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'Tis the season of giving: Carman resident donates to Christmas Cheer Board

By Autumn Fehr

The Carman and District Christmas Cheer Board continues to fill the community with joy this holiday season, thanks to continued support from the community.

Last week, the holiday season got brighter for families in need in the area when Carman resident Kori da Costa donated \$1,250 in funds to the Cheer Board.

The funds went toward purchasing 150 boxes of Oatmeal Crisp cereal and 150 boxes of Cinnamon Toast Churros cereal, an item that wouldn't usually end up in a Christmas hamper but that would bring a little extra joy to kids this season.

"There are people whose kids would never get a brand name cereal and something that's sweet and good like that... To get something that's special that they've never had and that they get to enjoy over the Christmas holidays makes it a special time for them," said Deana Gauld, the chairperson for the Carman and District Christmas Cheer Board.

After losing her daughter, Kindra Heaman, in a tragic vehicle accident in May, da Costa decided to run a fundraiser in her honour.

Da Costa's friend, Meaghen Jones,



daCosta sold 120 mugs to raise funds for the Cheer Board.

the owner of a screen-printing company called Creekside Creations, had posted some images of Christmas mugs she made.

When da Costa saw a mug with the phrase "Crocin' around the Christmas Tree," she immediately thought of her daughter, who loved CROS and Christmas.

From there, da Costa contacted Jones and asked her if she would be willing to do a fundraiser to give back to the



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Carman resident Kori da Costa ran a fundraiser in honour of her daughter, who died in May in a tragic car accident, raising \$1,250 for the Christmas Cheer Board. Deana Gauld and da Costa stand in front of the 300 boxes of cereal that she donated to the Carman and District Christmas Cheer Board.

community.

Da Costa wanted to donate the funds to a cause in Carman that brought joy to residents in the community, as it was something her daughter valued deeply, so the Cheer Board was a good fit.

"She (Heaman) gravitated towards people that needed support. That's why I choose the Cheer Board. If she knew she could make someone's

Christmas better, she would have jumped at the chance," said da Costa.

"To make people happy made her happy, especially people who were struggling. She never judged anybody and wanted to help when people needed it... so I think she will be smiling down on that."

The fundraiser ran from Nov. 25 to

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McGee's restaurant reopens for take-out only

By Ty Dilello

McGee's Original Grill in Carman reopened last week for take-out orders after being forced to close in early December due to unforeseen circumstances.

On Dec. 5, it was discovered that a pipe had burst in the restaurant. As a result, water flowed in from the ceiling, and the restaurant had over a foot of standing water in its crawl space. Thankfully, the damage was mostly confined to the hallway where the dishwashing station, office and staff bathroom are.

"After that, I met with our insurance and health inspector right away and came up with a plan to reopen," said McGee's Original Grill general manager Robynn Linde. "My husband, who is quite handy, was able to build a temporary wall to block off the damaged area from customers and staff, and he also moved the dishwashing sink."

The health inspector made a second visit to McGees once the repairs were completed and quickly gave Linde the go-ahead to reopen for take-out only. This is due to occupancy limits and only one available restroom.

"We are extremely grateful that the



STANDARD PHOTO BY BRETT MITCHELL
McGee's Original Grill in Carman has reopened last week for take-out orders after being forced to close the restaurant down in early December due to some unforeseen circumstances.

damage was confined, and we're able to keep serving up great food! We will be doing some special sales to help make up for some of the lost revenue, so try to keep an eye out for that."

McGee's will be working hard on the renovations for the next few weeks and hope to be back in full swing

early in the new year. Until then, they can take orders by phone at 204-745-5099, online at mcgeesoriginalgrill.com, or on its app.

Inside pick-up is still available, or you can use the drive-up window and stay warm in your vehicle!



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Dec. 10, with 120 mugs sold. They were sold at \$15 each, with \$5 put aside for the Christmas Cheer Board.

A few people paid \$100 for a mug because they knew it was going to a good cause, said Gauld.

In addition to the money raised from selling mugs, da Costa's friend had raised \$500 in funds at her wedding and was looking for a cause to donate them to, so she decided to add them to the donation to the Cheer Board.

In addition to the funds raised from the mugs, a friend of da Costa's had recently got married and had collect-

ed funds at her wedding to donate to a charity and wanted to donate \$500 to the fundraiser.

During a time of year that can be especially lonely for some in the community, any donation to the Cheer Board helps to bring up the spirits of those that need a little something extra at this time of year.

"It's a little something extra that would put a smile on someone's face at Christmas and help out those who need a little extra cheer," said da Costa.

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Carman's Annual Audubon Society's Christmas Bird Count

Submitted by Rhonda Smith, Secretary Treasurer

From Dec. 14 through Jan. 5 each year tens of thousands of volunteers throughout the Americas brave snow, wind, or rain, and take part in the effort. Audubon and other organizations use data collected in this long-running wildlife census to assess the health of bird populations, and to help guide conservation action. Carman's count will occur on Jan. 2 this year.

The data collected by observers over the past century allow Audubon researchers, conservation biologists, wildlife agencies and other interested individuals to study the long-term health and status of bird populations across North America. When combined with other surveys such as the Breeding Bird Survey, it provides a picture of how the continent's bird populations have changed in time and space over the past hundred years. CBC data have been used in hundreds of analyses, peer-reviewed

publications, and government reports over the decades.

Audubon's 2014 Climate Change Report is a comprehensive, first-of-its-kind study that predicts how climate change could affect the ranges of 588 North American birds. Of the 588 North American bird species Audubon studied, more than half are likely to be in trouble. Their models indicate that 314 species will lose more than 50 percent of their current climatic range by 2080.

Each count takes place in an established 15-mile diameter circle, and is organized by a count compiler. Count volunteers follow specified routes through a designated 15-mile (24-km) diameter circle, counting every bird they see or hear all day. It's not just a species tally—all birds are counted all day, giving an indication of the total number of birds in the circle that day. Carman's count circle is 7.5 miles in every direction from the traffic lights on Hwy 3 and Hwy 245.

Last year, Carman's bird count re-

sulted in 31 species and 2,996 individuals were tallied. What will happen this year? From early scouting efforts, there seems to be fewer birds in our area. With fewer people feeding the wild birds and the impact of changing weather patterns, will we see a decline in both species and numbers of birds? Every year we are always surprised with the results and have recorded new species that we have not recorded on previous counts. Last year's newbie was a Rough-Legged Hawk seen north-west of Carman.

Carman's bird count each year has been a success due to the combined efforts of all participants and the public and, of course, with the cooperation of the birds, themselves. Each year, we always seem to miss recording a few species. Last year, we failed to locate Great Horned Owl, Merlin and Cedar Waxwings on our count day. And the elusive Brown Creeper evaded us once again.

Birders of all skill sets can be involved in the Christmas Bird Count. If



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Carman's Christmas Bird Count happens on Jan. 2. Everyone is welcome to take party.

you are a beginning birder, you can be paired with a more experienced birder. If you already have a bird feeder or want to participate as a field scout and/or feeder watcher, please phone or text Rhonda @ 204-751-0383. If you do not want to participate but see or know of some noteworthy birds in our area, please shoot us a message.

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CHOICE Harvest plans to seed two fields in 2023



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Last week, the CHOICE Harvest organization held a meeting to discuss the past 2022 season and to plan out what 2023 will look like. Left to right - secretary, treasurer Carolyn Koster, Arie Koster, Helen Rempel, Herro Koster, Tim Nuttall, co-chair Abe Elias.

By Ty Dilello

Last week, CHOICE Harvest held a meeting to discuss the past 2022 season and plan for 2023.

CHOICE Harvest volunteers combined the field on Oct. 11 just outside of Elm Creek. The volunteers come out that day bringing five combines, grain carts and a couple of semis. With that, the harvest was completed in just under an hour. Eighty acres of canola netted 53 bushels per acre and raised \$79,579.89.

"The CHOICE Growing Project is a wonderful example of a community working together," said CHOICE Harvest secretary-treasurer Carolyn Koster. "It is great to see how a variety of businesses and local farmers have contributed to make the project a real success this year. I'm excited that, in addition to the project field north of Elm Creek, the group plans a second field next year near Carman."

Unfortunately, the number of people who experience hunger is rising.

Globally, it is estimated that 828 million people experience hunger every day.

"The support from the CHOICE project to Canadian Foodgrains Bank will be a huge benefit to many people in some of the world's worst hunger hot spots," said Gordon Janzen, regional representative for Manitoba and Northwestern Ontario of the Canadian Foodgrains Bank.

O Christmas Tea: a British comedy comes to Winnipeg this holiday season

Submitted by Jill Raymond

Buckle your theatre seats and grab your teacups, British comedians James and Jamesy bring their unique brand of hilarity to the Centennial Concert Hall in Winnipeg on Dec. 30 at 7:30 p.m., rounding out an astonishing 32-city tour across Eastern Canada.

Reminiscent of classic British pantos, O Christmas Tea is rich with wordplay, comic physicality, and cleverly crafted interactive elements, yet it is the duo's boundless imagination and endearing chemistry that provide the real magic of this play.

