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Spring is in the air

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Megan Petkau, with three-year-old Frances Petkau, Goldie Gardiner Toews (2) and Benny Petkau (5) were enjoying the above average temperatures last Thursday while walking along the Boyne River Trail in Carman.

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GPAC receives funding to hold artistic walking tours

By Becca Myskiw

The Golden Prairie Arts Council (GPAC) will kick off a community-involved project this month thanks to a \$2,000 Healthy Together Now (HTN) grant.

HTN is a program that provides funding to communities to support well-being. Projects the program funds are led by communities and community groups but are funded and supported by the provincial government and regional health authorities. HTN helps to prevent chronic disease and increases opportunities for all Manitobans to improve health, and that's exactly what GPAC's project will do.

The art organization will hold 10 walking tours in the community this summer, each one getting people out in the natural environment to create ideas about nature and art. Nigel Bart, executive director of GPAC, spearheaded the project, dubbed The Treehouse Project.

"Nature is a wonderfully healthy balancer in people," he said. "I came from a really big city environment three years ago and I was very unwell at the time. As I've been in nature, it's really been healthy for me, and I

wanted to share that with the public. That what's happening out in this environment is so much healthier than city living."

In December 2023, GPAC submitted an application for a grant and was notified of its approval in February. Just recently, the art council received the monetary award and is eager to put it to use. As of this month, they will begin accepting sign-ups for complimentary weekly walking tours, available to all members of the community.

The community tours, organized by GPAC in collaboration with various local organizations, will explore different areas, each with its own unique focus. Bart said GPAC has partnered with a number of community organizations for this project, including local artist Chris Larsen. One week, the tour will take a bus to Larsen's studio, and she'll teach everyone about the traditional Indigenous ways of life.

GPAC has also partnered with Boyne Regional Library. One tour will take the group to the library, where they'll study plants and their natural habitats, and then draw them to the best of their abilities.

"It's all pretty self-learning," said Bart. "We're all novice people. We



STANDARD PHOTO SUBMITTED

GPAC executive director Nigel Bart, left, recently received a Healthy Together Now grant in the amount of \$2,000 from Chantal Chevalier.

don't know about nature, we're not experts, so we're going out in the community and we're asking people who are experts. We're going to look at nature in an artistic lens."

Another tour will take people to some of the many Communities in Bloom sites around Carman and one will take them to the community gardens. Though not every tour is planned yet, Bart said people can expect to study all sorts of things — insects, birds, the weather, water, animals, and more.

"We're also hoping that these studies will impact the health of our people who join us in doing art through the use of walking and enjoying nature," he said. "Just smelling the air out here is something that is so healthy for

people."

The grant will be used to help cover the costs of supplies, travel, and experts they see like Chris Larsen.

HTN funds projects that support communities leading prevention activities, encourage organizations, communities, regions, and governments to work together to prevent chronic disease, build on and blend with existing prevention programs and develop new ones, increase communities' knowledge and ability to run prevention programs for a variety of chronic diseases. To date, HTN has funded more than 40 projects in Manitoba, including the Colour Your World Challenge, Establishing a Peer Support Network, Walking Wednesday, and more.

Town of Carman Public Notice Regarding the 2024 Financial Plan

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to subsection 162(2) of *The Municipal Act* that the Council of the Town of Carman intends to present its financial plan for the fiscal year 2024 at a public hearing in the

Town of Carman

Memorial Hall, 12-2nd Ave SW, Carman, MB

Thursday, April 25th, 2024, 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 Town of Carman at 12-2nd Avenue S.W., Carman. Dated at the Town of Carman the 22nd day of March, A.D. 2024.

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Miami Library holding Crochet-a-Thon on April 30

By Ty Dilello

The South Central Regional Library Miami Branch is holding its first-ever Crochet-a-Thon on April 30.

"This is our first-ever Crochet-a-Thon, so we're very excited," said Raina Teigrob of the Miami Library. "We actually had a patron request this program, after they noticed the Winkler branch ran this back in January."

People are encouraged to drop in at the library any time between 10 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. to knit or crochet a square that will be assembled into Afghans for Genesis House. There is no limit to the number of squares one can assemble.

The library will also accept donations of pre-made squares, yarn, and crochet hooks for those who can't make it on that date.

"Our goal is to create enough gran-

ny squares to put together an Afghan that we will then donate to Genesis House," said Teigrob. "It's a come and go event, and everyone is welcome to stop in. It's also taking place the evening of our monthly book club, so anyone who's interested is welcome to come stop by for the evening and sit in on our book club discussion while crocheting."

The Miami Library will provide supplies the day of for those who wish to join the festivities on April 30. The library also plans to do a part two of this event and combine it with its Crafters & Co night in May.

"This gives us a dedicated evening after the Crochet-a-Thon for patrons to come by and help us connect the squares into an Afghan. If all goes well, we'll hope to do another event in the fall/winter months."



STANDARD FILE PHOTO

The South Central Regional Library Miami Branch are hosting a Crochet-a-thon on April 30.

'Improve Your Curb Appeal' incentive announced

By Ty Dilello

The RM of Roland is launching a new Property Improvement Grant Program this summer to encourage local homeowners to beautify their properties.

The initiative slogan is "Improve your Curb Appeal - Get \$" as residents are encouraged to submit an application to the RM of Roland showing improvements that they have made to their home, deck or yard this summer that will increase curb appeal and you could get a refund of up to \$100 on the costs of the project.

"We wanted to encourage people to take pride in their homes and yards, and especially during tough financial times, it can be difficult to do things of that nature," said RM

of Roland Reeve Jodi Gaultier. "So providing a financial incentive can certainly help. It may enable someone to do a small project or help lower the cost of a larger project, but every little bit helps we think, and we want to try this initiative out."

To get involved, residents must submit before and after pictures that clearly show the improvements made, copies of receipts showing the costs of the project, and a completed application form. Forms are available from the RM Office or can be filled out online.

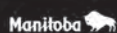
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NDP government unveils its first budget

By Lorne Stelmach

The new Manitoba NDP government touted its first budget last week as fulfilling its commitments to re-build health care and increase affordability for families.

"Today's budget is really about investing in health care and lowering costs for the average Manitoban," Premier Wab Kinew said in a news conference with rural media April 2. "This budget theme is all about more help for you and more help for those who need it most, and we think there's a lot of good news here for rural Manitoba and for the entire province."

Kinew also touched on their belief that more services need to be delivered closer to home, especially for rural Manitobans.

"We just think that there was too much centralization inside the perimeter in health care, in the ag industry, in so many different sectors ... transportation and infrastructure being another," he said. "We think it's now time to decentralize and return not just the services but also the service centres and hubs to the regions."

As well, Kinew touted their plans for investments in a number of key areas.

"We're investing in the infrastructure ... the roads, bridges, water infrastructure projects necessary to grow the economy," he said.

"The theme of this budget, in addition to unity, is about delivering more help for you and more help for those who need it most," added Kinew. "Over the past few years ... there have been so many reasons for Manitobans to be divided, and our team takes very seriously the message that we've heard that it's time to find reasons to bring people together."

