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The Carman-Dufferin Standard made its debut rolling off the presses on May 12 and making it's way into the hands of Ed's Tire owner/operator Konrad VanDasselaar on May 13. VanDasselaar purchased the first advertising contract on the front page in the inaugural edition of The Standard. The Carman Valley Leader that was owned by Postmedia printed its final edition on May 7, citing financial woes caused by COVID-19 as their reason for closing. Publisher of the Carman-Dufferin Standard Lana Meier is confident that with the advertising support from Carman and surrounding businesses that the community can support its own newspaper. The Standard will be available weekly for free paid for by advertising dollars. "The community newspaper will survive with the community's support. Everyone can do their part by shopping local when they can," said Meier. It's the businesses and individuals that purchase ad space and distribute flyers that pay for the newspaper.

The final chapter of teaching career ends virtually

By Becca Myskiw

Brenda Mutcher rode her black electric bike around the Carman area two weeks ago to deliver materials to her students.

Mutcher is a Grade 6 teacher at Carman Collegiate and she has spent the last eight years with the Prairie Rose School Division. This year is her last.

For her final year of teaching, Mutcher has spent much of it in a virtual classroom. The change to remote learning, she said, was like starting a new job, but now she and her class are into the swing of things and making the most of their situation.

Their days start at 9 a.m. when Mutcher sends out the day's assignments. Then, at 10 a.m., everyone hops onto Google Hangouts where she explains the hand-outs and answers any questions the students may have.

"Although we don't get to interact in the usual way, it is comforting to maintain a sense of community online," said Mutcher. "I look forward to seeing my class every morning."

The students, she said, also look forward to seeing Mutcher — especially when she's on an e-bike, delivering papers.

Mutcher took to her bike because not all of her students have a way of getting materials otherwise. She said that's been the hardest part of teaching remotely — making sure all her students get everything they need.

They also don't have enough time now to cover the whole curriculum. Mutcher said she spends most of the



Brenda Mutcher has a class of 18 students who show up daily for online classes.

time focusing on math and English, adding in science or social studies when she can.

"It's just too bad," she said. "Because they'll be academically missing important pieces of the puzzle next year." To keep the virtual lessons interesting, Mutcher has been bringing on guest speakers. On May 8, she had

the guidance counsellor hop onto the Google Hangouts chat to do a wellness activity with the Grade 6 class.

When she told her class she was retiring this year, Mutcher said they were shocked and asked how old she was. "And I said, 'well, I was 100 last year so add one," said Mutcher. Her class replied with a gasp and a,"Really?"

Mutcher said she's the only teacher in the school who has her whole class on board with remote learning. Because of that, she's not overly concerned she's retiring virtually — she's still able to see her class every day and said it's not that different from before.

Once the school year — and her career — are finished, Mutcher plans to play a lot of golf, go biking, read and hang out with friends "if it's ever allowed again."





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Knockabouts changes hands after almost 40 years in community

By Emily Distefano

Knockabouts has been a fixture in Carman for almost four decades, and recently the clothing store changed hands for the first time since opening in 1980.

Karen Rempel, who started Knockabouts thirty-nine and a half years ago, recently signed the business over to Jessica Knaggs.

The store has become a tradition for many people with roots

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in the Carman area.

"Because we've been in business for so long, a lot of folks grew up as a customer or their parents were customers, so it became a little bit nostalgic for people to come back," said Rempel. "It was really cool to be a part of that."

Close to 40 years ago, Rempel was working at a store called Bottoms Up when the owner developed breast cancer and

sold the business. She was out of a job, but she used the opportunity to branch out on her own.

"One of the first things that came to mind was self-employment because I grew up in a family that owned a hardware store," she said. "I think it sort of felt natural to think of doing something like that."

Rempel and her mother, Elizabeth Skelton, bought existing businesses in the same building and split the space between their two new enterprises. Rempel sold primarily denim on the south side, and Skelton's business, Fancy That, sold giftware on the north side. When Skelton retired, Rempel and her family bought her space and expanded.

The early years, Rempel said, were "mostly about building what we wanted it to become, making it our own, and surviving."

There were challenges along the way. Around a year after the store opened, interest rates skyrocketed to 24 per cent and their bank dropped the mortgage, deeming rural mortgages too risky at the time.

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The business was also vulnerable to dips in the agricultural industry.

"Because we're a farming community, we certainly would notice when farmers would have difficult years," said Rempel. "That was always reflected in sales and traffic. There were certainly some difficult farm years."

Juggling raising a family and running the business could be difficult too, she said.

> But the business has thrived despite everything. Even the advent of online shopping couldn't bring it down. "We kind of held our

> own," said Rempel. "I think we had a large following of people who liked the in-store experience and continued to come out and support us. So, while it had an effect, it didn't make for our demise by any means."

Rempel can't quite put her finger on the cause of the business's longevity, but she hopes it means customers enjoyed their experience at the store.

"I think we always strived to give good customer service and I hope that people think that was a part of it," she said.

Rempel said she was very happy with her chosen career as a business owner.

"I feel very, very fortunate to have had it as long as I did in this community," she said. "The community was a great place to run a small business and to raise a family.

"I learned something new every day,

STANDARD PHOTO SUBMITTED

Karen Rempel (left) officially announced that Jessica Knaggs is the new owner of Knockabouts on April 23.

and every day was a little bit different," she added. "There was always something new coming our way, whether it was in buying or selling or maintaining the building, displays, staff, advertising."

One of her favourite parts of owning Knockabouts was the customers who became friends.

"I will always be thankful for the people that I got to meet that I would not have met otherwise, from all walks of life, from all kinds of professions and backgrounds," she said.

The business enjoyed giving back to the community, showing support for local events and causes whenever possible. The store hosted over 40 fashion shows in support of important causes over its lifetime.

And Rempel has also been reflecting on are the many people she was able to work with over the years.

"Partly our success was because we

had incredible staff," she said.

Rempel said she plans to take care of her health and spend time with family and friends in her retirement.

