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Local author creates fantastical new book series

By Lorne Stelmach

A multi-talented local resident developing a young adult fantasy series of books has high hopes for the potential of the series.

With a Kickstarter campaign in the works to help further his Harnessing Chaos series, Joel Grey would like to see it become an interactive adventure for people to

"The aim eventually is to have it as more of a game, kind of a roleplaying game, almost like Dungeons and Dragons. The character that someone would choose would be able to explore the world," Grey said in chatting with the Voice ahead of his campaign launch this Friday.

"So much of what Harnessing Chaos is, for me, is really a world that I've spent years with," he said. "I really want this world to feel lived-in and real. You could create a character inside the world of Harnessing Chaos and then explore the whole word but then also have to deal with what that means for your character.

Every playthrough would hopefully be unique."

Moki and the Erased Ones is the first novel in the series, which Grey says pulls influences from the Dark Crystal and Avatar: the Last Airbender as well as historical sources such as ancient Greece and the Three Kingdoms period of China.

The only blue-haired Y'nari in the city of Tess, Moki has always seen the world from the outside. Raised by the InnKeepers, who found her on their doorstep, and educated in secret, Moki spends her time studying the forbidden knowledge of "the world that came before." Moki is discovered, and the Inn destroyed along with the heretical scrolls and tomes. After making the narrowest of escapes, Moki must journey across the three varied regions of Te'a.

Grey sees each novel in the series as giving subjective glimpses into how the world of Te'a operates through their respective title characters.

"Things you learn in one book

might have a different context when you experience events from another character's perspective," he said."No one in Te'a is uncompromisingly good and no one is irredeemably evil. Everyone has their reasons."

This is the latest in a wide range of artistic endeavours for Grey, who is also an artist and musician, and it very much springs from his family upbringing in a household of talented people.

"All streams of creativity were very important in our family. We did a lot of music but also writing, and we were big into movies," he said. "We would make little shorts on home video of things like Star Trek spoofs or Star Wars spoofs and things like that and edit it together with the old VHS technology in the '90s.

"We had quite a bit of different influences, which I think kind of particularly helps me with this series," Grey added, noting he was very much interested in the

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Joel Grey has penned three books in his Harnessing Chaos series. He's launching a Kickstarter to get the first published and in the meantime is offering it digitally on his website.

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Kindergarten to Grade 12 review puts students first

Submitted by Manitoba government

The Manitoba government released its kindergarten to Grade 12 strategy with a focus on putting students first, Education Minister Cliff Cullen announced Monday, saying the Better Education Starts Today (BEST) strategy that will shift resources to the classroom while giving parents and guardians much more input, as it rebuilds Manitoba's kindergarten to Grade 12 education system through the proposed putting students first

"The strategy introduces muchneeded change to create a unified provincial education system that is accountable for results, classroom focused, student centred and parent friendly, leading to the most improved education system in Canada," said Cullen. "We want students to graduate high school with the knowledge, skills and competencies they need to move into post-secondary education, the labour market, or whatever path they choose, and have the best opportunity to succeed."

Manitoba is one of the highest spending provinces on education and getting among the country's lowest student achievement results. Per capita, Manitoba has the highest number of school divisions and elected trustees across all provinces.

The government's plan streamlines administration by unifying 37 school divisions into one Provincial Education Authority (authority) while maintaining the French school division, Division Scolaire franco-manitobaine (DSFM). The authority will deliver kindergarten to Grade 12 education, manage shared administrative services such as collective bargaining, procurement, IT and workforce planning - money that will be reinvested directly into classrooms. Within the authority, 15 regions will provide a focus on local needs. Parents will have involvement that is more meaningful in local decision-making through new School Community Councils.

"Our government believes in a robust education system that addresses the inequalities of the current system,"

Cullen said. "We have committed to building 20 new schools and followed that up with our \$1.6 billion education funding guarantee. However, we want to ensure we have a system focused on students, teachers and, ultimately, results."

Within the next five years, Manitoba's government is committed to becoming the most improved education system in Canada by:

- shifting resources to the classroom to ensure that student learning and achievement come first;
- ensuring that teachers, school staff and leaders have the capacity, knowledge and tools they need to support student performance;
- unifying the education system with a focus on accountability for results, outcomes and addressing the vast disparities in the system;
- giving parents and caregivers more opportunity to participate and play a meaningful role in the design and oversight of the system; and
- considering the provincial needs and ensuring that all students are ready for life-long success regardless of where in the province they live.

"Maintaining the status quo puts



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The fifteen new regions plus DSFM will replace 37 separate school divisions. Once the new governance model has been implemented, the new regions will be as follows.

our students further behind, and that is why our government is making the necessary reforms and investing in our children's futures," said Cullen. "By unifying our system and focusing educators on what matters most - student outcomes – the government expects up to \$40 million will be shifted to the classrooms to support educational results."

Manitoba Education will be under-

taking public consultations on a variety of areas as it builds a roadmap for the future on topics such as curriculum development, teacher training and learning, and ways to support the most vulnerable students. This includes further conversation with education partners, parents, and the wider Manitoba community, and a

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Art raffle showcasing six local artists for the good of the community

By Becca Myskiw

Pieces for the Golden Prairie Arts Council (GPAC) and the Boyne Library's art raffle have been selected and are on the library walls.

"The Library," which is a fundraiser for both GPAC and the library, had local artists enter a piece of artwork with the opportunity to be displayed at the Boyne Regional Library from March to December of this year.

Tickets are being sold until December for people to win the piece of their choice. All proceeds will go to the two organizations.

Six artists were chosen by random draw and compensated \$500 each for their piece thanks to sponsorships from Access Credit Union, MMJS Law Office, Newman Hand Ins., Royal LePage Legacy, and Owen Farms Ltd.

One of the chosen artists was Kate Froese, who works in clay. She got into the medium as a child and continued working with clay through high school.

"It's all I've ever wanted to do, and I continued with it and have a Ceramics degree and my own pottery studio," she said. "Ceramics is therapeutic, challenging, exciting, and sometimes you create functional, useful objects."

Her piece in the art raffle was inspired by the library itself, she said. Froese created a low-relief carved tile sculpture of the library and mounted it on a piece of wood. The building is made from red clay, a deliberate choice to emulate its red bricks. The addition she made of stoneware clay.

The wood the piece is mounted on is an arch to "echo the shape of the dome of the library's clock tower and to suggest a sunrise/sunset as we look to the library's next chapters."

Margaret Riddell was another local artist whose name was randomly drawn. Her piece is a watercolour painting of winter activities on the Boyne River, titled"Winter on the River." The window of her house overlooks the river, allowing her to watch people enjoy all it has to offer yearround. She said she felt motivated to record its iconic winter activities in a way she could.

So, using her talent, she created a piece for all of Carman to see and re-

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"It's one of the more difficult medias to work with," she said. "But it has a quality that I think other paints don't have. I find there's a depth to it."

Lisa Van Dam, on the other hand, has a love for acrylics. She started using the fast-drying paint seven years ago as a way to join her B.C. community and has stuck with it ever since.

Van Dam's piece on the library walls is of the Carman Pathways in the summer. It comes from a photo her friend took, showing a red rock on a fallen log and a little gnome sitting in the trees. It's one of the many paintings she's created, but no longer fills the walls of her home.

Cyndie Sutherland paints but not with actual paint — she works in encaustic, or hot wax.

"I love it because of its uniqueness, all the possibilities it brings in using the heated tools to manipulate the wax," she said.

Eight years ago, she started learning how to work with it and got serious about the craft more recently. She said mixing the wax and noticing its colours and transparency variations drew her to water scenes, but her piece in the art raffle depicts a sky.

"This past year, when the world slowed down, I started noticing so much beauty in the skies," said Sutherland. "That became my new inspiration and when the gallery/library project arose I knew that's what I wanted my subject to be."

The pandemic inspired Kelly Rothwell's piece as well. It's an acrylic painting of a happy boy staring off into the distance. She said she was trying to portray the resiliency of youth, especially "during these times."

Her inspiration came from watching children tear out of school for recess.

"That compulsion for kids to play in spite of the circumstances," she said. "It's really heartwarming and I thought the essence was worth capturing on canvas."

One piece in the art raffle is unlike the rest. Kelsey Buyer's macrame piece is a sort of fiber art that has recently made a comeback after its 1970s fame. She got into the medium when decorating her home and has since started doing more than making wall hangings with it.

Her piece in the library is the big-



STANDARD PHOTO BY BECCA MYSKIW

GPAC and the library's art raffle is now on until December.







Margaret Riddell

Lisa Van Dam







Cyndie Sutherland

Kelly Rothwell

entering the raffle for the good of the community.

The art pieces will be up in the Boyne Regional Library until December 2021 when they will go to their new homes.

> SCHOOL REVIEW, FROM PG. 3

survey that will be available on http:// engagemb.ca.

The BEST strategy was informed by the Manitoba's Commission on Kindergarten to Grade 12 Education report, Our Children's Success: Manitoba's Future, received in March 2020. The 75 recommendations of the commission represent the most extensive reformation of Manitoba's kindergarten to Grade 12 education system in decades and presents a clear plan

gest one she's made yet and it's the

first piece of art she's been paid for.

Macrame is an outlet for Buyer, much

Though their pieces are all differ-

ent, they share at least one similarity:

like the other artists in the raffle.

of action for becoming the most improved education system in Canada. The BEST strategy also drew on lessons learned during the COVID-19 pandemic from across Manitoba's education system.

For more information, visit www. bettereducationmb.ca.

