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Sun before the storm

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Marisea, 5, her little brother Tobias, 3, and their mom Janice took Rosie for a walk in last week's sunshine before Mother Nature dumped a blanket of snow on the province Monday and Tuesday.

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2021 Manitoba Budget offers some Type 1 Diabetes coverage

By Becca Myskiw

The 2021 Manitoba Budget came out last week and in it is a huge win for Type 1 Diabetes fighters.

Elm Creek mom Heidi Boyachek is most excited about the government's announcement that they will be establishing a new program to pay the costs of continuous glucose monitors (CGMs) for youth under 25 years old. They will also be raising the age limit of the insulin pump from 18 to 25.

The CGM device is essentially a small disposable sensor that sits just under the skin, attached to a small wearable pack. They measure the amount of sugar in the blood every couple of minutes and send that readings to a smart phone, letting the person in charge know if everything is good. The CGM device also gives warnings when the person's blood sugar is too high or too low.

When a person with Type 1 Diabetes's blood sugar is too low, they can go unconscious, have a seizure, go into a coma, or die. If it's too high, they can go into diabetic ketoacidosis (DKA), which is when the body starts filling with acid and goes into a coma. This can also lead to death. Both extremes also come with their own mental side effects.

Boyachek's daughter, Hayley, was diagnosed with Type 1 Diabetes when she was three. She was finger pricking herself up to 10 times a day and essentially leaving her health, and by extension her life, up to chance.

Now, Hayley uses a CGM device, something the Boyachek's have had to pay out-of-pocket for. She said Pharmacare covers \$2,920 a year, or 3,650 test strips. Each sensor in the CGM device lasts for 10 days and each one is \$100. The transmitter in the sensor is around \$300, making it an annual cost of \$3,588.

Hayley was also just approved for an insulin pump, which is a device that will constantly pump a small amount of insulin into her body. Boyachek said those are around another \$400 a month. So, the budget announcement was very exciting for them even though they don't yet know how the new programs are going to work.

"For us personally it's exciting but I instantly felt bad for all the people in our community who are over 25," she said. "On your birthday, it doesn't just go away."

Boyachek is part of a group of Manitobans fighting for Type 1 Diabetes coverage in healthcare. After doing the Great Manitoban Finger Prick



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Hayley Boyachek, 6, with her CGM device. The Manitoba government announced CGM coverage for Type 1 diabetics up to 25 years in their 2021 budget.

Challenge, she's positive it was their group who prompted this budget announcement.

MLA for Midland Blaine Pedersen said this will make Manitoba comparable to other provinces. He said there's never an end to the need in healthcare, but this is a great improvement from where the province was.

But their work isn't over, she said. They'll continue to fight for total coverage for all ages and they're working on getting resources for teachers in the classroom.

Right now, children with Type 1 Diabetes don't qualify for an education assistant (EA) in the classroom and are expected to know how to prick their own fingers and treat their own lows. The group Boyachek is part of

will be fighting for schools to get the support they need to give these children an EA.

However, she's happy her daughter will have even a little bit of coverage for a part of her life. Boyachek is also excited for those who didn't have a CGM device before to get one now — it changed her family's lives.

"It's comforting knowing that as parents of kids with T1D you feel like you're always educating and trying to bring awareness...it's a victory to feel like you've been heard and understood," she said.

To read more on CGMs and how they changed the Boyachek's lives, read page 2 of the Jan. 28 edition of the *Standard*.

Babysitter's Course

Carman Dufferin Recreation is offering a Babysitter's Course at the Carman Community Hall Saturday May 1st, 2021 from 10am to 4pm. The cost for the course is \$60 and you must be 11 years of age and up to register. Find more info on our website, www.carmandufferinrecreation.com or call the office at 204-745-2684.

A colorful graphic for a babysitter's course. It features a rainbow arching over three logos: the Rural Municipality of Dufferin logo, the Carman Recreation logo, and the Carman Dufferin Recreation logo with the tagline "bloomin' great!". Below the logos are social media icons for Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram, and the website URL "carmanmanitoba.ca".

RCMP respond to fatal collision

Staff

Portage la Prairie RCMP received a report of a two-vehicle collision on Highway 1 at Angle Road, in the RM of Portage la Prairie at noon on April 9.

The investigation has determined that an eastbound semi-trailer, being driven by a 21-year-old male from the RM of West St Paul, collided with a southbound grain truck, being driven by a 77-year-old male from Haywood,

as the grain truck attempted to cross Highway 1.

The 77-year-old driver was transported to hospital where he was pronounced deceased. The 21-year-old driver was taken to hospital where he was treated for minor injuries and released.

An RCMP Forensic Collision Reconstructionist and the RCMP Criminal Collision Investigation Team are assisting with the ongoing investigation.

New GPAC exhibit shows impressionistic nature



STANDARD PHOTO SUBMITTED
Genevie Henderson, left, and Angela Lillico stand with their sculpture that was on display for the Colours on Corydon walkway in Winnipeg in 2015.

By Becca Myskiw

An exhibit inspired by Van Gogh, Monet, and Klimt will be on display at

Golden Prairie Arts Council (GPAC) for the next two months.

Colour Distinctive: Heart and Mind is an impressionistic exhibit by “sisters in art” Genevie Henderson and Angela Lillico. The pair became a duo in 2015 after painting the large metal sculpture “Japan” for the Colours on Corydon walkway.

That piece won the People’s Choice Award and helped the pair to realize they work effectively as a team.

“The two friends each have complementary skills, that, put together, give them energy and encouragement to paint individually and exhibit their work together,” said Henderson.

They were inspired together by their love of impressionism as done by Vincent Van Gogh, Monet, and Gustav Klimt. Henderson said in keeping with spring and the “time of rejuvenation, hope, joy, and beauty,” they chose nature-related paintings to show their gratitude for the season.

So, Colour Distinctive: Heart and Mind is nature paintings in an impressionistic form. Lillico’s pieces are

a mix of acrylic paint and a fluid acrylic. She works to get a marbled look in every piece she creates — to do so, she applies premixed paint colours with a squirt bottle, then uses unconventional tools like an air compressor, painting knife, or bamboo skewer to move the paint around.

Her favourite piece in the current exhibit is “In Hiding,” which she said is a reflection of her inner self. Lillico is somewhat shy and doesn’t like to be sought out in a crowd — she prefers to be a supporting player in the background.

Henderson, on the other hand, focuses solely on acrylics brushed onto a canvas. She doesn’t just use a brush, though. She created her pieces

with wedges, knives, and brushes to achieve the marks, patterns, and symbols she desires.

Henderson’s favourite piece is “Canna garden,” which she created in 2019. The painting shows her love of the Canna-a tropical flowers that grows in prairie gardens and it’s this piece’s first time coming from her private collection to a public display.

“Art is really more complicated than it looks,” said Henderson. “It takes a lifetime to really understand it and create work that is different and unique to each artists’ style.”

Colour Distinctive: Heart and Mind will be on display until the end of May at GPAC.

Fishing licences available online

Staff

Manitobans can get their 2021-22 fishing licences online ahead of the season’s start next month.

Agriculture and Resource Development Minister Blaine Pedersen reminded Manitobans last week that the province’s e-licensing portal launched last year is open for business.

“Our online e-licensing portal has made it easier than ever for Manitobans to purchase their angling licenses from their own homes,” he said. “Our government is continuing to modernize the way we deliver services while decreasing our carbon footprint.”

The recreational angling season officially opens on May 15 in Manitoba’s southern region, and May 22 in the northwest and north central regions. The northeast region remains open to

angling year round.

The 2020 angling season officially closed at midnight on April 4 in the southern division. It ends on April 30 in the northwest and north central divisions.

All anglers are required to obtain an angling licence to fish in Manitoba, unless exempt.

Licences are available online 24 hours a day, seven days a week, and can be immediately purchased and printed at home.

For more information and to purchase an angling licence, visit www.manitobaelicensing.ca.

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Elm Creek woman fighting to save lives with petition

By Becca Myskiw

An Elm Creek woman is fighting for a safer Highway 2 and Highway 13 intersection.

Elizabeth Dyck has started a petition asking for better infrastructure at the Elm Creek intersection in hopes of saving lives.

The last accident at the corner Dyck recalls happened on Feb. 28, 2020. A 34-year-old man from Haywood going east on Hwy. 2 was struck by a semi-truck going south on Hwy. 13. The Haywood man died at the scene and left behind a wife and two children.

That accident was just one of 13 causing injuries and death between 2011 and 2020.

"It just got me thinking...how many more accidents do we have to see, how many more death tolls, how many more lives are going to be lost?" said Dyck.

Dyck and her husband have two children who come to visit them from St. Claude often, travelling Hwy.2 similar to the 43-year-old man from Haywood.

"I just don't want anybody to die," she said.

Neither do her neighbours and fellow community members. Plenty of them, she said, have had close calls at

the intersection and they've all been looking for a way to change that. Hwy. 13 is a thoroughfare from the Trans-Canada Hwy., busy with semi-trucks day in and day out. Hwy. 2 is a straight route from southern Manitoba to Winnipeg, busy with commuters every day.

In other words, the Hwy. 2 and Hwy. 13 intersection at Elm Creek is always busy and Dyck said the majority of the accidents there come from someone either north or southbound running a stop sign.

"I wish I could just stand there and flash a sign all day long that says, 'could you please stop? It's a matter of lives,'" said Dyck.