"I would love to travel a bit when things settle down again," she added. "Right now, I'm enjoying gardening and enjoying an extra coffee in the fresh air in the morning - lots of little things."

Rempel, her husband, and their three kids are all very pleased that their family business will continue under the care of Knaggs and her family.

"It feels amazing to pass it on," said Rempel. "To know that a local family was taking it over was really, really wonderful. It meant a great deal to us. We're just absolutely thrilled.

"Jessica is going to do a great job of making it her own, and to have the business continue for the community means everything to us."





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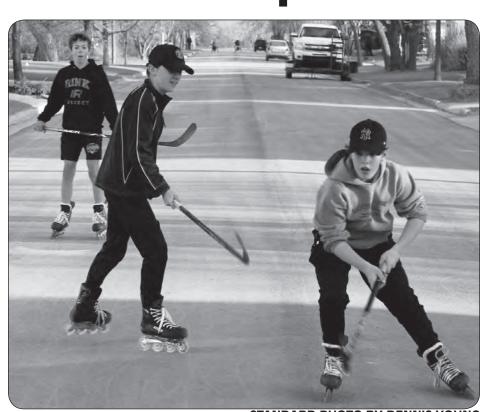
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STANDARD PHOTO BY DENNIS YOUNG A number of young hockey enthusiasts were getting their exercise last week during a street hockey game in Carman. Pictured, Liam Goertzen, Adrien Mcintosh and Ben Chornomydz. Also playing, but missing from the photo, was Ryder Wolfe and Cade McCallum.

that MPI is returning to its policyholders at the end of May to early June," said Wharton. "With a healthy reserve fund and fewer claims during this COVID-19 period, MPI is in a strong financial situation to move forward with these rebate cheques to support Manitobans."

Rebates are based on what policyholders paid last year and is expected to be around 11 per cent, or between \$140 to \$160, per average policyholder.

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https://manitoba.ca/bg/2020/04/covid19.html.

Carman RCMP investigate fatal motor vehicle collision

Submitted by the RCMP

On May 11 at approximately 6:15 a.m., Carman RCMP responded to a report of a single-vehicle rollover in a field near the intersection of Road 31 North and Provincial Road 336, approximately five kms. south of the town of Sperling.

It is believed that sometime during the night, the vehicle was travelling north on PR 336, when it entered the ditch and rolled. The driver, a 41-year-old male, was ejected from the vehicle and pronounced deceased at the scene.

Carman RCMP continue to investigate.

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Pembina Valley Humane Society shelter celebrating 10 years

By Lorne Stelmach

The Pembina Valley Humane Society is marking a milestone this month with a symbolic fundraising effort.

May 28 will make it a decade since the organization moved into its new facility in Morden's industrial park and set itself up to grow its efforts in rescuing abandoned, unwanted, and abused animals.

Since then, the shelter estimates it has found homes for almost 2,000 cats and dogs in nearly 30 communities throughout the region.

To celebrate, PVHS has launched a Happy Tails fundraising campaign with a goal to raise \$2,000—one dollar for every life saved since 2010.

It is fitting to acknowledge the anniversary by raising funds, as thatcoupled with the hard work of devoted volunteers—has been a large part of what has driven the organization's growth over the years.

"It's amazing where we've come from ... we've come a long way," said Laurie Magotiaux, who has been a volunteer nearly from the start. "And the people who started the shelter, I can't say enough about them. It was a great need in the community and they jumped in and got it rolling. They're an amazing group of people."

The Pembina Valley Humane Society started in 2002 with a dog named Buddy who was rescued from unsafe and unsanitary conditions.

PVHS founder Michelle Budz fostered Buddy for six weeks and then Pam Weiss covered his neutering surgery and other medical needs. Buddy was eventually adopted and lived out his life with a family in Carman.

"The joy and rush of rescuing a beautiful dog like Buddy just grew on

us,"Budz shared previously."Pam and I decided there was a real need for a pet shelter rescue in our area."

The organization started to take shape with the two of them rescuing surrendered and abandoned animals that were to be euthanized because their owners couldn't be found.

The society was centered at the Budz home on 2nd St. in Morden for its first four years, with a number of foster families stepping up to take in animals in need.

After an awful lot of fundraising and campaigning, the first actual shelter opened up on Grant St. and served the society well for four more years before the building was sold.

Community support eventually got the current Jefferson St. shelter built.

Magotiaux's time with PVHS goes back to that small, basic shelter space on Grant Street, and she has remained involved since then in a number of capacities.

"I started walking dogs with my daughter ... and then that evolved into fostering at one point," said Magotiaux."I've had different roles since then. I was a chore shift leader, joined the board, served as retail chair.

"It's been pretty rewarding to be involved with the organization," she said. "It's interesting to see what it has evolved into now, especially how we have so many outreach programs. We're offering education to children; we're going to Tabor Home to enrich their lives there with pet visits. There's so many things we've done to be involved in the community."

Magotiaux sees a need for them to further expand into that role, but to do so will require even more space at the shelter.



By Dennis Young

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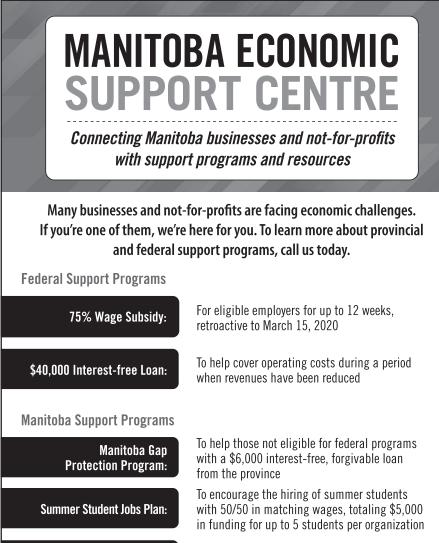
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The Pembina Valley Humane Society's regional shelter started with a small space on Grant. St. in Morden 10 years ago (above). Today they call a much larger space on Jefferson St. home (below is a look at their cat room), though the agency is looking to expand further in order to continue to meets the needs of the communities they serve.

