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Hairdresser Carlene Reimer of Birch and Honey welcomed her first client in two months, Samantha Froese, who was in for a hair extensions consult. See full story on page 2.

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# Looking good, feeling better: Salons open back up

By Becca Myskiw

After putting the scissors and hair dye down for two months, hairdresser Carlene Reimer is back in the salon.

It was announced on Nov. 10, 2020, that two days from then the entire province of Manitoba would be moving to code red restrictions. With that, many businesses that didn't offer essential services had to close — Birch and Honey salon in Carman was among the never-ending list.

"I actually didn't think they were going to shut us down," said Reimer.

The salon was closed for a week for filming of a Hallmark movie. Then, after being back at work for maybe 24 hours, Reimer found out, along with the rest of the province, that she'd have 24 hours to get her things in order and close her doors.

Without any notice, she had no time to plan for what turned out to be two months off of work. Luckily, Reimer said she plans for worst case scenarios while hoping for the best and was financially prepared for her unintended leave.

She had to keep busy, though, and she had to keep her clients satisfied. So, Reimer spent her time at home making gift boxes for the holidays

and selling pampering products to her clients. She was doing fine physically, but mentally, she was getting depressed.

"This is my social outlet," she said. "My brain has to be stimulated all the time. And after the first month at home, I felt like I kind of lost a bit of my purpose."

It wasn't just her getting down, though. Reimer said having good hair is important for someone's mental health and without it, their days could be damaged.

"It's the mentality of the whole look good, feel good thing," she said. "It really is true."

Reimer has been doing hair for over 10 years. She thought the salon would be closed for another two weeks, but as of Jan. 22, they got the green light to reopen.

"It's been nothing but frustration," she said. "To be classified as non-essential...then they allow all these other businesses that are totally hands on to stay open...I'm just glad we're finally able to go back to work."

Reimer spent nine hours of that Saturday calling her clients — all but two rebooked with her. Now, she's booked up until March 11 with no openings.



STANDARD PHOTO BY BECCA MYSKIW

Carlene Reimer kept herself busy putting together gift boxes of hair and pampering products for curbside pickup while she was off for two months due to code red restrictions.

She's excited to be back but is preparing for the mental game ahead of her.

Hairdressers act as somewhat of a therapist for their clients, she said. Being

closed denied people that outlet for two months. Now, her job is getting her clients back to looking good and feeling good.



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## Corrections

### Staff

In last week's *Carman-Dufferin Standard*, we published the story "Homestead Co-op donates over \$2,500 to Carman-Dufferin Fire Department," and said that \$0.03 was donated every time someone purchased a reusable

bag. However, it should have said \$0.03 was donated every time someone used a reusable bag. We apologize for the error.

Also in the same edition, in the article "Morrison Research Farm says goodbye to manager of 40 years," we incorrectly named Alvin Iverson in the cutline.

The staff at the *Standard* apologizes for the errors.

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# Wheat and Waves hosts virtual event to talk about mental health

By Becca Myskiw

On Jan. 28, Canadians got together virtually to discuss mental health and one Carman woman used her business that day to open the conversation.

Michelle Aldie is the brains behind her business, Wheat and Waves, an artisan jewelry company. Jan. 28 wasn't just a day for talking about mental health — it was the anniversary of Wheat and Waves and Aldie's birthday.

Aldie typically gives a portion of her profits to the Canadian Mental Health Association (CMHA), but last Thursday, she gave 100 per cent of the profits to them. Twenty minutes into this year's event, they had surpassed last year's total funds of \$1,000 and raised over \$1,100 for CMHA.

"Since that day [last year], there was never a doubt in my mind that this was going to become an annual event," said Aldie.

This was her second year hosting the event on Jan. 28, which just so happened to be on Bell Let's Talk day. But it looked different due to COVID-19 — Aldie and two colleagues took to Instagram Live to host the event virtually from an Airbnb location in Winnipeg. After starting the live video on the wrong account, Aldie and her pals were on the Wheat and Waves Instagram by 7:20 p.m., talking about mental health.

Throughout the evening, guest speakers Madie Fraser and Brooklyn Platt jumped on the live to share their own mental health stories. Aldie led the viewers in relaxing yoga, did several giveaways, and launched a new product — wood wick candles.

Then, Aldie got into her own story.

"I am truly happy where I am today," she said on



STANDARD PHOTO BY BECCA MYSKIW  
Michelle Aldie took to Instagram Live to share her own mental health story.

Instagram Live. "And I believe my past, good and bad, has brought me here."

Aldie moved to Manitoba from New Brunswick with her then partner. They both joined the RCMP. He was first posted in Melita, she spent six months training in Regina, and was then posted in Thompson.

She said from day one, it felt like something wasn't right, but she couldn't understand why. She had achieved her dream job — she was supposed to be happy.

The working environment was toxic. The staff was overworked, understaffed, attending traumatic calls day after day, and lacking essential mental health

resources. Then, she got deeper into the northern problems — lack of water and electricity, dependency issues, and again, the lack of resources.

"I remember there was a point when I couldn't laugh, I couldn't cry," said Aldie. "I could see the most horrific scene and then go have a sandwich. That is not normal."

After two and a half years up there, Aldie's mental health had deteriorated. She had been suppressing her feelings for so long that only recently they started coming back to her in nightmares and flashbacks.

"It is real, and it is scary, and it can happen to anyone."

She was diagnosed with depression and had a plan to end her life. But instead of dying, Aldie ended up in the hospital and she's beyond grateful that she did.

However, upon leaving the hospital, she got only one day off of work and talked to a psychologist once every three months. She knew she needed constant help, Aldie made the tough decision to leave the RCMP.

That decision, she said, saved her life.

After that, Aldie had more personal struggles. Because of them, she started playing with clay as a stress reducer — that stress reducer led her to start Wheat and Waves.

"Every Canadian is affected by mental health in one way or another," she said. "Although mental health related disorders will never disappear, with proper support, awareness, funding, and resources, we can achieve a significant decrease in deaths cause by mental health disorders."

## Don't drink or use pot while ice fishing: RCMP

Staff

Manitoba RCMP are reminding ice fishing enthusiasts to be safe while out enjoying the waterways this winter.

Police say that with the increasing popularity of ice fishing this COVID-plagued winter, they've seen a rise in illegal consumption of alcohol and cannabis and more people driving to and from their fishing shacks while impaired.

"With all sorts of vehicles out and about, no determined roadway, people skiing, walking, and skating, and places where there is open water, the ice can be a challenge to drive on at the best of times," said S/Sgt. Kyle McFadyen of Manitoba RCMP Traffic

Services. "When a driver is impaired, that challenge becomes downright dangerous."

The RCMP remind Manitobans that it is illegal to consume alcohol or cannabis while on the ice or inside either a temporary or permanent ice fishing shelter. The fine for having open alcohol on the ice is \$672.

For impaired driving, the same rules apply as if a driver was driving impaired on a roadway. Suspension, loss of licence, and even jail time could result, depending on the severity of the occurrence.

With the current public health orders, it is also imperative that people continue to practise social distancing and not gather in large groups.



RCMP PHOTO

Ice fishing communities are popping up on countless Manitoba lakes and waterways. RCMP remind people that consuming alcohol or cannabis while out on the ice is illegal and carries a hefty fine.

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## Province announces 89 new COVID-19 cases, three more deaths

By Ashleigh Viveiros

Public health officials announced three additional deaths in Manitoba due to COVID-19 on Monday, bringing the total to 832.

The province began the work week with total of 3,466 active case of the virus and 25,353 recoveries.

The bulk of new cases in recent days have been in the Northern health region, which reported 42 additional cases on Monday compared to 22 in Interlake-Eastern, 18 in Winnipeg, four in Southern Health-Santé Sud, and three in Prairie Mountain.

There were 255 people in hospital due to COVID-19 at press time, including 104 still considered infectious and 151 no longer contagious but still requiring care.

Manitoba's intensive care units were caring for 38 patients, 27 with active COVID-19 infections.

The Southern Health-Santé Sud health region began the week with 185 active cases (dropping from 215 a week earlier), 4,317 recoveries, and

136 deaths (eight more from the week before)

In the Pembina Valley, the active cases on Monday included seven in Winkler, four in Morden, two in Stanley, 22 in Lorne/Louise/Pembina, one in Roland/Thompson, three in MacDonald, nine in Altona, and 28 in Red River South. There were no active cases reported in Carman, Grey, or Morris.

A total of 24 people have died of COVID-19 in these areas (up two from the week before).

The current five-day COVID-19 test positivity rate was 7.9 per cent provincially and 4.2 per cent in Winnipeg

### New travel restrictions

Manitoba Premier Brian Pallister last week announced amendments to the public health orders in connection to interprovincial travel.

Starting Jan. 29, anyone entering Manitoba from anywhere in Canada is required to self-isolate for 14 days. This includes those entering from northern and Western Canada and

from west of Terrace Bay in Ontario, which under previous health orders did not require self-isolation.

Pallister pointed to the increasing variant COVID-19 strain cases popping up around the world and right here in Canada as the reasoning behind this change.

"This is being done out of an abundance of caution to protect Manitobans," he stressed. "We do not want these variants ... in Manitoba."

