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Birthday greetings

Notre Dame de Lourdes' Martha Sala received almost 1,100 birthday cards for her 100 birthday. STANDARD PHOTO BY JOSÉE SALA GIESBRECHT

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Centenarian celebrates milestone birthday with community parade

By Becca Myskiw

Martha Sala has been living life for 100 years as of Feb. 2 — 89 of which have been spent in Notre Dame de Lourdes.

When Sala was just five years old, her mom died, leaving her and nine siblings orphaned who were placed in separate foster homes. Sala said many of the homes weren't a happy place, but the day she was placed on the farm in Notre Dame de Lourdes, her life changed.

Sala and a few of her siblings were picked up at the train station by a team of horses on Nov. 23, 1932. She stayed on the property for over 80 years until she gave it up last summer when it became too much for her.

Those years were her favourite. Sala and her husband spent a lot of time going to dances and parties and fishing in the boat he built them. Now, Sala spends her time doing what the community knows she does best — caring for them.

Ariane Comte, a local photographer, has known Sala for years. She said Sala's an active community volunteer and her age has not slowed her down.

"The one thing that I admired of her was she did a lot of baking for who-



Martha Sala celebrated her 100th birthday with a town-wide parade.

ever wanted some of her treats," said Comte.

Sala's granddaughter, Josée Sala Giesbrecht, said her grandma is the funniest, kindest, most loving woman



STANDARD PHOTOS BY ARIANE COMTE

Sala's favourite part of the parade were the ponies from TNT Farms.

she knows.

"She's very quick witted," she said. "Always remembering jokes. She's loved by so many. She's our favourite person ever."

Sala Giesbrecht gets choked up looking back at everything her grandma has done for her and the other grandchildren and great grandchildren. Sala made sure every child in the family had handmade clothes and blankets, spoiling them as much as she could.

"When I was growing up, I never had any of that," said Sala. "So, I knew how to make them happy."

Comte said Sala had been looking forward to her 100th birthday for months leading up to it. She'd give everyone a countdown on random days in the years, just knowing how many days it was until she turned the big 0-0. So, when COVID-19 came and didn't go, Sala Giesbrecht found an innova-

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Bison meat a growing business thanks to farm to plate

By Becca Myskiw

A St. Claude bison farming family has seen their business grow into a trusted option for meat eaters across the province.

Bobbie Earle and Jamie McInnes own Central Plains Bison Inc. They started raising buffalo around 21 years ago, starting with a herd of 40 animals — now, they have over 250.

Earle said they started selling bison meat at farmer's markets wherever they could but got away from it once they started growing their family. Now, three girls later, they're selling their product at more than just farmer's markets.

"It was busy," said Earle. "And people were loving the product and we just ran with it."

Central Plains Bison Inc.'s meat is available for sale in all Homestead Co-op grocery stores and Fruit N More in Winkler. They are also a part of goodlocal.ca, a sort of Amazon-type website for small businesses in Manitoba. On top of that, people can order the meat right from the family themselves and have it dropped off or pick it up, both of which are currently contactless.



STANDARD PHOTOS SUBMITTED
Bobbie Earle and Jamie McInnes own Central Plains Bison Inc. and have seen their product become a household staple over the years.

Earle said ten years ago, bison meat wasn't something people thought of putting on their plates. But after years of promoting the meat and its benefits, they've put buffalo in the hands of several people who'd never tried it before.

But bison meat has a quarter of the fat beef does. It's low in cholesterol and high in iron, B12 and antioxidants.

"It's a healthier meat compared to beef," said Earle. "The bison industry has really been trying to focus on getting the focus on ourselves. It's a small industry but people are looking for a high-quality product that's



Bison meat has a quarter of the fat that beef has and is low in cholesterol and high in iron, B12 and antioxidants.

better for them."

She attributes the recent boom in business to people caring about their health and what they put their money towards. A lot of their customers are their friends, too, said Earle, and knowing where their meat comes from is a big deal for many consumers.

"Farm to plate has grown in the last while," she said. "People want to know where their meat comes from."

Central Plains Bison Inc. offers more than just buffalo burgers. They have sausage, brisket, jerky, ground bison, pepperettes, roasts, smokies, liver, organs, oxtail, and plenty more. To learn more about their business and bison meat, visit centralplainsbison.com

> SALA TURNS 100, FROM PG. 2

tive way to give her grandma the big celebration she deserved. With only a Facebook post, she told the Notre Dame de Lourdes community there would be a birthday parade for Sala on Sunday, Jan. 31, and over 150 cars and trucks came out to honk for her.

"The parade was better than special," said Sala. "You can't top that. It was better than a surprise. I didn't think it would be so big."

She wasn't supposed to know about the upcoming parade, but Sala said she finds out everything she isn't supposed to know in the small town.

Along with the parade, Sala Giesbrecht organized for everyone to send her grandma a birthday card — she received 1,098. When the postman showed up with the cards, Sala gave him some of her best baking (as she usually does).

"I'm overwhelmed, really," she said.

Sala Giesbrecht said you wouldn't know her grandma is 100 by looking at her. When there isn't a pandemic, she still drives, she goes out regularly, and is active in the community. Sala said the key to staying so young and healthy is to focus on the good things and keep going, to look after yourself, and to never think you're getting old.

Sala is beyond thankful for the community's support. She's now shooting for her 103rd birthday — and she's confident she'll get there.



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Province tightens contact, self-isolation guidelines

By Ashleigh Viveiros

Manitoba's confirmed cases of the B117 COVID-19 variant remained at four on Monday as public health officials announced 97 new cases of the virus.

Chief Provincial Public Health Officer Dr. Brent Roussin said variants are to be expected. Some of these may be more contagious or cause more severe illness.

"Our goal is to slow the introduction of the variants of concern into Manitoba," he said, explaining that as the province rolls back some public health restrictions it needs to amp up its contact tracing and management efforts to try and stay ahead of the

spread of the virus.

To that end, they're introducing new guidelines for determining who is a close contact of known COVID-19 cases, including lowering the threshold of prolonged contact from 15 minutes to 10 minutes.

"This is a guide. If there is high-risk contacts where we feel somebody was absolutely exposed to droplets, then that could be as low as just a few seconds or minutes," Roussin noted.

"By that way we'll have more people identified as close contacts, so more people being required to self-isolate," he said, adding that if someone in a household tests positive for COVID-19 all members of that household

will be considered close contacts and must self-isolate.

As well, if a close contact of a confirmed case lives in a different household, all members of their household must self-isolate as well until the contact has received a negative test result.

"Close contacts will be required to self-isolate for a minimum of 14 days, and that's regardless of testing results," Roussin said. "That's because the incubation period of this virus is 14 days."

The 97 new cases of the virus announced on Monday brought Manitoba's tally to 31,483. At press time there were 1,219 active cases and 29,378 recoveries, 886 deaths, and 206 people

hospitalized with COVID-19 (78 still infectious), 32 in ICU (14 infectious).

Southern Health-Santé Sud had a total of 32 active cases on Monday, 29 total hospitalization (eight still considered contagious), four patients in ICU (three contagious), and 141 deaths.

In the Pembina Valley, there were three active cases in Winkler, one in Morden, two in the Altona area (which includes the RM of Rhineland), two in Carman, three in the Morris area, three in Red River South, and two in MacDonald. The Stanley, Roland/Thompson, Grey, and Lorne/Louise/Pembina areas were all at zero active cases at the start of the week.

KAP urges provincial infrastructure to invest for the future

By Evan Matthews

Keystone Agricultural Producers (KAP) is urging the Province to invest in infrastructure now.

With roads used by farmers in the southern part of the province crumbling more so with each passing day, and equally poor drainage in the Interlake and Parkland regions, KAP members said existing infrastructure has become unusable in spots.

"If the roads and drains are not fixed now," said KAP District 10 (Interlake) representative Paul Gregory, "we can only enjoy higher trucking costs, crop insurance payouts, and less productivity being done in the future."

In combination with crumbling roads in inadequate drainage, with the Bank of Canada reporting bond

rates at an "ultra-low" due to the COVID-19 pandemic, KAP members have said materials, labour, and energy will only be inflated moving forward.

KAP President Bill Campbell agreed, and said if the Province were to invest in infrastructure, now would be an opportune time.

"There are a couple of features with that philosophy; it's not just for farmers, because you'd be getting people across the province back to work," said Campbell.

"It would allow business and trade to be at its fullest potential. There are certain roads I will not travel on, as an example, when I want to haul my commodities.

"I'm missing out on market opportunities, because I cannot—will

not—travel on those roads because it adds increased wear and tear, maintenance, and cost on my equipment," he said.

The shaking and rattling wears on trucks, according to Campbell, even more so when bearing immense weight while transporting commodities.

In June, the Province announced it would be investing \$500-million in infrastructure upgrades, citing the allocation of funds to be:

- \$230-million earmarked for the provincial share of projects under the Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program (ICIP), a cost-sharing, application-based program with the federal government;
- \$150-million for asphalt high-

way resurfacing;

- \$50-million for the Water Services Board to address the significant backlog of water and sewer projects across Manitoba;

- \$65-million for major projects that will improve the safety of Manitoba's highways; and

- \$5-million on municipal law enforcement priorities including local jails to alleviate pressure on the Winnipeg Remand Centre.

But Campbell said it might not be enough.

"This province is so far behind with so many respects to infrastructure," said Campbell.

"But we feel it would be a good time to invest in our own province."

Alarming number of vehicle fires over the past two months

Submitted by MPI

Over the past two months, a total of 81 passenger vehicle-related fires have been opened with Manitoba Public Insurance. Nearly three dozen of these fires in December and January were directly related to the use of block heaters.

Disturbingly, some of these vehicle fires resulted in houses or carports also catching fire. Investigations discovered a number of these vehicle fires resulted from the use of interior car warmers and household interior heaters being used to warm vehicles in outdoor garages and carports.

