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Busy beekeeping

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Bailey Gitzel has been beekeeping just outside of Haywood for eight years now. Complete story on page 2.

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There's lots of buzz around local beekeeper and her eight-year journey

By Becca Myskiw

A book report sparked the love for bees in Bailey Gitzel almost 10 years ago, and today she's a beekeeper.

After reporting on "The Secret Life of Bees", then 14-year-old Gitzel started buying beekeeping books and reading everything she could find on the insects in every format possible. It took some convincing to her parents, but she had her first hive at 15.

"I didn't really know what I was doing," she said. "I was going off of what I learned and what I was told...it didn't end up too well. The hive died."

But that didn't stop Gitzel from dusting herself off and trying again. The following spring, Gitzel got three hives from a now-beekeeping-friend in Morden. He took her under his wing, connected her with other beekeepers, and mentored her.

Gitzel now 23, normally tends to 30 hives or more. This year, she has 22 — each of which can have 35,000 bees or more.

Everything revolves around the queen bee. She lays eggs — either female worker bees or male drones — and is always repopulating for the hive's future. The worker bees (females), go out each day and collect nectar from flowers, then bring



When Gitzel buys a queen bee, it comes in a small container with a marshmallow at the end. The hive bees eat the marshmallow and let her out when they're ready to accept her.

it back to the hive to be made into honey. Though they do this throughout the summer, peak season is when canola is flowering, so Gitzel moves her hives into a flowering field (with permission) so the bees can easily get the nectar. The only job of the drones is to mate with the queen bee.

Then there are baby bees, which get a few different jobs as they grow. They can be guard bees, which are the first ones you see when approaching a hive. Some can be janitor bees and clean the cells or nurse bees, which



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Gitzel is taking care of 22 hives this year.

take care of the younger bees. Bees also make beeswax within the hive, which comes from glands on the younger bees that produce wax they then mold into the hexagon shape.

"It's like a perfect geometric shape and they all fit together," said Gitzel. "They're just amazing the way they can just do that."

When the queen bee feels the hive is getting too full, she can give signals to the other bees to make a new queen, which they create from feeding a female larva royal jelly. Once the new queen is ready, she and half of the hive will fly off in a swarm to start their own hive.

In August, Gitzel packs up all her hives and takes them to her friend's In Morden for the harvest. Up until then, she spends the season doing checks once a week and monitoring the bees. But come August, she, her grandpa, and her little brothers, stack up the 90 lb boxes, blow the bees out, and extract the honey from the hives.

Gitzel doesn't pasteurize her honey so it's all raw. She sells it under "The Farmer's Daughter" in

an abundance of natural flavours at farmer's markets and various retailers.

"That's what I really like to focus everything around is sustainability," she said.

She said she wouldn't be able to be as successful as she does without her grandpa and doing it with him is one of her favourite parts about it.



Before opening the hive, Gitzel smokes it to calm the bees.



Each hive has honey supers for the bees to store their honey and make honey comb.

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Last week's flood seeps into storefronts on 1st Street SW

By Becca Myskiw

Carman's 1st Street SW flooded last Wednesday following a 15-minute downpour.

Over the course of 24 hours last week, the Town of Carman was hit with three inches of rain, with the majority of it coming just before 3 p.m. on June 9. The short downpour caused the downtown to fill up, with water levels rising to shop fronts.

Toews Printing & Office Supply is one of the businesses on 1st Street SW who dealt with a soggy shop after the rain. Maxine Toews, owner of the store, said all her goods were picked off of the floor before they could be ruined.

As Toews Printing & Office Supply is a Purolator agent for Carman, Toews had started the day by putting parcels outside for people to pick up along with some things the store had for sale. Once it started raining, she brought the things inside, but said she wasn't too worried until it started to really pour. Then, when vehicles were zipping down the street, it was creating waves in the ever-increasing

water, and pushing it to the stores.

So, Toews went out and stopped traffic. One man parked his truck diagonally, so the waves stopped, and inside, Toews, her husband, and their son were busy getting everything in the store off the ground. With their quick work and the help of some good Samaritans, Toews Printing & Office Supply suffered no losses because of the flood.

The day after the rain, the Town of Carman came in with pressure washers and washed the sidewalks on 1st Street SW. Toews spent that day drying out her store with fans brought in from customers and squeegee-ing her carpet with a piece of plexiglass.

Mayor Brent Owen said the water was able to accumulate as it did because the storm sewers couldn't keep up fast enough. The water drained quickly, though, because they caught up eventually, and the street was clear in no time.

"It was a significant rain event in about 15 minutes," said Owen. "The sky opened up and the storm sewers just couldn't keep up."



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A 15-minute downpour had water seeping into storefronts in Carman's downtown last week.

The rain didn't change anything for the town's water use restrictions, though. Owen said council is asking people to continue to preserve water where they can and be proactive for when the steamy temperatures return.

Carman recently shut off the tap that brings

water from the Pembina Valley Water Cooperative and was solely using the Boyne River to help the expanded region. Owen said the Boyne River's levels have been fine so far, so he's not worried about that source diminishing just yet.

Restrictions having desired effect: Roussin

By Lorne Stelmach

Case numbers continued to trend in the right direction this past week as the province edged closer towards further easing restrictions.

"The restrictions that have been in place have had that beneficial effect on our case counts, and that's why we have been able to just slowly ease some of those restrictions," chief provincial public health officer Dr. Brent Roussin said at his Monday update. "We need to continue to bring these numbers down, we need to bring the vaccines up, and that's going to help us be in a position to start to reopen."

There were two new deaths reported Monday including a male in his 80s from the Southern Health-Santé Sud health region, and they brought the total number of deaths in Manitoba due to COVID-19 to 1,102.

The current five-day test positivity rate was 10.7 per cent provincially with 124 new cases of the virus identified, including 19 cases in the Southern Health-Santé Sud health region.

The active case counts included 41 in Winkler, 17 in Morden, and five in Stanley. In the broader

region, Red River South was at 26 cases, the Altona area had 19, Carman had 13, Lorne/Louise/Pembina was at 11, MacDonald had seven, Morris had five, and Roland/Thompson one case.

The total number of lab-confirmed cases in Manitoba was at 54,481 with 3,111 active cases and 50,268 recoveries, while 297 Manitobans remained hospitalized with COVID-19 in Manitoba and neighbouring provinces

Meanwhile, eligibility for second doses expanded to include individuals who received their first dose on or before May 10. Only those eligible to book appointments based on the date of their first dose or other criteria should book second-dose appointments at this time.

Additionally, all Indigenous people in Manitoba and individuals with specific health conditions are also eligible to book their second dose as long as they meet the minimum time interval between doses.

All people aged 12 and up are eligible to book first-dose appointments. You can book online at <https://protectmb.ca> or by calling toll-free 1-844-MAN-VACC (1-844-626-8222).

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Condolences and congratulations to 2021 graduates

As it has become clear that the local graduating grade 12 students will not have a usual graduation, it caused me to reflect on the past year and all the challenges the kids faced.

You have all faced a whole year plus of adversity and obstacles. To keep everyone safe, you were divided into cohorts, many times separating friends you've had since you started kindergarten. You had to figure out how to learn and study using remote learning technology and do your schoolwork in new and challenging ways. Many of you were looking forward to your final year of sports; you were excited by the potential and filled with optimism (many of us in the community felt the same way)

but those too, were lost.

During the various lockdowns, you were not allowed to gather normally with your friends and peers outside of school. Life as you knew it was turned upside down. Now your parents, family, friends, and your whole community will not have the opportunity to celebrate all your accomplishments in the usual way. I know that everyone feels for you and wishes it all could have been a more normal year.

Without the usual Grad ceremony, you also won't get unsolicited advice from someone on how to think about your next chapter of life and the adventures to come so I'll offer a shortened pandemic version of a grad ad-

dress here. When you think about all the challenges that you have overcome this year, you should be very proud. Your family, friends, teachers and community are also very proud.

It is hard to imagine a graduating class that faced more obstacles and curveballs in their final year. Despite the struggles, you made it! Whether you recognize it or not, you have developed resilience and grit which will serve you well in whatever you do moving forward. With the past year in your rearview mirror, the next challenge that you face will not seem quite as daunting (and other challenges will come). You have all proven that you are stronger and more persistent than you believed you could be.

- Scott Stephens

Rule of law

It seems to me Mr. Pallistar's Rule of Law has double standard. Apparently this rule does not apply to municipalities in southern Manitoba.

RM's are aloud to breach contracts

without being held accountable.

First they make the rules and then break them at will.

I see this as unfair to some of us just trying to make a living.

If governments are not held accountable, Mr. Pallistar's Rule of Law

sounds good but means nothing.

I am tired of being bullied, while watching favouritism to others. (some in power).

- Vern Redekopp, Carman

Frustrated by our provincial government

On the occasion of the arrest of Maxime Bernier, leader of the People's Party of Canada, in Manitoba on June 11, I wish to extend my congratulations to both the Premier of Manitoba and to the RCMP. They have successfully turned Manitoba into a communist state, where churches are forbidden from opening, political leaders are arrested for speaking, citizens are ticketed for gathering outdoors to express their constitutional right of protest, people are not allowed to visit their dying friends,

small businesses are crushed by the state, scientists and doctors are censored, and where the masses live in fear of the police. By great skill the Premier and the RCMP have accomplished this amazing feat, unimaginable even two years ago, despite laws and traditions to the contrary, and despite the wishes or knowledge of many of the citizens.

Moreover, I am compelled to single out our Premier as worthy of the highest accolades, for by superb management and subtle propagan-

da he somehow made this remarkable transformation of Manitoba on account of a disease that had it been one hundred times worse than it is, would still have fallen far below the lethality of the great pandemics of world history.

I am certain that Klaus Schwab, assumed pending president of the World, will shortly express his heartfelt gratitude to the Premier and the RCMP as well. Soon we will all own nothing and be happy.

But I am obliged to ask, Am I next?
- Thomas Verduyn, Roland

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My perspective

If only the Occupy Wall Street crowd of 2010 could have seen what corporate CEOs are like today in the 2020s.

