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Barrels of fun

STANDARD PHOTO BY BECCA MYSKIW
Mickey Satler got second place in the Youth Class riding her horse Hickory, with a time of 17.555 seconds and third in the Open Class on Bella, with 17.628 seconds at the Denim & Dust Barrel Racing last week.

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Barrel racing series, a big success in Carman

By Becca Myskiw

The Denim & Dust Barrel Racing Series is in full swing after hosting 122 riders last Tuesday at the Carman Fairgrounds.

It's the second year in a row for the renamed series that used to be Grit & Grace. After a solid inaugural season last year, organizer Carlene Reimer didn't waste a minute planning this year's jackpot.

"Everyone's just really looking for something to do," she said. "And barrel racers are really picking with the ground...this ground is so good."

The series has three age groups — peewee for 12 and under, youth for 12 to 16, and open for everyone else. The open category sees the most riders, but all are well attended.

Sponsors have almost doubled this year for the Denim & Dust Barrel Racing Series and people are coming from as far as Neepawa. The Carman Kinettes and Kinsmen have a food booth to feed the crowds every week. Three of six events are done and the finals are happening on Aug. 28 where more money and prizes are up for grabs.

Aug. 3 event results:

Peewee:

Jamie Kraun on Bobby Jo, 21.935
Arie Selman on Malicai, 22.225
Danica Hogens on Maverick, 24.26

Youth:

Alexis Foresta on Foxy, 17.103
Mickey Satler on Hickory, 17.555
Rachel Dowd on Hickey, 19.935

Open:

Tori Colosimo on Foxy, 16.855
Whitney Hogue on Dylan, 17.424
Mickey Satler on Bella, 17.628

The series will continue every Tuesday at 7 p.m. this month. To keep up to date, follow Denim & Dust Barrel Racing Series on Facebook.



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Whitney Hogue got second in the open category on Dylan, with a time of 17.424.



Laura Jansen had a time of 17.913 in the Open class.



Gracie rode Elmo on Aug. 3 in the youth category.



Carlene Reimer crosses the finish line in 18.177 seconds.

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MAN bringing Indigenous Summer Tour to Carman



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The Manitoba Arts Network is taking Indigenous artists on tour across Manitoba this summer. They stop in Carman on Aug. 21.

By Becca Myskiw

The Manitoba Arts Network (MAN) is bringing its Indigenous Summer Tour to Carman on Aug. 21.

The Indigenous Arts Tour was announced on July 29 in a news release. MAN said it will continue their goal of providing diverse programming for rural Manitoba communities. So, between Aug. 2 and Aug. 22, five rural and 11 Indigenous communities across the province will host Indigenous musicians.

MAN said this tour could be the first live concert for many in over a year, making it a sort of light at the end of the tunnel. But it's more than a concert — Desiree Penner, executive assistant and curator at Golden Prairie Arts Council (GPAC), said there will be a song writing circle where the audience and artists can come together, make connections, and learn from each other.

"Participants are invited to share their own songs, their narratives, lyrics, and get constructive feedback," said Penner.

Following that, three Indigenous artists will perform for the people. The artists on the tour are Martin Desjarlais, Becky Lou, Riel., Kristen McKay, Norway Rabliauskas, and established performing artists Rhonda Head and Desiree Dorion. In Carman, Becky Lou, Desiree Dorion, and Kristen McKay will perform.

Desjarlais said this tour will be his first and he's looking forward to see-

ing what the province has to offer.

"I'm excited for all the people I'm going to meet and the new connections I'm going to make," he said. "After everything that has happened with the pandemic, I am super excited to be playing for live audiences again. I cannot wait to kick the tires, light the fires, and hit the open road."

Along with creating an experience for artists and audience members alike, the Indigenous Summer Tour will provide these emerging artists the touring experience and help them gain more exposure.

GPAC applied to bring the tour to Carman. Penner said they want to enrich the community's cultural landscape.

"There are so many cultures in our catchment area, Indigenous being one of them," she said. "We thought it'd be a good way to celebrate and give people an opportunity to see Indigenous artists."

The tour starts in Grand Rapids and ends in Birdtail Sioux. Each stop on the tour after the Aug. 8 show has the

same schedule:

Indigenous music presentation and

song writing at 5 p.m. with performances at 7 p.m.

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Benches for Sharlene Spencer: how local cousins are remembering grandma

By Becca Myskiw

A group of cousins are raising money so the community can remember their grandma.

Sharlene Spencer's eight grandchildren had a lemonade stand on July 21 to kick off their fundraising efforts. They're hoping to have two benches placed in town in remembrance of their grandma.

Sharlene Spencer passed suddenly at home on May 15. She was born and raised on the Peckover family farm outside of Homewood and became a "caring and compassionate nurse" at the Carman Memorial Hospital.

Her obituary says family was everything to her. Family gatherings happened frequently throughout the year, and she attended each and every one. Nicole Spencer, a family member and mom to some of Sharlene Spencer's grandkids, said grandma didn't miss anything the children were doing.

"Our family is extremely close and we are lost without her," she said. "She was selfless and never said no. Anyone who knew Sharlene, knew that her family was her world. Her grand-



The Spencer family are hoping to have two benches, similar to the above, placed in Carman in memory of Grandman Spencer.

children absolutely adored her. To be honest, anyone who had the pleasure of meeting Shar adored her."

Her favourite place was at the cabin on Lee River, but her grandkids remember spending much of their time with her on the Boyne River.

Nicole Spencer said this past winter they spent more time together than they had before and they were thankful to have a place they could be together.

"We wanted to have benches set up



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The Spencer grandchildren are raising money to put two benches up in town in memory of their grandma, Sharlene Spencer.

on the river in memory of her so that other people can think of her as well when they are out on the river, spending time with family," said Nicole Spencer.

They don't know how much their lemonade stand made yet, but Nicole Spencer said it was very well attended.

"Sharlene's grandkids are missing her so incredibly much

and it has been an incredible experience for them to witness how important their grandma was to other people as well," she said.

The benches they're looking at are granite and would come from Carman Granite. Nicole Spencer said they don't have a price on them yet but are hoping to have them out late summer or early fall.

To donate to the Spencer kids' cause, e transfer nandjspencer@gmail.com. Any extra funds raised will be donated to the community in Sharlene Spencer's name.

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The Spencer grandchildren with grandma and grandpa Spencer.

Mask mandate changed: what local businesses are doing

By Becca Myskiw

The provincial government announced a number of changes to the COVID restrictions that came into effect at 12:01 a.m. this past Saturday.

Among the changes was one rather large one: wearing a mask in indoor public spaces is now “strongly recommended”, not mandatory. Along with that, maintaining physical distancing, or staying at least six feet from others indoors, is also now a recommendation.

“However, we know that COVID-19 will be with us,” said Manitoba’s top doctor Brent Roussin at the Aug. 3 press conference. “COVID-19 will be here in a post-pandemic Manitoba, as well as the other respiratory viruses such as influenza and RSV.”

Due to the “ongoing presence of COVID-19 in Manitoba and elsewhere, and the extra risk posed by the more contagious delta variant,” the province hopes most people will continue to follow the recommendations.

“We are slowly but surely approaching a post-pandemic Manitoba,” said

Roussin. “But this does not mean COVID-19 will disappear. We need to remain cautious and vigilant in our efforts to stop the spread of this virus.”

The Carman and Community Chamber of Commerce notified its members of the changes the following day, asking them to let them know which policies they’ll implement regarding masks behind their own business doors.

Carman Florists and Gift Boutique released a statement on Thursday, Aug. 6. It said, “As restrictions lift, we have decided that we will not be wearing masks. We will still be offering curbside pickup and we will have our masks handy...so if you are uncomfortable, just ask and we’ll put them on.”

Owner Carly Boklaschuk said trying to keep everyone comfortable and happy is quite the decision to make and if her and her employees find they’re uncomfortable, they’ll re-evaluate in the coming weeks.

Jessica Knaggs, owner of Knockabouts, said as a team, they’ve decid-

ed to make mask wearing optional.

