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Elm Creek Santa Clause coming to town on Dec. 22

By Autumn Fehr

Santa Clause is coming to Elm Creek! Elm Creek will run its second annual Santa Clause Parade this Christmas season as part of a new town Christmas tradition.

On Dec. 22, starting around 6:45 to 7 p.m., the parade will come through the streets of Elm Creek, spreading holiday cheer just a few days before Santa officially comes to town.

Last year, by a spur-of-the-moment



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Don Zacharias, parade marshal, driving his truck through the Elm Creek Santa Clause Parade in 2021 with Santa Clause in tow. Last year was the first Christmas parade Zacharias organized for the town, and he plans to continue the tradition.

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decision, Don Zacharias and his wife started the Santa Clause parade in Elm Creek, as they thought the town needed something more than holiday season.

They rounded up a Santa Clause and the RM of Grey Fire Department and paraded around town to bring smiles and community spirit to community residents, said Zacharias, the parade marshal.

“The Santa Clause Parade is good for community spirit and to see people smile,” he said.

There was a great turnout, and when the holiday season came around, Zacharias had many people in town asking if he would organize it again.

Currently, the RM of Grey Fire Department and Prairie Roots Co-op

will participate in the parade.

As far as everyone else involved, those who have expressed an interest in being involved usually show up at Elm Creek School at 6:30, and they go from there.

“You think you’re only going to get five people, and 40 show up,” said Zacharias.

He said he’s not sure how many people will show up, but he knows it will be more than last year.

Zacharias has been on the Canada Day committee for about 20 years and has taken part in the parade for a long time.

“I enjoy doing the parade thing, as I’ve done it for years on Canada Day, and I thought it would be something different for Elm Creek to have a Christmas parade too. Since last year, I had many people come to me asking to do it again because it was such a hit, so we are going to continue to do it,” he said.

Kelly Morissette, who heads up the Mall in the Hall, donated the proceeds from her event for the Santa Clause parade this year.

The money was used to purchase a Santa suit, candy canes for the kids, and lights.

Zacharias said they welcome other donations, as they plan to pay it forward and donate the funds to the RM of Grey Fire Department.

Anyone interested in joining the parade can show up at Elm Creek school, where they will start the parade, or can sign up beforehand by contacting Don at 204-745-7525.

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Holiday Hoopla promotes late night shopping at home



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Kali Bryson and Stevie Jeske enjoyed a cup of apple cinnamon cider at Evensong during Carman's Holiday Hoopla #KEEPTHECHEERHERE event last Thursday. The shop late and enter to win \$1,000 in Chamber Bucks event encouraged shopping local. Middle photo, Lacey and her mom Allison Versteeg were doing a little Christmas shopping at Carman Forists & Gift Boutique. Right photo, KNOCKABOUTS boutique was very busy with guests looking for the perfect outfit for the holiday season. The lifestyle boutique has a little something for whole family.



Farmers help feed families in need

December always feels like a special month, filled with holiday celebrations, work parties, connecting with friends and family, and most importantly, sharing meals with those we love. The holiday season is also an important time of year to consider supporting those around us who may need a little extra help.

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Dog training timeline: Teaching good behavior before it's too late

By Ty Dilello

Graysville's Elaine Bruewer is a dog trainer that has recently started offering her services in the local area.

Bruewer has been training dogs casually for friends and family for over 15 years and recently decided to take it to the professional level. She has received training and is a proud member of the Dog Training Academy out of New Zealand.

"I offer training services from my property in the form of week-long board and train or two-to-three-hour private consults," said Bruewer. "Most often, I visit folks in their house and help them and their dog in their home environment. The most important part of what I do is owner education. At the end of the day, what matters most is how the owners handle the dog every day."

The method that Bruewer teaches can work on every dog, regardless of breed or age. It doesn't rely on e-collars or clickers. Instead, this method is all about dog psychology.

"Think of this method as building a solid foundation for the dog. This solid foundation produces a calm, relaxed family dog."

So many people bring a dog or puppy into their home looking for companionship, fun, and joy. Unfortunately, all too often, it doesn't turn out that way, and the family is pulling their hair out, dealing with barking, nipping, pulling on the leash, jumping up, aggression, fearful behaviours, etc.

"Implementing this method with young pups is ideal. As the saying goes, an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure!"

That's why Bruewer is teaching a new puppy class called Raising a Calm Canine. The goal is to educate puppy owners on the method, set the scene to raise a calm family dog, and empower them with tools to put in place to stop problem behaviours.

Bruewer's class will run over four weeks. She notes that the first week is the most important. In fact, the pups won't even be attending the first class to minimize distraction for the participants. In this first class, she will share with the participants exactly what to put into place in their homes for the next weeks and the rest of the

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Graysville's Elaine Bruewer is a dog trainer that has recently started offering her services in the local area.



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Dog owners: Donate blood, save a dog's life

Blood donor clinic in Carman Dec.15

By Autumn Fehr

Donating blood can help save a person's life – it can do the same for a dog.

At the Canadian Animal Blood Bank, they understand the importance of dogs giving blood to prolong the life of our furry friends.

On Dec. 15, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., at the Carman Veterinary Clinic, owners can bring their dogs to give blood.

Michael Philippot, the Central Operations Manager at the Canadian Animal Blood Bank, will be at the clinic to take care of the blood donation process with the dogs.

"The mindset of pets has changed. They are now a part of the family, which has been a growing industry and mindset for many veterinary clinics and families. We want to be able to provide quality blood products to help either sick or injured patients to give them a second chance at life. If it is a terminally ill patient, we want to give the family a chance to be able to say goodbye versus not being able to say goodbye properly," said Philippot.

Dog owners who want to have their dog participate in the clinic must follow the steps to determine if their dog is eligible to donate.

First, they must go through their primary vet to evaluate if they meet the criteria.

The criteria to donate blood is simple: the dogs must be healthy, between the ages of 1 and 8, up to date

on their vaccines, and be of good temperament, which means they can lay quietly, on their side on a table, as they take blood from their jugular veins.

Dogs are much more tolerable when blood is collected from that area than their leg because fewer nerve endings come into play, said Philippot.

The owner will fill out a donor registration form if the dog meets all the criteria. From there, the dog is booked for a date when the blood bank will be in the area.

The first part of determining if the dog is eligible to donate is to bring them to the local vet, preferably fasted if possible. The veterinarian will take the dog's weight, take a tall blood sample from its leg, and then proceed with preliminary testing

to ensure it has enough blood cells to donate and no other underlying issues that could interfere.

When taking blood, veterinarians test for two major types: positive, which can be compared to a group

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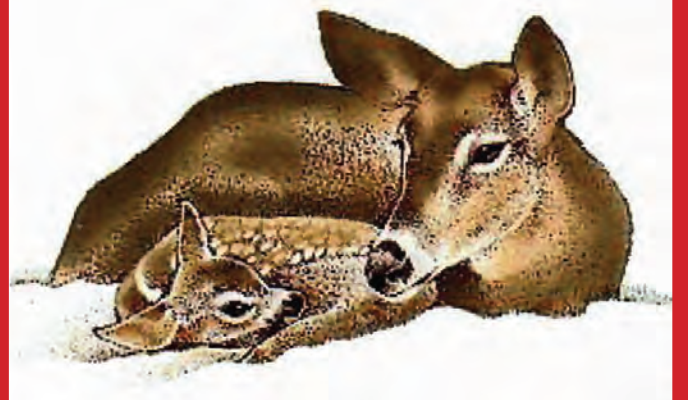
A blood donor dog clinic is being held in Carman on Dec. 15.

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Carman welcomes Santa and friends for breakfast



Cali McIntosh and Rena Bryson hug Cooper, the Carman Co-op mascot.



Volunteer Chris Theoret flipping pancakes.



Beau Rudd taking her picture with Santa.



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Families and friends gathered at Carman Community Hall for Breakfast with Santa, hosted by the Homestead Consumers Co-op on Dec. 10 from 9 to 11 a.m. The hall was packed with community members enjoying breakfast together, friends playing games and doing crafts, and kids having their photo taken with Santa. Above, Jacquie Warkentin and Crystal Heinrichs served hot cocoa and juice.



Emily, Ray, and Lilly Owens enjoying their breakfast.



Katie and Jenna Dreger, and Beau Rudd eating breakfast together.



Ben Anderson and Logan, and Ryker Steward doing crafts together.



Carter, Kara, Rena, and Sam Bryson enjoying their breakfast.

Local flower farm loses all its birds to avian flu

By Jennifer McFee

Avian flu has devastated a local family that lost 32 birds to the disease.

Jodi Friesen runs Miss Millie's Flower Farm, located 10 minutes north of Elie on Highway 26, along with her son oldest Kirby and daughter-in-law Victoria. The local company offers you-pick flower experiences and florist wholesaling, while also serving as a picturesque event venue.

They also enjoyed sharing their space with 30 chickens and two ducks until the avian flu struck.

"They were a hobby that we started only two years ago. They all had names and were a big hit with our flower-picking customers," said Kirby, who serves as operations manager for the family business.

"Little Zippy was especially a favourite. We lost them all. Zippy went last."

They were taken aback when they figured out their birds had the avian flu, a contagious viral infection that can affect many species of food-pro-

ducing birds.

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"There were no early symptoms at all," Kirby said. "As soon as the weather went below zero, they started dropping dead over a week."

Around Nov. 8, they started losing chickens. They sent a sample for testing on Nov. 13 and received positive confirmation of avian flu on Nov. 17. By the next day, they lost the last of their birds.

"We won't replace them right away, maybe before we open to the public in July," Kirby said.

"Apparently avian flu can survive the winter, so we want to make sure the coop is completely safe before we get more chickens."

Based on their experience, Kirby also offers a few words of advice other bird owners.

"I'd encourage people to report it," he said. "It is extra work you have to do for the government and they don't fully compensate your time. But they are helping with most of the cleanup



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Miss Millie's flower Farm lost their entire flock of chickens to avian flu.

