reputation for, not only ensuring the produce grown exceeds the national standard for safety and quality, but that customers receive the same attention and superior service. Everyone at Peak of the Market takes pride in working toward a collective commit-



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Pictured left to right, Brooke, Paige and Pamela Kolochuk, CEO, Peak of the Market, Peter Loewen, Chair, Peak of the Market, Sue Clayton, Executive Director, Agriculture in the Classroom.

ment to excellence, in everything we do, all year long. Agriculture in the Classroom - Manitoba is a non-profit, charitable organization dedicated to developing curriculum-linked pro-

grams, resources and activities to help teachers and students learn more about the importance of agriculture in Manitoba.

# sports & recreation

INSIDE > OUTSIDE > UPSIDE DOWN

## Flyers open playoffs with a big win

By Ty Dilello

The Winkler Flyers opened their MJHL postseason with a 9-3 win over the Winnipeg Blues last Friday night in game one of their best-of-seven quarterfinal series.

Flyers' head coach and general manager Justin Falk says that the team's home crowd was vital to their early success.

"There's a lot of excitement to be playing at home, and it got the boys amped up," he said on Monday. "We love playing at home in front of our fans. And the community we have in Winkler, we're lucky to have such a great organization. The guys came out guns a blazing from the start there and got a few bounces early on to get us rolling."

It was point night for the Flyers as they scored nine goals on 38 shots.

Flyers' sniper and leading scorer Justin Svenson led the way for the home side with two goals and one assist.

PHOTO BY RICK HIEBERT/VOICE

Blues goalie Dawson Cowan tries to cover a rebound while Flyers Troy Hamilton and Jackson Arpin are hungry for a loose puck in Friday's first playoff game, which the Flyers took 9-3. Right: Daniel Isaak (center) celebrates scoring Winkler's second goal of the game.





Winkler's other goals were scored by Mike Svenson, Daniel Isaak, Trent Penner, Brady Beauchemin, Trent Sambrook, Jayden McCarthy, and Ryan Monias.

Flyers' netminder Dylan Meilun stopped 22 of 25 shots in the winning effort as the Flyers outshot the Blues 38-25.

Falk knows that the rest of the series likely won't be as much of a blow-out as the first game, so his team will need to stay sharp the rest of the way.

"We gotta get ready for game two

and raise our intensity level as we know Winnipeg will be coming out hard. We expect a much different team from them the next game.

"Our team needs to continue to keep managing the puck well, and our game/clock management needs to stay working well, with everything that goes into that," Falk added. "We don't want to get into a game-like situation in a seven-game series where we're trading chances with other teams. We want to work on continuing our game, our system of process

and tilting the ice in our favour over the course of the series."

Things swung Winnipeg's way in game two Monday night. Playing before a hometown crowd themselves, the Blues eked out a 1-0 victory to tie the series at a game apiece.

The game looked poised to go into overtime, tied a 0-0 after over 54 minutes of play, but then Winnipeg's Eric Fawkes finally snuck one past Meilun. Winkler pulled Meilun off the ice in favour of the extra man as the clock wound down, but it wasn't enough.

The Flyers handily beat the Blues when it came to shots on goal, firing 28 at Winnipeg's net while the Blues returned just 16.

One way or another, the deadlock will be broken in game three Wednesday night in Winnipeg. Games four and five are back in Winkler Friday and Sunday. If needed, game six will be in Winnipeg Wednesday, April 6 and game seven will be in Winkler Saturday, April 9.

# Mercs win SEMHL title in four games last week

**Staff**

The Warren Mercs took the South Eastern Manitoba Hockey League title in four games straight last week.

The Notre Dame Hawks found them-

selves on the losing end of games one through three 7-2, 5-2, and 4-2, and then Warren put the final nail in their coffin with a 4-2 win last Thursday night to become the SEMHL's 70th

champion team.

Warren goalie Hayden Dola's 8-1 playoff record and 2.45 GAA earned him playoff MVP honours.

The team will now face the Minnedo-

sa Bombers in two games to see who moves on to face either the Boissevain Border Kings or the Miniota-Elkhorn C-Hawks for the Manitoba Senior "A" Championship.

# Railer Express take game one against Twisters

**By Lorne Stelmach**

The Pembina Valley Twisters have a tough task on their hands as they seek to return to the MMJHL championship final.

The third ranked Twisters are taking on second place Transcona in the best of seven semi-final that saw the Railer Express take game one 4-3 in overtime Sunday.

Pembina Valley grabbed a 2-1 first period lead, but the game was then

knotted at 3-3 after 40 minutes, and it remained that way until Transcona got the winner at 3:49 of overtime.

It was TJ Matuszewski and Curtis Rebeck with a pair scoring for the Twisters, who notched one power-play goal but gave up two as well as a shorthanded goal.

