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Four wheelin's babies

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TLC Child Care Teacher Tyra Penner took the little ones out for a stroller ride to get some fresh air after temperatures warmed up by 10 degrees C. last week, hitting -13 degrees C. Front to back, Payton 1 year 5 months old (17 months), Rhett 1 year 8 months old (20 months), Rosco 1 year 6 months old (18 months), Rachel 1 year 3 months old (15 months), Tyra Penner.

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ECS students and staff wear pink to end bullying

By Becca Myskiw

Wednesday, Feb. 24 marked another Pink Shirt Day — a day to end bullying.

Students at Elm Creek School (ECS) wore pink to show their stance on bullying. Grade 7 students Emma Hudson and Scarlett Friesen said they've been wearing pink since they were in Kindergarten. Grade 5 teacher Nicole Spencer said she's been teaching her students about Pink Shirt Day and participating in it since she started teaching 15 years ago.

Pink Shirt Day started years ago when a boy was bullied for wearing pink to school. Upon finding out, teachers and students all wore pink to make the bullies stand out and feel isolated, unknowingly creating a nation-wide tradition.

Spencer said it's important for everyone to wear pink on the day because of the effect large numbers have.

"When people do something in a big group it's easier to talk about than individually," she said.

Talking about bullying is something ECS does a lot. Spencer said the term they teach the students is to be an up-stander — not a bully, not a bystander. The students also learn the difference



Emma Hudson, left, and Scarlett Friesen always wear pink on Pink Shirt Day.

between teasing and bullying and tattling and reporting.

Hudson said they've always been taught that bullying needs to be stopped because once someone experiences bullying, they'll remember it for life.

The students at the school are like family and harsh bullying is not a common occurrence at the school, said Spencer. It happens, yes, but the



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Elm Creek School students wore pink last Wednesday to show their support to end bullying.

students are good at protecting each other when it does.

"Yes, there's teasing and bugging but that happens in families and everyday life," said Hudson.

Spencer said though wearing pink on Pink Shirt Day helps to take the power away from bullies. It encourages people to embrace their differences no matter their gender.

"It's OK to wear pink," said Hudson.

According to pinkshirtday.ca, one in five kids are affected by bullying in their lifetime. To help combat that, they sell shirts each year and give the proceeds to anti-bullying initiatives like Kids Help Phone, Stigma-Free Society, and KidSafe Project. So far, pinkshirtday.ca has sold over 440,000 shirts — many of which ECS has purchased to sell to their students and show their own support.



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Boyne River closed for the season

By Becca Myskiw

The Town of Carman is asking residents to stay off of the Boyne River for the rest of the season.

In a Facebook post on Sunday, Feb. 21, the town advised people not use the river for on-ice activities. Underground springs have started to flow, creating breaks in the ice and leaving water to seep through. Some areas of the river, like by the Riverview apartments and Ryall Park, are completely underwater.

He attributes the water on the ice to the recent mild temperatures.

"It's probably safe for everyone if

they just stay off," said mayor Brent Owen.

The river was used for various on-ice activities this winter, with people on it almost every day for skating, walking, biking, and hockey. Owen said it was a fantastic year and he's very pleased with the volunteer efforts to keep the river clean.

Now, residents will have to wait until the river melts and summer activities can start on the water.

"People now can see how beautiful it is on there that there may be a renewed interest in kayaking," said Owen.



STANDARD PHOTO BY BECCA MYSKIW

The town is asking people to stay off the Boyne River now that water is seeping through the ice.

Carman Vision Services donates portion of frame sales to Back Door

By Becca Myskiw

Carman Vision Services (CVS) is using their business to support a local youth organization.

The vision centre is donating a portion of all frames sales from February to the Back Door Youth Centre. Dr. Brooks Barteaux, associate at CVS, said they got the idea after receiving the youth centre's "very compelling" brochure on their new facility plans.

"I just think it's a good opportunity to give back to the community in our own small way," he said. "Anything that can foster volunteerism and community spirit is worthwhile. It seemed like a good opportunity when it came up...a great thing to get behind."

Barteaux said the centre gives children in the community a social outlet and anything to fight isolation, especially right now, is a good thing.

Along with donating a portion of all frames sales, Barteaux will personally match that amount. He said they're hoping to donate at least a couple thousand dollars. As of Wednesday last week, he was positive sales had been good this month.

Tyler Friesen at the Back Door Youth Centre said they're super excited about the donation and are happy businesses are getting involved.