> DOG TRAINING, FROM PG. 4

dog's life.

By the second class, after a week of implementing week one's content, the participants will already see some changes with their pups, and the young dogs will be more ready to meet other people and puppies.

"They'll even have a chance to interact with my big, adult dog, who will be bringing some calm energy to the group. In this class, we'll cover what socialization looks like and how to do it safely."

In weeks three and four, the pups will improve their socialization and listening skills and learn essential commands such as sit, stay, come, walk, etc.

"All the while, we will also be practicing calming techniques that can be used in the home, on the walk, at the

vet's or anywhere else."

Many questions come with raising a puppy, and this class is here to answer them, from working on basic commands to toilet training to going for a relaxed walk.

Whether this is your first puppy or if you're a seasoned dog owner, this method presents a unique and highly effective way of working with dogs. We are all in the class to learn from each other and the dogs!

The class dates are Jan 4, 11, 18, and 25 in the Carman Community Hall from 7:30 to 8:30 pm. It is \$130 per puppy in attendance, and the class size is limited to 10 pups. Please register at www.carmandufferinrecreation.com. For more information, email: programcdr@townofcarman.com or call 204-745-2684.

> BLOOD DONOR, FROM PG. 5

they will take 450ml of blood from the dog.

As the blood donation intake is high, all dogs must be 25kg or 55 pounds to be a blood donor.

Those who have yet to fill out the registration forms before the clinic need to phone their local vet clinic before coming to consult with them to see if their dog fits the criteria for donation.

After the dog gives blood, it will leave happy with a cookie, and

owners will leave satisfied, knowing that they helped a future pet owner prolong their dog's life.

Philippot said it's best if dog owners can register their pets by filling out the form beforehand. To register, email michael.philippot@canadiananimalbloodbank.ca.

Just like humans, there is always a need for new donors to help out other dogs in need. If you want your dog to be a donor, talk to your local vet for more information.

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At the same time, he shares gratitude with others who appreciated meeting their birds while wandering through the flower farm.

"Thank you to all our customers from last season," he said. "You guys enjoying and caring about the chick-

been helpful and nice.

ens makes it worth having them."

More information about the avian flu is available on the Province of Manitoba website at www.gov.mb.ca/health/publichealth/environmentalhealth/avian.html.

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Serious harms from COVID vaccines downplayed, under-reported

By Patricia Barrett

An assessment of COVID-19 vaccine studies has found that serious harms from the vaccines have been ignored, downplayed and at times deliberately excluded.

Medical researchers from the Denmark-based Institute for Scientific Freedom – which focuses on performing systematic reviews and doesn't accept funding from the pharmaceutical industry – say vaccine harms were under-reported in medical trials that were published in high impact journals such as the New England Journal of Medicine and The Lancet.

The Danish study titled "Serious harms of the COVID-19 vaccines: a systematic review" was released as a preprint, which has not been certified by peer review and should not guide clinical practice. It was published Dec. 7 on the medRxiv health sciences server.

The mRNA COVID vaccines increased the risk of myocarditis (inflammation of the heart muscle), with a mortality of 1-2 per 200 cases, the researchers wrote, while the adenovirus vector vaccines increased the risk of venous thrombosis (blood clots) and thrombocytopenia (low blood platelet count). The researchers also found evidence of neurological harms.

"We also found evidence of serious neurological harms, including Bell's palsy [unilateral facial paralysis], Guillain-Barre syndrome [peripheral nervous system weakness or paralysis], myasthenic disorder [muscle weakness] and stroke, which are likely due to an autoimmune reaction, as has been suggested also for the HPV vaccines," the researchers wrote. "Severe harms, i.e. those that prevent daily activities, were hugely under-reported in the randomized trials. These harms were very common in studies of booster doses after a full vaccination and in a study of vaccination of previously infected people."

The researchers performed a systematic review of published vaccine studies worldwide to analyze the risk of

serious harms. A systematic review is a critical assessment of all the evidence on a medical topic and a synthesis of the results.

The Danish researchers based their findings on 17 systematic reviews, 14 randomized trials and 31 other studies with a control group (which establishes causality). They found most studies were of poor quality. The most reliable study was a systematic review of regulatory data on two randomized trials of mRNA vaccines, which found significantly more serious adverse events (SAEs) from the vaccines. The "excess risk was considerably larger than the benefit measured as the risk of hospitalization." The researchers excluded vaccine studies that were based on questionnaires, that didn't have an adequate control group and those with fewer than 1,000 participants.

A serious adverse event (SAE) is defined by the European Medicines Agency as an event that results in death, is life-threatening, requires hospitalization or a prolongation of existing hospitalization, results in persistent or significant disability or incapacity, or a birth defect.

The first COVID vaccines were authorized under emergency or conditional use in December 2020 by regulators such as the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) and the European Medicines Agency.

The fast-tracking of the vaccines entailed a lower burden of proof for their efficacy and safety than would be required during traditional approval pathways, the researchers wrote. And independent researchers were denied access to raw trial data by the vaccine manufacturers and the drug regulators. The FDA was sued and access to the data was granted by a court.

Pfizer-BioNTech and Moderna's mRNA COVID vaccines, along with AstraZeneca and Janssen's (Johnson & Johnson) vector vaccines, are approved for use in Canada.

For a number of vaccines, the Danish researchers found months of safety

data missing, deaths within 28 days of vaccination, vaccine trials with a majority of researchers from the vaccine company itself and adverse events considered to be related to vaccination. In a trial of Janssen's COVID vaccine, for instance, SAEs such as tinnitus, urticaria (hives), convulsion, pulmonary embolism and deep vein thrombosis occurred within 28 days after vaccination.

"Our systematic review demonstrates the difficulty of determining vaccine related SAEs in published trial data. Theoretically, systematic reviews of randomized trials should be the most reliable source of evidence, but serious harms are vastly under-reported, if reported at all, in published drug trials," they wrote.

"The underreporting seems to be particularly pronounced in vaccine trials. For the COVID-19 vaccines, there is the additional problem that, within weeks of the vaccines receiving an emergency use authorisation, when far too little time had elapsed to identify late occurring or diagnosed harms, the unblinding of trials commenced and placebo recipients were offered the vaccine. The safety of vaccines is important because they are preventive, but editors of our most prestigious journals chose to relegate the data on serious harms to supplements, which few readers will access...."

Under-reporting is a problem, particularly when doctors have been "reassured by authoritative messages that vaccines are safe," they wrote. And there is fear among doctors that they can be threatened with disciplinary action if they undermine a government's COVID vaccine rollout.

The researchers don't state any limitations to their systematic review but say further study regarding the harms and benefits of COVID vaccines is needed as authorities recommend that nearly everybody get vaccinated and receive booster doses.

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New learning centre helping local families with kids on the autism spectrum

By Ashleigh Viveiros

A new learning centre in Winkler aims to give children on the autism spectrum a helping hand.

Clover Creek Learning Centre (CCLC) set up shop at 455 Roblin Blvd. East this summer. The non-profit organization offers social interactive play sessions for kids focused on building relationships and developing socialization and life skills.

"We ask parents what are some areas that you think your child might need a little bit extra support in?" explains CCLC educator Nolan Martens. "We're really an extra resource for families. We just try to use this space and our teachers here in a way that can suit the unique needs that each child has."

"A few areas that pop up often are definitely behaviour and emotions, working on how can we learn to control them and kind of recognize our emotional state," Martens says. "Communication skills is a big one as well. We have some students who are non-verbal and then it goes all the way up students who are very talkative. It's amazing how unique every child is."

The idea for the centre came from founder John Loewen, Martens' father-in-law.

"He has a grandson who is on the autism spectrum," Martens says. "So seeing him growing up and navigating some of the challenges and lack of resources in the area and the wait lists that come with some of the places in Winnipeg, it's a struggle that my family related to."

"We recognize that there is that need in this area, so he started putting this idea together that maybe we could open something here locally and try and help other families out."

The family kicked the idea around for a few years before taking the leap this summer with space in a building in the industrial park.

"We renovated it so it suits the style that we need to support children with ASD [Autism Spectrum Disorder]," Martens says. "So we got our classroom set up, we've got a playroom, and also a mini gym, a sensory room."

CCLC currently welcomes families for weekly one-on-one sessions of about an hour to an hour and a half.

"We use that time to just put full focus on those areas identified by the parents and try and make it as unique to the child as we can," Martens says. "We try to base our sessions around their interests so it's a fun experience for them ... that goes a long way towards helping students to learn."

Right now they have nine families accessing their services and several more on a waiting list. They recently hired a new teacher and hope to be able to open things up to more families in the months ahead.

"The word is slowly starting to get out there that we're here," Martens says. "I think what we offer here is pretty unique and a lot of families are excited to have this extra support locally. There is a great need in the Pembina Valley for this."

The centre is looking at instituting a flexible fee structure to ensure every family who needs their services can



STANDARD PHOTO BY ASHLEIGH VIVEIROS

Educator Nolan Martens says the one-on-one social interactive play sessions Clover Creek Learning Centre offers kids with autism helps them learn to navigate their feelings and improve their communication skills.

afford to access them.

"We know that can be a big barriers for families, so we want to make sure that we can get families in here and not have money be a deciding factor," Martens says.

"We opened this just to create a little extra help that families may need and we want this place to be seen as

a place where their children can come and have fun and feel supported and be set up for success. We honestly have a blast doing what we do. We love our jobs here."

You can learn more about Clover Creek's programs online at clovercreeklearningcentre.ca.



PHOTO BY ASHLEIGH VIVEIROS/VOICE

The centre has a mini-gym space kids can use to burn off some energy.

Carpathia CU members okay merge with Access CU

Staff

Carpathia Credit Union members have given the green light for the proposed merger with Access Credit Union.

The Winnipeg financial institution held a vote last week on the merger that received the required two-thirds majority to move forward with the idea. Access CU members were not required to vote since Carpathia represents less than 10 percent of Access' total assets.

The two credit unions will become one on July 1, 2023 under the Access Credit Union name.