This week in review over the past..... 100 years

(This feature will inform readers of a condensed version of events that were in print in the Dufferin Leader from 1921, 1946 and 1971).

March 17, 1921

Mr. & Mrs. Charles Froebe and family of Chatsworth, Illinois, USA have taken possession of their farm at Homewood.

Hot X Buns are advertised at Christies Bakery on Maple Street (1st Ave. SW) for 25 cents a dozen.

Central Garage—International Harvester machinery and tractors, McLaughlin and Chevrolet Cars, complete stock of parts, auto accessories and will do general repair work.—Frank Bridge.

Anyone know the exact location of the Central Garage in 1921?

Other ads: Lumber—S. McClain & along the railroad tracks

Royal Café—opposite Post Office (Library now). Name was later changed to B.C. Café.

March 21, 1946

Bus service on # 3 Hwy was suspended on Wednesday due to the roads being too soft. Load restrictions were imposed. Last Friday there was 2 inches of heavy rain and continuing mild weather has made country roads impassable for cars. Water is running over the road between Elm Creek and Carman.

Hardy's Garage has sold its first 1946 Chevrolet car to J. W. Kyle for his auto-livery business.

Safeway prices: Fresh ground hamburger 17 cents lb., sliced bologna 20 cents/lb., pickerel filets 45 cents/lb., T-Bone Steak or Roast 34 cents/lb., California head lettuce 20cents/lb., Bread—16 oz. loaf at 2 for 13 cents.

March 18, 1971

Race horse training is a new business for Carman. A decision, by the DAS, last fall to winterize and renovate some of the horse barns at the fair ground has resulted in five families making their home in Carman. They depend on the harness racing industry to make a living and will be using the facilities to train their horses.. There will be two harness race meets at Carman this summer. The first July 16 & 17 during Carman Fair and the second on August 6 & 7.

Additional Land for building sites will now be available on 1st. Ave NW, west of Legion Lodge and Evergreen Place. There is some speculation that Carman Public Housing Authority is interested in utilizing some of this property for an additional Motel type low rental unit. (Parkview Manor was

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If you can help us with locations of any business listed over the last 100 years, please email Shirley at dksnider@mymts.net or questions about website below

For more interesting history for Carman and Dufferin please check out www.carmandufferinheritage.ca. Lots of information on schools, churches, early buildings, Then and Now pictures, heritage articles, and events of the past and present. It's worth your

> LOCAL AUTHOR, FROM PAGE 2

fantasy genre growing up.

"Ever since I was a little kid, watching things like Labyrinth and The Dark Crystal, I was very drawn to the sword and sorcery fantasy genre," he said, recalling the lure of the Lord of the Rings trilogy and the world that J.R.R. Tolkien created. "I've heard that first he had written Elvish language before he started writing the series, and that kind of resonated with me as well."

It's an approach Grey has taken with Harnessing Chaos, including creating art as well as maps and locations for the world and even thinking about different dialects.

"That's kind of where it started. I drew up a map ... and the conflict comes from where they are in the world," he said.

"If you throw a character into a location and you already know all of the conflicts and the things that will arise from the location that they're in, it almost kind of writes itself."

Moki understands the world from her own province but is thrust into a completely different location. It means that "her assumptions about what it was like to live in this place

that she had only read about is kind of bucking up against her actual experience of this place," Grey said.

Grey is also drawn to the idea of there not being clear-cut good and

"Things that really intrigue me are people who have good motives, or they want to do good things but end up inadvertently doing bad things to meet this goal," he said. "Nobody is inherently good and no one is inherently evil ... I think that makes it so much more interesting."

The series continues with Tero and the Cave of the Ancients and then YRSA and the Night Wastes. A free digital PDF of the first book can be found online at HarnessingChaos.ca

You can find a link there as well to the Kickstarter campaign, which Grey is using to raise about \$3,000 in support of getting Moki and the Erased Ones distributed physically as well as digi-

He hopes that readers will be drawn into this world as he has been in developing it.

"I would love for people to want to escape to this world. I want them to have a love and a fondness for the world like I have," he said. "I feel that it's expansive enough and intriguing enough and mysterious enough that it will draw people to want to know more about the world."

Province advises spring run-off has started in southern Manitoba basins

Submitted by Manitoba government

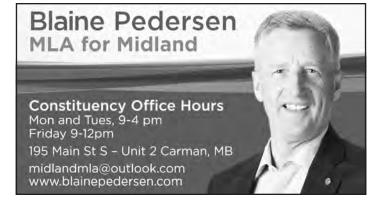
Manitoba's Hydrologic Forecast Centre advises that spring run-off due to snowmelt has started in most of the southern Manitoba basins.

River ice conditions are expected to weaken and users should be cautious when venturing onto the ice.

Water levels on the Red River continue to rise approximately one foot per day. The Red River is expected to peak at Emerson between March 18 to 21. The Red River is expected to remain within its banks and the forecast peak will not require the use of the

Run-off on the Assiniboine and Qu'Appelle rivers, and the upper Assiniboine river (Shellmouth basin) is expected to begin later this week.

Manitoba's Hydrologic Forecast Centre released its first spring thaw outlook on Feb. 26. The report is at https:// www.gov.mb.ca/mit/floodinfo/pdf/2021/february_2021_ high_water_outlook_report.pdf.





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letters to the editor

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Ag-Gag law gives animal factory owners and operators a free pass

Dear Editor:

Re: Carl DeGurse- It's time to talk about Ag-gag in Manitoba. (*Winnipeg Free Press*, 27 Feb.) "Manitoba is exploring potential legislation that would protect bio-security at food production premises where livestock or other animals are being kept in order to protect animals from hazards that may compromise food safety".

However, it doesn't say why biosecurity is suddenly so critical that it now needs legislative action especially when factory hog barn establishments have been in Manitoba for nearly 25 years!

Ag-Gag laws are dangerous because they essentially give animal factory owners/operators a free pass at doing what they want to animals. These laws are designed to scare off activists or potential whistle blowers from taking videos, photos, or documenting anything that takes place on the premises. There would be no accountability. What are they afraid of? Self-regulation and scrutiny would

be a mockery to animal stewardship. And, if hog (factory operators (aka farmers) are so terrified that protesters will bring disease onto their properties; I find that somewhat ironic!; in that they are spending manpower and resources to try and create disease-free barns, when they are exacerbating the problem by providing the perfect medium for diseases to proliferate within the barns themselves, along with the huge storage lagoons of feces.

As citizens of Manitoba, we need to decide what kind of a country we want to live in. A healthy, vibrant, rural economy with small family farms and small local abattoirs which are good for urban Canada as well. We need to restore public confidence in the food system (currently very low). We need to develop a food supply system that does not destroy community, here in Manitoba, Canada or in other countries. Farmers must be valued for the contribution they make to our society.

Sadly, this is not taking place in

Manitoba. The public good, our concerns for health, the environment and protection to our water sources has fallen through the cracks.

Today, caring people are continually in conflict to save our communities, their health, their way of life and to preserve precious water sources and environment. Sadly however, it's like fighting fires with a hammer.

Why? one might ask, has the Manitoba government deserted their obligations to uphold and protect our rural citizens.

As we know, our present Manitoba government is a proponent of the hog industry, and also the regulator; which is wrong. Needed regulation must be determined and administered by another independent agency, else there is a conflict of interest.

Justice Horace Krever, the presiding judge during the tainted blood scandal expresses the following as a solemn warning, (Inquiry- Oct. 1993)

"The relationship between a regulator and the regulated must never become one in which-the "regulator" loses sight of the principle that it "regulates only" in the public interest and "not" in the interest of the regulated".

- John Fefchak, Virden

Concern for the residents of Carman Boyne Towers

The residents have been prisoners in their own rooms with nowhere to go. The activity room has been limited to less space because of Boyne Lodge construction and with summer approaching, the screened in veranda outside on the north side has very little space and no view to the Boyne courtyard with the visiting trailer installed. No view, no sun!

Many residents have walkers and would love to have walkable paths to enjoy the sunny, beautiful outdoors. The residents of the Boyne Towers mental and physical well-being has been jeopardized. Please do not forget the Boyne Tower residents and let their voices be heard. These senior residents need a walkable, enjoyable and beautiful space for their continued well-being. Please, let's care for all our seniors!

Diana Lenton, Carman

Remembering the "Penny Post Card"

Letters to the Editor

Recently, in our mail we each received a prepaid post paid card for our use. I sent mine to a cousin remembering those original cards that we used to send. They usually had a nice picture on one side, the back side was divided in half with the right

hand side for the intended address and the left hand side for our message. We always wrote small, filling the area with greetings and news of our life, put our 1 cent stamp on it and took it down to the mailbox.

Today, in the mail I received a similar card sent from her. Again in

small writing, she wished me well and told of her memories of sending letters back and forth to her intended who was attending University down east. The cost to mail those letters then was 5 cents.

Thank you Canada Post for those 92 cent, prepaid post cards and the memories it brought back.

- Jessie Heaman

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Where are they now? Catching up with Kristen "Carr" Parker

By Dennis Young

This feature will attempt to renew some acquaintances with those who called Carman 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 Carman?

I was raised on the family farm south of Homewood till graduation from Carman Collegiate (1976-1994)

Q. Did you attend school here?

Yes, I got my preschool with Mrs. Hewitt and Mrs. Parker, did elementary school when Bill Bunka was principal, and did high school under Frank McKinnon and Ken Karlander.

Q. What did you do for a living here?

I worked typical teenage jobs – at Syl's drive in (in high school) and Stevens Drug Store (on my summers home from university).

Q. What did your family do for a living here? My Mom, Maureen, worked for CIBC and my Dad, Glen, worked for the RM of Dufferin.