“We will continue to provide a clean environment and feel that we can still manage store traffic safely,” she said. “Customers can request for us to wear a mask if they are more comfortable, and we will happily put one on.”

On Friday, Aug. 6, the Chamber sent out an email with information on what other businesses are doing. It said many responses “indicated that all staff would have a mask available to put on at the request of clients and customers.”

It also said all businesses offering personal services would require masks when working in close contact with clients.

A few Chamber members are undecided on what their plan is, but this is what the Chamber knows so far:

Masks optional:

- Mc Gee’s Original Grill
- Body By Jess
- Carman Ford (Masks Required in Shuttle Service)
- Knockabouts

- North Star Genetics
- Doyle’s Funeral Home
- Homestead Co-op
- Prairie Revive
- Carman Florists and Gift Boutique
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Local producer grows acres of vegetables for community

By Becca Myskiw

A local farmer is producing goods to feed everyone and anyone.

Kyle Gingrich farms approximately 12 acres of land just outside of St. Claude. When he was 12 years old, he started selling produce from his family’s garden to community members and the tradition continues to grow.

Gingrich started with a tenth of an acre of land and now has 12 acres on an old pasture lot. He also used to just work with his hands, but now he can harvest using various pieces of equipment with different implements.

Each year around seeding time, Gingrich looks at the market to see what’s hot. He then checks the forecast and plants his vegetables according to demand and growing conditions. This year, based on the drought and what people need most, he’s planted a lot of sweet corn, potatoes, and pumpkins.

He also grows beans, peas, cucumbers, and more — but he can’t grow everything. So, Gingrich works with other local producers and swaps produce with them to ensure his vegetable stand offers everything. If he doesn’t have enough carrots, someone

else will, and he’ll give them what they need in exchange for those.

The producers he trades with are within a 60-mile radius of the community so everything he sells is exceptionally locally produced and fresh.

The vegetable stand is at Road 218 N and Provincial Road 240. It’s inside an air-conditioned building and is not manned by anyone at any point in the day — it works entirely off the honour system.

Gingrich unlocks the building at 8 a.m., sets up the produce and the signs, and locks it back up at 8 p.m. every day. He said they don’t carry anything for more than 72 hours. After that, if there’s any produce left, they freeze it or can it for their consumption. But the stand is pretty well used and there’s not always a lot he has to take home.

Prices change depending on the type of produce and bundle size, but Gingrich puts up signs saying how much each is. People can go in, take what they need, and leave their money in a box also at the stand.

The stand was up July 23 and will be there until Halloween.



Vegetables are bagged and priced ready for sale.



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Kyle Gingrich’s veggie stand has fresh, affordable veggies for anyone who needs.

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Further easing of restrictions

By Lorne Stelmach

A substantial easing of public health order restrictions took effect this past weekend as the province closed in on its next milestone for its reopening plan.

Manitoba was expected to reach the third vaccination target ahead of schedule with 80 per cent of Manitobans age 12 and over having received their first dose as of last Tuesday and 75 per cent expected to have received their second dose by this week.

It means many of the public health order restrictions were becoming recommendations and guidelines, but Premier Brian Pallister stressed some caution is still needed as the province shifts from pandemic to endemic COVID-19.

"We aren't out of the woods yet," said Pallister, who stressed they want to be able to sustain the good progress that has been made to date.

"We have moved somewhat cautiously compared to many other jurisdictions ... Manitoba's in a good place right now," said Pallister.

"We continue to meet and exceed the vaccination goals that we set. I'm told that we're leading the country in second vaccinations and that speaks well to Manitoban's desire to do their part to help us stay safe, protect our health system," he continued.

"Manitobans should be very proud of their collective efforts to protect one another and get back to doing some of those things we love and have really missed."

The new public health orders and guidance that took effect Saturday one month earlier than forecast only restrict the most high-risk transmission environments.

Specifically, the new public health orders will allow the following sectors to open without restrictions: indoor and outdoor gatherings at private residences; gyms and fitness centres; libraries; personal services such as hair and nail salons; day camps; retail businesses, markets, garden centres

and malls.

Other sectors will open with limited restrictions including:

- expanded capacity limits will remain in place for weddings, funerals and other public gatherings both indoors and outdoors including larger capacity limits for worship and cultural events like pow wows;

- restaurants and bars will no longer need to restrict the size or space between tables and dining will not be restricted to households or vaccinated individuals; however, patrons will still be expected to avoid congregating or socializing between tables;

- museums, galleries and movie theatres will remain limited to 50 per cent capacity but will no longer be restricted to vaccinated individuals;

- casinos and bingo halls, professional sporting events, horse and auto racing, and concert halls will continue to be limited to vaccinated individuals; however, all these facilities may now open to 100 per cent capacity;

- indoor and outdoor sports and recreation will fully reopen with limits only on spectator capacity;

- overnight camps will be permitted with limits on camper cohorts;

- workplaces must continue to report cases to government for follow-up and public health-confirmed transmission of COVID-19 in the workplace may result in workplaces being ordered to close for a minimum of 10 days;

- remote working will no longer be required or recommended by public health, and workplaces will be encouraged to transition from COVID-19 safety plans to a general communicable disease prevention plan that focuses on basic risk-reduction principles to reduce the risk of workplace transmission of COVID-19 and other respiratory illnesses.

Due to the ongoing presence of COVID-19 and the extra risk posed by the more contagious delta variant, provincial public health officials still strongly recommend wearing masks in indoor public spaces for everyone

who is not fully immunized including children under 12 maintaining physical distancing of two metres (six feet) in indoor settings.

"Unless you are fully immunized, you are still at risk for more severe effects of COVID-19, such as requiring hospital care or even death," cautioned Manitoba's chief provincial public health officer Dr. Brent Roussin.

"We still want people to step up, protect themselves, protect their employees, protect their patrons, protect people around them," said Roussin.

"We know that COVID-19 will be with us. COVID-19 will be here in a post pandemic Manitoba as well as the other respiratory viruses. We're slowly approaching that post pandemic Manitoba that we've been discussing, and so this is why we have been able to lift some of these restrictions.

"The continued shutting down of our economy and our society is not realistic in the long term," said Roussin, adding it is very likely the province will see rising cases of COVID especially among the unvaccinated, so that is why they hope Manitobans will still take the recommendations to heart. "We have to learn how to live with COVID."

The new public health order will expire at 12:01 a.m. Tuesday, Sept. 7, and it will be reassessed at that time in the context of vaccination rates and the province's overall COVID-19 situation.

"We are very close to hitting that final milestone in our reopening path and reopening fully and completely," said Pallister. "We need everyone on Team Manitoba to for this final stretch. Get vaccinated – not once, but twice – and follow the public health orders and guidance designed to bend our COVID curve down and keep it down."

For more information on COVID-19 in Manitoba, visit www.manitoba.ca/covid19/.

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Manitoba students set to return to classes in September

By Lorne Stelmach

The province is lifting restrictions to allow Kindergarten to Grade 12 students to safely return to in-class learning Sept. 7.

While easing a majority of the restrictions, especially mask use, earned some criticism, provincial officials stressed students and staff will be expected to continue to follow the 'COVID-safe' basics and that masks will continue to be recommended.

It was also stressed public health officials will continue to closely monitor conditions on an ongoing basis, and individual divisions will have the choice to maintain stricter measures if they so wish.

"We do want to ensure that a safe and healthy environment is in place for all students and staff this fall," said education minister Cliff Cullen.

"After 18 months of facing the global impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic together, Manitoba is on the road to reopening, including schools with near normal operations," said Cullen.

"Our government believes that students learn best in the classroom, and we know how eager students are to return," he continued.

Manitoba's chief provincial public health officer Dr. Brent Roussin also stressed there will be contingency plans in place.

"We are going to continue to see COVID-19 infections in the community; we're going to see them in the schools; we're going to see a return of other respiratory illnesses," Roussin acknowledged. "The strong determination of Manitobans has helped

limit the spread of the virus. This has resulted in a reduction in overall case numbers, community transmission and test positivity rates. The strain on our health care system continues to decline as vaccination rates continue to increase.