"We have a lot of educational programs, but in the present shelter we don't have a location where we can safely do that," she said. "Also, we

would like to develop our retail space, but there is just not the room.

"Every year, we're helping more and Continued on page 12



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Donkeys are the heart and soul for local farm family

By Sydney Lockhart

Donkeys bred just outside of Carman at Heart and Soul Stables are being purchased as therapy animals.

In 2006 Janice Deremiens and her husband Francois Labelle started breeding registered stock donkeys.

The donkeys that they breed are Miniature Mediterranean donkeys and have 8-12 generation pedigrees with bloodlines that trace back to their first imports in 1929 from Sicily and Sardinia.

"We started with one donkey and we were completely blown away by her personality and affectionate nature," said Deremiens, "People look at them like horses with long ears but their personalities are more like dogs."

Heart and Soul Stables sell their donkeys for show, as pets, for breed-ing, and for therapy.

"My absolute greatest joy in life is introducing people to donkeys for the first time," said Deremiens.

She added that donkeys always want to please their owners, so they're very easily trained.

Deremiens once started training a young donkey on a Thursday, practiced on a Friday and then the donkey performed an obstacle course on the Saturday.

"They're especially beneficial with

children with autism, they'll stand still to be petted and have a very calming influence," said Deremiens.

Heart and Soul Stables in the past has had events with Autism Society Manitoba for children to get to experience donkeys.

Deremiens says that they've had donkeys help a child with autism come out of her shell because of their soothing nature.

Not only do donkeys have a calming effect on people, but they also calm other animals in the yard with them.

Heart and Soul Stables plans on bringing their therapy donkeys to the nursing homes in the future. Deremiens said they work like therapy dogs.

The donkeys that they sell can be trained to do trekking, pull carts, jump, and complete obstacle courses.

"We've had people from five-yearsold to 80-years-old enjoy leading our donkeys around," said Deremiens.

With around 50 to 80 donkeys at any given time Heart and Soul Stables usually has five to 10 for sale.

Their animals have been shipped all across North America including two donkeys to North Carolina that became the mascots for Edward Teach Brewery.

They have also had three donkeys

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STANDARD PHOTO BY DENNIS YOUNG

Heart and Soul Stables owners Janice Deremiens, left, and her husband Francois Labelle are raising donkeys as therapy animals.

star in the Hollywood film, A Dog's Purpose, which had a production budget of \$22 million.

"We spent almost two weeks on a movie set which was a really neat experience," said Deremiens.

Deremiens says she expects the donkey market to increase as people realize how intelligent and funny the animals are.

"I have a favourite every year out of the babies, this year her name is Heart and Soul Shadows Eclipse and she was born last August," said Deremiens, "You can go out and call her and she'll come over to you."

Heart and Soul Stable's biggest market right now is middle aged women because donkeys are a good equine fix for those who are getting older and not able to ride their horses as much anymore, if at all.

"A lot of us are aging boomers who have grown up with horses around, but they can hurt you when you're older. Donkeys are easy keepers, so they become the better fit." Said Deremiens.

Donkeys can live anywhere from 25 to 40 years and are great long-term companions.

They do live happier lives in pairs because they are very social animals who prefer the company of other donkeys as opposed to other farm animals.

Miniature Mediterranean donkeys are naturally miniature and have not been genetically altered to be smaller. At breeder shows and sales, top

breeding donkeys can go for as much as \$6,000.

Deremiens' average donkey sells for \$800 to \$1500 and their donkeys for breeding sell up to \$3,500.

For more information or to inquire about donkey purchases email heartandsoulstables@gmail.com.

Chief public health officer urges Manitobans to remain "COVID careful"

By Ashleigh Viveiros

Manitoba was in good shape heading into the May long weekend in terms of COVID-19 cases.

Dr. Brent Roussin, the province's chief public health officer, announced no new cases of the illness at a briefing on Friday.

The weekend's lone new case was reported Monday afternoon, bringing Manitoba's active caseload to 26. Just one person is currently hospitalized with COVID-19.

Of the 290 people who have tested positive for the illness, 257 have recovered. Seven Manitobans have died.

While the number of cases has been holding pretty steady in recent weeks, Roussin cautioned Manitobans against getting complacent. "We're not done with this virus," he said, urging people to remain "CO-VID careful."

As families start to make their summer plans, Roussin stressed how important it is for people to continue to take steps to protect themselves and others.

If you are headed to a cabin or campground, for example, bring all the supplies you need so you don't have to make extra stops.

"When you are in these campsites or at the cottage, please continue to abide by the 10 person gathering rule, to limit your exposure to others, to maintain physical distancing whenever possible," Roussin said.



The long road for Cameron Dueck finding his Mennonite roots

By Patricia Barrett

If you're looking for insight on how Mennonites carved out a living in Latin American countries, Cameron Dueck's book, Menno Moto: A Journey Across the Americas in Search of My Mennonite Identity, hits all the right narrative chords.

The 46-year-old journalist and filmmaker, who grew up in the Interlake, set out several years ago on a 45,000-kilometre, eight-month motorcycle ride to visit Mennonite communities in Mexico, Belize, Bolivia, Paraguay and Argentina to discover how they live and to reflect on his own cultural roots. He released the book this year.

Dueck, who currently lives in Hong Kong, China, said by email that his journey, which began at the Mennonite Memorial Landing Site on the Red River near Niverville, made him proud of his Mennonite background and underscored how a person's heritage plays a role in who they become even if they're not aware of it.

"Digging into one's cultural and historic identity can make you question many of your characteristics, and recognise ones you never knew you had," he said. "Identity is complicated and very subjective.You can still feel kinship with'your' people even when you're all very different from one another."

Dueck grew up in Mennville, about 18 kilometres north of Riverton, on land his parents settled in the 1950s. After graduating from Riverton Collegiate, he eschewed farming for journalism and a life of perpetual motion that took him to New York, London, Hong Kong and points in between.