Over the same two-month time frame in a normal year, passenger vehicle fires are typically half the numbers compared to 2021.

"Many of these fires could have been prevented. The use of an interior electric heater in an outdoor winter setting is extremely dangerous," explained Paul Brisson, MPI Fire Investigator. "The issue is that moisture and overheating of the heater elements and internal components, which are not intended to be running continuously for extended periods of time especially outdoors in extreme cold, can cause the heater or power supply to fail."

Interior home heaters used in conjunction with an extension cord causes excessive power draw and may overload a circuit or cause a failure in the extension cord, plugs, fuse panels, said Brisson.

"Block heaters are intended to be

used in cold climates to warm an engine prior to starting the vehicle," he said. "As a general rule, an engine block heater should be used when the temperature drops below -15 and greater. It's strongly discouraged to plug in a vehicle which is parked in an attached garage."

Preventative Steps

- Block heater power cords and extension cords must be free of defects, cuts, dirt, and corrosion and should be stored properly to avoid damage which could lead to a fire.

- Block heater power supply cords should be capped when not in use (if equipped), and be properly routed through the front grill or bumper area of a vehicle to avoid pinching or damage to the cord during winter months.

- Do not drive over your extension cord. This could potentially crack the cord and result in electrical failure when plugged in.

- It is recommended that block heater power supply and extension cords be plugged into a GFCI outlet rather than a standard electrical outlet. The GFCI (Ground Fault Circuit Interrupter) adds an additional layer of safety as it contains a sensor that monitors the flow of electricity current through the wires. When the GFCI sensor detects a variation from the normal current it shuts off the flow of electricity in the outlet and may prevent damage or fire caused by an electrical fault.

CFAM 950 radio reading goes virtual

By Becca Myskiw

The annual reading CFAM 950 does for the Roland School Grade 2 class was extended to include more Prairie Rose School Division (PRSD) schools this year.

For I Love to Read Month each year, the radio station reads to Grade 2 students from Roland School. This year, the reading was virtual, which opened the door for more classrooms in the school division to join.

Mark Coates, Grade 2 teacher at Roland School, has watched his class

participate in the reading for the last five years. He said the radio station always picks a good book with a good lesson for the students. This year, they read "Fox in a Box" by Eva Klassen and published by Friesens in Altona.

The book is about a fox who has a box where he puts things he collects like rocks, clocks, and socks. Soon, though, his box is too full for him to fit in, so he begins giving away his items — he gives blocks to a bear, a clock to a girl, a pillow to a mouse, and so on.

In return for his gifts, the fox gets

things that you can't grasp in return, such as a smile, an invite to a tea party, or tears.

"He gets these things in return that are not tangible and it's interesting to them," said Coates. "Some kids go, 'I really like the fox,' but he teaches them about charity and humility."

Along with radio hosts from CFAM 950 reading to the students each year, Friesens gives each child a copy of the book. Grade 2 student in Roland, McKenzie Rempel, said her favourite part was getting read to by the radio

hosts. They each had their books with them during it so they could turn the page and follow along — that made it better for her.

Her classmate, Noah Thiessen, also said his favourite part was the reading. Both students are excited to read the book at home with their families.

Coates said the reading promotes good discussion within his classroom and leaves the students with more than they realize. He said it's also exciting for them to have voices from their car come into the classroom.

Vaccination super site opening in Morden-Winkler

By Ashleigh Viveiros

The province is opening up two new immunization super sites next week, including one in Morden-Winkler.

Public health officials announced last week that our area, along with Selkirk, will see vaccination centres opening on March 5. Further site details were not available at press time.

"Manitoba committed to establishing a super site in every regional health authority," said Johanu Botha, co-lead of Manitoba's Vaccine Implementation Task Force, explaining these new sites were selected for reasons that include geography, population density, and logistics. "Yes, they will be used to provide immunizations, but they will also serve as hubs

for our Focused Immunization Teams, and pop-up clinics."

With the opening of the Morden-Winkler and Selkirk super sites, Manitoba will have six immunization centres up and running across the province. The plan is to have as many as 13 by April.

Once the vaccine supply chain stabilizes, health officials are aiming to be able to administer 1.5 million doses in the second quarter of the year. That will require giving 20,000 vaccines a day starting in April.

Currently, Manitoba has the ability to give over 10,000 doses a day, were vaccine supply not an issue.

"With our super sites, Focused Immunization Teams, and pop-up clinics

we are already well on our way to reaching that target," Botha said, noting they have also reached out to pharmacies and doctor offices about administering the vaccine in the future, which will further increase capacity. "When you consider all of the locations where Manitobans will ultimately be able to be immunized in the weeks and months ahead ... we're talking about hundreds of locations provincewide."

The province continues to expand its eligibility criteria for vaccination. Most recently, individuals working in congregate living facilities born before Dec. 31, 1955 were added to the list. The updated list is available online at <https://www.gov.mb.ca/co->

[vid19/vaccine/eligibility-criteria.html](https://www.gov.mb.ca/co-vid19/vaccine/eligibility-criteria.html).

Dr. Joss Reimer, medical lead of the vaccine task force, urges Manitobans eligible for vaccinations to call 1-844-626-8222 (1-844-MAN-VACC) for an appointment.

"We have spaces available and I would encourage you to be immunized when it's your turn," she said. "To the other Manitobans out there who aren't eligible yet, please be patient ... only people who meet our criteria will be able to book an appointment."

"I am asking Manitobans please do not call until you are eligible so that eligible Manitobans are able to get through and book appointments."

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).

One hundred years ago Feb. 24, 1921

Mr. Jas. Tanner Sr. of Sperling has been a member of the Loyal Orange Lodge for 63 years.

The Dufferin Agricultural Society Annual Livestock Sale will be held on March 23 and 24. Entries close on February 19, 1921.

Legal offices in Carman in 1921

Robison and Greer —office in the McKinney Block, west side of Villiard Now Main)

F.J. Butcher—east side of Villiard Ave(Main)

R.H. B. North—office on Maple Ave. (1st ST. SW)

Seventy five year ago Feb. 21,

1946

Rayel Electric shop will open in the Leader Block, on Villiard (Main) where Manitoba Telephone system was located. It will be owned and operated by Reg H. Millroy of Carman and James Turner from Windsor, Ontario, who served together for two years in the R.C.A.F., with their work being radios and radar systems. They will specialize in radio work and electrical repairs. In the near future they will be stocking electric appliances for sale.

Miami Curlers who participated in the Manitoba bonspiel last week were Roy Coulter, Stan Bruce, Jim, Dave and Mac Alexander, don Callum, Robbie Bell and Andy Henderson.

Fifty years ago Feb. 25, 1971

Charlie Miller age 98--, Car-

man's eldest male citizen, received his 60 year pin from the Carman Masons, having joined in 1911. Mr. Miller came to Carman in 1904 and was in the business as a butcher/meat shop for many years.

E.M. Sanders of Carman, a druggist has been a member of the Carman Masons for 63 years.

Laycock Seed Farms of Rosebank is a family business. It was established by Russell Laycock in 1957 as a seed cleaning business, starting small and increasing with new equipment as demand warranted. They also farm and grow registered and certified seed. His wife does the books for the two enterprises and other members of the family are also involved.

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We can get the dollars back in time, but lost lives are forever

In response to the letter in last week's edition regarding Wayne Hiebert's comments about the government's lock downs to control COVID-19. I think he's interpreting the numbers incorrectly. He states that the COVID lockdowns were government overreactions and lacked common sense. He's provided statistical numbers to show that the mortality rate from COVID-19 is hardly any different than that of the flu. And thus, he alludes is proof that the government has over reacted in its prevention tactics. What he doesn't

recognize or give credit to, is that those low COVID mortality numbers are a result of the massive preventive efforts by Canadians, including the government imposed lockdowns. What would our COVID numbers be like had there not been such stringent measures taken? Obviously much higher. Wherever COVID cases have surged, lockdowns and other measures have proven to be effective in turning things around. They have kept the spread and mortality rate down to not much more than the annual flu rate. That's a good thing, not

bad. Yes there's been a huge financial cost. One can't argue that. But it's lives we are talking about, not dollars. We can get the dollars back in time, but lost lives are forever. With all due respect Mr. Hiebert, I'd say the numbers you quote prove the strong measures taken by our governments are a success not a failure. Without them the COVID death rate would surely have been many times worse than the 20,000 lost lives we've seen over the last 12 months.

We don't need any numbers to prove that, just look south to our neighbours in the USA.

- Respectfully, Garry Mitchell
Stonewall

What we should know about vaccines

Dear editor,
I had been planning on writing your newspaper a couple thousand word essay about the important issues surrounding the COVID vaccine but I decided to break my essay up.

Of course, as the editor, it is your right to reject a letter for any reason whatsoever, or even no reason. But as this issue is not only extremely relevant but also of the utmost importance to our community. I'm hoping that my letter won't be censored.

I have a degree in Engineering science from University of Toronto. Although my specialty was aerospace, my course program had a wide curriculum and touched on multiple fields including biomaterials and biomechanical engineering. These two last named courses were without doubt my favorites. Had my finances been different, I might have gone on to become a brain surgeon.

Since graduation, I have consistently read about 30 to 40 books each year, of which about 10 are textbooks. I have read multiple chemistry, bi-

ology, and medical books. About a decade ago I essentially audited a 3 year course in surgical medical nursing. And for the past year I have been researching COVID issues by reading published papers in science journals, reports by medical doctors, and articles by universities professors.