"The Christmas season is the time of year when we are encouraged to dream big, embrace imagination, and celebrate child-like excitement for magic and merriment," says Alastair Knowles, who plays Jamesy, the quirky half of London's 3-time Impresario Award-winning duo. "With O Christmas Tea, we bring together multiple generations in the theatre, laughing and enjoying each other's company - and ours."

James and Jamesy have already won just about

every comedy award they can, and the reason is obvious: these two are exceptional. Stepping away from their Off-Broadway run, the duo are delighting thousands of audience members across Eastern Canada this holiday season.

Fans and critics alike are in awe of the duo's ability to elicit a sense of play in a room full of adults. "No other holiday show does what O Christmas Tea does. You emerge from it invigorated, rejuvenated and joyful that the child in you is now awake," says reviewer Christopher Hoile (Stage Door Toronto) in his recent five-star review of the show.

Juxtaposing British propriety with an unabashed love for the unexpected, O Christmas Tea casts away the conventions of theatre and joyously breaks the fourth wall. In fact, just about the only thing these two don't break is their Royal Doulton tea set in this wonderful evening of play and whimsy.

O Christmas Tea: A British Comedy is playing at The Centennial Concert Hall in Winnipeg, Dec. 30 at 7:30 p.m.

Leap to get tickets at www.OChristmasTea.com



Time's running out to get your Boundary Trails Health Centre Foundation ticket

By Lorne Stelmach

Time is running out if you want to have a chance to win some money and support the regional hospital at the same time.

The 50/50 fundraising raffle of the Boundary Trails Health Centre Foundation makes its big draw on Saturday, Dec. 31. The proceeds will be split between the BTHC and the winning ticket

holder.

The raffle has proven to be an increasingly popular draw through its first two years. The first jackpot in 2020 saw the winner take home over \$19,000. Last year, two people shared a ticket and a \$29,190 prize.

"We really want to smash last year's record," said foundation executive director Shannon

Samatte-Folkett, who was confident they would do just that. Last week, the pot was already at \$53,000.

"Each year it's gotten bigger and better," she said. "It's great that money goes back to support our hospital."

The funds help the foundation in its continued support of BTHC's palliative and spiritual

care programs, on top of purchasing various pieces of medical equipment.

"It is a very important fundraiser for us," Samatte-Folkett said. "This fundraising is super important, especially for things like the equipment needs of the hospital."

"And it's a fun fundraiser. It's always great to call people to let them know they've won. I get to call someone and make their day ... it's a win-win."

To get your ticket, head to bthcf5050.ca, 204-331-8808, or stop in at the foundation office at BTHC.

Holiday Hoopla spreads community spirit while shopping locally

By Autumn Fehr

A few weeks ago, a late-night shopping event was all the buzz in Carman.

The second annual Holiday Hoopla, an event encouraging local shopping, brought community members together for an evening of shopping in the spirit of Christmas.

The event was an initiative by the Carman & District Chamber of Commerce, where shops in the community stayed open late to support shopping locally.

"Shopping local is a big initiative for us during the holiday season...I'm already excited about next year because it can only get bigger and better," said Jodi Winkler, executive director at the Chamber.

Between noon and 9 p.m., with every purchase from any local participating business, shoppers could enter a draw ticket for a chance to win

\$1,000 in Chamber Bucks.

Winkler said many shops had in-store incentives such as a discount on specific items and a draw for in-store deals.

Knockabouts, a premium Manitoba clothing and accessory boutique in Carman selling women's and men's fashion had an additional prize draw to draw people in.

In collaboration with Evensong, and Carman Florists & Gift Boutique, Knockabouts ran a draw from Dec. 8 to 10 to win a basket of goodies.

Jessica Knaggs, the boutique owner, said they ran the separate draw to encourage local shopping throughout the weekend.

On Monday, Brenda Major was notified as the gift basket winner.

Knaggs said the boutique was steady all day because of the Holiday Hoopla event.

"It's such a great event business-

wise, but also being able to see the town busy and people in the spirit of Christmas," said Knaggs.

On the morning of Dec. 9, the Chamber hosted a Facebook live to announce the \$1,000 prize of Chamber Bucks winner Erica Donley.

Knaggs said the event is essential to encourage shopping locally in the community and gives people a chance to shop in the evenings, who otherwise couldn't during the day.

More than an event to increase business for shops in town, the Holiday Hoopla was an event to bring the community together.

"It gives me a real sense of community spirit..."

The whole event is a good community vibe," said Knaggs.

"It's nice to have one event to look forward to that is a success for every business I've talked to."

Winkler wants to thank everyone who came out and shopped locally that night to make the event a success that will continue again next year to encourage local shopping while soaking in the Christmas spirit.

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Influenza deaths on the rise; COVID bivalent vaccine for kids

By Patricia Barrett

Hospitalizations and deaths from influenza have sharply increased in Manitoba while COVID continues unabated.

Twenty-two people died from influenza and four died from COVID, according to the provincial government's weekly respiratory surveillance report for the period Dec. 4-10 (reporting Week 49).

There were eight COVID deaths reported the previous week.

There were 59 new hospital admissions for COVID with 15 intensive care unit admissions in Week 49. The previous week's report showed 76 admissions with seven people needing ICU intervention.

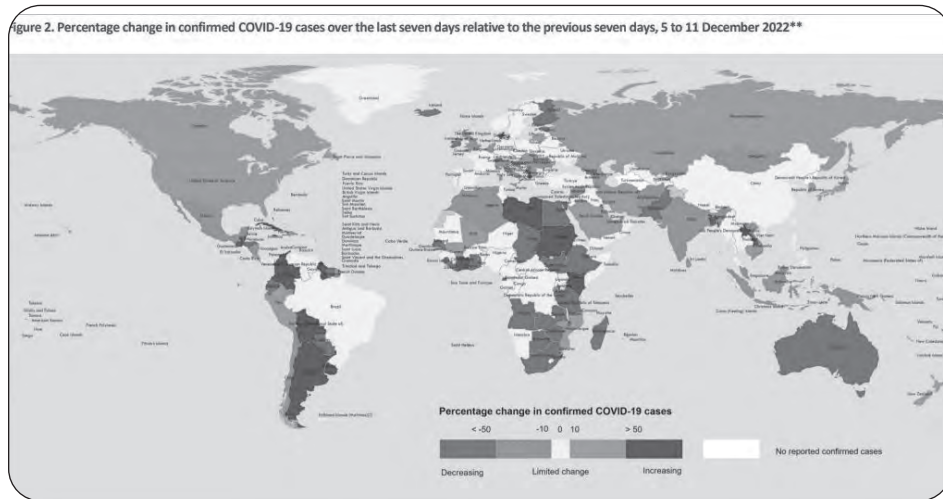
There were also 154 new COVID infections diagnosed by restricted PCR testing, down by 97 cases from the 251 infections reported the previous week. Provincial data are an undercount of the true number of COVID infections circulating in communities because PCR testing is restricted and rapid antigen tests aren't tracked.

Wastewater surveillance data to Dec. 8 shows "sustained activity" of COVID in Winnipeg and Brandon.

The government noted another delay in reporting laboratory results for influenza in Week 49. This is the second reporting week a delay has occurred. In spite of the delay, the test positivity rate for influenza increased to 27.2 per cent, higher than the positivity rate of 21.5 per cent observed nationally.

"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 report. "As a result, the influenza case counts for week 49 are lower than expected. We anticipate an update to these data in next week's report," states the report.

The government reported 231 cases



WORLD HEALTH ORGANIZATION COVID-19 WEEKLY EPIDEMIOLOGICAL UPDATE
COVID infections in North America, Russia, parts of South America, Africa and the middle east – including Qatar which hosted the World Cup – are on the uptick again. In the Region of the Americas, the countries with the highest number of deaths were Canada with 242 deaths, the U.S. with 2,934 and Brazil with 603.

of influenza A and zero cases of influenza B in Week 49. There were 331 hospitalizations, with six people needing intervention in the ICU, and 22 deaths. A total of 1,701 influenza cases have been reported so far this season.

There were also 82 respiratory syncytial virus cases reported.

The number of emergency department respiratory visits in young children, especially those under five years of age, and the number of hospital admissions continued to increase from early November, states the report.

Other health news:

-The World Health Organization says COVID cases worldwide increased by two per cent, with over 3.3 million new cases reported the week of Dec. 5-11. Deaths that week also increased by over 10 per cent, with over 9,700 new fatalities.

The Region of the Americas (North, Central and South America) shows a 27 per cent increase in new COVID infections over the previous reporting week, with countries such as the U.S., Brazil and Argentina reporting the highest infections. The number of

new deaths also increased by 37 per cent over the previous week, with the highest deaths reported from Canada, the U.S. and Brazil.

There have been over 6.6 million deaths from COVID reported globally.

-The IERHA is reminding residents that Eriksdale's 13-bed hospital remains open for inpatient admissions but the emergency room is closed for December. Eriksdale's physicians are continuing to see patients at the Eriksdale Clinic.

-Manitoba children aged five to 11 are now eligible for a bivalent COVID booster vaccine.

"Children in this age group have previously been eligible for a booster dose with the monovalent (original) Pfizer pediatric vaccine. This is the first bivalent booster vaccine available for this age group," states Manitoba Health in a Dec. 13 COVID bulletin.