Shots were 29-21 in favour of Transcona, so Logan Enns took the loss in goal on 25 saves.

The Twisters, who lost four of five

regular season games against the Railer Express, were looking to even things up with game two Tuesday. The result was not available at press time. The series continues with game

three Friday and game four Sunday.

The other semi-final had first place St. James and the fifth place Raiders even at a game apiece going into action this week.

# Tournament champs



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The Carman Beavers 60th Anniversary Alumni team won the Coasters tournament on Saturday defeating Mariapolis in the final. Pictured, back row, left to right, Craig Johnston, Derrick Male, Pat Power, Ian Bergsma, Brian Foreman, Ryan Butterfield, Gavin Callum; front row, Jason Haldorson, Ron McClain, Dennis Young, Evan Van Laeken, Mike Angers and Craig Last. Missing from the photo is Chris Swaenepool and Brent Tournier.

# Rec League Champions



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Second place finishers Odds n Ends won the Championship Wednesday night with a 7-5 victory over the 3rd place Coasters. Pictured back row, left to right: Chris Swaenepool, Ryan McIntosh, Brian Whitehead, Scott McIntosh, Jack Hodgson, Derek McIntosh, Dustin Dreger; front row, Russ McLeod, Brent Tournier, Shawn Major, Ron McClain, Brady Hardy, James Ballantyne and Aaron Nakonechny.



# get inspired

> MEAL IDEAS



## Fish with Bok Choy

1 teaspoon sesame oil  
1 teaspoon grated ginger  
2 baby bok choy, quartered  
1 teaspoon soy sauce  
Heat rice according to package directions. Set aside.  
Add salt and pepper to both sides of fish, to taste.  
In medium skillet over medium-high heat, melt butter. Cook fish 2 minutes on each side. Remove fish from pan and keep warm.  
In same pan, add sesame oil and ginger. Cook 1 minute.  
Add bok choy to pan and stir-fry 2 minutes. Add soy sauce; stir to incorporate. Top rice with fish and serve with bok choy.

Prep time: 3 minutes  
Cook time: 7 minutes  
Servings: 1  
1 Minute Brown Rice Cup  
salt, to taste  
pepper, to taste  
1 white fish fillet  
1 tablespoon butter



## Fiesta Rice

1 sliced green onion  
1 tablespoon chopped cilantro  
1 teaspoon lime juice  
salt, to taste  
black pepper, to taste  
Heat rice according to package directions. Set aside.  
In bowl, combine tomato, avocado, onion and cilantro.  
Add lime juice and salt and pepper, to taste.  
Mix thoroughly and serve.

Prep time: 3 minutes  
Cook time: 1 minute  
Servings: 1  
1 Minute White Rice Cup  
1 diced tomato  
1/2 diced avocado



## Grilled Quinoa Paella

3 tablespoons lemon juice  
Preheat grill to medium-high heat; grease grates well.  
Prepare quinoa according to package directions, substituting chicken broth for water. Drain, reserving 1 cup chicken broth.  
In large saucepan, stir diced tomatoes with reserved chicken broth; bring to boil. Cook 3-5 minutes, or until thickened slightly. Stir in quinoa, peas and smoked paprika. Cook 1 minute. Cover and let stand 10 minutes.  
In small bowl, stir olive oil, garlic, paprika, salt and pepper. Brush marinade over onion and red pepper. Toss half of remaining marinade with chicken and remaining marinade with shrimp.  
Grill chicken 6-8 minutes per side, or until well-marked and internal temperature reaches 165 F. Grill sausages, turning occasionally, 6-8 minutes, or until well-marked and heated through. Grill shrimp 2-3 minutes per side, or until well-marked and cooked through. Grill red pepper and onion 2-3 minutes per side, or until well-marked and tender.  
Chop chicken, sausage, red pepper and onion into bite-size pieces. Stir into quinoa mixture. Stir in shrimp, parsley and lemon juice. Serve warm or at room temperature.

Prep time: 20 minutes  
Cook time: 30 minutes  
Servings: 6  
2 bags Success Tri-Color Quinoa  
4 cups chicken broth  
1 cup canned diced tomatoes  
1 cup frozen peas  
3/4 teaspoon smoked paprika  
3 tablespoons olive oil  
3 cloves garlic, minced  
1 teaspoon paprika  
3/4 teaspoon salt  
1/2 teaspoon black pepper  
1 onion, sliced into 1/4-inch rounds  
1 red bell pepper, halved  
4 boneless, skinless chicken thighs  
12 ounces medium shrimp, peeled and deveined  
2 cured chorizo sausages  
1/4 cup finely chopped fresh parsley

# Expert patient here to help!



Susie Schwartz

## By Susie Schwartz

I'm having a lot of ups and downs lately. It's not what you think. Sure, life can get tricky: challenging, beautiful, exciting; fear-ridden. But that's not what I am referring to here. Although either way, the advice stands: Embrace the ups and downs. I'm not sure about you, but this does not come easy to me. And here's what I'm talking about:

Our Queen-sized bed felt less than ideal for many years, as the hubs and I are not small people. Also, our mattress was very worn out. So... whilst heavily researching beds, a seed was planted in Don's head. Why not get his and hers motorized beds?