"Now is not the time for non-essential travel. We all need to do our part to keep each other safe."

There are some exemptions to the new self-isolation measures, including for those traveling for essential interprovincial work or medical purposes and individuals who regularly travel to and from communities near the borders for essential purposes. Complete details are available online at [manitoba.ca/covid19](http://manitoba.ca/covid19).

Failure to self-isolate after non-essential travel could earn one a fine under the Public Health Act.

## Manitoba rivers and lakes basin conditions update

Submitted by Manitoba government

Future snow and spring rain will determine Manitoba's 2021 spring runoff and potential for high water situations across many of the province's watersheds, Infrastructure Minister Ron Schuler announced Friday.

The Manitoba Hydrologic Forecast Centre's mid-January basin conditions assessment indicates drier than normal conditions for much of the southern and central Manitoba basins. The Red, Souris, and Assiniboine river basins continue to receive below average precipitation since August 2020. However, northern Manitoba basins, including the Churchill and Saskatchewan river basins, continue to receive average to above-average precipitation since July 2020.

"Our government continues to strengthen its' efforts to protect Manitobans in response to high water events; to achieve that, we must always be prepared," said Schuler.

"We will monitor watershed conditions closely despite low levels of precipitation last fall and this winter. We continue to maintain our inventory of flood-fighting equipment and we have several procurement measures in place for equipment and supplies so we are able to respond quickly and effectively in the event of high water activities."

The province maintains an inventory of flood-fighting equipment, which includes over two million sandbags, six sandbag-making machines, 18,000 super sandbags and 43 kilometres of cage barriers into which sand or other heavy material is placed. In addition, 65 kilometres of water-filled barriers, and 59 mobile pumps and heavy-duty steamers to open clogged drains are in reserve.

Through an open tendering process, the province has five standing agreements for the purchase of materials such as sand, gravel, riprap, sandbags

and pumps. It also has eight standing agreements for rental of various types of equipment to supplement existing resources such as water pumps, generators, mobile lighting plants, heavy equipment and other support machinery. Last spring the province introduced new safe work procedures for sandbagging and water-filled barrier operations that municipalities can implement to ensure the safety of high water response workers during the COVID 19 pandemic.

A high water response activity document was created, which provides a clear and concise process on sandbag production, the construction of two types of sandbag dikes, as well as the installation of water-filled barriers.

"We will continue to monitor conditions and will release the first Spring Thaw Outlook in late February," noted Schuler. To view the province's safe sandbagging procedures, visit [www.gov.mb.ca/emo/](http://www.gov.mb.ca/emo/).

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# Legislative view from Midland MLA Pedersen

By Blaine Pedersen

January each year kicks off with farm shows and farm meetings, including St. Jean Farm Days and Brandon Ag Days. Of course, this year everything is different with "virtual" meetings, colorful brochures and websites. The ag sector has remained strong despite the pandemic. Grain prices are strong; grain movement unprecedented; and livestock movement and prices have improved. Agriculture is the backbone of our Manitoba economy and this strength will help Manitoba recover from the economic effects of the pandemic. Thank a farmer for the food on your plate.

The Department of Agriculture and Resource Development (ARD) is modernizing our service delivery. We have restructured the department to streamline service delivery and provide better coordination between all facets of our natural resources. A

one-stop shop for permits and licenses, a climate change division to monitor impacts on our natural resources, and an Indigenous relations division, are some highlights of the changes. Service delivery to our rural clients across Manitoba will be modernized to better reflect both today's and future requirements for technology, research and innovation needs, with an emphasis on timely client service. Food processing, agricultural technology and research and expansion of our mining and forestry industries continues to be of major focus.

Our fish and wildlife division will also see changes with Conservation Officers (CO's) being moved into ARD from the Department of Conservation and Climate. Enforcement of illegal night hunting and surveillance in conservation areas has been stepped up. Moving CO's into the department will allow for a more coordinated ef-

fort between the fish and wildlife division and our CO's. A big thank you to our CO's for the enhanced enforcement which can be dangerous work at times.

The COVID-19 pandemic continues to affect all aspects of our lives. The Code Red restrictions through November, December and January has been hard on everyone but we can see the positive difference it has made in terms of Manitoba's numbers of cases and deaths compared to other provinces. The impact on mental health is real. Do not hesitate to reach out for help at <https://gov.mb.ca/health/mh/crisis.html>.

A gradual phased in return of services is the goal. In this new environment, many people have taken up outdoor exercise, phoning or face timing loved ones, or being a designated visitor for a friend or family member. Manitobans are resilient and together



MLA for Midland, Blaine Pedersen we will get through this.

The Legislative Session resumes on March 3, 2021. There is a very heavy Legislative Agenda for the Spring Session. The ARD Department is busy preparing for the Spring Session and the good work continues in spite of today's challenges.

Stay safe and thank you for doing your part in keeping Manitoba the best place to live.

## Storefront Improvement Program encourages business to keep up aesthetic

By Becca Myskiw

Businesses and organizations in the RM of Dufferin once again have the opportunity to receive funds for improving the aesthetic of their building.

The Town of Carman and RM of Dufferin's Storefront Improvement Program is open for applications. The program matches up to \$500 for business and non-profits in the area with a plan to improve their space's exterior.

"There's lots of things people can do," said Tyler King from the town, who's in charge of the project. "We don't like to stifle creativity."

Last year, Homestead Co-op received funding for their patio area. They added concrete planters, umbrellas, and patio tables. Carman Florists & Gift Boutique changed to a full window entrance door. TLC Child Care centre added the sign outside of the building on the highway for exposure. The Roseisle General Store did some painting on the outside of their building and added picnic tables and a few years ago Birch & Honey added awnings.

To apply for the program's funding, organizations and businesses have to make a proposal outlining their plan

and each one then goes through the scoring process. King said they look for plans that will positively impact the community, and if one will "provide substantial value," it will ultimately get a higher score. There is a scoring matrix to go by so each proposal is judged fairly.

King said this program shows that Carman and the RM of Dufferin is a progressive community. It creates an inviting atmosphere for passersby and makes the community feel warm, "Then people will want to come in and look in their store," he said. "It creates business."

The Storefront Improvement Program has \$3,000 to grant out. Last year, they had just enough applications to grant out all the money, but some years there have been more applications than funds.

King said they have already received a few applications. Businesses can apply until Mar. 10 and will find out if they have been selected two weeks after. Upon selection, those chosen will then have to complete the work on their own terms on or before Dec. 1 and submit an invoice to the town to be reimbursed up to \$500.

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

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

**November 14, 1918**

Notice: All public gatherings are suspended until further notice. It is also suggested that private meetings be suspended during the present epidemic and further that it is advisable that citizens refrain from travelling to other towns or cities.

- F. L. Jamieson, MD Health Officer  
**February 3, 1921**

A moccasin dance will be held in Carman rink, Wednesday Feb. 9 under the auspices of the Easter Lily Rebekah Lodge. Good music. If you haven't any moccasins, rubbers will do. Come and have a good time. Admission 50 cents and 25 cents.

Dr. A.E. McGavin M.D. office next to

Sanders Drugs.

A.L. McLachlan—dentist—office in Bank of Hamilton building on Villiard (now Lawyers office on Main St.)

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F.J. Butcher—office—Villiard (Main) across from where York Café was.

R.H. B. North—on Maple Street (1st Ave. Sw) also has office in Elm Creek  
**February 7, 1946**

W.F. Garnett been agent for Manufacturers Life Insurance since 1940

W.J. Rinn has returned to his law practice in the Jas. Huston block after serving in WWII. (Can anyone tell me where the Jas. Huston Block was?)

Dan Chang who has been operating the B.C. Café for several years has purchased it from Charlie Wong of Winnipeg who had owned it.

Several men in Carman and surrounding area have returned home this week from WWII.

**February 4, 1971**

The new Dial Telephone Exchange will be in Service at Roland on Feb. 11 at 9am. Also Direct Distance Dialing will be introduced to Roland exchange.

The residents of the R.M. of Thompson witnessed the sealing of the Time Capsule at the Miami Elementary on Friday, January 29, ending the Centennial Year of 1970. The ceremony was delayed a month due to unavoidable circum-

stances.

Dynamite Tournament—8 and under Minor Hockey Tournament – Teams participating will be Carman, Portage, Elm Creek, Morris, Miami, Crystal City, Oakville and Roland. 9 am-5pm on Saturday Feb 6 at Carman Dufferin Arena.

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# Keystone Ag needs farmer engagement

By Evan Matthews

Local representatives of Keystone Agricultural Producers are asking for farmers in the Interlake to engage with the Canadian Roundtable for Sustainable Crops consultation.

Paul Gregory, who lives in the Fisher area and represents KAP for District 10, said he believes many producers are unaware of what's going on as it relates to the Canadian Roundtable for Sustainable Crops' (CRSC) Code of Practice, known as Responsible Grain.

"They've surveyed 500 farmers, which isn't a heck of a lot when you think about all the farmers in Canada," said Gregory, adding that Responsible Grain is a national, voluntary code of practice, allowing Canadian grain farmers to demonstrate care and commitment to the environment.