A while ago there were flashing amber lights and a larger stop sign added to the intersection, but Dyck's research shows it hasn't worked. So, her petition is asking for signatures of people who believe there should be better infrastructure there.

She wants traffic lights put there or a roundabout similar to the one just outside of Oak Bluff. Her petition also states they want additional turning lanes for school buses and the reduced speed zone to be a school speed zone.

To get that done, Dyck will personally be bringing in the signed peti-



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An Elm Creek woman has started a petition in hopes to eliminate the death toll at the Hwy. 2 and Hwy. 13 intersection, where there has been 13 accidents since 2011 to 2020.

tion once she feels it has enough signatures to MLA Ron Schuler who is also the minister of infrastructure. To sign the petition, go to https://secure.avaaz.org/community_petitions/en/manitoba_infrastructure_lets_make_a_change_in_our_infrastructure_and_save_lives/?rc=fb&utm_source=sharetools&utm_

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Homestead Co-op donates to Genesis House and PVHS

By Becca Myskiw

Homestead Co-op's Carman Food Store recently donated over \$1,200 to the Pembina Valley Humane Society (PVHS) and Genesis House.

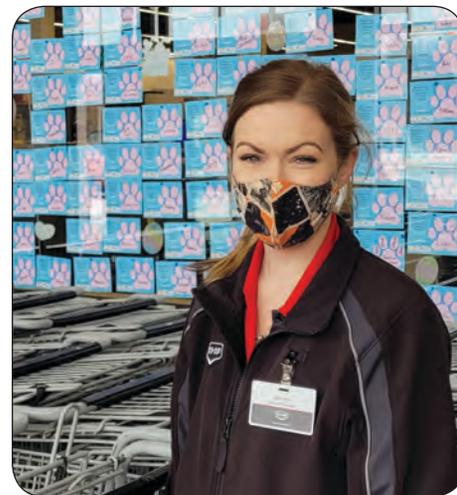
The Carman Food Store participated in the "Pembina Valley PAWLoza" fundraiser from March 26 to April 2.

Seventeen businesses in the Pembina Valley raised money for the cause and Carman Food Store was one of them.

When customers bought groceries and made a donation, the cashiers asked them to add a paw print to the donation wall. The total of those donations came to \$771.31. Homestead Co-op matched up to \$500, making the total amount raised and donated \$1,271.31.

"Both organizations provide shelter and supports to members of our community," said Shannon Vaughan, marketing & member relations coordinator at Homestead Co-op.

Genesis House is a shelter in Winkler for abused women and children. PVHS in Morden helps abandoned animals by giving them care at the shelter until they find a forever home



Mickle, Carman Food Store employee, stands with all of the donated paw prints.

Kari Kauenhofen from Genesis House said it's not just the financial contribution that makes the initiative so great — it allowed them to connect with all of the communities in their catchment area. It also allowed Genesis House and PVHS to work together before they start a program together.

Kauenhofen said the two non-profits are working on a project together that would be a sort of safe pet program.



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Carman Food Store employees presented Kari Kauenhofen (Genesis House) and Alesha Unrau (Pembina Valley Humane Society) with a \$1271.31 donation last Friday. Floyd, is a one-year-old Rotweiler mix and is currently up for adoption at PVHS.

She said there's a huge link between domestic abuse with animals as well as with women and children — if one is being abused, the other is at risk of being abused as well.

She added that many women won't leave their home if they're leaving their pet there because it's probable the retaliation would land on the

pet. So, the safe pet program Genesis House and PVHS are working on would give these women a safe environment to put their pet while they get out of a dangerous situation themselves.

"It will remove another barrier for women to leave an unsafe environment," said Kauenhofen.

Stricter restrictions loom as COVID numbers rise

By Ashleigh Viveiros

More restrictions could be on the way if Manitoba's COVID-19 numbers continue to rise.

Public health officials announced 114 new cases of COVID-19 on Monday, making it the sixth straight day of triple digit increases.

"Today we're strongly advising people wear masks as much as possible, and this includes even when gathering outdoors," said Dr. Brent Roussin, chief provincial health officer. "Gatherings of any kind are not without risk, certainly if we're not following the fundamentals such as distancing.

"We know the variants of concern are much more transmissible and we're starting to see the B117 variant become more and more prevalent in Manitoba," he said, noting other jurisdictions have reported transmission of the variants of concern even when outdoors.

Manitoba reported a total of 1,370

active cases of COVID-19 on Monday. The province only updates its variant tracking data from Tuesday to Saturday. As of Saturday, the number of variant cases was a 412.

The number of COVID-related deaths was at 949. There were 135 people with COVID-19 in hospital at press time, 33 in intensive care.

The increasing number of new cases of the virus coupled with the more infectious variants has health officials very concerned, especially since contact tracing is showing many people have been holding large private gatherings in their homes of late.

"We're seeing house parties, we're seeing playdates, we're seeing sleepovers," Roussin said. "We're seeing cases with many more contacts than we saw in the recent past and we're seeing this contribute to the transmission of the virus.

"If we don't act now, we will be right back into stricter restrictions very

soon."

That could include mandatory masks outdoors and a tightening of indoors gathering restrictions in the near future.

Roussin again urged Manitobans to stay home when ill, even mildly ill, and to get tested if showing any symptoms of COVID-19.

"We continually hear of cases that have multiple unnecessary contacts because they're out and about while symptomatic," he said. "We have people who have delayed getting testing for quite some time because of mild symptoms.

"Even mild symptoms, even if you're not sure, get tested. Isolate pending results. This is one of the best ways that we could avert a third wave, which is pending."

Winkler's drive-thru testing site is making things a little easier for a certain segment of the population to get tested and get their results back

quickly, often on the same day.

The site, located at 485 George Ave., on Monday opened a new Fast Pass option for eligible school staff and those working in licensed child-care centres. No appointments are necessary.

For more information on the Fast Pass program and whether you're eligible, visit www.gov.mb.ca/covid19/testing/rapid-testing.html.

By the numbers

Southern Health-Santé Sud at press time had 40 active cases of COVID-19 and 15 hospitalizations, three in the ICU. A total of 4,797 people in the region have recovered from the virus; 144 people have died.

In the Pembina Valley, areas reporting active cases on Monday included Winkler (eight), Morden (two), Stanley (one), Roland/Thompson (one), Carman (five), and Red River South (one).

Budget includes \$1.2B for COVID-19 response

By Lorne Stelmach

The provincial budget introduced last week includes nearly \$1.2 billion to continue protecting Manitobans through COVID-19 as well as to prepare for future pandemic and economic needs.

Making the announcement last Tuesday in advance of unveiling the full budget, Finance Minister Scott Fielding and Health and Seniors Care Minister Heather Stefanson noted the majority of the funding includes amounts for the health care system and the full year cost of the vaccine program as well as support that may be required for the K-12 education system and additional personal protective equipment and related supplies.

"Our pandemic response has required unprecedented government support," said Fielding, who noted their top financial priority over the past year has been to direct critical funding to the front lines. "Obviously, COVID-19 of course is the front and the most important aspect of our provincial budget ... our government's main priority is to protect Manitobans and to really advance Manitoba."

The COVID-19 funding includes:

- \$230 million for personal protective equipment, testing and vaccine site infrastructure, contact tracing and other preparations.

- \$350 million for additional health care systems costs in preparation for a

potential third COVID-19 wave.

- \$160 million to support school and education needs.

- \$100 million for the vaccine program.

- \$40 million for Manitoba Restart Program capital initiatives at the municipal level.

The remaining \$300 million will be set aside as a contingency for currently unbudgeted expenses, explained Fielding, who noted Manitoba to date has committed a total of \$3.2 billion to address COVID-19 including investments to address and mitigate the ongoing impacts of the pandemic and future-year spending to help recovery.

"Budget 2021 will support the health, education and financial needs of Manitobans and prepare for potential future waves of COVID-19 or other emergencies that arise," said Stefanson.

Our mistake

A photo that ran with our story last week on the Pembina Valley Disc Golf League incorrectly identified the hole-in-one getter as league organizer Eric Giesbrecht.

The photo was actually of Terrell Wiebe, who made the perfect shot last summer.

We apologize for the mix-up and any confusion it may have caused.



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Masks do help prevent COVID transmission

Why another anti mask letter? I've been sending in fact based proof that these letters you publish are wrong. Once again the authors facts are wrong. His first comment on the Danish article is an actual false hood. What the study says is what we have known for months, masks may not stop you from getting the virus, but they are very effective at stopping an infected person from transmitting it. Here is what the study said,

These findings do offer evidence about the degree of protection mask wearers can anticipate in a setting where others are not wearing masks and where other public health measures, including social distancing, are in effect. The findings, however, should not be used to conclude that a recommendation for everyone to wear masks in the community

would not be effective in reducing SARS-CoV-2 infections, because the trial did not test the role of masks in source control of SARS-CoV-2 infection.

Face masks are a plausible means to reduce transmission of respiratory viruses by minimizing the risk that respiratory droplets will reach wearers' nasal or oral mucosa.

Observational evidence supports the efficacy of face masks in health care settings (11, 12) and as source control in patients infected with SARS-CoV-2 or other coronaviruses (13).

