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The Miami and Area Foundation Inc. raises more than \$30,000

By Autumn Fehr

After halting their annual gala for a few years due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Miami and Area Foundation Inc. hit it off with a bang a few weekends ago.

For the first time since 2019, the foundation was back again for its biggest annual fundraiser, raising more than \$30,000.

On Nov. 12, from 5 p.m. until after midnight, the Miami Community Centre was full of celebration, good entertainment and food.

The annual gala is an evening where the foundation takes the opportunity to award its annual grants and raise funds that go into its endowment fund.

"It's our biggest and the only fundraiser that we do in a year, so it continues to help us grow our endowment, and the more we can grow our endowment fund, the more we can keep giving out to the community every year," said Tricia Livingston, the treasurer of the Miami and Area Foundation Inc.

Every year, the gala has a different theme. This year, it was a casino night, with entertainment by Cornie Rempel as Johnny Cash.

Guests enjoyed plenty of food at the and Area Foundation Brian Callum.



Fred Parkinson, the 2022 Citizen of the Year with Chairman of the Foundation Gordon Simpson. The award was also given to Parkinson's wife Diane, but she died during the pandemic.



Maxine Angers, the 2021 Citizen of the Year and Vice Chairman of the Miami



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The 2022 Miami and Area Foundation Gala grant recipients with Cordon Simpson, Chair of the foundation, on the far left and Tricia Livingston, Treasurer of the Foundation, on the far right, at the Miami and Area Foundation Gala on Nov. 12.



The crowd was entertained by Cornie Rempel as Johnny Cash at the gala.

event. Appetizers, a full-course dinner, and a night lunch ensured everyone's bellies were full.

The gala was the foundation's kickstarter to the Endow Manitoba Giving Challenge, which they have been a part of for several years.

Through their endowment fund, they've supported almost all the organizations in the area, not all annually, but at least more than once since they started giving back to the community.

This fall, they received 13 applications for grants from different organizations in the community.

At the gala, they gave 11 grants with a total value of \$22,000.

These grants went to various projects that needed funds in the community.

For example, the Lloyd Orchard Community Arena needed new doors because it had been broken into; the foundation gave \$2,000 to complete that project. The Active Living Centre in town is working on opening a gym; the foundation gave \$4,000 towards gym equipment and \$1,800 towards the Miami School drama production of The Wizard of Oz to get the rights to put it on.

And these are only three of the 11 grants the foundation gave away that night.

However, the main award they give out at the gala is the Citizen of the Year Award.

This award is given primarily to people who have not only volunteered their time in the community as part of various groups or activities, etc.

"Those people, everywhere they go, are promoters and all-around good citizens of our community," said Livingston.

Since the foundation couldn't have a gala last year due to the pandemic, they also presented the 2021 and 2022 Citizen of the Year Awards.

Maxine Angers was the 2021 Citizen of the Year, followed by Fred Parkinson and his wife Diane, who died during the pandemic and was deemed the 2022 Citizen of the Year.

The gala was another success this year, and we hope to continue to run it in the future, said Livingston.

Christmas Glow in the Country returns



Winkler Bible Camp hosts Christmas Glow in the Country Dec. 5-8 with a pick-up meal and Dec. 9-18 without.

By Lorne Stelmach

A holiday season event created amidst pandemic restrictions has been so embraced by the community that there is no question of the Winkler Bible Camp continuing with its Christmas light display and drivethru meal.

The only consideration again this year was how to not only make it bigger but do it better, said executive director Dale Wiebe.

"We've had such huge, positive traction and feedback on this whole thing," Wiebe said last week as they prepared for Christmas Glow in the Country. "We started it in a small way and it got tons of traction, so then the next year we did it a lot bigger ... and now we've further built off that, and we've changed things so we can accommodate even more people."

Christmas Glow in the Country invites people to come take a leisurely drive through the two kilometre route in the comfort of their own vehicle, tuning their radio to the Christmas Glow station and enjoying the festive displays and goodies.

From Dec. 5-8, the event includes a fundraising drive-thru pickup meal as well as the light experience. It runs from 5-6:30 p.m. those days and is by donation.

The drive-thru tour of lights then continues, without supper, from Dec. 9-18 from 6-9 p.m. Admission is \$20 per vehicle.

Wiebe noted the event last year had over 15,000 guests, which far exceeded their expectations.

"It's been so successful just in the fact that people are really enjoying it," he said. "We've expanded it again for this year. It's a longer route.

"We've got almost 2,500 meals we're preparing for four nights ... and then we're going to be open after that for



10 nights straight."

Wiebe said they have planned it with safety in mind first and foremost, so they are emphasizing that people need to book their times in advance.

"Our hours are longer, so hopefully we will have a lot more people com**STANDARD FILE PHOTOS**

ing through, but we will be able to manage it better," he said. "We are directing people to go online to book a time slot so that we can keep it all safer."

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New trade priorities

By Cam Dahl, General Manager of Manitoba Pork

COVID-19 has caused the word pivot to be overused and abused, but I will use it again anyways. It is time for a significant trade policy pivot from the Government of Canada to counter rising economic nationalism actively, address disruptions caused by the pandemic, and fix existing trade agreements that are not living up to expectations.

Since the "free trade" election in 1984, Canadian trade policy has been revolutionized. We have gone from being reluctant partners in negotiations, leading with our defensive and protectionist positions, to a country with free trade agreements that span the globe. Canada is the only country with trade agreements that bridge Europe, North America, and Asia. Embracing trade liberalization has been good for every region of the country and virtually every sector of the economy, including agriculture. This sector continues to play an increasing role in the Canadian economy because of new markets and growing international access.

The pork sector in Manitoba delivers a prime example of the benefits of trade liberalization in agriculture. Ninety percent of eight million pigs raised by Manitoba farmers are exported annually, either as pork products or as live animals to the U.S. There has been approximately \$250 million of private equity invested in new barns or upgrades of existing infrastructure in the last five years. This growth in primary agricultural production has attracted investment in processing (making Winnipeg the bacon capital of Canada) and genetic services. It has resulted in significant development for our towns and rural communities. However, the world has changed, and the trade policy that facilitated this expansion must be adjusted if growth is to continue.