The government says COVID boosters are important because protection against the virus – whether from a previous immunization or an infection – declines over time.

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Many hands make less work



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The Carman Beavers, Cubs and Scouts helped with the Carman and District Cheer Board hamper preparation last week. Willow Kehler and Haven Kehler (left) work alongside their father Nick Kehler, and Corin Friesen (at right) and her son Lawson, as the two families sorting and bagging potatoes. About 70 volunteers were engaged this year with stocking and packing 150 hampers for pre-Christmas distribution. The hamper packing follows weeks of phone calls, box collection, shopping and many other tasks of dedicated volunteers.

Manitoba government launches enhanced 511 service

Submitted by Manitoba government

The Manitoba government has relaunched the Manitoba 511 highway and traffic information service following enhancements to the Manitoba 511 website, mobile app and 511 phone system, Transportation and Infrastructure Minister Doyle Piwniuk announced on Dec. 15.

“Manitoba’s 511 is a valuable resource for transportation information and we encourage all Manitobans to check 511 when planning trips”, said Piwniuk. “The new enhancements to the service will provide more information and help drivers move around the province safely.”

Enhancements include faster and more interactive map features, new customized notifications and hands-free audio alerts, as well as:

- up to three route options with corresponding travel times and hands-free audio alerts for selected routes when a destination is entered in the mobile app; notifications for traffic incidents and road closures with registered accounts; and interactive voice response on the 511 phone system to allow hands-free access to road conditions and traffic alerts on preferred routes.

Manitoba 511 is a free traveller in-

formation service operated by the Manitoba government. The service is available by phone, computer and mobile device. In 2021, there were approximately six million visits to the Manitoba 511 site and telephone line.

Manitoba 511 can be accessed on a computer or mobile device by visiting the Manitoba 511 website at: www.manitoba511.ca or by downloading the app to a mobile device. It can also be accessed toll-free (within Manitoba) by calling 511.

Current users of the Manitoba 511 app will receive an automatic update when it is launched today. Users who do not have the auto-update feature enabled on mobile devices will need to update the app to continue to receive current road condition and driver information.

Travellers should always check the Manitoba 511 website for current road conditions to ensure safety prior to making the decision to travel. The website is updated regularly by road patrol, but conditions can change in a matter of minutes. Manitobans can also follow @MB-GovRoads on Twitter for closures or incidents.

Manitoba Government issues 2022 fall conditions report

Submitted by Manitoba government

Manitoba Transportation and Infrastructure’s Hydrologic Forecast Centre has released the 2022 Manitoba Basins Fall Conditions Report, which indicates soil moisture levels at the time of freeze-up are near normal or below normal in most Manitoba basins, Transportation and Infrastructure Minister Doyle Piwniuk announced Monday.

“Hydrologic conditions at the time of freeze-up combined with weather this winter and upcoming spring will be the main factors that affect the extent of low- or high-water events,” said Piwniuk. “At this time conditions in most areas appear somewhat favourable. The long-term spring flood risk will be dependent on future weather conditions including the amount of precipitation received over winter and into spring, as well as the rate of snowmelt.”

Most Manitoba basins received record to near record precipitation this past winter and spring creating significant flooding. Hydrologic conditions improved over summer and fall with normal to below-normal precipitation. In October and November, southern, western and eastern Manitoba basins received below-normal precipitation, while central and northern Manitoba basins received normal to well-above-normal precipitation.

Due to precipitation levels in summer and fall, soil moisture at the time of freeze-up is near normal to below normal for most Manitoba basins,

with some areas in central Manitoba and the Interlake region having above-normal soil moisture.

Factors that affect the extent of spring run-off include water levels on rivers and lakes prior to freeze-up that indicate how much capacity exists to receive spring run-off. Lake Manitoba and Lake Winnipeg are within operating ranges. Lake Winnipegosis, Lake St. Martin are near normal to slightly above normal. Dauphin Lake is well above normal for this time of year. Inflow into Lake of the Prairies (Shellmouth Reservoir) is tracking near-normal conditions.

Winter and spring precipitation also affects spring run-off potential. Environment and Climate Change Canada’s long-term precipitation forecast for this winter and spring has predicted above-normal precipitation for northern Manitoba and near-normal precipitation for southern Manitoba.

The Hydrologic Forecast Centre continues to work collaboratively with Environment and Climate Change Canada, the National Weather Service and flood forecasters in neighbouring jurisdictions to monitor watershed conditions and winter precipitation patterns. Manitoba’s Emergency Measures Organization continues proactive preparations for emergency response efforts should the spring run-off result in flooding.

The minister noted that further basin condition updates, as well as spring flood outlooks, will be released as necessary.

A blanket of snow



STANDARD PHOTO BY WAYNE MCLEOD

A blanket of snow covered the trees and ground on Carman’s winter pathways last Thursday after 8 cm of snow fell. Temperatures hovered around 0 degrees C.

Story writing winners

First Place

A Christmas Miracle

Brooke Banman, Elm Creek

Once a girl named Addison was setting up for Christmas and she wished to herself, "all I want for Christmas is a horse, then I could ride it with my brother." She did not know Santa was spying on her to see what she wanted for Christmas. Santa was shocked all she wanted was a horse, all the other kids wanted a horse and more presents. When Addison was going to put the star on the Christmas tree, the doorbell rang. She opened it. It was her grandma and grandpa! Her grandma and grandpa live 21 hours away. She thought to herself, "this will be the best Christmas ever!" It was Christmas Eve and Addison was asleep. Santa came into her house and put the presents for her brother under the tree and then put the horse outside. The horse stayed there till the morning. In the morning Addison woke up and looked outside and saw a horse! It was a Christmas miracle, and she was so happy. She rode the horse all day long, Her brother got 50 hockey cards, two books, and a poster of LeBron James. "I got a pony" said Addison.

Second Place

Christmas in Mexico

By, Annalise Grace Penner, Age 8

Hi, I am Darcie Frost and I live in the beautiful country of Mexico. I am the only child in my family. My mom is always in a rush and my dad is just plain weird. For instance, one time I said, "Can we go to grandmas?" And he said, "Yay! But where's the party?" So when he said that I didn't really believe him.

The upcoming Monday I had to go to school. My favorite teacher said, "We are learning about Christmas!" , "Yay!" we all shouted.

The teacher was saying to read as much about Christmas as we could. I read, and read, and read. I learned about snow, Christmas trees, and Santa, I was so surprised with all of the cool facts. A few days later it was Christmas eve. All I wished for for Christmas was a white Christmas, with the grounds coated in snow. In the morning for the first time in years it snowed in Mexico.

I quickly ran outside. It felt like soft flowy feathers. I couldn't believe it. My wish for a white Christmas had finally come true.

Third Place

Christmas In Mexico

By: Natalie Esau, age 8, Gr. 3, Elm Creek

Once upon a time in the land of Mexico, Santa and his reindeer were having a wonderful vacation. The elves stayed at the workshop to get Christmas into business.

One day while Santa was wading in the water, an evil wizard named Curse

put a spell on the reindeer. Only Rudolph and Cupid got away. Rudolph and Cupid dashed toward the water, even though they did not like to get wet. Before they could tell Santa, Curse put the wicked spell on the remaining reindeer.

"Oh no!" cried Santa. "How will the Christmas gifts ever be delivered if the

reindeer have all gone cookoo?" Santa was really worried! Santa heard about curse and said "I must use Christmas magic to defeat Curse, and the

spell he put on my reindeer!"

Santa was super mad! So, war took place in Mexico. First, Santa used his candy cane wand to shoot a candy cane bomb. Then, Curse shot a heat laser at Santa. Santa used his pie shield to protect himself. Curse had forgotten his pie shield at home, Curse was defeated, and Santa's reindeers were saved! Christmas was back in business!



Carman's winter concert



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The Standard's Christmas poetry competition

First Place

The Feeling of Christmas
Cassidy Wollmann, Silverwinds School

The first snowflake settles down.
Winter is here,
but something new is on the horizon.
My heart beats loudly,
I can feel it,
the feeling of Christmas
Advent draws near:
the first candle is lit
then the second and third.
My heart beats loudly,
I can feel it,
the feeling of Christmas.
Suspense keeps my hope
paper crinkles in my hand
too beautiful to rip apart.
My heart beats loudly,
I can feel it,
the feeling of Christmas.
Sitting together with family and friends
eating croissants with mint tea,
tradition burns in the air
My heart beats loudly,
I can feel it,
the feeling of Christmas.
Friends gather around,
looking at new gifts,
joy is everywhere.
My heart beats loudly,
I can feel it.
The feeling of Christmas lingers.

Second Place

The Christmas Snowy Owl
Kadie Hofer, Gr. 6, Silverwinds School

Snow glimmers on the trees
like ornaments
on a Christmas tree
sparkling the world around me.
The sun shines through
the clouds, reflecting
a cheerful
Christmas glow.
Inside
my mom's
hot chocolate
steams my face,
marshmallows and crushed
peppermint floats on the top.
Suddenly, I scream
"Look!"
A snowy owl rests
on our balcony.
It looks at us,
then flies away.
Oh, who can tell the joyful
surprises that Christmas brings.