"Every little bit helps," he said. "No-



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Dr. Barteaux is personally matching the amount CVS made from frames sales last month to donate to the Back Door.

body owes us anything so any donation is wonderful."

He said their fundraising efforts are going well. They ended 2020 on a positive, steady note, but he said the end of the year is always busier for donations than the beginning.

So far in 2021, they have raised around \$50,000, leaving them with \$350,000 left before they can say fundraising is complete. Friesen is hoping they can be finished by the end of this year.

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Bergen connects with constituents in online town hall

By Lorne Stelmach

Questions and concerns around COVID-19 vaccinations and restrictions dominated as Portage-Lisgar MP and deputy Conservative leader Candice Bergen held a virtual town hall last week.

Joining Bergen for the online forum were Michelle Rempel Garner, shadow minister for health, and James Cumming, shadow minister for innovation, science, and industry.

"A third lockdown just can't happen," Bergen said following the Feb. 24 session, which went for one hour.

"I wasn't surprised when I got questions around what about treatments for COVID, do you think everybody should be vaccinated, what about some of the other solutions rather than just lockdowns," said Bergen. "Frankly, I agree with them.

"We want to make sure that we're not just locking down and that's the only answer to COVID. They want to see treatments. They want to see governments providing information, making decisions on real data.

"There's so much information out there, and I think for people, they hear conflicting reports," she continued. "There's so much conflicting information and inconsistency, and I think that's what makes it hard for many people.

"There's no excuse for a federal government to not be getting information and showing leadership at the national level," Bergen added. "Trudeau is,

as much as he can, trying to wash his hands and putting it all on the provinces."

Bergen said she has also been hearing a lot about economic recovery. The concern particularly for a rural riding like Portage-Lisgar is the impact on small business.

"I learned very quickly [when first elected in 2008] how resilient our area is," she noted. "Where other businesses were really struggling through the recession ... some of the most resilient small businesses in the country are right here in our riding.

"They want to reopen; they don't want to be getting handouts from the government. They want to reopen and get back to work, and I feel the same way, that that's the answer. Let's get Canadians back to work," Bergen said. "Until we end the lockdown, there's no economic recovery."

Another issue that was raised and which Bergen highlighted is Bill C-7, which is seen as extending access to medically assisted dying to people who are suffering from incurable mental illness.

"They're proposing they should be able to have assistance in killing themselves," said Bergen. "We've been saying for the last many years let's help people with depression. Suicide is not the answer.

"I think people in the riding should be very, very concerned about that," she stressed. "It's a slippery slope."

Bergen was grateful to have the op-



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Portage-Lisgar MP Candice Bergen hosted a virtual town hall meeting last week to hear from constituents on a variety of matters.

portunity to connect to at least some degree with constituents at a time when it has not been possible otherwise.

"A lot of the questions we got in were similar themed, so we could group them together and hopefully provide some answers and get some people some input they were looking for.

"This definitely feels like a second best, but everyone's adjusting and has adjusted," Bergen said. "I wanted to be able to have an opportunity where I could meet with a large group of constituents, so this is a good format.

"It was good, and I think we'll probably do some more of them ... we'll see what the feedback is."

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).

March 3, 1921

The first exhibition of gymnastic display by members of the Carman Athletic Club, after three weeks of physical instruction by Mr. West, was held at the Memorial Hall, Saturday night. It was outstanding. The display con-

sisted of dumbbell drills, tumbling, and human pyramids was given by boys 12-16 years of age. The exhibition of torch swinging shown by the instructor, Mr. West, was heartily applauded.

A hockey game has been arranged between Carman and Miami for March 4 at the Carman rink. Miami has a good fast team having reached the final game in the south-eastern league. A dance will be held at the Memorial Hall following the game.

Ladies Bowling Tournament will be held in Rutherford's Bowling Room on Fournier Ave, commencing on March 10. The bowling lanes were behind Rutherford's Barber shop a couple of doors south of the

Rex Café.

Feb 28, 1946

Jas Stout will open a bulk gas station as well as an automobile service station. He has obtained the local agency for White Star Oil Co. The site will be on the former A. Clark property adjoining # 3 Highway at the north end of Carman.

T.A. Johnson the Agricultural Representative for this area will be moving to Melfort, Sk., where he will take over duties there as an Agricultural Representative.

Constables C.C. Anderson and F.W. Forster of the RCMP arrived from Winnipeg, Wednesday to take over Friday, their duties as law enforcement officers for the Town of Carman. Until their house, the president residence of Mrs. G. McClure, becomes available they will reside at the Ryall Hotel.