Why not?! As a sick person, I felt defeated and old when he threw out his proposal. I don't need a motorized bed! I don't want to need a motorized bed! Was this foreshadowing?! Would we be manifesting a worsened condition?! (I'd been in a place of illness before, where this bed was definitely needed. Might it

happen again?)

But knowing how often I sit up in bed, fourteen pillows behind my back and a snack tray on my lap, well, this made much sense. I read, watch TV, write lyrics, and sometimes do push-ups in there. (Okay, maybe not push-ups.) It made much sense.

But then he said, "And we get a tax exemption because of your Type 1 Diabetes!" Whoa. That's a win! But wait. Qualifying for a disease perk doesn't feel so great. It must be serious if the government doesn't want your money.

Still, I embraced the idea and now, as I buzz myself up and down and let the massage feature pulse and vibrate (I should stop talking), I am thrilled that I got over myself.

Uncertainty can shoot hot darts of fear right into our neuropathy-ridden nerves when dealing with illness, but is it worth not getting the magic bed? And does pride of wanting to appear young, able and put together help anything? Only pride itself.

So, although the conversation about powered beds was an emotional journey for me, once I settled on the idea, I soon got to settle in the bum-cradling, back-massaging, feast-friendly, fit-for-a-king (size) den of luxury. I highly recommend it. So yeah...life is all things.

But who would've thought that 'ups and downs' could be 100 per cent positive, eh?

Less health stress, yes?

A published author and musician, Susie currently lives in the UK. Find her on FB @medicalmissstress, Instagram @susie.suschw, and lesshealthstress.com



## Mexican Grilled Corn Salad

1/2 teaspoon salt  
1/2 teaspoon black pepper  
1/4 teaspoon ground cumin  
1/3 cup finely crumbled feta cheese  
2 green onions, thinly sliced

Prepare rice according to package directions. Set aside and allow to cool completely.

Preheat grill to medium-high; grease grates well. Grill corn 10-12 minutes, or until well-marked and tender. Allow to cool slightly. Slice corn kernels from cobs and reserve.

In medium bowl, stir lime juice, mayonnaise, sour cream, garlic, chili powder, lime zest, salt, pepper and cumin. Add rice, corn, feta and green onions. Toss well.

Prep time: 15 minutes  
Cook time: 10 minutes  
Servings: 4  
1 bag Success Jasmine Rice  
3 ears corn  
1/4 cup lime juice  
3 tablespoons mayonnaise  
2 tablespoons sour cream  
1 clove garlic, minced  
1 teaspoon chili powder  
1 teaspoon lime zest



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### APPLICATION FOR THE RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF GREY TO JOIN CARMAN-DUFFERIN PLANNING DISTRICT

HEARING: Elm Creek Community Hall  
70 Arena Road, Elm Creek, Manitoba.

DATE & TIME: April 13, 2022 at 7:00 PM

\*\*This is being re-scheduled as the original date of January 11, 2022 was postponed\*\*

GENERAL INTENT: The Rural Municipality of Grey is applying to join the Carman-Dufferin Planning District.

FOR INFORMATION CONTACT: Kim Arnal, Chief Administrative Officer  
Rural Municipality of Grey  
Phone 204-436-2014

Documents related to the matter to be considered at the hearing may be inspected at the Rural Municipality of Grey office during normal office hours, Monday to Friday (8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.). Copies may be made and extracts taken therefrom, upon request.

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PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to subsection 162(2) of The Municipal Act that the Council of the Rural Municipality of Dufferin intends to present its financial plan for the fiscal year 2022 at a public hearing in the

**Rural Municipality of Dufferin  
Memorial Hall, 12-2nd Ave SW, Carman, MB  
Tuesday, April 12th, 2022 7:00 p.m.**

Council will hear any person who wishes to make a presentation, ask questions, or register an objection to the financial plan, as provided.

Copies of the financial plan are available for review and may be examined by any person during the regular office hours of the Rural Municipality of Dufferin office at 12-2nd Avenue S.W., Carman, please call ahead for pickup at (204)745-2301. Dated at the Rural Municipality of Dufferin the 7th day of March, A.D. 2022.