The key points of the budget included the vow to hire 1,000 new front line health care workers and offering up to \$5,000 in tax breaks to families in addition to an extension of the fuel tax holiday.

It mirrored the party's promises from last year's election to focus on



SCREENSHOT

Manitoba Premier Wab Kinew and Finance Minister Adrien Sala at last week's budget announcement.

efforts to support the health care system and ease the cost-of-living crisis, although it is being done while running a deficit of nearly \$800 million.

Kinew suggested they are making record investments in health care with a plan to hire 100 doctors, 210 nurses, 90 paramedics, and 600 health care aides over the next year along with investments to retain and train even more.

It aims to add hospital and ICU beds and open new minor injury and illness clinics and primary care clinics so more Manitobans can see a doctor when they need one.

The premier noted it is a budget that will help take better care of seniors, invests in better health care for rural and northern communities, and takes action to improve cancer care in Manitoba. The financial plan more than doubles capital funding in health care.

For families, the province is extending the gas tax holiday, providing renters and seniors with increased tax credits, expanding \$10-a-day child care, providing free birth control, increasing funding for fertility treat-

ment, and providing rebates for electric vehicle owners.

The budget will also make communities healthier and safer, noted Finance Minister Adrien Sala, with a \$116 million investment in building and maintaining social and affordable housing and investments in pools and community centres across the province.

He further suggested it will grow Manitoba's economy with more jobs for Manitobans and a plan to ensure Manitoba's agriculture can thrive, feeding Manitoba and the world.

"The previous government left us with a huge mess to clean up—a historic deficit, a health care system that's been badly hurt by seven years of cuts and a failure to strengthen our economy or support families who were struggling with years of rising costs," said Sala. "We're different. We're making smart, targeted investments. We can take steps to fix health care and lower costs, and we can do it while being responsible with public money and charting a path back

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Flashback... covering Parkland Flooring

By Dennis Young

Charlie Braun became captivated with the carpet business while working in floor coverings in Morden.

He knew Carman from his school days in the 50s when his family lived there and decided to venture into business.

It started in a small office on Main Street (now PKF Law) in 1970, opening a company called Parkland Floor Covering. With sales tripling in three years, the company moved to the former Hardy's Garage (now the MMJS building) on 1st Street SW in 1973.

Eventually, Charlie would be the sole (he had family partners) owner until 1980, when Beth Sanderson and Judy McGregor bought the biz. Knowing little at the time about flooring, Charlie would stay on for a period for the transition until he was tragically killed in an air crash in '81.

"Suppliers taught us about products, and we had Don Rempel as our installer to help us along, too," Judy commented recently. "In the early 80s the interest rates were rapidly on the rise to 21.5 per cent!

What saved us was Delia Power securing the newly introduced Small Business Development Bond to get us financial help." After that, the business grew with solid support from the area.

The product line expanded to include Joe Pethybridge's drapery line in 1982 and became Parkland Floor & Interior. Judy sold out to Beth in 1986, and Peter joined his wife a year later.

"The whole home decorating and colour coordinating skills of our staff allowed us to add product lines of paint, wallpaper, countertops and finally cabinets," Peter explained. "Kudos to them for their dedication that built a reputation through central and southern Manitoba!"

The ownership, as did the types of popular flooring, changed by 1994 when Don, Clint Rempel, Barry Spencer, Bob Mitchell, and Roger Tournier invested in Parkland's future, which was bright for the next 10+ years. With the increase in online buying and installers becoming increasingly difficult to find, Parkland closed in 2015.



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In 1982 Judy McGregor, left, and Beth Sanderson welcomed Joe Pethybridge's drapery expertise.

letter to the editor

Letter to the Editor: news@carmanstandard.ca

Will the taxpayer be on the hook for the payout of expropriated land?

The Town of Carman expropriation has been taking place since 2018. And when it happened, 7.83 acres of our family's property was expropriated. Many questions remain unanswered today.

Before the expropriation occurred, we were told all the land was needed for several phases of an "Aging in Place" Campus.

Phase 1 was completed in August of 2021. A new personal care home was constructed - 80 beds and the repurposing of the existing lodge. Ap-

proximately 3.1 acres were utilized for the PCH.

Phase 2 - the Boyne Towers were to be refurbished for supportive housing. Is it completed? We were told in 2019 that the time frame was 12 months.

Phase 3—An assisted living facility was planned to be located west and south of the personal care home. We were told in 2019 that the time frame for development was two to three years. It has now been five years, and we have seen no evidence of an assisted living facility being planned or any indication of when construction might start on what was once our family's property.

Phase 4 - Life Lease apartments - We have yet to see evidence of a 55+ life lease facility being planned nor any indication of when construction

might start. This project appears to have been shelved.

We have yet to see evidence that the Town has funding in place for any of these things. Rather than proceeding as we were told, the Town instead utilized part of the expropriated land to construct a walking path along the Boyne River. We were never told that our land was being taken for a walking path at the time of expropriation, nor was the general public.

These questions have been lingering for seven-plus years. Why does the Town of Carman require the additional 4-plus acres? We still do not own the access off of the highway and only own half of our concrete driveway. We also do not own our outdoor living space south of our home. (Pergola).

The Town's expropriation in 2018

appears to have been nothing short of a land banking exercise and our family has been left in an untenable situation.

We have not been fully paid for our land. The Town of Carman made a partial payment in order to proceed with construction of the personal care home. Is there money set aside for the land acquisition?

Who will be on the hook for the remaining monies owing for the payout on the land? (7.83 acres) or the cost to conduct a multi-day hearing before the Land Value Appraisal Commission? The Town of Carman, Boyne Care Holdings or the taxpayers?

- Steve Hetherington
Carman

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April Fool's gas hike was no joke



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Gas prices jumped April 1 due to the Federal government carbon tax increase. Posted prices across the province varied from \$143.4 in Carman and climbed up as high as \$149.9 in Riverton. The posted prices on April 1 were as follows: Stonewall \$1.42, Arborg \$144.9, Fisher Branch \$142.9, Ashern \$143.9, and Lundar \$142.9.

By Jo-Anne Procter

At midnight on April 1, the new carbon tax hike kicked in which meant the price at the pumps jumped overnight.

Some experts predict that we will see a major spike in the coming weeks. The carbon tax added another 3.3 cents per litre which means a 50-litre fill will cost an extra \$1.65. Homeowners will see natural gas bills rise to 15.3 cents per cubic metre, 2.9 cents bump.

According to a CityNews, a gas price watchdog reports that as gasoline production switches over to the summer blend, markets are signalling a 13 cent per litre increase sometime between April 15 and 18. He also warns, 'get used to it as it will be the new normal'. The high prices in 2024 are here to stay, they are not going to go down. With the federal government adding this tax, on Jan. 1, the second carbon tax will make 2024 and

2025 very expensive years.

Carbon tax rebates will continue to come from the federal government to help offset the new tax hike. In Manitoba, a single person can expect \$600 back a year, a couple \$900, and a family of four \$1,200.

The plus for Manitobans is that the provincial government is extending the fuel tax holiday.

Manitoba Premier Wab Kinew made the announcement on CTV Morning Live on April 2 ahead of the unveiling of the provincial budget.