Nowadays we have all these “woke” corporate CEO’s jump on the bandwagon to aggressively push for destructive radical climate change policies.

One example is that in the USA, the Big Banks with their virtue signaling have pledged trillions of dollars to battle the farce or scam of so-called man-made climate change. The bailout hazard this will make will make the housing bubble bailout, wall

street bailout and auto bailout of 2008 look like chicken feed in comparison.

These same corporate CEO’s enthusiastically support the thuggish and violent Black Lives Movement and even used cancel culture against small mom and pop businesses that refuse to support the BLM like Nini’s Deli of Chicago. Jeff Bezos CEO of Amazon proudly brags about that he is all fine about when conservatives call for the boycotting of Amazon and he’s proud of losing such customers. These CEOs scream racism when governments sensibly push for voter ID. Corporate CEOs push the Marxist garbage called Critical Race

Theory onto their own employees, destroying morale in the process and creating a toxic work environment.

Big Tech has been censoring conservative opinions for years, censoring skepticism of manmade climate change, censoring criticism of the trans movement or gender reassignment surgery or any differing from the establishment narrative on the pandemic especially silencing critics in the medical field.

Yet a decade ago we had the Occupy Wall Street crowd or activists across North America who condemned and rallied against what they saw as evil corporations or CEOs, what they called the “one percenters.”

I find that the activists who made up the Occupy Wall Street crowd a decade ago would no doubt enthusiastically support ideologically all the “woke” ideology of the corporate CEOs of today. No doubt the OWS crowd would be thrilled of what the far-left pandering and the virtue signaling of corporate CEOs do nowadays. They would be thrilled about the cancel culture and deplatforming that CEOs do all the time now.

Ironically, I see little to no difference in the beliefs of the “woke” Big Business and the Occupy Wall Street crowd of a decade ago.

- Stanley Reitsma, Carman

Op-ed: Why we’re taking the Trudeau government to task

By Jamie Irving, VP of Brunswick News Inc. and Chair of News Media Canada

The hundreds of publications that belong to News Media Canada are in the business of reporting the news – not making it.

But this week, we’re breaking that rule by bringing together our disparate, cross-Canada member publications to speak in one united voice – in both official languages – in an unprecedented open letter to Prime Minister Justin Trudeau, which has been given prominent place (in print and online) in our member publications.

We wish it didn’t have to come to this. It wouldn’t have if the Prime Minister and his government had kept their word. But when the future of local news is at stake in Canada, we won’t hesitate to put aside our usual differences and take a strong public stance to hold the government to account.

For months now, the Prime Minister and his Minister of Canadian Heritage, Steven Guilbeault, have promised legislation to rein in the monopoly abuses of Google and Facebook and their attack on local news in Canada.

It’s part of a relentless onslaught by the two web giants around the world. They exploit their position as de facto gatekeepers of the Internet to Hoover up the lion’s share of online advertising and distribute the work of hard-working, professional journalists without compensation. News media are choked off from the financial resources they need to report the news. And the news media eco-system is shattered.

All the while, Google and Facebook use these syphoned-off revenues to increase their own wealth and consol-

idate their power. It’s a vicious cycle that results in shuttered newsrooms and the silencing of credible local news.

Canada is one of the countries where the web giants’ stranglehold is the tightest – they divert 80% of online advertising revenues in Canada into their own coffers.

Last fall, we issued a comprehensive report on the crisis, titled Levelling the Digital Playing Field. We called on the government to follow Australia’s example, which is standing up to Google and Facebook, requiring them to negotiate collectively with that country’s media over fair compensation. And they’re backed up with tough, effective enforcement. In effect just a few months, it’s already having a significant positive impact in Australia, reversing the two behemoths’ control and financing precious local journalism jobs across the country, in media large and small.

Importantly, none of this requires new government funds, or fees, or taxes for the general public. Nor does it require government to step in and regulate news content – something we, like most Canadians, vehemently oppose.

In talks with the government, over

the subsequent months, we were promised similar action in Canada. The government made the same commitments publicly, with Mr. Guilbeault promising – several times – legislation this spring. We’ve also been talking to all the opposition parties in Ottawa – and they have all expressed support for reining in the web monopoly.

Well, spring has come and (almost)

gone, with no legislation. Not even the hint of it.

The government’s clear commitments of recent weeks have given way to silence. A deeply disturbing silence.

We’re not the only ones who have noticed it. Facebook recently pressed their advantage. Late last month,

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Human Rights commission monitoring government on vaccine identification

Submitted by Manitoba Human Rights Commission

The Manitoba Human Rights commission is monitoring the Government of Manitoba's release of the secure Vaccination Card, which will allow third parties to identify the vaccination status of cardholders. The Commission reminds governments, employers, service and housing providers of their obligation to respect human rights when imposing vaccination requirements / requiring proof of vaccine.

Requiring individuals to produce proof of COVID-19 vaccination in order to access employment, public services or housing could result in discrimination based on the following Code-protected grounds: Disability; Religious Belief; Political Belief; Social Disadvantage; and Age.

Requiring individuals to be vaccinated and produce proof of vaccine may also negatively impact individuals who cannot equitably access vaccination and other public health resources for reasons related to disadvantage, including houselessness and poverty. Existing identification schemes present significant barriers in equitable access to health care services for unsheltered populations, as documented in the 2018 Winnipeg Street Health Survey Final Report.¹ Moreover, where individuals are required to produce valid photo identification along with proof of vaccine, barriers to access may be magnified due to challenges in accessing photo identification.²

The Commission is also mindful that imposing identification requirements can result in adverse effects for communities that are more disproportionately impacted by carding, profiling or other identification requirements, such as Black, Indigenous and people of colour and people with disabilities.

Where mandatory vaccine and vaccine identification requirements are

put in place, these requirements must be justifiable

To be permissible under human rights law, mandatory vaccination requirements, or the use of vaccination identification, must satisfy the standard set out by the Supreme Court of Canada in *British Columbia (Public Service Employee Relations Commission) v. BCGSEU*, 1999 CanLII 652 (SCC), [1999] 3 SCR 3 ("Meoirin") and *British Columbia (Superintendent of Motor Vehicles) v. British Columbia (Council of Human Rights)*, 1999 CanLII 646 (SCC), [1999] 3 SCR 868 ("Grismer"). The three-part standard requires that

1. The requirement for vaccination has a rational connection to the employment or provision of the service;

2. The requirement for vaccination is a reasonable one;

3. The requirement for vaccination is reasonably necessary for the purpose of service provision. This requires evidence that the requirement was imposed on the basis of real evidence, not speculation; that the requirement is designed to minimize the burden on employees or service users; that the requirement does not treat one particular group more harshly than others without justification; and that alternatives approaches to the vaccine requirement were investigated and considered but could not be adopted without incurring undue hardship. In other words, the requirement for vaccination / vaccination identification must "incorporate every possible accommodation to the point of undue hardship, whether that hardship takes the form of impossibility, serious risk or excessive cost".

Undue hardship must be established on the basis of real evidence, and is fact dependent. Certain contexts may present varying degrees of risk, which must be considered when establishing whether a requirement for mandatory vaccination is justified under

human rights law in accordance with the standard set out above.

Governments, employers, service and housing providers must also be mindful of the emerging data related to vaccination, including varying rates of effectiveness amongst vaccine products, the complexities presented by COVID-19 variants, the delay of second dosage and its implications for vaccine efficacy, and broader vaccine uptake.

This information will be relevant to the determination of whether the implementation of a vaccine requirement would be deemed reasonably necessary to accomplish its broader employment or service related objectives.

Moreover, the specific context of implementation (i.e. personal care homes, hospitals, etc.) will impact whether the requirement for vaccination can be justified under human rights law. In other words, governments, employers, service and housing providers will need to consider the particular and distinct risks presented in specific contexts to determine whether a mandatory vaccination requirement / vaccination identification requirement is bona fide and reasonable in accordance with the standard set out above.

Reasonable accommodation must be provided

Should a government, employer, service or housing provider proceed with the implementation of a vaccination requirement, reasonable accommodation must be provided to the point of undue hardship. Existing mandatory vaccination schemes in the context of educational systems or for health care workers provide exemption clauses for medical, religious or conscientious objection in accordance with human rights related obligations.⁵ Due consideration will need to be given to how rights to reasonable accommodation will be upheld

when imposing this requirement. In accordance with the requirement to provide reasonable accommodation, the Commission cautions against the implementation of blanket policies requiring vaccination that do not provide for accommodation.

Vaccine Incentives

The Code's protected characteristics of disability, social disadvantage, religious belief, age and political belief may need to be considered when governments, employers, service or housing providers incentivize vaccination. Under The Code, organizations cannot deny someone access to a good, benefit or program for reasons related to a Code-protected ground, unless that denial can be reasonably justified. Therefore, governments, employers, service or housing providers must ensure that vaccination incentive programs do not limit the equality rights of Code-protected groups.

Summary

The requirement for mandatory vaccination, or the imposition of vaccination identification or incentives has implications for both direct and indirect forms of discrimination for Code-protected groups. Such a requirement could result in denials of service or employment for individuals who for Code-related reasons cannot participate in vaccination and the exacerbation of barriers to equity for individuals who experience structural disadvantage. Governments, employers, service and housing providers should exercise extreme caution in imposing any requirements or programs. In doing so, careful consideration will need to be given to how the program would be bona fide and reasonable under the three part standard set out by the Supreme Court of Canada in *Meoirin* and *Grismer*.

For more information on COVID-19 and discrimination, please visit www.manitobahumanrights.ca

Manitoba government rolls out COVID immunization card

By Ashleigh Viveiros

Manitobans who are fully immunized against COVID-19 won't have to self-isolate after travelling to other provinces, Premier Brian Pallister announced last week.

The province is rolling out a new immunization card as proof of vaccination for people who are 14 days past their second shot (the time it takes for the vaccine to take full effect).

Not having to self-isolate upon return to Manitoba from another province is just one of the first benefits to being fully immunized, Pallister said.

"Until all public health restrictions

are lifted, Manitobans will get certain benefits with this card," he said, noting the hope is this is a temporary measure until enough Manitobans are vaccinated and the risk of COVID-19 spread so low that such a card is no longer necessary.