Q. What activities did you participate in?

I played all the high school sports I could (my main ones were volleyball, cross country, badminton, fastpitch and basketball).

Q. Did you meet your spouse here?

No, I met Jay at the University of Calgary when I was in my second year of my masters degree in Kinesiology. He was on the national speed skating team, and we used to do the athlete's fitness testing in the human performance lab. We also got to know each other better when he was the subject of some student research projects I was assisting with on (one on hypoxic training and another on the social culture within the Olympic Oval.)

Q. Do you have family now?

We have two children now and live just southwest of Calgary in the hamlet of Millarville, Alberta. Shelby is in Grade 5 and Kayden is in Grade 1.

Q. What got you to leave Carman?

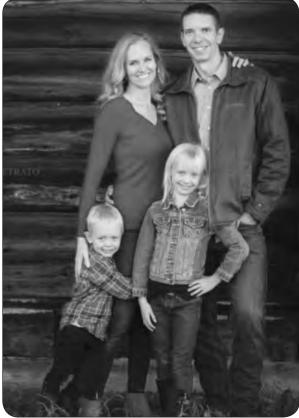
In the fall of 1994, I got a volleyball/fastpitch scholarship to attend school at Mayville State University in North Dakota.

Q. What else have you done, where and how long?

I worked as a personal trainer in 1999 in Minneapolis, then moved to Berkhamsted, England to be a nanny for 1.5 years. I came back to Canada in 2001 to start my masters degree at the University of Calgary.

Q. What do you do now?

I'm a clinical kinesiologist overseeing an intradialytic exercise program in Calgary. We exercise very complex patients during their medical treatments. People on dialysis have to come for treatment three times a week and sit for four hours – so we use portable pedal bikes in front of their chairs to help improve their leg strength, reduce pain, prevent falls, and manage restless legs. It also has been proven that exercise during dialysis can improve the toxin removal via blood flow to the working leg muscles, therefore making the dialysis more effective. It is a unique program and there are only a handful of programs like this in Canada and the world.



Kristen (Carr) and Jay Parker and children Kayden and Shelby

We have grown our Alberta program since 2009 to become a world standard for wellness in hemodialysis patients and prehabilitation for kidney transplant recipients. I'm a founding member of the Global Renal Exercise (GREX) organization - involving over 60 world experts from 20 countries who collaborate on improving exercise for those with kidney disease. I'm very proud of our patients, staff and the work/ research we are doing. In Alberta, we are famous for the Kidney March which is a three day 100km journey from Kananaskis Country to Calgary. I have been involved with a "patient version" of the Kidney March since its inception 11 years ago. It feels very gratifying to help raise money, increase awareness for organ transplant, and to be on the "kidney journey" with many of these amazing people.

Q. What passes your leisure time now? Hob-

We are involved in all sorts of activities with our children. They love to ice skate, mountain bike, do gymnastics, play volleyball, and golf. They are both great little athletes. Since the COVID pandemic hit, and most activities were cancelled, our backyard has become our new "sports arena" – so we still keep their sports skills up at home. I am always building and adding onto their backyard ninja warrior course - they need to get their energy expended! I am a creative person and DIY'er (thanks to my parents) and I enjoy building rustic furniture, doing gardening/landscaping, etc. I am also in the finishing stages of designing/developing our walkout basement.

Q. Any future plans?

Currently we are focusing on family. We are committed to raising Shelby and Kayden to be kind and successful adults who can remain resilient in today's crazy times. When traveling is easier, we hope to take our family to our favorite destinations like the UK, France and Italy. Eventually, I'd like to visit some of my bucket list destinations like Australia, Greece, Turkey, Egypt, Petra and Machu Pichu.

Q. Have you travelled and where?

I had the opportunity to travel a lot when I was a nanny in England. I covered most of Europe when I lived there in 2000. In 2006, when my husband, competed in the Olympic Winter Games, we got to spend time together in Italy after he won his silver medal with the team pursuit. We revisited Italy again for two weeks in 2009 to see the sights that he never got to see while competing. Italy is our favorite travel destination.

Q. Do you ever return to Carman?

We come home every summer to see my parents, brother (Scott) and his family. My children enjoy swimming lessons at the Carman pool, and I love joining my Mom on the golf course. We also enjoy "happy hour" to connect with dear friends and former neighbors. A trip home isn't complete without ice cream at Syls or Tidbit Chinese take

Q. What are some of your fond memories of Carman days?

I loved my teenage years in Carman. Friday nights were when we would go cheer on the Cougars hockey team, then have poutine at It'za Restaurant. In the summers, we would golf, swim, camp, hang out at Syls....or when we were in our university years, it was fun to hang out at the Ryall hotel after the Carman Fair beer gardens (the reunions with former classmates and other graduates from other grades were the best!)

Q. Any last words wish to send to our readers? Never take for granted the blessings of a small town atmosphere. I am grateful for the peaceful upbringing, good people, and the quality of life in Carman.

If you wish to reach this former Carmanite please send me an email at denjohnyoung@gmail.com and I will forward it to them for further contact.

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Carman's Personal Care Home nearing completion

By Becca Myskiw

The new Personal Care Home (PCH) in Carman is almost ready to tuck in its residents at night.

Linda MacNair of Boyne Care Holdings said substantial completion of the building is scheduled for March 23.

"Once any identified improvements are completed, furniture and fixtures will be moved in, staff will receive training in this new model of care, and the big migration will begin," she said.

The plan is to have all residents settled into the new care home by May of this year.

MacNair said though the building is an "architectural gem," the cooperation of five municipalities it what will be remembered. Mayor Brent Owen said this new model of care — the small house model — creates a world class personal care service for generations to come in the community.

The small house model of care gives each resident their own room with a bathroom that includes a shower. King said this gives each room a homestyle feeling and each person has the ability to be bathed in their own room if they choose, but the new facility will have a spa room as well.

There are two floors in the new facility with four pods on each level. A pod has ten rooms that are set up in a sort

of circle connecting to the kitchen and living room.

"No other communities will be as well positioned as ours to secure public senior care services into the future," said Owen.

In the new lodge, Boyne care Holdings will be in charge of food services and maintenance, while Southern Health-Santé Sud focuses on providing care for the residents. MacNair said they'll be able to take those services to the facilities they expand into in the future.

"Providing the food and maintenance services to Boyne Lodge under service purchase agreements with Southern Health-Santé Sud also provides [Boyne Care Holdings] with a revenue stream to help meet its mortgage obligations.," she said.

This new PCH will also open job opportunities. Boyne Care Holdings will be opening applications food services and maintenance positions very soon. MacNair said they welcome Southern Health-Santé Sud staff presently in those positions to apply. There will also be more jobs in the future as there will be more resident beds, more resident care needed, an expanded kitchen, and a bistro.

Because of the pandemic, people will not be able to walk around the new facility, so Boyne Care Holdings will be creating a virtual tour video in



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The new PCH is set to have all residents moved in by May.



A mock-up of a room in the new PCH.

the near future as well.

In many ways we are simply nearing the end of the beginning, with an amazing first step toward further in-

novation and celebrations of community success.

For more information on the new PCH, go to www.boynecare.ca/news.

"We're really in that race to get Manitobans vaccinated"

By Ashleigh Viveiros

Manitoba began the work week with no new COVID-19 deaths but 50 new cases, including 18 new cases of the more contagious B117 variant.

One of those variant cases was found in the Interlake-Eastern health region while the rest were in Winnipeg. That brings the total number of variant cases to 41 (30 of B117 and 11 of B1351).

At press time, Manitoba had 908 active cases of COVID-19 and 30,968 recoveries. A total of 151 people were in hospital due to the virus, 23 in intensive care.

Our province's death toll due to CO-VID-19 since last spring is 917.

The province's test positivity rate is on the rise once again, hitting 4.8 per cent provincially and 3.5 per cent in Winnipeg.

Those are numbers Manitoba's top doctor wants to see moving in the other direction.

"We're really in that race to get Manitobans vaccinated, but it's going to really impair our ability to vaccinate Manitobans if we start to see high test positivity rates again," said chief public health officer Dr. Brent Roussin at Monday's press briefing.

The restrictions of the past few months have had an impact on the spread of the virus, Roussin said, and so we're in better shape than we were in November or December.

That said, as restrictions continue to ease the risk for transmission increases, so it's important people continue to follow the fundamentals: physically distance from non-household members, wear your mask, avoid crowded spaces, and stay home if you're ill.

"I do feel overall we're in an optimistic place, but we still have to be quite cautious right now for these next many, many weeks as the vaccine rolls out," Roussin stressed.

In our region on Monday, Winkler had six active cases, Morden eight, the areas of Altona, Carman, MacDonald, and Red River South each had two active cases, and Morris and Lorne/Louise/Pembina both had one. Reporting no active cases were Stanley, Roland/Thompson, and Grey. The Pembina Valley has had 27 deaths due to CO-

VID-19

Southern Health-Santé Sud as a whole had 35 active COVID-19 cases and seven hospitalizations (three in ICU) at the start of the week.

Public health order changes

Public health officials have announced a few changes to the public health orders in effect until March 25.

Church-goers are now allowed to take off their masks while seated in household groups at a service, assuming they are appropriately distanced from other groups and are not singing.

Restaurants are also now allowed to seat up to six people from different households at their outdoor patios.

The province also announced on Friday that indoor singing and playing instruments, including wind instruments, are once again allowed in K-12 schools as long as COVID-19 precautions are taken. Concerts and public performances are not yet permitted.