Third Place

Skating Into Christmas
Roman Kleinsasser, Gr. 7, Silverwinds School

The snow under my feet
looks like colourful tinsel.
I whip open the door and go inside.
I tie my skates
just like a bow on a Christmas present.
I hurriedly walk outside
to the magical world.
With swift, clean strides
I launch myself onto the beautiful ice,
as clear as an icicle.
I glide around, picking up speed.
I snag a puck with my stick
like a greedy kid grabbing his present
faking, deeking, and dangling
like I'm avoiding a snowball barrage.
I come streaking in on goal like a nutcracker.
I pick a target and fire a missile
like a kid throwing a snowball
I celebrate and crash into the boards.
The pain brings me back from my dream world.

Finalists

Christmas Eve
Adelynn Hofer, Gr. 6, Silverwinds School

I wake up,
flakes of snow are drifting down
past the window
down onto the cold waiting earth.
Then suddenly I start,
bumping my head on the ceiling.
It's Christmas Day!
I climb clumsily out of bed,
waiting, waiting.
And then my dad calls upstairs
"Adelynn, time to get dressed."
I trip down the stairs
I hurriedly put on a dress
On the way there I practically
bounce up and down with excitement.
In the evening, I shovel down my food
Then my dad starts reading the Christmas stories
"In the days of Caesar Augustus..."
My mind drifts away "What did they get me?"
Then it feels like I've come out of a reverie.
"The first present belongs to...Adelynn."



Christmas Eve
Jude Wollmann, Gr. 7, Silverwinds School
The London fog overflows
with foam and sprinkles
in my favourite big cup.
Rolls of colourful sushi
neatly arranged on a fancy Christmas plate
waits to be dipped in soya sauce.
The tantalizing aroma of smoked salmon
fills the room.
The crisp wrapping paper
hugs the box of goodies.
When I set it down on the pile
all the little gifts add up to one big gift.
Everybody gathers around the pile.
I tear open the snowflake wrapping paper.

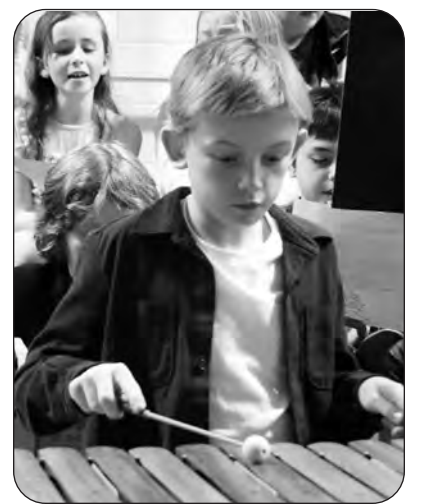
Christmas Eve
Rene Hofer, Gr. 6, Silverwinds School
Little lights
blink as warm
aromas fill

the air.
Presents
stand in the corner
of the room, with
colourful wrapping,
red, blue,
and white.
Tearing fills
the air,
as I rip the wrapping
to shreds.
I lift the radio
out of the box.
Joy floods
through me
as I place
it gently
on the floor next
to me.
In the end,
the wrapping paper
is everywhere.
The presents are all
in one bunch,
in our living-room,
like a flock of sparrows
on Christmas Eve.

Christmas celebrated at Carman Elementary



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RM of Dufferin Introduces Committees and Subcommittees

By Ty Dilello

Here is the new look for the RM of Dufferin in 2022-23.

Reeve Cor Lodder is ex-officio member of all Standing Committees

Deputy Reeve – John Peckover
Finance and Administration Committee:

Executive Committee – Cor Lodder, John Peckover

Carman Dufferin Economic Development Committee – Cor Lodder, Clayton Morgan

Carman Dufferin Grey Planning District – Cor Lodder, John Peckover, Barrie Fraser (alternate)

Carman and Community Chamber of Commerce – Tyler Russell

Protective Services Committee – John Peckover, Tyler Russell, Sheldon Harder

Carman Dufferin WS&H Committee – Barrie Fraser, Clayton Morgan

St. Claude Veterinary Clinic – Fred Dunn, Barrie Fraser (alternate)

Public Works and Utilities:

Pembina Valley Water Cooperative – Cor Lodder, John Peckover (alternate)

Municipal Weed Control Committee – Barrie Fraser, Sheldon Harder

Carman Dufferin Municipal Airport – Sheldon Harder

Water Management and Conservation:

Redboine Watershed District
- Boyne Watershed District – Fred Dunn

- Tobacco/Shannon Creeks District – Tyler Russell

- Norquay/Morris Subdistrict – Clayton Morgan

Red River Basin South Chapter – John Peckover

Boyne Valley Water Initiative (Treherne Dam) – John Peckover, Tyler Russell

Community and Social Development Services:

Carman Community Health Centre Board – Cor Lodder

Boyne Care Holdings – Cor Lodder
Carman Family Resource – Sheldon Harder

Carman Community Seniors Re-

source Council – Fred Dunn
Carman Handi-Van Corp – Clayton Morgan

Dufferin Ag Society – Barrie Fraser, Sheldon Harder (alternate)

Recreation and Cultural Services:

Carman Dufferin Recreation – Cor Lodder, John Peckover, Tyler Russell

Memorial Hall Board – Cor Lodder, John Peckover, Tyler Russell

Cemetery Board – Cor Lodder, John Peckover, Tyler Russell

Graysville and Roseisle Community Group – Sheldon Harder

Boyne Regional Library Board – John Peckover, Cor Lodder (alternate)

Dufferin Historical Society – Clayton Morgan

Municipal Heritage Committee – Barrie Fraser, Clayton Morgan (alternate)

Community Pathway Committee – Fred Dunn

The new RM Council has been actively engaged in our work. With appreciation to the experienced Councillors and RM Staff, both Tyler Russell and Cor Lodder are growing into their new roles well.

“It is a blessing and encouragement to build off the wisdom and experience of the Team,” said RM of Dufferin’s Reeve Cor Lodder. “There is a sense of positive energy and commitment around the table and in our travels around the municipality. Yes, we could even take a few drives around the RM’s countryside and learn more about roads, bridges, ditches, waterways, drains, and farms. This again is thanks to the many years of experience from our fellow Councillors.”

Lodder notes that the RM’s Council and Committee meetings are going well, and everyone is learning a lot.

“It is a blessing to serve the residents of our great community,” said Lodder. “As the snowy season arrives, we are also grateful for the dedicated attention of our Public Works Team in keeping our roads cleared and safe for everyone. We extend our very best wishes to everyone over the holiday season of Christmas and New Years!”



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RM of Dufferin's Reeve and Councillors. Front Row, left to right - Clayton Morgan (Ward 2) - Cor Lodder (Reeve) - Fred Dunn (Ward 6). Back Row left to right - John Peckover (Deputy Reeve -Ward 1) - Sheldon Harder (Ward 4) - Barrie Fraser (Ward 5) - Tyler Russell (Ward 3).

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 - 2 tbsp (30 ml) butter, softened
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 - 1 ½ tsp (7.5 ml) ground sage
 - 1 ½ tsp (7.5 ml) ground thyme
 - ½ cup (80 ml) roughly chopped carrots
 - ½ cup (80 ml) roughly chopped celery
 - ½ cup (80 ml) roughly chopped onions
- Remove bag & giblets, pat turkey dry then place on a rack over a tray to air chill for 12-24 hours in the fridge. Air chilling dries the skin resulting in extra crispy skin. Rub butter on & under skin of chilled turkey. Season with oil & spices. Add veggies to cavity. Roast turkey at 350°F (175°C) until a meat thermometer reads 170°F (77°C) in the thigh away from any bones. Let turkey rest for 20 minutes then carve. Discard veggies.

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12-16lbs (5.5-7kgs)	3¾-4 hrs	3¼-3½ hrs
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 *Stuffing/dressing inside the cavity should reach 165°F (74°C).
 *Allow the turkey to stand/rest for 20 minutes before carving.

Find more recipes and cooking tips at turkey.mb.ca

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Music Specialist Paul Cwir directed Grades 3, 4 and 5 students from Ecole Carman Elementary's English and French Immersion programs in a special Winter Concert held on Dec. 14.

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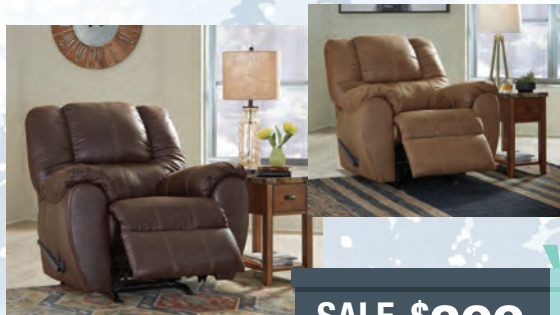
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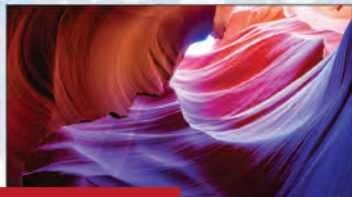


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Manitoba RCMP holds Change of Command ceremony for new Commanding Officer

Submitted by Manitoba RCMP

The Manitoba RCMP has a new commander. While Assistant Commissioner Rob Hill took the post of Commanding Officer in July 2022, earlier Wednesday, officers, employees, and special guests from across the province and nation-wide welcomed him in a traditional RCMP Change of Command ceremony at the Manitoba Legislative Building in Winnipeg.