March 4, 1971

The mixed curling bonspiel of Feb 25-28 had Ken Roth's rink defeat Tom Irwin's rink in the final. Curling with Ken were: third, Hilton Armstrong, second, Dorothy Dix, lead, Isabel Armstrong. Curling with Tom were third, Ernie McGregor, second, Merle McGregor and lead, Marj Irwin. Prizes for this year's bonspiel were \$24.00 for winners of the 1st event and \$20.00 for second place in the 1st event.

First Anniversary Specials at Carman Fresh Fruit and Vegetables were: lettuce 19 cents, Bananas 7 lbs. for \$1.00, Carrots 3 lbs. for 35 cents. Apples 5 lbs for 95 cents. A Special assortment of Dutch Candy available for treats.

Dial service is in operation for Miami telephone subscribers. The first telephone was installed in Miami in 1900 with Mark Westaway, druggist, in charge. In 1907 a local office was opened with 24 subscribers.

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Notre Dame Francofonds committee grants out over \$9,000

By Becca Myskiw

The Notre-Dame de Lourdes local Francofonds selection committee granted out over \$9,000 in 2020.

Francofonds is an overreaching community grant program for French communities in Manitoba. They collect donations throughout the year and give each community an amount to grant out. It works as any community foundation does — there's a pool of money generated throughout the years and the interest generated from it is what they grant out.

Right now, the foundation in Notre Dame de Lourdes uses the interest from \$93,209.

Diane Bazin from the local selection committee said they had four grant applications in 2020. They gave \$400 to the small family and young children's resource centre, \$700 went to the committee working on the new elementary school structures and \$200 went towards a windbreaker curtain on the outside gazebo in town.

The biggest grant was \$5,000 and it went to the historical society. The society's window display cases currently do not open, so the money is going towards getting new ones that will allow the staff to change out the artifacts on display.

Bazin said grants that large don't

happen every year. Usually, it'll come after the committee has "saved up" for it for a few years and deems it an important project.

"Once we get a project we find valuable enough, we might put more in," she said. "For example, the historical society this year."

Along with the community projects every year, the committee also has two funds of \$500 each that go to graduating high school students. One is for a student going into education and the other is for someone going into healthcare.

In total, the Notre Dame de Lourdes Francofonds selection committee

granted out \$9,100 last year — \$3,000 more than the usual amount.

The committee in the town started in 1997. Within their first 15 years of operating, they had granted out \$55,453 to projects supporting the preschools, the schools, the library, the daycare, the community festival, senior projects, the fire brigade, and more.

Bazin said they'd never be able to do what they do without the generosity of the Francophone community in Notre Dame de Lourdes and across Manitoba.

Genesis House celebrating International Women's Day

By Ashleigh Viveiros

Genesis House is celebrating the March 8 International Women's Day all month long by showcasing the life stories of local women.

"What we've done is we've reached out to a variety of different women—different ethnic backgrounds, different ages, stay-at-home moms, working moms, all different walks of life—trying to get their take on what has inspired them to bring them to where they are today," explained Ang Braun, executive director of the regional shelter for the victims of domestic violence. "We asked them what does equality look like to them? What does strength in a woman look like?"

They're fitting questions to ask for a day designed to celebrate the contribution women make to society while acknowledging the lengths there are still to go for true equality.

"Women are still not receiving equal pay for equal work," Braun said, noting that the topic of female empowerment is one the shelter deals with every day, but that's not necessarily the case everywhere else. "So for our agency to be able to bring that for-

ward and get people thinking about that in a different way, that's worthwhile to us."

The women interviewed certainly have some powerful and varied stories to share.

"We really see the different ways that women are resilient, especially through this pandemic," Braun said, adding that many women also reflected on the impact other women have had on their lives, both personally and professionally. "Another thing that seemed to be a resounding thread over and over again was going back to your mother, going back to your grandmother ... where you actually started and what you learned from those women and where that's taken you today."

Genesis House will be sharing these video interviews on its social media pages all through the month.

Braun is hopeful this virtual platform will help them reach out to new audiences in a way past in-person events perhaps couldn't.

"And I think the other thing we're quite excited about is putting some other faces forward," she said. "These

are the everyday faces of women in our community. We know them as our neighbours, as the person who works at the store—we've seen them before and now we get to know them a little bit more, a little differently."