Observational evidence suggests that mask wearing mitigates SARS-CoV-2 transmission, but whether this observed association arises because masks protect uninfected wearers (protective effect) or because transmission is reduced from infected mask wearers (source control) is uncertain. The Royal College

believes COVID-19 presents a serious threat to the health of Canadians. The Royal College strongly supports all public health advice given by the Chief Public Health Officer of Canada, including recommendations to practise physical distancing and to wear masks to help prevent COVID-19 transmission. The Perspective article (published on April 1 at NEJM.org)1 should not be used as support for discrediting widespread masking. In truth, the intent of our article was to push for more masking, not less. It is apparent that many people with SARS-CoV-2 infection are asymptomatic or presymptomatic yet highly contagious and that these people account for a substantial fraction of all transmissions.2,3 Universal masking helps to prevent such people from spreading virus-laden secretions, whether they recognize that they are infected or not.4

- Mike Lane, Carman

Honouring our history

Hi Dennis,
What a great story you did on Louis. I often wonder how he was and hoped his life was good. I didn't realize he had a wife and children in Carman. He and his family have done well. Greece is a beautiful country, visited it on a tour! Keep up the good work of delving into history.

- Gwenda Cutting Johnston

Dear Dennis,
I wanted to tell you how very much we enjoyed your article about Louis Pappas. It brought back a lot of memories. When we were raising our kids it seemed like we were always in his store buying shoes, skates, hockey sticks, clothing or getting skates sharpened. He always had a smile and everyone respected him. Great job Dennis!!!

- Kathy & Malcolm McEachern

Hi Dennis,
I quite enjoyed your story in the paper this past week about the bakeries in Carman. My Dad was great friends with Hugh and Doug Bowie and perhaps acquired his love of freshly baked bread and sweets because of them. I would often accompany Dad for a visit to the bake shop and vividly remember the sights, sounds and wonderful smells. From the huge ovens turning loaves around to the mounds of flour on the baking boards, it was just a wonderful spot to visit!

I can still see Doug coming in our back door at the house carrying an enormous basket filled with bread wrapped in their white and red packaging, or buns or other treats. As you can see in the pictures, I still have one of the tokens that was exchanged for a loaf of bread! I have no idea what the cost of the token was - that wasn't my department LOL. I just knew we always had a stash of



Carman Bakery bread token.

these and could trade for loaf! My intention is to eventually get the token, along with a few other treasures I have, to the Museum in Carman.

So many great memories from so many years ago! Thanks for sharing the story!

Take care....
Sue 'Malcolmson' Peever

Fighting the pandemic

Dear Editor,
I notice a trepidation on the part of some of your readers as to the reach

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Pallister says budget a “road map to a safer and healthier Manitoba”

By Lorne Stelmach

The new provincial budget may be resulting in one of Manitoba’s highest ever deficits, but Premier Brian Pallister suggested it is a financial plan that strikes a balance in setting out “the road map to a safer and healthier Manitoba going forward.”

Both Pallister and Finance Minister Scott Fielding trumpeted *Budget 2021: Protecting Manitobans, Advancing Manitoba* as a sound plan to protect Manitobans and their services through COVID-19 while also advancing the provincial economy past the pandemic.

And despite the deficit level, they defended the range of tax relief measures set out in the budget as necessary at this challenging time and as a means of fulfilling their promises to Manitobans.

“We have to address that [deficit] ... we have created that deficit as a consequence of the fact that we will not stop addressing the health care needs, the support programs of Manitobans who are vulnerable,” said Pallister.

He said the government is “moving our provincial budget back into a situation that we had, where we’ve tried to get it to, where it’s more sustainable and balanced over the next few years. It’s going to take time to clean up this pandemic mess, and we’re facing that today with this budget.”

“We made a vow to Manitobans that we would focus on fixing our finances, repairing our services, rebuilding the economy. We kept our word, and now we’re going to have to do it again.”

Pallister maintained it was vital to deliver on tax relief for Manitobans amidst the pandemic.

“We believe now, more than ever before, that Manitobans deserve a break, quite frankly. They deserve to keep a little bit more of their hard earned money,” he said. “I think this is the right time to give Manitobans a little bit of a break.”

“We know Manitobans deserve a break, especially during this pandemic,” said Fielding. “That’s why we will take even more steps to protect your incomes by reducing the taxes you pay and helping you keep more of your hard-earned money with you, where it belongs.”

Some reaction to the budget included Manitoba Liberal leader Dougald Lamont raising concern about what he suggested would be \$2 billion in new debt over the next eight years, while Green Party of Manitoba leader James Beddome said the net result will be increasing inequality in Manitoba.

“This government talks about re-

turning money to the kitchen table of Manitobans, but in the midst of a pandemic, whose kitchen table is seeing the returns? Tax cuts are delayed, and they are unlikely to get to those that need it most,” noted Beddome.

“Now, in the midst of a global pandemic, is the perfect time to invest in poverty reduction, future generations will thank us for these smart and strategic investments,” he added. “We believe implementing a basic income as the Greens have called on for decades is a logical starting point.”

“We need to see more urgency from the Pallister government—public health and our economy depend on it,” said Kevin Rebeck, president of the Manitoba Federation of Labour. “Government should be leading the recovery through forward looking plans to protect our economic future, with the goal of maintaining employment and getting thousands of Manitobans back to work in fairly paid, family supporting jobs.”

Record investments: Fielding

“Despite the ongoing financial and economic challenges posed by the pandemic, this budget continues to make record investments in the priority public services that Manitobans rely on,” Fielding maintained. “We will grow our way out of deficit and back into balance by investing in more jobs, tax relief and economic growth.”

Fielding acknowledged that COVID-19 has created a significant deficit due to unanticipated health-care costs and support programs as well as unprecedented drop in revenues from the economic shutdown. The province projects a deficit of \$1.597 billion for 2021-22, which is however an improvement from the third quarter projection for 2020-21 of \$2.08 billion.

He said the first priority of the budget is to continue to protect Manitobans through the ongoing pandemic. This includes \$1.18 billion in 2021-22 for COVID-19 costs including personal protective equipment, vaccine deployment, education supports and future needs.

Health care funding increases by \$156 million to the highest level in Manitoba history at \$6.98 billion, and Fielding said it builds a stronger health care system with better care sooner.

Commitments include \$812 million in capital for rural and northern health care, \$50 million to reduce wait times for hip, knee and cataract procedures and surgeries and services delayed by the pandemic. There is also an additional \$23 million for can-

cer treatments, \$2.7 million to expand dialysis and \$9.3 million to add more than 120 personal care home beds.

The budget also includes an initial \$342 million for programming and services within the new Department of Mental Health, Wellness and Recovery plus an additional \$1.7 million for the mental health and addictions strategy and \$1.8 million more for housing supports for Manitobans with diagnosed mental health conditions.

A nearly \$34 million increase to the Department of Families includes money for early learning and child care, a rent control guideline frozen through 2023, an increase for Community Living and disABILITY Services, funds to address homelessness and new workforce training and support programs for Employment Income Assistance clients.

The budget makes a record investment above \$3 billion in the public school system including more than \$78 million for COVID-19 costs, \$5.5 million for special needs funding, \$5 million for the strategy to improve the education system plus a funding guarantee of at least \$1.6 billion over four years and nearly \$4 million to support online, distance and remote learning. There is also an increase of \$100 million in school capital project funding.

The budget delivers the \$2,020 tax rollback guarantee one year earlier than planned and phases out education property taxes by 50 per cent over the next two years (25 per cent per year) for residential and farm properties and 10 per cent for other types of property.

The province is removing the retail sales tax on personal services including haircuts and salon services as of December and reducing vehicle registration fees a further 10 per cent in July.

Environmental investments include \$1.2 million to the climate and green plan implementation office, \$1 million for conservation and climate fund projects and a \$20 million endowment fund for provincial parks.

The budget includes more than \$62 million to help businesses retrain employees and develop e-commerce platforms and \$25 million for youth job programs while also providing additional tax relief for small businesses includes lowering

payroll tax thresholds.

It helps advance post-secondary students with nearly \$700 million to post secondary institutions plus an additional \$4 million in bursaries and \$1.4 million in interest-free student loans.

The province also cited what it called a record \$2.1 billion investment in strategic infrastructure, including almost \$630 million for road construction and maintenance, \$415 million for Kindergarten to Grade 12 and post-secondary infrastructure.

The budget as well sets aside \$100 million for potential emergencies such as floods, forest fires and drought, and there is flexible funding to municipalities with \$172.6 million in operating costs and \$137 million in capital costs with advanced operating grants again this year as well as \$5.6 million more for the Building Sustainable Communities Program to fund more than 10 larger-scale community capital projects.

Third quarter results

A day before the introduction of the budget last Wednesday, the government released its third quarter financial results for the 2020-21 fiscal year, and there is an increase in the deficit forecast for 2020-21 compared to December’s mid-year financial report to \$2.08 billion from \$2.05 billion because of additional COVID-19 spending.

“The unforeseen impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic on our finances and economy have greatly affected the revenue and expenditure projections we made last March in Budget 2020,” said Fielding. “The rising costs of our pandemic response, combined with the economic shutdown in the final months of 2020, certainly impacted our third-quarter financials and contributed to our deficit.”

Pallister concluded that he sees much reason for hope on the horizon.

“Manitobans are resilient people, and we’re projected to come out of this better than most, and that is a tribute to our diverse economy and the work that this government and Manitoba small businesses have done in tandem with one another to strengthen the opportunities for recovery.”