The ceremony is an RCMP tradition that marks the symbolic handover of authority from the outgoing Commanding Officer to the new leader of the Force in the province. The ceremony today involved RCMP Pipes and Drums, a ceremonial troop, and a flag party. There was a parchment signing and the transfer of the Divisional ensign from outgoing Commanding Officer, Assistant Commissioner Jane MacLachy to the new Commanding Officer, Assistant Commissioner Rob Hill. RCMP Commissioner Brenda Lucki oversaw the ceremony.

"While we are sad to see Assistant Commissioner MacLachy go, she is leaving the Province of Manitoba in very good hands," said Brenda Lucki, Commissioner of the RCMP. "Assistant Commissioner Rob Hill brings a breadth of experience to the role. He has Manitoba roots that tie him firmly to the people of this province. He is committed to building relationships, employee wellness, and rural crime reduction, and I know he will tackle these issues with the same enthusiasm he brings to everything involving public safety."

"I am humbled and excited to take on the role of Commanding Officer," said Assistant Commissioner Rob Hill. "I commit to continue to learn from the lived experiences of diverse RCMP employees and the diverse communities we serve to make sure we are having the necessary discussions and are moving in the right direction. We are living and policing in challenging times, but I am optimistic about our future. I think the more we work together as



MANITOBA RCMP

Manitoba RCMP held a Change of Command ceremony at the legislature last week to welcome new Commanding Officer Rob Hill.

people, as communities, the better we will be able to forge a path forward."

The Role of Divisional Commanding Officer:

The title of Commanding Officer is reserved specifically for the regular member in charge of an RCMP division. The individual's rank does not necessarily reflect their status as Commanding Of-

ficer – the RCMP has Commanding Officers who are Deputy Commissioners, Assistant Commissioners and Chief Superintendents. The Commanding Officer's rank is determined by the individual's level of responsibility, the territory covered by the division and the number of employees under their command.

Flashback....Carman Florists 136 Main Street S

By Dennis Young

Bill and Mabel Blight began selling flowers and plants in their Solo store in Carman on 4th Ave. SW (now the empty lot by The Breakaway). They were encouraged by the demand, and built Carman Flower Shop at 136 Main St S in 1958. The Shop had a standing order of flowers shipped each week from their supplier via bus consisting of, the only choices of the day, carnations, red roses, daisies and chrysanthemums.

In 1970 the Blights retired giving way to Jack and Lil McKay. They operated the business for two years until Jim McCullough bought the Shop. Carman flooded in 1974 and the Flower Shop had 1.5 feet of water on the main floor. Jim managed to restore the building, adding storage and office space, before resuming business as usual.

Jim retired and Rick Jolin from Morden Florists bought the shop in 1983

changing the name to Carman Florists. In 1985 Rick sold it to Gwen Last and Margie Hall and 10 months later Gwen became the sole owner.

Following a fire in their home and the interior of their house being rebuilt, it was then Gwen decided to start her very popular Christmas Memories open houses in her home. The business was sold to her daughter Cheryl Bartley in 1994 who, with all the success of open houses, decided to expand the giftware line and become Carman Florists and Gift Boutique.

For the next 26 years Cheryl's business blossomed as she and her staff/family supplied Carman and area with flowers and more. That perennial demand is now in the budding hands of Carly Boklaschuk who became the owner in 2020. Many changes and additions have been made but the 65 years of arrangements continues.



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Carman Florist has been in operation for over sixty years.

How to celebrate Christmas with four legged pets

By Dr. Whitney Miller, DVM, MBA, DACVPM

Most pet parents agree: their animals are part of what makes the holiday season so magical. While it's an excellent opportunity to integrate furry family members into all the special holiday traditions and make memories together, there are a few things you should keep in mind to keep your pet safe and healthy throughout the festivities:

- Opt for pet-friendly decorations: Many favorite holiday decorations need to be kept out of pets' reach. Mistletoe, pine needles, ivy garland, holly, lilies and poinsettias can be toxic to pets when consumed. This is why I recommend artificial Christmas trees to those with particularly curious pets that like to chew on plants. If you don't choose an artificial tree, it's important to note that some water additives for real trees can be toxic, so you should make sure your pet can't access this water source. When decorating your tree, it's best to avoid tinsel and breakable ornaments to prevent potential hazards, and you should always secure your tree to prevent a climbing cat from tipping it over.

- Keep pets warm and dry: As the weather gets colder, pets may need a few extra layers to stay comfortable and safe while outdoors. Booties can help prevent a pup's paws from getting ice in them and offer protection from salt-treated walkways. At home, use pet-safe ice melt rather than salt, which can be irritating to pets' paws, mouths and stomachs. You can keep them feeling warm and looking styl-

ish on winter adventures with sweaters and jackets. A cozy handwarmer lead will help keep you warm as well while you're out and about. When you return home, always dry off their coats and paws to remove debris and ice clumps in fur and between paw pads.

- Choose and wrap gifts wisely: Make sure pets only have access to and open presents while supervised so they don't ingest any paper or tape. I recommend sticking to wrapping paper for pet gifts, as ribbons, bows and accessories can be dangerous when ingested.

- Be aware of toxic holiday foods: Common holiday foods such as chocolate, turkey skin and bones, ham, grapes and raisins, garlic, caffeine, alcohol, onions, certain spices and sweets, especially any containing xylitol, should be avoided. For festive pet-safe foods, there is a variety of sweet and savory dog treats just for the holidays. If you think your pet has accidentally ingested a toxic food or other material, contact your veterinarian immediately.

- Prioritize pet health and wellness: Involving pets in holiday traditions can mean taking them along for a road trip, introducing them to new people or staying in unfamiliar environments—all things that can cause anxiety in pets. It's important to keep your pet's mental health top of mind during the holiday season and year-round. When possible, pets should be introduced to new people and pets in



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Pet owners are reminded not to forget about pets at Christmas.

a neutral environment, individually and at their own pace. For pets that experience anxiety in the car, practicing with short drives or sitting in the car while parked, followed by treats and positive reinforcement, can help the adjustment and prepare them for

a long ride. Calming products can help mitigate anxiety in pets, and you can also consult your veterinarian for anxiety or motion sickness treatments to help make travel easier. Training in advance of any holiday plans is also a good idea.

Pembina Valley Wrestling Club looking for signups

By Ty Dilello

Are you looking to get your kids to try a new sport? Check out the Pembina Valley Wrestling Club!

The club practices every Tuesday and Thursday at the Carman Community Hall. Wrestling will not only keep participants physically active; the classes will help kids build their character, develop self-confidence, and improve discipline, all while having fun learning new skills.

"It's what you would see in the Olympics, freestyle wrestling," said Jake Sailer. "It's a combat sport, but you're not fully swinging at people or anything like that. You compete on your own but train as a group."

The practice times for grades 1-6 is 6:30-7:30 p.m. and grades 7-12 from 7:30-8:45 p.m. A full membership is \$300, while a half-time membership is \$150. There is also a family rate to

enquire about if you are interested.

The coaches are Pete Becker and Jake Sailer. Becker is a two-time Canadian Collegiate National Freestyle bronze medalist, nine-time Greco Roman All-American, 1993 World Team Member, current president of the MAWA and a Manitoba Provincial Team coach. Sailer is a two-time Minnesota State Tournament entrant and a former North Dakota State wrestling team member.

"It's a nice alternative to the big sports like hockey as you don't need the equipment that hockey entails, so it's much cheaper and affordable. Wrestling is not for everybody, but you gotta try it and see if you like it."

Contact pembinavalleywrestling@gmail.com or phone Jake Sailer at 204-750-4310 for more info.



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The Pembina Valley Wrestling Club is looking for participants to grow their program.

Delegation appeals to SCRL member municipalities for action

By Lorne Stelmach

Residents aiming to have books they deem as pornographic removed from local libraries are taking their fight to the seven municipalities that fund the South Central Regional Library.

A presentation to Winkler city council at its meeting last Tuesday was one of a series of delegations appearing before municipal councils to voice their concerns.

"This is not about a book complaint. This is not about censorship. This is about accountability," said David Wall on behalf of the delegation in an emailed statement to the Voice after the meeting.

"Our councils have the right to make robust by-laws that protect our children. If our libraries are going to double down on keeping materials that are in conflict with the Criminal Code of Canada, then this delegation is asking that our City of Winkler tax dollars be removed from the South Central Regional Library."

The issue first arose earlier this fall when a delegation appeared before the library board asking that three books be removed from the SCRL collection.

In a subsequent review of the books in question, the board determined they were in line with the library's collection development policy, and so they would be kept on the shelves.

One of the books—It's Perfectly Normal: Changing Bodies, Growing Up, Sex, Gender and Sexual Health by Robie Harris—was moved from the juvenile to the young adult section. Sex is a Funny Word: A Book About Bodies, Feelings and You as well as What Makes A Baby, which are both by Cory Silverberg, remains in the juvenile non-fiction section.

