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Jubilee celebration

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Robert (Bob) Diemert was honoured with the Queen's Platinum Jubilee Medal this past Sunday at the Carman Legion. The medal recognizes his teachings and the sharing of his aviation knowledge.

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Hon. Candice Bergen recognizes outstanding community contributions



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Portage-Lisgar MP Candice Bergen honoured several dozen residents from across her constituency at a special ceremony over the weekend.

Bergen handed out 43 Queen Elizabeth II Platinum Jubilee medallions at an event held Sunday at the Carman Legion.

The medals celebrate the 70th anniversary in 2022 of the late Queen Elizabeth's accession to the throne. They're presented to individuals who have been of service to their communities, to Manitoba, or to Canada.

In the *Standard's* coverage area, recipients included: Robert Diemert and Ken Minty from Carman, Joan Driedger from Miami, Don Woods from Elm Creek, and Gil Collet from Notre Dame de Lourdes,

The *Standard* will be profiling the recipients in a future edition.



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Dressing up the town



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Derek Kidd, left, and John Stedman with the Town of Carman's Public Works crew had unseasonably warm weather on Friday, Nov. 25 to get pine branches attached to the railing across from the post office and to do other outdoor work to get the town ready for Christmas holidays.

Magic was in the air at the Miami Christmas market



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Miami Post Secondary Educational organizers hosted the return of a very successful Miami Christmas Market on Nov. 18. Guests had a large variety of goods to purchase with 50 vendors in attendance. Even Santa stopped in for a visit and photos. Organizer, Melissa Oakes said everyone was very excited to be back this year and it seemed that family, friends, and the community shared the excitement judging by the turnout! The 4-H activity club was successful with their Cookie Walk and the UCW (United Church Women) were also successful with the sales of their Christmas Puddings.

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Provincial docs talk virus season at town hall

By Lorne Stelmach

A telephone town hall last week aimed to both inform parents and ease their concerns about an escalating virus season that has especially been impacting children.

There are a lot of respiratory viruses circulating in Manitoba right now including seasonal flu, COVID-19, and respiratory syncytial virus (RSV), and it has led to high numbers of kids coming to emergency departments and urgent care centres.

Dr. Elisabete Doyle, medical director and section head of pediatric emergency medicine at HSC children's hospital, and Dr. Brent Roussin, chief provincial public health officer, touched on prevention, caring for kids at home, and when and where to take them for medical care.

"We're definitely seeing high levels of respiratory virus activity right now in the province," said Roussin. "Certainly, we've seen these viruses in the past ... we're seeing them earlier and to a much greater degree, and they're all occurring at the same time, so it's putting a tremendous strain on kids and our health care system."

"A number of [children] are actually testing positive for multiple viruses at the same time, including influenza A, RSV, and COVID-19," noted Doyle.

"The difference this year is the timing. All of these viruses are coming at once, and they're coming earlier than we normally have them."

"Throughout the pandemic they were kept at bay in large part because of all of the things we were doing to protect ourselves and those around us," she added. "Now that we're back to largely doing things the way that we once did, the viruses have had an opportunity to spread again, and they are doing so all at once."

Doyle encouraged parents and caregivers to understand what to do, when to take to the hospital, and know when children can be cared for at home.

"Children's emergency addresses the most serious and life threatening health issues," she stressed, noting children will be assessed and triaged, but if it is a minor illness with low grade fever, the reality right now is you may wait longer than you would at a walk-in clinic or urgent care centre.

"Fever itself is not dangerous. It's the body's natural response to infection and does not typically require treatment with medicine," said Doyle. "It's really not dangerous and that the absolute height of the fever is not what's important but all of the other symptoms that are associated with it."

She however encouraged families to come to emergency if their children have symptoms including difficulty breathing, excessively sleepiness, sudden confusion, inconsolable crying, not peeing or if they are an infant less than three months old with a fever.

"[Bring them in] any time you see your child having difficulty breathing ... if their colour is poor, if they're having pauses in their breathing," said Doyle.

"If your child is not drinking enough to pee more than three diapers in 24 hours," she continued. "If your child is so sleepy that they won't wake up and do not seem to recognize you or seem to be confused in any way."

Roussin also touched on the area of prevention.

"We've learned over the last number of years a number of things that we can do to help protect ourselves and the people around us," he said.

"We know that right now in those children under five, we only see about six per cent of those children with an influenza shot this year, so we'd really like to see that really get increased in a short amount of time," he noted, adding there is low uptake still with COVID vaccination and boosters as well.

"Children can certainly receive more than one immunization at a time," Roussin said. "The immune system is very, very robust; there's no concern about overwhelming with these vaccines."

Roussin encouraged people to use the provincial vaccine finder to direct them to where they can go, and there is also information available through a new dedicated website that can be found at kidcaremb.ca.

Government introduces off-road trails safety and maintenance act

Submitted by Manitoba government

The Manitoba government is introducing the off-road trails safety and maintenance act, which would ensure that users of off-road vehicles (ORV) would have access to safe, high-quality recreation opportunities by supporting organizations that lead this important work, Environment, Climate and Parks Minister Jeff Wharton announced last week.