What needs to happen? First, we must ensure that the signed trade agreements are working as adver-

tised. For example, let's take the Comprehensive Economic and Trade Agreement (CETA) with the European Union (EU). CETA was supported and welcomed by the 90 percent of Canadian agriculture that depends upon exports for market access and price determination. The agreement is five years old, yet we are still waiting to realize the potential celebrated when it was signed.

What is the problem? While EU food exports to Canada are up substantially, EU countries use non-tariff barriers to block our products. As a result, increased Canadian agriculture and food exports to the EU remain negligible at best.

What is the solution? Canada needs to put additional resources into fighting against unjustified regulations, and we need to use dispute mechanisms built into trade agreements to challenge EU impediments. Before negotiating different trade deals, we need a strong policy commitment from the Government of Canada that there will be enforcement of the agreements we already have.

Canada also needs to proactively respond to potential importer concerns on animal or human health matters. These issues need to be quickly resolved before they become trade barriers. Often, irritants percolate for months (or even longer) before they turn into full-blown trade barriers. How do we prevent irritants from becoming barriers? One tool would be to place scientific and regulatory expertise from the Government of Canada in key trade regions. For example, scientists from the Canadian Food Inspection Agency could rapidly respond to questions from growing markets like Vietnam or the Philippines if they were already centrally located in South Asia. Let's strategically place our technical resources to ensure small trade fires are put out before they become a blaze.

Strengthening the regulatory capacity of key trading partners is a second



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Ty Dilello

Cam Dahl Manitoba Pork General Manager

tool that the Government of Canada should explore. More than one trade battle has erupted because of a lack of understanding of the science behind Canada's regulatory system and how this scientific rigour can benefit importing countries. Canada's sciencebased regulators have a great deal to offer countries expanding their regulatory expertise. Let's make scientific, regulatory exchanges and regulatory infrastructure development key components of our trade and international development policies.

The Government of Canada has announced the development of a new Indo-Pacific policy. This is positive as the region holds the largest potential for growth in demand for Canadian agricultural products. However, the plan must include specific targets for the expansion of agricultural trade. Not only will this provide growth opportunities here at home, but Canadian farmers can also help enhance regional food security while deepening ties with significant emergent economies.

To accomplish these goals, the Government of Canada needs to be practical. The Indo-Pacific policy needs to include specific objectives for science-based trade facilitation to prevent trade barriers from developing. Canada's Indo-Pacific policy should also embrace the idea of regulatory capacity building in key markets to help stabilize our trading relation-

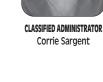
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Famous movie actor hailed from Carman



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A forgotten actor who originally hailed from Carman, Jack Carson soared to great heights across radio and film in the 1940s and 1950s.

By Ty Dilello

A forgotten actor who originally hailed from Carman, Jack Carson soared to great heights across radio and film in the 1940s and 1950s.

Jack Carson was born on Oct 27, 1910, in Carman, where his father was an executive with an insurance company. After his early years living on the outskirts of Carman, the Carson family moved to Milwaukee in 1914. He attended school there and got into acting while living in Milwaukee and later at college in Minnesota. Carson later became a U.S. citizen in California in 1949.

Because of his large size, around 6'2" and 220 lbs,

his first stage appearance was in a high school production as Hercules. In the midst of a performance, he tripped and took half the set with him. A college friend thought it was so funny that he persuaded Carson to team with him in a vaudeville act - Willock and Carson, and a new career began.

Willock and Carson were a very successful comedy team that played large and small vaudeville theatres all across North America. It's what propelled Carson to a breakthrough in radio and movies.

His big radio break came on the Bing Crosby Kraft Music Hall program in 1938, and it was that appearance that led to a string of other radio appearances and hosting opportunities. From there, he was given his own radio show in 1943 called The Jack Carson Show, which was widely popular across the airwaves.

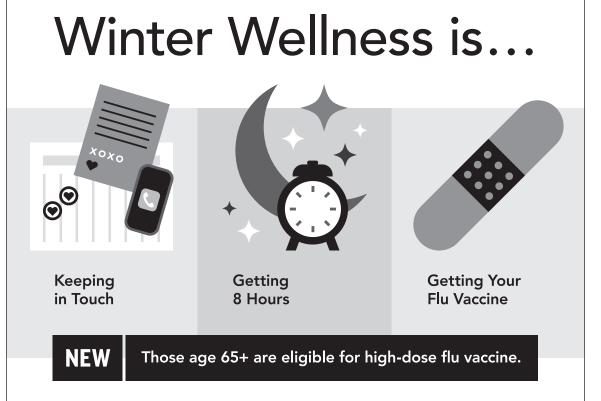
Carson eventually moved to a film career

where he began as a comic, and then shifted to playing sinister villains, and finally became best-known as a Hollywood comedian. He was cast in a series of "second banana" roles, usually as the hero's buddy. He made over 70 films, including Mildred Pierce in 1945 and A Star is Born in 1954.

In 1950 he co-hosted with George Formby, a relief benefit concert for Manitoba flood victims held in May at Maple Leaf Gardens and broadcast to a network of nearly 600 stations around the world. For Carson, it was a way of giving back to his Manitoba roots and never forgetting where he came from.

Carson gave one of his greatest performances during the last two months of his life by concealing his cancer. Four months before his death, he

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Casera CU members okay merger with Access

Staff

Members of Casera Credit Union have approved the recommended merger with Access Credit Union.

The Nov. 10-15 membership vote followed the completion of due diligence and a subsequent recommendation to merge from the boards of both organizations. Access members were not required to vote since Casera represents less than 10 percent of Access' total assets.

The favourable vote means that the two credit unions will unite under the Access Credit Union name and brand on July 1, 2023.

"We're pleased that our members accepted the board's recommendation," said Robert Riddell, Casera's board chair, in a statement. "Throughout the merger process, our goal was to deliver a proposal advantageous to our members, employees, and communities."

"We are excited for our future with so much in common," said Access CU board chair Kevin Beresford. "Working together, we will be able to offer more than just products, services, locations, and continued great rates. It is confirmation of our commitment to continue serving our members and communities with excellence."

The newly merged credit union will have more than \$10 billion in assets, over 168,000 members, more than 900 employees, and 56 branch locations.

Triple virus threat has doctors asking public to mask

By Patricia Barrett

The provincial government combined its weekly COVID surveillance report with an influenza report, and has changed the way it reports total infections, hospitalizations and deaths.

Both reports show new weekly infection numbers, hospitalizations, admissions to intensive care and deaths. The combined report will be released on Fridays and are in a new location on the government's website, separate from previous reports.