The delegation had raised concerns the books were readily available in the children's non-fiction section despite containing what they say is sexually explicit content, including some in-depth detail and illustrations which they suggested qualified as being pornographic.

In his presentation to Winkler city council, Wall addressed issues around not only pornography and child abuse but also accountability and governance in the context of what is covered in the criminal code.

He noted while a book may be catalogued by the

publishers as sex instruction, he sees there being a key distinction here.

"Sex education focuses on basic anatomy and the biology of sex. These books however are instructing our children on how to commit various sexual acts," he suggested.

He took council through a number of specific examples and images from the books and cited the portrayal of various sexual acts, such as boys and girls shown masturbating.

"This normalizes children masturbating while another person is present in the room," said Wall, who went on to note that the criminal code specifically addresses things like invitation to sexual touching.

"Is there enough information, enough instruction, on these pages to counsel children to perform these acts of sexual touching? There is indeed," said Wall, who called some of the explicit examples and ideas presented as "deeply, deeply concerning."

"Consider for a moment what position the library board has put themselves in by having and distributing this material," said Wall, who emphasized how the criminal code also addresses distribution of child pornography.

"The question we are asking is why would you, Winkler's city council, continue to provide funding to the South Central Regional Library, if they've been made aware of and chosen to keep materials on the shelves that contain child pornography?"

"The authority of the library board and its duties are delegated not only under the Public Libraries Act but also under municipal bylaws and agreements established between municipalities that are involved in the South Central Regional Library," Wall reiterated in his email on behalf of the delegation.

"The criminal code is clear that pornography is not only photographs but also as drawings or visual representations. It also states that pornography does not need to be an image to fit the definition. It can be written material as well.

"Likewise, the criminal code makes it clear that counseling children to perform acts of sexual touching is illegal. Materials that fit these descriptions, freely accessible to children, are in our local South



PHOTO BY LORNE STELMACH

David Wall made his case before Winkler city council last week. Similar delegations have already or are going to be presenting at the six other communities who support the South Central Regional Library with funding.

Central Regional libraries, both online and on their shelves."

The delegation noted they have the support at least 1,000 area residents in their concerns, but a counter petition circulating online as of last week had also attracted more than 1,000 residents signing on in support of the library's decision to make these books available.

"I think it is plain and simple. If you don't want these books, don't look at them. If you don't

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Town of Altona will not cut SCRL funding: mayor

Staff

The Town of Altona has issued a response to the delegation requesting local municipalities stop funding the South Central Regional Library until it takes what they deem objectionable material off the shelves.

The delegation has been making presentations to councils across the region in recent weeks, including to Winkler city council last week (see story above), the rural municipalities of Rhineland, Stanley, and Thompson the week before, and Altona town council a week earlier.

It's expected further presentations will be made to the Morden and RM of Thompson councils as well. These communities make up the seven

which provide funding for the SCRL, which has branches in Winkler, Morden, Altona, Miami, and Manitou.

In a statement issued Dec. 15, Altona Mayor Harv Schroeder said his community will not cease its funding to the library over this matter.

"The board, which we participate in, sets policies to direct its staff in the operations of the libraries," he said. "One example of policy is the Collection Development Policy, which provides guidelines for developing the collection and a review process that allows patrons to challenge a book's suitability in the library.

"We understand that three books were challenged recently under this policy—the same books that were

used as examples by the delegation who presented to us."

The books in question are the sexual education books What Makes a Baby, Sex is a Funny Word, and It's Perfectly Normal. A delegation appeared before the SCRL board in September calling for their removal from the library's shelves.

Schroeder noted library staff reviewed these books and consulted legal counsel, who "gave the opinion that the materials in question are educational in nature, are legal and not pornographic, and do not violate the Criminal Code of Canada, as the challenge claimed."

The statement goes on to stress the importance public libraries play in

the community, not only by providing access to educational and recreational resources, but also as a space for social gatherings and connections.

"The South Central Regional Library is an essential service in our community, and we support our library board and staff, their knowledge and expertise, and the decision they've made on this request," Schroeder said.

"While we recognize that the library may provide materials that do not appeal to each and every patron, it is important that all legal reading materials remain available so that each patron is free to make their own choice.

"For these reasons, we do not support the delegation's request to cease funding the library."

Watson was a well known hockey player and doctor

By Ty Dilello

Blake Watson was an outstanding amateur hockey player that played on a Memorial Cup, Allan Cup and World Hockey Championship team throughout his illustrious career. He was good enough to play in the NHL but refused several big league offers so that he could always maintain his amateur status.

Watson was born in Carman on Oct. 18, 1903, where he was the proud son of Johnston and Elsie Watson.

Watson began playing hockey at eight on the outdoor ponds in and around Carman. He attended local schools and graduated from Carman Collegiate.

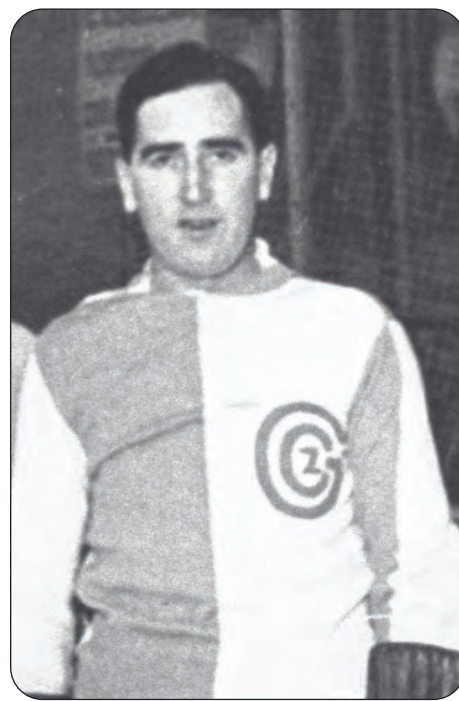
Watson showed a natural ability towards the game at a young age and moved to Winnipeg to play by the time he had completed high school.

In 1921-22, Watson joined the Winnipeg Falcons junior team and then switched to the University of Manitoba the following season. The Varsity University squad went on to the 1923 Memorial Cup, and Watson was the team's leading scorer the next year when he moved into the senior ranks.

Watson went across the pond to Vienna, Austria, in 1926 and spent a year abroad going to school, completing his third year of doctorship.

Watson became one of the strongest players in Europe during this time, serving as an inspiration to many younger home-grown talents. As well, he became the idol of many Europeans who had grown up watching the speedy Canadian play.

When he returned home, Watson returned to hockey and joined the Win-



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nipegs, who won the 1927 Manitoba Senior Hockey crown.

In 1928, he was back with the University of Manitoba and captained the team to the Canadian Senior title and the Allan Cup. That same year he led the Eaton's team to the "Big Four" senior hockey championship in Winnipeg.

Watson graduated with his medical education from the University of Manitoba in June 1929. At this point, he returned to Europe to begin his career as a doctor.

In 1931, while living in Vienna and

working as a doctor, Watson joined the University of Manitoba Grads hockey team when they represented Canada at the World Championships in Krynica, Poland. The Canadian club sported a record of 38 wins and two ties on the tour of Europe and returned home as gold medalists and the title of World Champions.

In 1933, Watson gave up hockey to return home to Winnipeg and become an assistant clinical professor at the University of Manitoba Medical College. He also served on the Winnipeg General Hospital staff.

A few years later in 1936, he relocated to California and became a noted Obstetrician for the next fifty years. He had some well-known patients over the years, including Greta Garbo, Rita Hayworth, Joan Fontaine, Paulette Goddard, Maureen O'Hara, Linda Darnell, Ida Lupino, Carol Burnett, Judy Garland, Elizabeth Taylor, and many other stars.

Watson passed away in Pacific Palisades, California, on May 19, 1998, at 94. He was inducted into the Manitoba Hockey Hall of Fame for his efforts in 1985.

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want your kids to see them, keep them away from that area. If it offends you, close it and put it back. Keep moving. Go find something else to read. It's really simple, isn't it?" stated petition creator Megan Wall on its page on change.org.

"As a resident of one of these municipalities and an avid user of this library system, I am appalled at the idea of funding being cut to these branches," Wall further stated. "I do not agree with this group that they are pornographic or sex instruction. Clearly, they are books that are meant to be read with a parent and are for sexual education. I understand that they might not be for everyone, but, I do see the benefit of having them available.

"These books are meant to educate our young people about their own bodies, covering a range of topics from puberty, gender, sexual desire, most importantly, consent.

"It has been taught through the ages, that the more you educate young people regarding these topics, the lesser the chances of them being sexually abused. This kind of education removes the shame from kids when it comes to discussing their bodies."

MUCH TO CONSIDER

Winkler Mayor Henry Siemens said the issue gives council much to consider.

"It was a highly emotionally charged conversation. It's a very

passionate group of people who care deeply ... and they made a number of different points that certainly we're going to consider and look into.

"A key piece for us in this was the appeal originally had been made to the library. A decision was made ... and that initial concern hadn't been appealed once a decision was rendered. The group here was fairly clear on that ... they felt because the appeal has to go to the same group that made the original decision, their concern was the decision would be no different, and there may be some validity to that," he acknowledged.