The campaign was undertaken in partnership with the Winkler and District Chamber of Commerce. Executive director Tanya Chateaufeuf is eager to see the results.

"We are grateful to work with Genesis House to highlight what strength means to women in our community," she said. "As we know, Winkler has many strong, successful businesswomen, and we want to thank them for their leadership and contributions to the business community, and to the community as a whole."

Put your trivia smarts to the test
In addition to the

story campaign, Genesis House is also planning to host a scaled-back virtual version of its popular annual quiz night.

"We're really trying to find ways to engage with people," Braun said. "What we have noticed through our work with the families that we work with is people are looking for ways to connect right now."

Check out its Instagram page on Thursday, March 11 for trivia questions and a chance to win prizes.



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Vaccination information now available online

Staff

Manitobans who receive the COVID-19 vaccine are now able to view their record and print out proof of their immunization online via a new portal the provincial government has set up.

"We know many Manitobans have asked for their COVID-19 vaccination information from our public health offices. The new online portal will make

this easier for all eligible Manitobans until a more permanent immunization card is available," explained Health Minister Heather Stefanson last week.

To access this information online, Manitobans must have a valid Manitoba Health registration card and a personal email address. Information about the COVID-19 vaccine received and dates of immunization will

be provided for viewing and printing.

People who do not have internet access or a health card number can continue to call their public health office for access to their information.

In most cases, Manitobans can request their online records approximately 48 hours after their

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Province weighing possible changes to public health restrictions

Relaxed public health orders expected to be announced this week

By Ashleigh Viveiros

Manitobans will find out this week what the next month and a half of COVID-19 public health restrictions will look like, as the current orders expire on Friday.

Last week the government put out a call for public feedback on proposed changes to restrictions, including increasing capacity limits for gatherings in households and outdoor spaces as well as in churches, restaurants, and other businesses. Numerous public spaces currently closed entirely could also potentially reopen with restrictions.

The plan is to implement the changes in two phases over the next six weeks, first as early as Friday and then again on March 26.

The reopening process must be a cautious one, stressed Dr. Brent Rousin, Manitoba's chief public health officer.

"As we continue to battle this pandemic and monitor for variants of concern, it's crucial we continue to

avoid the activities that are known to cause the most risk," he said. "These are those closed spaces, crowded places, close contact settings.

"We know we can't open everything right away. We're taking a slow and measured approach so case numbers don't increase in the weeks ahead."

On Monday, health officials reported 35 new cases of the virus and one death.

Manitoba's number of active cases was at 1,171 at press time, including five cases of the B117 variant.

There were 68 people in hospital with active COVID-19 and another 116 patients no longer considered contagious but still requiring care. A total of 25 ICU beds were filled with COVID-19 patients, 12 of whom are still considered infectious.

Manitoba's death tally was at 896 people on Monday. There have been 29,827 recoveries from COVID-19 over the past year.

In the Southern Health-Santé Sud health region there were 34 active cas-

es of the virus and 21 hospitalizations (one in ICU). The region has seen 142 deaths.

Breaking it down in our area, Winkler had seven active cases on Monday, Morris five, Red River South four, MacDonald four, Carman two, and Lorne/Louise/Pembina one case.

Morden, Stanley, the Altona region, Roland/Thompson, and Grey were all reporting zero active cases.

In related news, the province has announced that the new vaccination super site in Morden-Winkler will be located in the community hall at the Access Event Centre in Morden. It's scheduled to open next week, subject to vaccine availability.

As of Monday, Manitoba had administered 76,670 doses of vaccine, including 47,780 first doses and 28,890 second doses.

The eligibility criteria continues to expand, most recently to include Manitobans born on or before Dec. 31, 1930 and First Nations people born on or before Dec. 31, 1950.

Up-to-date eligibility details are available online at www.gov.mb.ca/covid19/vaccine/eligibility-criteria.html.

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Staff

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Thankful for freedom of the press

Dear Editor,
Just wanted to thank you for your courage to post opposing letters of readers! In the last edition you had one of Gary Mitchell and Thomas Verduijn.

The one provided a good number of facts that people otherwise wouldn't have heard.

Please keep freedom of press free by also posting views that are not currently supported by most poli-

ticians and or medical personnel. People should be encouraged to research and think for themselves. Who and what is right usually takes time before truly known.

Thanks again,
Christian Autsema
Roseisle

Hello, I am a retired RN, and would like to commend you on your inclusion of Thomas Verduyn's excellent article in your Feb 25th paper. I resent media shoving one sided opinions down our throats. Keep us informed! Thank you.