That penchant to wander where he likes is evident throughout the book. In Chapter 2 he wrote: "The simplicity of me plus bike plus road equalled pure joy. I stopped when and where I liked and sought out dodgy small-town bars if I was staying in a motel. I sat beside campfires, eating dinner straight from the cooking pot, the golden firelight glinting off my bike. I felt like a cowboy riding the range" (pp. 28-29).

There's a certain cinematic ambiance to the narrative, as though the reader is watching a film, a skill likely informed in part by his filmmaking, which includes the documentaries The New Northwest Passage and Dinosaur Ecosystems.

"I think a journey brings great momentum to any story, and the rush of the road is something you can feel in this book. I sought out a variety of characters, and colourful, outspoken ones obviously make for easier stories," said Dueck. "I also enjoy describing



STANDARD PHOTOS BY CAMERON DUECK Dueck rode his motorcycle through Central and South America, visiting various Mennonite communities.



The Interlake-born writer and filmmaker spent eight months on the road.

physical scenes and features, and do quite a lot of it in my writing, which gives [it] a strong visual aspect."

Part travelogue, part history, part anthropological investigation, the book includes much to admire about Mennonites, including a strong work ethic, self-reliance, thriftiness that entailed using "every part of the pig but the squeal" and an almost bornin-the-blood talent for drainage and turning marginal land into flourishing agricultural fields.

Mennonites weren't always welcomed where they settled in Latin America. Some were even kidnapped by Guatemalan bandits, who made incursions into Belize, and held them for ransom. But they persevered, building everything from the ground up wherever they landed – including Canada.

"Our forefathers were forever starting new farms, looking at new homes in foreign places like Prussia, Russia and Canada. I come from some restless bloodlines, right to my own father, Leonard Dueck. He was an Interlake pioneer in the early 1950s, carving a turkey farm out of the forest north of Riverton.

"I don't think he saw himself as the newest link in a long chain of Mennonite homesteaders and colonisers, but in reality, he was. He helped create a new Mennonite community. I went on a motorcycle journey and wrote a book about it. I guess we're both staking out territory in our own ways."

At times Dueck's dry humour – some Mennonites had poor fashion sense; others called house paint a form of vanity – segued into uncomfortable truths about some aspects of a particular group, notably rigid rules for females, less-than-friendly relations with non-Mennonites and environmental degradation.

In Mexico he found some Mennonites, who had formed colonies, outcompeting Indigenous and Hispanic farmers for land and "intensive industrial farming practices," including illegally drilled wells and giant sprinkler systems that threatened the water table and "pushed their fragile land to its very limits."

Mennonites are fairly sustainable in many ways, said Dueck, and really no different from other farmers. They have a "utilitarian view towards the environment, the earth, that it's there to serve us." That sometimes plays out well, but it can at times lead to exploitation.

"I did want to point out certain social issues because I think we have to be honest about our community, and the problems we face," he said. "Taking an honest look at my culture involved highlighting both the good and bad aspects of it."

In Bolivia while investigating the infamous "ghost rapes" in a Mennonite community, Dueck came up against half-truths and a tendency to tamp down the crime by using euphemisms such as women and girls being "used" by "boys," as well as a sad realization that many denied a "larger problem" of incest.

He said he hasn't yet experienced any major pushback as a result his candid revelations.

"I've had people tell me they don't agree with my

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CES staff stage "We Miss You" parade for students

By Heather Leask Armstrong

Carman Elementary School staff staged a "We MissYou" parade through the streets of Carman last Wednesday to reach out to students taking part in classes from home.

Teacher Denise Strange, who suggested the idea after hearing about the success of a similar event in Brandon School Division, said staff decided to organize the parade to boost the morale of students, parents and themselves.

"It was so nice to see students in person again, not through a screen... and to give them something to look forward to after being cooped up."

Teacher Hayley Minty also helped with event logistics including ensuring physical distancing throughout the route. Teacher Coreen Johnston organized and provided the livestock component of the parade which included two horses and some miniature goats.

Some staff drove their own vehicles, some with their own children along for the ride holding up Carman Cool Cats signs and other messages of support. Others drove golf carts provided by Dennis Young and Brock Vanderveen or waved from a wagon provided through the Carman Chamber of Commerce. A few teachers joined on their bicycles. Local RCMP, fire department and school bus staff also took part, alerting residents to the parade's arrival with sirens, horns and honks.

The school let parents know parade details in advance and shared details with Boyne Lodge, day cares, and Dufferin Recreation staff giving them time to set up viewings along the route.

With teachers discussing the upcoming parade in their online classrooms, students had time to prepare signs to wave as the parade made its way from the Carman Arena along its far reaching route throughout the community.

Carman Elementary School staff and students usually participate in special dress up days and assemblies throughout the year, but that's something they haven't been able to do since classes moved to an online format last April. Organizers said last week's parade was a way to help students facing pandemic isolation fatigue.

It's a fatigue being felt by non-students too. Residents with no prior knowledge of the parade took to their doorsteps as they noticed students gathering along the parade route, maintaining social distancing as the sirens and honking of the parade drew nearer.

Along the route, many students held up signs of support for school staff, including one simply stating, "My Mom Misses My Teachers".



STANDARD PHOTOS BY DENNIS YOUNG, DENISE STRANGE AND HEATHER ARMSTRONG Carman Elementary School staff organized a parade with hopes of lifting student's spirits during the COVID-19 pandemic.







> DUECK, FROM PG. 7

view of certain situations or communities within the Mennonite diaspora, which is fair enough. I told some unflattering truths, as I saw them, but I tried to be fair," said Dueck. "Any civil society, such as broader Mennonite society, should be able to accept uncomfortable facts presented in a measured way, with a level of respect. This is what writers do."

He said he wasn't treated unkindly wherever he pitched up and began firing off questions, as journalists are wont to do. But he did find some people to be "cautious" or even "suspicious" of his motives.