For the period Nov. 6-12 (Week 45), the COVID portion of the report shows 111 people admitted to hospital for the virus, of which 11 people required intervention in the intensive care unit.

The province's report doesn't show the total numbers of people in hospital and the ICU on any given day or week, making it difficult for the public to assess COVID's pressure on the health-care system.

There were 273 new COVID infections reported in Week 45 based on laboratory testing, with a positivity rate of 24.5 per cent.

Provincial COVID data is an undercount as the government restricts lab testing and rapid antigen tests aren't tracked.

In terms of overall infections, hospitalizations and deaths to date, the new report shows vastly reduced numbers. The difference reflects a shift in statistical reporting from the "start of the current season" – the date of which is not stated in the new combined report – to the "end of the reporting week."

The province's previous weekly CO-VID report (Week 44), for instance, showed total hospital admissions for COVID at 13,336, ICU admissions at 1,844 and deaths at 2,256. Its Week 45 report, by contrast, shows dramatically reduced numbers: total hospital admissions for COVID are now showing 1,730, ICU admissions are now at 187 and deaths are at 159.

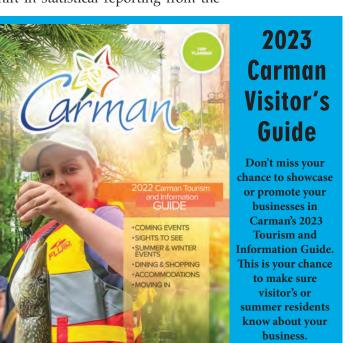
Weeks ago, the province stopped providing in its surveillance report the names of hospitals and personal care homes with COVID outbreaks.

-There were 54 new cases of Influenza A and zero cases of Influenza B in Week 45, according to the influenza half of the report. Influenza A positivity increased to 7.4 per cent. The increase is earlier than expected for this time of year. Children account for about one third of influenza cases and hospital admissions.

New cases of respiratory syncytial virus (RSV) increased to 5.5 per cent in Week 45. It was three per cent in Week 44.

There were 10 hospital admissions, zero ICU admissions and fewer than [exact number not provided] five deaths in Week 45; it's unclear whether these data refer to only influenza cases, only RSV cases or a combination thereof.

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DOCTORS MANITOBA AND MANITOBA CHAMBERS OF COMMERCE

The single biggest contributor to physicians leaving practice is burnout. Doctors Manitoba and the Manitoba Chambers of Commerce released a joint report with five major recommendations and supporting actions to recruit and retain physicians.

very concerned about the triple virus threat to Manitobans' health and well-being," said Doctors Manitoba president Dr. Candace Bradshaw in a Nov. 16 news release. ".... This fall and winter, an important way to help is by following research-backed medical advice to stop the spread of flu, RSV and COVID viruses."

The organization is encouraging Manitobans to wear good quality medical or KN-95 masks in crowded or poorly ventilated public places, stay home when they're sick, wash their hands frequently, get a flu shot and a COVID booster and develop a household plan to prevent family members who fall ill from spreading the virus to others in the home.

Political leaders across the country have refrained from issuing orders requiring the use of masks indoors.

-The Canadian COVID-19 Hazard Index (expected excess deaths from the virus) remains "very high" across Canada as of Nov. 11. Manitoba is at a "severe" level.

-There were 18,820 new COVID infections reported across Canada between Oct. 30 and Nov. 5, according to federal government data. Canada's death toll from the virus was 47,118 as of Nov. 5.

-Globally, there have been 6,596,542 deaths from COVID reported, according to the World Health Organization as of Nov. 16.

-The federal government's FluWatch



report for the period Nov. 6 -12 (Week 45) shows a "sharp increase" in influenza-associated hospitalizations among the pediatric population, levels normally seen at the peak of the influenza season. Fifty-six per cent of influenza cases during Week 45 – for which age information was reported – were among those aged 19 and under.

-The Manitoba Chambers of Commerce and Doctors Manitoba released a joint report with five recommendations to attract and retain physicians in the north and rural regions of the province. The recommendations are based on feedback from a rural health summit held in September.

"Manitoba has one of the biggest physician shortages in Canada and this is hitting particularly hard in many rural, northern and Indigenous communities," said Doctors Manitoba president Dr. Candace Bradshaw. "It must be a top priority to recruit and retain more doctors, and this is going to require an 'all-hands' approach if Manitoba is going to succeed in an intensely competitive national and global environment."

The report titled Manitoba's physician shortage, physician recruitment and retention recommendations from the rural & northern health summit says Manitoba has one of the biggest physician shortages in Canada, and a recent survey shows a significant number of them planning to retire, reduce their hours or leave Manitoba altogether.

"With 43% of physicians planning to retire, leave Manitoba, or reduce their clinical hours over the next three years, there are and will continue to be considerable implications for rural and Northern communities if these trends continue," states the report.

Manitoba has the lowest number of family physicians per capita in Cana-

PVWC celebrates three decades of growth in the valley

By Lori Penner

Pembina Valley Water Co-op (PVWC) held their 30th anniversary celebration last week, drawing current and past board members, dignitaries and PVWC customers from across the region.

CEO Greg Archibald says the actual anniversary date was in 2021 but the celebration had to be postponed due to COVID restrictions.

"But it all turned out to be a huge success anyway. Besides sharing a slideshow of past construction milestones, and a new video about PVWC, several leaders spoke of their memories of the water co-op over the years."

PVWC co-chair Don Wiebe and Midland MLA Blaine Pederson offered their greetings to the audience. Past board chair Paul Peters, long serving board member Charles Scharien, and past CEO Sam Schellenberg also did some reminiscing.

A highlight was a video detailing the organization's growth through the years, and its ongoing development and goals.

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PVWC began because of a huge need for water in the region. It was formed in 1991 with 18 municipalities joining to supply potable water to all their residents and businesses.

"This anniversary is a really significant milestone for southern Manitoba, because of all the development that was possible because of the water coop," says Archibald.

The first 15 years were about developing the infrastructure.

"When you go way back to the 90's, the first step

was buying the Letellier water treatment plant from the Manitoba Water Services Board. They expanded and tripled in capacity, going from 32 litres a second to 96. Within a couple of years, they built a brand-new plant in Morris and a great big pond and put pipelines in all the different directions from the Morris plant to provide rural drinking water to that whole region. It was a huge undertaking."