Meanwhile, Manitoba over the weekend marked a milestone when it comes to its vaccination program.

Health and Seniors Care Minister Heather Stefanson announced Saturday that 100,000 doses of the CO-VID-19 vaccination have been administered thus far.

"We know we still have much work to do so that we can return to our new normal with COVID-19," she said. "But it's also important to acknowledge hard work, commitment and dedication from those on the front lines and on our Vaccination Implementation Task Force who have made this possible."

The province is aiming to be able to give 20,000 doses of the vaccine a day at its super sites and pop-up clinics throughout Manitoba. Southern Health-Santé Sud's first super site opens in Morden-Winkler next week.

The age eligibility for vaccination continues to drop—on Monday it was expanded to include anyone aged 77 or older and First Nations people aged 57 or older.

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Bottom photo, Logistics manager Todd Swaving, filling in for Cor Lodder of Walinga, presented Valerie Nordquist with a \$50 gift card for Even Song, in Carman for her colouring thanking front line workers for all their work during the COVID-19 pandemic. Top photo, Hanna Smith won a Ford backpack, Bronco toque, Bronco thermos and a Ford zip up hoodie for her picture.



Living the best life on the family farm







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Cole Lemky, left, Hunter Lemky, middle, and Kevin Dunn were on top of the world climbing bales at the Dunn farm northeast of Carman last Friday. The Dunn family have 300 cow calf pairs and have nearly completed calving this season. Hunter, Brent and Cole with a calf.

Government officials say pandemic tickets on the decline

Efforts to enforce the COVID-19 public health orders across Manitoba continue, though provincial officials noted last week that the numbers of tickets being issued continues to de-

The Manitoba government reported that its agents had issued a total of 89

warnings and 19 tickets for the first week of March, including 15 \$1,296 tickets to individuals for various offences (10 related to gatherings in private residences or outdoors), three \$298 tickets to individuals for failure to wear a mask in indoor public places, and one \$5,000 ticket to a business.

Officials note that most Manitobans

are doing their part to reduce the spread of COVID-19, but education and enforcement remain necessary in some instances.

Since enforcement efforts began in April 2020, a total of 3,391 warnings and 1,028 tickets have been issued,

resulting in more than \$1.4 million in fines to businesses and individuals.

Manitobans are urged to continue reporting compliance and enforcement issues by visiting www.manitoba.ca/COVID19 or by calling toll-free 1-866-626-4862.















Catching up with the crop chief

By Nicole Buffie

The Canadian Grain Commission has announced the appointment of a new chief and assistant chief commissioner, with one being from the Interlake.

The federal agency that oversees the regulation, supervision and advocacy for grain farmers and producers across the country made the announcement in December 2020 of the appointments.

Doug Chorney, acting chief-turned-head-honcho resides on a farm in East Selkirk where he grew up and is currently working remotely most days.

With a degree in Agricultural Engineering, multiple positions on boards

related to agriculture and a heritage that is rife with farming, Chorney has the references for the position.

Working beside Assistant Chief Commissioner Patty Rosher and Third Commissioner Lonny McKague, Chorney's job is to oversee operations of the CGC and participate in conferences of interest to the bureau. Chorney was appointed chief after operating in the role since June 2020 when former Chief Patty Miller retired.

At a time when operating in a federal role may seem daunting amid efforts of economic recovery due to the COVID-19 pandemic, Chorney said the agriculture and grain industry is holding their own for the most part.

"The grain sector through the pandemic has performed very well, and we find demand is continuing," he said. "It's kind of a silver lining for the Canadian economy which has been hurt in many other ways because of the pandemic, so it's good that agriculture has been able to do its part to perhaps support the country."

While it's not exactly clear why the industry has been alive and well amid the economic crisis due to the COVID-19 pandemic, Chorney said it could be due to a range of reasons such as the uptick in home baking and cooking which caused a national flour and yeast shortage in the early days of the pandemic.

"Food is essential for life, and when you have people in a situation where they're challenged to figure out what to do next it seems like securing good food supplies is a first step that a lot of countries took and that might have driven some of the demand," he offered.

As for farmers in the Interlake region, Chorney said they are in a unique position where the climate during growing season usually works in their favour, but they are not immune to problems that can happen elsewhere.

Despite excessive moisture in 2019



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The Canadian Grain Commission
has appointed Doug Chorney as
Chief Commissioner for a threeyear term.

when a freak snowstorm in October destroyed many fields and had farmers worried about the spring growing season, the province reported crop yields in most categories were up for 2020, saying the pandemic did not measurably affect field crop production

"Producers are supposed to be resilient and I think they've proven themselves to be resilient this year," he said.

In addition to their resilience, more and more farmers are getting creative with their crops; in addition to growing wheat, oats, canola and soybeans, forage seed and grain corn crops have been on the rise in the Interlake area in recent years. While corn tends to be grown close to the southern border, Chorney said it's becoming more and more popular in the region.

"It just shows how farmers are always trying to do better the next year than they did the year before," he said. "And that's been something I think a lot of Interlake farmers have done over their careers."

While it is a time of ingenuity for the agricultural industry, it is also a time of reflection; the federal government is currently reviewing the Canadian Grain Act, a framework for ensuring the quality of crops across the country, and the CGC itself. Chorney and his co-commissioners are helping to oversee the agency's participation in the review and contribute to the discussion of the future of the legislation and commission itself.

"We actually try to really wholeheartedly support the industry in many ways," Chorney said. "My number one goal is to guide that process to make sure we have the best Canadian Grain Commission possible."

















Keeping an eye out for Canadian Canola

By Katelyn Boulanger

The Canola Council of Canada is celebrating its 15th year of connecting to canola growers, processors, and exporters to make sure that the canola grown and processed in Canada meets all the needs of international buyers.

"The [Keep It Clean] program is about sharing that information with growers across Canada, and now it actually includes cereals as well as pulses in addition to canola," said Brian Innes, VP public affairs for the Canola Council of Canada.

For the canola part of the program, the council wants to make sure that farmers only grow registered varieties of the crop.

"We have a registration system for all varieties that are grown for a number of crops. And, for canola, there's a very specific process to get varieties registered and as part of our quality assurance system," said Innes.

The reason that they maintain this list of varieties is to ensure consistent and reliable products for customers who buy canola oil all around the world as well as making sure that it follows all of the varying guidelines necessary to be sold in all of those countries.

"Really, that means that when that variety is growing, that it's going to keep the canola reputation and the canola brand around the world for consistency in things like oil quality, disease resistance, and also in just the characteristics of canola and what it is for our customers," said

The companies that hold the patent for variet-

ies need to keep them in good registration standing with the Canadian Food Inspection Agency, which is part of the Canadian government, and if for some reason the company elects not to that variety becomes a de-registered variety which the Canadian Canola Council needs farmers to keep track of so that they don't accidentally grow the wrong type of canola.

"The case of canola oil, actually, is the risk is that some of the older varieties contain biotech traits that are no longer approved for export markets. So, in each country, each jurisdiction has its own biotech regulatory requirements. In the case of the [European Union], as an example, they're only approved for ten years, then after which time, they have to be re-approved, essentially but it's not always the case that variety of traits are re-approved because technology genetics change quickly and those traits may no longer be relevant for farmers," said Innes.

The Keep It Clean program's website keepitclean.ca is the best place to find information about canola growing and resources to the correct pages on the Canadian governments website about which varieties are registered according to Innes.

"The Keep It Clean program [also] covers a number of practices that farmers do, including how they use pesticides, how they store their crop, how they manage disease in their crop, as well. You can [find] all of those aspects that farmers [may need] covered in the program across multiple commodities on the website."

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Farmers, processors, and exporters all working together is how Innes says everyone can get the most out of their

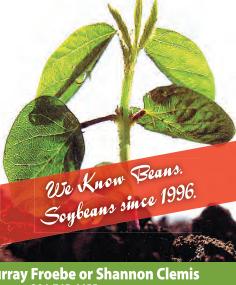
"This is about preventing risk in our exports and for canola, we export 90% of what we produce in one form or another. So, keeping our reputation for a high-quality product is something that everybody in the value chain has a role in doing. The keep it clean program is really about helping our farmers be part of keeping our canola brand strong with our customers and preventing risk related to market access issues that occur when we don't meet our customer requirements," said Innes.



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March is Nutrition Month. How will you be celebrating? This year's theme centers on the idea that healthy eating looks different for everyone. It is important to eat nutritious foods that meet individual cultural and food traditions while adjusting eating habits to address nutritional needs of all stages of life.

Lynn Weaver, Canola Eat Well Registered Dietitian says there is no one-size fits all approach to healthy eating. There is, however, good, better, best options when it comes to cooking and baking. For instance, choosing to use canola oil instead of butter can reduce total saturated fat.

Canola oil is a healthy choice as it is low in saturated fat, high in plant-based omega-3 polyunsaturated fat and rich in monounsaturated fat. Weaver commented, "Choosing foods that contain mostly healthy fats instead of foods that contain mostly saturated fats can help lower your risk of heart disease."

Emily Richards, Professional Home Economist, cookbook author, and a past contributor to Canada's Food Guide says cooking and baking with canola oil give you tasty results with a tender texture everyone loves. Richards emphasized,

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Op ed: COVID-19 Pandemic - lessons to keep

By By Cam Dahl, Manitoba Pork

As we approach the one-year anniversary of pandemic lockdowns, COVID-19 fatigue has set in for most. We want to see our families again. We want to have a barbeque with our neighbors. We want to be able to meet a group of friends at a restaurant. While we don't want to talk about positives coming out of the COVID-19 experience, there are lessons for our relationship to agriculture and food that need to be remembered after the pandemic response ends.