"I came barging into their lives, speaking our shared Germanic tongue [Plautdietsch] very poorly, asking awkward questions," he said. "Yet the Mennonites fed me, often gave me a place to sleep, and nearly all were enthusiastic about my mission once we'd broken the ice."

Being cooped up in his "tiny" apartment in Hong Kong because of CO-VID-19 has made Dueck think about the Interlake with its wide-open spaces and fresh air. Although he owns farmland near Mennville, he said he has no plans at the moment to return home. He added that he'd make a "lousy farmer."

"I'll have to come up with a different plan on what to do once I return," he said.

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"It is important to note that while some gradual lifting of restrictions has begun, significant work to limit the spread of COVID-19 must continue," he said. "Our message to the majority of Manitobans is not 'stay home' now anymore, it's 'stay safe.'"

That said, Manitobans, especially those in high-risk categories (over 65 or with underlying medical conditions), are still advised to stick close to their home communities whenever possible.

If you're showing any symptoms of

respiratory illness you should stay home to avoid spreading the virus to others.

Manitobans experiencing flu or cold-like symptoms no longer require a referral from Health Links-Info Santé or their family physician before heading to a community site for CO-VID-19 testing.

People are still encouraged to use the online screening tool to determine whether they meet the necessary criteria to be tested

Head to www.gov.mb.ca/covid19 for more information on screening and testing sites.

Miami, Darlingford war memorials receive funding

By Lorne Stelmach

Two local war memorials will get some welcome improvements this year thanks to financial support from the province.

The Manitoba government recently announced more than \$50,000 in grants for 11 projects through the Military Memorial Conservation Grant, and a portion of that money is going to memorials in Darlingford and Miami.

The RM of Thompson is receiving \$9,140 to clean and conserve the Miami cenotaph and erect a new granite monument in honour of local veterans who served in the Boer War, world wars, Korean War, and peacekeeping missions.

The Darlingford Memorial Park Committee is getting \$5,000 to conserve and paint exterior woodwork and refinish the interior of the Darlingford Memorial Park building.

"It's a tremendous help," said Darlingford committee rep Grant Rasmussen.

"It's just really important to keep the building up and keep it in great shape. It's just a gem for the community. We get tremendous support from the area all around ... it's very

important to everybody."

He noted they were eyeing the September long weekend for the work because they will need to remove the door and empty out the interior of the building.

"Rather than taking it apart during the summer when we hope to have people there, we'll try and do it after the season."

RM of Thompson councillor Heather Imrie said they are "beyond thrilled" to receive this funding from the provincial government.

"It has ensured that we will now have nearly all the funding we need to complete our Veterans Park Monument in early fall of this year," she said.

The project, which is also getting support from a number of other sources, centres around a new monument for the final stage of renovations in the park.

"We have identified 705 residents from the RM of Thompson who have served in the Boer War, WW1, WW2, the Korean War and peacekeeping missions in Egypt, Cyprus, Bosnia, and Kosovo," Imrie explained.

A new granite monument is being made locally at RB Millworks and



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War memorials in Miami (above) and Darlingford have received funding from the provincial government for site conservation and improvement projects.

there are also plans to install seven Canada's efforts in the wars and misnew plaques this summer that will depict and provide information about

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wherearetheynow Where are they now? Catching up with the Scotts

By Dennis Young

This feature will attempt to renew some acquaintances with former Carmanites. 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.

Gladwyn and Marguerite Scott

1. Firstly let's get familiar with you again. When did you live in Carman?

We were there for seven years from 1961-68. It was our first home after being married in '61.

2. What did you do for a living here?

I was the principal at the Elementary school and Marguerite was a part-time teacher for grades 7 and 8.

3. What other activities did you participate in?

I played and coached lots of sports including the Beavers and Marguerite supported me lol.

4. Did you raise any children here? Yes we had Michelle in 1963 and Jeff in 1966 but we

packed them up in 1968 so were pretty young yet. 5. What got you to leave Carman?

An opportunity came up for me to be Superintendent in the Souris Valley Division so I jumped at it. I did that for 21 years and also supervised student teachers. Marguerite fell in love with gardening, the choir and gave art lessons while in Souris.

6. Did that make you move around lots? Sure did. We set up housekeeping at not only



Gladwyn and Marguerite Scott

Souris (13) but Warren (14), Stonewall (6) and Carberry (20) where we are today.

7. What do you do now? Retired I assume?

I am 89 and have been retired for 25 years although I still write articles for the *Neepawa Banner* and *Baldur Gazette*. The other paper I wrote for, *The Carberry Express*, folded in 2019. My good wife turns 81 soon and she keeps pretty much to the same antics she always has with gardening etc. We also have had two more kids Rick in 1970 and Sharla in 1972 so between the four and our grandchildren we keep to stay in touch as much as we can with the new electronics we have.

8. Do you ever return to Carman?

We still have good friends there and try to visit once a year. Used to be more but this getting old thing slows that down. We sure would like to see more of them though.

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

Oh gosh so many Dennis. The Beavers and Goldeyes of course but also the Cougarette teams and the new school was built while we were there too. Did you know that when we left there were 700 students in K-8. Marguerite always said Carman was a town she'd move back to. So many special friends still there we enjoy catching up with.

10. Any future plans?

Well lol just keep getting up each day and of course. Only Michelle lives in Carberry but the others are in Thunder Bay, Kenora and Halifax so to see them we have to make big plans. But we intend to.

11. Any last words wish to send to our readers? Nothing really philosophical here Dennis but I would encourage the readers to support the local newspaper. Too many small town papers are closing which is too bad. As I mentioned I am an old newspaper guy too so I know it comes down to the almighty dollar. For the news to be free not only businesses need to spend but readers must place class ads with Happy Birthdays, Anniversaries or anything that helps pay the bills. I have gone on too long sorry but it's every town's history and it should to be documented.



Local beef farmer feeling the effects of COVID-19

By Becca Myskiw

The closed meat plants over 1,100 km away from Carman has hit Stanley Armstrong right in the wallet.