The goal is to help Canadian farms preserve land, air and water, according to the Responsible Grain website. However, previous media reports have suggested some farmers are unclear whether the code will help or hurt their operations.

"We need more input. Get involved, look at what's happening, and fill out the survey. If we don't have input, there will be some things down the line that happen, that will be very unkind to their operations," he said.

The code is said to cover modules including nutrient management, pest and pesticide management, soil and water management, and health and well-being. By getting involved, Responsible Grain's website states it can help farmers understand what is recommended (in the code) and what is required (by legislation).

The consultation process began in November 2020, and according to CRSC, is expected to end mid-February. The Responsible Grain website states the code of practice could be implemented as early as May 2021.

Farmers' concerns, as reported by an array of media outlets and on social media, have included (but are not limited to) premiums and financial reward for adhering to the voluntary code, who will benefit from farmer adherence, the involvement of Ducks Unlimited, tone and language used in the code, whether the code will remain voluntary or at some point become mandatory, as well as property rights and freedoms.

"I think more regulation is coming down," said Gregory.

For more information, visit <https://responsiblegrain.ca>.

## Hotel update

From Andrew Rempel of Steel Creek Developers

Construction of the newest hotel, along Hwy. 3, next to Syl's Drive Inn in Carman is well underway and on schedule. Structural framing is complete, roofing, electrical, insulating and drywall have begun. Design and engineering of the pool and waterslide for the new hotel are in progress and construction will begin once the ground thaws this spring. The pool area will house a pool, waterslide and hot tub and will extend to the north of the hotel. There will be a 600 square foot pool and 70 foot waterslide and 11-person hot tub along with a variety of room designs and amenities.

# Manitoba outlines its vaccine rollout plans

By Ashleigh Viveiros

The Province of Manitoba provided details of its COVID-19 vaccine rollout strategy last week.

On Jan. 27, Dr. Joss Reimer, medical lead of Manitoba's Vaccine Implementation Task Force, joined Health Minister Heather Stefanson in outlining the four-stage plan.

"Right now we have a very limited supply of vaccine, but assuming supply issues resolve ... we understand that Manitobans will want to know who's next and when it might be their turn," said Reimer.

The plan breaks people into four priority groups: health-care workers and congregate living staff, residents of congregate living facilities, residents of First Nations communities, and Manitobans, based on age.

The most vulnerable people within the first three groups have already started to be eligible for immunization in the first stage of the plan.

"We've made progress here, but we still have more people to immunize in this stage," said Reimer.

Future stages continue to broaden the vaccination criteria for health-care workers and congregate living staff and residents (including homeless shelters and correctional facilities) not covered in stage one.

The general population will begin to be vaccinated in stage two, starting with Manitobans over the age of 95 and then working down by one-year increments until reaching age 80. This stage could start as early as April, as-

suming the vaccine supply allows it.

Stage three will work down from Manitobans over age 75 to those over age 60.

The broadest rollout for the general public will be in stage four, which will work down from Manitobans age 55+ to those 18 years old or older.

"There will be a vaccine for everyone who wants it in Manitoba, but depending on your situation you may need to be patient," Reimer said.

The plan notes that essential workers could be added at any stage as additional vaccine products are approved for use in Canada. The province has not yet outlined who, exactly, will be considered an essential worker.

Manitoba's under-18 population is also not in the plan, as the current vaccines are not approved for their use.

As more vaccines are approved, assuming they are safe for children and youth, that may change.

How fast Manitoba will work through the various stages of vaccination depends greatly on vaccine supply.

Under the projected low-supply scenario, which does not include any vaccines not yet approved, it's expected all Manitobans who want it will have the chance to get the vaccine by the

end of 2021.

If supplies increase with the inclusion of new vaccines in development, that date could be moved up to the end of August.

In both cases, public health officials are estimating 70 per cent of qualified Manitobans will choose to get the vaccine.

Reimer noted the province is working on ensuring Manitobans have easy access to the vaccine when their time to get it comes up.

"That's our goal, that all Manitobans have access," she said. "Whether you live in the cities, whether you live in a remote setting, we're going to be working hard to have sites available that any Manitoban can access, within reasonable distance from their home."

Vaccination supersites are in the works for the Interlake-Eastern and Southern Health-Santé Sud health regions for March. Additional supersites are planned for all health regions through the spring and summer months as more vaccine becomes available.

### First nations rollout

Details of the First Nations vaccine strategy were released Monday by members of the First Nations Pandemic Response Co-ordination Team

and Manitoba's Vaccine Implementation Task Force.

Thousands of doses of the Moderna vaccine have already been shipped to 63 First Nations in Manitoba to vaccinate health-care workers in remote/isolated communities, residents and staff in personal care homes or elder care facilities, individuals 60 years and over in remote communities, and individuals 70+ in non-remote communities.

Moving forward, Manitoba's Indigenous communities plan to prioritize health-care workers in non-remote areas, workers at alternative isolation accommodations, and traditional healers/knowledge keepers as part of the health workforce.

When the province at large begins offering vaccines to Manitobans over the age of 80 in stage two, First Nations people over 60 will also be able to be vaccinated.

"Life expectancy for First Nations people is lower than for other Manitobans and the median age of severe outcomes is also much lower for First Nations people. And right now, First Nations people make up 50 per cent of all COVID-19 hospitalizations and 40 per cent of intensive care unit admissions," explained Dr. Marcia Anderson, vice dean, Indigenous health and public health lead for Manitoba First Nation PRCT. "We will address this by ensuring younger First Nations people have access to the vaccine sooner to address the higher risk to First Nations people."

**"WE'VE MADE PROGRESS HERE, BUT WE STILL HAVE MORE PEOPLE TO IMMUNIZE IN THIS STAGE."**



# Cheryl Young celebrates 45 years with Town of Carman



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Cheryl Young is celebrating 45 years with the Town of Carman.

By Becca Myskiw

Panic, instinct, action — what started as an after high school job has turned into 45 years of achievement and memories for Cheryl Young.

Young, the Town of Carman's chief administrative officer (CAO), started at the office as a stenographer when she was 18 years old and in her last semester of high school. The office was small compared to the large building they're at now on 2nd Ave SW. Then secretary-treasurer Bruce Lyle had a small rectangle office and two desks

sat in the outer office. Mayor Dougal Fletcher was running the town then until 1983.

Then, Eric Lansky took over as mayor until R.S. (Bob) Mackenzie took over in 1985 and held the position until 1992. R. Murray Rinn won the election in 1992 and ran the town until 2006 when Bob Mitchell ran successfully. Carman's current Mayor Brent Owen won the 2018 civic election and Young is working with him today.

"It was always interesting to see how the individuals operated and then de-

velop a working relationship in order to get things done," she said.

Young said when she started in 1976, the town ran their tax insert through the Xerox Gestetner and their photocopier was thermal paper on which the print faded.

"I remember printing out invitations to an AMM district meeting that was going to be held in Carman and then the date changed," she said. "There was no hiding the change on that thermal paper."

Two years later in 1978, Young became the town's assistant secretary-treasurer and had the opportunity to do accounting for the town, something she still loves today. In 1992, she became secretary-treasurer for the town. In the midst of learning the ropes of the job and getting promotions, Young took the Manitoba Municipal Administrators' Certificate Program at the University of Manitoba (UofM). She also grew in her roles thanks to two mentors along the way — Colin Rothwell when he was the secretary-treasurer and Linda Baleja when she was CAO.

Young said she's always viewed her job as one to provide as much of and the best information to council as possible.

"I try to keep Council informed about matters that develop in between meetings, so that if they are questioned by the public about something they have heard about it and have some background information," said Young. "I like to prevent Council

members feeling embarrassed about a topic, conversation or event that they were unaware of and I could have provided information or background information about."

And within her 45 years of being the town's eyes and ears, Young has seen every change. She said the flood diversion saved Carman — and allowed the town to grow.

"I have always felt that the river was our hidden gem and not utilized to its full potential," she said. "One of my first jobs with the town was to man phones for the 1979 flood so it is nice to have the Boyne river tamed and can be enjoyed by all."

Upgrading Highway 13 through the town improved its appeal, she said, and encourages people to stay. The town's facilities have also been raised to a higher standard, she said. Among the changes are:

- The pathway has been developed and expanded
- The arena received a facelift
- The fire hall and fire equipment were upgraded
- Soccer pitches were built
- New ball diamonds are in the process of being built
- A new pool was built
- The community hall was built
- A new golf and curling clubhouse were built
- The pathway received bridges
- There's a new health clinic

"All of this was not because of me," said Young. "I just had the pleasure of

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# Carman carver giving "life" to the pathways

By Becca Myskiw

When walking along the Carman pathways, one might notice a face hidden in the trees — literally.

Ron Derksen has been fastening his carved spirit face carvings into the trees along the trails. So far, he's added life to 11 of the trunks and he doesn't plan to stop anytime soon.

"I love the peacefulness of the trail," he said. "I decided to hang up some of my carvings there to make the walk more interesting for everyone."

He got the idea to get into carving years ago after a trip to The Forks with his wife. There, he noticed spirit face carvings for sale and was fascinated by the works of art. His first carving was a face on a diamond willow stick, which he was not impressed by, but his friends were.