The current tax break, which is in place from Jan. 1 to the end of June, removes the 14 cent provincial tax on gas. Now, the province has extended the tax break for another three months.

Kinew said the province made this decision as Manitobans are dealing with inflation and the high cost of living.

New daycare on the way for Elm Creek with funding announcement

By Ty Dilello

Local volunteers have been planning and fundraising for a stand-alone daycare in Elm Creek for around twenty years, and it appears that all of their hard work is finally paying off.

After many years of fundraising and applying for grants, the Elm Creek Stay N Play Build Committee has finally received the government funding required to allow construction to begin on the new stand-alone facility in Elm Creek.

The new daycare facility will be built on the east side of the Elm Creek School and will increase its licensed spaces by 24, for a total of 40 spaces (8 infant and 32 preschool).

The government funding coming in is \$1,233,426.55 (60% of the estimated build cost), which the Canada-Manitoba Canada-Wide Early Learning and Child Care Agreement is providing. The remaining costs will be covered by the money already raised by the community and a small mortgage that the committee plan to pay off as soon as possible.

The benefits of the new daycare include not only having more space but also the school having its classroom back, the children and staff having designated areas for age-specific activities, nap areas, and their own bathrooms. The outside green space can be used at all times and not have to run on the elementary school schedule. The facility can also be open on days that the school is closed.

"These were all previous struggles with having the daycare within the school," said Karla Last, Chair of the Elm Creek Stay N Play Build Committee. "We very much appreciate the school division for allowing us to operate within the school, as it was always supposed to be temporary and took much longer than anyone had ever imagined, I'm sure, but I think it's safe to say that everyone



STANDARD PHOTO BY KARLA LAST

A new long awaited stand-alone daycare facility is slated to begin construction this year on the east side of Elm Creek School.

involved will be happy with the location change."

Per funding protocol, the committee will be going to tender using the online platform Merx as soon as they get it all set up.

"We encourage any and all local trades to bid if they can," said Last. "We know the community has supported this project for so long and we want it to benefit as many of those local business owners who have supported us along the way."

Construction is slated to begin as soon as possible, and the hope is to open up the new daycare by the end of the year or early 2025.

"The work isn't over yet, but we can finally see the light at the end of the tunnel," said Last. "We have plans to make a final push on fundraising this year and next to hopefully pay off all the building debt as quickly as we can and appreciate all of the continued support from individual and business sponsors to make that happen."

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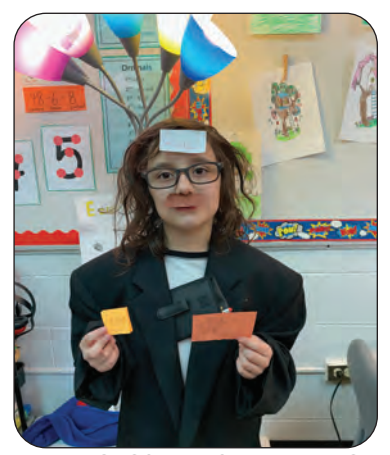
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Carman Elementary holds annual Living Wax Museum



STANDARD PHOTOS BY LISA PINKERTON

Ecole Carman Elementary School held its annual Living Wax Museum at the end of March. Grade 4 students chose a famous person to research and then they dressed up as that person and presented short speeches to other students and many family members.

By Ty Dilello

Ecole Carman Elementary School held its annual Living Wax Museum at the end of March. Grade 4 students chose a famous person to research, dressed up as that person and presented short speeches to other students and family members.

The Grade 4 students had a blast learning about these heroes, who

came from different walks of life.

"I wanted to learn more about him. He had his first plane ride at six years old," said Chase Rose who dressed up as Neil Armstrong.

"I've watched lots of Marvel movies. And I didn't know he made the Fantastic Four," added Grayson McInnes, who went as Stan Lee.

Elvis Presley also made an appearance with Easton Derksen's outfit.

"Elvis liked to dance and sing, and he did karate," said Easton Derksen. "The best part was making my costume. I had to use hot glue to glue jewels on my shoes."

Some of the other costumes included Rosa Parks and Albert Einstein.

"I wanted to pick someone I didn't know, so I picked Rosa Park as she fought for rights," said Kinsley Bergen. "And I liked making my bus."

"I picked Albert Einstein," said Mina Sorto. "He didn't speak very much when he was a child. My favourite part was dressing up and being a wax figure."

Spring flood risk remains low across the province

Staff

The province is seeing some rise in water levels on the Red River, but it is still predicting low to moderate risk of spring flooding overall, with no expectation that it will have to operate the floodway.

The latest flood forecast outlook released last week sees the flooding risk as low for the Red River and its tributaries, low to moderate for the Assiniboine River and its tributaries and the Interlake region, and generally low for the Souris, Qu'Appelle, Rat, Roseau, Pembina, Saskatchewan

and Churchill river basins and the Whiteshell Lakes region.

The positive forecast is largely due to the normal to below normal soil moisture at freeze-up and well below normal to normal winter precipitation for most Manitoba basins.

Water levels are expected to remain below dikes and community or individual flood protection levels. However, the risk of flooding could change depending on future weather conditions, including rate of snow melt and the timing and amount of snow and rain received between now and the

spring runoff.

As in most years, there is a risk of ice jam-related flooding on areas historically susceptible to ice jamming. Most Manitoba lake levels are normal to below normal.

The Red River floodway is not expected to be operated during this spring flood season based on forecasted conditions. Minimal operation of the Portage diversion may be necessary under unfavourable weather conditions to control water levels on the lower Assiniboine River, the province says. The Shellmouth Reservoir

is being operated to reduce the risk of flooding downstream on the Assiniboine River while also providing sufficient storage for water supply and recreation.

Gradual run-off has started in some southern Manitoba basins including the Red River Valley. Levels are starting to rise along the main stem of the Red River, and residents are cautioned about the impact of rising water levels as well as weak ice on the river.

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Pembina Valley Astro Club hosts eclipse viewing party

By Ashleigh Viveiros

A small and hopeful group of sky gazers gathered at Bethel Heritage Park in Winkler Monday afternoon, trying to get a glimpse of the solar eclipse.

The Pembina Valley Astro Club's Kenton Dyck had his high-tech telescope outfitted with solar filters to allow people to safely watch as the moon partially blocked the sun in the sky.

While parts of North America were treated to a total eclipse—the last visible one of its kind in Canada until 2044—Manitoba was expected to see only a partial one this time around. The last time our province was in the path of a total solar eclipse was 1979.

Unfortunately, cloudy weather foiled viewing plans in Winkler, though it didn't put too much of a damper on everyone's enthusiasm.

"I am pretty excited at the level of interest," Dyck said. "I think we've had 50-60 people come by already."

Among them was John Thiessen, who borrowed a pair of eclipse glasses from Dyck and had his eyes firmly planted on the skies in the hopes the clouds would clear, if even for a few seconds.

"I saw the partial eclipse in 2017," he shared. "It was impressive."

The chance, however small, to replicate the experience was one he wasn't going to pass up.

"It's exciting. There's so many people here to watch God's marvelous creation doing its thing."

The early birds that day did get a few brief peeks at the sun as the moon began to inch its way across it just before 1 p.m., but persistent cloud cover had attendees looking up at grey skies for most of the two-hour event.