I am certainly not a medical doctor. Rather I consider myself a generalist - the very type of people desperately needed in this COVID crisis - someone that can understand the experts in multiple fields, think outside the box of each discipline, and then combine the relevant information to come to sound conclusions. Not everyone, of course, will agree with my conclusions. But that is part of science: people discussing ideas, comparing notes, and debating conclusions. Sadly, the entire COVID story has been predominantly one of impulsive decisions with no room for discussion. Worse yet, Facebook, Twitter and YouTube have been censoring medical doctors and researchers if their work contradicted what the mainstream media is saying.

As for the vaccine issue, I have never been an "anti-vaxxer." However, the COVID vaccine is a serious game changer, and that for several key reasons, such as:

1. The vaccines have been approved on an experimental basis only.
2. They have not been properly tested. No animal tests were done. And there is no study on the potential for long term consequences of the vaccine.
3. The mRNA vaccines use a technology that is new and has never before been tested on humans.
4. The Pfizer and Moderna vaccine trials both found that between 5 and 10% of the volunteers developed class 3 severe side effects. This makes the vaccine between 50 and 100 times worse than COVID for the vast majority of the population.
5. The vaccines appear to work as a pharmaceutical drug more than a vaccine: they reduce symptoms but do not claim to prevent transmission of COVID.
6. There is talk of the vaccine being effective for only a few months

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Elm Creek residents feeling the Valentine's love thanks to Crossway

By Becca Myskiw

Crossway Elm Creek church community spread the love on Valentine's Day — literally.

Upset that their fall supper couldn't happen and looking for a way to show their community some love, the team at Crossway Elm Creek wanted to give out cookies to town residents. When their Christmas cheer plans were crushed by COVID-19 restrictions, they decided Feb. 14 was another day they could take advantage of.

So, approximately 30 households from the church congregation took to their kitchens to bake and decorate over 200 dozen chocolate chip and sugar cookies. Lead pastor at the church, Konrad Loewen, said people were likely feeling more isolated this Valentine's Day, so it was their way of showing them they aren't alone.

There are around 160 households in Elm Creek and not every one is a part of Crossway Elm Creek — but every single house received a dozen cookies. Even if the family wasn't home, those delivering the cookies left them near the door for them to find once they returned.

Loewen said the community's reception to the cookies was overly positive, though some people thought it was the church's way of asking for dona-

tions.

"And there were a few people who wanted to [donate]. We just said, 'nope, this is a gift to you from us,'" said Loewen.

The weather on that Sunday wasn't exactly warm, either, but he thinks it helped them in their deliveries.

"If you want to do an act of love, probably a good idea to do it on one of the colder days cause that shows love for your community," said Loewen.

It didn't take them very long to reach each home, either. Everyone had left the church with cookies in hand by 11:15 a.m. and returned no later than noon. Some people baked extra cookies and drove out of town as well to deliver them to rural church members.

The Elm Creek Facebook group was beyond thankful for the cookies, with plenty of posts thanking the church.

"Such a nice surprise. We are fortunate to live in such a great Community," wrote one user on the platform.

"Thanks you so much Crossway Elm Creek for the cookies on such a crazy cold day! We live in such a great community!" wrote someone else.

Another person said it was a "wonderful surprise on this frosty morning."

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(as drugs normally are), meaning that people will need to get vaccinated once or twice per year for the rest of their life (do I sense a financial benefit to the vaccine industry?).

7. All the evidence is pointing to the fact that COVID is about to finish its course and die off.

To vaccinate the entire world population with an untested and experimental vaccine that does not stop transmission for a disease that 99.8% of people recover from and after that disease has almost finished its course is irrational in the extreme. Multiple doctors and researchers are calling it immoral. I fully concur.

My suspicion is that most Canadians are going to succumb to the pressure to get vaccinated solely to escape the lockdown. But there is plenty of evidence that lockdown will not go away even after everyone is vaccinated. For instance, president Biden recently spoke of mask use being necessary for all of 2021. Likewise, prime minister Boris Johnson has said lockdowns will continue until case numbers in the UK

drop below 1,000 per day - something that is technically impossible even if no one in the UK has Covid any more (PCR tests have a false positive rate of 0.6%. Since they plan to test 2 million school children per day, they will always have at least 12,000 false positives per day).

Further, since COVID is not the problem (it is a relatively minor disease that rarely bothers anyone beside the very old and sick), the vaccine will not be the solution.

I leave you with two articles, the first is written by a professor at the John Hopkins school of Medicine. The second is written by two dentists, and simply confirms much of what I have written.

<https://www.wsj.com/articles/well-have-herd-immunity-by-april-11613669731>

<https://lockdownsceptics.org/complaint-to-gmc-about-mandatory-vaccines/>

- Thomas Verduyn
Roland



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Crossway Elm Creek Church gave each Elm Creek household a dozen cookies on Valentine's Day.

Grab a Broom and Sweep

My daughter was busy working on the living room floor, laying out fabric and cutting patterns. By the end of the day, the floor was littered with fabric cuttings and loose threads. As my grandson was watching her work, the doorbell suddenly rang. His mouth drops, and his eyes widen, and then with a look of panic, he runs into the kitchen and yells, "HURRY DADDY, GRAB A BROOM AND SWEEP." Nobody likes that kind of surprise, and the thought of opening the door to that mess horrified him. One day, perhaps very soon, there will be a sound, and it will not be a doorbell. The Bible describes it as a SHOUT, THE TRUMP OF GOD, and not everyone will recognize it. With no prior announcement, it will be the next great event in God's prophetic calendar — The Rapture of the Church. This will be an earth-shattering event, when all true believers will hear that call and be "caught up" to meet Christ in the clouds and then to be forever with the Lord. Read 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18. It will be an event so sudden we will not have time to do any sweeping, arranging, or preparing. Some might ask the logical question, "When will the Rapture occur? If we look carefully at our world today, we see, in a remarkable way, the setting for the world stage of events that come after the Rapture. We might conclude then that the Rapture could be at any moment. When a person puts their faith and trust in Jesus Christ, they are transferred from the road that leads to Armageddon to the road that leads to Glory. It's a wonderful truth that Christ has promised to come, perhaps very soon, and call His Church to Heaven before Armageddon comes to its finale and the world is judged for its sin and unbelief. The preparation for this event is now. At that moment, will you be ready? Unless you are born again, you will not be prepared. Sadly, many claiming to be Christians and sometimes even church members live an outwardly Christian life but do not recognize their need to put their trust in Jesus Christ as their Lord and Saviour. Are you saved? The Bible admonishes us to live in the anticipation that the call could be today. This call is for those who have acknowledged Him as their Lord and Saviour. Romans 10:9 "For if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in thine heart that God raised Him from the dead, thou shalt be saved." **John 3:16 "For God so loved**

the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him, shall not perish but have everlasting life."

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Carman residents working on business history project

By Becca Myskiw

Two Carman residents are using their love of the past to help those in the future.

Dennis Young and Shirley Snider have started a large history project that focuses on Carman businesses of past and present. It started as a way to keep their minds busy during the pandemic and has turned into a learning opportunity for many.

"Shirley and I are both into nostalgia," said Young. "I've always been into looking into the past so the future's looked after, so we started playing around."

The project — create a complete list of every business that has ever been in Carman, including the year they owner took over, their location(s), when they sold it, who took it over next, and so on. They will give it to the Dufferin Historical Museum once finished to keep for anyone who needs it in the future.

Young said there have been a few projects similar to this one done previously, and he's thankful for that.

"Documenting [the past] is important," he said. "We're not reinventing the wheel, just taking it to a whole new level."

Young and Snider have reached out to the Carman and Community Chamber of Commerce, who then reached out to their members, to get the necessary information from them. Young said, though, they haven't heard back from many businesses.

They started the project in November of last year and so far, have a spreadsheet of 850 known businesses — they're just missing the detailed information on over 90 per cent of them.

Though they're researching in old

newspapers and other history books similar to their project, Young said getting information straight from the source is always best and would save them a lot of time. He asked that if anyone has information on past or present businesses, to contact him at (204) 745-8811 or Snider at (204) 828-3564.

They would also gladly let anyone join their team to help them track down people, he said.

As this is a personal project for Young and Snider and they're still tracking numerous people down, they don't currently have a deadline for when the project will be done. They're having fun working on it, though, and "living in the past."



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Dennis Young, left, and Shirley Snider are working on a Carman business history project.

Students dress up as favourite book character



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Carman Elementary's Mme Fox's Grade 1 French Immersion class dressed up as their favourite book characters last Friday for I Love to Read Month.

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Honourees receive a commemorative medal designed and created by Manitoba artist Takashi Iwasaki.

In addition, Canada Life will make a \$500 donation to the charity of each Honouree's organization of choice.

Students from Red River College's Creative Communications Program conducted interviews in early 2020 and wrote short biographies of each recipient, with a little help from volunteer mentors.

We invite you to "meet" our incredible 150 Honourees: Communities thrive when

citizens work diligently, day in and day out, to keep its inhabitants happy and thriving.

In Carman you can find Dennis Young working day in and day out for the betterment of his community. Young is a 65-year-old resident who was born and raised in Carman.



Dennis Young
Carman

His get-it-done attitude has contributed to millions of fundraising dollars being raised for the Manitoba Games (summer and winter), sporting complexes, personal care homes, and much more.

"You don't have to do it for yourself, you do it for the community," says Young.

With the help of his wife and other active members in the community, Young has been able to create and maintain multiple different organizations around Carman like hockey sport teams, theatre groups, and a variety of different festivals.

"If nobody does it then it just won't get done. If there was anything I wanted to do I would organize it and then I would do it," says Young.

Young is widely regarded as the person to go to when the city needs fundraising dollars. He has an incredible gift of taking pride in projects and communicating to others why they should value those projects as well.

Young works day in and day out to make sure his community and its members receive the resources Carman needs to remain a thriving and close-knit community.

Donation made to Boyne Care.