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

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

April 14, 1921

Recent storms of heavy snow and sleet did extensive damage to telephone and hydro wires over the past week. Hydro was out for a few days.

Manufacturers of dandelion wine are equally as much an infracture of the law as moonshine whiskey, according to a statement made by the Inland Revenue office. The Dominion Law forbids the carrying on of any process of brewing, fermentation or distillation without a license

Carman Hockey Club will hold a dance in the Memorial Hall, Friday evening, April 15 with Carman Orchestra in attendance. Admission \$1.00 and 50 cents

Mr. & Mrs. A.M. Sylvester of Carman had a son on April 10 at the house of Nurse Rockey.

April 15, 1948

The local Locker Plant, started by Mel Park and Allan Sprott is a successful venture. The locker department has 10,000 cubic feet of space and was built to hold 600 lockers. Each locker will hold 200 pounds of beef, 200 pounds of assorted meat or a good quantity of fruits and vegetables.

The front of the store is equipped with a refrigerated display counter for meat supplies and a frozen food cabinet for frozen fruits and vegetables for those patrons who don't have their own to store in the lockers.

The working quarters of the plant where carcasses of meat can be processed is equipped with electrical

sausage maker, meat grinder, bacon slicer and a band saw. The meat is then double wrapped and quick frozen.

Work is progressing on the new CBC Transmitter. Indications are that it will be completed on schedule and the first broadcast will be heard on July 1, 1948

Highways are closed due to heavy snowfall last week. No seeding is expected to start until well into May. The feed situation for livestock is becoming serious because it is impossible to get at supplies is stacked in the field.

April 15, 1971

A Minor Hockey banquet will be held on April 20 when 125 boys and fathers are expected to attend. Guest speaker will be Eddie Mazur, presently plays for the N.H.L. Oldtimers. In his younger years he played for the

Montreal Canadians. There will be films on the 1968-69 and 69-70 play-offs shown during the evening.

Midland Division Board will operate division-owned school buses at the beginning of the 1971-72 school year. The board will purchase 13 of the 14 school bushes presently operated on a private base from their previous owner and purchase an additional six new busses. The expected cost of the 19 busses will be about \$50,000.

Carman Golf Club propose amendments to the golf club charter, which will enable them to cancel shares held by non-active club members. Some of the shares are held by estates. Only 42 of the 100 shareholders are active members.

Golf Club membership remains the same—men's fees \$40, family fees \$70, ladies \$20 and students \$10.

2021 forecast for crop-feeding grasshoppers; RM Rockwood at risk

By Patricia Barrett

Manitoba Agriculture is predicting certain areas in the Interlake region could be at moderate to severe risk of grasshoppers this year.

Adult grasshopper counts were completed in August 2020 from 132 locations in Manitoba, and form the basis of this year's forecast. Counts provide estimates of the egg-laying population, weather conditions – which help determine whether females are capable of laying an optimum number of eggs – and recent trends in grass-

hopper populations, according to the department's grasshopper forecast webpage.

The highest count showed an average of 19 grasshoppers per square metre (the severe risk category) in the Municipality of Rockwood, the department states.

Two of the severe risk areas are located in the southern Interlake and two are in the central region of Manitoba, but other than Rockwood, they aren't specifically named.

Some areas within the Municipal-

ity of Bifrost-Riverton and one area in the Municipality of Fisher are shown at risk of moderate and/or severe grasshopper populations, according to the 2021 forecast map showing affected areas.

About two thirds of the 2020 counts (89 out of 132) were in the very light risk category (0 to 4 grasshoppers per square metre). Twenty-seven counts fell into the light risk category (5-8 grasshoppers per square metre), 12 counts were in the moderate category (9-12 per square metre) and four

counts were in the severe risk category (13-24 grasshoppers per square metre). There were no "very severe" risk categories.

All grasshoppers are plant-eaters. Some species feed on crops while other species don't or will rarely nibble on crops. Older crop-feeding grasshoppers can do the most damage because they can travel greater distances than younger insects.

The dominant species counted in 2020 in the Interlake region were the two-striped variety, which feeds on non-crop and crop plants. Nine species are found in Manitoba, including the migratory grasshopper, which

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of the government in the COVID-19 pandemic.

First might I remind those that the democratic government of this Province and Nation has an obligation to protect its citizens. They suggest very strongly that we not murder each other or try to steal from each other, for examples. There comes a time when there must be regulations for the common good of the citizens of the country. We were advised, and then told by the government to take precautions during the pandemic or we would end up doing what the Americans did and let a whole lot of people die unnecessarily.

Wear your mask and get your shot, if not for yourself, for everyone around you.

- Charlie Froebe

Volunteers needed to support independent seniors in Grey



By Becca Myskiw

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Colleen Philippot is the new senior resource coordinator for the Elm Creek, Haywood, and St. Claude area.

The RM of Grey created a new position to help seniors live independently in their own homes.

Colleen Philippot is the catchment area's senior resource coordinator. She's spent the past eight years at the personal care home in St. Claude and will stay there while taking on her new role.

Philippot got the job by answering an ad. She'll be serving the seniors of Elm Creek, Haywood, and St. Claude.

She said though she's not technically a senior yet herself, she has many of the same interests they do, and she's always felt connected to them. She has a lot of similar old school values as the people she works with do, she collects antiques, and she loves violin music.

Philippot said she took on the role because she thinks it's important for seniors to stay happily independent as long as they can.

"It's matching needs with services," she said.

As the senior resource coordinator, Philippot plans to get more informa-

tion out to local seniors on the programs they can get involved in. For example, the local Friendship Club hosted a class called Exercises for Falls Prevention where they helped people strengthen their muscles and helped them gain balance. Philippot wants to not only bring more classes like that to the area, she wants seniors to know when they become available.

She's also setting up a database of volunteers and fee-for-service businesses who can get matched with seniors who need help with specific things like planting flowers, cutting the grass, and housekeeping. She'll also have volunteers to take seniors to appointments.

Another big part of Philippot's program will be companionship.

"People in the community want to go

in and volunteer to play cards or read to someone or anything they want to do," she said. "And [the seniors] want that too."

She said this position became necessary when COVID-19 brought senior's needs to light.

"The idea is that there's so many people here that own their own homes and they just need a tiny bit of help to avoid going into long-term care," she said.

Before she can get going full steam, Philippot is looking for more volunteers still. She'd like students and young people to sign up and interact with the seniors, but all ages are welcome. To get in touch, call her at (204) 379-2272.

Regional champions



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Left to right, Christie Wiebe, Coach Kim Brown, Donna Findlay and Lauren Nakonechny competed in the Pembina Valley Regionals in Winkler in 1989. Christine placed 14th, Donna 4th and Lauren took home the Gold medal.

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Incredible Creatures: Migration of the Tundra Swans

By John Gavloski

It is always exciting to see migratory birds and insects returning in the spring. There are some species that we only get to see for short periods in the spring or fall when they migrate through on their way to their summer or winter homes. One such species is the tundra swan. A large flock of these was present on the lake at Stephenfield Provincial Park recently, along with an assortment of migratory ducks. The assortment of waterfowl that we observed on the lake April 5th included tundra swans, and ducks such as ring-necked, northern shovelers, canvasbacks, mallards, common mergansers and scaups. In this month's Incredible Creatures we will explore the tundra swan, a bird with a long migration, and interesting breeding rituals.

There are seven species of swans in the world. Two of these, the tundra swan and the trumpeter swan, are native to North America. Any swan seen in Manitoba will either be a tundra or trumpeter swan. One non-native species, the mute swan, is also found in some eastern parts of North America. People brought mute swans from Europe and Asia for ornamental display in parks and zoos, and now this species is found in the wild in certain areas.

Telling tundra swans and trumpeter swans apart can be tricky. Trumpeter swans are slightly larger than tundra

swans. At close range, a small yellow mark at the base of the bill, close to the eye, can be seen on the tundra swan. There is no such mark on the trumpeter swan.

Twice a year, tundra swans migrate up to about 6,000 kms between the areas where they spend the winter, and the Canadian Arctic and Alaska where they spend the summer. They fly in a v-shaped formation. Tundra swans used to be called the whistling swan, which referred to the sound made by the slow, powerful beating of their wings in flight.

The courtship and pairing of young adult birds is in full swing in late winter and continues through the spring migration. Adults already paired reinforce their bond by vocal and visual displays. The most spectacular of these is the so-called victory display, where male and female face each other, extend and wave the wings slowly, bow the head and neck forward and backward, and, in duet, produce a formalized sequence of loud, melodious sounds. Swans and geese generally mate for life. By contrast, most ducks pair for only one season.

Tundra Swans usually do not breed until their fourth or fifth year. A year before breeding, pairs normally "go steady" and select and defend a territory without actually nesting. At breeding age, they begin to nest in late May or early June before the snow is off the tundra, while many of the lakes



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Tundra swans date for four or five years before breeding.

are still frozen.

In the summer, tundra swans feed mainly on the seeds, stems, roots and tubers of aquatic plants, as well as a few small invertebrates. They plunge their long necks into shallow water and pull out vegetation from the bottom. Adults may paddle their feet to bring submerged food to surface for

the young. In other seasons, they will eat grain in harvested fields of crops such as corn, barley and soybeans.

Observing the return of birds, butterflies and some of the creatures that we have not seen in awhile is an exciting part of spring. It's exciting to think about what will be returning or flying through that waits to be seen.