"Exposures in schools are less likely to occur when community transmission is lower ... so as a result schools will be able to return to close to normal activities in September with some health and safety measures in place," he said. "These public health orders may change over time again depending on what we see with transmission and risk of severe outcomes ... we can always revisit these restrictions ... nothing is off the table."

Cullen also noted that the 2021-22 school year will focus on addressing the mental health and well-being of students and the education workforce, ensuring supports for students with special needs as well as addressing the learning impacts from the pandemic.

As part of the province's plan to ensure the health and wellness of students, a renewed focus on immunizations for school-aged youth will also launch this fall.

Currently, about two-thirds of those aged 12 to 17 have received at least one dose of the COVID-19 vaccine and about 52 per cent have received both doses. Immunization teams will attend all schools with students aged 12 to 17 to provide first and second doses beginning in areas with lower vaccine uptake to help reduce barriers to immunization.

Planning is also underway for a school-based campaign for children aged five to 11 once the COVID-19 vaccines are approved for use. School-based clinics will be one of many options available to students and their parents to get a COVID-19 vaccination. Vaccine appointments, community based pop-ups, medical clinics and pharmacies will continue to be options into the school year.

Public health and education officials are also putting plans in place to ensure young people can catch up on important immunizations that may have been delayed due to the pandemic such as HPV, hepatitis B, meningococcal disease and tetanus, diphtheria and pertussis.

Public health officials are also recommending changes to cohort sizes for child care facilities. Cohort sizes will increase from 30 to 48 children plus staff.

In addition, physical distancing within a cohort is no longer required, however it is strongly recommended the same staff work exclusively with the same cohort. Sharing staff across cohorts should be avoided to the greatest extent possible.

Schools will use student assessments to further understand and address the impacts of COVID-19 on learning and plans to hold stakeholder engagements to develop supports to improve the mental health and well-being of students and staff.

This will build on \$2.5 million in student mental health investments made last year over and above the allocations to school divisions. Another \$58

million is dedicated to supporting safe schools including a \$5 million fund provided to school divisions over the summer and at the start of the year to assess and address learning impacts because of the pandemic.

Funds dedicated to helping and protecting students include:

- \$40 million for additional staffing, learning and technology, and health and safety;
- \$6 million for masks and personal protective equipment;
- \$5 million for the Kindergarten to Grade 8 remote learning support centre for students who are immunocompromised.
- \$2 million in contingency funding.

There were questions and concerns raised about the government plan including the Opposition NDP Leader Wab Kinew, who suggested removing the mask mandate was incomprehensible with a possible fourth wave of the virus to come.

"Even while they admit that a fourth wave is inevitable, the PCs are sending 200,000 children back to school without basic safety measures like mandatory masks. We didn't expect much, but this is worse than we could have imagined," said Manitoba Liberal Party leader Dougald Lamont.

"There is no plan for immunocompromised or disabled children who cannot attend school and whose parents have to work. There should be mandatory masks, frequent testing, and the government still needs to upgrade HVAC systems, many of which been obsolete for 30 years."

Provincial COVID-19 case counts remain low

Warnings of a possible fourth wave of COVID-19 continued even as the province last weekend welcomed a significant loosening of public health restrictions.

The new case count meanwhile remained low as of the regular update Monday, which noted 128 new cases of the virus had been identified since Friday including 29 cases Friday, 29 cases Saturday, 45 cases Sunday and 25 cases Monday. Seven cases were removed due to data correction, bringing the total number of lab-confirmed cases in Manitoba to 57,860.

Public health officials reported one new death of a person with COVID-19, and the death of the female in her 60s from the Winnipeg health region, linked to an unspecified variant of concern, brought the total number of deaths in people with COVID-19 is 1,184.

The current five-day COVID-19 test

positivity rate was 2.5 per cent provincially and 1.6 per cent in Winnipeg, and of the 25 cases reported Monday, eight new cases were in Southern Health-Santé Sud.

Across the region, the only districts with active cases were Lorne - Louise - Pembina with three and Winkler and the RM of Stanley with two each. Morden as well as Roland - Thompson, Carman, Grey, MacDonald, Morris and Altona had zero active cases.

Overall, there were 568 active cases and 56,108 individuals who have recovered from COVID-19.

As well, there were 89 Manitobans hospitalized with COVID-19 including 32 people with active COVID-19 as well as 57 people who are no longer infectious. A total of 14 Manitoba patients were receiving intensive care for COVID-19, including six people in intensive care units with active COVID-19 as well as eight people who are

no longer infectious but continue to require critical care;

Possible exposure locations are listed online by region at the province's #RestartMB Pandemic Response System webpage. For up-to-date information on possible public exposures to COVID-19 in regions, visit www.gov.mb.ca/covid19/updates/flights.html#event and click on your region.

Additional data is available at: geoportal.gov.mb.ca/. Data related to COVID-19, variants of concern, outbreaks and some downloadable and historic data can also be found at this site.

For up-to-date information on COVID-19 in Manitoba, including the online screening tool, testing criteria and locations, self-isolation requirements, public health fundamentals and the provincial response level on the #RestartMB Pandemic Response System, visit www.manitoba.ca/COVID19.

Letter to the editor

Who is protecting our water?

Hi, I was driving in the Rm of Dufferin and noticed a irrigation system running. With the drought conditions Manitoba is experiencing and with communities across Manitoba have implemented water restrictions. How could this be? The irrigation is still running surprised me. Water is our most precious resource. Who is looking after protecting our water?

- Brigitte Eberling

Carman connects new PVWC pumphouse amid drought

By Iris Dyck

On June 23, the Town of Carman shut down its old water treatment plant and connected to its newly built pumphouse and reservoir, tapping into the Pembina Valley Water Co-operative Inc. (PVWC)'s supply of potable water.

The new pumphouse and reservoir have been in the works for about five years, said Darcy Hayward, Manager of Utilities for the Town of Carman. Construction began in March 2020. The old water treatment plant, built in the 1980s, couldn't keep up with current government water safety standards. It will be demolished this fall.

"We had to either upgrade and build a new plant, or go to a storage reservoir, so we decided it was more feasible," Hayward said.

The town warned residents of possible water pressure changes as they switched over to the new system. Hayward said the switch itself was not a complicated process.

"We shut one valve there, and a couple valves in front of the existing plant, and then that's all there is to take it out of service," he said.

But the changeover comes at a daunting time: just a month later, on July 27, PVWC and the 14 municipalities it services declared a drought state of emergency.

"It's a very serious situation," said PVWC CEO Greg Archibald. "It's kind of scary."

On July 28, PVWC reported the Red River flow had decreased by half over the past month. PVWC's pumps on the river require gravity to push water into the pump wells. The low water levels have forced PVWC to bring

in external pumps from Winnipeg to move water from the river to the co-operative's intake pumps.

"You could walk across the river, almost," said Archibald. "We believe if it continues at the current trend with the current weather, the Red may be dry at the end of September."

According to the Canadian Drought Monitor, the Red River Valley is experiencing a level D3, or "extreme" drought, a one in 20-50-year event. Archibald said PVWC is looking at how to store as much water as possible using its existing infrastructure, including filling up reservoirs like the one in Carman.

"PVWC IS LOOKING AT HOW TO STORE AS MUCH WATER AS POSSIBLE."

Carman's new underground reservoir at the northeast end of town can hold over 3 million litres of water. But unlike the town's old facility, the water is not treated there.

"It's a pretty simple system," said Hayward. "We're not making any water anymore, so it's a lot less daily tests than we did in the old plant."

Instead, it acts as a storage and distribution centre, pumping clean water from Stephenfield Regional Water Treatment Plant to homes and businesses in the Carman area. It can also be fed from the Morris Water Treatment Plant if needed.

"Our new reservoir that they put in is working well for us," Archibald said.

The PVWC is imposing water usage restrictions on Pembina Valley residents, businesses, and agricultural producers to take some immediate pressure off the system. Archibald calls it an "all in it together effort."