"Organizations like Snowmobilers of Manitoba Inc. (Snoman) and the All-Terrain Vehicle Association of

Manitoba (ATVMB) manage the province's ORV trail networks, ensuring Manitobans and visitors have access to safe, high-quality ORV recreation opportunities," said Wharton. "We want to ensure that their important work is not limited by increased costs for labour and fuel, aging equipment and reduced volunteer capacity. This new legislation will help provide additional tools for these organizations, support the rehabilitation of lands impacted by ORV use and ensure we continue to protect natural ecosystems."

The proposed off-road trails safety and maintenance act includes a \$25 annual fee for registered ORVs to ensure organizations have access to sufficient, sustainable resources for initiatives, the minister noted.

The funding generated by user fees would be provided to ORV organizations to support: trail development and maintenance; safety education, training and promotion; emergency trail repair; rehabilitation of lands

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Local youth swapping the indoors for outdoors

Carman Beavers and Cub Scouts looking to expand registration

By Ty Dilello

The Carman Beavers and Cubs of Scouts Canada are looking for boys and girls between the ages of 5-9 to sign up and get involved.

From learning teamwork to problem-solving, Scouts will help your kids discover their thing and learn a few things on the way. It will provide your kids with a wealth of character-building experiences that entertain, develop confidence, and nurture leadership skills for their tomorrows. It's the perfect opportunity to prepare your kids for the real world by letting them explore the outside world. Youth can experience fun challenges together, make friends and explore new skills.

The Beaver Scouts are for children five to six years of age, and the Cub Scouts are for kids seven to nine.

"So far, we currently have one girl signed up from Carman, two boys from Morden, one boy south of Winkler and two girls from Sanford, so it's just hard to imagine that we can't attract more kids out of Carman to join," said organizer Edwin Pritchard. "We were up to 15 to 20 kids before the pandemic, and back when I first started doing this in the 1980s, it was up to 75 kids!"

Pritchard blames the pandemic for the absence of kids signing up for the



various Scouts' programs today.

"Over the past two years with the pandemic, parents have found other stuff for their kids to do as we were shut down. But now we're coming up as a completely new start-up, it seems, so we have three new parents going through the training courses to become Scout leaders. Two of them are just about done, so we're doing good."

The Carman Scouts program does various campouts in the winter and summertime. They've currently signed up for a weekend camp just north of Gimli this winter and a summer camp at Birds Hill Park in June. They are also thinking of having an overnight sleepover at the Assiniboine Park Zoo and Winnipeg Planetarium.

The annual Klondike Days for the winter are also in the planning stage. Klondike Days is a winter competition event for Scouts during which patrols will pull their Klondike sleds along a course in the woods.

Along the way, they will be tested on



STANDARD FILE PHOTO SUBMITTED

The Carman Beavers and Cubs of Scouts Canada are currently looking for boys and girls between the ages of 5-9 to sign up and get involved. This photo was from a previous cub-scout winter Klondike Days.

Scouting skills at various stations. It's usually a day-long event involving a 7-8 km route and about 20 stations. It allows Scouts to apply their Scouting skills in a fun competition. As well, the event can be made to come alive with the use of the lore of the 1897 Klondike Gold Rush in the Yukon.

If you're interested in signing

your kid up for the Carman Beavers or Cubs program, please contact Edwin Pritchard at 204-745-3401. For more information, the Carman Beavers, Cubs and Scouts Facebook page can be found here: <https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100064593973727>.

Amendments to liquor licensing expansions introduced by government

Submitted by Manitoba government

The Manitoba government has introduced amendments to the Liquor, Gaming and Cannabis Control Act and the Manitoba Liquor and Lotteries Corporation Act, which would allow liquor stores, wine stores and beer vendors to sell all types of liquor, Sport, Culture and Heritage Minister Andrew Smith, minister responsible for the Manitoba Liquor and Lotteries Corporation, announced Monday.

"These changes allow for all liquor licence holders to sell various types of alcohol at their establishments, modernizing liquor sales in Manitoba and giving customers more choices," said Smith. "This is an important step forward to modernize the liquor retailing system. Private retailers already sell almost half of all liquor sold in the province. These changes would en-

able more innovation in the industry, helping businesses to grow with the ability to offer new products."

There are currently three types of liquor retail licences in Manitoba:

- liquor store licences, which include Manitoba Liquor Marts, duty free shops and rural liquor vendors;
- hotel beer vendors
- specialty wine stores.

The proposed amendments would require existing retailers to apply for a new agreement with Manitoba Liquor and Lotteries to allow for expanded sales.

Additionally, craft liquor manufacturers with retail endorsements on manufacturing licences would now be able to expand the liquor products permitted for retail sale at manufacturing locations. For example, a craft

brewery that sells its products at its brewery location would now be able to sell other types of alcohol as well.

There are approximately 500 licensed liquor retailers in the province, the minister noted, adding that Manitoba has one of the most diverse liquor retailing systems in Canada including: hotel beer vendors; rural liquor vendors; specialty wine stores; retail manufacturer licence holders; and temporary retail locations like farmers markets.

"Liquor Marts have done an exceptional job at providing selection and service for Manitobans over the years," said Manny Atwal, president and CEO, Manitoba Liquor and Lotteries. "As consumer tastes and demands change, it is important for our retail network to adapt. With an

increase in interest for more new and innovative products and customers wanting to purchase products closer to home, these amendments would allow our Manitoba marketplace to evolve and better serve Manitobans."