When he came on board as CEO six years ago, Archibald said they began upgrading the Morris plant to a membrane plant.

"Since I started, it's been all about upgrades. There have been two upgrades at Lake Stephenfield, and we're now supplying all of Carman's water. We put a new pipeline in from

Roland down to Winkler to be able to put more water into the corridor, where the growth has been pretty aggressive. We now supply 35 percent of Winkler's water."

Developments happened in other areas, as well.

"There are nine municipalities that are heavily involved in agriculture, including Rhineland, with 25 percent of total water usage going to hog barns. In fact, about 30 percent of our water in that municipality goes to ag. Producers use treated water because it increases the effect of herbicides."

Archibald says there's been a major shift from looking at it as just drinking water, to seeing it as a path to future growth and development.

"For example, Bunge, the largest single customer in Altona, uses 10 liters a second and they're interested in expanding. If we want to support future development, we have to look ahead, and upgrade the Letellier plant to keep up with it. We're putting in a four-liter reservoir as we speak, which will be ready for next summer. We also have a project with the Water

Services Board to put in a new pipeline to pull up out of a deep spot in the Red River. That will triple our capacity, but then we also must upgrade the plant, which could be another \$35 million. It's a significant project."

Archibald says people don't really understand the value of potable water until they understand the complexity of the process to attain and produce it. They also don't fully realize how much it has helped the Pembina Valley grow

in the last three decades.

"These plants distribute water through a 9,000 square kilometer distribution system across southern Manitoba. That's a huge area and a lot of pipes."

"It's something you often don't give a lot of thought, unless there's a drought or a shortage. We've been expanding and growing over the last 30 years in response to local need and development. The effect of having good drinking water across the valley has been huge. The economic impact is strong, and if you look at development as things grow in Manitoba, it's going to be very important to have adequate water."



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The Pembina Valley Water Co-op gathered community leaders and supporters from across the region in Altona Friday night to celebrate its 30th anniversary.



Manitoba Hydro 2023/24 & 2024/25 General Rate Application

Manitoba Hydro has applied to the Public Utilities Board for a 3.5 per cent average increase to electricity rates effective September 1, 2023 and a further 3.5 per cent average increase effective April 1, 2024. As part of this application, Manitoba Hydro is seeking final approval of the interim rate increase of 3.6 per cent implemented January 1, 2022. Manitoba Hydro is requesting increases to obtain the revenue needed to run the electric system, perform maintenance, and rebuild and expand the system as needed to continue to provide reliable, safe and effective service to customers.

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Miami School looking to have meeting space for Indigenous teachings

Readers encouraged to vote daily until Dec. 12 to help Miami win \$20,000

By Ty Dilello

Miami School has received a grant for \$8,000 to go towards a new classroom and meeting space for Indigenous teachings at their school. They are now in a contest vote to win an additional \$20,000 to go towards the project and need your vote!

"SJ Agronomy contacted us wanting to pair up for a project," said organizer April Bickford. "We gave them the info to apply for the grant, and we ended up winning the regional grant for Manitoba, which gives us \$8,000 towards the project and if we win the voting, we will receive another \$20,000. It's wonderful."

Everyone is encouraged to vote once a day from now until Dec. 12 at the link here: https://www.winfieldunited.ca/en/raise-the-barn.

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Manitoba's hog farmers help fund new cutting-edge programming at some of Canada's leading academic institutions, like Brandon's Assiniboine Community College.

The new Swine Production Foundations program at Assiniboine Community College in Brandon has been developed in collaboration between educational and sector experts. The program gives students an understanding of what it takes to help feed the world while enjoying high job security. The program is self-directed and is available entirely online, allowing students to complete the program at their own pace, with a high level of interactivity and selfassessment throughout the course programming. The first group of students in the program will start in early December 2022.

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plans to build an outdoor classroom and meeting space that honours indigenous teachings and the tenants of reconciliation. With partnership and consultation with local indigenous elders, the meeting space will include a fire pit and tipi. It will provide a safe place to learn about and practice the tenants of historical culture, a key component of reconciliation and improving mental health for students and community members with indigenous heritage. It will also facilitate a space for storytelling and historical learning.

"Miami School does lots of teaching outdoors, so they have been looking at having an outdoor classroom for a few years now," said Bickford. "The Prairie Rose School Division has been doing many workshops on including Indigenous learning at the school, which has inspired teachers to pro-

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COVID may have created the circumstances to initiate the idea, but it was something Wiebe's wife Candace had in mind for some time prior to the pandemic.

"She had been wanting to do this 10 years prior to this, maybe 15 years. This gave us that opportunity," Wiebe said, noting he sees the event as having a simple appeal that draws people: "When we hear from people, they just

> ACTOR, FROM PG. 5

completed work on the Disney film "Sammy the Way Out Seal." He then underwent surgery to remove the malignancy and was confined to bed for the last two weeks of his life.

Carson passed away from stomach industry. Not cancer in Los Angeles on Jan 2, 1963, from Carman.

vide an area for this at the school."

The classroom portion will provide a space for education, physical exercise and performing. Students who spend more time outside, whether in play or in learning, have been shown to have better overall mental health, physical well-being, and test scores. An outdoor classroom adjacent to the natural forest zone and walkways already present at Miami School would help increase the outdoor learning time for students.

"The new meeting space will be located in the school's play yard so that the kids and community will have access to it all the time. They will be able to use the space when needed for their curriculum as well."

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love looking at lights. Lights are just a beautiful thing. Lights are naturally just a beautiful thing to watch and to look at.

"We don't just light up things. We make scenes and create scenes, and I think that's one of the things that people have recognized ... the scenes maybe capture people's imaginations and the stories and you can just imagine what is going on because they are unique."

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at the age of 52. He had married four times throughout his life (including once to actress Lola Albright) and fathered two children.

Carson received two stars on the Hollywood Walk of Fame for his contributions to the television and radio industry. Not too shabby for a kid from Carman.

The Carman-Dufferin Standard Thursday, November 24, 2022 9 One Stop Shop craft and vendor sale a success

Staff

For anyone looking to do a bit of Christmas shopping, while supporting local, Carman's One Stop Shop in the Hall was the place to be last Saturday. The Carman Family Resource Centre, along with the Kinettes of Club of Carman hosted the vendor and craft Sale which included everything from custom made gifts, cards, decorations to stocking stuffers and everything else in between.