Karen Mozden

Forty-three years of nursing and a keen attention to scientific information

I am writing in response to last week's letter entitled "What we know about vaccines". I would like an opportunity to respond to a few of the statements made by the author. My credentials are only 43 years of nursing and a keen attention to scientific information available to the public. I respect the newspapers diligence in publishing a variety of opinions.

In response to "Sadly, the entire COVID story has been predominantly one of impulsive decisions with no room for discussion". We only need look to the south to witness the huge cost to lives from inaction or denial of the severity of this global crisis. This is unprecedented. I am very proud that our country moved decisively

with decisions based on the absolute science and not opinion.

In regards to "The vaccines have been approved on an experimental basis only. No animal tests were done". Other than a clinical trial, which I assume the author means by "experimental", I am not sure how he would propose the safety and efficacy could be determined. I am thinking a three phased human clinical trial would be far more meaningful than animal tests. Following the clinical trial there is an extremely diligent review by Health Canada prior to release in this country. Once again, we follow the science.

In regards to vaccine side effects being more dangerous than COVID,

I don't think this is a fair comparison when you look at specific symptoms, recovery rates and mortality.

In regards to "All evidence is pointing to the fact that COVID is about to finish its course and die off" I certainly hope the author is correct but I worry this may be a dangerous message to decrease our vigilance, which has come at a great cost, but has also put us in the place we are at in seeing numbers (each number is a life lost or affected) decrease. It would be very sad to lose this battle in the home stretch. I believe the vaccine is a significant weapon. Our continued vigilance shows respect to the many thousands of essential services providers that have risked their own lives in seeing us through this, and the many businesses and individuals that have undoubtedly suffered significantly.

In regards to "it (COVID) is a rela-

tively minor disease that rarely bothers anyone besides the very sick and old" I simply believe this is not true, and suspect many families can attest to the fact that not only have younger and healthy individuals died or suffer from long term complications of this disease, but can also attest to the value of the very sick and old who have been lost or affected.

In the article from WSJ.com the author quoted, this article credits the vaccine as contributing to the positive trajectory of immunity in the US. I could not access the second article which refers to complaints from lockdown sceptics and mandatory vaccines, but COVID vaccines are not mandatory. Follow the absolute science and make your own decision. I respect everyone's right to do so.

- Judy Olson
Warren

Monthly speakers planned by Carman Garden Club

By Becca Myskiw

The Carman Garden Club isn't letting COVID-19 get in the way of gardening this year.

Elizabeth Dewit, club secretary, said they have six speaker meetings planned for 2021 so far — and they're just getting started. The club hosted their first speaker last week, a companion planting session given by Dr. Poonam Singh at Assiniboine Community College.

Singh, along with others from the club and outside it, logged onto Zoom at 7 p.m. to talk about companion planting. Meaning which plants you can put beside each other for a mutual benefit.

A common companion plant is a marigold because they repel insects, therefor reducing harm to their companions.

Dewit said that course was perfect for beginners and a good refresher for seasoned gardeners.

"This year we are looking at there being, in Carman, a number of new gardeners," she said. "So, we were looking at a number of topics to help

people that were just getting into gardening as well as topics for our older and more experienced gardeners."