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## SUDOKU

8								
	6				4		7	
1	2							9
2				6		1		3
	7							8
6							9	
	4	6			7	8		1
			3					
		1		9				2

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2	9	7	8	6	4	1	3	5
4	5	6	9	1	3	2	8	7
1	3	8	7	2	5	9	4	6
7	6	5	2	4	8	3	1	9
8	2	9	1	3	6	5	7	4
3	4	1	5	9	7	8	6	2
6	8	4	3	5	9	7	2	1
5	7	2	4	8	1	6	9	3
9	1	3	6	7	2	4	5	8

Sudoku Answer

P	O	L	S	E		O	F	U	S	K	T	E		
E	L	U	T	F	V	N	V	T	E	N	E	S		
E	N	C	V		A	W	V	E	B	L	U	B	V	
S	I	S	E	H	L	V	I	D	S	V	Q	V	R	
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D	D	E		B	O	D		S	I	R	V	S		
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V	Q	I	V	S		T	O	W		S	E	W	V	L
		E	L	I	T	L	T	V	S		S	V	H	V
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A	N		N	U	S		D	O	H	V	S			
T	V	B	V	C		S	E	N	I	T	E	D	I	S
T	E	I	H		H	V	H	V	S		S	E	K	E
E	T	B	V		S	T	V	D		N	V	Q	V	E
K	C	V	D		L	T	V	E		S	E	V	A	B

Crossword Answer

# X CROSSWORD

## CLUES ACROSS

- Hillsides
- A way to ingest
- Large number
- Southeastern Minnesota city
- Cronies
- Having sufficient skill, knowledge
- Supplements with difficulty
- Former VP nominee Palin
- Cambodian monetary unit
- Where coaches work
- Secret political clique
- A type of lute
- Tan
- Empire State
- Where golfers begin
- For each
- Muslim inhabitants of the Philippines
- Bird genus
- Popular Dave Matthews Band song
- Domesticates
- "Boardwalk Empire" actress Gretchen
- Asian antelope
- One who takes apart
- Kin
- Dresses
- Says something about you (abbr.)
- Doctor of Education
- One quintillion bytes (abbr.)
- Overcharge
- Sailboats
- Indian musical patterns
- Predisposition to a condition
- Share a common boundary with
- Wide
- Skin disease
- Monetary unit of Samoa
- Source of the Blue Nile
- Instrument
- Red deer
- Unidentified flying object
- Bar or prelude

1	2	3	4	5		6	7	8		9	10	11	12
13						14				15			
16					17					18			
19				20						21			
				22					23			24	
25	26	27		28				29			30		
31			32		33		34					35	
36				37		38				39			40
	41				42				43		44		
				45				46		47		48	
49	50		51			52				53			
54		55				56					57	58	59
60					61					62			
63					64					65			
66					67					68			

## CLUES DOWN

- Flying insects
- Strong alcoholic spirit
- Old
- Moves in slowly
- Symbol for tin
- Having certain appendages
- Expression of sorrow or pity
- Type of hormone (abbr.)
- One with an unjustified mistrust
- Hebrew calendar month
- Pure
- LSU football coach
- Unbroken views
- Fathers
- Part of a race
- Hairstyle
- Fifth note of a major scale
- Body art
- Amounts of time
- Designed chairs
- Sensational dramatic piece
- Arrangement of steps
- Classifies
- Young child
- Oh, no!
- Astronomical period of about 18 years
- Not or
- Poke fun at
- Consisting of roots
- "\_\_ Humbug!"
- A way to remove
- A confusion of voices and other sounds
- Keyed instrument
- Varnishes
- Unpleasantly sticky substance
- Unable to hear
- A short erect tail
- Indicates interest
- Flow or leak through
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## Marjorie Evelyn Irwin (nee Gibson)

It is with deep sadness that we announce the passing of Marjorie Irwin, at the age of 95, on March 24, 2022 at Carman Hospital.

Marjorie is survived by her three children. She will be lovingly remembered by her son Gerald, daughter-in-law Sabine, grandchildren, Garth and Kali (Clayton), and great-grandchild Kestler. She is also survived by her sister Helen.

Marj was predeceased by her husband Tom, parents John and Ellen, and brothers Cliff and Norman.

Marj was born in Carman, Manitoba on August 8, 1926. She was the youngest of four siblings. Marj enjoyed singing at the lodge with her sister, lawn bowling, carpet bowling, fishing, playing cards, and one of her favorite past times was watching her stories and sports, especially curling and baseball. She was also a very proud member of Tops for many years and was dedicated to her

weekly meetings.

Marj's wisdom provided us with guidance throughout her life. We have been truly blessed by her long life with us. We will forever remember her loyalty and generosity with family and friends and her love of competition.

The family wishes to express heartfelt thanks to the wonderful staff at Carman Hospital for the excellent care Marj received while she was there up until her last days.

A private family service will be held at a later date. Interment will take place at Greenwood Cemetery, Carman.

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