"It's exciting to see our shared vision to build a stronger future

together come to fruition" said Don Cilinsky, Carpathia board chair. "For our communities it's an opportunity to broaden our impact and do more good together."

"Our priorities are to continue serving our members and communities with excellence, and invest in our communities for a sustainable future" noted Access Credit Union board chair Kevin Beresford.

After the merge, Access Credit Union will have more than \$10 billion in assets, over 168,000 members, more than 900 employees, and 61 branch locations.

Holiday Mountain slated to reopen this winter

By Lorne Stelmach

The new owners and operators of the Holiday Mountain ski resort in La Riviere have been working hard to get it in shape to reopen by the beginning of 2023.

The resort was shut down ahead of last winter in large part because of the drought conditions, but the new management has a great deal of optimism about its future.

"There's a lot of excitement, a lot of buzz about it," suggested Abe Sawatzky, who is stepping in to oversee its operation on behalf of resort owners Paul and Renee Warkentin.

Sawatzky was working as a project manager for Warkentin's construction company when he was asked to head up Holiday Mountain this season.

"It sounded like a very good opportunity for me, and I jumped at the chance," said Sawatzky, who grew up in Winkler and recalled going often to the ski hill as a youth. "Skiing and snow sports have been a passion, so when my boss presented me with the offer to come manage it here, I couldn't say no.

"I think it's the best job you could have, to be at a resort where everybody is having a great time," he said. "I'm a people person ... and when I heard this was a possibility for Paul, that he was interested in buying it, I told him that I would love to do it.

"It was sad to see it shut down for a season, so we didn't want to let it go," he noted. "I do feel like there's a lot of potential here, and we've gotten a lot of support from the local community."

Recent weeks have been busy ones for the resort's staff as they assess what needs to be done ahead of opening day.

"We've brought in a big team to get this place up and running again because it had been closed for a year. There were a lot of things that needed work," Sawatzky said. "We're investing in some new technology for snow making ... we're doing some upgrades.

"It's an incredible amount of work. We're overhauling things that maybe haven't been done for a while, for whatever reason. We're just going over everything with a fine tooth comb. It's how we operate as a business model that we want to make sure that everything really works well.

"We want to invest in this place. We're doing some upgrades and some renovations. We have some big ideas and big plans for the future that we really want to put La Riviere back on the map. Holiday Mountain is an institution in Manitoba, and we



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Holiday Mountain in La Riviere will be open under new management this winter, after being closed entirely last season.

want to bring that back and bring some life to this place again."

Sawatzky said they are hoping to be able to open very soon.

"We talked about January 1, right at the beginning, that was our goal," he said. "We feel that we could maybe move that up a little bit.

"We're just telling everyone to stay tuned to

our social media. We're getting all those sites up and running, and we will be releasing more information."

Pembina Valley RCMP respond to fatal two-vehicle collision

Staff

Pembina Valley RCMP received a report of a two-vehicle collision on Provincial Road 428, located approximately three kilometres south of Roland, in the Rural Municipality of Roland on Dec. 9 at approximately 5:30 p.m.

The investigation has determined that a southbound pickup truck, being driven by a 62-year-old male from Winkler, was in the process of

passing two vehicles when he collided with a northbound vehicle, being driven by a 26-year-old female from Reinfeld.

The 26-year-old was pronounced deceased on scene. The 62-year-old was transported to hospital with non-life threatening injuries.

Pembina Valley RCMP along with a Forensic Collision Reconstructionist continue to investigate.

> VACCINE HARMS, FROM PG. 8

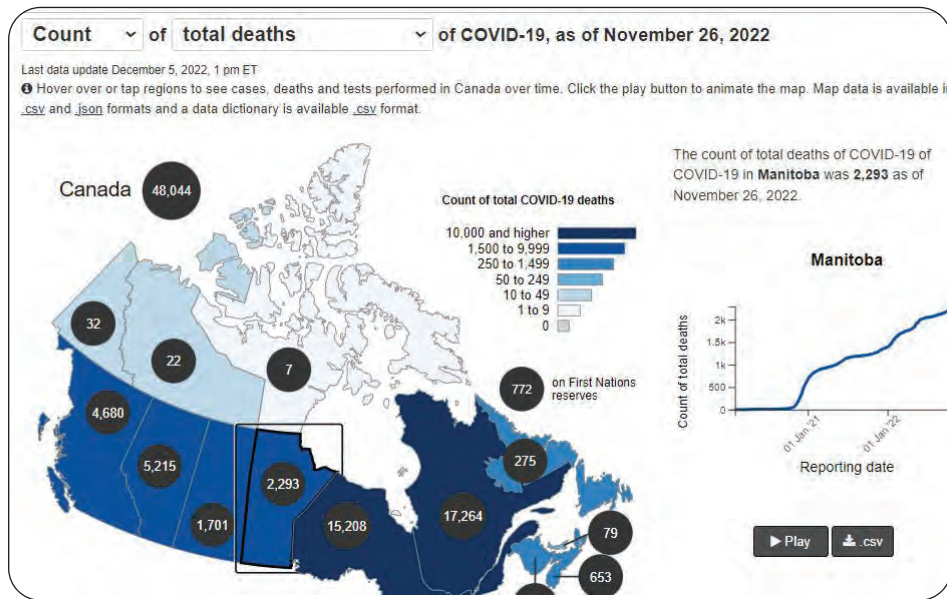
ment's COVID vaccination side effects webpage, there have been 93,171,073 vaccine doses administered in Canada as of Nov. 11. There have been 52,203 adverse events (6 out of every 10,000 people) reported, of which 10,361 were considered serious and 41,842 were considered non-serious.

A total of 389 deaths following a COVID vaccination have also been

reported although the federal government states "they are not necessarily related to the vaccine" because of missing information and changes to a causality classification system.

"Evidence indicates that the benefits of COVID-19 vaccines continue to outweigh the risks of the disease," states the website.

Eight more Manitobans succumb to COVID this week



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Manitoba's COVID death toll has reached 2,293 as of Nov. 26, according to the federal government. The number of deaths from the virus have continued to climb since December 2020 when omicron unleashed an unprecedented number of infections.

By Patricia Barrett

Manitoba continues to rack up COVID deaths, and respiratory syncytial virus (RSV) has caused an outbreak at the Arborg Personal Care Home.

Another eight people succumbed to COVID, according to the provincial government's weekly respiratory surveillance report for the period Nov. 27 to Dec. 3 (reporting Week 48). There were 16 deaths reported the previous week.

There were 76 new hospital admissions for COVID in Week 48, down six from the previous report showing 82 admissions. Included in the hospital admissions were seven admissions to the intensive care unit, down 12 from the previous report that showed 19 ICU admissions. The government doesn't provide in its report the total number of people in hospital with COVID on any given day or week.

The government diagnosed 251 new

COVID infections by PCR testing. Provincial data is an undercount of the true number of cases as the government restricts PCR testing. Rapid antigen tests aren't tracked. There were 281 new infections reported the previous week.

Wastewater surveillance data to Dec. 1 shows "sustained activity" of COVID in Winnipeg and Brandon, according to the report.

The provincial government changed the way it reports cumulative deaths and hospitalizations. It started presenting data from Week 27 (July 3-9) of this year, showing 199 cumulative deaths to date. Manitoba's death toll – from the start of reporting in 2020 to Week 44 (Oct. 30 to Nov. 5, 2022) was 2,256.

The change in the way the province now presents COVID data makes it difficult to easily assess the death toll from the virus. The federal government's COVID website shows Manitoba's death toll having reached 2,293 as of Nov. 26.

The provincial government stopped providing in its surveillance reports the names of personal care homes and hospitals with COVID outbreaks.

Influenza numbers for Week 48 are

lower than expected because the government is experiencing a delay in reporting.

"Due to an influx of influenza laboratory reports this respiratory season, Manitoba Health is experiencing delays in the documentation of laboratory results within the provincial Public Health Information Management System (PHIMS)," states the government's surveillance webpage. "As [a] result, the influenza case counts for week 48 are lower than expected. We anticipate an update to these data in next week's report."

The Week 48 report shows 120 new influenza A cases, zero influenza B cases and 80 RSV "detections."

"Up to Week 48 this season, children below the age of five years are at the highest risk for influenza infection. This age group accounted for 12% of all influenza cases and 20% of associated hospital admissions," states the report. "At the same time, other respiratory viruses continue to co-circulate. RSV test positivity increased to 4.0% in Week 48 from 2.2% in the previous week."

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Lots for producers to consider as tax season looms

By Lorne Stelmach

Tax season is upon us with the year-end approaching, and it can present agricultural producers with a lot to consider in making sound tax and financial decisions.

There are myriad annual tax issues to consider with producers aiming to ensure they are minimizing the tax they pay. Some of the pillars of tax planning can include income tax deferral, income splitting, and ensuring you use all available tax incentives.

"There's no way to avoid the tax; it's only a matter of postponing it and putting it off," said Lance Stockbrugger, a chartered accountant who had dealt mostly with farm clients until he turned his attention full-time to farming while still doing some consulting in areas including transition planning, tax planning, corporations.

"In the old days, a lot of people used to try to stay in that lower tax bracket and pay the minimum amount of tax ... farmers can do that by avoiding to take income ... and making sure all of their expenses are paid by year end," he said.

"I've been advising people for many, many years now that probably the minimum, the low tax bracket isn't enough. If you're running a decent business ... and we've had very successful years ... paying tax at the low tax bracket probably isn't enough.

You need to be probably paying upwards of closer to a hundred thousand dollars, depending on your business obviously.

So Stockbrugger emphasizes "making sure you're paying enough tax anyway and that you're not creating a big problem because farmers typically will create a problem for themselves by not paying a lot of tax, deferring as much as they can, pushing off income and not delivering grain or selling cattle ... and then prepaying expenses to create this big balloon problem that the tax has to get paid."

A lot of the discussion revolves around whether cash or accrual accounting is better for a farm business.