Trespassing and biosecurity: Bill Campbell

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By Bill Campbell, Keystone Agricultural Producers

Bill Campbell, president, Keystone Agricultural Producers reminds Manitobans to be confident about where their food comes from. Farmers take biosecurity and food safety seriously because they know that the food they produce should meet the highest standards.

The Canadian Food Inspection Agency creates and enforces stringent national biosecurity standards aimed at keeping livestock and the food supply safe. The livestock industry also creates on-farm food safety programs and develops biosecurity protocols through consultation. These standards and programs are mandatory, universal, enforceable and include third-party independent auditing and verification.

An ongoing issue in Manitoba is the growing trend of rural crime and trespassing on farmyards and livestock operations. This trend is alarming and intimidating for farmers, who work hard to develop and adhere to biosecurity protocols to protect their farms and livestock from the spread of disease. A breakdown in these protocols jeopardizes food security and often necessitates drastic action to prevent disease breakouts.

KAP has lobbied the provincial government for stronger legislation, with tougher penalties to deter rural crime and trespassing. Many farmers live and raise their families near their farming operations and are concerned that they may be threatened. Farm families should feel safe, secure and at



KAP president Bill Campbell

ease living and working in rural communities.

We are pleased that the Government of Manitoba has introduced legislative amendments to protect farmyards and Canada's food system. Our industry and the farmers in this province have high standards for themselves and stringent requirements they must meet when it comes to the food on your plate."

Prince Phillip, Duke of Edinburgh soars to Carman in 1970

By Dennis Young

A heavy night rain and overcast skies failed to dampen the arrival of the Duke of Edinburgh and Princess Anne via CAF helicopter Tuesday July 14, 1970 to Friendship Field. They were in Carman to officially open the National Soaring Championships being held here. Carman was well prepared for this event, just coming off hosting the 91st Fair and Back Home Days, both to commemorate Manitoba's Centennial.

A crowd of 1,000 welcomed them as they were met by Reeve Lloyd and Gov't representatives. The Duke declared the Championships open by waving a starting flag to an L-19 CAF aircraft towing a Libelle glider. The glider did a circuit and a loop before landing on the runway. Several photo ops were arranged especially one with Bob Diemert who gave a tour and history lesson on his WW2 vintage airplane restorations to the Royal family members. Both were keenly interested in the projects underway at the time.

Then it was off to town. A cavalcade proceeded to Kings Park but veered off the scheduled route to drive through Boyne Lodge's main entrance giving

the residents a close-up view of the Duke and Princess.

A thundering ovation by 5,000 greeted them as they entered the grandstand and were met by Mayor Sven Jensen and presented flowers by Michelle Rose, daughter of Marlene and Ted Rose. MC for the day Jack Murta, introduced all the Royal Box guests who sat together to watch the special program.

Three former Carman men, Glenn Grundy, Merv Millitaire and James Forster were featured in a harness race featuring a running commentary adding to the excitement. With the upcoming National Appaloosa Horse Show being held in Carman come that August, Sioux Indians in authentic dress from South Dakota displayed their registered horses. Plus the Carman Junior Goldeyes, who would host the National Junior Baseball Championships later in the month, played a game on the Pan-Am diamond against the Transcona Mallards.

The couple then left the Box and mingled amongst the participants and the crowd, making several locals day/lives by stopping to talk to them, before a grand farewell. With a Carman Legion honor guard and flanked



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Prince Phillip, the Duke of Edinburgh and husband of Queen Elizabeth, died on April 9, 2021 at 99. He was the longest-serving royal consort in British history, and deeply devoted to his duty in that role.

by the race horses, quarter horses and the appaloosas, the Duke and Princess waved a hearty goodbye. The waiting helicopter took them off to Winnipeg to continue their visit.

It ended a day long to be remembered and celebrated by all those in attendance.

Prince Phillip passed away at 99 on April 9, 2021.

> GRASSHOPPERS, FROM PG. 8

feeds on non-crop and crop plants, the clear-winged, which is primarily a grass feeder, and the Carolina, a non-pest species.

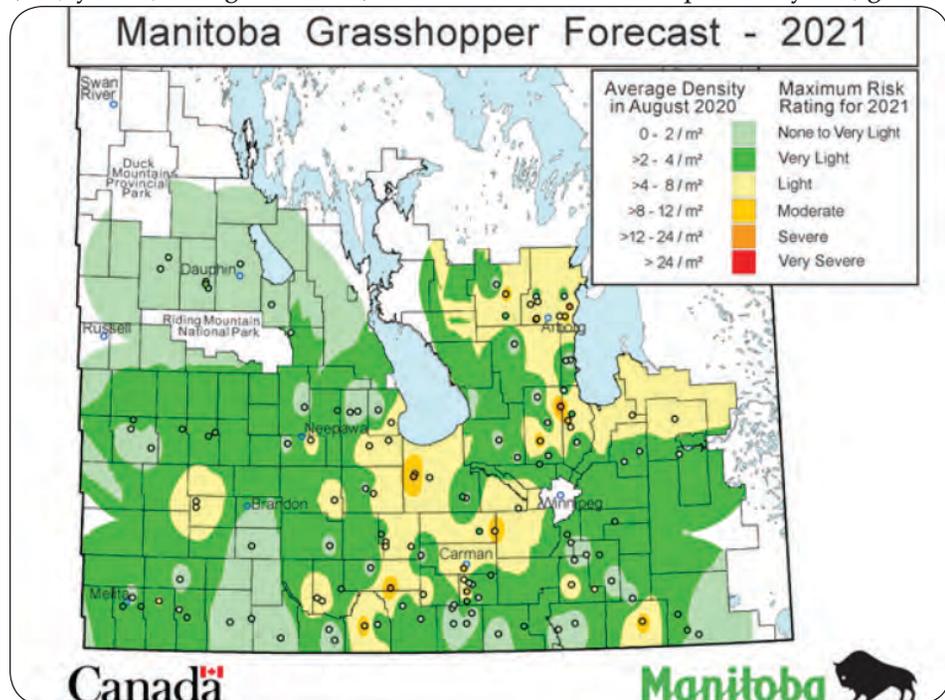
Any grasshopper that flies before June is not a crop pest, states the department. Any grasshopper with hind wings highly visible in flight (red, yellow, orange or black) is also

not a crop pest. Any grasshopper that sings, clacks or clatters, likewise, is not a pest.

Factors affecting grasshopper populations include natural predators such as bee flies, field crickets and species of blister beetles, which all eat grasshopper eggs. Weather is another factor. Over the past few years, grass-

hopper populations have had "more successful development" during dry years and generally increase over a series of dry years, according to the department.

For more information about grasshoppers and monitoring, contact entomologist John Gavloski at (204) 750-0594 at the Manitoba Agriculture office in Carman.



The two-striped grasshopper is the dominant species in the Interlake.

The 2021 grasshopper forecast map shows affected areas across Manitoba.

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Dietician urges you to consider mindful eating

By Lorne Stelmach

Maintaining proper nutrition is an important but perhaps overlooked aspect of living amidst the challenges posed by COVID-19.

Registered dietitians such as Aimee Cadieux based out of the Menzies Medical Centre in Morden are encouraging people this spring to be more mindful of how their eating habits have been impacted in the past year.

"I think mental health obviously has taken the biggest hit by far ... but over the last year, for sure, we've seen both improvements and worsening in nutritional health," said Cadieux.

"Some people are taking extra time to cook more at home and try new recipes and eat together as a family. So that's been great, especially for families that normally are on the go every evening with sporting events and other things," she said.

"On the other hand, I see a lot of people struggle with losing that sense of routine, especially people who are working from home and are not used to it ... or high school kids as well," said Cadieux. "Losing that sense of routine also increases the anxiety ... with the

COVID restrictions there's more isolation. The lack of routine for sure can lead to more snacking and grazing and eating as a form of comfort or entertainment or even just in response to emotion like feeling overwhelmed or lonely.

"So we've seen the whole range across the board in terms of the impact."

Last month's nutrition month campaign theme revolved around the idea that healthy eating looks different for everyone.

Things like your culture, food traditions, personal circumstances, and nutritional needs can all contribute to what healthy looks like for you, but the challenges of the past year have brought on many new pandemic routines both good and bad.

"It's not like we could have prepared for it," said Cadieux. "We've all responded a little differently and after a while it's like, okay, I guess we're going to be in this for awhile, so it's time to adapt to new habits. I think it's been tough for a lot of people.

"I think the big thing is to try to create a new routine," she continued. "Routines can certainly give you a

sense of stability at certain times and help reduce the stress and anxiety.

"Especially with food, I recommend people stick to a routine meal schedule as much as possible, like eating at the same time of day. That can help prevent the grazing as you walk through the kitchen," she suggested. "You even might like to get into the habit of grocery shopping on a certain day of the week so that it's one less decision to make then with meal planning."

Cadieux also encourages people to pause before they just reach for something to eat without thinking about the choice.

"The other thing is—because there's so much emotional eating right now—to try to practice mindful eating habits, which means checking in with your hunger level before you're eating a meal or snack.

"Sometimes it's good to just pause for a few minutes and think about it for awhile, or keeping a food journal can be helpful so you can actually see what's happening," Cadieux said. "You don't have to give up chips, but if you're home 24 hours a day and they are in the cupboard, it tests your willpower."