One of the foremost lessons we have learned during this pandemic is the importance of people on the front lines. There are too many "front lines" to list. I am grateful for them all.

I would like to focus on the frontline workers of Canada's food supply. Being able to put food on the table depends upon staff at grocery stores



Biosecurity is a higher priority to protecting our food supply.

being willing to come to work every day despite the risk of infection. Having full grocery shelves would not be possible without truckers who are willing to make the long haul, even



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Governments are passing biosecurity legislation to protect animals from disease outbreaks.

with restaurants and rest facilities closed across the country. Farmers from coast to coast continue to produce healthy and nutritious food. We would be lost without them.

We cannot forget the workers who keep our processing plants running. These jobs might have been taken for granted in the past, but we need to acknowledge their importance. It would only be a matter of days before meat counters were empty if processing plants were forced to close due to labour shortages.

Canada's agriculture supply chains have proven to be incredibly resilient during the pandemic. Demand from domestic consumers continues to be met, and we are seeing record export levels for agriculture commodities as countries around the world turn to Canada as a reliable supplier. We should honour the people who have created and maintain this reliability. We can do this by giving priority vaccine access to those employed in critical infrastructure and essential services.

The second key lesson from COV-ID-19 is the importance of biosecurity. How do you stop a pandemic (no this is not the beginning of a bad joke)? The best way is to prevent the virus from spreading from one host to another. We have spent a year physical distancing, limiting contacts outside of our home, not travelling, and wearing masks. These lessons apply to raising livestock too.

Foreign diseases are one of the biggest threats to the animals under producers' care. Like COVID-19, these diseases are spread from contact with someone who has travelled to an infection zone, contact with infected an-

imals, and contaminated equipment, feed, and clothing.

African Swine Fever (ASF) is one example of a virus that has devastated the pork industry around the world. For the past fifteen years, the disease has spread across Africa, central Asia, and several European countries. Some estimate that more than 200 million pigs in China were lost in the first year of the outbreak there. There is no cure for the disease and there is no vaccine to protect animals.

How do we keep ASF out of the Canadian swine population? Through rigorous adherence to biosecurity protocols, similar to steps taken to limit the spread of COVID-19. Animals that are brought into barns screened to be disease free, as is the feed used to raise healthy animals. Pork producers also restrict contact with the outside world through carefully limiting barn access to only those who provide animal care.

The threat of disease outbreaks is why we are seeing provincial governments across the country pass legislation that impose penalties for those who trespass onto farm operations. This legislation is a necessary step to protect animals, and helps producers ensure that disease outbreaks like ASF do not happen.

Gratitude for front line workers that keep our grocery shelves full. Understanding the reasons for enforcement of strict biosecurity requirements that keep livestock safe from devastating foreign animal diseases. These are two lessons from the global pandemic that should not be forgotten after we are vaccinated, and the lockdowns are finally lifted.



Local woman starting Butterflyway in Carman

By Becca Myskiw

One Carman woman is encouraging residents to preserve pollinators.

As a ranger of the Butterflyway Project, Barbara Alarie is Carman's source of information on butterflies and how to invite them to your backyard.

David Suzuki's Butterflyway project started in 2017, where five Canadians planted native wildflowers around their city to support the insects. The goal was to create Butterflyways by planting a dozen "pollinator patches" in each community.

Now, there are over 1,000 Butterflyway Rangers in 100 communities — Alarie is one of those rangers making Carman one of those communi-

She said she's always thought butterflies were fun to look at, but she didn't learn much about them until recently when her sister contacted her about becoming a ranger. She soon learned that her job would be to recruit gardeners, get them interested in the project, and start planting.

As Alarie is new to the project, she's still researching butterflies and Butterflyway. According to Wildlife Preservation Canada, pollinator populations are declining in agricultural areas. As butterflies (and bees) are crucial to pollinating plants, their declining numbers are affecting crop productivity.

"Without pollination, our food source is in danger," said Alarie.

She wants people to know things like that and more — and to get involved in the project. Though she doesn't know everything there is to know about butterflies, she wants people to know that she's a source of information and can send them to the right places for answers.

On her journey to recruit gardeners, she's written a letter to the town asking them to plant flowers the insects like in their annual baskets around Carman.

She's also hoping local schools will get involved. Alarie has seen schools in other parts of Canada have butterfly parades and bringing lessons on the pollinators into ecology and biology classes.

On top of that, she's contacted the Carman Garden Club and wants residents to dedicate a part of their yard to being a pollinator patch. All they have to do is plant flowers butterflies like and they'll feel invited to the space with a need to stay.

"It can mushroom into something else and cause fun," said Alarie. "It may cause joy."

Wildlife Preservation Canada also says certain butterfly species, such as the Taylor's checkerspot, give insight on the environment's health by being sensitive to climate changes and chemical balances.

To learn more about the Butterflyway Project or to start a pollinator patch, contact Alarie at barbaraalarie@gmail.com.



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AstraZeneca COVID-19 vaccine temporarily halted in Europe

By Patricia Barrett

Several European countries pulled the Oxford-AstraZeneca vaccine last week as a precautionary move after reports of blood clots developing in some people after inoculation, but Health Canada said it has no plans to suspend it.

The department is working with European health regulators to assess whether "action" needs to be taken, according to its advisory dated March 11. It said the European Medicines Agency informed it of reports of blood clots and that several countries have either paused the use of specific batches of the vaccine or suspended it altogether.

Austria and Italy were among the countries reported to have stopped using certain batches of the vaccine while Norway, Denmark and Iceland were among those that suspended its use after one person who received it in Denmark died several days later after developing a blood clot.

Health Canada is reassuring Canadians there's no evidence at the moment showing the AstraZeneca vaccine is linked to the formation of blood clots.

"At this time, there is no indication that the vaccine caused these events," states the advisory on Health Canada's website. "To date, no adverse events related to the AstraZeneca COVID-19 vaccine, or the version manufactured by the Serum Institute of India, have been reported to Health Canada or the Public Health Agency of Canada."

It added that the benefits of the vaccine "continue to outweigh its risks."

The department says common side effects of all vaccines, including the COVID vaccines, include pain at the injection site, feeling feverish, feeling tired and developing body chills. Serious side effects are allergic reactions.

According to March 5 Health Canada data, 2,255,174 doses of COVID-19 vaccines have been administered in Canada with 1,923 adverse events (or .085 per cent of all doses given). Of those adverse events, 214 were serious with anaphylaxis being the most frequently reported. Fifteen people have died after receiving a COVID vaccine; nine of those are not linked to COVID vaccines and the remaining six are still under investigation.

The vaccine was developed by British pharmaceutical company Astra-Zeneca in collaboration with Oxford University. The U.K.'s Medicines and Healthcare products Regulatory Agency said that following 11 million doses of the vaccine, "reports of blood clots are no greater than expected." Blot clots "occur naturally" in a population.

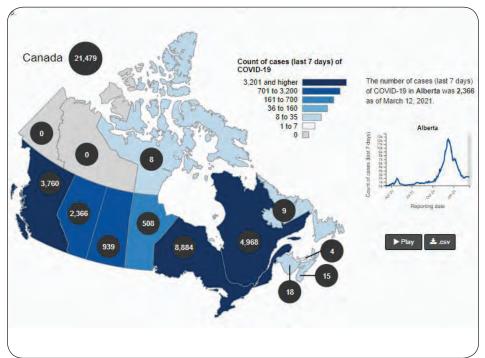
The Manitoba government started distributing 18,000 doses of the AstraZeneca vaccine to pharmacies and clinics in rural and northern areas last week as it can be stored in fridges in clinical settings unlike the Pfizer-BioNTech and Moderna vaccines which require colder temperatures.

Thrombosis Canada issued a statement March 11 addressing the unproven association of the Astra-Zeneca's vaccine with thrombotic complications (blood clots).

"It is the view of Thrombosis Canada that, based on the available evidence, there is no link between receiving this vaccine and the development of blood clots. In general, vaccines of any type are not associated with the development of blood clots."

It goes to say that thrombosis is a common medical problem, especially in older people.

The organization "strongly recommends" that people get inoculated against COVID even those with a history of blood clots.



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Health Canada data as of March 12 shows the number of new COVID-19 infections over the past seven days by province and territory.

It's up to provinces and territories to determine who will get what vaccine. The Manitoba government decided that people aged 65 and over won't be offered the AstraZeneca vaccine after Canada's National Advisory Committee on Immunization (NACI) said earlier this month that those over 65 shouldn't receive it because of insufficient data showing its efficacy in seniors.

Although clinical trial data found the Oxford-AstraZeneca vaccine safe, only a small number of trial participants aged 65 and older had been recruited and the efficacy, therefore, is uncertain, according to an interim guidance document dated Feb. 10 from the World Health Organization. More efficacy data for the age category will become available as ongoing trials are completed and from studies

of its effectiveness that are being carried out by countries administering it.

Despite NACI's recommendation that people 65 and older shouldn't receive it, Health Canada's vaccine information webpage shows the two-dose vaccine is authorized for use in adults 18 years of age and older.

Manitoba is offering AstraZeneca to people under 64 years of age and who have chronic conditions, such hypertension, diabetes, heart problems, a history of stroke, HIV, renal disease and obesity.

Based on ongoing research, health officials and infectious disease experts have said all the COVID vaccines presently on the market, regardless of their efficacy rates, protect people from serious illness should they become infected with COVID or one of the more infectious variants.

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"It's also low in saturated fats. With canola's neutral flavour whatever you add to the dough shines through, and the moist crumb helps create an addictive consistency."