"As time went by, I carved more and began to realize that I was enjoying the concentration and peacefulness required to do this," he said.

He picked up magazines, read whatever material he could, and faced countless trials and errors. Now, 30 years after he first picked up the knife, Derksen has created hundreds of carvings and sold many.

Most of his carvings, he said, are done in cotton-

wood bark, which isn't found along the Carman pathways. He also carves in seasoned Balsams, but never on a living tree.

"I love trees too much for that," he said.

So, he takes his spirit face carvings and fastens them to the trees on the pathway. He said each one takes around two days, depending on the size. For bigger faces, Derksen uses a chainsaw, but he otherwise creates each piece with a knife.

His carvings are allowed to be on the trees, too. Derksen has permission from the owner of the land, the Carman Pathways Committee, and the Town of Carman for removing dead wood as well as putting up his carvings.

The hardest part is the facial features, he said.

"You have to concentrate to make the eyes and nose in a carving so that they appear real to anyone viewing them," said Derksen.

He isn't just a carver, though. Derksen also dabbles in welding, creating lamps, tools and baker's shelves. His carvings connect him with nature, though, and he hopes they'll help residents to realize the beauty of the outdoors.



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Ron Derksen is hanging his spirit face carvings on trees along the pathways.



# Co-op giving \$1 million in funding to local community projects

By Becca Myskiw

Co-ops across western Canada are jointly dedicating \$1 million in funding to local community projects.

In 2015, Co-op Community Spaces was launched. It's a program that helps protect, beautify, and improve spaces across British Columbia, Alberta, Saskatchewan, and Manitoba. Over the past six years, the program has donated \$9.5 million to 132 projects that improve the social, economic, and environmental wellbeing of the local communities.

Sixty per cent of the funded projects have increased local recreation and arts and culture opportunities in the communities, while 46 per cent of them have diverted waste from landfills. Another 50 per cent of projects have resulted in increased access to local nature spaces.

Co-op announced in a news release recently that Co-op Community Spaces is now accepting applications for capital projects. Registered non-

profits, registered charities, and community service co-operatives can all apply to receive funding. Each project can apply for \$25,000 to \$150,000 and has to be in the category of recreation, environmental conservation, or urban agriculture.

In the news release, Homestead Co-op general manager Trent Schidlowsky, said the chain is proud to support projects that make a difference to members of the community.

"Finding ways to support our community is even more important as we've been impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic," he said. "We're looking forward to a time when we'll all be able to gather as a community again and we encourage all of our community organizations who could benefit from capital funding to apply."

To apply or find out more information, go online to [communityspaces.ca](http://communityspaces.ca) and fill out an application between Feb. 1 and March 1.



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Applications are being accepted for Co-op's Community Spaces \$1 million funding from Feb. 1 to March 1, 2021.

## Seniors care, mental health, and chronic and complex care prioritized in shared health agreement

Submitted by Manitoba government

Seniors Care, mental health, and care for chronic and complex conditions have been identified as shared priority areas of focus for Manitoba physicians and the provincial government in an agreement reached on the allocation of increased funding for medical services, as announced today by Health and Seniors Care Minister Heather Stefanson, Mental Health, Wellness and Recovery Minister Audrey Gordon and Dr. Cory Baillie, president, Doctors Manitoba.

The agreement is the result of ongoing collaborative discussions and sets out the allocation of a 0.75 per cent increase to medical remuneration, as part of the 2019-2023 Master Agreement between the Manitoba government and Doctors Manitoba. The al-

location – and the identified priority areas of focus – have been endorsed by the Master Agreement Governance Committee and will take effect April 1, 2021.

"We are very pleased to have reached an agreement on the allocation of these funds as part of our mutual commitment to modernizing health-care delivery to support better health care for all Manitobans," said Stefanson. "Working with our physician partners, we will continue to improve care for our most vulnerable patients including seniors and those requiring care for complex and chronic conditions."

"This agreement also acknowledges the importance of ongoing support and enhancement of mental health services, priorities for both our gov-

ernment and providers working across the province and those who access these vital services," added Gordon.

"Increased funding for medical remuneration this year will help doctors with increasing overhead costs, such as personal protective equipment," said Baillie. "This collaborative process has allowed us to address physician and patient priorities as part of a larger Master Agreement, in which the provincial government has committed to keeping remuneration competitive with other provinces."

Collaborative discussions to achieve ongoing improvements in patient care and health-care delivery through necessary modernization and alignment are continuing under the oversight of the Master Agreement Gov-

ernance Committee, a joint advisory group with representatives from the provincial government and Doctors Manitoba.

Highlights of the allocation include: enhanced focus on care of the elderly; support for complex care; support for chronic care provided within long-term care settings; and increased support for mental health including support for psychotherapy, hospital care, consultation and care specific to geriatric patients.

Monday's agreement is the latest collaborative effort between the Province and Doctors Manitoba and builds upon earlier agreements reached to support Manitoba's COVID-19 pandemic efforts including tariffs for virtual care and isolation supports for physicians.

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# HIPPY program reaching out to newcomers with pre-schoolers

By Ashleigh Viveiros

Regional Connections has launched a new program to help newcomers to Canada prepare their children for school.

The immigrant services agency is putting the word out that there are still a few spots left in its first session of HIPPY (Home Instruction for Parents of Preschool Youngsters).

"HIPPY is a free in-home support for newcomer mothers of pre-schoolers," explained program coordinator Alesha Hildebrand. "We're essentially filling a gap where newcomer families may not be able to access other pre-school or literacy supports in the community by meeting them in their homes."

Program staff meet with participants once a week (mainly online for the moment but in-person once pandemic restrictions ease) for 30 weeks to walk them through a variety of educational activities that will help them prepare their kids for Kindergarten.

"It's activities that promote literacy learning for children ages of three to five," Hildebrand said, adding that a big part of the program is supporting mothers in being a teacher to their children. "They are, first and foremost, the child's most important teacher at that age."

Once they've got a handle on the material provided, parents in turn teach it to their kids in 15-20 minute sessions every day.

"If they've got questions about something, if they don't understand something, they can go back to their home visitor for support," said Hildebrand, stressing program staff are well-versed in any language or cultural challenges that might exist.

This program has been successful in countries around the world, including numerous large Canadian cities. Regional Connections is, however, among the first rural agencies in Canada to launch HIPPY.

"There's been a growing need for this here," Hildebrand said. "Families sometimes feel like their child isn't ready for school because maybe they, as parents, aren't feeling ready for it. So we want to make sure we're building that bridge to being prepared for school so both parents and their kids feel confident about it."

"We have really relied a lot on our family resources programming to provide some of these supports, and that has been a big success, but we know that there are families who are just unable to access those programs ... it's really highlighted the need for a home-based program such as this."

Once restrictions allow, the program will also promote group activities so



Pre-schooler Alwaleed with some of the activities he's done as part of the early childhood education program for immigrant families.

participants and their kids can get out and meet others in the community.

"We want to get them out of their homes and out building social networks, especially as their child goes into the school system," said Hildebrand.

## Building confidence

Reaching out to local families is HIPPY's two home visitors: Helena Martens and Patricia Josephson.

Josephson already has a full slate of 10 families she's communicating with, while Martens has space for four more.

For Josephson, seeing parents and children alike build up their confidence through learning brings her a great deal of joy. It's the reason she wants to pursue a career in education, and HIPPY, which is doing double-duty as an employment development program for newcomers, is giving her a chance to take her first steps to that goal.

"I have such a passion for this," she said, stressing that early childhood learning really sets kids up to succeed later in life.

Martens, likewise, is looking forward to meeting fellow immigrant parents and helping them find their footing.

"I like meeting new people and to see how they will grow," she said. "Because, for me, if this would have been in place when we moved here, it would have been so very helpful."

The HIPPY program is open for free to newcomers across the Pembina Valley area. All required supplies and



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HIPPY home visitors Helena Martens (left) and Patricia Josephson are meeting with families virtually.

technology are provided.

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# Piecing together history

By Becca Myskiw

People can now piece together parts of Carman's history with virtual puzzles of historic photographs.

The Dufferin Historical Museum has made a number of puzzles available on [www.jigsawplanet.com](http://www.jigsawplanet.com) for absolutely no cost to them or the user. Irish Aubin of the museum said she got the idea from someone who did puzzles every Sunday of photos of Ukrainian churches from across Manitoba.

"I thought it was a really neat idea and that we could do the same and it would help keep people engaged in the museum," said Aubin.

The photos are ones the Dufferin Historical Museum has acquired over the years through donations. They depict the town in the early 1900s.

"Everyone loves to see old pictures

and especially what the town used to look like," she said. "Given the times we are living in I think more people are doing puzzles as well. It's free and easy."

Aubin said the museum is closed for the winter, so the puzzles are a way to keep the community engaged. They are also doing an Artifact of the Week and Flashback Friday on their Facebook page each week so people "don't forget about the museum."

Each puzzle's link is posted to the museum's Facebook page. The user can choose how many pieces they want and even change the shape of them.