The annual shopping event returned following a two year break caused from the COVID pandemic.

Organizers and vendors of the 60 tables were happy with the number of people that stopped in throughout the day.











Pictured clockwise from top left, Fused glass artist Barb Murray of Stringers & Frit had a number of pieces and decorations on display for purchase; the One Stop Shop event drew a large crowd throughout the day; Connie Anderson was selling a variety of hot chocolate bombs; Tobacco Creek Elk Farm necklaces were one of the many unique vendor tables; Shirley Snider and Stan Reitsma were selling historical tiles for the Dufferin Historical Museum and Nellie Major had a table full of Christmas gingerbread houses and chimneys crafted with plastic canvas and needlepoint.

> VIRUS, FROM PG. 6

da, at 108 per 100,000 residents, and the third lowest number of specialist physicians per capita.

The acute physician shortage in rural and northern regions of the province led to widespread service disruptions.

"This past summer, ERs at two thirds of rural hospitals were closed full time or part time, and access to care in First Nations communities has deteriorated significantly," states the report.

The report includes quotes from physicians outlining the stresses of rural health care: "Working conditions, especially in rural ERs, are difficult and stressful. No support, minimal diagnostic tools, working alone, without possibility of consultation, difficulty transferring sick patients to larger facilities, difficulty accessing the patients' medical records."

The report calls for an "all-in" collaborative approach with five major recommendations that include expanding physician training, providing financial supports, addressing physician burnout by reducing administrative burdens and on-call expectations, providing better peer support and engaging local communities, chambers of commerce and Indigenous leaders to help recruit and retain physicians.

It also notes other issues causing "instability" in rural and northern health care, including shortages of nurses, technologists and other health-care workers, as well as a "lack of transparency about the future of health-care services."

> PORK, FROM PG. 4

ships and ensure that the trade rules for goods moving both in and out of Canada are science-based. It is time our national policy moves beyond broad agreements and takes practical action that delivers results for Canadian farmers and the value chains they support.

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Sunday, Dec. 4, 2:00 pm Carman United Church Silver Collection for Carman & District Christmas Cheer Board Sponsored by Sonatrice Singers



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Mission accomplished: Operation Christmas Child

By Ashleigh Viveiros

There are going to be thousands of smiling kids half a world away thanks to this region's support of Samaritan Purse's 2022 Operation Christmas Child campaign.

The Carman area contributed 487 shoeboxes filled with small toys, school supplies, and hygiene items to the Pembina Valley's total of 5,650 boxes last week.

"It is down just a little bit, but I'm not worried about the decrease," shares Carolyn Koster, who looks after rounding up donations in the Carman, Starbuck, Elm Creek, St. Claude, and Altamont areas. "We had a couple groups who decided to focus on supporting our local Cheer Board instead, which is great."

Either way, people in need are getting a helping hand, Koster says, whether it's close to home or half a world away. This year's shoeboxes are headed to children in West Africa, Central America, the Philippines, and Ukraine.

This was Koster's first year heading up the local shoebox collection on her own, and she's looking forward to many more seasons of giving.



"We've had really good response and support from our area," she says, thanking all the volunteers who stepped up to make it happen. "And I've got some interest for next year already with some new people who want to help."

It truly is a community undertaking, Koster observes, and one that really seems to resonate with people.

"They just love the fact that they're supporting children around the world in some small way. It's a way to pay it forward a little bit," she says, noting many are also pleased to be able to support the sharing of the Christian gospel around the world. "Reaching out for Jesus."

The chance to spread some holiday joy is what got Maxine Toews of Toews Printing & Office Supply involved as a shoebox pick-up and drop-off site in Carman. Toews also offered to fill boxes by donation for those who didn't have time to do so themselves.

"It comes down to giving from the heart," she says. "I love to get people connected, help people in need, and just give back to the community."

Toews says she also tried to get the

word out about Operation Christmas Child in the community, helping paint a picture for kids and adults alike about how the program works and who it



Pastor Tim Nuttal of Carman Pentecostal Assembly, Craig Johnston, and Arie Koster load up the truck to send the area's collected shoeboxes to the regional drop-off depot in Winkler before their trip to Alberta and, ultimately, around the world.

helps.

"We did some education with that at the same time, because last year for Manitoba we did 29,433 boxes," Toews says, noting nationally the numbers were over 413,000 boxes, all going to children in need. "It's cool when you can hear those numbers, the kids can see [the impact]."

The Carman area shoeboxes were brought to the main collection depot in Winkler over the weekend. From there they headed to the Samaritan's Purse sorting facility in Alberta before being shipped overseas.

Andrea Zammit, who heads up coordination efforts for the Pembina Valley region as a whole, notes our overall numbers were down by a few hundred boxes from last year's campaign, owing perhaps to the tough economic times many families are experiencing these days.

But 5,650 shoeboxes is certainly nothing to sneeze at, she observes, thanking everyone who took the time to fill up a box this year. It's become a Christmas tradition for many.

"It's something that we can do here that's such a simple thing, but it can make such a big impact. It brings so much joy."

If you missed out on filling up a shoebox, it's not too late to do so, albeit virtually. You can donate to fill a box online at packabox.ca until the end of December.

Manitoba Government introduces bill to formalize plan to increase minimum wage to \$15 by October 2023

Submitted by Manitoba government

The Manitoba government has introduced the Minimum Wage Adjustment Act, which would raise the minimum hourly wage to \$14.15 on April 1, 2023, as the second phase of a plan to further increase the minimum wage to \$15 on Oct. 1, 2023, Labour, Consumer Protection and Government Services Minister Reg Helwer announced last Friday.

"Extraordinarily high inflation in recent months has made it increasingly difficult for Manitoba families to make ends meet," said Helwer. "This phased-in approach to raising the minimum wage would help relieve some of the economic pressures on Manitoba workers while lessening the impact on small businesses' bottom lines as much as possible."

This past summer, because of unusual economic circumstances during the COVID-19 pandemic, the Manitoba government passed amendments to the Employment Standards Code to allow minimum wage increases above the rate of inflation when inflation as measured by the Consumer Price Index (CPI) exceeds five per cent in the first quarter of a calendar year.