"Certainly, we hope is going to rain, but honestly, at this stage, it would



STANDARD PHOTOS BY GREG ARCHIBALD

Additional pumps push water from the Red River into PVWC's intake wells.



STANDARD PHOTO BY DARCY HAYWARD

The new pumphouse and reservoir only distributes water to the town of Carman.

have to rain probably three weeks solid to make much difference," he said.

Pembina Valley residents are asked to

reduce their water use by 15 per cent, and to stop watering their lawns and washing cars at home.



The Pembina Valley is facing the worst drought in recent memory. Water levels are so low that you can almost walk across the river.

MFCBC announces new business financing

Submitted by Metis Financial Corp.

The Métis Financial Corporation BC (MFCBC) today announced a non-repayable contribution program to assist Métis entrepreneurs. The Business Financing Contribution program is a game changer for the organization and Métis entrepreneurs in British Columbia. This is the first time we are able to offer grants as part of its "core funding" program. These grants are in the form of non-repayable contributions and are in combination with an approved client's loan. This program will significantly reduce the cost of financing to Métis entrepreneurs. MFCBC will be able to offer these contributions on an on-going basis and in doing so create a better opportunity for Métis businesses to succeed.

MFCBC CEO Evan Salter states, "It

is extremely exciting for MFCBC to announce this program. We believe it allows Métis entrepreneurs and our organization an opportunity to grow successfully together. The program offsets considerably the costs of financing by reducing the interest

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Local retiree building lifelike machines from wood



Some of Halstead's creations on display at the Carman Garden Tour.

By Becca Myskiw

Jack Halstead has three things to do — watch TV, golf and woodworking.

The first two hobbies are pretty self-explanatory. His woodworking, however, isn't your typical picture frames and end tables. It's Dr. Seuss-style birdhouses and intricate machinery.

Halstead picked up his first saw in his Grade 7 woods class. Since then, he's carried his knack for the art but hasn't used his skills too seriously until recently during his retirement. He said in 2010, he was newly retired and in his home in the Town of Carman they had just moved to, and boredom started to get the best of him.

"I can only watch so much TV and play so much golf," he said.

So, when he gets tired of watching "Hell on the Highway" and sinking golf balls, he starts making "fancy little toys and birdhouses." Then, when he's bored of that, he goes back to one of the other two, keeping a constant rotation.

Most of what Halstead makes comes from ideas he gets in his head. The birdhouses, for example, come from an idea, then he draws it on paper, and starts building. He does his research, though, and knows which birds like which size holes in their houses and how tall they should be, so he makes each birdhouse a size that'll fit all birds.

"Any bird will go in any birdhouse I think as long as it's the hole and the size they like," he said.

His favourite creation, though, is a wooden firetruck he made from a blueprint. Everything he makes he cuts every piece for, so nothing is pre-manufactured. He drilled about 100 holes on the sliding ladder (one of four ladders on the truck) in the firetruck to ensure every rod lined up perfectly.

That was made for his wife's nephew, who is a fireman in Swan River.

"When someone asks me to build something, I do it," he said. "I don't rush you know. I'm not a manufacturer, I do it in my spare time and I take my time."

Right now, he's working on building a rotator like



STANDARD PHOTOS BY BECCA MYSKIW
Hack Halstead builds fancy vehicles and birdhouses from wood.

the ones seen in his favourite show, "Hell on the Highway." It's a big tow truck for lifting semis out of the ditch with three axels on the back, one on the front, and twin booms. He said when it's done, his wooden rotator will be about 30" long.

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payable over the life of the loan and ensuring the business does not have to repay the full amount of funding. It is great news to be able to offer this program as the federal government has now moved to a more distinction-based funding model that recognizes the unique circumstances of Métis entrepreneurs."

Salter continued, "Métis applicants will still require a Business Plan to apply for a loan. In order to make this process easier, MFCBC can cover 75%

of the cost to develop a plan. At MFCBC, we want to be the place Métis entrepreneurs come for financing and this program is another way we can help. MFCBC, as the newest Métis AFI (Aboriginal Finance Institution) arguably became the fastest growing AFI in Canada during the COVID-19 pandemic. Our small staff were able to process almost 500 emergency covid loans and grants worth close to \$10 million. We know these loans and grants to Métis entrepreneurs in BC helped Métis businesses survive the COVID-19 pandemic."

Salter concluded "We believe with good reason

that our success in delivering the emergency COVID-19 funding shows that we will be able to get the Business Financing Contribution Program into the hands of our hard working and committed Métis entrepreneurs."

MFCBC officially opened for business in August 2018 to serve Métis entrepreneurs in BC. MFCBC provides funding for new Métis businesses or existing businesses that require financing to expand.

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FESTIVAL MEMORIES

50+ years of Corn & Apple Festival fun

The Morden Corn & Apple Festival has come a long way from its roots as a celebration of Canada's Centennial back in 1967.

Held in early September that year, the very first festival had modest expenses of just over \$1,100 and spanned a single block of Stephen St. (see photo at right), offering up a hay rack as a stage, performances from local talent, and a farmers' market.

They served 200 cobs of free corn and 80 gallons of free apple cider that year—a far cry indeed from the 50,000+ cobs that are handed out these days.

Over the years, this hugely popular celebration has grown and changed in a myriad of ways. Here are just a few highlights from the past 50+ years, according to the festival itself:

- Started as a two-day free event and expanded to three days in 1988. The free part of it has never changed.
- Morden Museum members have been a mainstay of the festival throughout its run. They sold apple pie and raffle tickets at the festival to raise money for what is now the Canadian Fossil Discovery Centre.
- The first festival parade was held in 1975, with the Shriners coming on as a perennial favourite two years later.
- Fehr Way Tours have provided a bus for free tours since 1977. Originally the price to ride this bus from Winnipeg was just \$5.
- The Wonder Shows midway became an attraction of the Corn & Apple Festival in 1968.
- Rain at the festival in 1970, 1971, 1975, and 1992 forced the queen pageant and main stage entertainment inside. As a result, the first stage canopy was purchased in 1977 to protect performers and equipment. The second was purchased for the 25th anniversary in 1991.
- A permanent electrical panel was installed in 1976 to provide adequate power to the stage.
- The first pie baking and eating contests were held in 1974. The first beer garden sponsored by the Mor-

den Hockey Club was also held this year.

- Children's events became a permanent attraction in 1975. Events that year included a kite-flying contest, model airplane demonstration, fish pond, and a pet show.

- The giant apple pie was first used to open the festival in 1976 and continued to 2007.

- Mascots Cob and Cora were introduced in 1978. Performers wearing costumes were first seen in 1988.

- For fundraising, souvenirs, corn, and apple cider were first sold at the 1984 festival.

- In 1985, Arden Stutzman designed a stage on a truck chassis whose sides folded up for easy transportation. This design continues to be used today.

- Corporate sponsorship from Sun Rype and Coca-Cola in 1990 raised the profile of the festival to a national level.

- In 2004, Morden was honoured when a new variety of apple tree developed at the Morden Research Station was named for the festival. The Morden Festival apple ripens in late summer, a week earlier than the Goodland apple so that it's ready for festival weekend.

- Federal funding through Building Communities Through Arts and Heritage started in 2011. The Art Walk, youth stage, and historical bus tours were all added to the schedule this year.

- The festival took over its own administration in 2010. The offices were first housed in the Anglican Church and then moved to a permanent location at 379 Stephen Street.

- Festival organizers conducted an economic impact assessment in 2011 showing over \$1 million in economic activity is generated by the festival each year.

- In 2015, Prairie Research Associates conducted a survey in Winnipeg to gauge local enthusiasm for "Winnipeg" festivals. Twelve per cent of respondents identified the Morden Corn & Apple Festival.

PHOTO SUPPLIED BY THE MORDEN CORN AND APPLE FESTIVAL

An aerial view of the very first Morden Corn & Apple Festival in 1967—it spanned a single block of Stephen St. Right: By 1983 the festival had grown to take over much more of the downtown.