In cash accounting, you record a sale or expense only when the cash is received or paid. Inventory is not included in the calculation of income. With accrual basis accounting you record income and expenses when a sale or purchase is made, even if the money hasn't changed hands yet.

Stockbrugger also talks about "monitoring the amount of income that you've taken in and looking at the expenses that you've paid ... and this time of year, if your year-end is Dec. 31, then doing some planning around your year-end can allow you to reduce your taxes ... hopefully reduce them to a manageable level.

"The key thing, which is not news to

anybody, is to make sure that you've got good records so that your books are up to date and you've done a good job of recording all of your income and expenses," he said. "So if you are going to see your advisor or your accountant at year end that they will have decent numbers to formulate a plan for you.

Unincorporated businesses, sole proprietors, and partnerships would all be subject to the graduated personal tax rates, Stockbrugger noted, so you're going to want to be monitoring your level of income that you have based on those tax brackets.

"Another thing to think about is income splitting, utilizing as many tax returns as you can," he continued. "So if that's between husband and wife, you split your income and maybe even split your income with your children if your children are working on the farm."

If that is the case though, it is crucial to ensure they are being paid a wage with all of the necessary deductions for proper reporting, he added.

If they are incorporated, Stockbrugger emphasized that producers need to consider what type of income they going to take personally from the corporation.

"Is it going to be wages? Is it going to be land rent ... is it going to be dividends?" he asked. "Those personal

incomes need to match or probably exceed the drawings that you've taken out throughout the year to live on, so all of your personal expenditures."

If it is wages, you need to ensure you take all the deductions like CPP but not EI because you are the owner of the business.

"The wages are deductible to the corporation and fully taxable as normal income on your personal tax return."

The option of land rent is only available if you own your farm land personally outside of your corporation, so you pay yourself land rent.

"The reason you might want to pay yourself land rent is because you don't want to pay into the CPP. Maybe you've got other sources of income that you're already paying into the CPP or you feel you've already paid enough in.

"The stickler is, first of all, you have to own the land personally, but you also have to charge your corporation GST ... you'll collect it personally and you'll claim it back in the corporation."

In the option of taking a dividend, it won't involve the deductions like CPP or EI.

"That is not deductible by the corporation ... you will pay personally a lower rate of tax, however what happens with a dividend is you get credit for the taxes that have already been paid by the corporation," Stockbrugger explained.

"Whatever you take out as a dividend is not deductible to the corporation ... when you file your tax return and you report that dividend, you'll get credit for the tax the corporation has already been paid, and you just pay the difference.

"The government is still getting their share of taxes; it's just coming from different sources.

"A lot more have been incorporated now ... but you need to treat them for what they are and treat them as a tax deferral, not a tax saver," said Stockbrugger, who noted the bottom line is to be prepared and plan ahead.

"You can set yourself up and plan for 2023," he concluded. "These are usually the times when you should be sitting down with your advisor and looking at is a partnership or a sole proprietor, an unincorporated business, is that still viable for you to run your business, or should you be looking at possible incorporating?"



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Where are they now? Catching up with Karen Hodgson

By Dennis Young

This feature will attempt to renew some acquaintances with those who called Roland and area home at one time or another. I have randomly selected people to answer questions of their past and present so the readers can be brought up to speed on their lives.

Q. Firstly let's get familiar with you again. When did you live in Roland?

I grew up in Roland. I lived there until I graduated from high school in 2002.

Q. Did you attend school here?

Yes, I went to Roland Elementary until grade 6, and then I went to Carman Collegiate until I graduated in 2002.

Q. What did you do for jobs as a student?

My first job was working at Graham's Groves Saskatoon Berry Farm. I also worked at the Roland Golf Club for 5 years and the University of Manitoba research farm. I also did some side work for the original Carman Valley Leader, where I wrote news articles to provide updates on Carman Collegiate sports.

Q. What activities did you participate in as a student?

I kept pretty busy with sports (curling, badminton, volleyball, softball, soccer and ringette), 4-H, drama, choir and student council.

Q. Did your family live here? Who and what did they do for a living?

Yes, my family still lives here. My parents, Colleen and Reid, live in Roland and my brother Jack and his family live at and run the grain farm where I grew up, outside of Roland.

Q. What was your chosen career after school?

I went to the University of Manitoba where I obtained my undergrad in Agribusiness and my Masters in Agricultural Economics. I knew that I wanted to do something in the agricultural field, other than farming, after I finished high school.

I started working for the Federal Government in 2007 in Winnipeg at the Department of Agriculture as a policy analyst.

Q. What did your job entail and did you move alot?

My first job was in grain policy, I then did an assignment in Washington, DC at the Canadian Embassy. Afterwards I moved to Ottawa where I worked in trade policy. I worked to remove the U.S. Country of Origin Labelling requirement for beef and pork and spent a crazy two years negotiating the new NAFTA agriculture chapter. I was working as a liaison with the Minister of Agriculture's office preparing for Parliamentary business (question period, etc.) in Ottawa until beginning my maternity leave.

Q. Did you meet your spouse there or where?

I met my husband Aaron Shaughnessy in Ottawa. He was raised there and established his summer camp corporation there about 20 years ago. He also owns and operates a group of rental properties.

Q. Did you raise any children? Names and ages?

We have two beautiful girls. Lauren is 3 and Emma is 1. Life is definitely busy right now, but in the best way.

Q. Do you have extended family living there?

Aaron's family lives here. We feel very lucky to have Grandma and Grandpa a short 10 minute walk



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Aaron Shaughnessy and Karen Hodgson with daughters Lauren and Emma Shaughnessy.

away. It's very helpful, especially with little kids.

Q. What else have you done career wise and where?

I've really enjoyed my career with Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada. I've done a lot of traveling (mostly all across the U.S.), doing advocacy work and trade negotiations. Like I mentioned, at the moment, I am enjoying my maternity leave.

Q. What passes your leisure time? Hobbies? Sports?

I still enjoy curling once a week and both Aaron and I were on a softball team this summer. Aaron has been teaching me tennis and we both love to get out golfing (although it has been harder for me to get out with two little kids).

Q. Have you travelled for leisure and where?

A lot of my travel is back to Mani-

toba to visit family and friends in Roland. We also have been lucky to get to Florida the last few winters and plan to go again this winter to escape the cold for a bit.

Q. Any future plans? Do you have to do list?

We just got married this past summer, which was like a dream. We are hoping to go on a honeymoon at some point when the timing is right. We just want to focus on creating all the great family memories and moments that both Aaron and I were lucky enough to experience as kids.

15. Do you ever return to Roland? Yes, I am back to Roland quite a bit. We will be back for Christmas this year to visit with our family and get the cousins together. Our plan is to come out every summer for our daughters to spend time on the farm. Some of my best memories growing up were when my cousins would spend weeks in the summer with us on the farm.

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Over the last 10 years they have raised and donated over \$35,000 to local causes including the PCH, Minor Ball/Hockey and Splash Pad. Back for the reunion were:

back row, left to right: Corby Sylvester, Jack Hodgson, Scott McIntosh, Craig Johnston, Brett Holmes, Ken Snider, Roger Kissick, Murray Rinn; front row, Beb and Alex McIntosh, Rob Anderson, Neil Martin, Dennis Young, Felix Unger and Albert Holmes. Missing from the photo is Derek McIntosh, James Ballantyne, Doug Whitehead, Ryan McIntosh and Aaron Snidal.

> SHAUGHNESSY, FROM PG. 14

Q. What are some of your fondest memories of your Roland days?

I'm so proud to come from a small town. I love telling people that it's home of Canadian 4-H and the giant pumpkin. My best memories always include the farm where we always had huge family gatherings. I would also host quite a few gatherings myself, some of which included a hot tub rental. My fondest memories are also with my grandma Marion, the unofficial welcome wagon of Roland. I have

played saxophone with her while she plays piano in the Roland United Church band and we still get out for at least one round of golf every summer.

Q. Any last words you wish to send to our readers?

I really felt the love from Roland earlier this year when the community hosted a wedding shower for me. It is such a welcoming and friendly place and I hope my daughters will continue to have the same love I have for it through lots and lots of visits!

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Pembina Valley comes through in a big way for Power of PJs campaign

By Ashleigh Viveiros

The South Central Regional Library's Power of PJs campaign gathered together enough donations of comfy clothing to last the Genesis House women's shelter for at least the next few months.

The giant donation box at the Winkler Centennial Library was overflowing with pyjamas, sweat pants, leggings, and warm socks last week as shelter executive director Ang Braun stopped by to pick everything up.

The haul represented not just Winkler's donations but also those collected by SCRL branches in Morden, Altona, Miami, and Manitou.

"People were very generous; they always are," said Winkler branch administrator Jess Martens, noting the clothing drive has become something of a

tradition for the libraries and their patrons in recent years. "People know it's coming and they want to support it."

Martens sends out a big thank-you to everyone who donated.

"We definitely couldn't do this by ourselves," she said. "Everybody knows times are tough, but seeing the generosity in spite of that is amazing."

Braun is certainly grateful for that generosity, and for the fact the five libraries are so willing to serve as a central donation point for their respective communities.

"Most of the shelters across the province do not have storefronts, including us, so to be able to have a drop-off spot that people are familiar with ... for us it's just an awesome partnership."

Braun noted that the donations col-



STANDARD PHOTO BY ASHLEIGH VIVEIROS

Genesis House executive director Ang Braun with the Winkler Library's Jess Martens and the dozens of donations this year's Power of PJs clothing drive brought in for the women's shelter.

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Participants with Carman's Small Town Run and Walk Club set out Dec. 10 to walk the river trail portion of the community pathway on a warm winter day with temperatures hovering around 0°C. The club was formed four years ago by Chris Dick, right, and, with its motto "All Paces, All People," has become a popular bi-weekly fitness activity in all seasons for local residents. The group meets again at 10 a.m. at Ryall Park on Dec. 24.