Arthur Rey's interest in Manitoban History is innate. With his own ancestors linking back to the first French settlers in the St. Claude area, Rey worked on a committee which published a 816 page

local history book, called Les Familles de Saint-Claude Families 1892-2016. And his love of sharing stories continues with La Gazette publishing the history of local rural country schools.

"When you're a member of a small community you re-



Arthur Rey
St. Claude

alize, if you don't volunteer you would have nothing," Rey says.

Rey is currently collaborating with community members to raise funds for a brick-and-mortar location for the St. Claude Regional Archives. "We don't realise the richness in the archives, and what

we would lose if the history isn't preserved," Rey says, reminiscing on finding meeting minutes when Haywood Cheese Factory opened in the early 1930s.

Rey is a longstanding board member of the St. Claude Health Foundation, the St. Claude and Haywood Community Handivan and the St. Claude Health Centre before it was absorbed by the Regional Health Authorities. There, he helped raise money for the Handivan Services, a program that transports people in need of assistance.

Rey is proud of his community and their accomplishments. He says his philanthropic legacy lives on through the young local community volunteers, from the board members running the local community centre, to the volunteer firefighters who are on-call 24/7.

"That's the difference being raised in a small community, you know you need volunteers," Rey says. St. Claude

A donation has been made to The Salvation Army Portage la Prairie Corps Community Food Bank.

Is there any value to our natural landscapes?

Submitted by the Pembina Valley Watershed District

If you have looked around your local countryside, you may have noticed that we are losing our trees.

This is considered progress as we are developing more acreable land to grow more food, which makes our farms more profitable.

On the other side of the coin, we need the benefits that natural landscapes provide and we call that ecological goods and services, or EG&S.

The following EG&S are extremely important to maintaining our healthy way of life: clean air, clean water, healthy soil, and healthy food. Most of these things are not monetized and valued by our financial systems. If you are a landowner that is providing the EG&S benefit to the population, you are receiving "nada" for these services other than personal satisfaction.

Market signals tell producers that wetlands, bush and grasslands are valued less than cultivated acres. These

signals are the driving force behind wetland loss, bush removal, grassland conversion and ultimately land values. Another factor that is involved with this scenario is the relationship between land costs and producers motivated to convert permanent cover crops to cultivated acres.

This all sounds like a situation that is going sideways with no easy solutions. If we lose the benefits provided by our remaining natural landscape, then we are in deep trouble or our grandchildren are.

However, it is not all doom and gloom, especially in Manitoba. The province has recently created trust accounts that will help fund programs to assist producers that value EG&S. \$250 million has been set aside and the interest on these funds are dedicated to make environmental improvements in Manitoba watersheds. This public investment places Manitoba as a world leader in innovative environmental action.



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PVWD said the province's trust accounts for positive environmental impacts make Manitoba a world leader in innovative action.

For more information, contact your local watershed district.

Where are they now? Catching up with Kathleen “Lucking” Cox

By Dennis Young

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

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

I was born and raised in Carman and lived there until July 1966.

Q. Did you attend school here or move here for career?

I did go to school here and left school in 1966 to get married.

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

Growing up in Carman I did a great deal of babysitting when I was younger. Once I was a bit older I taught swimming, life guarded and after school and on weekends worked as a waitress in the Rex Café.

Q. What did your family do for a living here?

Dorothy and Freeman Lucking were my parents and were both very active in the community. Mom worked at the Rex Café for years until it burned down. She was very active on the Fair and Community Hall boards. Dad had a few jobs such as at the Safeway in the meat department, Carman Transfer as

a bookkeeper and his last job was produce manager at the Coop. Dad also served on the town council for years.

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

I did some square dancing but mainly I participated in sports, played fastball, track and field but my passion was basketball. I played with the Carman High School Cougarettes for five years and we were a very successful team winning many tournaments, school division champs many times and also Provincial Champs. That was definitely the highlight of my school years.

Q. Did you meet your spouse here?

Yes I met my spouse Alvin Cox who came from Miami when he was in the Airforce. We met through my sister who was married to his brother. We were married in July 1966 and celebrated 49 years until he passed away in Oct 2013.

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

I have two daughters, Pamela and Patricia, and they both live in Winnipeg. Pamela is married, gave me two great grandsons Justin and James and is a teacher's aid. Patricia lives with her boyfriend, works in Human Resources and just finished a two-year contact in Inuvik, NWT.

Q. What got you to leave Carman

and where?

The reason I left Carman was because I got married and my spouse was transferred to Trenton, ON. It was quite a year for me with leaving school, getting married and leaving home for the first time.

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

After I was married I stayed home raised my two daughters and taught swimming lessons. In May of 1981 I joined the Airforce. We were transferred to Winnipeg and I served for 28 years and retired in June 2008 as a Chief Warrant Officer.

Q. What do you do now? Retired?

Yes I am retired and so my husband and I decided to take the RV, travel and golf as much as we could. That's exactly what we did playing a lot of golf courses and seeing a lot of country.

Q. What passes your leisure time now? Hobbies?

Since I've retired and living in a 55 plus apartment, I spend a great deal of time helping a lot of the elderly people with things they can't do themselves. I belong to the Legion so help there whenever I can especially with the Veterans. Also I help out with the Cancer campaigns every year. I curl, golf and travel whenever I can. I also love scrape booking, playing cards or



Kathleen Cox

any games as well as doing any kind of puzzles. I always loved to sing so do a lot of Karaoke.

Q. Any future plans?

The only plans I have for the future are to travel some more, spend lots of time with family and friends and live a long healthy life.

Q. Have you travelled and where?

Have I travelled! It would be hard to cover all the places I have been being in the Air Force and living in Germany. That enabled us to do lot of travelling.

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Local artist fulfills lifelong dream of being an author

By Lorne Stelmach

A local artist's release of two illustrated children's books is the realization of a longtime dream.

The genesis of the two books entitled *I'm So Glad It's Spring* and *My Grandma's Doll* both go back a long, long way for Tammy Hendrickx, and it was recent circumstances which finally led to their release.

"Both of those books sat in a drawer for quite a while until COVID-19 came along and I lost my job," Hendrickx shared. "So I thought, okay, I can sit around and cry about this, or I could take some initiative and do something with what I've always wanted to do."

There was a long journey before these books became a reality for Hendrickx, who grew up in Morden and went on to study fine arts.

"Art has always been a passion of

mine," she said. "As I studied, I realized paintings go in galleries, but illustrations travel in books, and they travel in a different way, kind of a timeless way."

"So that was always a dream of mine. I thought it would be great to be a children's illustrator. I kept on with my art ... but that though was always in my head."

"One day I drew some drawings for my mom, and that's how it started. I wanted to tell her how happy my childhood was, and I just drew some little small drawings of my happy times."

The idea of forming that into a storybook goes all the way back to 1993.

"This is not something that happened overnight," Hendrickx said with a laugh.

"I carried the story with me to Europe," she noted, as she and her hus-



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Local artist Tammy Hendrickx has released a pair of children's books: *I'm So Glad It's Spring* and *Grandma's Doll*.

band moved to Germany, where he encouraged her to follow her dream.

"I spent hours on these drawings, recreating them and enlarging them.



It took a lot of time to do them because I didn't just shade them in, I

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Food Security Working Group asking residents to Grow a Row this year

By Becca Myskiw

Carman's Food Security Working Group is asking residents to keep them in mind when planting their gardens this year.

Terra Huston, co-chair of the group, said they're still in the early stages of planning for the 2021 season, but there are some plans set in stone — one being a second free produce stand.

Last year, the group started their free vegetable stand, where people with extra produce would drop their things off and those in need of the food could come get it anonymously. The stand went over extremely well, with lots of donations and lots of need for them, so they're adding a second one on the opposite side of town.

They have a few locations in mind for the stand in the north end this year but are in need of an area in the south. Huston said the ideal spot has good parking and good accessibility to the stand. Anyone with leads on a spot can contact Huston at (204) 751-0009.

With the extra stand comes the need for extra produce. As planting season is nearing, the Food Security Working Group is asking people to plant an extra row or two for the stand. It doesn't matter what they grow as not everyone has access to a garden or fresh vegetables, so every donation is perfect.

As the group continues planning for the year, Huston said they're looking at providing container gardens, so stay tuned for that.



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Food Security Working Group is looking for a second location to put a second food stand this year.

Province tightens contact, self-isolation guidelines

By Ashleigh Viveiros

Manitoba's confirmed cases of the B117 COVID-19 variant remained at four on Monday as public health officials announced 97 new cases of the virus.

Chief Provincial Public Health Officer Dr. Brent Roussin said variants are to be expected. Some of these may be more contagious or cause more severe illness.

"Our goal is to slow the introduction of the variants of concern into Manitoba," he said, explaining that as the province rolls back some public health restrictions it needs to amp up its contact tracing and management efforts to try and stay ahead of the spread of the virus.

To that end, they're introducing new guidelines for determining who is a close contact of known COVID-19 cases, including lowering the threshold of prolonged contact from 15 minutes to 10 minutes.

"This is a guide. If there is high-risk contacts where we feel somebody was

absolutely exposed to droplets, then that could be as low as just a few seconds or minutes," Roussin noted.

"By that way we'll have more people identified as close contacts, so more people being required to self-isolate," he said, adding that if someone in a household tests positive for COVID-19 all members of that household will be considered close contacts and must self-isolate.

As well, if a close contact of a confirmed case lives in a different household, all members of their household must self-isolate as well until the contact has received a negative test result. "Close contacts will be required to self-isolate for a minimum of 14 days, and that's regardless of testing results," Roussin said. "That's because the incubation period of this virus is 14 days."

The 97 new cases of the virus announced on Monday brought Manitoba's tally to 31,483. At press time there were 1,219 active cases and 29,378 recoveries, 886 deaths, and 206 people

hospitalized with COVID-19 (78 still infectious), 32 in ICU (14 infectious).