"The clouds are not necessarily behaving ... it wouldn't be any fun if it was easy, but does it have to be this much fun?" Dyck joked. "However, when we started, we got to see the first 20 minutes or so, which were actually really cool."

Seeing so many people come out for the show has Dyck



STANDARD PHOTOS BY ASHLEIGH VIVEIROS

The Pembina Valley Astro Club invited people down to Bethel Heritage Park in Winkler Monday to get a glimpse at the solar eclipse. Unfortunately, cloudy skies blocked most of the view.



John Thiessen was among those who came out to Bethel Heritage Park in Winkler Monday in the hopes of catching a glimpse of the solar eclipse.

feeling pretty optimistic about future viewing parties the club is planning, including setting its sights on a rare recurring nova event and the 12P/Pons-Brooks comet, in the months ahead.

"As soon as the weather is warm enough that we know

we won't freeze at night again, then we'll start having regular events," he said. "As soon as that happens, we'll start having events every other week again."

Dyck encourages astronomy buffs to follow @astroclubpv on Instagram or the South Central Regional Library Winkler Branch social media accounts to hear about upcoming public viewing parties.

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to balance. That's what Manitobans can expect from our first budget."

The government highlighted a variety of commitments for rural Manitoba.

It plans to give young farmers a fighting chance by lowering their up front costs, freezing Crown lands, and re-opening service centres.

The budget also gives rural families health care closer to home by restoring the rural doctor recruitment fund, hiring more paramedics and putting more ambulances on the road and supporting expanded services at regional hubs like the Boundary Trails Health Centre.

The government also noted it is keeping its commitment to lift the seven-year municipal funding freeze with sustainable annual funding increases and key investments in water and wastewater treatment.

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Preschool programs available this spring in Miami and Roland

By Ty Dilello

Miami Recreation and Play Spaces has some ongoing preschool programs for parents to enroll their kids in this spring. These are all free preschool education programs that parents or grandparents attend with their children.

Animal Adventures: A Kit and Kaboodle program will be held at Roland Memorial Hall every Friday morning from April 5 to May 10. Parents and grandparents are encouraged to come discover the amazing adventures of the animal kingdom. Special guests may include caterpillars.

The Mouse Cookies and More program will be held at the Blair Sharpe Miami Active Living Centre on Fridays March 15 to April 26 from 10-11 a.m.

Ever wonder what would happen if you give a mouse a cookie? Come join Mrs. Crystal and read, craft and eat

your way through the popular Laura Numeroff books about a mouse, a moose, a pig and friends.

"These programs are very important to Miami and Roland," said April Hildebrand of Miami Rec and Play Spaces. "There are no local preschool

or nursery programs, so our programs enhance school readiness and parent/child attachment."

Parents are encouraged to register on the Miami Recreation and Play Spaces website (<https://miamirecand-play.ca/>) or by email or direct message. Drop-ins are also always wel-

come.

Miami Rec and Play Spaces programs are developed and delivered using a set of guiding principles, which include supporting learning through play, providing an intentional curriculum, and building positive relationships.

"OUR PROGRAMS ENHANCE SCHOOL READINESS AND PARENT/CHILD ATTACHMENT."



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Miami Recreation and Play Spaces has a free preschool program in Miami starting on March 15 and Roland on April 5.

"The experiences during the first five years of a child's life have a major bearing on their future success in school, in the workplace and many aspects of a healthy, fulfilling life,"

said Hildebrand. "A strong start in the early years provides children with the best chance to reach their full potential."

Stanley Soil Management Assoc. reports on a successful year

By Lorne Stelmach

Tree sales and shelterbelt planting continue to be popular programs for the Stanley Soil Management Association.

Those two initiatives annually attract strong interest, and it shows technician Richard Warkentin that people seem to recognize how it can have a far-reaching positive impact.

"It is encouraging that more people are planting trees," Warkentin said following the association's annual meeting March 19.

Some of the data presented at the meeting showed how shelterbelt planting and maintenance as well as the tree sales continue to be a major service.

In the past year, there was just under nine miles of new shelterbelts planted using over 5,400 trees and 18 different varieties of trees, and another 660 trees were hand planted in gaps over 6.5 miles.

Over 19.5 miles were maintained for weed control with 6.4 miles covered with plastic mulch for weed control.

Tree seedling sales meanwhile saw the biggest increase with over 34,000 trees ordered for planting in 2024. Most of the trees are ordered in fall for spring planting.

Warkentin said it all receives a big boost through their partnerships with

three watershed districts: Redboine, Seine Rat Roseau, and Pembina Valley.

Most of the projects are in the Pembina Valley district with most of the R.M. of Stanley in that region except for the top northwest corner, which is in the Redboine Watershed District.

The Pembina Valley Watershed District area goes all the way from Bois-

sevain in the west to the Red River in the east.

"Our partnerships, especially with the watershed districts, are an important thing for us," said Warkentin.

"We're really partnering with the watershed districts ... and the tree sales have gone up exponentially. We're up to 34,000 trees that we were ordering for this coming year for

planting," he said. "The biggest single source that has really served us well is the tree sales. That's probably the biggest thing - the tree planting as well."

The association has also continued to undertake and offer a number of other programs and services.

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Get rolling in riches with the Manitoba Coin Club

One-day Coin, Stamp & Collectibles show April 20 at Steinbach Mennonite Heritage Village

By Patricia Barrett

The Manitoba Coin Club could have you rolling in riches during its one-day Coin, Stamp & Collectibles show in Steinbach in a few weeks' time.

People who have a cache of coins stuffed in a sock that's been tucked away in the back of their bureau or paper notes taking up space in a box under their bed can haul them out and bring them to the show where coin club experts will gladly tell them whether they've been hoarding treasure.

The coin club's numismatists – those are the folks that study and appraise coins and other currency such as paper notes and tokens – can put a price on Canadian and foreign coins and notes and teach you some of the fascinating social, economic or political history that lies behind currency. They can also tell you how to spot counterfeit currency and what steps you can take before purchasing currency online or from an auction house.

In addition to educating people about their own treasure, club members will have some of their collectibles on display at the show so that the public can see what collecting is all about. There will also be other experts on hand for people who collect items from stamps, comic books and cards to sports memorabilia, model cars and medallions.

Numismatist and coin club member Larry Dalman, who has about 50 years' experience valuing currency, said the club's experts can help people understand that money may be worth more than its face value and even hold great historical significance.

"The Manitoba Coin Club realizes that our province is huge and that there are a large number of people in other areas collecting commemorative coins or other money that could be valuable. Or their parents or grandparents were collecting coin sets or paper bills or bank tokens, and people are now wondering how they can find out the value of what they've got in those collections and what they can do with it," said Dalman. "Our coin club offers people information and advice and can value their money. People are very welcome to join our club, too."

Founded in 1954, the Manitoba Coin Club is celebrating its 70th Anniversary this year. The club provides numismatic education, hobby and fellowship. Its members collect mostly Canadian and foreign currency, banking memorabilia and exonumia (tokens, which are forms of coinage, souvenir medallions, encased coins and so forth). Members hold regular meetings in person or via Zoom.