- Corn & Apple celebrates 50 years in 2016 with homecoming celebrations, a memory book, and other special events and souvenirs.
 - The 2017 Morden Corn & Apple manages to recycle an impressive 87 per cent of all the garbage collected over the three-day celebration.
 - The 2020 festival is cancelled due to the pandemic, but a special concert streamed online from the downtown stage keeps the music going.
- Plans are in the works for livestreamed concerts once again in 2021. Head to cornandapple.com for details.




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From the Stanley Fair to Old Time Value Days to the Harvest Festival

Considering the role Winkler has long played as a retail hub for the region, it's fitting that its festival has its roots in what was a shop-local promotional event.

Rewind the clock back to 1963 and you'd find Winklerites celebrating not the Harvest Festival but rather the very first Old Time Value Days.

This giant party took over downtown Main St. in August for over 20 years before the festival as we know it today was created.

According to *A History of Winkler* by Frank Brown, who wrote the book in the early 1970s:

"Much of the sale promotional takes the form of a bazaar on Main St. with food concessions such as breakfast pancakes, soft drink and ice cream stands, barbecued hamburger and chicken, as well as booths featuring groceries and other general merchandise at reduced prices.

"The clerks in the stores downtown wear old-fashioned costumes and generally dress up in the garb of pioneers.

"An Old Time Value Days queen is elected and evening entertainment is provided. The children are taken on pony, hayrack, and merry-go-round rides."

Businesses would offer prizes and promotions for all three or four days of the event, Brown writes. With the celebrations drawing upwards of 50,000 people by 1972, stores saw a huge boost in sales to close out the summer.

By the mid 1980s, the business landscape of Winkler had begun to change, with more and more retail establishments (including the then-new Southland Mall) opening up shop far from downtown.

In 1986, Old Time Value Days merged with the long-running Stanley Agricultural Society fair (which was started back in 1947) to create the new Winkler Harvest Festival and Exhibition, moving

all the festivities from Main St. to the Parkland fairgrounds.

For years, the ag. society's massive exhibition—one of the largest in Manitoba—was a big part of the festival, as was its various livestock and riding events.

It's only within the last few years that the festival and the society have parted ways, following on the heels of the sale of S.A.S. land so the Meridian Exhibition Centre could be built.

Today, the festival is known simply as the Winkler Harvest Festival. The ag. society, meanwhile, is still on the hunt for land outside the city on which to begin hosting events once again (including, potentially, the exhibition) after a few years' break.

Exhibition aside, the festival has seen a number of events come and go over the years as public interests change.

A festival queen was crowned for decades before the program fizzled out in the late 2000s.

The community also bid farewell to its rodeo about a decade ago after a hugely successful run.

As some festival features fade away, others have been added, including things like fitness challenges, CultureFest performances and displays, a secondary stage, and a car show.

And all the perennial festival favourites aren't going anywhere anytime soon: the midway, the Saturday morning parade, and, of course, the three days of main stage entertainment, very much known for drawing quality acts from near and far.

That last feature was still able to be celebrated this summer, even with pandemic restrictions and the festival itself cancelled—Winkler's popular Concerts in the Park moved from Bethel Heritage Park downtown to the festival stage last month. Weekly concerts are slated to run into fall.



PHOTO FROM WINKLER HERITAGE ARCHIVES Before Winkler's festival moved to the Parkland fairgrounds with a new name in the late '80s, Old Time Value Days took over the downtown.

A plum good time

While perhaps not as old or as big as some of the neighbouring summer festivals, the Plum Coulee Plum Fest certainly doesn't skimp on the heart.

Held the weekend between Winkler and Morden's events, Plum Coulee's community celebration has been running since 2002, following the town's centennial celebrations the year before.

The now three-day festival each year offers up free family fun including children's activities, stage entertainment, an old-time dance, a firemen's rodeo, community meals, and more, all from the heart of Plum Coulee in the shadow of the Prairie View Elevator Museum.

As with all the festivals, the Plum Fest is on hold for a second year this summer, but plans to be back at it in 2022.

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Local hairstylist offering farm family discounts

By Becca Myskiw

A local hairstylist is doing her part to help farmers during the drought.

Kathy Mangin is a hairdresser in St. Claude. She works out of the salon in the manor and does hair at the care home. She just recently moved back to St. Claude and since she's been in the hair business for over 25 years, the opportunity arose to focus on seniors and she jumped on it, wanting to care for them.

Mangin is settled in and is wanting to care for more than just seniors. For the entire month of August, Mangin is offering a 15 per cent discount to all farm families who get their hair done by her.

That discount includes any of her

services — cuts, colours, styles, perms, etc.

"It's just gotten to the point where it's beyond a crisis for them and it's affecting their mental health," she said. "If we see somebody who needs help, we do our best right?"

Mangin said she used to work in a bakery and saw then that though people have to pay more for their bread, the farmer still gets next to nothing for their wheat. That affects them every year, but the ongoing drought is only making it more challenging.

"A bad farming year affects everyone," she said. "It's one of those things where I'm not going to be losing any money. It's just a nicety I can offer."

Mangin said she's had a few people

contact her already regarding the discount and using it, but she's hoping more farm families will take advantage of it, especially with the upcoming school year start.

She said farmers are everyone's neighbours and farming is one of the essential industries in the world. Larger farms will recover, but it's the smaller family-owned farms that she's worried about helping because they'll be hit the hardest.

"It's the combination of going into harvest, it's as bleak as it's been in years, so if someone can afford to get their done now, perfect," said Mangin.

To learn more about her farm family discount or to book an appointment, call Mangin at (204) 873-0111. Her dis-



Kathy Mangin is offering discounts to farm families to help during difficult times.

count runs until Sept. 1, 2021.

Kid's Biz Camp preparing for another exciting week in Carman

By Becca Myskiw

The 2021 Kid's Biz Camp is around the corner, ready to show Carman's youth how to be an entrepreneur.

Community Futures Heartland is hosting the popular day camp again this year and will run from Aug. 16 to 20 from 9 a.m. to 3:45 p.m. Children aged nine to 13 will enter the Carman Arena's Kinsmen room and spend the week learning all about owning their own business.

Ken Reimer, general manager of

Community Futures Heartland, said the mornings of each camp day are all about the business basics: marketing, selling, pricing, what an entrepreneur is, the good and bad traits they have.

He said a few of those good traits include deep pockets and having their own financing. Ernie the entrepreneur helps the children learn more traits — he has hands to do the work, eyes to see opportunity, feet to work all day, and dimples from smiling at his customers.

Then, in the afternoons, the campers will take tours of local businesses where the owners (entrepreneurs) will tell them about their experiences. Reimer said a popular stop is always Syl's Drive Inn but they've also gone to Wallinga and Nine Lives Fashions.

Over the week, the children will be getting ready to create, market, and sell their own products at the Carman Farmer's Market on Friday. They make signage, calculate their spending and profits, and debrief how it went the

day after. The entrepreneurs will celebrate the end of their camp week at the pool or somewhere in town.

Reimer said some campers make masks, hand sanitizer, loom bracelets, paint pictures, cooling scarves, canvas art, butterfly art, bird feeders, sugar scrubs, and more. The Friday is usually everyone's favourite day.

The Kid's Biz Camp gives local children real-world training, said Reimer, and gets them excited for the business world.

"Basically, I mean there's not a lot of entrepreneurship training that people can get before they want to start their own business," he said. "We're feeding the fire before they're starting their own businesses."

Though this year's camp is already full of campers, Reimer encourages everyone to show them their support at the Carman Farmer's Market on Friday, Aug. 20 from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m.

Corrections

Staff

In the Aug. 5 edition of the *Carman Dufferin Standard*, we published the story "Upcoming farmer's market to showcase over 50 local businesses". In the story, we wrote Josh Reimer's email wrong. For anyone wishing to contact him, it is foodtruckeatfest@gmail.com. We apologize for the mistake.

Also in the Aug. 5 edition of the *Standard*, we published the story "Orchard looking to turn golf into a career". To clarify Orchard's stats: he finished 11th overall in the Manitoba Junior Open and third in his age division, not in the MJT. He finished 7th in the MJT he attended.

We apologize for the confusion.