The provincial hourly minimum wage was raised on Oct. 1 to \$13.50 from \$11.95 after government consultations with labour groups and businesses. Through this new bill, the Manitoba government plans a further increase to the minimum wage of 65 cents on April 1, 2023, to raise it to \$14.15, Helwer noted.

In August, the Manitoba government committed to raising the minimum wage to approximately \$15 by Oct. 1, 2023. This is expected due to another regularly anticipated increase based on the CPI.

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Back on Cue to present comedy murder mystery this weekend



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The Back On Cue Theatre Company is putting on their production "Death and Taxes" at the Carman Collegiate Theatre on Nov. 25 and 26, with both shows beginning at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$20 and are sold right up to the day of the show as well as at the door if any are left!

More snow for the south



STANDARD LORRAINE STEVENSON PHOTO Another layer of snow arrived last week, but Carman neighbourhoods remain very walkable throughout the entire winter, thanks to regular snow clearing of sidewalks done by our Public Works crew.

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Flashback.....Carman's Myers Cabinets

By Dennis Young

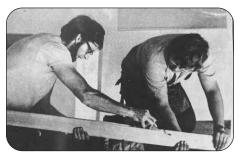
In 1974 a well-respected and liked Carman Collegiate educator changed professions. Lyle Myers became a self-employed carpenter and specifically a cabinet maker to discover the freedom he would gain over his own approach to work.

Watching and learning from his father growing up in Mitchell, South Dakota, Myers had the start but it

was over the years that he perfected his trade.

"Experience is the best teacher and I've learned an awful lot that I didn't know before," said Myers.

In his first year he grew from a team of one to four full time and one part time employee, Lois Van Koughnet. She was a U of M Interior Design summer student. By 1992 retirement beckoned from carpentry but Myers continued on



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beckoned from carpentry with his other passion...building athbut Myers continued on letes as a long distance track coach.



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U18AAA Hawks down Lightning

By Lorne Stelmach

The female U18 Pembina Valley Hawks were on both ends of 3-1 games this past weekend.

They edged the Interlake Lightning by that score Saturday in Stonewall but then fell by the same count to the Yellowhead Chiefs Sunday in Shoal Lake.

The Hawks took 1-0 and 2-0 leads on the Lightning in periods one and two.

The Hawks got goals from Caitlin Anderson, Gracie Carels and Zenith Vanstone, while Jessica Anderson chipped in a pair of assists, and Kaylee Franz stopped 13 of 14 shots on

goal.

Yellowhead broke open a 1-1 game with two unanswered third period goals Sunday.

Naomi Scharf scored the lone Hawks' goal in the first period, and Kasia Rakowski made 31 saves while Pembina Valley had 31 shots on goal.

The weekend split leaves the Hawks in sixth place at 4-10-1 for nine points, which is one ahead of Interlake and two behind Eastman.

The Hawks have only one game this week with the Central Plains Capitals Saturday in Portage.



STANDARD PHOTO BY LANA MEIER

Miami's Zenith Vanstone scored for Pembina Valley in their 3-1 win against the Interlake Lightning Saturday night.

Cougars on the prowl for a win

By Ty Dilello

The Carman Cougars boys' high school hockey team are having a rough start to their 2022-23 campaign. The Cougars head into this week with a record of one win and six losses, which puts them in eighth place in the nine-team league.

Most recently, the Cougars lost 4-1 to the W.C. MIllers Aces on Nov. 16. The Cougars' lone goal on the evening was scored by Ryan Orchard. Zander Cox made 39 saves in goal for the Cougars.

Carman Cougars coach Michael Heatherington notes that it hasn't been the start to the year that his team had wanted.

"We knew coming into the year we were going to have to have ups and downs just because of the amount of turnover from last year," said Heatherington. "On top of that, injuries have really plagued the start of our season. Our two top scorers that were on the team last year both went down to injuries missing multiple games, so not having that leadership and scoring definitely hurts."

Some positives for the Cougars is that they know that they can compete with a lot of the teams in the league. They've had some close games and games that were closer than the scoresheet portrayed.

"What we are trying to build on is to focus on staying in games, even if we are down by a goal or two. This was something that we really didn't deal with last year, so it's a learning curve for former and new players."

The Cougars will try to turn things around in their next game on Nov 21 against the Mountain Mustangs. They also play a few nights later on Nov 23 against the GVC Zodiacs.

"We only have three Grade 12 players on the team this year, so the fact is that we are very young and have a lot of room to grow. I'm hopeful that we can keep a positive mindset on the fact that we are a very new team, and we do have a lot of potential to grow and get better as a team."

Beavers split games

By Ty Dilello

It's been a rough start to the 2022-23 season for the Carman Beavers senior team. Playing in the revamped and now ten-team South Eastern Manitoba Hockey League (SEMHL), the Beavers currently sit in ninth place with a record of two wins and five losses.

Most recently, the Beavers lost 13-2 to the Ste. Anne Aces on Sunday afternoon. Jack Lotscher and A.J. Nychuk scored the goals for the Beavers in a very forgettable game for the club.

A few nights prior on Thursday, the Beavers had a big win for their home fans when they defeated the Altona Maroons in a high-scoring 7-5 affair. Ben Dalke led the way for the Beavers with a hat trick, while Fraser Mirrlees had two goals. Other Beavers' goals were scored by A.J. Nychuk and Colby Hildebrandt. Luke Zacharias earned the win in goal for Carman.

Despite the poor record, Carman forwards Fraser Mirrlees and Ben Dalke are leading the SEMHL in points with 15. Teammate Tanner Mole is close behind in fourth place with 11 points.

The Carman Beavers are back in action on Nov. 26 at home against the Morden Bombers (7:30 p.m.). They are on the road Dec. 4 against the Ile Des Chenes North Stars (3 p.m.).

Twisters fall short against St. Vital Victorias in MMJHL action



By Lorne Stelmach

They battled hard against one of the MMJHL leaders, but the Pembina Valley Twisters came up just short last week.

The Twisters at least gained a point in falling 6-5 in overtime to the Victorias Thursday in St. Vital. Pembina Valley led 2-1 after one, but the game was tied 3-3 after 40 minutes, and St. Vital eventually scored the winner 3:12 into overtime. Brett Bergman, Derek Wiebe, Cody Clark, Riley Goertzen, and Nico Vigier scored for the Twisters, while Matt Grysuik made 27 saves with Pembina Valley holding a 36-33 edge in shots on goal.