In addition to the freedom to travel inter-provincially, fully vaccinated Manitobans will also no longer have to self-isolate if they are found to be a close contact of someone with COVID. Manitoba health-care facilities, including hospitals and personal care homes, will also be permitting expanded visitations if both the patient/

resident and their visitor are fully vaccinated.

"As we move forward with our reopening plans and as more Manitobans get fully vaccinated, there may be more items or privileges available to those who have an immunization card, based on the advice of Public Health," Pallister said.

Manitobans can order their cards securely online at immunizationcard.manitoba.ca. If you do not have internet access you can call 1-800-392-1207 to request a card, though the province asks you to seek assistance in using the online method from family and

friends first.

A digital card will be provided immediately online, but people can also order a physical card to be delivered to them within 14 days. Pallister noted that both forms of the cards contain no personal health information. They show only a person's first and last name and a QR code that, when scanned, shows you have been fully vaccinated.

"Why does this immunization card matter? Because vaccines are the way out of this pandemic, that's why," Pallister stressed.

Province maps out Manitoba's reopening plans

By Lorne Stelmach

The Manitoba government last week announced its plan for reopening the province, but Premier Brian Pallister stressed fewer restrictions for Manitobans beginning by Canada Day is very much connected to vaccination and following the rules.

Pallister said their aim with the 4-3-2-One Great Summer Reopening Path is to reward Manitobans with greater freedoms as more people continue to get vaccinated.

"It sets out a clear path for more openings and fewer restrictions as more and more Manitobans roll up their sleeves and get fully vaccinated," he said. "The key to reopening safely and staying open is you getting vaccinated, not once but twice, to get your life back.

"For the past few months, we have been in a race between variants and vaccines, and the variants have been winning. But thanks to the efforts of Manitobans to roll up their sleeves, the vaccines are starting to make a difference."

Chief provincial public health officer Dr. Brent Roussin echoed that message.

"As vaccinations increase, we can start moving towards a post pandemic

Manitoba ... a post pandemic Manitoba is not post COVID Manitoba. COVID is likely to be with us for the years to come," he warned.

"Public health supports this phased in approach to reopening. It strikes a good balance between where we are now and where we want to and need to be. This plan also gives some flexibility so we can monitor the situation and make the best decisions based on the data at that time."

The reopening plan focused on four reopening categories: gathering and socializing, travel and tourism, shopping and services, and dining out and entertainment. As well, it sets out three summer holiday milestones for phasing out restrictions: Canada Day, August long weekend and Labour Day.

Key to reopening safely is Manitoba's collective progress in getting vaccinated and reducing COVID-19 spread in communities and hospitals, Roussin stressed,

"Reopening activity levels will be tied to the first and second immunization dose targets," he continued. "The plan is built on two key principles: higher vaccination rates and the need for Manitobans to keep following the public health orders ... these will be

key."

Each holiday milestone for reopening will have a one-dose and two-dose immunization goal to guide progress in keeping Manitobans safe, the province says. The goals include:

- Over 70 per cent of all Manitobans aged 12 and over to have received their first dose and over 25 per cent to have received their second dose by Canada Day.

- 75 per cent or greater of all Manitobans aged 12 and over to have received their first dose and over 50 per cent to have received their second dose by the August long weekend.

- 80 per cent or greater of all Manitobans aged 12 and over to have received their first dose and over 75 per cent to have received their second dose by Labour Day.

Reopening activity levels will be tied to the first and second dose immunization targets, including:

- Meeting vaccine targets by Canada Day means businesses, services, and facilities can open at 25 per cent capacity or greater levels.

- Meeting vaccine targets by the August long weekend means businesses, services, and facilities can open at 50 per cent capacity or greater levels.

- Meeting vaccine targets by Labour

Day means businesses, services, and facilities can open with limited restrictions.

Manitoba NDP Opposition Leader Wab Kinew criticized the plan and announcement for being too short on details.

"Many Manitobans right now are asking questions like is my kid going to be able to go back to school this year? Are they going to be able to play sports? When will I be able to go to the gym? Can we have a family barbecue this summer?" said Kinew.

"Really, this announcement today didn't answer any of those questions. It's so vague that what we actually saw was not a plan but just a graphic and a press release. There's so many important details that Manitobans should have been told," he said. "What is the test positivity rate? What is the ICU number? What are the hospitalization numbers that are going to have to be cleared in order for us to move forward with a reopening here in Manitoba."

For more information on the 4-3-2-One Great Summer Reopening Path, you can go online to www.manitoba.ca/covid19/prs/reopening/index.html.

Nursing petition gaining support

By Sydney Lockhart

The group Manitoba Nurses Matter has created a petition to gain public support for nurses to get a fair contract from the provincial government after their previous one expired four years ago.

The petition was started by Jay Hill who is not a nurse, but says he couldn't stand by and watch nurses be unsupported by the public.

"The mission statement is to show the Pallister PCs that there is public pressure, that the public wants this," said Hill, "They don't believe the public actually cares about this issue. So, the end game is to put as much pressure on them as possible to the point where they realize they cannot win another election without solving this."

The petition first launched two weeks ago and has since gained over 10,000 signatures from Manitobans across the province.

"It's literally a life-or-death topic, if we don't have enough nurses in the province, we are not going to have illnesses, diseases, viruses or injuries treated. We are having a shortage [of nurses] and there will be people that will get subpar care and there will be people that die as a result," said Hill.

Last week Manitoba nurses voted 98 per cent in favour of a strike, hoping the province will agree to binding arbitration before

the union decides to call the strike.

Hill said he will not stop petitioning in favour of the nurses until, "The day the MNU sends out a message and says, we met with the government, we agree to their terms, we have a contract that is a fair contract."

Hill said he hopes people research and understand that this isn't just about fair wages

The Manitoba Nurse Union said the province wants to include a float pool that would be able to redeploy nurses to different hospitals and wards throughout the province.

The MNU's Instagram posted, "So when we think about a strike vote, let's remember it isn't just about a bump in salary, it's also about being able to go to bed and not have to think about starting a new job over and over again, being moved around to wherever you are needed most. Although just as magical, nurses aren't unicorns. They're real people."

Hill said he hopes people will consider single parents when signing the petition, saying they don't have the ability to pick up their life and move around for their job if a float pool is introduced.

Manitoba Nurses Matter is also selling t-shirts to raise money for Fionn MacCool's campaign which is trying to feed hungry and overworked healthcare workers during

the pandemic.

To sign the petition, buy a t-shirt or order a lawn sign go to

<https://www.mbnursesmatter.ca>.

Remembering Carman's athletes



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Congratulations to the 1981-82 Carman Girls Highschool-Fastball team for winning first, the Zone 4 baseball championship and advancing to the provincial championship and again emerging victorious. Pictured front row, left to right: Terri Jefkins, Shannon Claggett, Diane Dunn, Wanda Wiebe, Kristie Wurmnest; middle row, Deb Kauenhofen, Deb Grabowski, Pam Murray, Donna Grabowski, Susan Tjaden; back row, Wayne Johnston, Glenda McKinnon, Sheri Winkler, Nancy Brown, Delsi Fehr, Allison Rance and Neil Strachan.

Anti-lockdown protestors gather in Morden, Winkler

By Ashleigh Viveiros

People's Party of Canada Leader Maxime Bernier's plans to make stops at anti-lockdown rallies across southern Manitoba last weekend were cut short after his arrest by RCMP.

Bernier's "Mad Max Manitoba Tour" was to include rallies in both Morden and Winkler Friday, but he was ticketed at an event in Niverville and then arrested at another in St-Pierre-Jolys for the alleged continued violation of public health orders, including failing to self-isolate upon arriving in Manitoba. The charges have not yet been tested in court.

While Bernier was incarcerated, Morden's rally drew about a dozen people to Lion's Park in the late afternoon.

Winkler's evening rally in the Parkland ball diamonds parking lot attracted closer to 100 participants. Some remained in their vehicles to listen to the speakers over their radios, but a group of about 50 mingled together outside their vehicles without masks and in violation of public health orders on gathering sizes.

A handful of rally participants hid their faces with Guy Fawkes masks as they manned a nearby barbecue and handed out hot dogs.

With Bernier in custody, recently nominated Portage-Lisgar PCC candidate Solomon Wiebe was among those who filled his spot on the podium.

"I am here because I think we need to ask a question," Wiebe said in his remarks. "That question is if a human authority or a government should have the power to decide who or what is essential, and



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Dozens of people gathered together in Winkler's Parkland Friday night to protest COVID-19 restrictions.

what I should and should not wear on my body, and what I should put in my body.

"That is a question we all need to ask. If you think about that, and the ramifications of that question, the world can become a very dangerous place, so we're trying to prevent that from happening."

Wiebe stressed that he is not anti-vaccine nor anti-mask, but rather "pro-freedom."

"I'm pro-choice to do as you please without having to consult the government to go to a wiener roast with your friends, go to church, or attend another gathering that you want to attend," he said. "These are freedoms that were given to us not by the government, so the government does not have the authority to take them away. They are in our Charter [of Rights and Freedoms]."

"We are authorized to move freely and no one can

take those rights away from us, not even our government."

Rally participants were also invited up to share their thoughts from the flatbed stage.

The common theme was a frustration at the perceived erosion of freedoms by way of the ongoing COVID-19 restrictions and the resulting impact on businesses and families, as well as concerns that those freedoms will not be restored once the public health crisis is over.

Provincial officials have repeatedly said that they are aware of the rallies taking place across Manitoba and that such events are being monitored for health order violations. Enforcement officials are in attendance, the government has said, to conduct surveillance and gather video and other evidence that will be used to lay charges.



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Carman Collegiate opens Hall of Excellence with four inductees

By Becca Myskiw

Carman Collegiate is honouring their distinguished alumni with a Hall of Excellence.

It's been a few years in the making, and the first four plaques are now up in the school. Principal Jeff Latimer said they borrowed the idea from Dauphin Regional Comprehensive Secondary School, which has a hall, and he thought Carman's "incredible alumni" deserved something like that too.