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Carman ties Altona, loses to Baldur in senior ball

By Jack Pethybridge

The Carman Cardinals played their final regular-season home games this past weekend.

Friday, they secured an 8-8 tie with the Altona Bisons in a game that was called due to darkness.

Slade Southern and Tim Dunn pitched for the Cardinals.

Carman's Jake Sailer drove in three runs in the first inning but the Cardinals, leading after six innings, failed to hold on for a victory.

On Sunday, the Cardinals hosted the Baldur Regals, losing a shortened game 16-3.

The only highlight for Carman was a three-run home run by Brent Dunn.

The Cardinals finish their schedule on the road this Sunday afternoon at Killarney.

A playoff format will be established later this week with all teams participating. Details to follow.

Hope to see you at the ballpark.



Cardinals' starter Jon Rempel delivers a pitch.



STANDARD PHOTOS BY DENNIS YOUNG
Carman Cardinals' shortstop Sam Bryson and second baseman Devin Gitzel chase an infield hit against the Morden Mudhens on Aug. 3. Morden won the game 8-4.

Orioles set for playoff weekend after finishing with 7-11 record

By Lorne Stelmach

The Pembina Valley Orioles closed out the MJBL regular season with mixed results last week.

They began the week by picking up their first back to back wins in clobbering the Altona Bisons 17-0 last Wednesday before coming from behind to edge the Interlake Blue Jays 9-8 Friday.

The Orioles had everything clicking against second place Altona, and they trailed Interlake 6-2 after four innings but then drove in seven runs in the fifth.

The streak couldn't be sustained through to the doubleheader finale Sunday however as the Carillon Sultans took game one 10-0 before the Orioles forfeit game two.

Pembina Valley finishes the shortened regular season with a 7 and 11 record, which will leave them in fifth or sixth place depending on the results of final regular season games that were still taking place this week. Their playoff opponent could potentially be Winnipeg South, Carillon or even the St. James As.

The tentative schedule for the play-

off round this weekend had first place Elmwood Giants getting the opening game bye, while second play seventh, third faces sixth and fourth takes on fifth place. The winners then advance for further round robin games Saturday through to Monday with a final game Tuesday if necessary.

King steps down as Beavers' president

By Brian Bowman

The Carman Beavers lost their president last week.

Tyler King officially announced last Wednesday that he is stepping down from his duties with the club.

King had spent 10-plus years with the Beavers in various capacities.

"The time was right but it was also tough," said King last Sunday afternoon. "I did enjoy my time with the team. The experience was good, it was fun, but it could be a lot of work at times. When I started my role was the announcer and that was it, that's all I was. It's time for someone else to take over and take the team in their direction."

King is confident that the team's general manager (Dean Owen) and treasurer (Brenda O'Brien) will find a great

replacement.

"I'll be available to steer as needed and will be available to help whoever does want to become president," King said.

King took a lot of pride with being part of the Beavers' storied tradition.

"This will be our 60th season and the organization has had a lot of success," he said. "It is an organization that has been there for a long period of time. Everyone in the community talks about the team so it's nice to have been a part of that. It was something that I never took lightly because it is an important responsibility to the community. I do feel honoured to have been a part of that."

The seven-team South Eastern Manitoba Hockey League has a lot of out-

standing players and volunteers that help produce an excellent product on the ice.

"There are a lot of good people in the league and it has been good working with everyone," King said. "On the ice is one thing, off the ice in terms of management with the other teams, I had a good working relationship with everyone and I definitely enjoyed my time with them. We're all good people and we're all trying to do the same thing. We're all trying to put a quality product out on the ice for the league, the fans, and that's something that definitely was fun.

"I want to thank everybody for their support and please, if somebody wants to be president, please step forward and help lead the team."



PHOTO SUBMITTED
Tyler King has officially stepped down from his duties with the Carman Beavers.

Education an early priority...Part 1 of Carman's education system

By Dennis Young with files from Marg Riddell and Leader archives

In 1872 a Boyne School District was formed since there were enough children to warrant concern about education. Not enough however to warrant a building so classes were taught in homes by travelling instructors. The District finally established the first school in this area in 1878.

The student population rapidly outgrew the little log school so in 1893 a larger frame school was built on the same site. By the late 1920's the school was showing signs of wear and tear and a replacement was in order so third (and final) Boyne School was built in 1930. By the 1940s, electricity took the place of gas lamps and oil heating took over from the old coal furnace thus the school became the social centre of the community.

That location continued to house students until 1966, when it became part of Midland School division absorbing the Boyne students and the school closed. The Boyne School, which originated Carman's education history, was designated a Heritage site in 1988, renovated and moved to the Dufferin Historical Museum in 2013. It's a must see folks!

The Boyne School district boundaries were expanded in 1875 going from present day Homewood to what is presently Carman's Main Street. Being a long way to walk to class, a Mr. Greenfield started a small school outside the district. It was unrecorded and not much more than a log shanty one mile west of Carman.

Pioneers George and Flora Sexsmith

were said to have held the first school classes within the town settlement in their log home. Intended to accommodate 50 children, the first school built in Carman was opened in 1883 at the south end of Fournier Avenue (now 1st Street SW). Soon nearly 100 pupils packed into what was meant for 50! Locals referred to it as a "death trap".

After much deliberation among trustees, they forged ahead with a \$6000 debenture payable over 15 years to purchase 16 lots for a new (and present) site. That included \$400 for clearing/fencing and \$5000 for the building with construction completed in 1892.

The building was the very best possible for its time and a strong invitation to immigrants. With its two storeys and ornate gable trim, the new school was an impressive structure. The 1893 enrolment had increased to about 235 and over the next ten years, six rooms were added to house the ever-increasing number of students.

However a fire destroyed their cherished school in 1901. Those years of epidemics meant fumigation was necessary and after a few days of such the caretaker fired up the furnace only to have basement timbers catch. It was all over in a few hours. The school was valued at \$12,000 and insured for \$8500.

Children attended classes in various locations in the community until anew brick school was ready for students by 1902 at a cost of \$30,000 (\$958,000 today). There were eight large, bright classrooms on two floors, a basement



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Carman School 1950 and 1960.

of playrooms, a library, a laboratory plus an assembly hall on the 3rd floor which seated 600. Before long, the assembly hall had to be converted to 3 classrooms to accommodate the growing enrolment.

In spite of overcrowded conditions, it was thumbs down by Carman electors for construction of an addition to the school. It was defeated by 66 votes in 1940. However rapid rise in the student population after the 2nd World War due to the "baby boomers" as well as the pre-war generations, would mark a new era in Carman and area education.

Ten years after the building bylaw was defeated, there was little doubt expansion was a necessity. Full page ads in the Dufferin Leader showed crowded windowless class rooms with blackboards just a coat of paint on the walls. In case of a fire, students had to rely on an outside iron chute while the 35 Grade 12s occupied the damp drafty cold basement. In contrast the ad showed Winkler's full windows, ample spaced offering to its students.

School Board Chairman Bob Tak-

vam Sr oversaw the canvassing of the community for support the construction. To ensure the maximum voter turnout, he utilized Kinsmen to offer rides to the Memorial Hall voting headquarters. Each had a helper to care for children so Mothers could register their votes. Of 1216 eligible voters in 1950, 440 for and 156 against expressed their preference of a new school being built.

The construction of that building meant so much to all the students. Not only will the younger pupils be well housed but the old school will be renovated and partly remodelled to give proper accommodation to senior students as well.

The sum of \$98,000 (\$1,081,000 today) was required for the 6 room steel constructed public school with housed classrooms, a gym plus make the improvements to the present building. Carman residents would help pay for this with debentures spread over 20 years. It opened in 1951.

See Part 2, the new Carman Collegiate next week!

Flashback - Carman Furniture



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After 25 years in town, Carman Furniture closed its doors in 1998. Mike and Gary Riopka were the last furniture business owners at this location following Doyle's Furniture (Albert, Clarence & Don) 1905-1961 and Bruce's Furniture (Tom & Gladys) 1961-1971. Upon selling to Rory's Renovations, it became The Heritage House and The Stepping Stone. Now housing Evensong and Aspen Winds.