Armstrong sells around 600 feeders each year. He's been doing it for over 50 years and cut down from 1,800 animals. Essentially, he buys calves and "backgrounds" them, feeding them grain and corn sileage so they grow big instead of getting fat.

The 75-year-old said he's not fussy on the breed, so most of his herd is an Angus-mix. When they're around 900 to 950 lbs in the spring, he sells them to a feed lot.

The only problem this year was the

feedlot had nowhere to send the cattle said Armstrong. to be killed.

Cargill Proteins in High River, Alta. and JBS in Brooks, Alta. account for 70 per cent of all federally inspected beef in Canada.

The Cargill meat plant processes 4,500 head of cattle per day. JBS does 3,800. Both plants closed in late April due to COVID-19 cases among staff, leaving thousands upon thousands of cattle unprocessed.

With slowed and halted production, the plants couldn't take any more shipments of cattle.

"You're breaking the normal cycle, so it just causes all kinds of problems,"

As he sells his animals during the time the plants closed down, he had to keep all but 100 of them home. Now, he has to find extra food and money to take care of them.

Armstrong said he bought more corn sileage from someone, but he's not sure if he bought enough. On top of losing his spring income and having to find extra resources for 500 animals, he won't be able to sell them as feeders anymore when the time comes.

His cattle will keep growing, and he predicts he won't be able to sell them until September, if that. When that

time comes, he'll have to sell the 500 head of cattle as fats instead, which is a different market altogether.

"It's not our normal ballgame we play," said Armstrong.

He's also a grain farmer. He seeds around 1,800 acres each year of corn, wheat, canola, and soybeans. Now, he has to feed 500 more animals in between fields.

"It's going to put us behind," he said. "We can't do everything."

Now, Armstrong is behind in time, resources, and money, and the grain markets are suffering with everything else. He said it all depends on what summer brings.

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sions.

"Last summer we did extensive work on the grounds, and we are very optimistic that the entire project will be completed in the fall of this year," said Imrie."If circumstances will allow for large groups of people to congregate this fall, we will be having a dedication ceremony in early September."

The province established the Military Memorials Conservation Fund

last year with an initial investment of \$2 million to provide annual grants toward war memorial conservation projects throughout Manitoba. It is estimated there are more than 200 military memorials of varying types across the province ranging in age from 20 to 100 years old.

Managed by The Winnipeg Foundation, the fund is intended to assist primarily with conservation work on existing military memorials with the goal of extending the physical life and commemorative function of the memorials.

"These projects will help to ensure aging memorials throughout Manitoba are preserved for future generations," said Sport, Culture and Heritage Minister Cathy Cox, who noted priority this year was given to projects related to the 75th anniversary

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of the end of the Second World War. "As time marches on, it's still so important to remember and honour the sacrifices made for us in the Second World War. That's why the Manitoba government is committed to preserving these important memorials, which provide opportunities to reflect and give thanks."

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Construction of Carman ball diamonds resumes



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Volunteers were hard at work last year helping with the construction of the eight new baseball diamonds, which are currently underway for the Carman and Area Ball Diamond Building Project. Work this summer had been halted after social distancing measures were put in place by the province to slow down the spread of the coronavirus, but is slowly getting going again.

Coordinator Derek MacLean confirmed that Pembina Landscaping has been hired to install the red clay on the diamonds and if weather cooperates will be complete, along with irrigation by June 1. The committee is hopeful that the Caman Golf and Curling Club along with the Town of Carman will come to an agreement so that the ball and soccer fields will use non potable water for a fee to the Carman Golf Club for pump use. Fences are to be erected by O'Brien Built beginning next week with completion scheduled for June 15 with grass being sewn mid June. As of today, there is a shortfall of \$20,000 to finish the entire complex.

Walk for Alzheimer's moves online this year

Virtual "walk" planned for Sunday, May 31

By Emily Distefano

The annual IG Wealth Management Walk for Alzheimer's is moving online this year, but the need for more funding and awareness isn't going anywhere.

Carman's Alzheimer Memory Walk usually includes a march around King's Park, a barbecue at the Boyne Lodge provided by the Carman Dufferin Fire Department, and live music from local performers. All told, the area usually raises around \$2500 through the generous sponsorship of local walkers. This year, though, the community walk has joined the growing list of events cancelled due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic. Instead, people who are interested in participating can create an online challenge to raise funds and tune in to a national livestream featuring stories and entertainment from across the country on Sunday, May 31 at 10:45 a.m.

Long-time volunteer Bob Kowalchuk, who has helped coordinate the Carman-area walk for years, said that while it is sad the gathering can't happen this year the decision to cancel it makes sense given the current situation.

"It's disappointing not to be able to do it," he said. "But it's understandable." Kowalchuk is hoping that the people who normally would get involved in the Memory Walk will continue their support this year, either by raising money as they are able or by watching the livestream event.

"I'm hoping people will participate and join the [virtual] walk," he said. "There are quite a few people in Carman who are affected by Alzheimer's. I know there are people in the community being affected by this."

Kowalchuk also organizes the annual Carman Alzheimer Awareness Ukrainian Dinner each February in honour of his mother. Every year, he said, he hears from more people whose family members and friends have had to grapple with the cruel disease.

The Alzheimer Society estimates

that by 2031, the number of Canadians with dementia will increase by nearly 70 per cent.

If you would like to get involved in this year's walk with a virtual challenge, visit alzheimer.mb.ca/wfa2020.

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more animals. We would love to be able to open up more space for cats," continued Magotiaux. "And to have a space for our managers to work more efficiently and to be able to have a more private location.

"It would be great if we could take a step into the future and add more to the shelter."

PVHS public relations chair Holly Thorne noted they are continuing to diversify their fundraising efforts in large part to help meet that very goal.

"We encourage the community to create their own fundraising initiatives as well to help bring awareness to the work that the Pembina Valley Humane Society does," she said.