Aubin said even though the museum has a great collection of photos, they always like receiving more, especially ones of the town and surrounding



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The Dufferin Historical Museum has made virtual puzzles available for anyone. This 96-piece puzzle is of the water tower in 1912.

communities. If people have photos to share with the Dufferin Historical Museum, email them at [info@dufferin-historicalmuseum.ca](mailto:info@dufferin-historicalmuseum.ca).

## Manitoba offers free provincial park entry for February

Submitted by Manitoba Conservation

Manitoba Conservation and Climate will again offer free entry to provincial parks throughout the month of February so Manitobans and visitors can take advantage of the many winter activities available in the parks.

Vehicle permits are not required in any provincial park in February, but Snopasses are still required for snowmobiles using groomed trails in the parks. As well, entrance fees still apply in national parks. There are groomed

trails in provincial parks across Manitoba for a variety of activities including cross-country skiing, snowmobiling, fat biking, snowshoeing and hiking. Paint Lake, Spruce Woods and Turtle Mountain provincial parks also offer outdoor skating areas, hockey rinks and toboggan hills.

Trail grooming reports are updated online every Thursday throughout the winter. Manitobans are encouraged to check trail conditions and weather forecasts to plan their outdoor adventures before visiting parks. Maps of winter trails and updated reports can be found at [www.manitobaparks.com](http://www.manitobaparks.com). Trail users are reminded to use only the trails designated for their activities, to keep dogs on leashes and to practise 'Leave No Trace'.

Provincial parks have seen a significant increase in use this winter as safe outdoor places for Manitobans to get physical exercise and fresh air. While being outdoors and active in nature is important for physical and mental health, COVID-19 public health orders must



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Manitoba's provincial parks will have free park entry for the entire month of February.

be followed including steps such as physical distancing from anyone not in your household. Crowds and busy trails can be avoided by visiting parks during non-peak times such as early weekend mornings and weekdays. Information on COVID-19 restrictions in provincial parks is available at [www.manitobaparks.com](http://www.manitobaparks.com).

Park interpreters are offering weekly online events and webinars this winter for Manitobans to learn and discover provincial parks safely at home. Highlights for the month of February include:

- learn cross-country ski techniques Wednesday, Feb. 3;
- a Parks After Dark presentation on eclipses with the Royal Astronomical Society of Canada Sunday, Feb. 7;
- skijoring and kick-sledding demonstrations Wednesday, Feb. 17;

- a presentation on the owls of Manitoba Saturday, Feb. 20; and
- a behind-the-scenes tour of the Whiteshell Fish Hatchery Saturday, Feb. 27.

More information on these events and other upcoming programs can be found under the events tab on the Manitoba Parks Facebook page at [www.facebook.com/MBGovParks](http://www.facebook.com/MBGovParks) and online at [www.manitobaparks.com](http://www.manitobaparks.com).

Teachers can also book free virtual school programs throughout the winter season to bring parks into their classrooms. For more information on winter activities and interpretive programs in provincial parks, email [parkinterpretation@gov.mb.ca](mailto:parkinterpretation@gov.mb.ca) or visit [www.manitobaparks.com](http://www.manitobaparks.com).



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# Making tracks to Carman

By Dennis Young

In the 1900s the promise of a network of railways throughout southern Manitoba was a lure to prospective settlers and businessmen. Little if any journey in those days was made by rail. The vision of a railroad running past your homestead complete with a loading platform was forever just that...a vision.

Rumours of railroads and their locations were plentiful enough that enterprising people started businesses such as blacksmithing and built stores near the proposed site. Petitions were a common place to influential people through rural councils and farm organizations but still the vision was not a reality.

In 1882 the Manitoba Southwestern Colonization Railway (later the Canadian Pacific Railway) was built southwest from Winnipeg. Unfortunately it stopped short of Carman at Barnsley until 1887 when they extended the line the final six miles to Carman. From 1906 to 1926 the Midland Railway ran from Portage-la-Prairie to Carman and south to the US border.

Eventually the Canadian Northern Railway was built in a south westerly direction from Winnipeg through Sanford and raised the hopes that Carman and Dufferin would be joined east-west to the outside world by rail. By 1901 the rails had extended to Sperling and then continued on due west to create new communities. The route also gave birth to not only Sperling but Homewood, Graysville, Stephenfield and Roseisle.

These villages grew up along the railway as existing schools, churches, stores and post offices relocated beside the rail lines. Railways, with

their stations, elevators and loading platforms, opened access to new markets and allowed farmers to ship their grain to the east and around the globe.

Arrival of the railway in that direction was a mixed blessing for fledgling communities. Many found themselves too far from the rail line and had to move to maintain their services. Sometimes whole buildings were moved to the new location and many of the early settlements disappeared. Such was the fate of several early communities such as St. Daniel and Barnsley only evidenced now through cairns, signs or former school buildings.

At first a boxcar was used as an office until a station was built in 1905 (presently the GPAC building). It was a 1 1/2-storey wood-frame facility which was centrally located at the north end of Carman's business core alongside the track that ran east-west. The building was a combined station-residence with five rooms on the 2nd floor. It was one type of facility planned and built across the Prairies by the original owner with its trademark roofline and imposing presence.

To express the rail industry's optimism in the role Carman would play in the future, they used what they referred to as a standardized Second Class design, reserved for significant centres. Features such as the hipped roof with broad overhanging eaves supported by deep brackets made for quite the site in the day.

In spite of all the frustrations, disappointments and costs, the railways were a chief factor in Carman's growth. From the period 1906-1928 Carman and Dufferin were served



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A typical day in Carman with a passenger train pulled up to the station in 1910.

by four railways contributing to that growth. In 1923 Canadian Northern found themselves in financial trouble and it became a part of a new company named the Canadian National Railway or CNR.

Transportation modes were changing. The area was still primarily agriculturally based but paved highways and long haul trucking took over from rail traffic. Railways that were once the lifeline of the area were removed and local elevators began to vanish. Freight trains continued to run to Carman from Winnipeg, the tracks west of Graysville to Roseisle were lifted in the late 70s and by 1980 there was no more passenger service.

The station meanwhile was an important commercial and social focus for the life of the town between 1902 and 1974. It retains its visual prominence in Carman today as well as its physical relationship to the rail track and nearby commercial buildings. In the past it has housed Senior Resource, a senior drop in centre, Lions Club, an apartment and finally GPAC since 2000. Surviving the years and still intact today is the ticket office

window with the words 'TICKET OFFICE' imprinted on the window pane. It was declared a Heritage site in 2003.

The Carman subdivision, and the last railway left, was purchased from CNR in 1998 by Cando Rail Services. A spokesperson there could not confirm why CNR wanted to sell but thought they began to focus on coast-to-coast service. Meanwhile Cando's focus was to be the first mile last mile service provider for industry/shippers. With their office in Brandon, a short line was very appealing and after acquiring Pine Falls subdivision, changed their moniker to CEMR (Central Manitoba Railway). In 2003 they built a rail terminal in Transcona which is not only their headquarters but a location for railcar storage, transloading and mechanical services.

2021 marks 120 years that CNR/CEMR has provided rail services of products to and from this area. From early days of mail and passenger cars to boxcar, covered hopper, flatcar, gondola, and tank cars to meet the needs of the agriculture in Southern Manitoba.

## > CELEBRATING 45 YEARS, FROM PG. 7



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Cheryl Young won Miss Manitoba Executive Secretary in her first year with the town.

working with some great members of council that were willing to stick their necks out and get things done."

The town's features aren't the only things that have changed over the years — the inner workings of the office have too. Young went from doing the books manually with large ledgers and handwriting the tax roll to working almost exclusively on a computer. She said she can honestly say the fax machine is a piece of equipment she's outlived.

The biggest change perhaps is one that hasn't changed what she does at all. Young's position has gone through a slew of names — municipal clerk, town clerk, administrator, municipal administrator, and now, chief administrative officer (CAO).

Through the title changes, though, Young has made memory upon memory. A few of her most memorable

ones are:

- The opening of the diversion (MP Charlie Mayor successfully pulled off a suit jacket, tie, blue jeans, and boots for the ribbon cutting)
- Manning the phones at flood headquarters in 1979
- Seeing the rope lights on the Main Street decorative streetlights for the first time (the entire project brought the "drab" highway into this century, she said)
- The demise of the employee's union built a strong staff that holds barbecues, golf tournaments, and Christmas parties, creating bonding opportunities
- Being known as "Mrs. Christmas" (she's always coming up with new ideas for Christmas in town)
- Ryall Park becoming a town staple

Working for the town during the 1990 and 2008 Manitoba Games, which resulted in a "legacy" of infrastructure and town pride

Among the changes and memories, there have been lessons. Young said the main things she's learned is people are very invested in their garbage and they want answers immediately, be it on big or small issues.

She's only two years away from beating Albert Malcolmson and his 47 years with the town, though she doesn't know exactly when she's going to retire. All she knows right now is that she loves the job, its challenges, and the community she serves.

"I have invested too much heart and soul into my position to leave the council in a difficult position if I don't have to," she said. "Stay tuned for that."





## 7 ways to celebrate Valentine's Day in a socially distant manner

The last year has been challenging for social butterflies, as the COVID-19 pandemic has limited opportunities to socialize in person with close friends and family members.