Artists wanted for art raffle

By Becca Myskiw

Golden Prairie Arts Council (GPAC) and the Boyne Regional Library have partnered for the second year in a row to celebrate six local artists.

Artists who reside within the Town of Carman, RM of Dufferin, RM of Thompson, RM of Roland, and RM of Grey are invited to apply for one of the spots for the 2022 Library Project. Six artist's pieces will be chosen, and those artists will be paid \$500 for their art piece thanks to sponsorships from:

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- Owen Farms Ltd.

The chosen artwork will then be auctioned or raffled to raise money for both organizations. Artists are asked to apply before August 25 to be considered. Applications can be found on the GPAC website <https://www.goldenprairieartscouncil.com/the-library-project> or picked up from GPAC in person. The six artists will be chosen by random draw.

get inspired

> MEAL IDEAS



Game Day Chicken Wings

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

Preheat oven to 425 F.
 Line baking sheet with foil. Arrange butter cubes on foil.
 In medium bowl, combine flour, paprika, garlic powder, salt and pepper.
 Coat both sides of wings in flour mixture then evenly space among butter cubes on baking sheet.
 Bake wings 30 minutes.
 Turn wings over and bake 15 minutes, or until crispy and fully cooked.
 Serve with dipping sauces and sprinkle with fresh parsley, if desired.



Mexican Pizza Dip

Recipe courtesy of chef George Duran
 Servings: 6-8
 Nonstick cooking spray
 1 tablespoon vegetable oil
 1 pound ground beef
 1 package taco seasoning mix
 8 ounces cream cheese, at room temperature
 1/2 cup sour cream
 1 cup Fresh Cravings Chunky Salsa, plus additional for topping
 1 cup grated mozzarella
 1/2 cup blended Mexican cheese
 sliced jalapeno (optional)

sliced black olives (optional)
 green onions (optional)
 tortilla chips
 Preheat oven to 350 F.
 Spray 8-by-8-inch glass pan or large soufflé dish with nonstick cooking spray; set aside.
 In large saute pan, heat oil over medium-high heat and add ground beef, breaking up with flat wooden spatula, until fully cooked. Sprinkle taco seasoning throughout beef and combine.
 Place warm beef mixture in large bowl and add cream cheese, sour cream, 1 cup salsa and mozzarella. Mix well until combined and pour into prepared pan. Top with blended cheese and sliced jalapeno, black olives and green onions, if desired.
 Bake until fully warmed and cheese is melted, 30-35 minutes.
 Top with small spoonfuls of salsa. Serve with tortilla chips.



Marbled Peanut Butter Chocolate Brownies

Prep time: 25 minutes
 Cook time: 20 minutes
 Yield: 24 brownies
 Chocolate Brownies:
 1/2 cup (1/4 pound) butter
 2 ounces unsweetened chocolate, chopped
 1 cup Domino Golden Sugar
 1/2 teaspoon vanilla extract
 2 eggs
 1/2 cup all-purpose flour
 Peanut Butter Marble:
 1/4 cup natural (no added sugar) peanut butter
 4 tablespoons butter, softened

1/2 cup Domino Golden Sugar
 1 egg
 1/4 teaspoon vanilla extract
 1/4 cup all-purpose flour
 1/4 teaspoon baking powder
 powdered sugar, for topping (optional)
 Heat oven to 350 F.
 To make chocolate brownies: In medium saucepot over low heat, melt butter and chocolate. Remove pot from heat; stir in sugar and vanilla until blended.
 In small mixing bowl, whisk eggs until frothy then stir into chocolate mixture.
 Sift flour into batter and stir just until smooth. Pour batter into prepared pan, smoothing to edges.
 To make peanut butter marble: In mixing bowl, cream peanut butter, butter and sugar. Add egg and vanilla; beat just



Christine Ibbotson

Dear Money Lady,
 I don't know how to get my children to save! It seems like they are always spending, and I am worried that they won't be prepared when they get older. I have always saved and made them do without – is that why they are spending so much?

Jen

Dear Jen – I don't think so!
 I wouldn't want you to worry too much about your adult children. Unfortunately, life now is quite expensive, but if you have taught them the value of saving for the future they will eventually catch on. We all know it is important to save for retirement, but do we really do it? Can we do it?

I recently read a Canadian survey that stated Canadian taxpayers have accumulated about \$625 billion in "unused" RRSP contribution room – money that obviously has not been saved for retirement. I was actually shocked to further read in this study that 6 out of 10 non-retirees expected to live a lifestyle in retirement that is "less" or "much less" comfortable than their current lifestyle. Is this because we do not want to plan; or could it be, we just don't have the means to save more money to have a plan?

It can be hard to imagine events in the near future, let alone 30 years from now, and many people find it difficult to sacrifice things today for that uncertain future. Typically, there are three variables that strongly influence the ability to save for those people between the ages of 35 and 45 – age, children and income. While many in this age group recognize the value of planning, it is not their priority and when the annual household incomes come in under \$80,000, this group is not like-

until blended. In separate bowl, sift or whisk flour and baking powder then stir into batter just until combined.

Carefully spread peanut butter marble over chocolate batter. Use knife to swirl batters together, first horizontally then diagonally.

Bake 20 minutes, or until toothpick inserted in center comes out almost clean. Cool completely on wire rack before cutting. Top with powdered sugar, if desired, before serving.



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ly to be able to save. Most people nowadays, (under age 48) are still consumed by other priorities, including debt reduction and managing current expenses. So, what will happen to these Canadians that are still struggling? Well, what has always happened in the past for every generation before us.

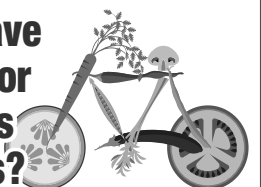
Many will look to how their parents have fared over the years and model their views toward budgeting and saving based on their parent's behavior. This is a natural occurrence. Saving and planning habits are usually always influenced by their parents, either by a desire to avoid making the same mistakes or by wanting to create the same saving habits. While many people think that the school system should do a better job in teaching our children about personal finances it is nonetheless still seen to be a parental responsibility.

Whether your children are young or now adults with their own children, we as parents play a role in teaching our kids the basics of money management skills and should encourage them to develop good budgeting and saving habits. Parents must remember that their own financial behaviors have an immense influence on their children. Being a good role model allows our children to develop healthy financial routines. In the end, however, our children will need to take charge of their own retirement on their own terms. We as parents should remind them that the decisions that they make before retirement will affect their lifestyles for a period that could potentially last longer than their entire working careers. Remind them that it is never too late to start planning and saving. They will listen to you.

Good Luck & Best Wishes,
 ATML - Christine Ibbotson

Written by Christine Ibbotson, Author of 3 finance books and the Canadian Best-Selling Book "How to Retire Debt Free & Wealthy" www.askthemoneylady.ca or send a question to info@askthemoneylady.ca

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PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that the Assessment Rolls for 2022 to be revised, have been deposited in this office and are open to public inspection at the R.M. of Grey Office, 27 Church Avenue East, Elm Creek, Manitoba, during regular office hours.

THE BOARD OF REVISION for the R.M. of Grey will sit to hear complaints received regarding the said Assessment Rolls, in the R.M. of Grey Council Chambers, 27 Church Avenue East, Elm Creek, Manitoba, on Wednesday, September 15th, 2021 at 10:00 a.m.

ANY PERSON who believes that an assessment ought to be revised may make application in accordance with Sections 42 and 43;

APPLICATION FOR REVISION

42(1) "A person in whose name property has been assessed, a mortgagee in possession of property under subsection 114(1) of The Real Property Act, an occupier of premises who is required under the terms of a lease to pay the taxes on the property, the authorized agent of the person, mortgagee or occupier, or the assessor may make application for the revision of an assessment roll with respect to the following matters:

- a) liability to taxation;
- b) amount of an assessed value;
- c) classification of property;
- d) a refusal by an assessor to amend the assessment roll under subsection 13(2)."