Canola Eat Well is embracing Nutrition Month and Professional Home Economists Day by inviting all Canadians to join in a free virtual bakealong with Emily Richards on Sunday, March 21, 2021 at 2pm EST/1pm CST.

Ellen Pruden, Eat Well Director said social media is awash in people sharing how their lives are changing due to the pandemic. Efforts to flatten the curve have meant people are spending more time at home and many have turned to baking. Pruden remarked, "What a great way to bond with your children and spend an afternoon learning how to bake from one of Canada's most well-respected cookbook authors. This workshop is free to Canadians of all ages and we love to see kids in the kitchen. They especially will love watching Emily Richards bake alongside them as she makes Savoury Pizza Swirl Buns."

Within a few decades, canola has become one of the world's most important oilseeds and one of Canada's leading crops. Today canola is a true "made-in-Canada" success story and the foundation of a thriving, sustainable industry for family farms like Jennifer Doelman's. A third-generation farmer and seed producer, Jennifer and her family farm near Ottawa. They grow the heart-healthy oilseed as well as other crops on their 1,100-acre farm. Her husband has a heart condition, so cooking and baking healthy is top of mind for Jennifer. Jennifer and her children will be participating in Emily Richard's bakealong this March 21st.

Cost is FREE! Pre-registration is required as space is limited (ingredients, directions and link details will be sent in advance). Join us and Em-

ily Richards for a virtual bake-along, March 21st at 2pm EST/1pm CST. https://canolaeatwell.com/virtual-bake-along-with-emily-richards/

About Canola Eat Well

The Canola Eat Well joint effort is part of the provincial canola organizations' mandates to actively facilitate market development initiatives in Canada. Canola Eat Well is about inspiring Canadians in the kitchen with Canada's oil, canola oil. For more information, visit www.canoleatwell. com or follow us on social media @ canolaeatwell.

Bridge naming contest proposed by Boyne River Keepers

Carman council news in brief

By Jennifer McFee

- The Town of Carman will be selling two Harmony cardboard balers that won't be used after April 1.
- During the finance and administration committee meeting on March 2, Kathleen Anderson advised council that Boyne River Keepers would like to provide signage to help paddlers, walkers and skaters to navigate the Boyne winter in summer and winter. They would like to hold a contest to name the bridges and then have signs made to attach to the bridges. Council felt the idea was acceptable, so the group will put together a proposal.
- At the same meeting, Erin Lemky of Carman Minor Ball provided a copy of preliminary plans for the concession and washroom building for the Carman Dufferin Ball complex. Council felt the proposed building is acceptable. Money in the reserve designated for the project can go towards
- The committee agreed to sell the recycling truck and include the purchase of a new truck in a future
- The recreation services committee held a meeting on March 9 and reported that they are proposing to have three groups of 20 for summer hockey camp during the week of Aug. 23. However, they will revise as needed in accordance with health guidelines.
- Summer day camp will run from July 5 to Aug. 27 from 8 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Field trips will only be planned for local destinations.

- A \$1,000 Community Futures Heartland COVID recovery grant will help offset costs for the Carman-Dufferin pool and campground's purchase of PPE and other COVID-related products needed for the summer.
- The Co-op Communities in Full Colour application was approved for 10 gallons of paint, which will be used to repaint all the metal swings and cement tunnels in the Kings Park playground. The small picnic shelter will also be repainted.
- A \$650 Celebrate Canada grant will go towards a downsized Canada Day celebration that will include a free public swim time slot as well as pre-packaged cookies and bottled drinks.
- The Intergenerational Senior Skating Program has been approved for an \$18,391 grant. The project aims to connect generations by providing support through facility programs. The program would include a safe new designated room to tie skates and store belongings. The room will be built between April and August. The program will also feature a weekly free skate from September to March.
- For the pool, a new boiler from Kozak will be installed in the spring. So far, the pool opening date is set for Friday, June 11.
- In the arena, ice was taken out of the A side since there were many new cracks, which have now been filled as a temporary solution. Prairie HVAC will provide a plan for future
- The Boyne Regional Library is now open in keeping with govern-

ment guidelines.

- Tentative dates for the 2021 Carman Fair are July 8 to 11, subject to COVID restrictions.
- Communities in Bloom received \$6,000 from the Carman Foundation for environmentally friendly, low-maintenance planters made from recycled plastic to go along the main thoroughfare. The group applied for a \$69,200 Co-op Community Spaces grant for Ryall Park renewal.

Financial plan:

- The financial plan has been completed with an increased mill rate to 20.5 mills in 2021 from 19.88 mills in 2020. However, budgeted expenses are lower for 2021.
- The total Town of Carman taxes on \$350,000 assessed property is \$3,228.75 in 2021, down \$77.35 from \$3,306.10 in 2020. Both totals include waste collection.
- During a public presentation at Carman Community Hall on March 11, it was explained how the pandemic forced council to postpone or delay projects to avoid an operating deficit in 2020. Provincial restrictions impacted recreation programming, town facilities and capital projects.
- The Town is able to hold onto some provincial and federal grant funding in case the pandemic's impacts continue in 2021.
- Council will continue to focus on the street rehabilitation program, and sewer lines along 1st Street SW (from 1st to 4th avenues) will be inspected, cleaned and lined in preparation for street reconstruction in 2022. In addition, 1st Street NW will receive a new asphalt surface.
 - A new solid waste manage-

ment program will begin on April 1. MWM Environmental have a contract to provide a three-cart system to residents and businesses for garbage recycling and compost pickup. The charge for this service is included in the 2021 general municipal mill rate.

- Employees involved in garbage and waste services will work on other projects for the town. Council is budgeting to complete more sidewalk installation this year, led by a town crew team. Another crew will update the town's mapping system to include the location of all shut-off valves, hydrants and other infrastructure.
- The town's utility department will continue with the meter-upgrading project.
- The Carman water reservoir project is on schedule, and PVWC will become the sole water supplier for the town. The final part of the project will be to decommission and remove the water treatment plant and water tow-
- The total budgeted expenditures in 2021 are \$5,825.561, down \$962,581 from 2020. The bulk of the expenditures will go towards recreation and cultural services (25%), followed by transportation services (21%), protective services (16%), fiscal services (14%) and general government services (11%). Other expenses will go towards environmental health services (8%), economic development services (3%), environmental development services (2%) and public health and welfare (0.005%).
- The tax levy bylaw won't be passed until school levies are re-

Zebra mussels found in moss balls sold for aquarium and water garden use

Submitted by Manitoba government

Manitoba Agriculture and Resource Development advises that zebra mussels have been detected in a variety of moss and algal ball products for aquariums or water gardens sold in Western Canada. These products are sold individually or in packages, and are a popular ornamental plant that are also kept with betta fish.

In Manitoba, zebra mussels are designated as an aquatic invasive species (AIS) and are

prohibited.

Zebra mussels have been found at all life stages, including some that are extremely small (size of grain of sand), and are often found inside the moss or algal ball itself. This makes it

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Province moves to protect privacy while enhancing transparency

Submitted by Manitoba government

The Manitoba government is acting on comments and recommendations heard during a review of two important pieces of information and privacy legislation, Health and Seniors Care Minister Heather Stefanson and Legislative and Public Affairs Minister Kelvin Goertzen announced recently.

"We have always maintained a spirit of openness and transparency, with the goal of providing timely access to information, while ensuring personal information is protected," said Goertzen. "Following a detailed review of our legislation, we have proposed changes that will balance the needs of external stakeholders and the public, with the ability of public bodies' and trustees to administer the acts."

Proposed amendments to both the Personal Health Infor-

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Local fire departments receive funding to up their game

By Becca Myskiw

Two local fire departments received government grants this year to improve their emergency responses.

The Carman Dufferin Fire Department was one of them. Thanks to a provincial government grant of \$268,320.82, the Carman Dufferin Regional Training Site can now be completed in one year rather than the projected five.

Last October, the Province of Manitoba announced a \$5 million Fire Protection Grant program. On Feb. 25 it was announced that the money had been greatly received and additional funding was announced, giving a total of \$9.14 million to fire departments across Manitoba.

Carman Dufferin fire chief Ben VanderZwaag said after discussing it with the Town of Carman and the RM of Dufferin, it was decided the fire department would apply for a grant. If they received it, the money would go towards improvements for the regional training site.

Originally, the improvements were going to be done over four to five years with money from annual budgets. But, the Carman Dufferin Fire Department recently found out they would be receiving over \$260,000.00 from the grant program.

"As a department, we were super excited," said VanderZwaag. "It once again just adds to our level of expertise and professionalism."

Some of the improvements going to be made at the training site are adding fencing to the compound, gravelling and providing a proper base to it, building a roadway, adding a concrete pad, and cleaning up the site.

The roadway will simulate a street the firefighters would respond on, while the concrete pad will allow them to practice live vehicle fire training and vehicle extrication training.

"All different types of responses that would happen in our area, we'd like to do training for that response," said the fire chief. The improvements will also allow the department to use some of the existing props at the site because they'll be able to properly set up for them.

The Carman Dufferin Fire Department is part of the Boyne River Mutual Aid District (BRMAD), which is composed of 13 fire departments from the area. Vander Zwaag said these improvements will allow each department to properly utilize the site.

That will give them the opportunity to take their fire training to the next level. Right now, he said they can carry out most training tasks, but not to the extent they'd like to. With these upgrades, all of the local fire department's expertise on their trade will excel for years to come.

MLA for Midland Blaine Pedersen said them getting the grant was important for everyone in the area.