The proposed changes would particularly affect rural Manitobans by improving access to different types of alcohol, the minister noted. Under the proposed amendments, liquor and wine would be available rurally at up to 173 more locations and cold beer at up to 176 more locations, nearly doubling the number of rural locations where these products are available. There would also be up to 82 new locations selling all types of liquor in Winnipeg and up to 10 new locations selling all types of liquor in Brandon.

Youth Makers Market to showcase young entrepreneurial talent in the community

Market open to the public Dec. 3 at Boyne Regional Library

By Autumn Fehr

For the first time this year, Carman will showcase the work of young entrepreneurs in the community in an event designed exclusively for them.

The Youth Makers Market is designed to showcase the products and talent of young business-minded people and artists.

On Dec. 3, from 12 noon -3 p.m. at the Boyne Regional Library, everyone is welcome to stop by the Youth Makers Market, showcasing 12 tables with the work of the 14 entrepreneurs aged 7 to 15 in the community.

"We are hoping to showcase the talent and creativity of some of the youth in our community, and we thought a market would be a great way to help cultivate their problem-solving and evaluating skills. Libraries are always changing and evolving, and we wanted to put on an event that helped showcase that," Stacy O'Connor, the library clerk at the Boyne Regional Library and the event's organizer, along with Lynsey Hannah.

"We also hope that people will get a chance to see the library in a different way and all of the other things we have available at the library."

O'Connor said she heard of these types of markets from another library in Manitoba that had done one in the past, and she wanted to bring one to the community of Carman.

There will be a variety of local and homemade goods at the market, such as paintings, reconditioned golf balls, soy candles, homemade play dough kits and accessories, faux leather, wood and charm earrings, and so much more.

For 14-year-old entrepreneur Scarlett Friesen this isn't her first rodeo.

Friesen makes different designs for key fobs to make them more of an accessory than any old ones attached to your keychain.



Abigail Dyck, one of the youth makers at the market, sells soy candles.



Austin Reimer, one of the youth makers at the market, sells metal bookmarks and ceramic coasters.

Playfully Fobulous started as a side hustle and COVID-19 project in 2020 but soon became more than that as the pandemic subsided.

Friesen uses her mom's scraps of fabric from her business and re-uses them to create another handmade product.

Last year, she decided she wanted to do more with it last year, attending her first market in 2021, and she turned it into a school project this year.

In the future, Friesen said she hopes to expand her business to sell her items through platforms other than just her social media or Etsy, as she has done in the past.

Friesen will sell her product at the Youth Makers Market, along with 13 other talented makers.

"It's exciting to get to sell stuff with a bunch of other youth, like younger people around my age, instead of going to a market with a bunch of adults that you can't relate to as much because they do it as their full job, whereas I do it more of a side-hustle or small job," said Friesen.

"I hope to have more people see my business. I have quite a few people who know me in Elm Creek, but to expand my reach to Carman would be pretty exciting."

The Community Futures Heartland has donated four prizes of \$50 each in Carman cash bucks that shoppers can win. Community Futures is a community-based economic renewal initiative that builds community by

encouraging entrepreneurial spirit through education and mentoring and creating opportunities for youth to remain in the community.



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Scarlett Friesen, one of the youth makers at the market, sell key fobs that can be used as an accessory.



Jozsef Dyck, one of the youth makers at the market, sells indoor and outdoor wooden snowmen.

With every purchase made from one of the makers, the buyer will receive one ballot to enter the draw for the four cash prizes.

The Chamber of Commerce organizes carman cash bucks.

The bucks can be spent at any local chamber members' businesses.

There's no registration necessary to attend the market. All vendors and visitors can enjoy the

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Everly, right, and her sister Cassidy, left, two of the youth makers at the market, sell faux leather, wood, and charm earrings.

event free of charge.

O'Connor said she hopes that after this year, they will continue to make the Youth Makers Market an annual event.

"I think it's important for our community to have a space to come together to connect and see the talent that our makers have. It's also important for our community to see that the library is more than just a place to bor-

row books. There are so many things that the library does to promote community, learning and connectivity.

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damaged by unauthorized ORV use; operations and administration of Snoman and ATVMB; and trail capital projects, if sufficient funds are available.

"Snoman is pleased with the introduction of this bill today. It is a step to enabling the financial sustainability of the trail network and our volunteer clubs, which is what our members have been calling for," said Jason Wiebe, president, Snoman. "Without financial stability, there is a threat of a loss of trails due to a lack of funding. As well, we are keen on being proactive and finding solutions throughout our more than 13,000 kilometres of trail with the introduction of new technologies that reduce our impact on the environment."

The \$25 annual fee would be collected by Manitoba Public Insurance at the same time as ORVs' annual registration. The annual fee would not apply to ORVs exempt from registration under the Drivers and Vehicles Act.

"ATVMB is pleased to see the Manitoba government introduce a user-pay funding model for ORVs in Manitoba. This funding will allow for proper maintenance and signage of trails, safety training and further development of multi-use trails in Manitoba," said Kim Wozniak, executive director, ATVMB. "Manitoba is blessed with a multitude of recreational trail options that can be enjoyed by all, whether on foot, on horseback, skiing, biking or on an ORV. ATVMB is committed to providing safe, well-maintained trails for all who choose to enjoy them."

Improved access to Snopasses, coupled with user fee revenues, would contribute to a more robust network of high-quality trails for Manitobans and visitors to enjoy, the minister noted. New trails, along with the expansion of existing routes, would also support economic development across the province, particularly in rural communities, the minister said, adding that if the proposed legislation is approved it is anticipated the new fee would take effect in late 2023.