He said most of the first four inductees live internationally, so communicating with them was difficult at times. But each one is thrilled to be a part of this and he's hoping they can each come see the hall in person sometime soon to be recognized in front of the current student body.

"It's great for kids to see how accomplished some people are that have come through Carman Collegiate," said Latimer.

Carman Collegiate's Hall of Excellence has six categories: academics, arts, athletics, builder, humanitarian and professional. They get their name on the wall through nominations that are voted on by a committee of three staff members and three community members.

Frank McKinnon is one of the first four inductees and was nominated through the builder category. He was inducted into the Order of Canada in 2014, five halls of fame in the province, was the Carman Collegiate principal for 28 years, and was instrumental in starting the hockey program at the school in 1968. McKinnon was also vice president for the Canadian Olympic Association for four years, was primarily responsible for the Carman Collegiate Theatre construction, and was a founding member of the Manitoba High Schools Athletics Association (MHSAA).

Morgan Strachan is inducted under

the professional category, for reaching the pinnacle of his career. He graduated in 1997 and has been a pilot for the Canadian Armed Forces since 2004 and had the "Snowbirds" fly over Carman Collegiate. He was an air demonstration pilot opposing solo in 2014 and lead solo in 2015. Strachan was also a big part of the arts when attending Carman Collegiate — he was best supporting actor of 1996.

The following two inductees are both in the Athletics Hall of Excellence.

Kelly Hand graduated in 1993. She competed in the Canada Summer Games, winning gold in Laser Radial; was on Canada's National Sailing Team for eight years, winning five national titles in Laser Radial, Europe, and Laser 2 and was Canada's National Sailing Team coach in the 2000 and 2004 Olympics.

Ed Belfour graduated in 1984. He won the National College Athletic Association (NCAA) Championship in 1987, won the Stanley Cup in 1999, and won an Olympic gold medal in 2002 — he's only one of two players to win all three. Belfour played in the National Hockey League (NHL) from 1988 to 2007, the International Hockey League (IHL) for two years, the NCAA for one year, and the Manitoba Junior Hockey League (MJHL) from 1983 to 1986.

Each inductee's plaque includes their most cherished accomplishments from their time at Carman Collegiate and their professional careers. Gavin Colpitts and Mr. Kipe made the frames on each plaque.

"I think it's quite motivating for lots of kids to see the potential of our alumni," said Latimer. "We've got some incredibly accomplished people from our building and we want to make sure we recognize them."

To nominate a Carman Collegiate alumnus for the Hall of Excellence, visit the school's website.



Morgan Strachan graduated in 1997 and was recognized for his achievements as a pilot.



Ed Belfour graduated from Carman Collegiate in 1984 and was recently inducted into their Hall of Excellence.

Kelly Hand
Carman Collegiate Graduating Class of 1993
Carman Collegiate Athletics Hall of Excellence Induction 2021

- Carman Collegiate Athletics – Cross Country, Volleyball, Field Hockey, Soccer, Basketball & Badminton
- Carman Collegiate Drama & Band
- Carman Collegiate School Spirit Award 1991-1992
- Carman Collegiate Grade 7 Physical Education Award 1988 – 1989
- Carman Collegiate Student Council 1991 – 1992
- Carman Collegiate Student Council President 1992 – 1993
- Canada Summer Games
 - 1993 Team Manitoba Flag Bearer Opening Ceremonies
 - Won Gold in Laser Radial
 - 1997 Coached Team Manitoba in Sailing
- Canada's National Sailing Team
 - Member of the team for 8 years
 - Won 5 National Titles in Laser Radial, Europe & Laser 2
 - 1999 Laser Radial World Champion
 - 1999 Pan Am Games Laser Radial Gold
 - 2005-2007 Skippered in Yngling class a women's 3 person keelboat – placed 21st at 2006 World Championship
- Canada's National Sailing Team as Coach
 - 2000 Olympics in Sydney, Australia
 - 2004 Olympics in Athens, Greece

Kelly Hand graduated in 1993. She has been inducted in the Athletics Hall of Excellence.



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Frank L. McKinnon (1934 – 2015)
Carman Collegiate Principal, 1964 - 1992
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- Inducted into the Order of Canada in 2014
- Manitoba Hockey Hall of Fame, 1992
- Manitoba Sports Hall of Fame, 1989
- Manitoba Baseball Hall of Fame, 2004
- Brandon University Hall of Fame, 2015
- Manitoba High Schools Athletics Association (MHSAA) Hall of Fame, 2012
- Recipient of the Canada 125 (1992) for significant contributions to fellow citizens
- Queen Elizabeth 50th Golden Jubilee & Queen Elizabeth 60th Diamond Jubilee Commemorative Medals for service to his community, the province and the country.
- MB Assoc. of Principals (Life Member) and the Canadian Assoc. of Principals. President and director of both
- MHSAA founding member and the first treasurer, 1962
- Carman Collegiate Principal & Coach As a coach, his teams would win four Provincial championships, in three different sports (hockey, baseball and basketball)
- Instrumental in starting a hockey program at Carman Collegiate in 1968.
- Manitoba Amateur Hockey Association (now Hockey Manitoba), served two decades on executive including five as president in the 1970s.
- Carman-Dufferin Minor Hockey Association - President
- Canadian Amateur Hockey Association - Chairman
- Sports Federation of Canada – two years as director
- Canadian Olympic Association - four Years as Vice President
- In 1974, he was a member of the committee that organized the first World Junior Hockey Championship, and at the same time was a member of the Congress of the International Ice Hockey Federation (IIHF)
- Manitoba Junior Hockey League (MJHL) commissioner for 10 years starting in 1992.
- Life Patron of Hockey Canada, 1993
- Canadian Junior Hockey League and Hockey Manitoba – Life Member
- Was an advocate for the Arts and largely responsible for the construction of the Carman Collegiate Theatre.

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Frank McKinnon was inducted in the builder category.

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Love Letters to Manitoba: province-wide initiative cultivating pride

By Becca Myskiw

Manitoba 150 wants you to share how much you love the province through their contest, Love Letters to Manitoba.

Monique LaCoste, Manitoba 150 board co-chair, said the idea for this came organically. In the first lockdown last year, premier Brian Pallister asked the board to put all celebrations off until 2021 and without sending so much as a tweet on Manitoba Day last year, Manitobans spontaneously shared what they love about the province they call home.

"There was really a feeling of warmth and connection about what we love about the province," said LaCoste. "So, we said, let's make sure we have

a place to collect all these stories this year."

That place is the Love Letters to Manitoba part on the Manitoba 150 site. But the love letters aren't all written notes. Some are real letters, while others are videos, drawings, photos, or crafts of Manitoba and what people love about it. LaCoste said they're encouraging everyone to be as creative as they can be with their submissions.

The initiative is in partnership with the Winnipeg Free Press, The Carillon, The Brandon Sun, La Liberté, and Calm Air International. Winnipeg Free Press staff are constantly reviewing submissions and creating a digital scrapbook with each one at <https://www.winnipegfreepress.com/love->

[letters-to-manitoba/](https://www.winnipegfreepress.com/love-letters-to-manitoba/).

Each submission is entered into weekly prize draws along with the chance of winning the grand prize: \$2,000 airfare courtesy of Calm Air.

"We know people who don't know Manitoba very well often underestimate the province and its beauty," said LaCoste. "And so, we just thought given the humble nature of Manitobans, sometimes it takes something like an anniversary to give ourselves permission to be a little gushy."

People can send in more than one submission, but the Manitoba 150 board asks that each one be a new idea and show off different sides of the province. They're hoping Love Letters to Manitoba cultivates a sense

of pride within the province and helps everyone to realize what a fantastic place it is.

It's also a way to connect everyone for Manitoba 150 in a safe, virtual way, said LaCoste. Everyone can submit a love letter, regardless of their age, location, and resources, and contribute to the positivity.

"Manitoba 150 from the very beginning is not just an opportunity to celebrate our province and gather physically," she said. "But it's also an opportunity to think about the place we live and ask ourselves what it is about it that we love."

Love Letters to Manitoba launched on May 7 and runs until Aug. 31.

Firefighters learn about grain safety; costs paid for with grant

By Becca Myskiw

The rural municipality (RM) of Morris Fire Department received a grain rescue training grant.

The money comes from the Canadian Agricultural Safety Association (CASA) in partnership with the Manitoba Canola Growers Association and Manitoba Ag Days Gives Back. The department received the grant after

participating in BeGrainSafe training this summer, a CASA program.

BeGrainSafe has two components: an online course and an in-person course. The online course is called "Introduction to Grain Handling and Storage Hazards", is free and is to familiarize the public with conditions and equipment used in grain handling and storage. Those conditions

can lead to grain entrapment or injury for those working in them, so the course educates the public on what hazards can do that.

The "Firefighter Grain Rescue Training Course" is practical training and evaluation that teaches firefighters how to safely extract someone trapped in grain using the BeGrainSafe mobile unit, a cofferdam, and an auger. It also teaches how grain incidents occur, the types of entrapments, common injuries, equipment required, and hazard identifications.

Sperling Hall district chief Lyle Rance said because of COVID-19, the class was modified and much of the "classroom" portion was moved online to an eight-hour course. The actual hands-on part was two hours. Training for this can cost up to \$2,000 per person so the grant will pay the costs.

"I don't know the actual amount of money that was donated," said Rance. "I have been told the cost of our train-

ing will probably be completely covered by the two firms that donated the funds. We are not actually getting any money, but the RM of Morris will probably have very little to pay for our training."

The Morris Fire Department had 16 members from the three halls — Sperling, Lowe Farm, and Rosenort — take part in the training. The program emphasizes prevention and raises grain danger awareness while preparing fire departments for grain rescues.

"Accidents happen every day and the only thing we can do to prepare for these situations is to take training to be as prepared as possible," stated Kristen Phillips, General Manager Manitoba Ag Days. "Manitoba Ag Days is thrilled to see the BeGrainSafe training happening across the province as this means we are going to have more trained firefighters and rescuers to prepare for these tragic situations. If we save even one life, the training was worth it."