Social distancing guidelines affected various holidays throughout 2020, but such guidelines were issued after Valentine's Day 2020. Valentine's Day may be the easiest holiday to celebrate while still adhering to social distancing restrictions. After all, Valentine's Day is typically a day to spend time alone with the person you love. The following are seven socially distant Valentine's Day celebration ideas.

1. Order a take-out dinner for two from a favorite local restaurant. It gives you the night off from cooking and helps support a small business.
2. Watch a romantic movie on

your preferred streaming service.

3. Treat each other to a pair of cozy pajamas and spend the day under the covers catching up on cuddles and rest.

4. Bundle up and, if weather allows, take a hand-in-hand stroll through a park or favorite sight-seeing spot. Just follow any protocols for remaining safe, such as wearing masks.

5. Those who reside in climates that are mild in February can rent a small boat and enjoy a few hours on the open water far away from others.

6. Purchase the ingredients to a recipe you both enjoy and prepare the meal together. Don't forget to leave room for dessert.

7. Take turns giving one another back massages at home.

These are just some of the ways Valentine's Day can be enjoyed safely while adhering to pandemic-related safety guidelines.

Flowers can represent various emotions. Flowers play a prominent role in many and holidays, perhaps none more than Valentine's Day.

Valentine's Day is a busy day for florists. ProFlowers says it accounts for most of the industry's fresh flower sales. Around 78 percent of the flowers purchased for Valentine's Day are cut flowers, and men are the top consumers.

Roses are the go-to flower on Valentine's Day, but shoppers can look to various blooms to send the right message to that special someone in their lives. In fact, each type of flower conveys its own unique message.

ProFlowers and Pickup Flowers note that the following are some popular blooms and the messages those flowers are traditionally associated with.

- Amaryllis: This flower is symbolic of splendid beauty and can be used to indicate worth.
- Aster: The aster symbolizes patience, elegance and daintiness.
- Calla lily: This bloom symbolizes magnificence and beauty, as well as purity and innocence. That is why Calla lilies are often the flower of choice in wedding bouquets.
- Carnations: These are one of the most popular flowers in the world and are generally symbolic of love and fascination.
- Daffodil: Daffodils symbolize regard and

chivalry. They also can be indicative of rebirth, new beginnings and eternal life. A single daffodil can signal misfortune, while a bunch expresses joy and happiness.

- Gerbera daisies: With large, beautiful blooms in a wide assortment of vibrant colors, gerbera daisies are a favorite flower for cheerful sentiments.
- Gladioluses: These tall, striking flowers are eye-catching and make great gifts for significant others. The gladiolus symbolizes honor, infatuation and strength.
- Iris: Irises represent faith, hope and wisdom and are cherished for their big, beautiful blooms.
- Peony: This flower, which resembles a rose, symbolizes a happy life, happy marriage, prosperity, and good health.
- Rose: Roses symbolize love in its various forms, and different colors of roses symbolize different things. For example, yellow roses represent care and friendship, while pink roses are given as a token of admiration.

Flowers are popular gifts come Valentine's Day. Choosing a flower that best represents the feelings gift-givers want to convey can incorporate even more meaning into a bouquet or basket.

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# Where are they now? Catching up with the Knutsons

By Dennis Young

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

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

We called Carman home from April 1979 to July of '86 with a six month hiatus to Weyburn.

**Q. What did you do for a living here?**

Jan worked for RBC with Ron Funk, Bev Kippen and Mavis Martin.

I managed/franchised Beaver Lumber on 1st Street (where Toews Printing is now). When we first arrived in Carman, Roy Main and Bob Fuller took me under their wing. Later Brad Swark transferred to Carman from PLP where he was working at that Beaver store.

**Q. What activities did you participate in?**

We were both active in Kinsmen/Kinettes, loved to golf the Carman course and both curled, too. I played fastball in Elm Creek and was on the Beaver and Recreation executives.

**Q. Do you have family now?**

Our daughter Meghan was born in 1991. She works for the U of Manitoba and lives in Lorette.

**Q. What got you to leave Carman?**

Well Beaver Lumber closed and because I wished to stay in the lumber and building material industry, we re-

located to Winnipeg.

**Q. Did that make you move around lots?**

Not so much moving but lots of travelling with my new job. I have seen 39 of the continental United States but sadly only six provinces.

**Q. What do you do now? Retired?**

I work from home still in the same industry (same Beaver Lumber desk) while Jan has retired after a 33 year career with RBC.

**Q. What passes your leisure time now? Hobbies?**

We play a fair bit of golf plus spend time at our summer place north of Gimli. And we love to cook.

**Q. Have you travelled and where?**

We finally started to get away for winter vacations and we absolutely love it! We have seen Mexico and Cuba so far.

**Q. Do you ever return to Carman?**

When we first moved from Carman we returned on a regular basis for golf, curling and visits. However, lately just now and then for a game of golf.

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

OMG there are so many Dennis. The Town flood in the spring of '79 pulled the community tighter and we were recipients of that feeling of togetherness. We arrived after the Boyne had receded. The Beaver Lumber house had clean water in the basement, but had not flooded.

Friday nights at the golf club became a long standing tradition for us with



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Wayne and Jan Knutson

plenty of laughs and good times. Both of us were involved in setting up the Men's and Ladies Nights which were a great amount of fun. Add to that, the Labor Day Classic weekends...Wow!! Once winter came it was much the same with curling. It seemed regardless the draw time my team had it was midnight before reaching home! My time with the Beavers was memorable too, as we won both the SEMHL and Provincial Championships in 1980-81. You gotta love that bus ride to Dauphin vs. the Ste. Rose Royals. Belonging to the Kin organization was a special part of being in Carman espe-

cially the blast we had during the fair or tractor pull events. As well it was nice to give back to the community by working with the Recreation Commission while having fun doing so.

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

We lived in Carman for almost eight years. They probably were the happiest and most fun filled times we had anywhere. Thank you to all the great people of Carman and area!!

If you wish to reach this former Carmanite please send me an email to [denjohnyoung@gmail.com](mailto:denjohnyoung@gmail.com) and I forward it to them for further contact.

## Humane Society looking for volunteers to join the board

By Becca Myskiw

The Pembina Valley Humane Society (PVHS) is looking for three volunteers to join their board of directors.

The positions of chair, grant chair, and member-at-large are up for grabs at PVHS. Chair and grant chair are

brand new positions and the people filling them need to be elected to their position. Currently, there is an interim chair until the applications are received and someone is elected.

The chair will oversee all aspects of work at PVHS. They will head the Management Committee, which manages the entire organization. The "ideal" candidate is outgoing, dynamic, and passionate about helping animals. They also need to possess leadership qualities. Experience in human relations and management developments are assets for applicants to this role.

The grant chair will research, organize, and apply for various local, provincial, and national grants on behalf

of PVHS. The "ideal" candidate has strong organizational and research skills. They possess clear writing skills and have the ability to effectively communicate.

The member-at-large has no specific duties but is expected to assist in furthering the direction of PVHS by participating in discussions and strategic planning. The "ideal" candidate is positive and creative with a passion for animals.

A two-year commitment is preferred for each role and applicants have to be over 18 years old.

PVHS public relations officer Holly Thorne said volunteering with the society gives people a chance to meet like-minded people who want to help end pet homelessness and become agents of change.

"Volunteers make an invaluable contribution to the quality of the Pembina Valley Humane Society's initiatives," she said. "Allowing us to ensure that each animal that comes to our care is

safe, loved, and given a chance to find its forever home."

PVHS is a volunteer-run, non-profit organization. They serve all towns in southwestern Manitoba under their mission to support humane and sustainable communities for all animals through education, advocacy, respect, and responsibility. Thorne said their purpose is to help abandoned animals by providing care when they're at the shelter, then finding each one a suitable home. They also control pet overpopulation by ensuring all animals and spayed or neutered.

PVHS currently has 10 cats and two dogs available for adoption along with a number of animals going through the intake process.

To apply for a position with PVHS, email a resume and cover letter to [chair@pvhsociety.ca](mailto:chair@pvhsociety.ca). More information can be found on their website at <http://pvhsociety.ca/available-positions>.

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# arts&culture

## MB Arts Network launching wealth of online programming

By Lorne Stelmach

A provincial arts organization is aiming to help fill the void left for artists and performers in Manitoba left without venues and galleries thanks to the pandemic shutdown.

From now until at least the end of March, the Manitoba Arts Network is rolling out online programming that will feature Manitoban artists and performers.

Funding from the Safe at Home MB program and working in partnership with 50 rural arts organizations throughout Manitoba is helping them offer a new free online event every week.

The plan includes 12 livestream performances and 10 visual arts classes that are still being finalized, but there are also five interactive online art exhibitions that have already been unveiled.

"Without the lockdown, we likely wouldn't have considered putting our exhibitions online, so it's pushing us all to embrace new business models," said director Rose-Anne Harder.

Harder said they recognized that there was an important role for the arts network under the circumstances in the province.

"With the lockdown, galleries throughout the province had to close. We usually tour exhibitions throughout the province, so that had to come to a halt," she said.