If you'd like to support the Happy Tails campaign, donations can be made via e-transfer to treasurer@ pvhsociety.ca, through the shelter's Facebook page, or by cheque mailed to 462 Jefferson Street, Morden, Mb., R6M 0C3.

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Sports&recreation

"A winning tradition" – the Carman Goldeyes

By Dennis Young

It has been 55 summers since the Carman Goldeyes had one of the oldest and most successful amateur baseball franchises in Manitoba. Starting 1965 the Goldeves earned the respect of all the teams they have played against and are renowned throughout the province (and beyond) for being well-managed and well-coached. They have also been graced with competent and dedicated individuals in the "front office" who have donated their time to ensure a smooth operation and financial stability. On the field, the Goldeves have a "winning tradition" that few teams in amateur sport can match.

In 1964, the Winnipeg Goldeyes of the Northern League (Triple "A" Professional league) folded due to financial trouble. The next year, Joe Pethybridge, a long-time baseball enthusiast in Carman, met with their former business manager Terry Hind and negotiated the purchase of their white away uniforms. Joe transplanted them and thus the local Goldeyes were born. For that summer Joe put together a group to play in the South Central League.

In 1965, a Goldeyes team was fielded with Joe managing and they played in a Juvenile League in the Carman-Morden-Winkler area. After compiling a winning record that year, the Goldeyes joined an Intermediate League in 1966 and 1967. Considering that most of the players were of Bison age (19 and under) or less, it was a tribute to the team to complete successfully amongst Intermediate teams.

Since that initial season, which ended in 2000 after 35 years, the Bison Goldeyes won the Manitoba title twice in '72 and '90 plus a bronze at Nationals in 1990. The Midget edition boasted provincial crowns in '87, '94 and '95. The 1995 team won gold at the Western Canadians, silver at the Nationals and will be inducted into the Manitoba Baseball Hall of Fame this year.

When the Goldeyes fielded a Junior squad in 1969 it started a string of proud summers for the organization. From 1969 to 1975 they captured five League and Provincial titles and a silver at the Canadians in 1969. That '69 club and the 1971-74 teams have all been inducted into the Hall of Fame. This Junior version of the Goldeyes fielded a team for 15 straight years until folding due to lack of bodies in 1984.

The Intermediate/Senior versions of the Goldeyes was formed in 1976 from those over age former Juniors and they continued ringing up titles. Since their debut until folding in 1993 they accumulated seven league pennants, five league championships and five provincial championships. In every year of competition the Seniors never fared worse than third in their leagues. To cap off a tremendous run of five provincial championships, the



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The 1965 Carman Juvenile Goldeyes were finalists in the Manitoba Juvenile Championships.

1983-88 teams were inducted into the Manitoba Baseball Hall of Fame in 2002 and the Manitoba Sport Hall of Fame in 2013. To further solidify the dominance this team had on the field, 15 individuals have also been inducted in the Baseball Hall! Once the Senior ball loop folded, they played old timers for five years winning three bronze, one silver and a gold.

Goldeyes ball returned in 1994 with some 2nd generation players and former players as coaches. For the next six years these teams won six provincial titles and silvers at the Westerns in '95, '96, '97 and '98. For matching the record of the 1971-74 teams of winning four consecutive Manitoba pennants from 1997-2000, they too will be inducted this year. A massive reunion was being planned this summer but alas that has been postponed to the COVID-19 pandemic.

All age levels of the Goldeyes have been graced with many excellent individual players who not only contributed greatly to their respective clubs but have assisted other teams in provincial and extra-provincial playoffs.

The Goldeyes tradition was more than a winning tradition, it was a tradition of co-operative team effort and friendship which provided memorable moments that players and management can recall with pride and some laughs for many years.

Canada Soccer announces 'return to soccer' guidelines

Staff

Canada Soccer announced last Thursday that all member organizations must follow the "Return to Soccer Guidelines" before returning to the pitch.

The next day, the Manitoba Soccer Association penned a letter on its website.

"The Manitoba Soccer Association is continuously working to provide information and updates to best support our membership as we collectively work through the ongoing impacts of the pandemic," read a statement written by MSA executive director Hector Vergara. "We wanted to provide an update on how these guidelines are being adhered to in Manitoba, and what steps we are currently taking to ensure that we can return to play in a timely, yet safe fashion." MSA staff have been diligently working with Canada Soccer and the other provincial soccer bodies to develop"Return to Play Protocols."

"These protocols will have multiple phases, and will include timelines, recommendations, and guidelines that anyone participating in sanctioned soccer will need to follow,"Vergara said.

The "Return to Play Protocols" must follow a process of review before it can be approved and implemented. The process includes, but is not limited to, being reviewed by Canada Soccer, MSA member leagues and organizations, MSA board of directors, Sport Manitoba, and the provincial health authorities.

"This review process will ensure that we gather feedback and that the protocols have all the key components for a safe return to the game,"Vergara said. "In addition, we have been informed by our insurance broker that there is a contagion exclusion that does not cover any situations arising out of COVID-19."

This means that liability is being pushed down to sports and local communities/organizations.

"For this reason, we all need to be comfortable that we are doing everything that is appropriate and reasonable to mitigate risks associated with return to play,"Vergara said. "As soon as the protocols have been finalized, we will provide them to our members along with Canada Soccer's 'Return to Soccer Assessment Tool' and any other support documents to help our members prepare for a return to play date."

Players and coaches are anxious to

get on to the soccer fields this summer.

"We understand that everyone wants to return to playing the sport that they love, but we must continue to put the health and safety of all our members first," Vergara said. "As of right now, we do not have a definitive date of when sanctioned soccer will be able to return in our province, but we will continue to work with all essential parties involved and will continue to provide updates as they become available."

Manitoba Soccer has postponed any in person sanctioned activity for May, which includes any training and team-building activities.