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they signed short-term commercial arrangements with a few Canadian media outlets. Until all news media in this country can negotiate collectively with Google and Facebook, the two multinationals will continue to use their power and market dominance to drive terms that are in their interests. Far from contributing to the resolution of the problem, this approach only deepens it.

And as long as there is a vacuum of government action, Google and Facebook won't let up.

Parliament will be rising for its long summer break in a matter of days. Less than two years into its mandate, the air is filled with talk of a snap fall

election. Meanwhile, the day-to-day struggle against the monopoly abuses of the two U.S.-based multinationals will go on in newsrooms across Canada. How long it can go on without the government doing its job is an open question.

The COVID pandemic has proven once again how vital local news media is in keeping the public informed and in holding governments at all levels accountable. It's literally made the difference between life and death.

Now we must face another life and death struggle – for the survival of local news. We're fighting it with everything we've got. But in order to push back foes this big and powerful, we need the government in our – and Canadians' – corner.

Provincial funds for local heritage projects

Staff

Several local historical projects are receiving a big boost in funding from the provincial government.

The Manitoba government earlier this month approved more than \$246,000 under the Heritage Grant Program for 46 groups and projects across the province.

"We are pleased to support so many incredible local and grassroots organizations and communities to carry out projects that focus on bringing our province's history to life in creative and engaging ways," said Sport, Culture, and Heritage Minister Cathy Cox in announcing the grants. "These projects help to preserve and promote the experiences and stories that have

formed Manitoba into what it is today."

Benefiting from funding in our area are:

- Boundary Trail Heritage Region Inc.: \$3,500 to write articles for a local history project.

- Boundary Trail Heritage Region Inc.: \$5,000 to share expertise regarding artifact display and protection, digitization of materials and publication efforts, and continue to develop regional connections

- Central Manitoba Tourism Inc.: \$8,112 to develop heritage tourism content creation and marketing

- Miami Railway Station Museum Association Inc.: \$2,312 to develop exhibits for the museum waiting room



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The Miami Railway Station Museum has received over \$2,000 from the Heritage Grant Program to develop exhibits for its waiting room and caboose.

and caboose

and produce interpretive panels

- RM of Montcalm: \$7,000 to develop

Conserving water vital during severe drought situation

By Becca Myskiw

The whole region is being asked to conserve water, but for some, that means changing nothing.

Rural municipality (RM) of Grey utility manager Brenda Poulsen said they've set up temporary watering stations for truck hauling as agriculture water use is high right now for spraying. There are also two pumping sites (Fanystelle and Gary Wilson's Gravel Pit) and two untreated well water sites (Elm Creek Community Well and Rathwell Community Well).

"Now, with the rain, everyone's good for a little while," said Poulsen. "But we're set up to continue with this. It's a very severe drought situation right now and it's going to take more rain than that to change the situation."

Along with the temporary options, the RM of Grey is asking people not to water their lawn, not to fill pools, and not to wash their cars from a water source at home, along with conserving water in general.

"Everybody's thinking of shorter showers," she said. "People in the RM of Grey have done an amazing job. Water consumption has gone way down, they've jumped right on board with this."

To do her part, Poulsen conserves water year-round. She has a rain barrel under every spout for her house and shop and none of them have run empty yet this year. In her house, they also keep a dish in the kitchen and bathroom sink and collect the water that flows while it heats up. It then goes into a pail and they use it for watering plants.

Poulsen said it's all about knowing where you use water in the house and thinking about how to use it better.

Candice Sisson is also always thinking about how she can conserve water. She has rain barrels, collects the excess water from her sinks to water plants, and has all three children bathe in the same tub of water. They don't have a sprinkler or a pool to

worry about using running water.

Water restrictions are in effect, Poulsen said, because along with the draught, the water treatment plant can't keep up with how much water

people are using — it can't treat the water fast enough. She said the RM will be introducing yearly measures to keep everyone in the habit of conserving water.



Jalapeno Turkey Bombs

Ingredients

- 1lb (454g) ground turkey
- 10 strips smoked turkey bacon
- 3 tbsp (45 ml) jalapeno pepper, diced
- 1/2 cup (125 ml) old cheddar, shredded
- 1 tbsp (15 ml) corn meal
- 1/4 cup (65 ml) egg whites
- 1/2 tsp (2.5 ml) sea salt
- 1/4 cup (65 ml) barbecue sauce

Directions

Preheat barbecue to 350°F (175°C). Combine all ingredients except bacon and mix well. Cut bacon strips in half lengthwise. Place a heaping tablespoon of mixture on each piece of bacon and roll into bombs. Grill over direct heat for about 10 minutes on one side. Turn and brush generously with barbecue sauce and then grill for an additional 10 minutes or until a digital thermometer reaches 165°F (74°C).

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June is Turkey Month in Manitoba

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Local greenhouse, a gardener's hidden gem

By Becca Myskiw

Stacey's Garden is tucked away into the landscape half-mile south of Miami, with every colour of flowers and many types of veggies.

Stacey O'Neill started growing vegetables six years ago, starting from her own seeds, then sold to family and friends. She soon started growing flowers to decorate her yard and received countless compliments.

"I like looking out my window and seeing a beautiful space," she said. "There's a sort of therapy with getting your hands in the soil and connecting to nature, too."

On her trips to sell produce at the Miami Farmer's Markets, O'Neill started bringing those along with the vegetables, and word got out about her exceptional produce, so Stacey's Garden was born.

Stacey's Garden is O'Neill's plant business she runs from her yard. She went to college for greenspace management and got into growing from there. She started with just a small greenhouse at home, bought a bigger one, and now has three, each bigger than the previous one.

She grows tomatoes, sweet peppers, hot peppers, lettuce, kale, cabbage, pumpkins, cucumbers, melons, onions, petunias, perennials, shrubs, hostas,

ferns, and more. She also makes hanging baskets and does custom planting for customers.

O'Neill starts ordering plugs in February from a supplier and receives three or four orders from then to April. She has approximately 8,000 plants to put into bigger containers and gets help from her family. The plants grow in the greenhouses until she opens Mother's Day weekend and through to Father's Day weekend when she closes for the season.

She usually ends up with extra plants, which she donates to the local cenotaph and gardens around Miami. She also takes plants to the Manitoba Horticultural Society's plant sale, the memory gardens. She is hoping to start taking them to St. Leon as well.

"One year I planted a flower bed at a golf course," she said. "I planted pumpkins in the back with the thought of collecting them for fall décor, but someone took them away before I got there, so that was nice to see."

O'Neill's favourite part about this business is driving around and seeing plants she started in people's yards and gardens. Stacey's Garden is half a mile south of Miami at the junction of Highway 23 and Provincial Road 338.



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Stacey O'Neill's greenhouse business is out of her yard just out of Miami.

Public health orders ease gathering restrictions slightly

By Ashleigh Viveiros

Public health officials eased restrictions slightly with the latest public health orders.

Starting last Saturday, Manitobans

are now able to gather in small groups outdoors.

In public outdoor spaces, up to five people are permitted to gather. In private outdoor spaces, up to five

visitors from no more than two other households are allowed, in addition to the people who reside at the hosting household.

All other restrictions, including

those banning indoor private gatherings and restricting capacity limits in retail businesses, remain in place.

"As our case numbers and test positivity rates start to drop, our vaccine rates continue to rise, however we still have significant demands on our health care system," said Dr. Brent Roussin, chief provincial public health officer, in announcing the new orders. "So we're not in a position to open everything at once, certainly, but we are in a position to slowly ease, very minimally, some of our restrictions."

Roussin urges Manitobans to remain cautious in their interactions with others outside their household, even outdoors.

"While the risk of transmitting the virus is certainly diminished in an outdoor setting, it's not zero," he said, stressing that the fundamentals are still important: stay home when you're ill, maintain physical distancing, wear a mask, reduce contacts outside your household.

Roussin also encouraged people to continue booking not only their first but second dose of the COVID-19 vaccine. A second dose is required for full vaccination.

"It continues to be up to us to make a difference, to bring down these numbers, to bring down the strain on the acute care system," Roussin said.

The new orders will be in effect until Saturday, June 26.

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Where are they now? Catching up with Karla “Froebe” Davis

By Dennis Young

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

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

I was born, Karla Froebe, in the old Carman Hospital in 1966. I returned to have my son in the Carman Hospital in 1993 then lived in Carman from 1996-2001.

Q. Did you attend school here?

Yes! I attended Carman Elementary and Carman Collegiate. Go Cougars!

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

My sister, Nikki Froebe, and I always worked on our family farm. My uncle and aunt, Neil and Dorothy Strachan, had a U Pick Strawberry Farm called S & K Strawberries and I worked there in the summers as well. When I was going to university, I also worked in the Carman Flower Shop.

Q. What did your family do for a living?

My parents, Bonnie and Charlie Froebe farmed near Homewood, where we lived and then also ran the Canola Cash Advance program.

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

I was in a number of activities in high school including sports, dramas, music, public speaking, 4H, choirs and I was the school council president in grade 12.

Q. What got you to leave Carman and where?

I left Carman to go to University of



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Karla and her Dad Charlie enjoy Syl's together.

Manitoba in 1984 and then have had jobs away from Carman since.

Q. What was your chosen career/s?

I have my Masters in Education and have taught in many places all over the world.

Q. Did you move around lots in career or life?

I have lived in a few places yes. Namely, Winnipeg, then Baden, Germany, then Ontario, then back to Carman to attend the U of M (again), then Calgary, Alberta, then Harare, Zimbabwe, then Okotoks, Alberta, then Johannesburg, South Africa and then back to Okotoks, Alberta where I presently live. Whew!

Q. What do you do presently career wise?

I am presently a school administrator in a small International Baccalaureate school in the foothills of Alberta.

Q. Did you meet your spouse here?

I met Beren's dad James in Winni-

peg where he was stationed with the military during my first time at the U of M. We are no longer together and I have been with a fellow Manitoban for the last seven years. Darren and I live in Okotoks together.