"We felt if no one can go in person, let's put our exhibitions online for free to give people something to do and enjoy during the lockdown," Harder said, noting the provincial funding is covering the artist fees. "With the lockdown, they can't even teach classes, so they have had to pivot to doing everything online."

She recognized that there are unfortunately some challenges that come with online content.

"For rural Manitoba, the internet is spotty, so it unfortunately doesn't always work well for everybody," she said, adding however that more and more people have become more accustomed to doing things online, and artists as well have had to embrace the technology. "People are getting more tech savvy, getting into doing Zoom calls and classes."

She also sees this online content as providing valuable exposure for the artists and performers, particularly in terms of being able to reach some more remote and northern communities in Manitoba.

"They have very limited access ... so more online activities create more exchange with different communities in the province," said Harder.

Four of the exhibitions feature rural artists with galleries by Jan Jenkins, Mary Lowe, Heather Martens Rempel, and a group exhibition titled *Manitoba Moments* by the Textile and Fibre Artists of Manitoba. A fifth exhibition features Winnipeg artist Sarah Fuller.

Visitors to the virtual gallery are encouraged to take part in the exhibitions—not only are they able to view the artwork, but there is also a guestbook to leave your name and comments and a gift shop where many of the artworks displayed are available to purchase.

Harder noted they anticipate continuing to do online programming even once things return more to normal.

"This online gallery will be with us beyond COVID. We're now developing policies to use it throughout the year," she said. "It's very exciting. To be



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Fish ladder to Hades by Mary Lowe is among the art on display online as part of the Manitoba Arts Network's online exhibition. The network is hosting a series of free online exhibitions, classes, and concerts over the next couple of months.

able to sell the artwork online creates another marketplace for artists."

### Creativity amidst a pandemic

The exhibition *Art in the Time of COVID-19* by Martens Rempel was borne from her trying to rationalize "what is the point of making art when people are struggling for their lives and sanity? Why indulge in this solitary activity? To what end?"

She creates not only because she is driven to but because the world looks different when she does, and that is what she feels is asked of her in return for receiving the inspiration.

"It has been a real gift to be involved with the Manitoba Arts Network. They have really lived up to their mandate during this COVID-19 time in finding ways to promote artists," said Martens Rempel.

"While it most definitely does not replace a real gallery experience, having my work online provides an opportunity for more people to see my work than if it were in one geographical space," she continued. "Viewing art online does not give one a sense of scale or even texture, but it does give someone a sense of the subject matter and make one curious to want to see the art in real life."

"I am also excited to have my work on view with other great artists in many

different mediums," added Martens Rempel, who has also been invited to be part of the creative digital swap where she will be paired with Calgary musician Jenn Beaupre. "This was a very exciting and new idea. I learned so much from this process and met a new artist through the process."

Cathie Ugrin of the Textile and Fibre Artists of Manitoba observed being an artist during a global pandemic has certainly been a unique experience.

Despite the isolation, being an active member of the group has kept her feeling engaged, supported, and inspired, and she said they were thrilled and honoured their exhibit *Manitoba Moments* was included in the online show.

"Their hard work and dedication to the artistic community of Manitoba is very much appreciated," she said. "Sit back and enjoy the unique art in this fabulous gallery, safe and comfortable in your own home until we can all gather together again."

The Manitoba Arts Network's plans include a livestream discussion featuring the artists and interactive art classes on a variety of mediums. Details on these events are still being finalized.

For more information, follow the organization on Facebook or Youtube.

## Pembina Valley RCMP ask public to be on lookout for stolen chainsaw

staff

Pembina Valley RCMP are asking area residents to keep an eye out for several stolen goods thieves made away with after a break-in in the RM of Thompson last month.

On Jan. 20, police were called to a tool shed on a rural property believed to be broken into the night before.

Personal items such as fishing equip-

ment, a red bicycle, and an extensive list of tools including socket sets and other various hand tools were stolen.

One of the items taken was a Husqvarna 445 18" chainsaw with the serial number 20162900869 (the serial number on a Husqvarna can typically be found near the lead handle and chain break on a metal tag).

Police believe some or all of these

items were sold by using a local online buy and sell platform.

If you have any information or may have purchased some of these items, contact Carman RCMP at 204-745-6760 to assist police with their investigation.

RCMP note that break and enters into garages and sheds have been on the rise lately and remind the public

to make sure they're locking up these areas securely.

You're also encouraged to keep a list of your property that includes serial numbers and detailed descriptions, both of which aid in proof of ownership and assist police in taking action against those responsible for break and enters.



# sports & recreation

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## 35-team field to compete for mixed curling national title

From the Curling Canada website

With Canada's Olympic hopes potentially riding on the winning team, an elite field of 35 teams will be in the bubble in Calgary for the 2021 Home Hardware Canadian Mixed Doubles Curling Championship, presented by Nature's Bounty.

Those teams will be chasing not only their share of the unprecedented \$150,000 purse that will be on the line from March 18-25 at the Markin MacPhail Centre at WinSport's Canada Olympic Park in Calgary, they also will be aiming to represent Canada at the 2021 World Mixed Doubles Championship (dates, location, to be confirmed by the World Curling Federation).

There, seven of the 10 countries that will qualify to send teams to the 2022

Winter Olympics in Beijing will be determined, making it the most important international mixed doubles event of this quadrennial, outside of the Olympics themselves.

With those kind of stakes on the line, as well as safety considerations during the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic to keep athletes and the host city of Calgary safe, an emphasis is being placed on players participating in the 2021 Scotties Tournament of Hearts and 2021 Tim Hortons Brier, presented by AGI — the two events that will directly precede the Home Hardware Canadian Mixed Doubles Championship.

The 35 teams will be determined by the following criteria: 14 provincial/territorial championship teams, 14 teams from the Canadian Mixed Dou-

bles Rankings based on results between March 15, 2019, and March 15, 2020 (teams must have played a minimum of two mixed doubles events during the season), seven teams who were unable to compete this season due to the Covid-19 pandemic but had committed to play Mixed Doubles together. Rankings are based on each player's best three CTRS point events from the 2019/2020 season combined with their partners. All players must be part of Curling Canada's National Team program.

A waiting list of teams also has been established should teams that qualify not attend, or if a team has a player on the Scotties Tournament of Hearts championship team that will be competing at the World Women's Championship in Switzerland, which is

running the same week as the Home Hardware Canadian Mixed Doubles Championship.

The 35 teams will be split into five pools of seven for round-robin play. From there, 12 teams will advance to the playoffs. The winning team will take home a \$50,000 payout, while \$30,000 goes to the runner-up; \$20,000 to third place and \$10,000 to fourth place. Fifth through eighth place earns \$6,500 while ninth through 12th takes home \$3,500.

TSN/RDS will be providing extensive live coverage of the 2021 Home Hardware Canadian Mixed Doubles Championship. Qualifying teams are being notified this week, and the field will be announced at a later date once teams have formally confirmed their participation.

## Hockey Winnipeg cancels regular season, playoffs

Staff

The Board of Directors and Executive Members of Hockey Winnipeg made the decision to cancel the remainder of the 2020-21 regular season and playoffs. The decision was announced last Saturday. This directive excludes teams that participate in provincially run leagues.

"It has always been the hope of Hockey Winnipeg to return to scheduled league play, however, the current restrictions, timelines and ice availability does not make that feasible," read a statement on Hockey Winnipeg's website. "This decision is not closing the door on hockey this year, just Hockey Winnipeg regular season and playoff games. This will allow for area associations within Hockey Winnipeg to provide local programming for the balance of the season as public health restrictions may allow."

Hockey Winnipeg and its area associations said they will be working to provide fair refunds to their members

over the next few months.

The refunds will be prorated based upon the amount of activity that has taken place and what activity can be offered at the local level once restrictions allow. Some fees are not recoverable (such as tryout fees where tryouts have taken place, player insurance, etc.) and those fees will not be refunded. Should refunds be provided, they will be distributed to members by the end date of a typical hockey season which is April 30.

"The Board of Directors and Executive Members of Hockey Winnipeg did not take this decision lightly and it is with heavy hearts and after lengthy discussion that we share this directive," read the statement. "We would like to thank our members for being patient throughout this trying season and we regret the premature end of the 2020-21 hockey season. We plan to support our area associations as much as possible with locally run programming."

## 1960s Dream Teams



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In 1963-64 the Carman Collegiate Cougarette girls won Zone 4 and the Provincial B Basketball Championships. They went undefeated winning both Championships again in 1964-65. Another undefeated season followed in 65-66 with a Zone 4 Title but lost in the Provincial finals.

Pictured front row, left to right: Nola Smith, Margie Kehler, Mildred White, Kathy Lucking, Valerie Doyle; back row, Gladwyn Scott, Diane Sandulak, Joan Clearwater, Sandra Letain, Arlewynne Dock, Lynne Sanders, Ester Hildebrand. Missing from the photo, Linda McLean, Shirley Dracass, Merle Cutting, Janie Cochran, Margaret Keith, Gail Holmes, Bev Switzer, Patsy Giesbrecht and Peggy Hill.