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

43(1) "An application for revision must

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

Applications for revision of assessment roll shall be addressed to: THE BOARD OF REVISION, R.M. of Grey, Box 99, Elm Creek, Manitoba ROG ONO. Deadline for filing application is August 30, 2021 at 4:30 p.m.

Dated at Elm Creek, in Manitoba, this 31st day of July, 2021.

Kim Arnal, Secretary
Board of Revision



TOWN OF CARMAN PUBLIC NOTICE BOARD OF REVISION FOR 2022 ASSESSMENT ROLL

Public notice is hereby given that the 2022 assessment roll for the Town of Carman has been delivered to the Municipal Office 12 - 2nd Avenue SW, Carman, Manitoba and is open for public inspection during regular business hours. That any person, who believes that an assessment ought to be revised, may make application in accordance with section 42 and 43 of the Municipal Assessment Act.

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The Board of Revision will sit on Thursday, September 9, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers of the Town of Carman 12 -2nd Avenue SW, Carman to hear applications. The final date on which the Secretary of the Board may receive applications is Tuesday, August 24, 2021. Dated this 22nd day of July 2021.

Cheryl Young, Secretary
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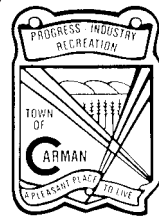
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1	7	2	3	8	4	9	5	6
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2	8	4	9	6	3	7	5	1
9	3	4	5	7	1	6	2	8
5	9	7	2	3	8	4	6	1
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8	3	7	4	2	6	1	9	5
7	1	4	7	9	6	3	8	5

Sudoku Answer

V	S	G	D	E	T	S	N	E	D	W	E	
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K	R	I	N	P	L	U	A	M	V	A	P	O
D	E	L	O	S	H	A	C	P	A	P	U	M

Crossword Answer

X CROSSWORD

CLUES ACROSS

1. Calls balls and strikes
4. Turkish officer
9. Repaired shoe
14. Grass genus
15. Small, sealed vial
16. Primp
17. Immoral act
18. A tool to communicate
20. Crumbles away
22. Egg-like
23. Districts (abbr.)
24. Dressed
28. Small island (British)
29. Dialect of Chinese
30. Force unit
31. Borderlines
33. Norse gods
37. Morning
38. Fiddler crabs
39. Tell a story
41. Consumed
42. Atomic #58
43. About old Norse poems
44. Fencing swords
46. One-time Tigers third baseman
49. Southpaw (abbr.)
50. Neither
51. Conversations
55. Distinctive manner or pronunciation
58. Cyprinids
59. Appropriate to a festival
60. Pearl Jam frontman
64. Wrath
65. Italian city
66. A way to get there
67. A nose or snout
68. German seaport
69. A horse for riding
70. Airline representative (abbr.)

CLUES DOWN

1. Unhappy
2. Silk fabric

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3. Unbroken view of a region
4. Middle Eastern territory
5. ___ and Andy, TV show
6. Central processing unit
7. Department of Housing and Urban Development
8. Midcentury newspaper columnist
9. Weapon
10. Delivered a speech
11. Probably going to happen
12. Midway between northeast and east
13. Danish krone
19. Synthetic resin (abbr.)
21. Fall slowly in drops
24. Bestow an honor upon
25. Childishly silly
26. Related on the mother's side
27. Populations of related plants
31. Coherent
32. Tribe of ancient Britons
34. Financial firm Goldman ___
35. Stephen King thriller
36. Went in again
40. Commercial
41. Poking holes in the ground
45. Prisoners of war
47. Pursued pleasure
48. "Seinfeld" character
52. Body of water
53. Hovering vehicle (abbr.)
54. People who utilize
56. Nostrils
57. Inner mass of some fungi
59. Honor lavishly
60. Midway between east and southeast
61. Turn down
62. Small round mark
63. Expected at a certain time

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- Any person who is eligible to vote in municipal elections in the Rural Municipality of Dufferin can have his or her name added to the Voters List, or have any information about the Voters List corrected.
- Any person can request to have his or her name and address obscured from the Voters List.

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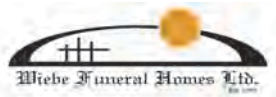
**Donald Burton Hamilton
1929 – 2021**

On Saturday July 31, 2021 at the Foyer Notre Dame, Don Hamilton, 92 passed away.

He was predeceased by his wife, Velma (nee Compton) in 2004; his parents, Burt and Clara Hamilton and two foster siblings, Bev and Dick. He is survived by three sons, Larry and Janice, Rick and Wendy, Mark and Tara and their families.

A private funeral service was held at Wiebe Funeral Chapel in Morden with interment at the Miami Cemetery.

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Anneliese (Anna) Penner

Our mother, grandmother and great-grandmother Anneliese (Anna) Penner of Carman, Manitoba passed peacefully from this world into glory on August 3, 2021.

Mom was born to Cornelius and Annie Peters on September 24, 1934 in Winnipeg. She spent her first few years on a farm near Niverville and then in town before moving to the North End of Winnipeg in 1944. Mom gave her heart to Jesus when she was still in Niverville and was baptized at the old South End Church in Winnipeg. She was very involved there and loved to sing in choirs.

On a blind date in early 1955, Anna was introduced to Bill Penner, a tall, dark and handsome farmer from Osborne, Manitoba and they married July 28, 1956. In 1959, Dad and Mom found a farm to their liking in Elm Creek and moved there in the fall with Calvin, their firstborn. Lori was born very shortly after the move. Over

the next few years, Bob and Charles were added to the family. Mom took on many volunteer opportunities, including being the "sound person" for Elm Creek Double Trio and many years at the Carman MCC store. In 1994, they made the decision to semi-retire and move off the farm to Carman. This was a time when Mom and Dad did a lot more traveling, including bus tours and cruises. After 56 years of marriage, Dad passed away in 2012. Anna was a prayer warrior, making time each day to pray for each of her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren by name, as well as many others. For that legacy especially, we thank you deeply Mom.

To mourn her passing and celebrate her life, Anna Penner leaves her children Calvin and Gloria Penner, with their children Colin (Lori), Nikki (Morgan), Scott (Andrea) and Jessica (Tyler), Lori and Andy Wilder, Bob and Christine Penner with their children Avery (Scott) and Mitchell, Chuck and Marlene Penner with their children Katrina (Doug), Britta (Brad) and Gabi, as well as 10½ great-grandchildren. Anna was predeceased by her brothers John and Neil. She is also remembered by her sister Evelyn (Clarence), brother Randy (Carol) and sisters-in-law Frieda Peters and Pat Peters.

The family would like to express their deep thanks to all those who cared for Mom, especially in the past few years. This includes many members of Friends Community Church in Carman, her neighbours at O'Brien Oaks, long-time friends from Elm Creek and the "In Good Hands" caregivers that helped Mom through her final few weeks.

In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to the building fund for the Back Door Youth Centre in Carman.

You will make known to me the way of life; In Your presence is fullness of joy; In Your right hand there are pleasures forever.
Psalm 16:11

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OBITUARY



**Madeline Dawydiuk
July 19, 1925 - August 1 2021**

Madeline passed peacefully at the age of 96. She leaves to mourn her sons, Dennis (Sylvia), Lorne (Joyce), Gerald, Douglas and Kevin and one brother Ken McFarlane.

She was predeceased by her parents Frank and Annie McFarlane, brothers Lester and George and sisters Myrtle, Hazel, Lottie and son Baby James.

She married her husband Matt in April 26, 1947 and they farmed in the McDermott district, retiring to Carman in 1982. She enjoyed many happy years with her husband until his passing in 2014.

Madeline continued to enjoy the visits of many friends until the end. She had always enjoyed feeding everyone who stopped by and was well known to be a great cook in her younger days.

Many thanks to all of Madeline's friends and neighbors who took time to visit and the doctors and nurses who cared for her at the Carman Hospital.

As per Madeline's wishes there will be no funeral.

Memorial donations may be made to the Mood Disorders Association of Manitoba Inc. 4 Fort Street, Winnipeg Manitoba R3C1C4

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