Q. Did you raise any children here? Names, where and doing what?

My son, Beren Davis, was born in Carman Hospital and funnily enough had the same nurse attend his birth who attended my birth...Lal Froebe. Beren also had the same kindergarten teacher as I did at Carman Elementary...Dorothy Strachan. Beren is now living in Vancouver where he attended university and started his own graphic arts company called Swoon Creative (<http://www.swooncreative.ca>) after graduating.

Q. Do you have extended family now?

A lot of my family lives in Carman and Manitoba. My dad and uncles and aunts and cousins. My Dad is Charlie Froebe and my Mom's name was Bonnie Strachan before they married. My mom sadly passed this past February. There are loads of Froebes and Strachans in the Carman area.

Q. What passes your leisure time now? Hobbies?

I like to travel, paint, read, watch movies, look at art, bake, coach sports and love to learn.

Q. Any future plans?

I plan to continue to teach and work with children. I am presently working on a children's book and hope to be able to travel the world again after this epidemic has subsided.

Q. Have you travelled and where?

I have lived in Canada, Germany, Zimbabwe and South Africa. I have

traveled to most countries in Europe with Scotland and Greece being some of my favorites. I think Albania and Czechoslovakia are some of the most interesting. I have spent loads of time in England and considerate my second home. I have been to Australia and three African countries. I have enjoyed seeing animals in the wild and often feel the pull to go back to Africa – it's true that Africa gets in your blood.

Q. Do you ever return to Carman?

I usually visit at least twice a year and often spend a good part of the summer in Carman.

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

I always enjoy my time in Carman. The people are friendly and kind. I always enjoy a trip to Syl's (who doesn't?) and try to catch the Carman Fair when I can. I think the walking path has been a great addition to the town and Library expansion is fantastic. This past summer I was lucky enough to be able to try the new mini golf with my family and that was a lot of fun. I always go to Knockabouts and have a pizza from Chicken Chef when I am in town. I have very fond memories of spending time with friends and family in Carman. I think it is a great place! It's my hometown!

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

I do hope that everyone is well in this very different time and wish Carman safety and health.

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

Paddling along the Boyne



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Nate Phillips, Jaron Johnston and Adrien McIntosh in the canoe and Cade McCallum and Ryder Wolfe on kayaks enjoyed the day paddling and swimming on the Boyne River in Carman last Thursday.

Strong winds cause damage



STANDARD PHOTO BY DENNIS YOUNG

Cleanup has begun at Barrie and Lucille Sander's former home on Boyne Crescent in Carman after Friday's gusting winds toppled trees and damaged at least one home. Wind speeds hit over 100 km/h, knocking out power and uprooting trees according to Environment Canada. High winds made it difficult for Manitoba Hydro to clean up after high winds and rain damaged poles and power lines.

Thanks for Farming Tour hits the road next month

By Lorne Stelmach

It began last year as a local company's way to show appreciation for the agricultural community in the midst of tough times.

Now, the Thanks For Farming tour started by Thunderstruck Sales and Marketing has split off on its own, so this travelling trade show that is not just about promotion but more so about giving back to the farming communities obviously has resonated and connected with people.

"We had great response and feedback. The farmers really enjoyed it, and the companies that joined us had a lot of success in connecting with farmers ... we got to say thanks to just over 600 farmers across western Canada last summer," said organizer Jeremy Matuszewski.

The first Thanks for Farming tours in 2020 went to 10 communities across three provinces to connect the agriculture community with manufacturers and speakers while also making donations back into those communi-

ties.

Those events were on a smaller scale, given the realities of the pandemic, but the organizers this year are aiming to do a smaller number of larger scale events similar to one they were asked to put on last November in Red Deer when that Alberta community had to cancel its main large trade show.

The plan for this summer is for two-day stops in Lethbridge July 7-8, Swift Current July 13-14, and Brandon July 28-29, and the hope is it could involve 75-100 exhibitors while working with in whatever local restrictions remain in place.

"We're working with all the local public health authorities. We've been granted exemptions for Swift Current and Lethbridge," said Matuszewski, who noted both of those provinces were planning to lift restrictions before those dates. "We're fully confident we are going to be able to go there. Whatever restrictions and health protocols the government puts



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The 2020 Thanks for Farming Tour made 10 stops across three provinces. This year organizers have their sights set on visiting Lethbridge, Swift Current, and Brandon.

out, we're going to follow them."

They had been planning to hold an event in Winkler as well, but it was not possible under the current restrictions.

As for the planned shows, the presentations will cover a wide range from mental health to cover crops and transition planning, among others.

"We're also going to be supporting local charities," Matuszewski added. "It is all designed to just say thank you to farmers."

"We're happy to be able to provide a place where producers and ag businesses can have face-to-face interactions again in a safe environment," he said. "Giving back was a huge focus for the 2020 tours, and the 2021 Thanks for Farming tour will be no different."

Pre-registration is required to attend. Admission is \$20 a day, which includes lunch. Tickets are limited.

For more information, head to www.thanksforfarmingtour.com.

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).

June 16, 1921

Three nurses—Miss Cameron, Miss Parkinson and Miss Gillies graduated from the Carman General Hospital Training School for Nurses on June 7, 1921

Town Council Meeting—Mr. Henry Huston has been appointed Pound-keeper for the town.

An Irishman went up to a gentle-

man at night to ask the time. As it was very dark in the street and the gentleman was of a very suspicious disposition, the latter clutched his watch with his left hand and gave Mike a violent blow on the nose with his right hand remarking as he did so—"It just struck one!"

"Be Jabers." Mike yelled, "I'm glad I didn't ask ye an hour ago!"

June 13, 1946

William Lyon Mackenzie King of the Liberal Party has been Prime Minister of Canada since October 19, 1921. Mr. King has now surpassed John A.

McDonald's term of eighteen years, eleven and one-half months.

After 43 years of service, Henry Otto of Roseisle, has retired from Canadian National Railways on May 31, 1946. Mr. Otto's railroading career dates back to May 9, 1903 when he came to Roseisle as one of the first section crew after the railroad had been built to Leary's in the fall of 1902. He moved to Sanford in 1906, then Graysville in 1909, returning to Roseisle in 1911. He has been in continuous charge of the section until his retirement, except for the two and one-half years in over-

seas service in WWI. After retirement he moved to British Columbia.

June 17, 1971

The Carman Bar8 Square Dance Club held their Annual Jamboree on June 12. There 52 couples comprising 13 squares participating in the evening dancing. Dancers came from Killarney, Gladstone, Winnipeg, Portage la Prairie and Headingly. Guest caller for the evening was Roy Hasland from Winnipeg. The Carman Bar-8 Square Dance Club has been in operation for 15 years.

Vaccinated Manitobans have the chance to win big

By Ashleigh Viveiros

Vaccinated Manitobans will have a chance to win cash and scholarships in exchange for getting their COVID-19 shots.

The Manitoba government has launched a provincewide lottery with nearly \$2 million in prizes to encourage people to get fully vaccinated.

"As a government we're doing everything we can to equip Manitobans with the information and support while respecting their right to make their decision about their body," Premier Brian Pallister said. "But we believe the right decision is to protect yourself and to protect our commu-

nity, our loved ones."

Some people require further incentives to get vaccinated, the premier acknowledged, and other jurisdictions have found great success in upping vaccination rates by offering high-value rewards. Manitoba is following suit by holding two lottery draws this summer.

All Manitobans aged 12 and up who have received at least one dose of vaccine on or before Aug. 2 will be eligible for the first draw. All Manitobans aged 12 and up who have received two doses on or before Sept. 6 will be eligible for the second draw.

Each draw will award three priz-

es of \$100,000 in the Winnipeg Regional Health Authority (excluding Churchill), one prize of \$100,000 in each of the remaining RHAs (including Churchill), and 10 draws for \$25,000 scholarships for youth aged 12 to 17 across the province.

Manitobans who receive their shots will be automatically entered into the draws. Those who would prefer not to be part of the lottery will be able to opt out.

People who received their shots outside of Manitoba will be eligible as well by reporting their vaccination to a public health office.

People directly working with the ad-

ministration and implementation of the lottery and their immediate family members are not eligible to win. All members of the legislative assembly are also excluded.

Manitoba Liquor & Lotteries will be responsible for conducting the lotteries. A third-party auditor will provide additional oversight.

"We need Manitobans to get vaccinated. The sooner we get vaccinated the sooner we get our lives back," Pallister said. "This lottery gives Manitobans a reason to move faster to roll up their sleeves not once but twice."

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Carman tennis courts get painted lines for pickleball

By Becca Myskiw

There is officially an outdoor pickleball course in Carman, and local players are more than excited to use it.

Tracy Enns is a local pickleball player. She started in the sport two years ago at the Carman Community Hall and instantly fell in love with it.

According to the Pickleball Canada Organization, the sport is played on a badminton-sized court with teams of two against two. The ball (a whiffle ball) is served diagonally from the right-hand service square and points can only be scored by the serving side. The first side to score 11 points, and is leading by at least two points, wins.

"I describe it as a combination between tennis and ping pong," said Enns. "It can be as competitive or as non-competitive as you want it to be, and it is a far better workout than I expected it to be."

She's now a part of the Elm Creek pickleball group who usually plays two nights a week. Approximately 20 of them meet to play against each other

those nights, playing out of the Elm Creek School gym or the curling rink when the ice is gone. They haven't played recently because of COVID-19 restrictions, so Enns is hoping there'll be more opportunities to play with the new outdoor court.

"I do not want to be inside in the summer," she said. "I only want to play outside sports in the summer."

She said that outdoor courts are more likely to be used because it's more accessible to social distance outside, and the fresh air is safer. So, when she's able, Enns will be taking full advantage of the outdoor pickleball court in Carman. She just needs three people to join her, she said.

Joining the sport is simple and inexpensive, too. For beginners, the Carman and Elm Creek groups supply paddles so they can test out the sport. It's a way for all skill levels to stay active in any season, said Enns. She encourages people to contact Carman Dufferin Recreation to get more information on playing in Carman.



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Carman's tennis courts have had lines painted for the game of pickleball. Organizers are hoping with the COVID restriction changes that they can play outdoors.