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Christmas at the Museum features outdoor fun and entertainment

By Ty Dilello

The Dufferin Historical Museum and Carman Wellness Connections are presenting Christmas at the Museum on Dec. 2.

"This is a yearly event, but unfortunately, due to the pandemic, we haven't had it for two years. But our Board is very excited to be hosting Christmas at the Museum again!" said Karen Maxwell of the Dufferin Historical Museum.

"In the past, we have had sleigh rides; however, this year, Laurie Millions will be there with one or two teams of dog sleds. Waivers will need to be signed before getting on the sleds. Another new addition is Lulu and the Tomcat!"

This is the first year Laurie Millions will bring her sled dogs to Christmas at the Museum. She has had them at the Blizzard Festival in the past. And Lulu and the TomCat are a Juno-nominated children's musical group from nearby Roland.

The dog sled rides will happen from 4:30-6:30 p.m. (waiver required), and Lulu and the TomCat will perform at 7:00 p.m. There will also be a wien-



Children entertainers Lulu and the TomCat will perform at 7 p.m. on Dec. 2

ner roast, refreshments, and arts and crafts.

The Dufferin Historical Museum is open yearly from June to September. The Museum is always getting lots of new artifacts and lots to see. It will also be decorated for the Christmas festivities on Dec. 2.

"We have sure missed this event and are looking forward to seeing you there!" said Maxwell. "I am really looking forward to it, and I hope that families come out and support us."

On Nov. 16, the Museum also held



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The Dufferin Historical Museum and Carman Wellness Connections are presenting Christmas at the Museum on Dec 2.

its Annual General Meeting and welcomed a new executive to its Board. Following the meeting, they were en-

tertained by historian Gordon Goldsborough who gave an excellent presentation.

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Carman's Wytinck picked for Disney World gig

By Ty Dilello

For a Carman dancer, a trip to Disney World last month was magical.

Amelia Wytinck recently returned from a trip to Florida, where she was part of an international dance show on Halloween.

The 12-year-old Wytinck and Grade 7 student at Carman Collegiate was chosen because a scout had come to a Winnipeg dance competition and chose her as the highest performance of the day, so her parents got an email inviting her to go to Disney World.

Wytinck first started dance when she was seven years old. Initially starting in jazz and ballet, she was then offered a spot on the jazz competition team and then later started in contemporary.

"I love competing in dance because I'm very competitive, and I also really like seeing what the corrections I need to do for my next performance," said Wytinck. "And if it's a group performance, I love competing with all of my friends."

Performing her Contemporary solo "The Call" at the Wanna Dance competition in Winnipeg is where she won the Lightning Elite Disney scholarship.

Over six days, 44 dancers from 8-17 years old from across North America created a 25-minute show at Disney World. Wytinck was the only dancer from Manitoba, and she represented our province well and her local LivDance studio in Carman with pride.

All the dancers and families stayed at the same Disney hotel that had a rehearsal space. The dancers had 30 hours of rehearsal time over six days to put together the main 25-minute show on Halloween. The parents did all of the hair and makeup for the dancers with a guide to ensure they were doing the right job.

The dancers had a cast member workshop at Epcot Centre for one day with various Disney World choreographers. They learned behind the scenes what it takes to be a full-time Disney dancer and what it takes to put together all of the various Disney performance shows.

LivDance studio's Jill Livingston has invested a lot into Wytinck's development as a dancer and grown her confidence to compete in five different



Amelia Wytinck

competitions last year in both a solo and group.

"I'm grateful for my dance teacher because she was always very encouraging. Even though we're a small studio in a small town, she continued to encourage us to compete, which I'm grateful for as that's how I earned this opportunity."

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The entire Wytinck family travelled to Florida to cheer Amelia on, and to experience Disney World for the first time together as a family. They travelled from Oct. 23 - Nov. 3, so they had a few extra days before and after for some family fun in Florida. The dancers had VIP Disney

World access one morning where the dancers and families got early morning park access to Hollywood Studios. The Wytinck family got to ride Toy Story Mania and Tower of Terror as a Lightning Elite dance family group. They also had a VIP farewell dessert party at Epcot Centre where they saw the infamous Harmonious music and firework show over the water.

It was very hard for Amelia to say goodbye to her new friends and the end of the trip as she had grown very close in only a few days.

"It was a really good experience, and I'm glad I got to do it with my new friends from all over the United States and Canada. I learned a lot of



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Carman's Amelia Wytinck recently returned from a trip to Disney World in Florida where she was part of an international dance show on Halloween

new dance techniques to use in the future."

Wytinck's full performance at Disney World has been posted on You-

Tube for those who would like to see her performance: <https://youtu.be/BwUHx6kwyU8>.

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The Carman Christmas Cheer Board prepares for the holiday season

By Autumn Fehr

Ho! Ho! Ho!

Warm cups of hot cocoa and Christmas movies, sleigh rides, and holidays shopping are in full swing,

It's less than a month from Christmas, and the Carman and District Christmas Cheer Board is gearing up to spread the Christmas spirit and joy for all that need it this holiday season.

However, its not always that joyous time of year for those in need. Hard times can affect people and Christmas is even more difficult when gifts are expected.

Every year, the organization gives out around 150 food hampers, plus Christmas gifts in and around Carman, for families that need them.

Deana Gould, the chairperson for the local cheer board, said they need gifts for those 14 and under and items for newborns, such as sleepers and receiving blankets.