> POWER OF PJS, FROM PG. 16

lected by the libraries used to be enough to last the shelter the entire year, but these days they're seeing more and more women and children seeking aid than ever before.

"Since COVID, it has been ridiculous, so incredibly busy," she said.

"At this point, today, we're out of PJs already and so we were looking forward to this donation. My guess is ... that we will burn through all of them pretty quickly."

In the past year the shelter has provided safe haven to 64 women and 60 children for a total of 1,008 bed nights. That's kept all five of their bedrooms full for much of the year, and Braun expects it will be the same in 2023.

It's pretty common for women fleeing an abusive relationship to arrive at the shelter with little more than the clothes on their

backs.

"So having a new pair of PJs we can give them, it helps make it feel a bit more homey," Braun said. "And it can be a nice ice-breaker, particularly for the kids."



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Crossway Church musical to share the meaning of Christmas

Elm Creek Christmas musical on Dec. 18

By Autumn Fehr

Elm Creek's Crossway Church has traditionally filled the church with Christmas music during the holidays for over three decades, gathering as a community to see the youth perform in a Christmas musical.

After a few years without a musical due to COVID-19, the kids are back at it this year and ready to sing and perform their hearts out for Elm Creek.

On Sunday, Dec. 18, starting at 6:30 p.m., Crossway Church in Elm Creek will be filled once again with little ones and their families celebrating Christmas through music.

"It's a nice evening to watch the kids perform. In all our hustle and bustle with Christmas and everything, it's

nice to sit down and hear the reason behind why we celebrate this as Christians," said Terri Dyck, one of the organizers of the musical, alongside Gloria Froese.

Kindergarten to grade six students from the church's Sunday school class and community kids will perform in "The First Leon." A musical about a boy named Leon, who wanted to be in the Christmas play ever since he realized his name spelt backwards is Noël.

Leon doesn't get a part until he becomes the understudy for the innkeeper, but his only dialogue is "no room." With only a minor role in the play, Leon teaches everybody the real meaning of Christmas and how they let Jesus in their lives.

The kids have been practising and



STANDARD PHOTO BY TERRI DYCK

This year, Crossway Church's annual Christmas musical is back for the first time since pre-pandemic 2019. In the musicals, the two to five-year-olds always sing a few songs on their own. In 2019, in the church's production of "The Plane Truth About Christmas," they sang "Ho Hosanna."

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KAP encouraged by launch of Sustainable Agriculture Strategy consultation

Submitted by KAP

Keystone Agricultural Producers (KAP) is encouraged by Monday's announcement by the Honourable Marie-Claude Bibeau, federal Minister of Agriculture and Agri-Food, and Terry Duguid, Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Environment and Climate Change, regarding consultations for the development of Canada's Sustainable Agriculture Strategy.

"KAP has been advocating for the inclusion of farmers when it comes to tackling the challenges affecting our sector, and Monday's announcement demonstrates the federal government is listening to ensure Canadian farmers have a seat at the table," said KAP President, Bill Campbell.

"One of KAP's main goals is to reduce the regulatory burden for farmers and find solutions that include their perspectives, focused on sustainable growth and practical strategies that can be applied on-farm," continued Campbell. "It is also important to note that the conversation around sustainability includes not only environmental concerns, but also social and economic, something that KAP has been seeking recognition of from government."

As part of this strategy, the federal government has opened up a public consultation until March 2023 to seek input as the strategy is developed. The inclusion of public consultation will allow for broad perspectives to be included when considering details of the strategy, but

consideration of the perspectives from within agriculture should remain a priority by government.

"Agriculture has the solutions to many of the challenges we face, and KAP is ready to contribute to the conversation when decisions are being made through the development of this strategy," said Campbell. "We will be providing a full submission to the public consultation on behalf of Manitoba farmers to ensure their priorities, including transparency throughout the process, consensus on data collection and management for measuring sustainability outcomes, and the inclusion of farmers, are represented."

Monday's announcement also includes the creation of an Advisory Committee, comprised of a wide variety of stakeholders from agriculture. This will be co-chaired by Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada (AAFC) and the Canadian Federation of Agriculture (CFA), of which KAP is

a member.

"KAP has long advocated to all levels of government to ensure farmers have a seat at the table in the development of policies, goals, and strategies, and will be working closely with CFA throughout the process of the development of this strategy to work toward positive solutions," concluded Campbell.

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By Dennis Young

Robert Rutherford was a Carman barber from 1916 to 1952 who listed 38 barbershops between 1871 and 1965 for the Carman-Dufferin Up to Know history book. You may recall Archie Bradshaw, John Tyson, Bill Smith, Walter Schween, Herman Bruce, Al O'Brien and Jack McKay. Many left, and many followed, but McKay kept the chairs full the longest.

Bill Smith cut it up in the Ryall basement in 1928 before moving to 76 Main Street S (now Knockabouts). He worked alone until 1948 when Jack, who had been practising with his Dad, moved to Carman. They joined



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Jack McKay, Carman's barber.

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up and continued their skills there to 1952 when they moved to the Grier Block (now BSI) for one year.

The following year was at Rocky's Billiard Parlours (now The Price is Rite Dollar Shop) with two chairs up front. Many of us recall what turned out to be the permanent barber location in 1954 at 14 1st Avenue SW (then barber Archie Bradshaw & now Nails by Jolie). Bill soon retired, and Jack became his own boss at McKay's Barber Shop in 1957.

Next door to him (Nails by Jolie) was John Tyson's five-year-old Carman Barber & Beauty Parlour. Jack would buy that in 1959, do renos to adjoin the two shops, but retain that familiar business name. He added a partner in Walter Schween of Elm Creek and eventually Mae Bodie and Murial Mofatt on the beauty parlour side.

Due to health reasons, Jack retired from barbering after 21 years and sold to Selkirk's Gord Magnusson in 1969. He would spend some time in Winnipeg as a relief barber during the holidays before exploring future business plans (The Flower Shop). Jack passed in 2011.

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Flashback...monitoring the moisture in grain



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Ken Savage looks on while Brian Dickenson and Murray Savage take a moisture test from a sample of grain in 1972.

By Dennis Young

Moisture was and is still crucial when it comes to combining and many farmers in the day became accustomed to making trips to town or the nearest elevator for an agent to calibrate the seed.

Such was the case with Bob Dickey, a farmer in Chatham, Illinois, only his primary problem at the time was the constant getting in and out of the tractor to ensure proper seeding. So he invented a planter monitor in an attempt to ensure proper seed count while sitting in his cab.

He began receiving hundreds of inquiries due to an ad placed in a Prairie Farmer magazine and farmers from hundreds of miles away came to see this new technology. For the first year, Bob operated out of his farmhouse, with his wife serving as his secretary

but his invention became so popular he had to incorporate. Needing a name for his company, one night at his kitchen table his brother-in-law/partner Jack Littlejohn came up with the name Dickey-john.

In 1966, DICKEY-john manufactured and marketed just one product, a planter monitor with a mechanical switch. But in 1988, Churchill Industries acquired DICKEY-john Corporation and under their guidance, DICKEY-john embarked on a new era of development including the world's first full line of

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Roland Golf Club has stocking stuffer ideas

By Ty Dilello

The Roland Golf Club is increasing membership and cart storage/trail fees by five per cent across the board for the upcoming 2023 golf season.

"This is the first increase in over ten years," said Roland Golf Club Secretary-Treasurer Dianne Toews. "We have had to increase due to the cost of everything going up, such as fuel, fertilizer, chemical, equipment costs and repair."

Even with the membership costs going up, the Roland Golf Club is still one of the cheapest places in Manitoba to golf, with an adult membership at \$410, taxes included. You can also still purchase memberships for next year at

this year's price of \$390 until Dec. 31. Call Dianne at 204-343-2197 or email rgcclub@mymts.net if interested.

A couple's membership at the course will also be increasing from \$695 to \$730 after Dec. 31.

Need a great stocking stuffer? The course also has its Four Play Lottery

tickets returning for the 2023 season. \$40 gets you a chance at seven different monetary draws totalling \$20,000 and 72 holes of golf (18 in Roland, 18 in Miami, 18 in Treherne and 18 in Pilot Mound). Tickets can be purchased at the Roland General Store.

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Fitchner's hockey career with the Quebec Nordiques

By Ty Dilello

Perseverance and hard work sum up the hockey career of former Carman Collegiate teacher Bob Fitchner.

Fitchner spent most of his childhood moving around through different small towns across Western Canada, culminating in playing junior hockey with the Brandon Wheat Kings.

"Learning how to play in Roblin, Manitoba, our game of hockey was road hockey, and we'd play it all day until we had to go in for supper, and then we'd come back out and play all night," said Fitchner. "Playing road hockey and pretending you're Jean Beliveau, Gordie Howe, Bobby Hull, Boom Boom Geoffrion or whoever it might be, I never thought I'd ever meet these guys or play against any of them, so when I look back, I think how the heck did that happen!"

After a couple of seasons with the Brandon Wheat Kings, the 6'0", 190-pound Fitchner was selected by the Pittsburgh Penguins in the 1970 NHL Entry Draft. After stops in the Central, International, American and Southern Hockey Leagues between 1970 and 1973, Fitchner was signed by the Edmonton Oilers of the WHA for the 1973-74 season.

"I played a lot against Gordie Howe when he was with Houston and New England. It seemed we were on the ice against each other quite often. I treated him with the utmost respect, partly out of not wanting to get a slash or one of those wicked elbows to the head. It was a complete honour to play against Gordie, Bobby Hull and Dave Keon. To me, being on the ice with those guys was a real career highlight."