This is the second time since the club was founded that members have organized a show outside Winnipeg. The overwhelming success of their first rural show – in Stonewall in 2023 – saw people from across the Interlake and southern Manitoba drop by, and the club more than doubled its membership numbers from 50 to 109 after they learned what numismatics was all about, said Dalman.



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Larry Dalman of the Manitoba Coin Club will be helping educate the public on the value of coins, paper notes and other forms of currency at the club's show in Steinbach on April 20.

Spending a bit of time with a coin club member at the show or becoming a member of the club could net you some cash or simply inspire you to start sifting through your change or bills. With some of the club's members creeping up in age, the club is hoping to inspire and attract younger adults, youth and kids to hoist the numismatic banner.

And it's important to bear in mind that unlike old and newly issued currency, expired debit and credit cards have no value and aren't on a trajectory to become collectors' items anytime soon.

But older currency such as Canada's so-called devil-faced 1954 paper bills, in which the devil reveals himself hiding in the Queen's hair, and newer currency such as commemorative 10-cent coins issued by the Royal Canadian Mint in 2021 for the 100th Anniversary of the Blue Nose (there were four versions issued, including a coloured dime and a dime bearing a single date, which is the most valuable), can be worth more than face value, said Dalman. Same for tokens which were issued by butchers, barbers, cigar stores and the Hudson's Bay Company (its so-called beaver pelt coin) back in the days when "everyone had their own tokens."

Tokens issued by various banks before Canada had a national currency and "shinplasters" (small paper notes) that date back to 1870, as well as commemorative gold and silver coins, are either worth a fortune already (depending on how well-preserved they are) or destined to creep up in value over time.

For example, the Mint stopped producing Canada's 50-cent coin as a circulating coin in 2004, said Dalman. Now they're issued only as collector's coins (collector's have to buy them from the Mint). Those 50-cent pieces are going to be worth far more than their face value, depending on condition.

The most important thing to remember, said Dalman, is to not haul your stash of silver coins or older paper notes into a bank because you'll get only

their face value in return. And ditto for companies that buy silver currency – you'll only get the current market price of silver by weight.

A single silver coin or a coin set could be worth far more if in pristine condition or if they have unique characteristics such as a flaw, small production run or other special feature.

Take our new king, for instance, the Royal Canadian Mint issued in 2023 a limited number of circulating coins with the image of Charles III. Should his health take a turn for the worse (he was diagnosed with cancer), all the dies at the Mint will have to be changed in order to start producing an image of our next monarch. Having a limited number of coins out there means they could increase in value. A 50-cent coin with Charles' image is considered "highly collectible."

"We're trying to teach people about changes like this that happen in currency," said Dalman. "As soon as it was announced that the king had medical issues, they [the Mint] probably started preparing and moved to Plan B. And the reason you're likely not seeing Charles on your coins right now is that there are a limited number of these coins in circulation and there are still billions of coins out there with the Queen's image. We're also still waiting for the Bank of Canada to announce if Charles will be on our \$20 bill. We're assuming we'll have a monarch on our \$20s because we've always had one."

Another newly issued coin that's destined to increase in value is the Mint's Year of the Dragon (2024) coin.

"The Mint has done a number of special coins for the Year of the Dragon, but one of the award-winning coins they just did is in silver or gold and has the dragon's head coming out of the coin on one side and the tail sticking out on the other," said Dalman. "This is a high-end collector coin. The others are flat like most coins."

Staff from the Royal Canadian Mint will be attending the club's Steinbach show and offering the public a coin exchange. For a Loonie, people can get a set of 10 coloured Blue Nose dimes.

"This is an award-winning coin and the very first time we've had our dime coloured. We've done Toonies and Loonies but never the dimes," said Dalman.

Dealers and other specialists looking to nab a table at the upcoming show will receive a discount. At the moment, Dalman said the coin club has had confirmation that Memory Lane Diecast & Collectibles, which is one of the largest Hot Wheels dealers in western Canada, and the Antique Mall from the Forks in Winnipeg, will be attending the show.

The show will run from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday, April 20 at the Mennonite Heritage Village in Steinbach. There will be door prizes and raffles. Admission is \$5.

Anyone interested in reserving a table for the show or joining the Manitoba Coin Club can send a message to the organization using the online email form on its website: www.manitobacoinclub.org or by emailing the club's president: president@manitobacoinclub.org

Memberships in the club cost \$25 (corporate), \$15 (adults) and \$5 (youth). Applications will be available at the show.

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Flyers-Oil Cap series tied at 1-1

By Ashleigh Viveiros

The Winkler Flyers are 1-1 in their second-round MJHL playoff series against the Virden Oil Capitals this week.

Virden took game one Friday night in Winkler.

It was a scoreless affair until the back end of the second period, when Virden's Nolan Chastko snuck one past Winkler netminder Malachi Klassen.

The Oil Capitals scored two more in the first 10 minutes of the final frame and then added their fourth unanswered goal of the night with a little over three minutes to go to take the game 4-0.

Virden outshot Winkler 32-22, with Klassen making 28 saves in net for the home team.

The Flyers bounced back with a 2-1 win on the road in game two Sunday. While Virden drew first blood once

again—this time midway through the opening period—Winkler's Jayce Legaarden got the Flyers on the board with a goal late in the second (his sixth post-season goal so far) and then Avery Anderson widened the gap 10 minutes into the third to even out the series 1-1.

Klassen made 18 saves in net off 19 shots. His teammates fired 37 the other way.

Game three was back was back in Winkler Tuesday night. Results were not available at press time.

The series continues with game four in Virden Thursday and game five back in Winkler Saturday.

Games six and seven, if needed, are Monday, April 15 in Virden and Wednesday, April 17 in Winkler.

The league's other semi-final match sees the Steinbach Pistons taking on the OCN Blizzard. That series was also tied at 1-1 at press time.



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Winkler's Zach Nicolas tries to get a shot on net early in game one against the Virden Oil Capitals last week, which the visitors took 4-0.

Hawks hand out honours



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The Pembina Valley Hawks U18 AAA team wrapped up the season with their awards banquet April 3. Award winners include (back row from left) Cade McCallum (Unsung Hero Award), Liam Goertzen (Playoff MVP), Jayden Penner (Top Defenceman), Kam Thomas (Coach's Award and Top Goal Scorer), Haiden Friesen (Most Improved). Front row, from left: Acoyen Fehr (Rookie of the Year, Top Scorer, and Playoff MVP), Ryder Wolfe (Best Defensive Forward), Bryson Yaschyshyn (Team MVP), and Lane Apperley (Top Defenceman)

Twisters locked in deadlock in championship final

By Ty Dilello

The Pembina Valley Twisters are knotted up at one game apiece in its best-of-seven MMJHL championship series with the St. James Jr. Canucks.

The Twisters entered the championship final undefeated in the playoffs after four game sweeps of both the Raiders Jr. Hockey Club and St. Boniface Riels.

On April 5, the Twisters took Game 1 on the road with a big 3-2 victory over St. James. Riley Goertzen led the way for Pembina Valley with a pair of goals, while Mark Plett had the other tally. Owen LaRocque was excellent in the Twisters' goal as he stopped 32 shots for the win.