"We encourage everyone to remain active and stay positive that soccer will return in our province," Vergara said. Estate & Moving Auction

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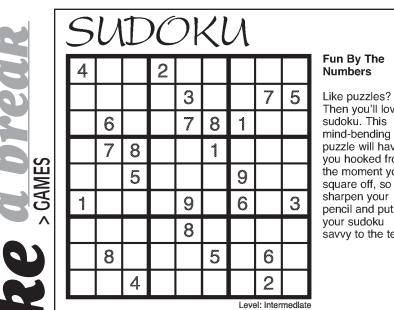
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50. Not in tip-top shape

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56. City in central Italy

54. Alternate names

46. One who utilizes

36. Large insects

or path

47. Plant-eating

55. A part of a

57. LOTR actor

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60. Men's fashion

accessory

61. Type of screen

62. Snakelike fish

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- 4. You can draw it
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- 11. Fifth note of a major
- scale 12. Biochemical abbreviation
- 13. Make somebody laugh
- 15. Returned material
- authorization (abbr.) 16. City in NE Morocco
- 19. Colorless gas
- 21. NE football player
- 23. A snake is one
- 24. Small spot
- 25. Inform
- 26. Republic of Ireland
- 27. Large statues
- **30. Documents about** an individual
- 34. Helps little firms

2. Italian rice dish 3. Some are cocktail

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1. Hit heavily

- 4. A citizen of Israel
- 5. Read-only memory
- 6. Passed by
- 7. Northern diving ducks
- 8. References
- 9. Iranian language
- 13. Swiss river
- 14. Woman (French)
- 17. Gov't department
- (abbr.)
- 18. Consumed
- 20. Ailments
- 22. Balkan Jewish appetizer
- 27. Reciprocal of a sine 28. Skywalker mentor
- -Wan 29. Resinous secretion of
- insects
- 31. Similar
- 32. Female sheep
- 33. Cool!
 - **37. Borders the Adriatic** Sea
 - 38. Flowers
 - 39. It's sometimes upped
 - 40. Immobile
 - 41. Female body parts
 - 42. Common request
 - 43. Made a second thrust
 - 44. Fell into deep sleep
 - 47. Subway resident
 - **48. Brew**
- 51. Aspirations
- 52. Doctor of Education
- 53. Punk musician __ Dee Ramone
- 58. A subdivision of a play

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Dorothy Phoebe Halstead It is with great sadness we say goodbye to our mother, grandmother and great-grandmother, Dorothy Halstead, who

passed away peacefully on May 8, 2020 at the age of 97 years. She will be greatly missed by her children Brian (Karen), Don (Carol Anne), Lyle (Allison), Ken (Dream), Shirley McCutcheon (Don) and Kathy Grenier (Mike). She also leaves behind her cherished grandchildren, Jason (Stacey), Shannon (Mitchell), Mark (Kelsey), Jenn (Vaughan), Sara (Taylor), Duncan (Shilpa), Mint, C.R. (Rose), Cole, Jordan (Riley) and great-grandchildren, Grace, Charlie, Asher, Eleanor, Chris, Rae-Lynn, Joey, Tessa, and Taylor, all of whom she was immensely proud.

Mom was born to Sarah and David Barlow on July 31, 1922 on the family farm near Myrtle, Manitoba; the youngest of three children, including her brother Albert, and sister Irene (Frith). Her

11 Barlow cousins who lived across the road were an important part of her childhood and helped to nurture her sense of humour and fun. Mom loved her time at Myrtle Consolidated School and was grateful to have had the education of the 'Three Rs' those four brick walls provided.

She married Elmer Halstead in 1944. They lived and farmed in their home community, working hard and raising their six children together until 1971 when Dad passed away. She was always a devoted mother who encouraged her family to obtain an education and instilled in all of her children a love of reading and learning. She was a full participant in all the aspects of her life. She handled the farm bookkeeping, and spent endless hours gardening, canning and baking. In 1954, she was designer and project manager for the new family home.

Legendary to the family were Sunday night chicken suppers, homemade buns, butter tarts and saskatoon pies. In the community, Mom was renowned for her popcorn balls for neighbouring children at Halloween and these same children grew up to pay a ransom price for them later at the church auctions. She was never idle, and was always at work on a project of some sort, sewing (including two family wedding dresses), quilting, crocheting, tatting or knitting. Skilled at all of these, she has left us with treasures we hold dear.

Mom enjoyed her connection to the community in so many diverse ways. She was a school trustee and later a local news reporter for the Dufferin Leader. She was active as a 4-H leader, and served in many supporting roles in the Myrtle United Church. She was civic-minded, with a strong position on one's duty to vote and often told the story of how she and Dad once drove to town to cast opposing votes. She helped compile the Myrtle/Roland history book, Living Gold, and was very active in organizing the Myrtle School Reunion in 2011.

After years on the farm. Mom moved to Roland in 1986, and then to Carman in 2006. With each move, she developed additional friendships and joined the activities in her new community. She would welcome the adventures proposed to her; canoeing, a hot-air balloon ride, sailing, a 4-H leaders trip to Wisconsin or a camping trip with friends. Mom enjoyed travelling to visit her family and was delighted by the chance to dip her toe in both the Atlantic and Pacific oceans from Canadian shores and, most significantly, to take a trip to England to visit her parents' homeland.

Most of all, Mom enjoyed her time with her kids and grandkids. She always accepted any opportunity to have them visit or watch them perform or play a sport. She loved to host family gatherings where each time, there was a big meal to enjoy. All family visits ended with board games or cards, in which a fierce but fun competitiveness surfaced, where none of the children or grandchildren was given any leniency. To ease any disappointment of possible defeat there was much laughter and many treats served during and after the games.

Mom was loving and loyal and strong. With her, there was always time for the encouragement and acknowledgement of stories shared; sometimes with listening or through a kind few words, at other times with wise counsel, and always with a warm hug.

If friends so desire, in the spirit of Mom's generosity, please share your time or talents with others as an act of kindness, or give to a charity of your choice.

There will be a private interment at the Myrtle Cemetery. A memorial service may be held at a later date.

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