Taken by Indianapolis in the 1974 WHA Expansion Draft, the Quebec Nordiques traded for Fitchner in February of 1976. It was in Quebec that Fitchner found a role as a defensive

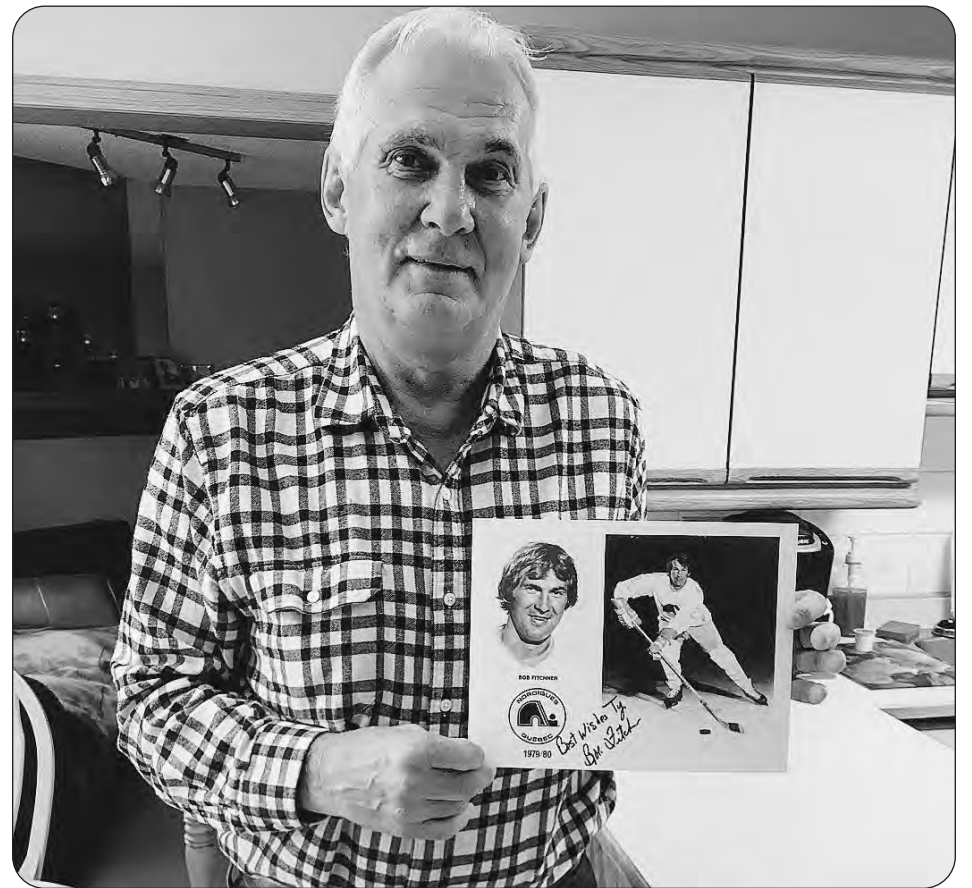
forward on a Nordiques team loaded with firepower. An underrated player, he was a crucial faceoff specialist and an excellent penalty killer. Lining up against opponents' top lines every night, he was a valuable member of the Nordiques squad that captured the 1977 Avco Cup.

"The biggest highlight of my career was probably winning the Avco Cup with the Nordiques in 1977. Game seven in the finals against the Winnipeg Jets is something I'll never forget because it was about 93 degrees Fahrenheit outside, and it was boiling in the building, but we just seemed to rally and play really well and score some key goals. I was able to squeak in the first goal of the game, which didn't happen very often. When JC Tremblay scored to make it 4-1, I knew we had won the Avco Cup. We ended up winning 8-2, and it was a very sweet feeling getting to win that Avco Cup with that group of guys!"

When the WHA merged with the NHL for the 1979-80 season, Quebec was one of the clubs that was absorbed. Fitchner played 70 games, chipping in 11 goals and 31 points while adding 59 penalty minutes in his only full campaign in the NHL. His point totals were good enough to place him in the top ten in team scoring during the Nordiques' inaugural NHL season.

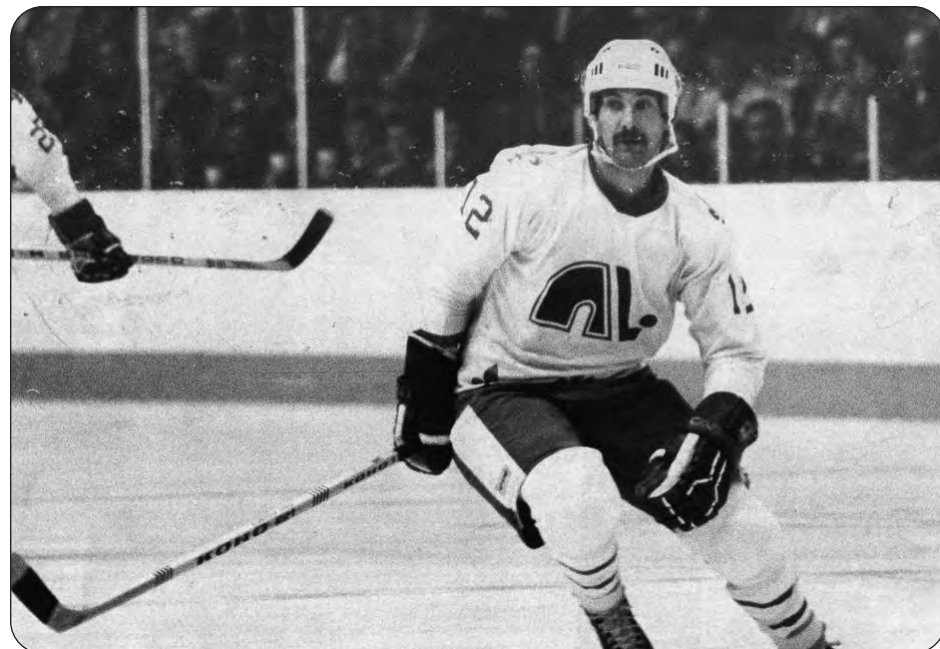
The 1980-81 season would be Fitchner's last in pro hockey. After 817 professional games, he returned to Brandon, where he earned himself an education degree and a new career in teaching. Fitchner lived in Brandon until 1986, when he moved to Carman to teach and help with the hockey program in town.

"I taught at Carman Collegiate, starting off with Special Ed, before I moved into mostly geography, social studies and Canadian history. We



STANDARD PHOTO BY TY DILELLO

Former Carman Collegiate teacher Bob Fitchner carved out a professional hockey career in the 1970s that saw him skate for the Quebec Nordiques for six seasons.



had a great school principal in Frank McKinnon, who was the president of the Canadian Amateur Hockey Association, and he was very supportive. My wife and I have three daughters that all went to Carman Collegiate, so everything worked out."

Nowadays, Fitchner is retired and living in Winnipeg. He still plays hockey weekly with his old buddies

and enjoys cheering on the Winnipeg Jets. Fitchner was inducted into the Manitoba Hockey Hall of Fame in 2019 for his remarkable sports career.

"At the end of the day, perseverance and hard work is what really allowed me to play the game for eleven years, and I'm very proud that I was able to live out my childhood dream of playing professional hockey."

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Beavers beat the Bombers in high scoring game

By Ty Dilello

It continues to be a slow grind for the Carman Beavers senior team over the course of this 2022-23 season. The Beavers currently sit in ninth place with a record of three wins and eight losses in the newly revamped and now ten-team South Eastern Manitoba Hockey League (SEMHL).

Last week, the Beavers picked up a win as they split their two games.

On Dec. 8, the Beavers played host to the Ste. Anne Aces. And it was the Aces who prevailed with an 8-4 win. Beavers' goals on the night were scored by Scott Atkins, Nathan Karlowsky, Tanner Mole and AJ Nychuk. Luke Zacharias stopped 37 shots in goal for the Beavers.

A few nights later on Dec. 10, the Beavers travelled south to take on the Morden Bombers for a wild goal fest that ended 13-8 in the Beavers'

favour. For Carman, it was just their third win of the season.

Tanner Mole led the way for the Beavers with a monster game, scoring six goals and assisting three times for nine points. Ben Dalke scored a hat trick, while Fraser Mirrlees had two goals. AJ Nychuk and Quade Froese scored the other Beavers' goals.

Luke Zacharias stopped 51 shots in goal for the Beavers.

Despite the lousy 3-8 record on the season, Carman's top forward line is leading the SEMHL's scoring race. In first place is Tanner Mole, who has 25 points in seven games (14 goals and 11 assists), while Fraser Mirrlees and Ben Dalke are tied for second place with 22 points.

The Carman Beavers are back in action on Dec. 15 for a home game against the Warren Mercs. The puck drops at 7:30 p.m.



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The Beavers' Luke Zacharias makes a glove save against Morden's Mike Rey. Carman defeated the Bombers 13-8 on Dec. 10.



The Bombers Jessi Freund plays the puck despite the defensive efforts of Beavers Jack Lotscher.



The Bombers Andrew Clark and Beavers Quade Froese battle for puck control.

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Male Hawks best Thrashers, fall to Kings

By Lorne Stelmach

The male U18 Pembina Valley Hawks have been close to taking down the league-leading Brandon Wheat Kings, but came up just short again this past weekend.

The Hawks were riding a three-game win streak after having earlier dropped a 3-2 shootout decision Nov. 26 to Brandon, but Pembina Valley fell again to the Wheat Kings Sunday while at least gaining a point from the 5-4 overtime loss.

The loss followed a 6-1 win over the Winnipeg Thrashers last Wednesday and a 4-2 victory over the Southwest Cougars Friday that helped lift them into third place at 16-5-4 for 36 points.

Carter Campbell scored a pair of powerplay goals early in the second period to get the Hawks on their way to the victory over the Thrashers.

Ty Love, Cedrik Robidoux, Liam Goertzen, and Adrian McIntosh also scored for Pembina Valley while Raiden LeGall made 32 saves as the shots on goal were even at 33 apiece.

Two unanswered goals snapped a 2-2 tie in the third period to earn the Hawks their win over Southwest.

Robidoux, Love, Ryder Wolfe, and Nate Lodewyck connected for Pembina Valley, which was outshot 35-20 but Bryson Yaschyshyn backstopped them with 33 saves.

The Hawks spotted Brandon three early unanswered goals before coming back to lead 4-3 in the third period before Brandon took it to extra time where a powerplay goal won it 4:11 into the overtime.