A few nights later back at home in Morris on April 7, the Twisters fell behind early and weren't able to come back losing 3-2 in Game 2. Merek Degraeve and Mike Heppner had the Twisters' goals, while LaRocque stopped 21 shots for the win.

"The games in the finals have gone pretty well how we expected," said Twisters' head coach Braeden Bernaerts. "They're very tight intense games that could go either way. Both games have come

down to pucks going post and in, instead of pucks going post and out."

"I'm happy with our play, as we've been carrying the pace. We just have to stick to it, keep the consistency and block out the outside noise. We know there will be lots of ups and downs in the games, so we just have to stay level."

The Twisters and Canucks will be back in action for Game 3 of their best-of-seven series on April 9 at Ab McDonald Arena in Winnipeg. The puck drops at 8 p.m.

Game 4 will be played Saturday, April 13 in Morris (8 p.m.). The Twisters will head back to AB McDonald Arena for Game 5 on Sunday, April 14 at 6:30 p.m. Game 6 if necessary will take place back in Morris on April 16 at 8 p.m.

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Stonewall artist crowned Great Canadian Pottery champion

By Jennifer McFee

A Stonewall artist brought home the crown — quite literally — after winning the title of Canada's top potter.

Jen Sonnenberg competed in an eight-week friendly competition series called The Great Canadian Pottery Throw Down, which aired Thursdays on CBC. Hosted by Jen Robertson, the show started off with 10 talented potters from across the country vying in a main weekly pottery task plus a skill-testing challenge. Each week, one potter was eliminated until only three remained for the final episode, which aired on April 4.

Sonnenberg continued to soar throughout the series, and that upward momentum continued in the finale when she faced off against Kiefer Floreal of Winnipeg and Elsa Valinas of New Brunswick.

"Well, this week's episode was like none other. Right from the beginning, there was a feeling of finality to it, like this is it. There are no more weeks after this," Sonnenberg said.

"The main make for the finale was a tea set with a tea pot, four mugs and saucers, a creamer, sugar pot and a cake stand. That was a lot of pieces to make."

Sonnenberg gleaned inspiration for her design from her children and her love of hockey.

"I wanted to pay tribute to the sport that my kids love so much but without it screaming hockey. So I designed two hockey stick stamps that I would impress into the wet clay. Creating so many pots that needed to be thrown on the wheel, stamped, trimmed and handles added was definitely the next level for us potters," said Sonnenberg, who is a hockey coach.

"All of those things need to be done at a certain time — and doing it all in a time crunch really added to the pressure. I needed to balance pieces being dry enough to stamp with the hockey stick stamps but not too dry that they couldn't be stamped. It certainly felt chaotic in the pottery."

While their tea sets were drying and waiting to be fired, the potters participated in their final spot test.

"This week, trimming three bowls in a set time was the challenge," she said.

"Trimming is not my favourite thing to do, but I managed to pull off my fifth second-challenge win of the competition. I was pretty excited."

Sonnenberg was grateful for that win before proceeding with the finishing touches on her tea set.

"Going into the glazing, I felt I had at least accomplished one win, and I needed that mentally as my cake stand had a crack in it. I thought



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The judges provided positive feedback about Jen Sonnenberg's hockey themed tea set.

about drying the piece upside down when I was making it, but in the frantic chaos of the make, I forgot to flip it," she said.

"While drying, the cake stand slumped around the base, leaving a crack in the top. I powered through, decorating the set with a blue-green colour scheme and adding glaze to the cake stand crack in an effort to fix it. I glaze fired the cake stand upside down to keep the piece from slumping even more in the heat of the glaze firing."

For the final reveal, it was a family affair with loved ones of all three competitors gathered at the Granville Island pottery.

Guest judge Seth Rogen returned to provide feedback alongside judges Brendan Tang and Natalie Waddell. All the original competitors also returned for the announcement of the winner.

"During the reveal, the crack did not go away, and both Elsa and Kiefer's sets were so well done. I was happy with my set and how the judges reacted to it," she said.

"Seth Rogen seemed so impressed with how the mugs fit with their plates, with how the tea pot capacity filled the mugs and especially with the locking lid that I made for the tea pot."

While judges provided comments to all three competitors, the suspense continued to build.

"Finally, the three of us finalists were standing at the front, with the rest of the competitors and our families behind us, waiting to see who would win the first season of The Great Canadian Pottery Throw Down. I knew I was happy with what I had made throughout the competition and how I had competed in the second challenges, so I was happy no matter what happened. But when they called me

as the winner, I was completely surprised. The fact that my boys could be there to be a part of it was incredible," she said.

"I really had no idea and thought for sure it would be one of the other potters, but to hear them say my name was just crazy. I was blown away, and even though the finale was filmed months ago, I think it's really just sinking in now. My boys were so excited that it was me who won, as well as my husband. I think they were pretty proud. As the episode aired, my entire family was just so excited. It's really been amazing."

Echoing those ideas, her husband Ryan expressed pride in her accomplishments.

"It was great to see Jen challenge herself and push the limits," he said. "This competition has given her so much confidence and energy to follow her passion. Her family is extremely excited for her and proud of her accomplishments."

Likewise, the boys expressed excitement about their mom's big win.

"She did amazing," said John, age nine. "She deserved to win and I'm really proud of her."

Six-year-old Tom shared similar sentiments.

"She did so good," he said. "She made amazing pots — and she did it all for us."

After the judges revealed that Sonnenberg was the winner, Seth Rogen presented her with a handmade ceramic crown.

"Seth Rogen and his wife made the crown, and it's so neat. I love the untypical colour scheme, and the glob glaze is something that Seth uses on his own pottery," she said. "It's personal and unique, which makes it such a neat prize."

Since the series was filmed in advance of when it aired, Sonnenberg

had to keep the exciting secret to herself.

"Having the series end, heading back home and back to school, hockey practices and games and regular life made it feel like the whole thing hadn't happened, especially because I couldn't say anything about it. It's been a ton of fun to watch along with family and friends each week. I'm not going to know what to do with my Thursdays," she said.

"The best part of this experience has been getting to know and work with the other potters along the way. These were some of the most talented clay artists as well as being incredible people. I've definitely been inspired to create more sculptural work and play more with glazes and colour. And I think I've gained some confidence in using the electric kiln to glaze work, so that's something I will probably do more often."

Looking ahead, Sonnenberg plans to keep in touch with the other potters she met through the competition.

"The group is so great — and we've been through this crazy experience that not many others have, so it definitely brought us together," she said. "And with the judges and Jen Robertson, Instagram has been such a great tool to keep us connected."

At the same time, she also expressed gratitude for all the kind words she received from near and far.

"I've just been so overwhelmed in the best way by all the love, support and messages that I've received from friends, family and complete strangers. It has been so truly amazing to hear the congratulations and the stories of how people have loved the show and watched it diligently and how they've been cheering me on," she said.

"I just want to say how grateful I am for all of these messages and support from so many people. It's truly touching."

The first season of The Great Canadian Pottery Throw Down is available to stream on CBC Gem. For behind-the-scenes content and updates, follow @CanadianPotteryShow on Instagram and Facebook.