She also suggested people pay attention to how consuming different things makes them feel.

"For some people, it's trying to find



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Dietician Aimee Cadieux says the pandemic has had both good and bad influences on people's eating habits.

other healthy distractions, which has been hard during COVID. It could be going for a walk, calling a friend, reading or taking an online course and keeping your mind busy."

You can find more helpful advice online at www.dietitians.ca or www.nutritionmonth2021.ca, including an activity and ideas guide as well as a selection of recipes.



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Neighbourly clean up



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Neighbours on 3rd Street SW in Carman worked together to pull and dispose of a huge submerged tree from the Boyne River last Sunday.

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Carman golf course sees hundreds on opening day

By Becca Myskiw

Hundreds of golfers took to the Carman Golf and Curling Club's green last week to celebrate opening day.

April 6 marked the start of an early golf season, and players from far and wide were more than excited to be putting so early. Leanne and Derk Kiers were itching to pull out their clubs again and spent the Tuesday afternoon using them.

"We're kind of golfaholics," said Leanne. "It's kind of an addiction."

The Kiers' were only two of over 100 people who had set foot on the course by 3 p.m. that day. Manager Dean North said they were expecting the high numbers due to the winter lockdown.

On April 6, liquor wasn't allowed on the course. North said that might have lost the club some revenue if it was still a rule come the middle of the season, but on April 8 the government announced liquor is allowed during golf now.

That restriction was never a problem for the Kiers'.

"You're so busy concentrating on your game sometimes it throws your game off," said Kerk with a chuckle. "There's plenty of time to drink after."

The Carman Golf and Curling Club has a lot of the same rules to follow as last year. North said they had an extra staff member to sanitize each piece of rented equipment last year and they'll have that again.

Golfers also must note they can't touch the flag sticks, no water is allowed on the course, there are no ball washers, no rakes, and no common touch points. As score card boxes are a common touch point, golfers will have to get their score cards inside before heading out on the course.

April 6 was also the first day the golf club was in charge of their own restaurant. North said they opened quietly and will continue to do so so they can get used to all the rules and ensure everything is safe for the custom-



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Dirk Kiers, left, and Leanne Kiers hit the greens on April 6 to celebrate opening day at the Carman golf course.

ers and to focus on the golf.

"The smile on everybody's face that comes here is incredible to watch," said North. "It's been a long winter of

following protocols...it's a real treat to watch everyone smile and get a little bit of heaven here."

Gearing up for 2021 ball season

By Becca Myskiw

COVID-19 isn't stopping the community from playing ball and the proof is in the numbers.

Sam Bryson, president of Carman Minor Ball, said the club's baseball and softball numbers haven't fluctuated due to the pandemic. This season's registration was open for six weeks starting on March 1 and Bryson can confidently say they'll have at least one team for each age bracket.

For baseball, there will be two 11U teams, one 13U, one 15U and one 18U. For softball, there will be one U10, U12, U14 and one U16 team. There are also two house leagues within Carman Minor Ball that add almost another 60 players — 40 players aged four to seven and 18 aged eight and nine. Bryson said some years, some age levels don't have a team in Carman because the numbers aren't there, but that clearly isn't the case this year.

"We'd love to see some more late registrations if we could," he said. "We're not short on numbers, but we're always looking to grow."

Baseball Manitoba's Return to Play guidelines are set out in phases based on the province's restrictions. They'll be starting the year in Phase One — Return to Train, which allows teams to

train together but not play games.

In Phase One, indoor training has to be conducted at 25 per cent facility capacity and outdoor training must be in groups of 100 or 50 per cent facility capacity. Players have to physical distance, all equipment must be disinfected before and after each practice, coaches must wear a mask, players must wear a mask if indoors and are encouraged to wear one outdoors, and virtually all sharing practices are discouraged.

Softball Manitoba's Return to Play rules are similar. Bryson said the main takeaway for players is to social distance and for team staff it's to disinfect everything and anything.

"They have maintained the integrity of the sport to make sure no game play rules have been disrupted," he said. "It's mostly about managing equipment."

He said any sport is important, especially during the pandemic, and as a baseball club, they consider themselves lucky because they can do everything outside.

"A lot of parents and players are anxious to get out and do something and be part of a team again," he said. "We're excited to do that."

For any Carman Minor Ball updates, check their new website carmanminorball.com.

2021 National Baseball Championships cancelled

From Baseball Canada

Due to the ongoing concerns surrounding the Covid-19 pandemic and taking into consideration the realities of hosting national level competitions for communities, Baseball Canada's Board of Directors have made the difficult decision to cancel all 2021 Baseball Canada National Championships scheduled for August and September.

"The health and safety of all of our members is our first priority and with that said we felt that there was no other choice but to cancel all of our national tournaments for 2021," said Baseball Canada President Jason Dickson. "When you consider all of the elements that go into a national championship including provincial qualification events, inter-provincial travel, shared accommodations and the strain that running championships in a safe manner would entail for host committees, this was the best decision for all parties involved."

Although Baseball Canada has made the decision to cancel national championships for a second consecutive year, the federation would like to clearly state that baseball is not cancelled by any means across the country.

"Our provincial members and local associations

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Challenger Baseball starting up in Morden

By Ashleigh Viveiros

A brand new baseball league starting up in the Pembina Valley aims to give all kids the chance to play.

Following on the heels of a successful game day last August, Baseball Manitoba's Challenger Baseball is now coming to Morden for weekly practices and games starting next month (following all COVID-19 restrictions, of course).

The program is tailored for children and youth with cognitive or physical disabilities who might struggle to keep up with their peers in other local minor ball leagues.

Spearheading the effort is Connie Hesom, whose son Evan was born with spina bifida.

"We're shooting for May 1 as our start date," Hesom says, adding they're trying very hard to get the word out to families with children for whom Challenger Baseball would be a good fit, including by reaching out through the local Special Olympics chapter. "We want them to be aware that this is happening and it's something that's an option for their kids."

The program is all about providing a safe, welcoming environment for kids to be part of a team and play organized baseball.

There is no score kept in a Challenger ball game and players who need some extra help are assigned able-bodied buddies (which this year must be someone in the player's COVID-19 bubble) to push them in their wheelchairs or help them hold the bat and take a swing.

"It doesn't matter what kind of disability they have, they can all participate," Hesom stresses. "It could be a child who is in a wheelchair and needs assistance. It could be a child who just has braces. Or it could be a child who has a cognitive disability. It



The program sees kids with disabilities get a helping hand if they need it to play ball.

doesn't really matter."

Evan, for one, certainly doesn't let his physical challenges stop him from being active in sports, including sledge hockey and baseball.

But having to drive into Winnipeg all the time to participate isn't a lot of fun, the 13-year-old says.

"I'm excited because it's always been in Winnipeg and we have to drive over an hour and a half to get there," he says.

"When I played minor ball I couldn't really keep up with the play, so now I might be able to keep up with the play much more faster," Evan says, noting he's looking forward to getting to know other local Challenger Baseball kids this summer. "I think it'll be pretty neat to know some other kids that have different kinds of disabilities from me."

"Come out and try it and have fun," he urges any potential player uncertain about getting involved.

Starting with practices

Due to current public health orders,



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Morden hosted a Challenger Baseball game day last summer to see what kind of response the program might get locally. It was so successful they're bringing it back for a full season this summer.

Hesom expects the league will have to focus on practices and drills only for the first few Saturday mornings.

"Challenger Baseball works in conjunction with the Jays Cares Foundation, the Toronto Blue Jays, and they provide a huge amount of equipment and resources and things like that, so we'll have a ton of fun activities that we can do at a practice," Hesom says.

Hopefully as the summer progresses they'll be able to add games to the mix as well.

Hesom would love to see enough participation to put together multiple teams representing communities throughout the region.

"My dream eventually is that communities like Morden, Winkler, Carman, Altona—they can all have teams and then there's less travel and you can still play ... and get together and

socialize and have some fun."

To register your child, head online to <https://www.baseballmanitoba.ca/challenger> or contact Hesom at 204-362-1020 or cfphesom@gmail.com for more information.

Registration is \$25 for the season, which includes a start-up kit that will include a backpack, mask, ball cap, and a jersey.

"To anyone who might be wondering or questioning whether this is something their child would be able to do, give me a call," Hesom says. "Or just come out on May 1 and see what it's like ... if they want to be part of it I'm pretty sure we won't turn them down."

The group will be playing at the Morden Park diamond at the corner of Gilmour St. and 12 St. from 10:30 a.m. to noon that day.

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proved in 2020 that by working with their local health officials in providing a safe environment that a baseball experience can be enjoyed for participants," added Dickson. "We are confident that our membership can enjoy our sport again in 2021."

The excitement for baseball across the country has not waned over the past year and it has been encouraging to see the teamwork and creativity that people have displayed in order for the game to be enjoyed.

The Major League Baseball season is now underway and our partners, the Toronto Blue Jays through the Blue Jays Baseball Academy, have provided some excellent resources for families including a "League Finder" interactive map to make it easier to find where baseball is

played in Canada.

Baseball Canada will now focus its national championship efforts on the year 2022 where we anticipate the return of our full slate of championships that will be highlighted by the Canada Games baseball competition in the Niagara region.

"We realize that the decision to cancel our championships for a second time in as many years is not ideal for the athletes and teams that have been working hard with the goal of playing in them," said Dickson. "We encourage you all to stay focussed on the things that you can control and create an environment that will still allow you to achieve your individual and team goals."