Campbell, Goertzen, Marek Miller, and Kam Thomas scored for the Hawks, while LeGall kept it close with 44 saves as Brandon held a 48-36 edge in shots.

Pembina Valley trails Brandon and the Winnipeg



STANDARD PHOTO BY RICK HIEBERT

Pembina Valley goalie Raiden LeGall stops one of 33 shots he faced to earn the 6-1 win against the visiting Winnipeg Thrashers Dec. 7.

Bruins by eight and seven points while sitting one and three ahead of the Thrashers and Winnipeg Wild.

The Hawks were paying a visit to the Bruins Fri-

day then heading to Teulon to take on Interlake Saturday.

Twisters have successful weekend

By Lorne Stelmach

The Pembina Valley Twisters came up with a pair of big wins on the road this past weekend against teams they are pursuing in the MMJHL standings.

The Twisters first doubled up third-place Fort Garry Fort Rouge 6-3 Friday and then edged fourth-place River East 2-1 Sunday.

The victories moved Pembina Valley up one notch in the standings to seventh place at 8-9-3-1 for 20 points. They are two ahead of St. Boniface

while having now crept within two and three points of Transcona and Charleswood.

The Twisters scored three unanswered goals to open up the game against Fort Garry Fort Rouge before the Twins roared back to even it at 3-3 after 20 minutes.

Keston Worley scored a pair with the other goals coming from Riley Goertzen, Cody Clark, Merck Degraeve, and Slade Sotheran. Logan Enns made 27 saves with shots on goal 38-30 in favour of Pem-

bina Valley.

The Twisters outplayed River East with a 51-35 edge in shots on goal, but it took a pair of third period goals by Sotheran in the latter half of the third period for Pembina Valley to get the win. Enns got the win in goal with 34 saves.

The Twisters will aim to maintain the momentum this weekend against Charleswood Friday and St. Boniface Sunday.

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Einarson wins her fifth career Pinty's Grand Slam of Curling

By Ty Dilello

Gimli's Kerri Einarson captured her fifth Grand Slam of Curling event of her career last weekend at the WFG Masters in Oakville, Ontario.

Einarson and her rink of Val Sweeting, Shannon Birchard and Briane Harris needed an extra end in the championship final to defeat Ontario's Rachel Homan 6-5 on Sunday afternoon.

Einarson opened the game with a deuce, but Homan moved in front with a three-ender in the fifth. Einarson answered with a pair in the sixth, and the teams blanked the seventh. Homan took one in the eighth end to force an extra end.

Facing two Homan counters, Einarson made a double takeout with her final rock for a dramatic victory. Einarson cashed in for a whopping \$35,000 with the Grand Slam title.

Italy's Joel Retornaz claimed the men's title at the WFG Masters with a 6-2 win over Scotland's Bruce Mouat.

Retornaz got off to a strong start, scoring in each of the first four ends to

take a 4-0 edge. After Mouat notched a deuce in the fifth, Retornaz sealed Italy's first major men's curling victory after adding two more points in the following two ends.

On the local curling front, the MCT Tour Championships were held last weekend in Carberry. Ten men's teams and three women's teams competed for cash and provincial berths.

In the men's event, Brandon's Steve Irwin (Travis Taylor, Travis Brooks, Travis Saban) punched their ticket to the Viterra Championships after defeating Fort Rouge's Ryan Wiebe 7-4 in Sunday afternoon's final. Wiebe already had earned a CTRS berth for the Viterra Championships, which will be held in Neepawa in February.

On the women's side, Miami's Lisa McLeod (Janelle Lach, Hallie McCannell, Jolene Callum) was victorious after defeating Carberry's Alyssa Calvert in the final. With the win, McLeod will be headed to the Manitoba Scot-ties Tournament of Hearts which will be held in East St. Paul in January.



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Cougars lose pair of games in high school hockey

By Ty Dilello

The Carman Cougars continue to be on the losing side of things in the Zone 4 high school hockey league. After losing a pair of games last week, the Cougars find themselves with a record of four wins and eight losses, which puts them in seventh place in the nine-team league.

The Cougars lost 6-2 to the Morris

Mavericks on Dec. 7. Ryan Orchard and Alex Lemky had the Cougars' goals on the evening, while Maysen Mazurat stopped 41 shots in goal.

The following night the Cougars returned to action and lost 9-1 to the PCI Trojans. The Cougars' lone goal was scored by Josh Hiebert. Zander Cox was in goal for Carman and made 35 saves in the loss.

Ryan Orchard is leading the way as the team's leading scorer with 21 points. Behind him is Josh Hiebert with 15 points and Ethan Wilde/Dawson Gitzel with 11 points.

Goaltender Maysen Mazurat, a Grade 11 student from St. Claude, continues to be a bright spot on the Cougars' team. He currently has a 4-5-0 record, with a 3.75 goals-against

average and a very impressive .913 save percentage.

The Cougars are back in action at with a couple of games this week. On Wednesday, Dec. 14, the Cougars have a home game against the PCI Trojans at 7:30 p.m. They then will head to Altona to take on the WC Miller Aces on Friday, Dec. 16 at 7:30 p.m.

Flyers move into second place in MJHL East Division

By Ashleigh Viveiros

The Winkler Flyers split their MJHL games last week, but it was enough to move them into second place in the standings.

At 44 points, Winkler is now just four points behind the first-place Steinbach Pistons (24-5-0-0) and two ahead of the Portage Terriers in third (20-16-1-1) in the MGEU East Division.

They earned three points last week thanks to a 2-1 OT loss to the Winnipeg Blizzards and an 8-5 victory over the Terriers.

Tuesday night's game in Winnipeg saw Connor Jensen score Winkler's one and only goal in the first two minutes. The Blizzard, meanwhile, tied it up midway through the second period.

That was it for regulation scoring, though the Flyers certainly had plenty of shots on net, outshooting the Blizzard 16-2 in the first, 17-8 in the second, and 22-3 in the third but being denied again and again by the Winnipeg goalie, former Flyer Brock Moroz.

The game went into overtime for a decision, which was made when Winnipeg scored three minutes in.

Between the posts for Winkler was Malachi Klassen, who made 14 saves off 16 shots.

The Flyers welcomed the Portage Terriers to town three nights later and sent them packing with a decisive loss.

The first period was all Winkler when it came to scoring. Jayce Legaarden bookended the frame with goals at 1:14 and 16:53. In between, Nicholas McKee, Mike Svenson, and Trent Sambrook added singles.

Portage managed three to Winkler's two in the second period (courtesy of Legaarden and Penner) to make it 7-3 heading into the final 20 minutes.

There, the Terriers tried to close the gap with two more goals in the first few minutes, but that was all they got, while Penner pounded in the final nail with his second of the night at 18:45.

Klassen made 48 saves as Portage outshot Winkler 53-28.

Winkler remains at home to play the Steinbach Pistons Friday and the Niverville Night-hawks Saturday. They'll close out the month with a home game against the Portage Terriers Wednesday, Dec. 21 and a New Year's Eve game in Steinbach.

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Hawks lose trio of exhibition games

By Lorne Stelmach

The female U18 Pembina Valley Hawks travelled to Ontario for a three-game exhibition series with the Thunder Bay Queens last weekend.

It offered the Hawks some stiff competition which unfortunately saw them lose all three games.

Pembina Valley fell behind 2-0 early Friday, with the game ending up as a 5-2 loss as the Hawks were outshot 31-11 overall.

Game two Saturday saw the Hawks again trail 2-0 as they were eventually shut out 3-0. The Queens held a 30-12 edge in shots.

The series then concluded Sunday with a closer game that was tied 1-1 after one period and 3-3 after 40 minutes only to see the Hawks fall 4-3 in the end.

Pembina Valley now returns to league play with a pair of home games in Morden this weekend against the two teams below them in the standings. The sixth-place Hawks welcome eighth-place Central Plains Friday then seventh-place Interlake Sunday afternoon.

The Hawks sit at 5-10-1 for 11 points, which has them two and five points up on Interlake and Central Plains and four points behind Eastman.

Flashback... 50 year comparison in wages

By Dennis Young

Carman Town Council approved a new salary schedule for employees in 1970. It was for a 2 year period and included pay increases promised to new employees promised after a specified number of months in the employ of the town.

In approving the salary increases the Council also approved a resolution deeming it improper to publicize the agreement as it was felt that salaries should be a private matter. Casual labor rate however remained unchanged at \$1.65/hour compared to \$16.42 in 2022.


At the same meeting, the Council annual indemnities remained the same at \$1,000 for Councillors and \$1,500 for the Mayor. For 2023 they will be \$1,220 and \$1,360 monthly with the Deputy at \$1,220.




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Incredible Creatures: Pileated Woodpeckers: attractive ant-eating architects

By John Gavloski

We were treated to an incredible bird sighting in our front yard recently when the largest species of woodpecker in Canada showed up in our front yard to feed on some crabapples from our crabapple tree, then went off to feed on what it could find on the bark in another tree in our yard. This large woodpecker, that gets to nearly the size of a crow, is called the pileated woodpecker. This article explores the interesting appearance, architecture and appetite of the pileated woodpecker, and why they are of such great value ecologically.

Red Crested Ant Eaters

There are twenty-two species of woodpeckers in North America, excluding the ivory-billed woodpecker, which is largely believed to be extinct, and eight species that can be found in Manitoba. My wife and I have seen seven of the eight, and just have to track down the three-toed woodpecker. The pileated woodpecker is the largest living woodpecker in North America, and third largest in the world after the great slaty woodpecker, found in southern Asia, and the black woodpecker, found in Europe and parts of Asia. Pileated woodpeckers are about 42 cm (a foot and a half) in length, and about two and a half times taller than the petite downy woodpeckers, that are more common visitors to peoples' yards.