To see more of Sonnenberg's artwork, visit her online store at www.woodfiredpottery.ca or follow her on Instagram @jensonnenbergwoodfiredpottery. Through the website, you can also sign up for the mailing list to receive updates about classes at her studio, new items for sale and upcoming events. For those who'd like to see Sonnenberg's artwork in person, she will be at the Third + Bird spring market at the Red River Exhi

“We’re working hard to get back on track”

Central MB Tourism aims to get back to work promoting the region

By Ashleigh Viveiros

It’s a new day for Central Manitoba Tourism with June Letkeman at the helm.

Letkeman stepped into the general manager role last fall and has set her sights on bringing back the value the tourism agency provides to its member municipalities across the region.

“It’s a huge area,” she says. “We go from Crystal City and Pilot Mound all the way to Emerson-Franklin, and then all the way up to Macdonald, Oak Bluff, Cartier, Headingley, west to Glenboro and Treherne.”

They’re tasked with showcasing what Central Manitoba has to offer, posting about events and tourism sites on their social media pages, drumming up interest in the area at trade shows, and putting together the annual visitor’s guide.

The agency has had a rocky couple of years thanks in part to the pandemic but also staff turnover. So much so, in fact, that they’ve waived their per-

capita municipal membership fees for 2024.

“We feel members didn’t get the value for the fees they paid,” Letkeman says. “And that’s why towns were leaving us, and I don’t blame them.”

The Town of Altona, for one, cut ties with the agency last October, citing a lack of return on investment and frustration at the dearth of new content created to promote the region.

“It started with COVID, and then somehow it all got behind,” Letkeman says. “I think when Altona left, it was a wake-up call.”

“So this year we have no fees. Everyone’s a member. And I’m hoping to get a rep on the board from every municipality and town and city in our catchment area.”

Letkeman has spent the winter visiting municipal councils to share her vision for the agency and encourage them to get involved in shaping its future.

“I really feel it’s important that they take part—we need an engaged board to be successful.”

Before she was GM, Letkeman was a longtime member of the organization’s board, so she’s no stranger to its mission. She says they plan to reassess the strategic plan they drafted a few years ago to ensure everyone’s

still on the same page.

“I want to revisit that as soon as I get my board together so we have a plan to move ahead with and do what we’re supposed to do, and that’s promote our area.”

High on Letkeman’s to-do list has been working to improve the agency’s website and social media presence to do a better job promoting the various community celebrations and tourism draws.

“We’re going to get it much more modern,” she says of the website, “so people can see what’s all in our catchment area. People don’t know.”

She’s also been busy getting the 2024 Visitor’s Guide printed. She’ll be personally delivering the finished guide to communities this month.

“I have something in there about every community in our catchment area, because they all deserve to be mentioned,” she says of all the various attractions and events on the schedule for the year. “I’m sure I missed stuff, but I really did try to get it all in there.”

More people than ever are looking for things to do and see close to home, Letkeman says.

“With COVID, I think, because they couldn’t go anywhere, people got used to it and realized what’s all here.



PHOTO BY ASHLEIGH VIVEIROS
June Letkeman has come on board as the general manager of Central Manitoba Tourism.

It’s amazing what you can discover.” The summer ahead is poised to be a busy one for the agency, which hopes to hire a student that will head out to see the sights across the region and create social media content about them.

“I’m very excited about our plans,” Letkeman says. “And I just want the public to know that we’re working hard to get back on track.”

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tershed districts program. It sealed three wells in the area in 2023 with a cost of \$150 to the landowners.

As well, the association did some scouting for diffuse knapweed, which is a tier one noxious weed in Manitoba.

Other initiatives include educational projects such as the R.M. of Stanley school tree program, Arbor Day in

Morden, and the two billion tree capacity building project.

The association showed a surplus of \$39,000 for the year, and Derek Trinke, Lorne Warkentine, and Peter Penner were all acclaimed as board members for another two-year term.

Also at the meeting, representatives of the Redboine and Pembina Valley watershed districts made presentations on the watershed projects and funding available to landowners

through various programs. Upon approval, funding is available for shelterbelts, wetland conservation, water retention, fence and watering systems, cover cropping, nitrogen management and rotational grazing. Contact your local watershed district for details.



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SSMA workers apply a plastic mulch cover, one of the many initiatives the agency undertook in 2023.

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1. To control weeds on the Golf Course property. The projected dates of application will be from May 1, 2024 to November 15, 2024. The herbicides to be used include:

- Premium 3-Way XP - Start Up

2. To control disease and growth on the Golf Course greens. The projected dates of application will be from May 1, 2024 to November 15, 2024. The fungicides to be used include:

- Instrata - Secure
- Phostral Pro - Honor
- T-Nex - Affirm
- Mirage Stressguard - Dedicate
- Maxtima - Pendant

3. To control insect pests including: cutworms, cinch bugs, ants, and sod webworms. The projected dates of application will be from May 1, 2024 to November 15, 2024. The insecticide to be used is:

- Delta guard SC

The public may send written submissions or objections within 15 days of the publication of this notice to the department below:

Environment and Climate

Environmental Approvals Branch

14 Fultz Boulevard (Box 35), Winnipeg, MB R3Y 0L6

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Requirements:

- Welding experience is an asset but not mandatory.
- Must be able to lift 50lbs and work outdoors when required.
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- Organizational skills are required.
- Overhead crane experience is an asset but not mandatory.

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If you are looking for a rewarding career and would like to share a resume please contact Ray Beukema at 204-745-2951 or email him at ray.beukema@walinga.com.

We thank all applicants, but only those selected for an interview will be contacted.



RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF GREY NOTICE OF NOMINATIONS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on the following days:
Thursday, April 25th, 2024
Friday, April 26th, 2024
Monday, April 29th, 2024
Tuesday, April 30th, 2024
Wednesday, May 1st, 2024

between the hours of **8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.** at the Rural Municipality of Grey Municipal Office located at **27 Church Avenue East, Elm Creek, Manitoba**

I will receive nominations for the offices of:

Office: **Vacancies:** **Signatures Required**
L.U.D. of St. Claude Committee 1 5

Nominations deadline is Wednesday, May 1st, 2024 at 4:30 p.m. Nominations cannot be accepted after this time.

All nominations shall be made in writing and shall be signed by at least twenty-five voters or NOT less than 1% of the voters (whichever is the lesser) of the authority or ward (as the case may be), but in all cases by at least two voters. Each nomination shall also be accompanied by the candidate's declaration of qualification.

Nominations must be filed in person at the above location on the dates and hours specified. To obtain a nomination paper, and/or candidate's declaration of qualification, contact the S.E.O. at the address or telephone number listed below.

Nomination papers not accompanied by the required documents and not properly filed shall be rejected.

Dated at Elm Creek on April 11th, 2024.

Kim Arnal
Senior Election Official (S.E.O.)
Rural Municipality of Grey
Box 99, 27 Church Avenue East
Elm Creek, Manitoba ROG ONO
Phone: 204-436-2014
Email: kim@rmofgrey.ca

CARMAN HANDI-VAN

ANNUAL MEETING

Thursday, April 18, 2024 at 7 p.m.