Finding gifts to donate to these age groups isn't too hard; the pre-teens are the challenge.

"For them (pre-teens), we try to get them a good pair of winter gloves, a toque, and scarves. If we can get items that have something cool, like if we can get Jets merchandise or Bomber merchandise,

then that's always a popular thing for those ones to have. We have many ladies that do knitting for us, but the teenagers don't necessarily want to wear grandma's knitted mittens," said Gould.

As for food hampers, the cheer board is trying something a little different this year.

Rather than asking for food, as they often get expired items, that they don't use in a hamper, they are asking for specific items or money.

The turkey portion of the food hamper has changed over time to a gift card to a local grocery store rather than the big bird.

Gould said they would continue this year to give a gift card instead of a turkey.

Over the years, they've found that people are not cooking their turkeys for various reasons, from people not liking turkey, so they don't know how to cook a turkey or don't have a big enough oven to cook one.

"We're going to go with the gift card, and

then that way, people can buy what makes the most sense for them. If that means in January, they buy sandwich meat for the month or ground beef

"WE'RE GOING TO GO WITH THE GIFT CARD, AND THEN THAT WAY, PEOPLE CAN BUY WHAT MAKES THE MOST SENSE FOR THEM."



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Carman Christmas Cheer Board Gift Girl, Sandy Scott, left, accepts a box of merchandise as a gift from Jessica Knaggs of Knockabouts.

because it goes further than buying a bird, then they can do what's best for their situation and their family," said Gould.

For anyone who wants to donate they can contact carmanchristmas@gmail.com to chat with the staff to see what types of food items are most needed to pack hampers.

Monetary or gift cards donations are also welcome.

Coin donations can be dropped off at the Carman Community Hall at

60 First St NW between December 14 and 16.

At this time of year, the Co-op gives the cheer board sale prices from now until Christmas Cheer Board week, from Dec. 14 to 16, so monetary donations go a long way for food purchased for hampers.

To request a hamper, call Karen, Monday to Friday, at 204-745-6835 before Dec. 9. Even people who have ordered hampers in previous years need to re-order.

Sing your heart out this Christmas at the Christmas Cheer Concert

By Autumn Fehr

A decades-long tradition returns to Carman after the COVID-19 hiatus of the last couple of years.

For over 20 years, the Christmas Cheer concert has been an annual holiday tradition in the community.

On the first Sunday of December, a packed Carman United Church is a sight to see.

This coming Sunday, December 4, from 2 to 3 p.m., the church will be filled with Christmas music performed by various groups and individuals. All the groups performing are from Carman.

"Because COVID had it shut down for the last couple of years, it sort of feels a little bit like starting new again," said Louise Pethybridge, one of the event organizers.

"We're hopeful that people will be excited to come back and be in the audience. We had a good reception from the choirs, and everybody seemed really happy to be back participating in this fundraising concert. We are pret-

ty excited about it," said Pethybridge.

Seven different groups from the community will perform at the concert: including the Carman Elementary Choir, the Carman Highschool Band, the Active Living Centre Choir, the Boyne River Ukulele Group, the Carman United Church Choir, a group of women who call themselves Nostalgia with the Sonatrice Singers will wrap up the concert.

The concert has always been a packed house where the community comes together for Christmas.

"I don't think we've ever had a year where the church wasn't absolutely full. It's standing room only," said Pethybridge.

Pethybridge said the Sonatrice Singers have been organizing and sponsoring the event for over 20 years.

Audrey Meyers has been a part of the Sonatrice Singers since the group started in the fall of 1972. and has been playing the piano for most of that time.

This year they celebrated 50 years as

a group, and another year sponsoring and performed in the Christmas Cheer Concert in support of the Carman and District Christmas Cheer Board.

"It's an opportunity for people to support one another and build community. Organizations like the Christmas Cheer Board certainly need support, and this is a way of doing it with an entertaining event. We see one another and what each of the groups brings to contribute, and we hope there's a turnout that's going to be able to help out the Cheer Board financially," said Meyers.

The Sonatrice Singers will perform a mixture of pieces they practice all year, along with some winter and Christmas music.

"It's a way to bring people together and allow people to contribute to a cause like the Christmas Cheer Board that wouldn't exist if it didn't have funding. It's emotionally, spiritually, and financially important," said Meyers.

The Christmas Cheer concert is one of the biggest fundraisers in the community for the Carman and District Christmas Cheer Board and generates approximately a couple of \$1000 for the cause.

"It's publicity to let the community know that they exist, and it also generates a lot of revenue for them to put towards the hampers they provide every year. Plus, it's a really nice way to kick off the holiday season," said Pethybridge.

"I like seeing the community come together to support something as positive as the Christmas Cheer Board, just that sense of community you get when you have everybody together, and the coming together of the community to support a worthwhile cause."

The concert is free, but attendees are welcome to donate to the silver collection for the Carman and District Christmas Cheer Board.

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Beavers continue on losing streak

By Ty Dilello

The Carman Beavers continue to struggle in the newly revamped 2022-23, now ten-team, South Eastern Manitoba Hockey League (SEMHL). Carman currently sits in ninth place with two wins and six losses on the season.

Most recently, the Morden Bombers got the best of the Beavers when they defeated them 7-5 on Nov. 26.