Pileated woodpeckers are mostly black, with a triangular red crest and bold white stripes on head and neck. The bill is long and chisel-like, and about the length of the head. The woodpecker in the photo is a male; just the males have the red stripe behind the beak (scarlet mustache), while in the females' this mustache is black. Both males and females have the distinctive red crest, but the male's extends further toward the bill.

Pileated woodpeckers eat mostly ants and other insects, but also fruits and nuts. Carpenter ants may be up to 60% of their diet; although they will also eat other ants (rarely digging into anthills on ground), larvae of wood-boring beetles, and other insects such as flies, spruce budworm, caterpillars and grasshoppers. Compared to other woodpecker species, pileated woodpeckers prefer to forage in dying and decaying dead trees, using their bills to chisel oval or rectangular holes in search of prey. About one-quarter of the diet may be wild fruits, berries, and nuts. They may occasionally visit feeders, and are especially fond of suet.

The Value of Dead Wood

Pileated woodpeckers nest almost exclusively in standing dead trees. They are the bird's home and nursery. Pileated woodpeckers prefer deciduous and coniferous forests with larger,



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Pileated woodpecker

old growth trees that can support their spacious cavities. In spring, the hole made by the male attracts a female for mating and raising their young. The entrance hole is oblong rather than the circular shape of most woodpecker holes. Pileated woodpeckers don't line their nests with any material except for leftover wood chips. Cavity depth can range from about 25 to 60 cm (10-24 inches).

Once the brood is raised, the birds abandon the hole and do not use it the next year. Abandoned holes of pileated and other woodpeckers provide good homes in future years for many forest songbirds and a wide variety

of other animals. Owls and tree-nesting ducks, such as wood ducks, may largely rely on holes made by pileated woodpeckers in which to lay their nests. Ecologically, the entire woodpecker family is important to the well being of many other bird species.

For those of you that remember the cartoon character Woody Woodpecker, cartoonist Walter Lantz is believed to have based the appearance of this character on the pileated woodpecker. They are a fascinating bird, and one to watch for this winter, as they do spend the winters here and can be found in towns and cities.

Wishing You a Safe & Happy Season! We appreciate this community, and thank you for being such great neighbors!

From the Council & Staff

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Merry Christmas!

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> CHRISTMAS MUSICAL, FROM PG. 18

preparing to return to the stage since Nov. 20.

Dyck said the kids have been very excited to get back on stage and perform again for their families this year.

Grade 5 student Wren Penner will play Leon as the play's lead.

"The First Leon" was written by Dennis Allen and Nan and was purchased by the church for use years ago.

This year's musical was adapted from a play they did approximately 17 years ago, so it isn't identical to the original. However, it was something they had handy and helped them ease into the preparations of a musical performance once again.

Putting on the Christmas musical has been an annual tradition that

brings the Christian community in Elm Creek together to celebrate what Christmas means to them and share that with the community's youth.

"It's a chance to share the story and to give these kids a chance to perform. They've always really enjoyed doing it. I enjoy doing it to see it happen," said Dyck

After the musical, the church will have coffee and Christmas baking available for free for families to enjoy while visiting with the community.

The church is usually packed for the musical every year, and Dyck said she expects the same turnout this year, with people excited to be back in person for the tradition once again.

get inspired

> MEAL IDEAS



Spinach Christmas Tree Salad

Servings: 6
 2 packages (5 ounces each) Fresh Express Baby Spinach
 1/2 cup dried cranberries, divided
 1/3 cup pistachios, divided
 1/2 cup feta cheese, divided
 1 red pepper, cored, cut into thin strips
 1 large apple, thinly sliced, cut into star shapes
Dressing:
 1 cup whole berry cranberry sauce
 3 tablespoons cranberry juice
 2 tablespoons balsamic vinegar
 2 tablespoons honey
 1/4 cup olive oil
 1 tablespoon light brown sugar

1/4 teaspoon salt
 In large bowl, toss baby spinach with 1/4 cup dried cranberries, 1/6 cup pistachios and 1/4 cup feta cheese. Transfer to Christmas tree cake mold. Neatly arrange spinach leaves to create smooth surface.

Arrange red pepper strips, trimming as needed, to create garland. Arrange remaining dried cranberries, remaining pistachios and remaining feta cheese as "ornaments" on top of spinach. Create tree topper with one apple star; place remaining apple stars around "tree."

To make dressing: In blender, process cranberry sauce, cranberry juice, balsamic vinegar, honey, olive oil, brown sugar and salt until smooth.



Creamy Au Gratin Potatoes with Kale and Gruyere

Recipe courtesy of Wisconsin Potatoes
 1 1/2 cups heavy cream
 1/2 teaspoon salt
 1/2 teaspoon black pepper
 2 cloves garlic, smashed
 3 sprigs fresh thyme
 2 tablespoons butter
 3 cloves shallots, diced
 4 large kale leaves, finely chopped (discard stems)

2 pounds red potatoes, sliced 1/8 inch
 2 ounces gruyere cheese, grated
 1 ounce Parmesan cheese, grated
 Heat oven to 325 F.

In small saucepan over medium heat, combine cream, salt, black pepper, garlic and thyme; stir constantly, until cream starts to bubble, 4-6 minutes. When bubbling, remove from heat and stir until slightly cooled. Let cream sit.

Heat large (12-inch) oven-safe skillet over medium-high heat. Add butter. When butter melts, add shallots and kale leaves. Saute until kale is tender and bright green, about 4 minutes. Turn off burner.

Add sliced potatoes to skillet, fanning over top of kale.

Use slotted spoon to remove garlic and thyme from heavy cream. Pour heavy cream over potatoes.

Cover skillet tightly with foil and bake

until potatoes are tender, 75-85 minutes. Remove skillet from oven and turn on broiler. Discard foil.

Sprinkle gruyere and Parmesan cheeses over potatoes, tucking some cheese between potato slices.

Return skillet to oven and broil until top is golden brown, 5-6 minutes.

Cranberry Cheesecake



Prep time: 45 minutes
 Cook time: 1 hour, 15 minutes
Cranberry Compote:
 2 cups fresh cranberries
 1 cup C&H Light Brown Sugar
 1/4 cup freshly squeezed orange juice
 1 teaspoon freshly grated orange zest
Crust:
 2 cups graham cracker crumbs
 6 tablespoons unsalted butter, melted

Expert patient here to help!



Susie Schwartz

Take the day off!

I mean yes, from work if you can, but I'm talking about your health troubles.

Christmas Day and New Year's day are two of the very few days of the year when doctors and clinics don't schedule medical appointments and procedures. As long as they don't get called out for an emergency surgery or are needed on a ward or are in the ER, they'll be trying to sleep in while their kids pounce on them in the wee hours of the morning begging to see what Santa brought them.

The lab and x-ray techs and diabetes nurses, well, they'll also be in their pjs for an extra couple of hours until their in-laws descend upon them for turkey and stuffing.

So I say, take the opportunity to give yourself a break. Wear your

pyjamas for too long and delight in your children or new puppy. (? Oh I hope you get a new puppy!) Try not to think about your next appointment or chemo treatment or endoscopy.

I'm not saying it will be easy. I have to get my two big toenails ripped off in January. Needless to say, it's on my mind. But I am going to try to revel in every moment of the celebratory days with family and friends this season, and put my toenails in a box. (Not a cardboard one. Gross. And they're not off yet. No, a mental one. Metaphorically.)

Of course, you still have to take care of your needs that day. I'll be pumping (extra!) insulin and scanning my blood sugar monitor and taking my medication – there's no choice in that. As much as I want to forget it all, I have to be smart. And you do too. But maybe if we can package up the extra worries and upcoming appointments, our Christmas will be just a little less heavy.

And we could all use a little less heavy, right?

So go get distracted in all of the festivities and take that break. You deserve it.

Merry Christmas everyone, and Happy Holidays.

Less health stress, yes?

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

3 tablespoons C&H Light Brown Sugar
 1/4 teaspoon salt

Cheesecake:
 3 packages (8 ounces each) cream cheese, at room temperature
 2 cups C&H Organic Raw Cane Sugar
 3 tablespoons all-purpose flour
 2 teaspoons pure vanilla extract
 1/4 teaspoon salt
 4 large eggs, at room temperature
 1/2 cup sour cream, at room temperature

1/2 cup cranberry compote
 fresh cranberries
 sugared cranberries
 rosemary sprigs
 whipped cream

To make cranberry compote: In medium saucepan, bring cranberries, brown sugar, orange juice and orange zest to boil. Lower heat and simmer 10-15 minutes, or until most cranberries burst. Remove from heat. Cool completely at room temperature then transfer to bowl; refrigerate.

To make crust: Preheat oven to 350 F. Butter 8-inch springform pan and line bottom with parchment paper. Set aside.

In medium bowl, mix cracker crumbs, butter, brown sugar and salt. Press

crumb mixture into bottom of prepared pan. Bake 15 minutes. Remove from oven and set aside. Reduce oven temperature to 325 F.

To make cheesecake: In bowl of electric mixer fitted with paddle attachment, beat cream cheese at medium speed until smooth. Add cane sugar and beat 2-3 minutes. Scrape sides of bowl as needed. Add flour, vanilla and salt. Beat 1 minute until incorporated.

Add one egg at a time, mixing until incorporated. Add sour cream and mix 1 minute. Scrape sides of bowl as needed. In medium bowl, mix half of cheesecake batter with 1/2 cup cranberry compote.

Wrap springform pan with aluminum foil and place in large roasting pan. Pour cream cheese and cranberry mixture into prepared pan. Top with remaining cream cheese batter. Place roasting pan in oven and add hot water to 1-inch of springform pan. Bake 1 hour, 15 minutes, or until cake looks set in center. Remove from oven and rest 1 hour. Refrigerate in pan overnight.

Decorate cake with fresh and sugared cranberries, rosemary sprigs and whipped cream.



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Attention: Alain L. J. Laurencelle
Telephone: 204-988-0304
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Legal description of the property for sale is as follows:

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Secondly – Parcel A Plan 41733 MLTO
(Roll No. 158000.000)

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(Roll No. 157800.000)

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