Southern Health-Santé Sud had a total of 32 active cases on Monday, 29 total hospitalization (eight still considered contagious), four patients in ICU (three contagious), and 141 deaths.

In the Pembina Valley, there were

three active cases in Winkler, one in Morden, two in the Altona area (which includes the RM of Rhineland), two in Carman, three in the Morris area, three in Red River South, and two in MacDonald. The Stanley, Roland/Thompson, Grey, and Lorne/Louise/Pembina areas were all at zero active cases at the start of the week.



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> KATHLEEN COX, FROM PG. 10

Here are a few... England, Denmark, Italy, Switzerland, France, Spain, Belgium, Holland, Alaska, Hawaii, Austria, 10 Provinces and most of the USA. I guess my biggest thrill was driving up to Inuvik, NWT on the Dempster highway which is all scale. I put over 10,000 kms on the car that trip.

Q. Do you ever return to Carman?
 I come to Carman quite often as I have two sisters Shelley Lucking and Ellen Neufeld that live there.

Q. What are some of your fondest memories of your Carman days?
 I guess my fondest memories of Carman were how friendly everyone was

and all the opportunities of a small town to do what I loved and that was playing sports. Also as kids we always looked forward to the Carman Fair.

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

Just live life to the fullest, stay close to family and friends and never forget where you came from. I am proud to say that I was born and raised in Carman. A beautiful friendly town not only to live in but to visit.

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

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Historic vote on universal pharmacare Bill C-213; drug coverage for all with a \$4 billion saving

drug coverage for all with a \$4 billion saving

By Patricia Barrett

Canada is the only developed country in the world that lacks a true universal healthcare system, one which publicly funds dental care and the cost of prescription medication.

That's why a British Columbia member of parliament has sponsored a bill to put prescription drug coverage on par with the country's publicly funded healthcare system.

Peter Julian, NDP MP for New Westminster-Burnaby, introduced Bill C-213 (Act to enact the Canada Pharmacare Act) to establish a publicly funded, inclusive pharmacare system that will ensure all Canadians have access to the medications they need.

If enacted the bill would provide a number of important economic spinoffs as well, including reducing the financial burden small businesses incur through drug coverage plans for employees and saving the federal government over \$4 billion a year.

Julian's bill passed first reading last year, and Canada's MPs will be undertaking a crucial vote on Feb. 24 (second reading) that will either move the bill forward or defeat it.

"This is an historic vote because it's the first time in our history that Canada's Parliament, the House of Commons, will vote on public universal pharmacare," said Julian by phone. "There have been a lot of promises and election campaigns that have gone on for decades, and symbolic motions supporting the concept of public universal pharmacare, but this is the first bill that actually brings it into being."

Part of the reason Canada has remained an "outlier" on universal pharmacare is that pharmaceutical companies with "so much power" have pushed back against legislation, said Julian. MPs have to think about their constituents' needs.

"It doesn't matter how much money you earn or if you're very poor, you should have access to medication. We have close to 10 million people without access to medication right now. And over one million are really struggling to pay for their medication," said Julian, who has served as MP since 2004.

"On any given month, we know we've got people having to skimp on heating in the wintertime in Manitoba. We know how hard the choice can be between heating their home or paying for medication that can of-



Prescription medication.

ten be \$1,000 a month. People have to skimp on food because they have to choose between eating or getting medication that will keep them alive. This is a choice Canadians shouldn't have to make, that people in Manitoba and the Interlake shouldn't have to make."

Gimli resident Bill Buckels is among the millions of Canadians struggling each year to pay for medication he says he can't do without.

He thoroughly investigated a number of private health benefit plans and found them unaffordable, he said. Most plans won't cover pre-existing conditions and if they do, they'll provide only a few hundred dollars a year of coverage when a few thousand is needed.

"To get a benefit plan that even gives partial drug coverage would cost \$4,000 a year. I can't afford that," said Buckels, who's self-employed. "You can't buy 'just a prescription drug plan'; you have to buy a plan that includes add-ons even if you don't need them. It's a racket."

Buckels, a Lake Winnipeg commercial fisher and retired computer engineer/analyst, said he supports the pharmacare bill as it aims to "put a single standard in place" and provide an equitable medication system for all.

He shared with the Express receipts showing a year's worth of his medication costs, which include pharmacy dispensing fees. In 2020 he paid \$2,475.76 in out-of-pocket expenses that "do not get reimbursed."

He pays over \$110 each month for just one of his medications, which is provided on a one-month prescription and includes pharmacy dispensing fees.

If he could get the same medication at double the strength and on a three-



Peter Julian

month prescription, he could cut the pills in half to make them last for six months, he said. That would reduce his annual bill by about \$500. That's what many people try to do to reduce expenses.

"I'm not alone. Many average Canadians cannot afford to pay prescription medication costs. People with chronic or serious conditions are really impacted by the cost of drugs and they have to make hard choices between food or meds," said Buckels. "Their conditions typically worsen over time because they can't earn enough money to cover the cost of the drugs they need. And then there are people who choose to die rather than live in poverty and squalor because they can't afford medication."

Drug costs are inflated by pharmacy dispensing fees, manufacturing fees, patents that keep cheaper versions in abeyance and pharmacies without enough clout to get the "best price" for drugs when negotiating with big pharmaceutical companies that rake in billions a year, he said. But a national government and the bargaining power it would bring to the table could eliminate middlemen, commissions and other costs.

"There's just no excuse for the high cost of medication. This is a corrupt system weighted in favour of big business," said Buckels. "A public health system should include coverage for vision and dental care and for other every other medical condition under the sun. It shouldn't be an elitist plan that's only available to some citizens and not to others."

After forming government in 2015, the Liberals voiced support for universal pharmacare and set up an advisory council to produce a report on how to implement it. Chaired by Dr. Eric Hoskins, the council's 2019

report titled *A Prescription for Canada: Achieving Pharmacare for All* acknowledges millions of Canadians having either no coverage or gaps in coverage.

A national drug plan should be available to "all Canadians and that coverage should be the same for everyone, regardless of their employment status, age, ability to pay or where they live," the council wrote after hearing from political leaders, Indigenous communities, healthcare providers, industry stakeholders and patients.

Despite evidence of overwhelming support for national pharmacare, the Liberals failed to introduce a bill. Canadians have been waiting a half-century since former Saskatchewan Premier Tommy Douglas, who initiated universal healthcare, recommended medication costs be covered, said Julian. The Liberals had also promised it 30 years ago, but took no action.

"I think Canadians are tired of waiting," said Julian, explaining why he went ahead and introduced the bill.

In addition to setting up a national formulary (a list of medications) and an oversight mechanism to ensure provinces and territories adhere to the program, C-213 has five fundamental conditions for universal pharmacare – all of which were set out in Dr. Hoskin's report, said Julian.

The first condition is a publicly administered, not-for-profit system, he said. A formulary would be "negotiated nationally" and the federal government would commit to providing money to the provinces and territories. Second, it must be universal, meaning it will cover everyone. Third, it must be accessible, meaning there'll be no financial barriers thrown in anyone's way to access the plan.

Fourth, it must be comprehensive, covering all the medications fundamental to people's health and well-being. And fifth, it must be portable so if someone from the Interlake, for instance, moves to British Columbia, they'd still have access to the system.

"One in four people in the Interlake region have no coverage for medication," said Julian, "which means some of them will be struggling to pay and others are just a sickness away from having to struggle even if they're not taking enormous amounts of medication right now."

In addition to individuals and families no longer having to worry about medication costs destroying them financially, there would be favourable economic spinoffs to adopting a universal drug program, he said. Publicly administered programs are "cheaper,

Homestead Co-op names Schidlowski new GM

By Becca Myskiw

Homestead Co-op is welcoming new general manager, Trent Schidlowski.

In a news release on Feb. 1, 2020, Homestead Co-op announced that Schidlowski is the new GM, following Kevin Dale after he retired.

"His depth of experience, knowledge and leadership capabilities within the Co-operative Retailing System (CRS) will complement the team already in place here at Homestead," said Lorne Hulme, president of the board of directors.

Schidlowski has been with the Co-op name for over 30 years, spending most of his career in Saskatchewan. He's dappled in food stores, bulk petroleum stations, and many of the other commodities the brand touches like energy, agro, and home and building centres.

A few years ago, Schidlowski and

his family moved to Killarney when he became the GM there. Two and a half years later, he became a retail advisor (now called business relations advisor) for Federated Co-operative Limited. Then, the opportunity to become GM at Homestead Co-op arose and Schidlowski applied — now, here he is.

"The Co-ops have been my life," he said. "The values, that local piece of being a co-operative, our business model of being local...we're not a corporate entity, we're local — and that's what I love."

He said he's excited to be a part of the Homestead Co-op team. Schidlowski is now in charge of the Homestead Co-op locations, which are in Portage la Prairie, Carman, Treherne, La Salle, Austin, MacGregor, and Oakville.

"It excited me 30 years ago and it still excites me today," he said. "Home-

stead has been a very successful Co-op. I guess the plan is to continue working with the team leads and team members and best serving the Co-op members to the best of our abilities."

Schidlowski said one of his biggest priorities as GM now is to find ways to keep Homestead Co-op involved with their communities in different ways than they did in the past. He knows COVID-19 has changed many things but said it shouldn't change the fact that they're a community-based organization.

"Local is an intrinsic value that has been instilled in me throughout my life," he said. "Co-ops are a different business model; through our autonomous co-op, we are able to share our profits with our members, and that is truly local."



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Trent Schidlowski has been named the new GM of Homestead Co-op.

GPAC launches community art project

By Becca Myskiw

Golden Prairie Arts Council (GPAC) has launched a new community-inclusive art project.