The pickleball courts are within the Tennis Courts in town, just drawn with the lines necessary for the game.

Former Winkler Flyer returns as board president

By Lorne Stelmach

A former player is now heading up the board of the Winkler Flyers.

Caleb Suderman stepped into the role of president when the junior hockey club held its annual general meeting recently.

He is among a number of additions to the board for the newly non-profit organization, and Suderman welcomes the opportunity and is excited about the team's future.

"The team was going through a restructuring ... and I was talking to one of the original board members, Paul McDonald, who I knew personally, and he was reaching out trying to get some new blood on the board as they were switching over to a not-for-profit organization," Suderman said.

"He thought I would be a good fit for it, and I thought it would be good too. I did play for the team ... and some of the best years of my life were playing junior hockey," he added. "Now, being a bit older and recognizing how much work goes into the other side of it ... I

just kind of wanted to give back."

On the board for this season along with Suderman are vice-president Marlin Froese, treasurer Cam Wiebe, secretary Nathan Elias, and director and MJHL governor Matt Bestland. Directors at large include Paul McDonald, Kevin Braun, Dave Neubuhr, Mike St. Croix, Andrew Froese, and Steve Doell.

Suderman noted the switch to non-profit status offers a number of advantages and gets away from some of the potential barriers that can come with being private and for-profit, such as liability issues.

"The non-profit status gives us a different look ... and one of the biggest things was attracting different types of board members," he suggested. "We did talk to a bunch of other teams

in the league, and most of them are structured this way as well.

"One of the big reasons also for moving to a not-for-profit was that it opened some doors for fundraising that a private corporation doesn't have access to," added Suderman.

They now turn their attention to the coming season. Suderman said they are hopeful for a more regular season and are, at this point, still planning to hold hockey school and development camp in August.

"The team is definitely hopeful that we're going to have as close to a normal full season as possible," he said. "You have to kind of go with the flow. You make plans and plan to change those plans, but right

now we're pretty optimistic we're going to be able to get in a season.

"We're looking to just continue to build and grow the community support around the team, even expanding past Winkler. We do consider it to be a Pembina Valley team," said Suderman, who noted there was potential for a good core of returning veterans. "There's always question marks. There's players who might entertain playing different places, but it sounds like we'll have a really competitive team. There's a good number of guys who want to return."

In announcing the new board last week, the Flyers also recognized one longtime board member with an honorary position.

"Dan Giesbrecht first lobbied to bring a junior A hockey club to Winkler in 1980 and has given more of himself to this organization over the past 40 years than anyone could ever ask for," the team said. "We thank Dan Giesbrecht for his passion, effort and services to this organization."

"SOME OF THE BEST YEARS OF MY LIFE WERE PLAYING JUNIOR HOCKEY ... I JUST KIND OF WANTED TO GIVE BACK."

U18 'AAA' baseball hoping to start season July 4

Staff

The Winnipeg Amateur Baseball Association has set an objective to start the U18 "AAA" season on July 4 if approval is given by the provincial government.

Coaches were sent an email outlining the league's plans on Sunday

morning.

The league hopes to have a six-week schedule with games finishing on Aug. 15 followed immediately by playoffs with an end date of Aug. 22.

The exact details of how the playoffs would be structured to accommodate both Zone 1 and Zone 2 teams has yet

to be finalized.

All teams who originally had a 28-game schedule would now play 18 games, with doubleheaders every weekend and a single game during the week.

Brandon and Pembina Hills would be allotted a 12-game schedule with

doubleheaders every weekend. South Central is invited to join the league and would play a 12-game schedule with weekend doubleheaders.

The new schedule is in the process of being drafted.

Volleyball Canada cancels 2021 Beach National Championships

Staff

Volleyball Canada's 2021 Beach National Championships, originally scheduled for Aug. 20-22 in Toronto, have been cancelled.

This decision, made in consultation with the event co-host, the Ontario Volleyball Association, comes after Volleyball Canada announced the cancellation of the 2021 Indoor Na-

tionals, originally scheduled for May 2021 across Canada.

This marks the second straight year that the Indoor and Beach events have been cancelled due to restrictions sur-

rounding the COVID-19 pandemic.

The annual competition was expected to bring close to 500 athletes, officials and volunteers to the beach at Ashbridges Bay.

And the winner was... Changes for golfers



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One thousand six hundred and five people or 64.2 per cent of Carman's population took part in the Great Participation challenge staged between Carman and Altona on Wednesday, May 25, 1988.

It all started when Altona Mayor Art Dyck challenged Carman Mayor Robert McKenzie to a fitness contest between the two communities as part of National Fit Week.

The rules? - Anyone who participated in some form of physical activity for at least fifteen minutes during the course of the day must register at the applicable recreation office. At the end of the day, the town with the highest percentage of the town's total population participating wins.

Organized events in Carman included a community walk, a volleyball challenge between John Deere and A & M Soil employees, four square, biking and walking at the Carman Elementary school, and even a 570 person conga line (complete with the appropriate music piped in over the school's p.a. system) at Carman Collegiate.

Altona, where a mere 52 per cent of the population participated, was relegated to flying our town's flag until the end of the week.

From Golf Manitoba's website

The Province of Manitoba announced last Wednesday a new public health order that into effect June 12 at 12:01 a.m.:

Guidelines specific to the golf industry include:

Golf is allowed with a maximum of five participants per group.

Pro Shops will remain open at 10 per cent capacity, to a maximum of 100 people.

Under the retail guidelines, individual one-on-one club fittings by appointment only can be conducted indoors and outdoors.

Individual (one-on-one) golf lessons are permitted at this time, group lessons remain prohibited at this time.

Restaurants, bars and patios remain closed to in-person dining but can still provide take-out and delivery services.

If an appropriate barrier is in place,

such as a plastic shield between the driver and passenger, two people from separate households can share a golf cart.

The prohibition of "organized team games" does not apply to men's or ladies nights, league play and other team games or competitions such as Ladies Nassau and Mundie Putter, if the participants come to the course, play their round of golf and then leave the premises when they have finished their round of golf. The golf course is responsible to take steps to ensure that the golf teams are not more than 5 persons and that the teams are well spaced from each other and that separate teams are not gathering together on the course as the outdoor gathering limit of 5 would apply.

Please note that this public health order is in effect until June 26 at 12:01 am.

2021 Manitoba Open cancelled

Staff

The 2021 Manitoba Open, part of the Mackenzie Tour-PGA Tour Canada - has been cancelled.

The announcement was made last Thursday.

The four-day event was scheduled to be played at the Southwood Golf and Country Club in support of the True North Youth Foundation.

"Unfortunately, we are sad that with so much uncertainty this

spring and summer around the COVID pandemic, we are unable to move forward with our tournament this year," the host committee said in a media release.

"The tournament volunteers, Southwood members and staff, and our friends at True North Youth Foundation look forward to seeing you all at our championship layout on the banks of the La Salle River in St. Norbert next August."

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 24 medium-large mint leaves
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 Fill flat, round cake pan with water. Place clean, smooth kitchen towel on work surface. On plate, arrange lettuce, tofu, carrots, cucumber, sprouts and mint in individual piles.

Put one rice paper in water. Soak until pliable. Place rice paper on top of kitchen towel. Blot dry. Paper should be sticky, not slippery. Stack ingredients on side of rice paper closest to you as follows: one lettuce leaf, one tofu plank, carrot, cucumber, sprouts and two mint leaves next to each other.

Fold farther side of paper tightly over filling. Be careful not to tear it. Fold in sides and roll to end. Repeat with remaining ingredients.

Prep time: 25 minutes
 Serves: 12 (1 roll per serving)
 Water
 1 head Boston or oak leaf lettuce, ribs discarded (12 leaves)
 1 pound firm tofu, drained and cut lengthwise into 1/2-inch thick planks
 1 large carrot, peeled and shredded
 1/2 English or hothouse cucumber, peeled, seeded and cut into 2-inch long matchsticks
 2 cups mung bean or clover sprouts,



Mini Pecan Lemon Berry Tarts

oven to 350 F. Line mini muffin tin with paper liners or spray with nonstick cooking spray.

In food processor, blend pecan pieces, butter and sugar until mixture forms coarse dough.

Scoop about 2 teaspoons pecan mixture in each muffin tin. Use back of wooden spoon or fingers to press mixture evenly along bottom and up sides of each muffin cup.

Bake 12 minutes, or until crusts are golden brown. Allow crusts to cool completely before removing from pan.

To assemble crusts: Spoon 1 teaspoon lemon curd into each mini pecan crust. Top with one raspberry or three small blueberries. Dust with powdered sugar, if desired.

Total time: 22 minutes
 Servings: 24
 Mini Pecan Crusts:
 Nonstick cooking spray
 2 cups pecan pieces
 1/4 cup butter, melted
 2 tablespoons sugar
 Lemon Filling:
 1/2 cup lemon curd
 1/2 cup blueberries, raspberries or combination powdered sugar, for dusting (optional)
 To make mini pecan crusts: Preheat

Why Manitoba summers are king!

Submitted by Julie Germaine

I don't know about you, but the return of green grass and warm sunny skies after half a year of winter just makes you appreciate summer all the more. The on-going inability to travel surely affected many of us, making it even more important to start getting outside for vitamin D and exercise as much as possible.

Unfortunately, we've all been leading a more sedative lifestyle, so it can be difficult to flip the momentum in favour of better health. There are many ways to burn calories, get active, and breathe fresh air that are fun for the whole family! If you can find one that you enjoy, it will be easy to shed that stubborn winter weight and belly fat that naturally creeps on during the Manitoba hibernation season.

My toddler was very excited to help her grandmother plant seeds in the garden this spring, and is more than willing to tote along her little watering can to tend to them when needed. This activity is suitable for all ages, and you'll work up a sweat lifting, carrying, and digging in nature. If you are more able-bodied, perhaps this is a great year to transplant some of your young trees to upgrade your yard, or dig a new garden for vegetables.

I truly believe we have some of the most beautiful and expansive parks in the world right here! If you don't have a rack to bring along your bicycle, rollerblading the paths or hiking the wilderness is exciting and invigorating.