It was a back-and-forth affair that the Beavers couldn't quite get ahead in. Assistant captain Jack Lotscher led the way with a hat trick. Fraser Mirreles and Quade Froese scored other

Beavers' goals.

Luke Zacharias stopped 39 shots in goal for the Beavers.

Despite the Beavers poor record, Carman forward Fraser Mirreles is leading the entire SEMHL with 18 points. Teammate Ben Dalke is tied for second with 15 points, and Tanner Mole is in fifth place in the scoring race with 14.

The Carman Beavers are back in action on Dec. 4 at 3 p.m. on the road against the Ile Des Chenes North Stars. They then return home on the evening of Dec. 8 to try and get revenge on the Ste. Anne Aces.



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The Carman Beavers fell on Saturday night in a closely contested battle with the Morden Bombers by a 7-5 scoreline.

Three OT losses for the Twisters

By Lorne Stelmach

They may have lost three of their last four games, but a little more luck along the way could have had the Pembina Valley Twisters riding a four-game win streak.

The MMJHL team at least gained a point from the three overtime losses including two this past week to go with a 6-3 victory Friday over the Raiders.

The week began with a 4-3 overtime loss to Charleswood last Tuesday in

Winnipeg then concluded with a 5-4 defeat in extra time at the hands of Transcona.

Charleswood scored just 46 seconds into extra time after the Twisters forced overtime in responding to 2-1 and 3-2 deficits.

Joel Vigier, Nico Vigier, and Jacob Carels scored for Pembina Valley, while Matt Grysiuk made 32 saves as the Twisters held a 42-36 edge in shots on goal.

Pembina Valley fired home three

third-period goals including an empty net marker to pick up the win over the Raiders.

Scoring for the Twisters were Jacob Carels, Nico Vigier, Riley Goertzen, Brett Bergman, Jonathan Dyck, and Cohen Thomas. Logan Enns made 32 saves, with the Raiders outshooting the Twisters 35-27.

The Twisters then overcame 2-0 and 4-2 deficits against the Railer Express with a pair of third period goals, but a powerplay goal 3:36 into overtime

won it for Transcona.

Scoring for Pembina Valley were Nico Vigier as well as Max Collet, Zander Carels, and Johnathan Dyck. Shots on goal were 35-28 in Transcona's favour, with Enns making 30 saves.

Pembina Valley remains in ninth place at 5-8-3-1, but they have drawn even with St. Boniface and Stonewall at 14 points while having played one more game.

The Twisters have a pair of home games this weekend in Morris with Stonewall arriving Friday evening and St. James in town Saturday.

Cougars have two wins this week

By Ty Dilello

The Carman Cougars are finally beginning to turn things around in their 2022-23 high school hockey season after two big wins last week. The Cougars head into this week with three wins and five losses, putting them in sixth place in the nine-team league.

On Nov. 21, Carman got into the win column in a big way with a 5-3 win over the Mountain Mustangs. Ryan Orchard led the way with two goals, while the other goals were scored by Ethan Wilde, Owen Rey and Dawson Gitzel. Cougars netminder Maysen Mazurat was solid with 40 saves on the evening.

A few nights later on Nov. 23, the Cougars

scored twice in the third period to come back and defeat the GVC Zodiacs by a 6-5 score. Ryan Orchard scored twice for the second straight game, while the Cougars' other goals were scored by Ethan Wilde, Owen Rey, Josh Hiebert and Ryan Penner.

The Cougars would not be where they are had it not been for the strong play of goaltender Maysen Mazurat who has been standing on his head for the team all season long. The Grade 11 student from St. Claude boasts an incredible 3.43 goals against average and .919 save percentage in eight games.

Ryan Orchard is leading the way as the team's leading scorer with 18 points. Behind him is

Ethan Wilde with 11 and Josh Hiebert with 10.

The Cougars are back in action at home on Nov. 30 at 7:30 p.m. against the NPC Nighthawks. They then have a week off from games before returning to the ice for a back-to-back on Dec 7 and 8 against the Morris Mavericks and PCI Trojans.

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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
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CONDITIONS OF TENDER:

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TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF SALE:

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- The possession date will be January 10, 2023
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Box 1311, Carman Mb R0G 0J0

PROPERTY FOR SALE:
NE 7-6-2 north 80 WPM
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**CARMAN-DUFFERIN BY-LAW NO. 19-2022 BEING AN AMENDMENT TO THE CARMAN-DUFFERIN
PLANNING DISTRICT DEVELOPMENT PLAN BY-LAW NO. 3-2014, as amended.**

HEARING LOCATION: Memorial Hall, 12 2nd Ave SW, Carman MB Council Chambers
DATE & TIME: **December 13, 2022, 8:00 AM**
GENERAL: To re-designate the portions of land
INTENT: Shaded in red on the attached map:
FROM: **Parks and Recreation Policy Area**
TO: **Residential Policy**
AREA: Parcels E, F, G, H Plan 53355
Part of the NE¼ 24-6-5W

FOR INFORMATION CONTACT:
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Coordinator of Planning Service
Carman-Dufferin Planning District,
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A copy of the above proposal and supporting material may be inspected at the location noted above during normal office hours, Monday to Friday. Copies may be made, and extracts taken therefrom, upon request



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OBITUARY



Marie (Klassen) Dyck

Mom was born on Tuesday, November 2, 1926, the 4th of 15 kids to David and Susan Klassen (Heinrichs) of Halbstadt, MB. She was raised on the farm in the area until 1938 when the family moved to Homewood.