Marla Hasell of GPAC said they received a grant from the Carman Area Foundation (CAF), which was meant to go towards this project last summer as part of the Manitoba150 initiative.

"But COVID put it on hold, like most things," she said.

The project is to decorate the courtyard fence with paintings by community members. Artist Justin Petkau has partnered with GPAC and came up with the vision for the project. He cut the plywood circles that people

can take home to paint, along with the paint palette for the project.

Each person, whether or not they're a member of GPAC, can take home up to five of the painting kits. Each includes the wooden circle, brushes, and paints. There are 1,400 circles to paint in total, all of which Petkau will put together to decorate the fence with once they're all in.

Mayghan McEachern took home five of the project kits. She said it's one way to be involved with the community in an isolating time.

She painted a different thing on each of her wooden disks — one was a landscape, another a mosaic.

"You can put whatever you want on [the discs] which is neat," said McEachern. "It's for the community and it's free, so it's easy to do."

You don't have to be artistic to paint a disc or five, either, she said. Hasell said GPAC's hope is that people will return their completed kits within two weeks so they can be sanitized and reused for the next community member.

To order a kit, email gpcarman@gmail.com or phone (204) 745-6568. More information can also be found on their website at www.goldenprairieartscouncil.com.



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GPAC has started a community-based art project, where everyone is encouraged to paint up to five disks to decorate the courtyard fence.

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more effective and cover everybody." Number crunching at the national level has demonstrated substantial cost savings.

"We would as a country, according to the Parliamentary Budgetary Office, save \$4 billion a year by moving to universal pharmacare," said Julian.

Cost savings would also trickle down to small businesses across the country, including in the Interlake.

"The PBO also said all the small businesses that have a drug plan for their employees are paying on average about \$600 a year," said Julian. "With universal pharmacare, they'll no longer have to provide that support ... and businesses can invest in other things or job creation. There'd be more economic development in places like the Interlake."

A groundswell of organizations such as CARP, Canada's largest advocacy group for older adults, the Heart & Stroke Foundation and the College of Family Physicians of Canada have issued statements in support of universal pharmacare and are encouraging Parliament to enact the bill.

The United Food and Commercial Workers union wrote last November that prior to the arrival of COVID-19, over 7.5 million Canadians lacked adequate drug coverage or had none at all. With millions of jobs lost to pandemic, "even more Canadians lack drug coverage."

Julian said there has been some "pushback" to his bill from pharmaceutical companies that feel their profits will be diminished. But there has also been "enormous support"

from across the country.

In the last few weeks alone, he said they've had "100,000 Canadians contact their MPs to tell them to vote yes on Bill C-213," as well as hundreds of municipalities, cities, towns and villages formally endorsing the bill. Two out of the Interlake's 20 municipalities — Rockwood and West Interlake — with their "very progressive councils" have come out in favour of universal pharmacare.

Rockwood Reeve Wes Taplin, reached late last Friday, said he and council threw their support behind the bill because "what's good for one person should be good for everyone."

Council provided a letter last December in support of the bill.

"It should be equal across the country, that's the way I look at it," said Reeve Taplin. "This is all about how we can work together for the same goal."

Julian said should the pharmacare

bill pass second reading — which requires between 165 and 170 MPs casting votes in favour — it will be referred to the Commons health committee before third and final reading. Should it pass the House, the bill will go to the Senate for three readings.

"This is the big test of our parliamentary democracy," said Julian, referring to the Feb. 24 vote. "If there was a referendum on [universal pharmacare], it would win by 90 per cent. So the question is, are MPs listening to their constituents?"

A petition in favour of universal pharmacare is available on Julian's website, and he has been encouraging the public to send messages to their MPs and the prime minister. He's also organizing an "e-rally watch party" which he said people can join by sending an RSVP to his office. The public can also watch the vote on TV on the parliamentary channel, CPAC.

New singles from the Monochromatics

By Ashleigh Viveiros

A local punk rock band has been making the most of the pandemic by using their downtime to try and release as much new music as they can.

The Monochromatics have put out two singles since last fall, and lead vocalist and guitarist Gustavo Peters hopes they'll be setting a pace of a new song a month through 2021.

"I was stuck at home for 10 weeks because I couldn't go back to the office," he said in a Zoom interview alongside bandmates Alejandro Penner (bass guitar) and Chris Sawatzky (drums). Missing was fellow guitarist Lucas Wiens.

"I had always told myself I wanted to get into music production and now I finally had the opportunity to dive into it," Peters said. "I figured out that we could do a lot of this by ourselves."

Using tracks recorded before code red restrictions shut things down, Peters was able to put some polish to "About a Girl," a song written several years ago but only released as a single last September.

They then released "Undertow" in December and are working on a third song to be released any day now.

The band has been around in one form or another for over a decade, losing some members and adding others through the years.

The current foursome rebranded themselves as the Monochromatics in 2017 with the release of their first album *Out of Time*.

They're a punk band, but their songs really run the gamut within that genre, explained Peters.

"We have songs that would be considered pop-punk, songs that would be considered a little harder, and we also have an acoustic song," he said. "I like to think we have a decent spectrum."

"We've never really tried to say we're a pop-punk band so we have to stick to just that," agreed Sawatzky, adding that their process of creating songs has always been pretty organic. "Most of our songwriting happens from just someone coming to practice and during warmups we'll starting playing something and it kind of catches everyone else's ears and we just start jamming."

"It's like, is this a song already? What are we playing? And then Goose [Peters] will have lyrics in his head already and we've never played it before, but it's a song."

"Every song that we enjoy to play the most has come out within 10 minutes of us goofing around," added Peters.

While another full album could certainly be on the horizon, Penner noted for right now they're enjoying the idea of sticking to singles, improving their production skills with each new offering.

"We like the structure of releasing one song at a time," he said. "A lot of times when people listen to an album they neglect a lot of the album, they listen to the one song and that's it."



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Local punk rock band the Monochromatics features the talents of Lucas Wiens, Chris Sawatzky, Alejandro Penner, and Gustavo Peters.

When we release one song at a time I hope at least that they listen to the whole thing multiple times."

Thus far, the response has been good, with plenty of likes and listens generated.

But perhaps the greatest sign of success is hearing one's song out in the wild.

"I was at the skatepark and someone had a bluetooth speaker and he was playing "About a Girl," Sawatzky recalled, laughing at the shock of hearing his music booming through the park. "It was so weird."

Seeing people enjoying their music is only part of what keeps the group

playing.

"It's a release and we enjoy it," said Penner. "We know we probably won't get famous or make a lot of money off this, but that shouldn't stop you from creating music."

"There's four of us in Winkler-Morden who love punk rock as much as we do and we found each other," said Peters. "It's really hard to keep a band together, and so when you find four guys that gel and can stay together for years, why would you stop?"

You can find The Monochromatics on Spotify, Apple Music, and Google Play Music or follow them on social media.

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really layered it. I think every picture took at least five hours."

Even then, though, the project didn't get off the ground after she was not able to get anywhere with a number

of publishers.

"So I put it aside for a long time, but it was always still on my list of things to do. At that time, I had no idea about self-publishing," Hendrickx said, add-

ing that over the years she had a lot of questions for others who had done it. She eventually came to have an opportunity to discuss it with former Winnipeg Police chief Devin Clunis, who had also written a children's book and was encouraging to Hendrickx.

It was while

living in Europe in 2010 when her grandmother was in Tabor Home and not doing well that Hendrickx decided she needed to get this story done so her grandmother could see it before she died.

My Grandma's Doll was inspired by Hendrickx visiting her grandmother a lot after school and hearing many stories about not having much at all growing up.

"It was a hard life ... but she talked about how happy she was when she got her first doll," Hendrickx remembered. "She had dolls all over her house. She worked at the thrift store, and she would feel so sorry for the dolls that never got chosen that she would take them home herself."

Meanwhile, *I'm So Glad It's Spring* features drawings which are actually set largely in winter, but a common thread for Hendrickx was anxiously looking forward to spring.

"It just goes through the seasons basically ... and all of it takes place in Morden. Some of my childhood

friends go 'Hey, I remember that tree!'"

While some of the illustrations are based on some local scenes, she didn't work from photographs.

"I kind of just tried to draw them from memory ... it just comes back to you as you're drawing it. It's more about the feeling of it."

For Hendrickx, her hope now for the books is simply that they might inspire children to similarly treasure their own families and experiences.

"It's not about earning a lot of money or being a top children's illustrator or writer," she said. "For me, it's about fulfilling a dream."

"I see children not paying attention really to their grandparents or their parents stories," Hendrickx added, so she hopes to perhaps "help children to think about their own family stories. Those stories are part of their lives, and this story is a part of me."

The books are available online at tammyhendrickx.ca and will soon be available at the Pembina Hills Gallery in Morden.

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Manitoba teams soaring at 2021 Scotties Tournament of Hearts

By Ty Di Lello

Curling is back! After COVID-19 shut down the majority of the 2020-21 season, the Scotties Tournament of Hearts is underway at the Canada Olympic Park in Calgary, Alberta.

The event is being played inside of a “bubble” similar to what the NHL had done for the playoffs in the summer. There are no fans in the building, but all of the games are being broadcast on TSN throughout the week for viewers across the country to watch.

This year’s edition of the Scotties boasts a record five teams from Manitoba.

Leading off the Manitoba rinks is defending champ Kerri Einarson of Gimli and her team of Val Sweeting, Shannon Birchard and Briane Meilleur. They have shown no signs of rust so far and lead their pool with an undefeated 4-0 record.

Einarson works on the front lines at a personal care home in Gimli and knows all about the pandemic’s challenges.

“It’s been very challenging. We had a scare back in April. But I’m so grateful to be working where I am,” said Einarson. “To all those health-care workers, front-line workers — it’s tough. I see it in our residents’ faces every day, when they can’t see their families. It’s extremely hard. I try to be there for them as much as possible and give them the hugs that they can’t get from

their families.”