The Twisters remain mired in ninth place at 4-8-1-1 for 10 points, which has them five up on the last place Raiders and two behind St. Boniface and three back of Charleswood with both Stonewall and Charleswood just four up.

The week began Tuesday for the Twisters with a visit to Charleswood. The results were not available at press time.

Pembina Valley is at home in Morris to welcome the Raiders this Friday and then heads to Transcona to take on the Railer Express Sunday.

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FARM LAND FOR SALE BY TENDER

Sealed tenders in writing for the purchase of the property described below will be received by:

McCulloch Mooney Johnston Selby Law Office 14 Main St. S., Carman MB R0G 0J0

PROPERTY FOR SALE

Parcel I: SW ¼ 23-7-5 WPM (approximately 155.26 acres) Parcel II: NW ¼ 23-7-5 WPM (approximately 161.03 acres)

CONDITIONS OF TENDER:

1. Interested parties must rely on their own inspection and knowledge of the property.

2. Tenders must be delivered to McCulloch Mooney Johnston Selby (Carman Office), 14 Main Street S., Carman, Manitoba by 12:00 p.m., December 2, 2022.

Please mark on front of envelope "Tender".

3. Tenders must be accompanied by a **\$20,000.00** deposit cheque payable to McCulloch Mooney Johnston Selby LLP. Deposit cheques accompanying unacceptable bids will be returned.

4. The highest or any tender will not necessarily be accepted.

5. Tenders may be for either or both parcels.

6. Any questions pertaining to the property should be directed to Harley Shepherd at (204) 745-2546 or email at harley@mmjslaw.com

TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF SALE:

1. The bidder whose tender is accepted will be required to complete an Agreement covering the terms and conditions of the sale.

2. Possession and closing date will be January 1, 2023.

3. The successful bidder will be responsible for all realty taxes following January 1, 2023 (the adjustment date).

4. In addition to the deposit, the balance of the accepted tender must be paid on or before the date of closing or evidence provided that the purchase funds will be available under conditions acceptable to the Vendor. If the balance of the purchase price is not paid by the possession date or under such acceptable conditions, the deposit paid shall be forfeited as liquidated damages and not as a penalty.

5. The Purchaser shall be responsible for payment of GST or shall self-assess for GST.

For further information contact Harley Shepherd at: McCulloch Mooney Johnston Selby LLP Box 1670, 14 Main Street S. Carman, Manitoba R0G 0J0

FARMLAND FOR RENT BY TENDER

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Sealed, written tenders for rental of property in the RM of Dufferin will be received by:

Sharla Murray, CMMA, Chief Administrative Officer, RM of Dufferin, Box 100, 12 – 2nd Ave SW, Carman, MB R0G 0J0

For the following legally described property:

The westerly 1400 feet of the southerly 1400 feet of the SW ¼ of 32-6-4 WPM, Roll Number 55800, being approximately 28 acres **CONDITIONS OF TENDER**

- 1. Interested parties must rely on their own inspection and knowledge of the property.
- 2. Tenders must be received on or before 4:30 pm on November 30th, 2022.
- 3. Highest or any tender not necessarily accepted. The Vendors are not obligated to rent any of the farmland, or to accept any Tender.
- 4. The purchaser(s) shall be responsible for payment of GST on the rent.
- TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF RENT
- 1. The bidder(s) whose tender is accepted will be required to complete an agreement covering terms and conditions of rent.
- 2. Rental to commence on January 1st, 2023 and end on December 31st, 2026.

For Further information contact Sharla Murray at: Ph. 204-745-2301 Fax. 204-745-6348 Email: cao@rmofdufferin.com

FARMLAND FOR SALE BY TENDER

Sealed tenders in writing for the sale of the property below described in the Municipality of Grey will be received as follows:

LEE & LEE 5 Centre Avenue West P.O. Box 656 Carman, Manitoba R0G 0J0 (Attention: Brock G. Lee, K.C.)

PROPERTY FOR SALE: NE 1/4 9-9-6 WPM NE 1/4 16-9-6 WPM SE 1/4 16-9-6 WPM

The property consists of 480 acres of pasture land.

CONDITIONS OF TENDER:

- 1. Interested parties must rely on their own inspection and knowledge of the property.
- 2. Tenders must be delivered to Lee & Lee before 3:00 p.m. on Friday, December 16, 2022 marked "Pasture Land Tender".
- 3. Tenders must be accompanied by a \$10,000.00 cheque payable to Lee & Lee in trust as a deposit (deposit cheques
- accompanying unacceptable bids will be returned).
- 4. Highest or any tender not necessarily accepted.

5. The property is not subject to any rental lease agreement. **TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF SALE:**

- 1. The bidder whose tender is accepted will be required to complete an agreement covering the terms and conditions of the sale.
- In addition to the deposit, the balance of the accepted tender must be paid on or before the date of closing, being January 10, 2023. If the balance of the accepted tender is not paid by January 10, 2023, the deposit may be forfeited as liquidated damages and not as a penalty.
- 3. The possession date will be January 10, 2023
- 4. The successful bidder will be responsible for real property taxes commencing January 1, 2023.
- 5. The purchaser will be responsible for payment of GST or shall self-assess for GST.

For further information, contact Brock G. Lee, K.C. at: Phone: (204) 745-6751 Fax: (204) 745-3481 Email: bullsandbears@leeandlee.mb.ca

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Box 1311, Carman Mb R0G 0J0 **PROPERTY FOR SALE:** NE 7-6-2 north 80 WPM (approximately 80 acres)

CONDITIONS OF TENDER:

- 1. Interested parties must rely on their own inspection and knowledge of the property.
- 2. Tenders must be delivered to Kelvin Smith, Box 1311, Carman Mb R0G 0J0, by 5pm, December 16, 2022.

3. Tenders must be accompanied by a \$5000.00 deposit cheque payable to Kelvin Smith. Deposit cheques accompanying unaccepted bids will be returned.

- 4. The highest or any tender will not necessarily be accepted.
- 5. Any questions pertaining to the property should be directed to Kelvin Smith at 204-745-0120

TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF SALE:

- 1. The bidder whose tender is accepted will be required to complete an Agreement covering the terms and
- conditions of the sale. 2. Possession and closing date will be
- January 12th. 3. The successful bidder will be
- responsible for all municipal property taxes following January 1, 2023.
- 4. In addition to the deposit, the balance of the accepted tender must be paid on or before the date of closing or evidence provided that the purchase funds will be available under
- conditions acceptable to the Vendor. If the balance of the purchase price is not paid by the possession date or under acceptable conditions, the deposit will be forfeited.
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For further information contact Kelvin Smith, 204-745-0120.