"We look forward to the day that our championships can resume."

get inspired

> MEAL IDEAS



Pastry Brunch Cups

In small saucepan, melt butter. Whisk flour with butter. Gradually pour in milk, whisking each time. Bring to simmer, whisking until mixture starts to thicken. Remove from heat; stir in Swiss cheese. Set aside.

Use rolling pin to thin out puff pastries. Cut each into nine squares. Line pastry squares in muffin cups, pressing bottoms down firmly and moving pastries up sides for edges to come up just over muffin tins. Fill each cup with 1 teaspoon cheese sauce. Crack one egg into each cup and sprinkle each with diced ham.

Bake 10-15 minutes until eggs set. Sprinkle with chopped green onions.

Servings: 18
2 tablespoons butter
2 tablespoons flour
1 1/2 cups milk
1 cup shredded Swiss cheese
2 sheets puff pastry
18 eggs
2 cups diced ham
chopped fresh green onions
Heat oven 375 F.



Breakfast Burrito

Rub steak with oil and season with salt and pepper, to taste.

Cook until medium-rare, approximately 3-4 minutes each side. Remove from pan and cover loosely with tinfoil to rest 5 minutes.

Reduce heat to medium and add splash of oil. Add onion; cook 1 minute. Add red bell pepper and mushrooms; cook 1 minute.

Add cumin, paprika and chili powder; stir through.

When veggies are tender (about 2 minutes), add tomato and cook until soft. Season with salt and pepper, to taste.

In large bowl, whisk eggs, milk and salt and pepper, to taste.

Heat pan to medium heat and add splash of oil.

Pour egg mixture into pan and cook, lifting and folding eggs until thickened and no visible liquid egg remains. Do not stir constantly.

Lay tortillas on flat surface or plate.

In center of tortilla, add cooked veggies and top with thinly sliced beef. Add handful of spinach, scrambled eggs, crumbled feta, cilantro and avocado. Fold bottom of tortilla and roll.

Serve with lime wedges and hot sauce, if desired.

1 Silver Fern Farms New Zealand 100% Grass-Fed New York Strip Steak (10 ounces)
oil
salt, to taste
pepper, to taste
1/2 onion, finely chopped
1 red bell pepper, sliced lengthwise
4 large mushrooms, sliced
1 teaspoon cumin
1 teaspoon paprika
1/2-1 teaspoon chili powder
1 tomato, finely chopped
8 eggs
1/2 cup milk
4 large tortillas
1 cup spinach
1 1/2 ounces feta cheese, crumbled
1/4 cup cilantro
1 avocado
lime wedges (optional)
hot sauce (optional)
Remove steak from packaging and set aside 10 minutes. Once steak reaches room temperature, heat pan over medium-high heat.

Lemon Ricotta Doughnuts



Prep time: 20 minutes
Cook time: 7 minutes

How to hit your fat loss goal fast!

Submitted by Julie Germaine

Though it may not quite feel like it, given the snowfalls we experienced at the end of March, summer sunshine is coming! I've noticed the gyms are busier than ever and that means we all have weight loss on the mind, shedding those COVID-19 pounds to feel like our early 2020 selves again.

Burning off excess fat is undoubtedly challenging, so it's important to take steps to lose weight while keeping a positive mindset. Having realistic goals will keep you feeling good about your progress, which will push you to continue on your fitness journey. If you expect to drop five inches from your waist in two weeks, you're setting yourself up for disappointment and could potentially give up.

Choosing a program that fits with your schedule will ensure you don't become overwhelmed with the process. To slim down, start by incorporating resistance training workouts 2-3 times per week for 30 minutes, and match that time commitment with equal sessions of cardiovascular activities, like walking or bike riding. This makes for a total of 2 to 3 hours of exercise each week – totally manageable! If you want to try my home and gym workouts absolutely FREE, sign up at www.sweatwithjulie.com

Adjust your diet to include at least one gram of protein per pound of bodyweight. This may take some planning, but it is worth the effort because you'll find your feel more satisfied after each meal and will likely decrease your total daily caloric intake by filling up on protein-rich foods such as eggs, chicken, seafood, and low-fat dairy products. If you aren't about counting calories, then just be sure to prioritize your



Health and Wellness Fitness expert
Julie Germaine

protein during each meal, and gauge your hunger level often to avoid over-eating.

Start cooking with coconut oil! This healthy fat has been shown to reduce belly fat and tastes delicious. Not a fan of coconut? Opt for a flavourless version. You should also reduce your intake of refined sugars, such as milk chocolate. If you're like me and have a sweet tooth, check out my Sugar Free Peanut Butter Cup recipe on my blog to enjoy a treat every evening (bonus: this recipe uses coconut oil!).

I am passionate about helping men and women achieve their fitness goals! Please visit my website for information on my virtual personal training and nutrition programs, including my 30 Day VIP Fat Loss Challenge and one-on-one live video workouts! www.juliegermaine.com

Julie Germaine is a 2x Pro Fitness Champion, Certified Nutrition Expert and Specialized Weight Loss Coach. She has helped thousands of men and women achieve inspiring body transformations through her virtual coaching since 2005.

Doughnuts:
Vegetable oil, for frying
2 cups all-purpose flour
1 3/4 cups Domino Golden Sugar, divided

2 tablespoons baking powder
1/4 teaspoon salt
2 tablespoons lemon zest
5 large eggs
1 3/4 cups ricotta cheese
1 tablespoon pure vanilla extract
Lemon Curd (optional):
1 stick unsalted butter, softened
1 1/2 cups Domino Golden Sugar
2 large eggs
2 egg yolks
4 lemons, zest and juice only
1/8 teaspoon salt

To make doughnuts: In large saucepan, preheat oil to 350 F. Prepare cookie sheet with paper towel to drain doughnuts once out of hot oil.

In bowl, mix flour, 3/4 cup sugar, baking

powder and salt. Add lemon zest, eggs, ricotta cheese and vanilla extract; mix until well combined.

Use ice cream scoop to scoop small amounts dough into oil, 4-5 pieces at a time. Fry each batch until golden brown, about 7 minutes. Keep oil at or near 350 F; if oil is too hot, doughnuts will turn golden brown but centers may still be raw. Remove from oil and drain in paper towel. Repeat with remaining dough.

While still hot, toss doughnuts with remaining sugar.

To make lemon curd, if desired: In large bowl of stand mixer, cream butter and sugar until light and fluffy. Add eggs and egg yolks, one at a time. Add lemon zest, lemon juice and salt.

Transfer mixture to saucepan and cook at low-medium heat until thick and creamy, stirring constantly. Remove from heat and let cool before serving with doughnuts.

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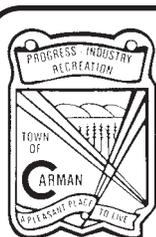
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Fun By The Numbers

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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!

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Sudoku Answer

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Crossword Answer

X CROSSWORD

CLUES ACROSS

- Pituitary hormone (abbr.)
- Ceramic jars
- Monetary units
- Alias
- "Superman" actor
- Britonic tribe
- Shorten
- LA Dodgers manager
- Hoarded
- Theatrically portray
- Noah's grandson
- Dependent
- Peyton's little brother
- Cools the house
- Principle part of
- Type of wrap
- Peels
- Commercial
- Make an attempt
- Arrange in steps
- U. Utah athlete
- Old English
- Trade
- Nostrils
- Ticket seller ___ Hub
- Of I
- Institute legal proceedings against
- Takes apart
- Doorway
- Long int'l river
- Trailblazing athlete Gibson
- Former CBS News host
- Sign language
- Badgerlike mammal
- Thin strips of wood
- Brooklyn hoopster
- Portents of good or evil
- Footwear
- When you think you'll arrive

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- Batflower genus
- Predatory seabirds

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- Fish farm
- Arrangements
- Go in advance of others
- Bulgarian monetary unit
- "___ Maria"
- W. African ethnoreligious group
- Wild Asian oxen genus
- Vinegary
- To this
- Explosive
- Female sibling
- Orlando museum (abbr.)
- Type of hoop
- About Holy Father
- Academic environment
- Extremely angry
- Surrenders
- Swiss mountain pass
- Sharp mountain ridge
- Erases
- Spielberg's alien
- Absurd
- Dorm worker
- Used to make pesticides
- The sister of your father or mother
- A way to let know
- Can't produce much vegetation
- Small streams
- Folk singer DiFranco
- Weights
- Start over
- Black Sea resort city
- Wimbledon champ
- Corporate executive (abbr.)
- Unskilled actor who overacts
- Bravo! Bravo! Bravo!
- Of or relating to ears

Announcements Classifieds

OBITUARY



Edward Ernest Jiggins
September 19, 1929 - April 6, 2021

Peacefully at Boyne Lodge, a kind and gentle soul left us, a true gentleman. Edward Ernest Jiggins was born on the farm that his grandparents homesteaded at Deleau, Manitoba, and lived most of his life there. He and Agnes retired to Carman in 2015 to be closer to Agnes's family.

Ed is survived by his wife Agnes and her children, Nancy (Randy), Carol, Kathy (Eldon), Jake (Debbie), Ed (Connie), Mart (Tom). He was predeceased by his parents James and Emily and by his sister and workmate Edith, whom he farmed with through thick and thin.