“I actually had a resident ask me before I left if she could have my phone number. She phoned me the first day here, and she was excited to see curling back on TV. I am so grateful for all their support. My coworkers — if it wasn’t for them, I wouldn’t be here today. I really appreciate everything they do.”

Team Wild Card #3 features Katherine Doerksen of Morden that is throwing second stones for the Beth Peterson rink out of the Assiniboine Memorial Curling Club in Winnipeg.

After starting the week 1-3, Peterson defeated one of the top seeds in Laura Walker (Team Alberta) on Monday night to keep themselves in contention.

“We’re the ones with very little pressure on us right now,” said Doerksen. “We can go into the next few games, and although we have three losses, we have nothing to lose at this point. So we can give it our all and try to get some wins and see where it gets us.”

East St. Paul’s Tracy Fleury that is being skipped at the Scotties by Chelsea Carey currently has a 3-1 record, with their only blemish coming on Monday afternoon to a feisty Quebec team.

This edition of Team Fleury/Carey features Stonewall’s Kristin MacCuish throwing the lead rocks.

“Everything has been going really well so far,” said MacCuish. “Chelsea



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Manitoba teams, including Team Wild Card #3 with Beth Peterson, Jenna Loder, Katherine Doerksen and Brittany Tran, are off to a strong start at the 2021 Scotties Tournament of Hearts at Canada Olympic Park in Calgary, Alberta. Doerksen, pictured, second from left, has local ties to Carman and Winkler.

has come onto our team in Tracy’s absence and has filled in great. I’m really excited to see how far this team can go this week.”

St. Vital’s Jennifer Jones and Altona’s Mackenzie Zacharias round out the five Manitoba teams competing. Jones currently has a 2-2 record, while Zacharias is at 1-3.

The 2021 edition of the Scotties Tournament of Hearts features 18 teams that have been split into two pools of nine. After a single round robin,

the top four teams from each pool advance to the championship pool, where they in turn play against the teams from the other pool that also advanced.

After the final eight teams in the championship pool play against the other teams that advanced, the top three overall records will advance to the playoffs. The event will conclude with the championship final on Sunday night.

Flyers players looking for temporary berths as league cancels season

By Ashleigh Viveiros

After months of hoping circumstances would improve, the Winkler Flyers are now dealing with the reality of the 2020-2021 season being officially cancelled.

The MJHL made the announcement Feb. 12, citing ongoing public health restrictions and the uncertainty of when they might be lifted as reasons why they finally decided to call it quits.

While the decision wasn’t a huge surprise to Flyers head coach Kelvin Cech, it’s still disappointing.

“I expected it, but until they actually say the words ... you can’t really prepare for how you’ll feel,” he said a few days after the announcement had some time to sink in. “So it’s expected, I guess, but we were still holding out some hope.”

The Flyers coaching staff spent the past week reaching out virtually to players to officially wrap up the season.

“We’re having exit meetings with all the guys,” Cech said. “I’ve had a few pretty powerful meetings already. Ev-

eryone is upset and pretty depressed, pretty down, but as soon as you start talking about next season the excitement starts to creep back in a little bit, despite everything that’s gone on.”

In a lot of ways, it’s harder this time around than it was when the league was forced to pull the plug on the 2019-2020 season last spring.

“Last year at least we were all together when we got shut down and we got to have a little awards ceremony in the dressing room,” Cech said. “This year I had to give the news over Zoom.”

Perhaps hardest hit by the decision are the veteran Flyers who are aging out of junior hockey.

“We have five 20-year-olds: Tanner Andrew, Drake Burgin, Sullivan Shortreed, Kaeden Tenkoppel, and Ian Tookenay,” Cech said, adding those were especially difficult calls to make. “All five of them are special people and fortunately it looks like some of them have got somewhere to go play, at least for a month.”

Some leagues in eastern Canada are playing games once again, while leagues to the west of Manitoba have

not yet cancelled their seasons.

Capitalizing on this are Tookenay, who has been traded to the Ottawa Junior Senators, Shortreed, who is headed to the Maritimes to play for the South Shore Kings, and Andrew and Burgin, who will suit up for the BCHL’s Chilliwack Chiefs and the Cranbrook Bucks.

A few younger players have also found other temporary berths: Kolton Shindle is joining Tookenay in Ottawa, Jayden McCarthy will play for the Yarmouth Mariners in the Maritimes, and Dylan Meilun is going to the Lloydminster Bobcats in Alberta.

Cech explained Shindle, McCarthy, and Meilun’s trades are really just loans, as all will return to the Flyers next season.

With the COVID-plagued 2020-2021 season now behind them, the team turn their attention to preparing for 2021-2022.

They have their training camps and summer hockey school all on the books already.

“We’re planning as if we’re going to be able to do everything we usually

do,” Cech said. “And then if we have to cancel stuff, so be it.”

Pandemic restrictions allowing, the Flyers will host two spring camps in May and June, hockey school in August, and the usual fall camp heading into September.

“I’ve got it all plotted out and hopefully by summer we can play,” said Cech. “I know there’s going to be a lot of kids that are chomping at the bit for some hockey and hopefully we can provide something.”

The shortened hockey season has made things somewhat more challenging for scouts when it comes to seeing firsthand what up-and-coming players can do, but Cech is still feeling pretty good about what’s coming down the pike in terms of talent.

“Our head scout, Mike McAulay, he’s been on the phone a lot more than he’d like to be—he’d prefer to be out there watching games—but he and all our scouts have done a great job over the last year and a half,” he said. “We’ve got some good players coming up that we’re expecting to really push for spots next year.”

Flying by the seat of your pants

By Dennis Young with Jessie Heaman and Ray Pritchard

In the late '1950s and early 60's there were a few fellows in this area who owned and flew their small planes. Whether it was Ag related or for pleasure, they all shared a common desire to fly and talk aircrafts over coffee. Discussions turned to forming a club to swap flying tips, encourage more locals flying and eventually offer lessons.

Carman became home to the first Co-Operative flying organization in Canada - Carman Co-op Flying Club. It was unique to Canada and the first venture into flying taken on by a true co-op basis. The aim and objective was to promote aviation within the community. The club's 23 original members, under President Harold Woods, operated under a Co-op charter which cost each just \$28 as compared to estimates of \$150 or more to form a limited company. According to Mr. Woods at the time, all the members are Co-op participants in one form or another anyway so a Co-op flying club seemed to make sense to them.

All members were part owners of the club and their hope was if they branched out into instructions, this ownership would preclude the necessity of a commercial registration. At the time some had their own landing strips, some shared and others used Friendship Field.

Bob Diemert owned and operated Friendship Field on the southwest corner of Carman and was encouraging other interested persons to learn to fly. Bob was going to construct a hanger and members of the club agreed to provide labor if he would include an area on the side of the hanger where the club could hold meetings. The Portage Flying Club was the nearest facility where they could train so if the Club was to offer them, doing that in closer proximity to their crafts made sense.

Many people in the area were showing interest in flying and the Club now needed an instructor. It was fortunate in having a qualified instructor living near in Ken Pritchard who lived in the Roland area. He had been a Flight Officer and instructor in the Canadian Air Force and agreed to assist the Club. Arrangements were made through the Portage Flying School to establish a satellite school in Carman. A small two place aircraft belonging to the Portage Club was then parked in Bob's hanger and in 1964 flight training started in Carman.

To kick off, the Club helped Bob officially open his Field with an air show in '64 at the same time offering rides and sought memberships. It would be a start of many air shows and open houses to come.

Ground school instructions were given one evening each week inside that hanger. Lessons included aircraft maintenance; an inspection of your plane, making sure there were nothing loose and that you had plenty of fuel for your planned flight. "Meteorology was an interesting area for me, high stratus clouds meant your flight would be nice and even, cumulous clouds could indicate a rather bumpy flight and cumulonimbus clouds (rolling black clouds) would mean trouble and you had better leave it for another day" student Jessie Heaman instructed me.

This was many years ago and those small training planes were not radio equipped as navigation was taught by what was called 'seat of the pants know how'. Pilots had to be very aware of the ground un-

derneath, follow maps closely and know the roads and rail line locations. If in doubt of the exact location you would look for the tall grain elevators along the rail lines with the town written on it in big letters. The written exam following training was taken in Winnipeg at the Department of Transport office.

A cross country flight was part of the training beginning in Portage, flying up to Dauphin, down to Brandon and home to Portage. After the completed training all were invited to attend a special evening at the Portage Flying Club where they were given their Private Pilot License Certificate and 'wings' pin. "That was a very special day for all of us trainees!" Jessie declared.

Because aviation was becoming much more popular and widespread, it was the decision of the members that Carman should have a named airport. As the present strip could never be licensed because of its close proximity to the town and a populated area, a search was on to find a suitable location. Different sites were looked at but the one chosen is where the present airfield is located after negotiations with land owner Eldon McEachern. This strip could be certified and registered with the province.

With the title of the property in hand, a small building was acquired to be used as headquarters, the ground was leveled, grass was sown and several hangers were built at the site over the years. In the middle of the '65-'66 season ties were cut with Friendship Field and the entire operation was moved to the new location. Those students who had not completed their ground school course were invited to finish their instructions in the nice warm basement of Ken's home.

"I recall Dad teaching flying lessons in our basement from 1965-67 at the farm northwest of Jordan for the book work of navigation & flying." Ray Pritchard confirmed. All the training was done during the winter months because Ken and many of the students were in the farming business. Because of it being winter, the aircraft were ski equipped and trainees flew off a snow packed strip. Ray remembers "My Dad had a Massey tractor that he left over there at the airstrip (and previously at Friendship Field too) to knock down the snow banks and drag the strip to keep the runway smooth." If an early spring thaw melted the snow, some students finished their needed hours up at Portage equipped with wheels.