Meadowood Estates - Cozy Corner
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OBITUARY



Alice Wiebe (Harder)

Alice Wiebe passed away peacefully at her home in the Boyne Lodge on April 4, 2024. She had celebrated her 105th birthday on March 9, with friends and family present.

She had a full life with lots of love and laughter. A funeral will be held on April 27 at 2:00 p.m. at the Carman United Church. Her obituary will be on the Doyle's Funeral Home website.

The family would like to thank the Boyne Lodge staff for the wonderful care she received while living there.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

is hereby given that the Roland Golf Club intends to conduct the following Pesticide Control Programs during 2024:

1. To control noxious weeds on the golf course. The projected dates of application will be from May 1, 2024, to October 31, 2024. The herbicides to be used include: Par 111; Round-Up Transorb.
2. To control insect pests, including mosquitoes, cankerworms, etc. The proposed dates of application for these programs will be from May 1, 2024, to October 31, 2024. The insecticides to be used include: Malathion 85E.
3. To control disease on the golf course. The proposed dates of application for these programs will be from May 1, 2024, to October 31, 2024. The fungicides to be used include: Banner Max; Insignia Duo; Daconil 2787, Mirage Stressgard, Compass 50WG. The public may send written submissions or objections within 15 days of publication of this notice to the department below:

**Environment and Climate
Environmental Approvals Branch
14 Fultz Boulevard (Box 35)
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**Details available at: www.prairiespirit.mb.ca
or phone 204-836-2147**

**1.0 FTE PRINCIPAL/TEACHER
Competition #2024-16
Prairie Mountain High School (Somerset)**

Prairie Spirit School Division invites applications for a **1.0 FTE Teaching Principal** position to commence September 3rd, 2024. Deadline for applications: **Noon April 23rd, 2024.**

**Details available at: www.prairiespirit.mb.ca
or phone 204-836-2147**

**RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF
THOMPSON PUBLIC NOTICE
2024 FINANCIAL PLAN**

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Subsection 162(2) of the Municipal Act that Council for the Rural Municipality of Thompson intends to present its Financial Plan for the fiscal year 2024 at a public hearing located at:

**Miami Civic Centre
530 Norton Avenue, Miami, MB
Thursday April 25, 2024, at 10:00 a.m.**

Council will hear any person who wishes to make representation, ask questions or register an objection to the Financial Plan. Copies of the Financial Plan will be made available for upon request, via e-mail or telephone.

Melissa Brunel, CMAA
Acting Chief Administrative Officer
RM of Thompson
info@rmofthompson.com
204-435-2114

**RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF GREY
PUBLIC NOTICE
REGARDING THE 2024 FINANCIAL PLAN**

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to subsection 162 (2) of The Municipal Act that the Council of the Rural Municipality of Grey intends to present its financial plan for the fiscal year 2024 at a public hearing in the:

**R.M. of Grey Council Chambers
27 Church Avenue East, Elm Creek, Manitoba
Thursday April 25, 2024 at 7:00 p.m.**

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

Copies of the financial plan will be available for review and may be examined by any person during the regular office hours of the Municipal Office at 27 Church Avenue East, Elm Creek, Manitoba.

Kim Arnal
Chief Administrative Officer
R.M. of Grey

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Sustainability at Friesens

Friesens Corporation has a commitment to the environment, built around making the best use of all their resources and minimizing their ecological footprint.

"We use our resources as carefully as possible—reusing and recycling whatever we can. We make sure that any waste that leaves our plant is recycled in such a manner that it can be used again," says Canadian Sales Manager and Content Expert Ryan Hildebrand.

"Our intention is to protect our employees, customers, community, and natural environment to help sustain global human development. We do this by taking steps to prevent or lessen any adverse impact that might result from our operations and products."

When it comes to ecologically friendly practices, Hildebrand says there are two levels to consider.

"One of them is obviously local. Because we're such a big entity in a small community, dating back to the early days of Friesens, we've realized the importance of managing our ecological footprint."

It starts with basic practices such as using ink drums instead of pails, so those pails don't end up in landfills.

"Even in the company lunchroom, employee-owners are encouraged to separate their garbage into recyclables and compost material. It's those seemingly little things that can make a big difference," he says.

The second consideration is Friesens' global impact.

"As one of the biggest book manufacturers in North America, our global responsibility is significant," Hildebrand says. "It makes good business sense, and it's simply the right thing to do."

Friesens has been recycling their paper long before it was popular to do so.

"In the long run, we look at reducing waste. That means we're more efficient in all our business practices. That improves our bottom line, and we can pass those savings on to our customers. So not only are these practices positively impacting our environmental footprint; they're also

impacting employee owners and our customers."

Friesens has established a detailed Ancient and Endangered Forest Purchasing Policy which provides clear guidelines and implementation measures to fulfill their commitment to being a leader in the industry.

By using Ancient Forest Friendly paper, they reduce their carbon footprint and protect ancient and endangered forests and ecosystems. The Ancient Forest Friendly logo on their products represents their highest ecological quality.

"It's become a prerequisite for the products that we use," says Hildebrand. "Our customers ask about it, as well. It says that the paper that is used doesn't come from forests that are protected. We want to be good stewards."

Environmental-friendly practices are also important in the pressroom, where all printed and non-printed waste is bailed and recycled.

"Everything you see in our facilities, whether it's in our offices, our pressroom, our binding lines, or in any of our practices, is recycled. Even some of the chemicals used when we clean up inks have changed a lot. Everything matters. Small things add up to big things that can impact the environment."

Friesens has become an example of environmental stewardship in the publishing world, as well. Hildebrand cites one example while they were printing an installment of the Harry Potter series.

"We were printing many thousands of copies on 100 per cent recycled paper. At the time, we were the only company that printed those books that way. It started a movement where other publishers jumped on board. It helped encourage other printers and suppliers to develop more recycled paper for the book market. It was meaningful for the industry and really gained some notoriety in the publishing world."

In terms of encouraging their employee owners to be environmentally mindful, Hildebrand says it's almost become part of their DNA.

"Promoting the importance of recycling is huge. We have a test group that works with supplies, right down to the compostable shrink wrap we use to wrap skids. When staff are involved in testing those products, it shows leadership at every level, looking at ways we can be good stewards. We keep working towards making change that is positive. There are things that make good sense, and



SUPPLIED PHOTOS

Friesens has become an example of environmental stewardship in the publishing world, using recycled paper for their products and ensuring any paper waste coming out of their facility is able to be recycled and used again as well.



things that may cost us a bit, but in the long run will be beneficial."

Pride is contagious, be it in the product, or in the practices used to create that product.

"When you have an employee base as large as ours, you can imagine the impact it can have even beyond the workplace."

Hildebrand says he's proud to work for a company that cares about the environment.

"It's a great feeling. When you consider all the resources that go into creating a book, there's a lot of pride that

comes from developing something that lasts a long time and doesn't have an environmental impact. For me, it's motivation to continue to strive and do the right things when it comes to book manufacturing and the products we put together, how we put them together and the suppliers we connect with to make sure we're doing the right thing. It truly goes hand in hand with Friesens' philosophy for continuous improvement and realizing there's always room for more."

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