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PLANNING DISTRICT DEVELOPMENT PLAN BY-LAW NO. 3-2014, as amended.

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Kim MacLellan Coordinator of Planning Service Carman-Dufferin Planning District, Box 160, Carman, MB ROG 0J0 Phone (204) 745-2443 Email: planning@townofcarman.com

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Georgina Oralyn Biggs

We deeply regret to announce the passing of Georgina Oralyn Biggs on October 15, 2022, in Carman, MB. at the Memorial Hospital while in Palliative Care. Oralyn had a short but valiant battle against cancer but with great sadness she died peacefully in the arms of her daughter Jill and son Caleb.

Her survivors were her beloved children Jill (Rob) Kenyon and Caleb MacLowich (Stephanie Seidler). She also leaves to mourn her grandchildren Emily and Pierce Froese. Oralyn is survived by her brother Gregg (Shelley) Biggs; her sisters Paula (Bill) Learmond, Marlene (Blayne) Lisk and numerous nieces, nephews, great nieces, great nephews, cousins and aunts.

Oralyn as a child lived in Eston, Saskatchewan where she loved to sing, skate, swim, sew and play cards with her many friends and family. Oralyn's family moved to Moose Jaw in 1968 where she

attended Palliser Heights School for three years where her quiet, but fun-loving personality made her well-liked by classmates and teachers. Oralyn graduated from Central Collegiate and went on to receive her Standard A teaching certificate from the University of Saskatchewan. In 1979 Oralyn married Jim MacLowich and later divorced when her kids were very young.

Oralyn's two children were her great loves, and her two grandchildren were the center of her universe. Oralyn did her best as a single parent raising her two children and giving them everything they needed and more. She worked very hard to ensure they had a high quality of life. Oralyn had a special bond with her siblings and family spending many Christmases and holidays together for over 40 years.

Oralyn was highly regarded in her position as an Early Learning and Child Care Consultant for the Saskatchewan Government. She loved the knowledge that she gleaned over 25 years of Early Learning Education and especially the importance of brain development in children of all ages. Oralyn began her career in this position in August of 1989. She was a consultant for the Southwest territory of Sask. and later moved to Yorkton where she then took over the Southeast territory of Sask. Oralyn travelled more than 460,000 kms in her 25 years which is equivalent to driving coast to coast across Canada 56 times! She opened many centers and supervised others to provide children safe environments in day care facilities in rural and city communities alike!

Oralyn was involved in many choirs as she felt she was transported to another world when she sang or heard music she preferred. She also loved playing cards, which is a true Biggs trait.

Oralyn retired at 60 years of age where she then sold her house in Yorkton and most of her belongings! Her sister Paula and brother-in-law Bill Learmond welcomed her into their home in Carman, Manitoba which Oralyn then called home for the remainder of her life. Oralyn joined the Community Choir, played crib with the seniors and was in the Bell Choir. This is where she met many very nice people.

Oralyn was a sister, mother, grandmother, aunt and sister-in-law whom we loved and will miss her greatly, especially her laughter! We love and miss you momma!

A special thank you goes out to the nurses, caregivers, drivers, and Dr. Atchison of the Memorial Hospital in Carman, MB.

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All gifts donated at www.goodbear. ca/givingtuesday on Nov. 29 will have triple the impact to help kids like Pacey who need Children's Hospital Emergency Department.

After more than 30 surgeries, five years of testing, and countless days in hospital Winkler's seven-year-old Pac-

ey Wall's digestive system still won't work.

"Even though it sounds like it's hopeless, it's not. We have an amazing team here. We trust them and we have a really great relationship with them," says Kim Wall, Pacey's mom.

Pacey has intestinal failure, but what's causing it is unclear. Pacey's condition started when he was two years old and has progressively gotten worse. He's had a wide range of surgeries to help his digestion and has now had his colon removed, and a colostomy placed. He can't eat solid foods, so he relies on total parenteral nutrition (TPN), which is a solution of essential nutrients given through an IV.

Since 2017 Pacey has been in and out of HSC Winnipeg Children's Hospital as complications came up, with his longest stay lasting six weeks. In 2020 he was in hospital for both Christmas and his birthday, so he's really gotten to know the Child Life team.

"Until you have a child in hospital for as long as Pacey has been you just can't truly understand what it's like," says Kim.

Child Life specialists are experts at helping kids cope with life in hospital. They provide music therapy, put on fun programs like the Good Day Show on Children's Hospital TV, and tend to kids' emo-

tional and developmental needs.

When Pacey is in hospital he spends about three hours a day in the play room, watching CHTV, and doing other activities organized by Child Life.

"It's three hours a day he has to look forward to. No matter how yucky his day is, he knows he has that time (with the Child Life team) to just do fun things," says Kim.

Pacey has faced many painful and uncomfortable procedures. Kim remembers one particular day that had been very difficult. Child Life specialists came to check on Pacey and help him express what he was going through. They asked him to write all the things he hates about being in hospital on a target so they could squirt paint at those words to make them go away. But because Pacey loves the people and activities at Children's Hospital so much he didn't have anything bad to write down, he just wanted to put numbers on the target for points.

"That's the type of kid he is – he doesn't see anything bad here ever," says Kim.

Kim is thankful the Child Life team has so many ways to help Pacey enjoy just being a kid and says when he's feeling good he's unstoppable. Pacey loves training to be a ninja and is so fierce he popped the punching bag he has at home.

"You wouldn't know he was sick. He always looks amazing and he's chatting it up with everyone he passes in the hall, waving to everybody who walks," says Kim.



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This year on Nov. 29, Qualico has agreed to triple match gifts up to \$100,000 to help revitalize the Children's Hospital Emergency Department to support children like Winkler's Pacey Wall.

Kim says the Children's Hospital team has become like family to her, Pacey, his dad Benji, and his three sisters Addison, Bailey and Savannah. Pacey is so close to some of his surgeons he will play pranks on them, like taping a fake spider to his belly right before they begin a procedure.

Kim is grateful to the Children's Hospital team for continuing to support Pacey and searching for answers about his condition.

"It's been a battle for five years but we still have hope."

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