The Club, now with a membership of over 40, soon purchased a 2 seater 85 horse Aeronca Super Chief for use by the licensed shareholders. The purchase committee consisted of Harold Woods, Gerald Pritchard, Jim McCutcheon, Don Cowan, Ernie Tissot and Arnold Woods. Several locals were already in the process of buying their own as well. Their aircraft were financed through Federated Co-ops plus their fuel and oil were purchased from local Co-op dealers to continue their allegiance their Co-op named Club.

Members of the Club, through the Manitoba Flying Farmers organization & the North Dakota Flying Farmers, were also instrumental in eventually getting approval of the Canadian & United States governments to establish an airstrip near Walhalla in 1965. This airstrip would allow small aircraft to clear Canada - U.S. customs for cross border travel instead of flying into larger airports.

It was named Froebe Field in memory of Nic Froe-



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Instructor Ken Pritchard prepares for another day of testing future Carman Flying Club members.

be from Homewood for his involvement in getting the airfield established. His wife Hazel (Charlie and Frank Froebe's mother) unveiled the plaque as Nic was killed while doing crop spraying with his airplane.

The Carman Club also suffered a loss when a tragic farm related accident took their instructor Ken. He loved to fly starting with lessons in Winnipeg, instructing in the RCAF, combining flying and farming plus community work. Ray says "I remember standing along Main Street near the old arena for the candy drop. Dad flew Santa (could have been Walter Johnson) over us!" Ken was held in such high regard and this signaled the end of flight instruction here at Carman after two seasons.

Meanwhile all this land and construction had to be paid for. Many sausage and pancake breakfasts were served, both paying for and advertising the airstrip. Jessie remembers, "a large smorgasbord served with roast beef, baked red salmon, baked ham and 'special flying farmer meatballs' (I still have the recipe) served in the Carman Arena, always followed by a great dance."

"There were steak and corn roasts held out at one of the hangers each fall. It was attended by many local people and often people would come back through Carman after attending the Corn and Apple Festival to join us for a steak and buttered corn on the cob.

Member Harold Taylor was busy the winter months of the 1960s building the fuselage of a single seater aircraft. He had purchased the blue prints and material for a Taylor monoplane made from plywood. Once the fuselage was done it will be covered with fabric and aircraft dope. Powered by a 40 HP Continental engine, with a wing span of 21 feet it will cruise at 80 knots and a 270 mile range.

Ivor and Don Milne, Harold Woods and Stan Heaman were building two minnicab aircrafts. The planes, completely home built, will be powered by 90 HP engines. A minnicab is a 2 seater low-wing aircraft with a 25 foot wingspan and will cruise at 105 knots. Both projects expect to be air born next year.

Over time more land was purchased and the strip lengthened to accommodate larger planes flying in to Carman either for business, visiting friends or a fuel stop. The next generation are maintaining and improving the strip plus both Carman and Dufferin Councils have shown an interest in keeping this airport via annual grants. Therefore acknowledged it is a great asset to them and everyone living here. The current Club has an Air Show each spring with many different planes flying in so watch for any mention of that and plan to attend and support what started here in 1964.

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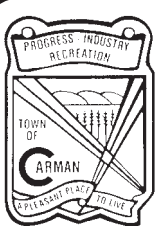
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Thank you to all applicants for their interest, however only those under consideration will be contacted.



Town of Carman REQUEST FOR BIDS HARMONY BALERS

The Town of Carman will be accepting bids for the following Equipment.

Two (2) Harmony Balers Model M60STD. The first baler was purchased May 1, 2002 and the second baler was purchased November 1, 2010. Both balers are in good working order and were used in the recycling program. The equipment will be sold “as-is” and “where-is”.

The highest bidder will be allowed to choose which baler they want or if they wish to purchase them both at the per unit price offered. All manuals for the equipment will be provided to the purchaser.

All bids must be submitted in a sealed envelope with the title “Request for Offer - Harmony Baler” on the outside of the envelope and mailed to the Town of Carman Office, Box 160, Carman Manitoba R0G 0J0. Bids must be received no later than noon on Friday, March 5, 2021.

All or any bids received not necessarily accepted.



TOWN OF CARMAN PUBLIC NOTICE REGARDING THE 2021 FINANCIAL PLAN

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to subsection 162(2) of The Municipal Act that the Council of the Town of Carman intends to present its financial plan for the fiscal year 2021 at a public hearing in the

**Town of Carman
Carman Community Hall –
60-1st Avenue NW, Carman
Thursday, March 11, 2021
7:00 p.m.**

Council will hear any person who wishes to make a presentation, ask questions, or register an objection to the financial plan, as provided.

Copies of the financial plan are available for review by contacting the Town of Carman office during the regular office hours (204-745-2443).

Cheryl Young CMMA
Chief Administrative Officer
Town of Carman

DENNIS' WISH LIST!

I am preparing stories on the following subjects:

- Young Men's Section
- Reg Last
- JK/Golden Star Motel

For an upcoming story I need your help in locating:

Jim and/or Ruth Zacharias of Carman Bakery
If any of our readers have memories or pictures to share of any of these subjects please forward to me @ denjohnyoung@gmail.com.

Thanks for continuing to enjoy Carman's past!

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CARD OF THANKS

Thank you to the staff at Carman Memorial Hospital for the wonderful care Henry received. Thanks also to everyone for your words of encouragement, prayers, food, flowers, and phone calls during this difficult time.

-Eleanor Wiebe and family

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and family

OBITUARY

Gwendolyn Joyce Last

Gwen Last, professional storyteller, constant companion, devoted wife and mother, left this world on February 2, 2021.

Born Gwendolyn Nash in Reston, MB on November 22, 1931 to Walter and Muriel, Gwen was the only daughter and sister to Fred, Norman and Keith.

Gwen attended Normal School in Winnipeg before practicing in Homewood. It's at Homewood where she met the love of her life, Reg Last. They were married in 1953 and raised their five children, Deb, Joy, Cheryl, Craig and Kelly on the farm at Homewood and then Carman.

Gwen was predeceased by her husband Reg in 2006, grandson Drew Bartley 1983.

Left with great memories: Deb (Dan) Cosgrove, Colleen (Shane) (Leah), Cheryl (Ron) Bartley, Britni (Steve), Chase and Bria. Andrew (Nikki), Jaxon, Bekka. Craig (Donna), Sydney (Brody), Tyson. Kelly (Anna), Andria (Devon), Rylie, Brendan, Evan (Carley), Emyrson, Lauren (Dane).

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OBITUARY

Bartley, Arlene Anne (Motheral)

It is with peace and sadness that the family of Arlene Bartley announces her passing on Wednesday, February 17, 2021 at Boundary Trails Health Centre.

She will be greatly missed by her daughter Pat Whiteside (Doug), sons Ron Bartley (Cheryl), Doug Bartley (Sylvie) and daughter Marilyn Gitzel (Allan). Also cherishing her memory are her nine grandchildren Chad (Shawna) Whiteside, Melissa (Alan) Ballantyne, Joel (Raelle) Whiteside, Britni (Steve) Godkin, Andrew (Nikki) Bartley, Taylor Bartley (Matt), Duane (Candace) Gitzel, Ryan (Kate) Gitzel, and Raelyn (John) Fox and 21 great-grandchildren. Arlene is also survived by sisters Connie Thompson and Sharon Minkus, and brother Wayne (Jean) Motheral, sister-in-law Agnes Phillips, brothers-in-law Bruce (Elsie) Bartley and Lorne (Ella) Bartley, and numerous nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by her husband (of 50 years) John Bartley, parents Ralph and Marguerite Motheral, grandson Ronald Drew Bartley, sister-in-law Melva Bartley, Bud and Margaret Graham, brothers-in-law Wesley Phillips, Robert Thompson, and Ron Minkus.



For a more complete obituary please go to doylesfuneralhome.ca
A private family interment took place Saturday, February 20th at Fairview Cemetery; Roland, MB. Viewing took place at Doyle's Funeral Home, Carman, MB on Saturday. A celebration of life service will take place at a later date.

Donations in memory of Arlene may be directed to Roland United Church.

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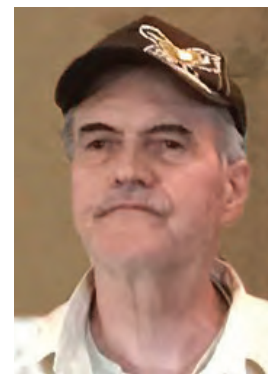
Orville Brian Malmquist

It is with heavy hearts we announce the peaceful passing of Orville Malmquist at the age of 67 on February 13th, 2021 at the Carman Hospital with his loving family by his side.

Orville was one of the most gentle, kind, generous, light hearted souls you will ever meet. He may not of expressed his feelings but he made up for this in terms of endearments gifts and little thoughtful cards with a collage of items that made him think of you. We will love you and miss you always.

Orville began his career on the Railway and later was one of the best landscapers you would know.

Orville also dedicated his life to caring for his mother. Orville enjoyed spending time with his family, playing cards, watching football, hockey, and movies. You would often see Orville riding his bicycle around town.



Here to miss Orville everyday are his mother (Mildred Malmquist); brother Terry (Judy); and sisters Linda, Sandra (Ken), Elve (Willie), Ingrid (Rick); numerous nieces and nephews and their families.

Many family members including his father Eric Malmquist, several aunts and uncles, brother-in-law Ernie, nephew in-law Larry, friends who have since passed will now greet him with open arms.

A huge thank you for the wonderful care that Orville received from the doctors and staff at Carman Hospital. Your compassion during this time will never be forgotten.

At his request cremation will take place. A family service will be held at a later date in the Greenwood Cemetery.

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

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