"We're going to do some additional research and dive into some of the points that the group made here," Siemens said. "We're going

to reach out to other councils in the area—the seven who help fund the regional library—to have some discussion around it. We're going to get together with the rest of the councils to have some thought.

"In all likelihood, they won't get to present to the last of the councils until into the new year," he added. "I wouldn't expect there would be any kind of answer before the end of January."

Meanwhile, Altona town council hosted a similar delegation earlier this month and last week issued a statement that they will not be cutting funding to the SCRL.

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Carman players celebrating Minor Hockey Days



PHOTOS SUBMITTED BY DENNIS YOUNG
Pictured clockwise from top left, Winners of Beaver replica sweaters during Carman's Minor Hockey Days included Colby Dyck, Annalise Penner, Aria McIntosh, Wynn Lepp and Bodhi Blatz. Pictured with club president is Colby Dyck and Aria McIntosh; Under 7 scrimmaging; Drew McIntyre gets his skates laced up; Darcie Voeselek (8) just about ready for the ice and Byron Lepp (8) and Theodore Tkachyk (7) just having a break.

PV U18AAA female Hawks wrap up 2022 with loss to Interlake

By Lorne Stelmach

The female U18 Pembina Valley Hawks were not able to close out 2022 on a winning note.

The Interlake Lightning took period leads of 1-0 and 2-0 Sunday in Morden as they edged the Hawks 3-1. A game scheduled for Friday in Morden against the Central Plains Capitals was postponed due to the weather.

Haylee Grenier scored the lone goal for the Hawks in the third period, while Kaylee Franz took the loss in goal with 18 saves.

With the victory, Interlake pulled even with the Hawks at 11 points, but Pembina Valley ranks sixth with two games in hand as well as one more victory.

Central Plains brings up the rear at six points, and Pembina Valley's re-

cord of 5-11-1 has them trailing Eastman by four. Leading the way in the upper half of the standings are the Winnipeg Ice at 31, Westman at 26

and the Winnipeg Avros and Yellowhead at 23 points.

The Hawks return to action in the new year on the road as they face

Westman in Hartney Jan. 6 and Yellowhead in Shoal Lake Jan. 7.

Male Hawks down Lightning 4-1

By Lorne Stelmach

The male U18 Pembina Valley Hawks were working to hold on to third place as the year-end break neared this week.

Their lone game of this past week saw them defeat the Interlake Lightning 4-1. Their scheduled Friday game against the Winnipeg Bruins was postponed due to poor weather.

With one game remaining in 2022 this Wednesday against the Winni-

peg Wild, the Hawks were 17-5-4 for 38 points. They trail the Bruins at 43 and Brandon at 47 points while sitting just one point up on the Wild and Winnipeg Thrashers at 37 points.

Against Interlake, the Hawks led 2-1 after one period and then put it away with two more goals in the middle frame.

Marek Miller scored twice with singles from Sebastian Hicks and Cedrik Robidoux. The shots on goal were 37-

32 in favor of the Hawks, with Bryson Yaschyshyn making 31 saves between the posts.

The Hawks will return to action in the new year with the challenge of having three games over three days against the Thrashers. That kicks off Friday, Jan. 6 in Winnipeg and then continues Saturday, Jan. 7 in Morden before concluding Sunday, Jan. 8 in Morris.

Elm Creek's Schroeder plans to play for Team Canada

By Ty Dilello

Elm Creek's Corinne Schroeder has put her whole hometown on her back as she is soaring to new heights in the hockey world.

The 23-year-old netminder is playing professional hockey at the highest level of women's hockey in the world with the PHF's Boston Pride and has her sights set on Team Canada.

Schroeder started playing hockey when she was just four years old, after first learning to skate at the age of three.

"I started playing Timbits hockey in Elm Creek with a lot of my friends and classmates," said Schroeder. "I learned to play all positions, as you typically do at such a young age. We all rotated playing in goal, and some liked it more than others. I was one who enjoyed the challenge of goaltending and wasn't afraid of the puck, so I continued to rotate between goaltending and forward as I grew older. I didn't commit to playing in goal full time until the age of 12 or so when I joined my first spring hockey team. From then on, I still occasionally played forward, but mostly focused on goaltending."

Growing up in Elm Creek helped Schroeder get to where she is today by giving her an early start into hockey and helping her develop a love for the game at a young age.

"I have my dad and Ken Froese to thank for that. They were my first coaches and made hockey practice the most exciting part of the week for me! Carman also was very important to my development because it was where I first played on a girls' hockey team."

Initially tending goal for the Pembina Valley Hawks, Schroeder moved into Winnipeg in 2015 to attend Balmoral Hall for her final two years of high school, which was essential to her development as a goaltender and



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as a student. "The consistent goalie coaching that I received at Balmoral Hall helped me become more consistent and well-rounded as a goaltender. As a result, I received my first invitation to a Hockey Canada camp and was selected to Team Manitoba the following year. As a student, Balmoral Hall helped prepare me for university and the challenges of balancing schoolwork and hockey."

When it was time to settle on a college after high school, Schroeder had her choice from virtually any college she wanted. In the end, she chose Boston University, where she spent four years, before transferring to Quinnipiac for her final year of school.

Schroeder enjoyed her time in college at both Boston University and Quinnipiac (Vermont) as she had

great experiences at both schools, consistently putting up top numbers all five seasons for goaltenders across women's college hockey.

"I am very grateful for the opportunities I had to play for both teams and for the education I received as well. Playing in Boston and getting to experience the city was very different from rural Manitoba, but I grew to love it very quickly. Although I only had one year at Quinnipiac, we had a great season, and I'm thankful to have gotten to experience a different program and face different opponents."

Schroeder completed dual bachelor's degrees with honours at Boston University, earning both a BSc in health science (magna cum laude) from the College of Health and Rehabilitation Sciences (Sargent College) and a BA in psychology (cum laude).

She holds an MBA from Quinnipiac and would like to start a physical-therapy practice after she's finished playing hockey someday in the future.

Schroeder had first started considering her professional hockey options following her final college season at Quinnipiac. After some discussion with a few teams, she negotiated a contract with the Boston Pride of the Premier Hockey Foundation (PHF) and signed for the 2022-23 season.

Schroeder is having a dream start to her first professional season. Going into Christmas, she is undefeated in net as she boasts a 7-0-0 record with a 1.91 goals against average and a .944 save percentage with four shutouts.

"So far, I am really enjoying my first season in pro hockey. It has been a bit of an adjustment from college hockey, but I am enjoying the challenge. We've had a great start to our season, and I'm excited to see how we progress in the second half."

Looking to the future, Schroeder dreams of one day playing for Team Canada at a World Championships or Olympics. It's a dream that is looking more like a real possibility with the way she has been playing so far at the professional level.

Schroeder was previously invited to the Hockey Canada National Women's Development Team Summer Camps in 2020, 2021, and 2022 and has also participated in a number of other national women's development team events, first in 2018.

"Team Canada has been one of my life goals since I was a young child. I remember doing a writing exercise in class about our futures, and the first thing on my list was to play for Team Canada at the Olympics one day. It's a goal that I am still striving for and working hard to achieve."

Twisters break for the holidays on a high note

By Lorne Stelmach

The Pembina Valley Twisters go into the MMJHL Christmas break riding a three-game win streak.

They extended their run Sunday in Morris by outscoring the St. Boniface Riels 7-5. A game scheduled Friday with the Charleswood Hawks was postponed due to the inclement weather.

The Twisters scored three in the first period and another three unanswered goals early in the third then withstood a late push by the Riels.

Joel Vigier and Riley Goertzen each scored a pair for Pembina Valley, with Nico Vigier, Kes-

ton Worley, and Derek Wiebe also contributing goals.

The Riels outshot the Twisters 46-26. Logan Enns earned the win in goal with 41 saves.

Pembina Valley goes into the break having inched up to seventh place with their record having reached .500 at 9-9-3-1 for 22 points. They are three ahead of St. Boniface and just one and two points behind Charleswood and Transcona.

The Twisters now don't return to action until Sunday, Jan. 8 when they head to Winnipeg to face the Raiders.



Merry Christmas!

**Winners of Carman Beavers
Booze or Bread draw were:
Bob Wilson (L) \$1000 and
Aaron Nakonechny (R)
\$500 of local gift cards**




Check semhl.net for the full schedule!

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> MEAL IDEAS



Greek-Style Flank Steak with Tangy Yogurt Sauce

1 tablespoon garlic, minced (2-3 cloves)
1/2 teaspoon salt

To make marinade: In large bowl, combine lemon juice, olive oil, oregano and garlic.

Lay steak in flat container with sides and pour marinade over steak. Marinate at least 20 minutes, or up to 24 hours, turning several times.

To make yogurt sauce: Combine cucumber, yogurt, lemon juice, dill, garlic and salt. Set yogurt sauce aside at least 15 minutes to blend flavors. Sauce can be prepared up to 1 hour in advance and refrigerated.

Preheat broiler to high with rack 3 inches from heat source.

Broil steak about 10 minutes on each side to minimum internal temperature of 145 F. Let cool 5 minutes before carving.

Slice thinly across grain into 12 slices.

Serve three slices with 1/2 cup yogurt sauce.