Need baby steps when it comes to increasing your fitness? Simply hit the beach! Toting along your snacks and beach accessories, and walking through the thick sand counts as



Health and Wellness Fitness expert Julie Germaine

a workout to me these days – I am happy just to know you're moving your body and venturing out in public. (Obviously your snack choices should be somewhat healthy please.)

You may find you drag your feet when it comes to preparing for these outings, but I guarantee you will have more energy afterwards and be looking forward to the next one! Just remember to stay hydrated and be safe.

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.



Buffalo-Pecan Pimento Cheese Dip

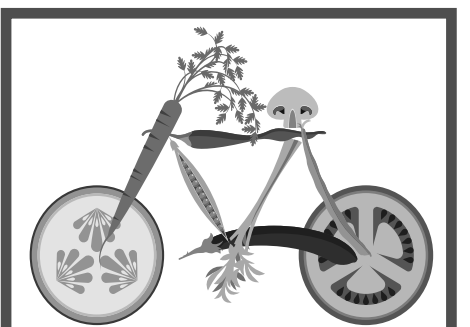
Total time: 15 minutes
 Servings: 30
 1 cup raw pecan pieces
 1/2 pound (2 cups) sharp cheddar cheese, freshly grated
 1 jar (4 ounces) sliced pimentos
 2 tablespoons red hot sauce
 2 tablespoons mayo
 1 teaspoon kosher salt
 1/2 teaspoon fresh cracked pepper
 1 tablespoon chives, freshly chopped
 veggies, for serving
 crackers, for serving
 Preheat oven to 350 F.

On baking sheet, spread pecans and roast 8-10 minutes, or until golden brown and fragrant, tossing once halfway through. Remove from oven and set aside to cool completely.

In bowl, combine cheddar cheese, pimentos with juice, hot sauce, mayo, salt and pepper. Stir until combined. Add 3/4 of pecan pieces and mix until combined.

Place dip in serving bowl and top with remaining pecan pieces and freshly chopped chives.

Serve with veggies and crackers.



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OBITUARY



Margaret Catherine Barr (Marnie) nee Wishart
September 13, 1926 - June 1, 2021

Marnie passed away peacefully at the age of 94 on June 1, 2021 at Tiger Hills Health Centre in Treherne, Manitoba.

She will be greatly missed by her children Stuart Barr (Karen) and Lynn Barr, her niece Lesley Shumilak (Douglas) and nephew Bradley Vannan (Dorothy). She will also be missed by her sisters-in-law Ivella Minor and Allison Hilton. She is predeceased by her husband John Arnold Barr (Arnie), her parents Edgar and Elizabeth May Wishart and her sister Dorothy Vannan (Wishart).

Marnie was born and raised on the family farm north of Portage la Prairie where she attended East Prospect School and then Portage Collegiate.

Marnie married Arnie Barr in 1952 and they settled in Fort Garry to raise their family. They were active members of Fort Garry

United Church and the Wildewood Club.

Marnie and Arnie moved to their acreage at Portage la Prairie after he retired where they lived for 12 years. Marnie was active in the Portage Rotary Club, the Herman Prior Senior Centre, Trinity United Church, and the Portage Golf and Country Club. They also loved to dance and square dancing was something Marnie enjoyed very much.

They went on many vacations over the years, exploring Europe on several occasions. For many years they spent the winter in Westlico Texas, Palm Springs, Victoria and Osoyoos B.C.

In 1995 Marnie and Arnie moved to Carman and quickly became active members of the community. Marnie golfed, curled, square danced, carpet bowled and played bridge weekly. No one had a fuller social calendar than she did. She was also an active member of the Carman Active Living Centre and Carman United Church.

Marnie was much loved by everyone who knew her and made lasting friends where ever she went.

In respect of Marnie's wishes, a private family service will be held at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to a charity of your choice.

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OBITUARY



Florence Clarke
June 12, 1924 - June 5, 2021

With profound sadness, we announce the peaceful passing of Florence (Bonnie) Clarke on June 5, 2021 at the Carman Hospital at the age of 96 after a short battle with cancer.

Cherished mother of Carole (Brian) Cramer and Wayne (Joanne) Clarke; grandmother to Doug (Kelly), Brad (Crystal), Cathy, Michael (Desiree) and her great-grandchildren Jocelyn, Kamryn, Logan and Zoe, Adam, and Brielle. Bonnie was predeceased by her husband Stan in 1986 in Victoria.

Bonnie very much enjoyed her life in Carman and was very content at the Riverview Legion Apts. where she made many friends over the course of 20 years. The visiting and doing puzzles with her neighbours made her day. Walking, tai chi and being active every day she attributed to her long life.

Thank you to the Carman Home Care ladies who came regularly for a few years. She looked forward to your daily visits and was appreciative of all you did for her. The family would like to thank the staff at Boundary Trails and the ambulance attendants who took care of her before she returned to Carman. We would like to thank the Carman Hospital Staff and the Palliative Care nurses for taking such wonderful care of our mother during this difficult time.

Cremation has taken place and there will be a private family interment at a later date when we can get together.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the Carman Hospital Palliative, Box 610, Carman, MB R0G 0J0.

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OBITUARY



Elva Savage (Johnston)

Mom passed away peacefully on June 10, 2021.

Mom was born in Sanford on May 16, 1926 and the family moved north of Culross when she was 2. She attended Giltedge and Wingham Schools and then worked as a teller for the Bank of Commerce in Carman. She married Doug Savage June 22, 1946 and they farmed in Elm Creek (Wingham) area.

They had four sons, Robert (Barb), Don, Allan, Rod (Helen). Grandchildren Ryan (Myra), Erin (Pat) Rey, Dayna (Cam) Hardy, Jaclyn (Mike) MacKenzie, Dean (Lauire), Kelly (Beau) Richardson, Mark (Chantel). Her great-grandchildren included Madilyn, Tyson, Misty, Nila, Ainsley, Hunter, Norah, Kylan, Quinn, Landon and Luke. She is also survived by several nieces and nephews.

Predeceased by her husband Doug, parents Joseph and Clara Johnston, her brother Arthur (Bud) with RCAF in June 1944, her father and mother in law Alex and Sarah Savage and her daughter in law Dianne.

Mom had been a member of Wingham UCW group, trustee for Midland School Division and Doug and Elva were inducted into Canadian Hereford Association Honour Roll in 1995. In 1984, MB Hereford Association awarded her Woman of the Year. Mom was the last living relative of her generation on both sides of her family. She had a keen interest in the family trees of both the Johnston and Savage families. She searched back on as many generations as she could find on both. Many times a question directed to her ended in a history lesson of either family or community.

The family would like to thank Rob and Pat Hamm for being such good neighbors the last 17 years in Carman.

In lieu of flowers, if one desires, donations can be made to Elm Creek United Church, Box 144, Elm Creek, MB, R0G 0N0 or the Keith Gilmore Foundation 5160 Skyline Way N.E., Calgary, Alberta. T2E 6V1.

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OBITUARY



Alice Poppe

February 11, 1939 - June 5, 2021

Beloved wife of Art Poppe, mother of Nancy (Henry) Schriemer, Sylvia (Jan) Borstlap, Annet (John) Louwerse, Josh (Henriette) Poppe, Judith (Derek) deWitt, and Elsa (Gerry) VanLaar, Alice was promoted to glory on June 5, 2021.

Alida Petronella Poppe (nee Roorda) was born on February 11, 1939 to Dirk Roorda and Sijgje Roorda-Houweling on the Island of Rozenburg, the Netherlands, close to the North Sea.

Ali did not go to school with a school bus! The school building was beside their house because her father was Principal-Teacher. After grade 6 she went to the Mulo (High school) at Maassluis. This meant that she had to bike about 4 miles to the ferry, cross the river and then bike further on to school.

The year 1954 saw her going to a school in Dokkum, Friesland in preparation for college. She stayed with her grandmother, aunt and cousin for the year. In September 1955 she went to a college in Rotterdam that trained her to teach home economics at the high school level. After four years she passed all the exams, the last one in June 1959 (pedagogy) in the city of Utrecht. She taught two years in Rotterdam at a "Huishoud" school. It was very busy for her, especially going back and forth to her parents' place at Rozenburg. She found a home with an older couple close to her school who took her in as their own child.

That same year she met a young man formerly of the Island of Rozenburg, now living in the Noord-Oost Polder, Aarnout Poppe. Because of distance, our contacts were mainly by writing letters, keeping the mailman busy! After having taught two years in Rotterdam, Ali applied to teach in Spakenburg (province of Utrecht) where she was until we married, February 26, 1964.

We were engaged in December 1960 and while Ali was in Spakenburg, we looked for a house to rent. Due to the post-war housing shortage no house was available until January 1964. Finally a house became available in Nagele, close to the farm where Art worked with his dad. And so we married. Here Nancy, Sylvia and Annet were born.

In the mean time we were looking for a farm to start on our own, but as that was next to impossible, we considered immigration. After many preparations we immigrated to Chatham, Ontario where we lived and worked on a farm with much pleasure. We made many friends and had our uncle and aunt, who sponsored our immigration, living a half hour drive away.

But to start on our own was not easy, also there. Should we go to Manitoba? Another 2000 km west? We went. Everyone and everything in a U-Haul truck. Art found work with farmers who were growing potatoes near Carman so we settled there in April 1969. We lived on a farm that belonged to one of the farmers he worked for. The log house was cozy and warm. Alice had a garden of veggies and... flowers, her delight! We had a dog and cats and later cows and hogs.

In May 1970 the place came up for sale and our bid was accepted and we became farmers! Here Josh, Judith and Elsa were born. Here we grew up as parents and children, as family! We received many blessings from the Lord! We had each other, the church congregation, friends, neighbours and with time, 30 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren!

Now, after years of dementia, Alice died June 5th, 2021. She was taken by the Lord to heaven. To Him be praise and adoration!

As family we are very grateful to all the Home Care ladies who cared so kindly for Alice these past few years so that she was able to remain home to the end. We also extend our heartfelt thanks to Dr. Braun for all the many years of care and Dr. Woelk and palliative care for their support this last year.

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