"They're not just doing fires," he said. "They're the first responders to accidents on our highways. The more training and equipment that we can get into our rural fire departments... these are community members that volunteer, so it's important that they be properly equipped and properly trained."

Roland Fire Department fire chief Donald Roy is ecstatic the Carman Dufferin Fire Department is using their grant for the training site as his crew benefits from it as well.

The Roland Fire Department did apply and receive their own grant from the program as well, though. They received over \$58,000 in total — \$13,000 went towards buying a commercial washing machine.

Roy's department is made up of 17 firefighters, all of whom need to wash their gear after every fire.

"It's imperative that we wash it (the equipment) to get rid of the contaminants in the gear," said Roy. "That keeps the contaminants from rubbing on the skin when we're fighting our next fire."

Their new washer, thanks to the government grant, does two weeks' worth



STANDARD PHOTO BY BECCA MYSIW

The Carman Dufferin Fire Department received almost \$270,000 from the Fire Protection Grant program for the regional training site.



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The Roland Fire Department received over \$58,000 from the Fire Protection Grant program.

of washing in a couple days.

The other \$45,000 of their grant was used to buy eight new self-contained breathing apparatuses (SCBA), which are a harness with an air tank on the fighter's back and a face mask to help them breathe when in smoke.

"Without those, we're not going inside any structure fires," he said.

Roy said the department's old SC-BA's reach the end of their shelf life (expire) next year, so being able to purchase new ones now is huge.

"These eight new ones (apparatuses) will be dynamite for us," said Roy.

On a typical weekday fire, around seven to 10 firefighters are able to show up. The new masks will cover everyone on the team going into the blaze at a given time.

These departments were two of many across the province who received funding from the Fire Protection Grant program. Applications were open to municipalities and Northern Affairs communities "to support projects or activities that would improve fire protection and emergency response," said the Feb. 25 news release from the government.

> PROTECTING PRIVACY, FROM PG. 17

mation Act (PHIA) and the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act (FIPPA) include mandatory breach notification where there is a real risk of significant harm to an individual; a requirement to make public out-of-province travel expenses from Crown corporation board members and chief executive officers, authorizing an employee to report suspected contraventions of the acts to the Manitoba ombudsman; a requirement for public reporting on the summary of

PG. 17 respectful workplace complaints and investigations, and changes respecting offences and prosecutions.

"The government understands the damage a privacy breach may cause an individual. Mandatory breach notification will increase accountably and assist in lessening any harm to an individual," said Stefanson. "The protection of personal information is paramount and these amendments to PHIA legislation will ensure that protection continues."

The government is committed to making more information available to

the public on the Open Information and Open Data websites. The amendments to FIPPA would increase transparency by requiring government departments and other public bodies to publicly disclose certain types of information such as mandate letters, expenses, briefings, summaries of access to information requests and other information.

Additional amendments would include provisions to assist public bodies in responding to access requests by clarifying procedures and providing additional time for responding when required.

FIPPA came into force in 1998 and was significantly amended in 2011. FIPPA provides a right of access to information in records held by public bodies. It also protects personal information by setting rules for the collection, use and disclosure by public bodies. PHIA came into force in 1997 and addresses the protection and management of personal health information. The legislation provides individuals access to their own personal health information and ensures appropriate protection of that information from unauthorized use or disclosure.

Nine Lives donates over \$2,500 to Carman Pathways

Nine Lives Fashions raised over \$2,500 for the Carman Pathways Committee in 2020.

Through their jewelry donation program, the shop was able to donate the money. Store owner Marge Warkentin started the program nine years ago as a way to give back to the community. People bring in their old or unused jewelry and she puts it in the display case where it awaits its new home.

"It doesn't cost my business anything," she said. "But it shows we're involved in the community and supporting a variety of agencies many people can access."

Including this year's donation, Nine Lives Fashions has donated over \$20,000 to community organizations, including Carman Palliative Care, the Family Resource Centre, the Carman Collegiate thatre, the splash pad,

Carman HandiVan, Boyne Lodge, the Boyne Regional Library, and now, the Carman Pathways Committee.

Each year, Warkentin said she raises around \$2,000 for the organization they choose. This was only the second time they raised more than that.

They gave \$1,000 during the summer, and donated another \$1,790 on March 9. There was a large donation of very good jewelry around Christmas time and Warkentin attributes the higherthan-normal funds to that.

Neil Strachan from the committee said the money will be going towards their signage project. They plan to put signs around the pathways identifying trees, plants, and animals in the area. They hope to have the project completed this spring.

"I just think [the pathway is] a huge resource for our community," said Warkentin.



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Marge Warkentin, left, donated over \$2,500 to the Carman Pathways Committee. The money was accepted by Neil Strachan.

This year, Nine Lives Fashions' jewelry donation program will be raising money for Communities in Bloom. Warkentin said she's excited about

their plan to build pocket parks in Carman and she hopes that they can donate to them will help.

> ZEBRA MUSSELS, FROM PG. 17

difficult to detect whether your moss or algal ball is infected simply by visual inspection.

Due to this risk, Manitoba is asking the public to remove and treat all moss or algal balls in their possession that were purchased after Jan. 1, 2021. A process to treat and dispose of moss or algal balls safely and treat the aquarium contents (e.g., water, décor etc.) can be found below.

Thanks to a well co-ordinated effort across Western Canada between the department and its partners in neighbouring jurisdictions, and swift action and collaboration from retailers across Western Canada, moss or algal balls are being removed from the supply chain, ensuring that potentially contaminated products are no longer available for distribution or purchase.

Steps to safely treat and dispose of moss or algal balls are as follows:

- Step 1: Treat the moss or algal balls:
- place into a plastic bag, seal and

freeze (preferably in a deep freezer) for at least 24 hours; or

- place in boiling water for at least one minute and then let cool.
- Step 2: Dispose of moss or algal
- place it and any of its packaging in a sealed plastic bag and dispose in household garbage.

To prevent zebra mussels from getting into water bodies, do not dispose of the moss, algal ball or any aquarium or water-garden contents (e.g., substrate, plants etc.):

• by flushing down the toilet,

- by putting down drain, or
- in a compost.

After moss or algal balls have been removed from an aquarium, do not dispose of untreated water down the drain or into any residential water system or waterbody.

If you have questions, or if you think you have found a zebra mussel, contact Manitoba's AIS Unit by email at AIS@gov.mb.ca or by calling 1-877-867-2470 (toll free). To learn more about zebra mussels, visit www.manitoba.ca/StopAIS.

SDATER PROTECTION

Morden Mohawks are now the Mudhens

By Lorne Stelmach

The former Morden Mohawks senior baseball team is set to move ahead this year with a new name.

The Border Baseball League club announced Monday that it will now be the Morden Mudhens after a process that saw the team go through a list of about 70 possibilities for a new name.

"It somehow just stuck around to the end ... and it was the majority winner," said team representative Chris Moffatt. "Everyone's happy with it.

"There were so many ideas," he added. "A lot of the guys are pretty involved with baseball, and they follow baseball ... a lot of the names ac-

tually came from minor league teams because they had a lot of different names."

The team had announced last summer that it would be adopting a new name that would be more respectful and inclusive. In a news release announcing the name and revealing the new jersey and logo, the team stressed their desire to represent positive, community-minded principles.

A logo and colour scheme has been finalized. Olympic Source for Sports is set to complete the rebrand for the franchise and a number of other local businesses have also stepped up to support the transition.

Moffatt noted the team has a long, proud history in Morden and all of their players are very involved with community. They very much want to continue that tradition.

"We try to represent Morden as a city ... we are going to continue to try to do that the best we can, but we're just really excited to have the change. We knew it was necessary."

They are now anxious to look ahead and are hoping to be able to have a full regular season after the league ended up being shut down last year as a result of the pandemic.

"Everyone's very excited, and we are planning for a season unless we're



told otherwise," said Moffatt. "We hope that the community will support us and follow us."

Hockey Manitoba cancels spring development programs

From Hockey Manitoba

Due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, Hockey Manitoba cancelled the following Spring Development Programs for the spring of 2021:

Female U13 Prospects program Director's Cup Prospects pro-

Rising Stars Plus program

The cancellation of these programs is a full cancellation for 2021 and these programs will not be rescheduled this year. Programming for all three programs

is scheduled to return in the spring of 2022 and information regarding next year's programs will be made available in early 2022.

Some regions may choose to continue with minor hockey skills programming or other development programming, however, this may vary from region to region based on ice availability. Athletes should contact their Minor Hockey Association or region regarding any programming that may be offered in their area.

Canadian Wrestling Elite pushes shows back to May

Staff

Ongoing public health restrictions have forced Canadian Wrestling Elite to push back their tour dates in Manitoba and Alberta this spring.

CWE had planned eight events across the Prairies throughout March, including one in Morden.

Now they're looking at hosting those events in May, assuming COVID-19 restrictions allow it.

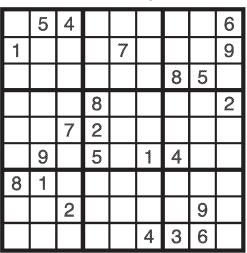
The Morden wrestling match is

now scheduled for May 8.

"Canadian Wrestling's Elite is eager to return to producing what this company is all about and that is the best professional wrestling in all of Canada and are prepared and ready to do so when given the green light to proceed," the company said in announcing the postponement.

For updates as they become available visit www.cwecanada.ca

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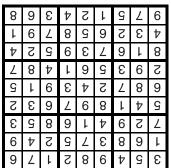


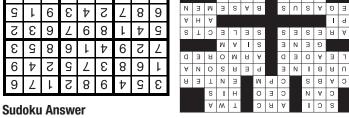
Fun By The Numbers

Like puzzles? Then you'll love sudoku. This mind-bending puzzle will have you hooked from the moment you square off, so sharpen your pencil and but vour sudoku savvy to the test!