Ed was an avid hunter, fisherman and trapper. Along with his father and grandfather, they managed a shooting club in the Oak Lake area. He was a ham radio operator for many years and was also a keen collector of antiques, travelling to every auction sale

within driving distance. Ed loved curling and even when the roads were so thick with snow that travel in a half ton was impossible, he would throw his curling rock onto the tractor and away he would go. His generosity was profound, and in his quiet and generous way, sponsored many foster children over the years, always delighting in their letters and pictures.

There is a quote from the Chinese philosopher Confucius.. "Choose a job you love and you will never work a day in your life". This was Ed's life. Ed lived and breathed the land and the animals he worked with everyday. He was a true outdoorsman, and his connection with nature was strong and pure.

Ed and Agnes enjoyed many happy years on the farm and travelling all over the country roads of Manitoba. They would often spend an evening watching the deer wander through the yard, and marvel at their beauty. When they retired to Carman, he left the farm in the protected hands of The Nature Conservancy of Canada.

We take comfort in knowing that Ed will continue his journey with his faithful companion (his dog) Nikki, in the great outdoors he loved so much.

Our family would like to thank the staff at Boyne Lodge for the compassionate care they gave to Ed.

A private service will be held on Saturday, April 10th.

Donations in Ed's memory can be made to The Nature Conservancy of Canada.

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Marcel J. Dufault

It is with heavy hearts we announce the sudden passing of Marcel J. Dufault in Portage la Prairie on Friday, April 9, 2021 at the age of 77 years.

He leaves to mourn his passing his wife Gail Dufault; his children Michel (Nancy) Dufault, Gisèle (Randy) Perkin, René (Sharon) Dufault and Suzanne (Mike) Macina; his step children Kim (Kyle) Gallant and Stef (Brett) Legault; his grandchildren, Kendra Thompson, Cory Perkin, Tyler Macina, Nick Macina, Emilie Dufault (Brayden), Patrick Dufault (Tiffany), Eric Dufault (Elleena), Angela Macina, Livia Legault and Luke Legault as well as his great-grandchildren, numerous nieces, nephews, relatives and friends.

Marcel was predeceased by his first wife Diane Dufault (née Mondor); his parents Edmond and Clemence Dufault and his brothers Denis and Lucien Dufault.

A come and go viewing will be held at the Haywood Catholic Church on Thursday, April 15, 2021 from 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. Please call Adam's Funeral Home at 204-248-2201 to book a viewing time.

A Private Family Funeral Service will be held on Friday, April 16, 2021 at the Haywood Catholic Church. Memorial Service at 1:30 p.m. followed by Funeral Mass at 2 p.m. with Father Peter Le Van Ngu officiating. The service will be available to view via Live Streaming. If you would like your name to appear in the guest book, please email your name to office@afh.ca re: Marcel J. Dufault

In lieu of flowers memorial donations can be made to CancerCare Manitoba, Carman Hospital Palliative Care or STARS Air Ambulance.

To view the service and leave condolences, please visit www.afh.ca

Adam's Funeral Home of
Notre Dame de Lourdes, Manitoba
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OBITUARY



Edward Harry Lewis
March 27, 1926 - April 3, 2021

It is with deep sadness that we announce the sudden passing of Ed Lewis, just one week after his 95th birthday.

He leaves behind his cherished best friend and wife of 67 years, Pat; his children, Cathy (Bill) Skyhar and Jim (Barbara) Lewis; son-in-law Steve Snyder; brother-in-law, Les Green; grandchildren, Tammy (Mike) and Chris (Naomi) and six great-grandchildren. Ed will also be missed by his brother-in-law and lifelong friend, Glenn Brown as well as many other relatives and friends.

Ed was predeceased by his parents, Lew and Myrtle; his sister Shirley; his sister-in-law Fran; his daughter Donna; and his great-grandson, Collin.

Born and raised on a farm east of Sperling MB, Ed was forced to grow up quickly as his father passed away when Ed was 13 years old. His mother worked hard to keep the farm going, until Ed was able to take it over. Linda Scott and Neil Siemens were foster children who stayed with the family through some of those years. Through difficult times, Ed still managed to attend the U of M and obtain his Diploma in Agriculture.

In 1953, Ed and Pat were married and raised their three children on the Sperling homestead and later in the Homewood area. When they retired from farming, they built a retirement home in the country and then later moved into Carman.

Work ethic was built into Ed through his farming career and this carried through to retirement. For the first 10 years into retirement, Ed took care of their large acreage and cut and chopped wood to feed a wood stove that would heat the house all winter. He always said he only needed one match per year! After moving into Carman, taking care of the long hedge along their property was his pride and joy. In addition, for many years, he walked to the post office and back for some exercise.

Even with his work ethic, Ed always took time for family. Summer vacations were usually packed into the break between baling and swathing. He and Pat also travelled further afield, with a honeymoon trip to Florida, a world's fair trip to Montreal, and numerous vacations to the east coast, Arizona, Hawaii, Caribbean cruises, etc. Ed also made some unique family entries into the Sperling parade, such as a 5 seat bicycle and barrels for the family to wear.

Ed was also known for his sense of humor. He'd always have a joke or an old saying or limerick to brighten up the day. Ed and Pat always loved to play cards, with 500 and cribbage being his favourites.

Our family would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to the friends, relatives and neighbours who assisted Ed in the last few years of retirement.

Due to the COVID-19 restrictions, a private service with invitations only will be followed by interment at Sperling Cemetery.

Flowers are gratefully declined. If so desired, a donation in Ed's memory can be made to the Carman United Church or the Heart and Stroke Foundation of MB.

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OBITUARY



Lois Margaret Martha (Edie) Allison
October 15, 1929 – April 7, 2021

Lois Allison, age 91, died on April 7, 2021 at Buhler Active Living Center in Winkler Manitoba.

Lois was the loving wife to Lyall Allison of Roland for 63 years. Lois was born at Dugald Manitoba. She was the third child of Bruce and Florence Edie.

Lois attended high school in Dugald and completed Grade 12 at United College in Winnipeg. The following year she attended Normal School in Winnipeg and graduated with her teacher's certificate in 1948. Lois taught at a few schools in Manitoba over the next eight years ending with teaching three years in Roland. There she met Lyall Allison. Lyall and Lois were married July 20, 1957.

Lois became a full time farm wife and mother to five girls: Linda (Doug Wilton), Beth (Blaine White, deceased), Karen (Murray Hiebert), Gwen (James MacEwan), Mavis (Bill Green).

Lois loved teaching and learning. She loved children and was patient and kind. She was a 4-H leader, a Sunday School teacher, an Auntie, a grandmother and a mother. She was an avid reader and a lifelong learner.

Lois was very proud of her five daughters, 20 grandchildren, 13 great-grandchildren and many nieces and nephews.

She loved people. Getting together with friends to play games was a joy to her. Lyall and Lois met square dancing and continued to dance for the next 60 years.

Lois and Lyall moved to a "small house" attached to Doug and Linda Wilton's house in 2014. In January 2021 Lyall and Lois moved to Buhler Center in Winkler.

Lois was a lovely person. She will be sadly missed by her husband, Lyall, family, friends and the Roland community.

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OBITUARY



Gary Robert Carruthers
February 15, 1945 – April 10, 2021

It is with great sadness that the family of Rev. Gary Robert Carruthers announce that on Saturday, April 10th, 2021, Gary passed away peacefully at Boyne Lodge in Carman, Manitoba. He was surrounded by his wife Jean, the Love and prayers of his son Graham and daughter Sara and his family in Ontario, who are visible on the walls of his room in the dozens of pictures of that Loving family. He was also supported by members of the amazing staff at "The Lodge".

Gary's funeral will be arranged for a later date in Ontario, with burial to be at Victoria Memorial Gardens, Windsor, ON. A more complete obituary will be published in the near future.

Memorial Donations in Gary's name may be made to Mission & Service, United Church of Canada, 3250 Bloor St. West, Suite 200, Toronto, ON M8X 2Y4; Heart & Stroke Foundation of Canada, or of your own province, online or to 110-1525 Carling Avenue, Ottawa, ON, K1Z 8R9, or a charity of your choice.

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CENTRAL AIR

It can be a big decision when it comes to your home's comfort systems. Many factors come into play such as Age of equipment, Cost of repairs, cost of replacement, efficiency, safety and comfort in your home. To help with this decision it is a good idea to talk to a professional Home Comfort Advisor. They can help you walk through this process and help you make the decision that is right for you. Making the right decision is about having ALL the right information needed. A qualified Home Comfort Advisor can help guide you through this process.



ROOFING

The roof is an essential component of your home. If properly installed and regularly maintained, it can help keep your home warm and dry for many years. Additionally, numerous roof issues are easy to repair such as damaged shingles or an uneven layer of gravel. However, every roof eventually reaches the end of its lifespan. Have you noticed signs of water damage on the ceiling or in the attic? Are the shingles faded and starting to curl? In these situations, the sensible option is usually to replace the entire roof.



WINDOWS

Are the windows in your home hard to open and close? Are the frames damaged? Is one of them cracked? It should be noted that you can avoid having to prematurely replace your windows by regularly cleaning the tracks, replacing old caulk and performing other maintenance tasks. In addition, hiring a professional to conduct repairs when needed is a must. Nevertheless, it's best to replace windows that let in a draft, have fog between the panes, show signs of water damage or are in poor condition. Be sure to choose models that have the Energy Star certification.



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