She is survived by her children: daughter, Lillian (Ron) Hiebert of Headingley and their three children, Curtis (Tracy), Tanya (Alex) Suelzle and Scott (Savannah); son Terry (Betty) of Carman and two children, Kelly (Jenna) and Andrea; son Glen (Terri Lynn) of Carman and their three children, Britni (Carson) Callum, Stephanie (Sean) McIntosh and Taylor (Maizy); and daughter, Marilyn (Guido) Faralli of Winnipeg and their two children, Benita (Steven) Heide and Carmen. She also leaves behind 15 great-grandchildren and brothers, Ernst of Toronto, John (Alice) of Vancouver, Charles (Margaret) of Melbourne, Australia, and Victor of Valle de Bravo,

Mexico, and sisters Katherine and Susanna of Toronto, sisters-in-laws Anne Klassen, Dona Klassen, Lona Klassen, Margaret Dyck, Ina (Walter) Friesen and numerous nephews and nieces.

Mom's parents left Halbstadt and moved to Homewood to start the Mennonite church but she stayed behind to finish school that year and then moved to Homewood. When she was a teenager her parents were very busy with pastoral care which left Mom in charge of her four youngest brothers. She has fond memories of looking after them and the feeling was mutual as her brothers often mention she was like a second mom.

There she met the love of her life, James Dyck, through church in 1938 and started dating in 1945 and were married on November 2, 1947. They raised their children on the family farm until 1980 when they moved to Winnipeg but then came back to Carman the next year.

Mom's life was her family and faith. Mom became a Christian at 15 years of age and grew stronger in her faith every day. She was very active in the Homewood Mennonite Church and at Bethel in Winnipeg, later in life. She loved to care for the babies, teach Sunday School and help with food. Mom was always willing to help lend a hand to anyone in need whether it was through food, a ride, prayer or by being a friend. She was known in our family as our prayer warrior and will be missed greatly.

Throughout Mom's life she worked at many different jobs and always gave it her best. Besides being a mother and farmwife, she sold real estate, was a receptionist at Parkland Floor Covering and sold life insurance. Her hobbies included sewing, baking, reading, doing crossword puzzles, and walking. Her last few years in Carman you could find mom pushing her walker around town from the Towers to the Co-op or Syl's, no matter the weather.

Mom and Dad enjoyed 57 years together and she missed him very much when he passed away on January 28, 2005. They had travelled extensively working with Mennonite Disaster Service, attending Mennonite Conferences all over the states, the Flying Farmers and to Hawaii and Europe with family and friends. Visiting with friends and family was a huge part of their lives.

Mom loved her family and all the little ones that came along. She seemed more protective of her grandchildren and their safety than her own kids. Every time a grandchild or great-grandchild was born they were added to her prayer list. It brought her much joy to see any of her great-grandchildren and would talk endlessly about them to whoever called or visited.

Mom went to be with her Lord and Saviour on Friday November 18th at 3:30 a.m. at the Middlechurch Care Home. She was predeceased by her husband, James; her parents David D. and Susan Klassen; sisters, Anna Hiebert, Henrietta Driedger, Elsa Neufeld and brothers Aaron, Erdman (Ed), William, Paul, and Stanley; by several brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law, six nephews and by granddaughter Daniela Faralli in 1988 and one great-granddaughter Pearl Dyck in 2015.

We the family, would like to thank everyone for their prayers, calls, visits and support during this last year of Mom's life. It was difficult and we did our best to keep Mom happy and comfortable. A special thanks to the doctors and nurses at the Carman Hospital, Notre Dame Personal Care Home, Misericordia Health Centre and Middlechurch Care Home for the wonderful care Mom received.

Thank you to Pastor Rudy Franz for presiding over Mom's funeral. Thank you to Doyle's for their help in this part of the journey.

There was a viewing at Doyle's Funeral Chapel, Carman, MB on Sunday, November 27th from 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Burial was held on Monday, November 28th, 2022 at 1 p.m. at the Greenwood Cemetery, with funeral service that followed at the Carman Mennonite Church at 2 p.m.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Union Gospel Mission Winnipeg.

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Apple Cranberry Havarti Melt

Servings: 4
 2 tablespoons melted butter
 8 oat-wheat bread slices
 1/2 cup cranberry sauce
 12 ounces Havarti cheese
 2 Envy apples
 Preheat oven to 450 F.
 Lightly butter one side of each bread slice and place on baking sheet but-

ter side down. On side without butter, spread cranberry sauce on half of bread slices.

Slice Havarti cheese about 1/4-inch thick and place over cranberry layer. Thinly slice apples and layer over cheese. Top with remaining bread slices with butter side up.

Bake 5 minutes then carefully flip each sandwich. Bake 3-5 minutes until cheese is melty.



Sunchokes and Potato Quiche

ture. Add lemon zest.

Using fingers, knead dough to break down butter. Cover dough with plastic wrap and roll into disc while at room temperature then refrigerate until firm.

To make quiche filling: Preheat oven to 425 F.

Toss potatoes and sunchokes with olive oil, salt and pepper then spread out on baking sheet.

Bake 15-20 minutes, or until fork tender, tossing pieces halfway through.

Add onion to well-buttered pan and cook over medium heat about 15 minutes, stirring frequently, until caramel colored. Add Swiss chard and continue cooking until wilted, stirring occasionally. Set aside to cool.