# get inspired

> MEAL IDEAS



## Red Velvet Mug Cake

Servings: 1

- 6 tablespoons flour
- 2 tablespoons sugar
- 1 teaspoon cocoa powder
- 1/4 teaspoon baking powder
- 1/8 teaspoon salt
- 1/3 cup milk
- 2 tablespoons butter, melted
- 2 teaspoons vanilla extract
- 30 drops red food coloring

- 3 tablespoons powdered sugar
- 1 tablespoon cream cheese, softened

In 12-ounce mug, whisk flour, sugar, cocoa powder, baking powder and salt. Add milk, butter, vanilla and food coloring; mix until blended.

In small bowl, mix powdered sugar and cream cheese until smooth.

Drop cream cheese mixture into cake batter. Press into batter until covered.

Microwave up to 3 minutes until cake is done.



## Red Velvet Heart Pancakes

- syrup, for garnish
- powdered sugar, for garnish
- raspberries, for garnish

In large bowl, whisk flour, sugar, cocoa powder, baking powder, baking soda and salt.

In medium bowl, whisk egg. Add buttermilk, 2 tablespoons butter, vanilla extract and food coloring; whisk until combined.

Add wet ingredients to dry ingredients and stir to combine.

Spray heart-shaped cookie cutter with nonstick cooking spray and place in skillet. Add enough batter to fill heart. Cook 2 minutes. Remove heart cutter. Flip pancake and cook 1 minute.

Serve with butter, syrup, powdered sugar and raspberries.

Note: If mixture is too thick, add water until desired consistency is reached.



## Cranberry Raspberry Vanilla Punch

Add frozen cranberries and scoops of frozen sorbet.

Servings: 6-12

- 8 cups cranberry-raspberry juice
- 8 1/2 cups cranberry ginger ale
- 1 tablespoon vanilla extract
- 1 pint raspberry sorbet
- frozen cranberries, for garnish

In large punch bowl, add juice, ginger ale and vanilla extract. Stir until combined.



Christine Ibbotson

Could you tell me about a RESPs. My mother wants me to open one for our son who is only two.

Thanks, Bianca

Great question Bianca,

For those who don't know, a RESP is a registered education savings plan designed to provide a tax-deferred savings investment with direct government assistance to help you reach education savings goals for your children or grandchildren. The subscriber to the plan is the person who opens the account and makes contributions to it, and the beneficiary is the individual(s) who receives the funds for post-secondary education. The beneficiary must be a Canadian resident and also have a SIN, (social insurance number).

I always recommend having a Family RESP plan versus individual plans because it has so much more flexibility. The investment is larger and has the ability to receive higher returns; funds in the plan do not have to be shared equally among beneficiaries; and it provides the most flexibility for future withdrawals. Your mother could also consider having a Family RESP for all of her grandchildren to use for education.

There are a few key components of a RESP that you must be aware of. There are no limits to the number of plans you can establish or on the number of beneficiaries you want to have; however, the limit on lifetime contributions for any one beneficiary is \$50,000 and any over contributions are subject to a penalty of 1% per month. You can make contributions to the plan for up to 31 years and it can remain open for up to 36 years. If the beneficiary is disabled you can contribute to 35 years and it will remain open for 40 years.

There is a basic CESG, (Canada Education Savings Grant) for beneficiaries of the plan under the age of 18, (special rules apply for children over 16). The Canadian government will add 20% annually to the first \$2,500 contributed, a \$500 bonus every year. The maximum CESG over the life of the plan is \$7,200 per beneficiary. The benefit to a family plan is that when you are planning to allocate the funds among the beneficiaries, you will not be restricted on withdrawals and can direct more to a child whose education expenses may be higher. Let's



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look at how it works for withdrawing from your plan.

Almost all Canadian universities and colleges qualify for a RESP including some outside of Canada, (CRA will be able to provide a complete qualifying list). A part-time student can access up to \$2,500 for each 13-week semester and a full-time student can access up to \$5,000 during the first 13 weeks of initial enrolment, with no limit thereafter. The funds withdrawn are taxable upon the beneficiary, resulting in little to no tax payable because they are a student.

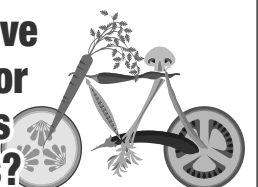
So, what if you did all this and your beneficiary does not pursue an education after high school? Well, you can transfer up to \$50,000 of the plan's earnings to your RRSP provided you have the contribution room. The initial contributions you made into the plan would have no tax consequences since you contributed with tax paid dollars, however the CESG funds paid into the plan must be returned to the government. Interest or investment growth earned on the grant money do not have to be paid back to the government. It is advisable to discuss this with your financial advisor or you can check on the Canadian government website at: [www.cra-arc.gc.ca/tx/ndvdl/tpcs/resp-reee/menue-eng.html](http://www.cra-arc.gc.ca/tx/ndvdl/tpcs/resp-reee/menue-eng.html).

Why not show your children or grandchildren you are invested in their future. Whether it be a basic separate savings account or a specific RESP, you should always lead by example and encourage your children to have a committed future-focused plan. Encourage them to save their earnings or cash gifts from family to add to the plan and start showing them how to get their money working to maximize opportunities for their future.

Good Luck and Best Wishes,  
Money Lady

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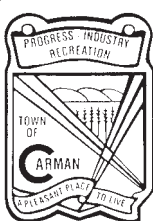
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Bonnie Froebe  
July 22, 1942-February 6, 2020



We cannot believe it has been a year since we lost our shining light. We have such fond memories of having her amongst us. She was a grand lady with so much love, and so much common sense. She guided us through life teaching us the value of music, self respect, and endearing friends. Bonnie loved to sing, her beautiful voice will always be with us and her belief that anyone could learn to sing lifted many of her singing students to be confident in their abilities.

I still can recall very vividly the first time I saw her when she was 18 years old and I was 19. I was struck blind, and told my buddy Barry Downs, "That is the gal I am going to marry." It fell into place five days later when I ran into her at the Carman Fair display building where she was working. I offered to help her and did so for the next 59 years at the Dufferin Agricultural Society Carman Fair.

We travelled the world for canola and for fun with our family across Canada, USA, Mexico, Europe, Caribbean, Africa, and Asia. We had been to all the Disney Parks in the world, Walt Disney World, Disneyland, Paris Disneyland, Tokyo Disneyland, and Hong Kong Disneyland for two weeks, then Disney opened Shanghai Disneyland. C'est la vie.



Family was super important to Bonnie. She loved to organize family dinners and other occasions to celebrate the accomplishments of others. It is during this crazy pandemic that we live the values that were taught by Bonnie. "Dig in. Check on your family and neighbours and do what you can for others."

We miss her as a mother, grandmother, family, and extended family. I, especially, miss her as a loving wife, best friend, and lover. Her Parkinson's was a tough trail, as are a lot of other things in life, but she never let it stop her from doing the things she loved. I was happy to look after her as her struggle became more difficult, after all, she looked after me for many years.

We miss her more than words can say.



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## OBITUARY

Robert (Bob) Mathew Riddell

17 November 1938 – 22 January 2021

Robert (Bob) Mathew Riddell passed away peacefully surrounded by family on 22 January, 2021.

He is lovingly remembered by his wife Lorraine, his first wife, Mary and his four children Kim (Russ Zitaruk), Rob (Donna Foote), Janet (Mike Guatto), Randal (Lisa Macdonald). His grandchildren Nicolas Zitaruk, Rachel (Carson Zilkey), Sidney (Devan Cobb), Quinne Riddell, Phoebe Riddell, Senem Riddell-Yapici, Hazel and Lewis Riddell, and great-grandson Bohdi Zilkey (Rachel and Carson). He is survived by his brothers and sisters Jim, Leonora (Gord Sutherland), Chris (Helen), Brooke, and Gordon (Donna). Also many wonderful nieces and nephews. Also survived by Lorraine's extended family the Girouards, Boulets and Sandersons.



Dad was born on the family farm in Warren, MB to Florence (Nickel) and Ernie Riddell and had many rich stories of growing up on the prairies. After attending Manitoba's Teacher's College 1958 he started a life long love of teaching even after he retired in 1994.

He moved to Miami in 1963 where he and Mary shared raising their four children on a small farm with so many animals the fences sometimes burst. Many adventures happened all over the countryside including a two week horse and wagon trip to Warren. (Caravan was hand built of course!)

Schools where he taught were Cartwright (1958-61), Milner Ridge, Stockton, Assistant Principal at Miami Elementary and then Principal (relinquished due to health) then Grade 6 and 3 at Miami Elementary. He enjoyed his shift to the Miami and then Skyview Hutterite Colonies. He retired on 31 December, 1994.

Robert married Lorraine in 1996 and they enjoyed their retirement in Manitou and then Carman. They travelled visiting the growing number of grandchildren. Dad was famous in Carman for his red electric trike that he delightfully rode around the trails on daily adventures to cap off his retirement.

Many thanks to the tremendously caring staff at the Carman and Boundary Trails Hospitals and Carman Boyne Lodge for the most excellent care Dad received in the last stage of his life. His quality of life was improved every day by all of you.

Everywhere Dad went his circle of family and friends grew. He will be missed.

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