Tip: Serve in sandwich with pita bread, lettuce and tomato.

Recipe courtesy of the National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute

Prep time: 25 minutes

Cook time: 25 minutes

Servings: 4

Marinade:

1/4 cup lemon juice

1 tablespoon olive oil

2 teaspoons fresh oregano, rinsed, dried and chopped

1 tablespoon garlic, minced (2-3 cloves)

1 beef flank steak (12 ounces)

Yogurt Sauce:

1 cup cucumber, peeled, seeded and chopped

1 cup nonfat plain yogurt

2 tablespoons lemon juice

1 tablespoon fresh dill, rinsed, dried and chopped



Teriyaki-Glazed Salmon with Stir-Fried Vegetables

clove)

1 tablespoon ginger, minced

1 tablespoon scallions, rinsed and minced

1 tablespoon light soy sauce

Preheat oven to 350 F.

To prepare salmon: Mix teriyaki sauce, mirin, rice vinegar, scallions and ginger well. Pour over salmon and marinate 10-15 minutes.

Remove salmon from marinade.

Place salmon on baking sheet. Bake 10-15 minutes, or until fish flakes easily with fork in thickest part and reaches minimum internal temperature of 145 F.

To prepare vegetables: Thaw frozen vegetables in microwave or place bag in bowl of hot water about 10 minutes. In large wok or saute pan, heat oil. Add garlic, ginger and scallions; cook gently, but do not brown, 30-60 seconds.

Add vegetables and continue stir-frying 2-3 minutes, or until heated through. Add soy sauce.

Serve one piece of salmon with 1 cup vegetables.

Recipe courtesy of the National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute

Prep time: 20 minutes

Cook time: 15 minutes

Servings: 4

Salmon:

2 tablespoons light teriyaki sauce

1/4 cup mirin or sweet rice wine

2 tablespoons rice vinegar

2 tablespoons scallions, rinsed and minced

1 1/2 tablespoons ginger, minced

12 ounces salmon fillets, cut into four portions (3 ounces each)

Vegetables:

1 bag (12 ounces) frozen vegetables stir-fry

1/2 tablespoon peanut oil or vegetable oil

1/2 tablespoon garlic, minced (about 1

Ask the Money Lady

Dear Money Lady – I have not topped up my TFSA, should I do it now in December or wait until January?

Ken



Christine Ibbotson

Great question Ken – I think a lot of people are wondering this too. I don't believe in timing the stock market; however, December and January have specific attributes that the other months of the year just don't have. So, let's talk about that Ken.

For those of you that regularly invest in the equity markets, you may have noticed that your portfolio always takes a bit of a hit at the end of November. This is due to the month-end pension fund portfolio rebalancing done by large mutual fund companies and institutional managed accounts. Typically, markets are always headed into a bit of a soft patch towards the Christmas season, and we should expect a slight pullback. Often viewed by advisors as the "sweet-month," this is usually a good time to put money into the market to continue to build a higher return anticipated to come in the new year. We expect a 1-2.3% pullback this month and for those that have not contributed yet to their RRSP or your TFSA, now would be the time to continue putting money into the market to work for you next year in 2023. If we look at the past as an example, December tends to gain strength towards the end of the month as we go into January, with an average monthly gain expected to be 1.67 per cent this year. The odds still favour a small "up" month-end price increase, despite the inauspicious last few months and possible looming recession.

Another thing to keep in mind if you are thinking of investing at the end of the year is the "January Effect," which is often viewed as a seasonal increase in stock prices. Since 1928, analysts have been tracking stock movement and have found that the S&P tends to rise on average 60.5% of the time in January alone. Analysts who have studied this theory (economic data of market trends from 1905 to 2005) speculate that January has a 4-6 times greater increase in stock performance than any other month during the year. One theory is that many investors tend to sell high-year-end stock in December due to capital gains tax and then purchase weaker stock picks in January. It is my view that year end selloffs tend to attract January buyers interested in low price deals which then in turn drive the

stock up again. Investors usually know that the drop in stock prices in December is not based on corporate fundamentals, but rather tax loss harvesting, and therefore prices get driven up abnormally higher in January due to buying frenzies.

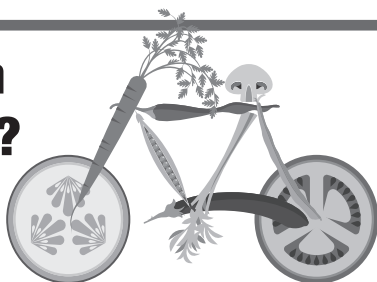
I am the first to suggest that you should never try to "time the market" when planning to invest, however the stats from tracking December to January buy/sell movements over the last 100 years, speak volumes. Talk to your advisor. This new year in 2023, with all the concerns of food supplies, inflation, unemployment, and the war in Ukraine, has been predicted by economists to only have a nominal increase of approximately 1.7% to the global GDP. While I agree that this is indeed low based on previous years, it is not too bad. This is the time to "tuck-in," and make that financial plan and spending budget for next year. The markets will be choppy in the coming year so if you can, invest with your advisor to capitalize on buying opportunities. For others, it is now the time to finally pay off your debts, lines of credit, personal loans and financed toys and vehicles. I know many believe that saving isn't easy and for some impossible. Send me your financial questions and I will try to help (info@askthemoneylady.ca). You can do this!

Of course, if any of my readers have questions about saving for the future or need specific advice about how to retire debt free and wealthy, you can always email me your questions on my website at: www.askthemoneylady.ca

Good Luck & Best Wishes,
ATML - Christine Ibbotson

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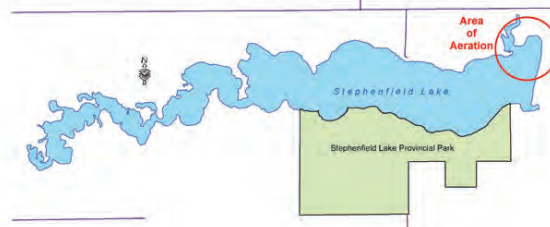


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7	9	4	6	2	5	1	3	8
8	6	5	4	1	3	9	7	2
4	1	7	2	8	9	5	6	3
9	2	3	5	4	6	8	1	7
6	5	8	7	3	1	2	4	9
1	8	2	3	6	4	7	9	5
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3	7	6	1	5	2	4	8	9

Sudoku Answer

N	A	S	D	N	S	B	R	I	G				
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- Product or __ (abbr.)
- Zodiac sign
- S. China seaport
- Former OSS
- Early English printer
- Aphid genus
- General's assistant (abbr.)
- Aussies
- Dissuades
- Make law
- Drench
- Soak in a liquid
- Male child
- It cools your home
- Small constellation
- To call (archaic)
- Explores beneath the Earth
- Commercial
- W. hemisphere organization
- You can find it in a can
- "Land of the free"
- 36 inches
- Footwear
- Challenges
- They hold things together
- Of I
- Partner to flow
- Not connected by kinship
- Worries
- Garlic mayonnaise
- A way to take by force
- Legendary English rockers
- Your consciousness of your own identity
- Fencing swords
- Silly
- Actor DiCaprio
- Encircles with a belt
- Mails a message
- Longing

CLUES DOWN

- Horse mackerels
- It can be viral
- Prickly plants

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- Consciousness
- Type of sarcoma
- Tax collector
- Sun up in New York
- One who scorches
- Influential psychotherapist
- Situated at an apex
- Communicative
- Forearm nerve
- Former CIA
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- School environment
- Remove
- Male parents
- Large rodent
- Weighed down
- Held tightly
- __ route: going there
- Explains again
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Visiting elderly relatives and friends during the holiday season is a great way to make them feel loved and is especially welcome if they happen to live alone. But if you don't see them often, you may want to take note of their health and overall condition. Here are five things to look out for when you visit seniors for the holidays.

1. WEIGHT LOSS

A number of conditions can cause seniors to lose their appetite, and some of them find cooking for one difficult. When visiting, take the time to look around the kitchen to find out whether the refrigerator and cupboards are stocked with fresh food. If not, ask if they need help getting groceries or cooking. Keep in mind that weight loss can also signal a serious health issue.

2. MEMORY LOSS

Forgetfulness itself isn't a concern. However, signs of serious memory loss such as placing items in unusual places, repeating the same thing over and over, mixing up words, and getting lost in familiar areas may warrant a trip to the doctor.

3. MENTAL HEALTH ISSUES

Depression among seniors is on the rise and those who are socially isolated are at an increased risk. Worrisome signs include withdrawal from social activities, insomnia (or oversleeping), loss of interest in hobbies, loss of appetite and changes in personality and mood.

4. MOBILITY ISSUES

A senior's level of mobility can change drastically in a short period of time. Such a change can sometimes present a danger. It's therefore a good idea to ensure that the seniors you visit during



the holidays have homes that match their current level of mobility. Uncompleted household chores may indicate an issue.

5. SOCIAL ISOLATION

Helping seniors combat social isolation is important, as doing so has been shown to reduce the likelihood of them experiencing depression and other mental health issues. What's more, by remaining socially active seniors can prevent or mitigate cognitive impairments. If the senior you're visiting is isolated, help them come up with a plan to make new friends in the new year.

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