Roll out dough on pastry mat or well-floured surface. Prick with fork. Carefully transfer dough to quiche pan, fold edges under and crimp then transfer to freezer.

To make custard: Reduce oven temperature to 375 F.

In large bowl, whisk eggs, cheeses, heavy cream, parsley and thyme.

Add caramelized onions and vegetables then mix. Add mixture to crust.

Tent with foil and bake about 20 minutes.

Reduce oven temperature to 350 F and bake about 40 minutes.

For food safety, casseroles containing eggs should always be cooked at a minimum of 160 F.

Notes: Bake times depend on size of quiche. Deeper quiches may require additional bake time. As quiche cools, filling continues to set; it may wobble when removed from oven.

Recipe courtesy of John Kanell (@PreppyKitchen) on behalf of the American Egg Board

Prep time: 20 minutes
 Cook time: 55 minutes
 Servings: 10
 Crust:
 1 lemon, zest and juice only
 1 egg
 1 1/3 cups flour
 9 tablespoons butter
 1/4 teaspoon salt

Quiche:
 1/3 cup Yukon gold potatoes, cut into 1/2-inch cubes
 3/4 cup sunchokes, sliced 1/2-inch thick
 2 tablespoons olive oil
 1/2 teaspoon salt
 1/2 teaspoon pepper
 1 onion, chopped
 2 tablespoons butter
 2 cups Swiss chard, chopped with stock removed

Custard:
 6 eggs
 1/3 cup grated Parmesan
 1/2 cup grated gouda
 1/2 cup heavy cream
 2 tablespoons parsley, chopped
 2 tablespoons fresh thyme, chopped
 To make crust: In small bowl, whisk lemon juice with egg.
 In large bowl, mix flour, butter and salt. Mix using hands. Drizzle in lemon mix-

Ask the Money Lady

Dear Money Lady Readers: Are you worried about rising lending rates? Let's discuss the differences of choosing a fixed or variable mortgage rate.

Many young Canadians renewing mortgages today may never have seen rates above 5% and the dilemma of choosing a variable or a fixed loan is sometimes quite confusing. First, let's be clear, variable rates and fixed lending rates do not run together. The fixed rates are based on what the banks must pay to borrow funds to then offer to consumers in the form of loans and mortgages. You see, although there are a lot of people who have money saved, most have it invested in the stock market not in bank accounts, and the banks need access to cash. With less Canadian cash available, financial institutions borrow funds internationally from larger lenders. This has been a common practice for decades and is a major factor in determining the lending rate that the consumer will have to pay on a new fixed rate loan or mortgage. Canadian banks fluctuate the fixed rates offered at the retail level based on their own cost of borrowing which is a combination of their markup and the costs needed to cover the spreads of the loans on international borrowed funds. This is the reason the fixed rates fluctuate so often. It is also the reason why the rates are locked down over a term so that the money can be secured, and the banks can count on a guaranteed rate of return over a controlled time period, for example, a five-year fixed term mortgage. The other benefit to doing this is that the lending institutions can then bundle their mortgages or loans into REITs to sell on the market and get them off their books. This is also part of the reason why the penalties are so high, to keep you in the product for the full term. Even though you think your loan is still at your financial institution, in the background it is not. The Canadian banks have a very sophisticated system of moving money off their books and producing profits for their investors to mitigate the risks of bad debt.

The variable rates are different. They are based on the Bank of Canada's prime rate which does not change as rapidly as the fixed rates, (typically only 4 x/year). If you choose a variable rate loan or mortgage, you now float with prime, either as a percentage above or below the Canadian prime rate. The benefits to a variable rate mortgage is that you can choose to lock in your rate at any time and if you needed to break it, the penalty is simplistic, usually only the cost of three months interest. Fixed rate penalties are much higher with a much more complicated calculation (combination of time on term/time to renewal/discount provided + rate differential). Variable rates on the other hand,



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are a "true-pay-for-what-you-owe" product and one I personally prefer because the interest is calculated on the outstanding balance each month in a very simplistic manner that is much more transparent than a fixed loan. Fixed rate mortgages have a locked-up rate and term and therefore calculate interest on a semi-annual basis. This allows lenders to ensure all payments are pre-set and front loaded with interest based on the payment selection you have chosen.

Please believe me when I tell you that mortgages are the biggest money-making machines for all lenders regardless of the rates. I have been a lender for over 30 years, and I can honestly say that both variable and fixed rate mortgages have their pros and cons. For a first-time buyer just starting out with unknown expenses, having the guarantee of a fixed mortgage payment, is the best way to budget their new financial expenses. If on the other hand, you are a seasoned mortgage consumer or someone who has a larger loan, you may wish to opt for a variable rate to fast track your payments, provide more flexibility, and overall pay less in interest. The very best product is a collateral charge, which by design is not a mortgage at all. This is an estate planning tool and has been used for decades by clients who want to have access to their home equity up to 100% loan-to-value with no restrictions on its use or term. This product is fully open, has no term or renewal and for the right type of client it is complete freedom. Therefore, once you get it, whether you use it or not, you can hold it long term for the available credit, should you need it in the future. I talk more about the benefits of collateral charges and mortgages on my YouTube channel: Ask the Money Lady. If you are over 40 and a homeowner, regardless of your debt situation, you should have a collateral charge on all your properties (home, rentals, or cottage).

Good Luck & Best Wishes,

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