Here's How It Works:

Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken down into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numeric clues already provided in the boxes. The more numbers you name, the easier it gets to solve the puzzle!





Crossword Answer

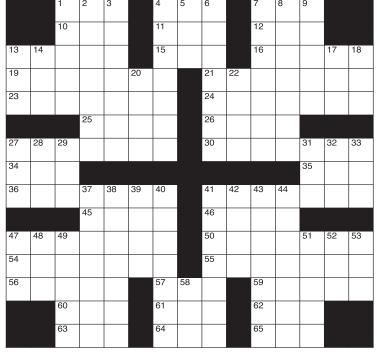
CLUES ACROSS

- 1. __ fi: popular genre
- 4. Curved shape
- 7. Defunct airline
- 10. Beverage receptacle
- 11. Corporate bigwig
- 12. Belong to he
- 13. They cover cuts
- 15. Cost per mille
- 16. Walk into
- 19. Power-producing machine
- 21. Part of one's character perceived by others
- 23. Emotionally appealed to
- 24. Protected
- 25. Wrestling icon Okerlund
- 26. Thailand's former name
- 27. Muscle weaknesses
- 30. Chooses
- 34. American film studio
- 35. Expression of satisfaction
- 36. Mythical winged horse
- 41. Ballplayers
- 45. Edible seaweed
- 46. Chinese politician
- 47. Tested for fertility
- 50. Glove worn with medieval armor
- 54. Basaltic lavas
- 55. Small shoaling fish
- 56. Surrendered
- 57. Taxi
- 59. Potato part
- 60. Female sheep
- 61. Trouble or difficulty
- 62. Put into service
- 63. Soviet Socialist Republic
- 64. 17th letter of Greek alphabet
- 65. Type of student

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Frighten
- 2. Partner to corned beef

CROSSWORD



- 3. Parts
- 4. Agrees to a demand
- 5. Elected official
- 6. Navigator's tool
- 7. Relating to heat
- 8. Attractive
- 9. Wealthy US merchant
- 13. Engine additive
- 14. A passage with access only at one end
- 17. Midway between northeast and east
- 18. Cool!
- 20. Brazilian NBAer
- 22. NW Pennsylvania city
- 27. Young dog
- 28. Mimic
- 29. Large truck 31. The NFL's Newton
- 32. One and only

- 33. Diego, Francisco, Anselmo
- 37. Julie ___, actress
- 38. More nourishing
- 39. Compound
- 40. A small carrier attached to the side of a motorcycle
- 41. Object of fear or alarm 42. Ladd. actor
- 43. Sacred place
- 44. A way to express enjoyment
- 47. Trigonometric function
- 48. A team's best pitcher
- 49. Intersecting points
- 51. Roundishly shaped
- 52. Adam's partner
- 53. God of battle (Scandinavian)
- 58. Human hormone

get inspired



Prep time: 15 minutes Cook time: 20 minutes

Servings: 4

1 package broccoli slaw 1/2 cup blue cheese dressing

1 teaspoon salt

1 teaspoon black pepper 1 cup flour

4-6 tablespoons butter, melted

1/3 cup Buffalo-style hot sauce, plus additional for serving, divided

1 cup panko breadcrumbs

3/4 cup blue cheese crumbles

8 veal cutlets, pounded about 1/8-inch thick

4 sub rolls

Preheat oven to 400 F. Line rimmed baking sheet with parchment paper; set

In medium bowl, using tongs, lightly toss broccoli slaw and blue cheese dressing.

Crunchy Buffalo Baked Veal Cutlet Sandwiches

In shallow bowl, stir together salt, pepper and flour.

In separate shallow bowl, whisk melted butter and hot sauce until combined.

In bowl of food processor, pulse panko and blue cheese crumbles until combined. Transfer mixture to plate.

Pat veal cutlets dry with paper towels. Dredge one veal cutlet in seasoned flour then coat with hot sauce and butter mixture. Place cutlet on top of panko blue cheese crumbs and gently press down to coat one side. Turn cutlet over and press down again gently to coat, including edges. Place on prepared baking sheet. Repeat with remaining cutlets

Bake 10-15 minutes, or until internal temperature reaches 160 F.

Cut rolls in half, add two cutlets per roll, top each with broccoli slaw mixture and drizzle lightly with Buffalo-style

Substitution: Ranch may be used for blue cheese.



Total time: 15 minutes Servings: 4 1 cup fresh cilantro 2/3 cup fresh parsley 2 tablespoons dried oregano 2 garlic cloves, minced 1/4 cup red wine vinegar 2/3 cup olive oil 1/2 teaspoon salt 1/2 teaspoon pepper 1 can (14 1/2 ounces) chickpeas,

drained

Chimichurri Chickpea Salad

1/4 teaspoon crushed red pepper flakes

1 bag Fresh Express Baby Kale Mix

1 cup NatureSweet Cherubs Tomatoes, diced

1 medium avocado, diced

4 tablespoons Litehouse Avocado Ranch Dressing

In food processor, combine cilantro, parsley, oregano, garlic, red wine vinegar, olive oil, salt and pepper. Pulse until sauce is smooth.

Place chimichurri sauce in small bowl with chickpeas and crushed red pepper flakes; toss to coat. Cover and refrigerate overnight, if possible.

Divide kale, tomatoes and avocado between four bowls. Top each bowl evenly with marinated chickpeas. Drizzle with avocado ranch dressing and serve.

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Dear Money Lady, I wanted to know if I should agree to give out my SIN when I apply for a loan. Do I have to? Greg

Most people never want to share their social insurance number (SIN) for fear of a hit to their credit bureau, but unfortunately you may find it a necessity when asked by your lender who now need to ensure identity due to increased consumer fraud. If you apply for credit at a bank, open a bank account or finance a vehicle, chances are you will need to disclose your SIN. Many people still believe that they should never agree to an inquiry or give out their SIN number too many times to obtain credit. They think their credit will either become damaged or their credit bureau rating and score will go down. This is sometimes not true - So to help you out Greg, I'm going to dispel all the myths and also let you know what the banks are looking for.

There are two major credit bureau companies that all financial institutions and merchants use today. They are Equifax and TransCanada Union - agencies that rank and provide an overall score to each person who uses credit. The system for measuring hits to your credit score is indeed intuitive, meaning it measures and evaluates the type of merchant and inquiry. So, it knows if you are shopping around. If you have several inquiries from different banks because you are rate shopping for a mortgage you will usually not see any decline in your score, (however, these inquiries must be contained within a 30-day period). Same thing when you are shopping for a vehicle, multiple hits to your credit bureau from car dealers will not alter the score if contained within 30 days. But, on the other hand, if you are truly shopping and going to different stores, applying for multiple credit cards, personal and retail loans, or buying items on deferred payment plans, then YES, this will drop your score regardless of the 30-day limit.

First and foremost, you want to protect your credit. This is the foundation of all lending and is the only way for lenders to judge your creditworthiness for the future. If you always pay your bills on time and have never declared bankruptcy, chances are you will have good credit. But if you are the opposite, and your credit score is too low, you may find it very difficult to get future credit. Your credit bureau score can range from 300 to 900. As a general guideline, Banks and A-Lenders are looking for clients with scores above 680 and will generally automatically decline applications with scores under 600. Credit card companies



Christine Ibbotson

are a little more lenient and will go down as low as 530, with auto declines for scores under 500. Here are some tips to improve your credit and maintain a good rating.

- Pay your bills 2-3 days before they are due. Paying them on the due date (especially through online banking) will make you 1-2 days late. This is recorded on your credit bureau and will definitely lower your score without you knowing it.
- Do not carry balances on credit cards or personal loans month over month. This means your credit is revolving and will automatically drop
- Resist the urge to have a lot of open credit cards, even if they have zero balances.
- You must have some credit. If you had previous bad credit and now are just using cash, you are essentially handcuffing your future. Without reestablishing good credit, the banks will decline you every time.
- Property taxes and support payments in arrears can also drop your score once they are reported.
- Mortgage and vehicle payments in arrears, once reported (which usually happens after 60 days) are a major hit to your score. Please try to avoid this.

I have heard in the past that some merchants or banks do soft hits to your credit. Please do not get fooled by this. There is no such thing as a "soft hit" or a "hard hit" to your credit bureau. If they have your verbal consent, (even if they don't have your SIN number) when they adjudicate a consumer credit request, they WILL hit your credit and it WILL adjust your score.

Good Luck & Best Wishes,

ATML - Christine Ibbotson

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DATED at the Town of Treherne, in Manitoba this 11th day of March, 2021.

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Our family extends our sincere thank you for all the kindness that we received at the time of our son in law's sudden passing and Tracy's illness. The calls, cards, flowers, food, and caring messages were much appreciated. A special thank you to Craig at Doyles and the Carman Flower Shop. All the caring helped us through a difficult time.

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We would also like to thank Doyle's Funeral Home for their professionalism and compassion.

> -Sincerely, Darlene Smith Chervl, Lori, Lvnda, Glen and families

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We would like to thank all those who have sent cards, emails, made phone calls, sent flowers, gifts, donated to Roland United Church and brought food to our homes. We are so grateful for these expressions of sympathy, love and kindness. Special thanks to our cousin Shirley McLaren for delivering a wonderful message, Cheryl Bartley for the special flowers and to Doyle's Funeral Home for the extra attention to details for Mom's (Arlene Bartley) graveside

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