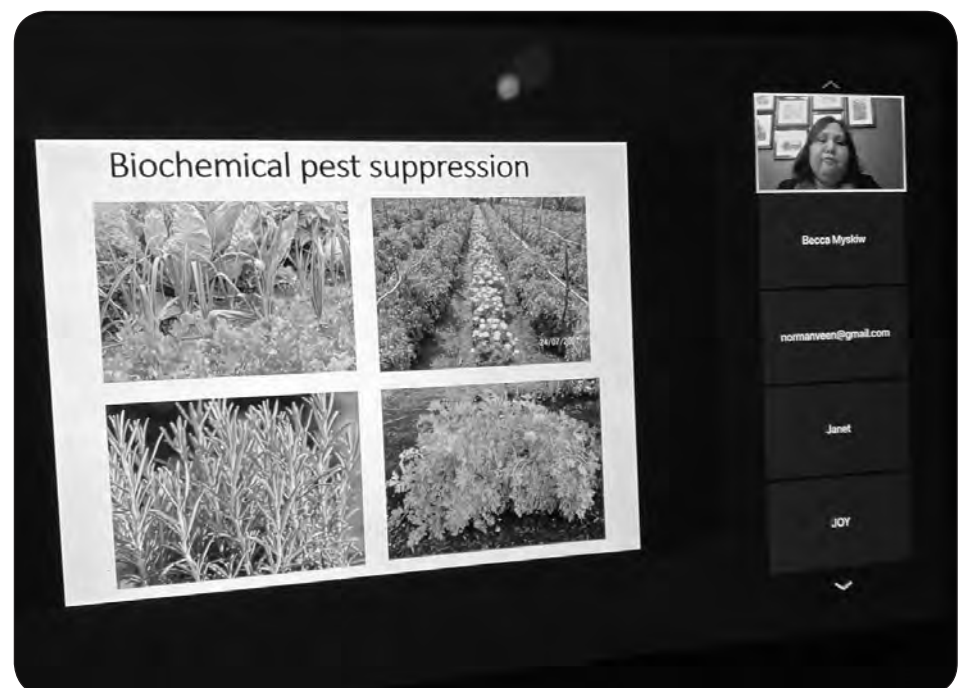
The next Zoom session will be on Tuesday, March 23. It's all about perennials and what to do when they're overgrown and looking less vibrant than usual. Then, in April, people with small spaces will have the opportunity to learn about square foot gardening. And in May, the Zoom speaker meeting will be about basic backyard composting.

The June meeting has not been finalized but should be about succulents. Then, in the fall, Dewit said the club plans to get back into the meetings with garden tool sharpening in September and bringing back houseplants in October.

She's hoping as the sessions and month continue on, they can move the meeting to be in person at the Pentecostal assembly building.

"This is a month by month decision basically," she said. "By what we can and what we have to do."

Each information session will be on the last Tuesday of each month. Peo-



STANDARD PHOTO BY BECCA MYSKIW

The Carman Garden Club has at least six Zoom information sessions planned for this year.

ple do not have to be members of the club to come to one of the sessions. To learn more about the upcoming sessions, to become a member of the

Carman Garden Club, or to just learn about gardening, contact Charlene Veenendaal at norm_char@hotmail.ca.

Green initiative to reduce waste, greenhouse-gas emissions

Submitted by Manitoba government

The Manitoba government is launching a unique \$1-million Green Impact Bond that will support projects that help divert organic waste from landfills, create green jobs and reduce greenhouse-gas (GHG) emissions, Conservation and Climate Minister Sarah Guillemard and Families Minister Rochelle Squires announced Monday.

"We need to take steps to prolong the lifespan of our landfills and this Green Impact Bond provides a great opportunity to reduce organic waste while growing Manitoba's green economy," said Guillemard. "By reducing organics in our landfills, we lower the production of methane and create new, clean-growth job opportunities."

The Green Impact Bond is a finance tool to fund impact-driven projects, enabling the government to rapidly innovate and implement new solutions for organic waste and GHG emissions while sharing risks with the private sector. This tool brings the public, private, non-profit and charitable sectors together to develop innovative solutions to complex problems that have not been solved by

one sector alone. Through the Green Impact Bond, a service provider is to meet agreed-upon outcomes for organic waste diversion, job creation and GHG reduction. Investors will provide up-front funding to the service provider. A third-party evaluator will determine whether the outcomes have been met and the return on investment to be paid by the province.

"Manitoba is open for business and looking for investors to collaboratively develop innovative solutions alongside non-profit groups, community organizations and our government," said Squires, whose Department of Families includes the Social Innovation Office. "Through the Green Impact Bond, investors have opportunities to earn returns of up to eight per cent on their investments over the lives of the projects while driving system change and supporting scalable solutions. The Social Innovation Office allows us to partner across government to get better outcomes and results for Manitobans."

Waste and landfills account for 3.3 per cent of Manitoba's annual GHG emissions. Manitoba's landfills are approaching capacity and by some estimates, approximately 40 per cent

of their waste is organic material. Organic waste produces methane, a harmful GHG, so diverting organic waste from landfills will reduce emissions, contributing to the Made-in-Manitoba Climate and Green Plan and Carbon Savings Account.

Innovative NRG, a Manitoba waste-to-energy company, has been chosen as the Green Impact Bond service provider. The company will use its patented and proprietary innovative technology, branded as Rapid Organic Conversion (ROC), to process organic waste such as animal byproducts and waste-water sludge through a gasification process. The ROC technology is a made-in-Manitoba innovative, clean-tech solution that vaporizes carbon-based waste material. Thermal energy released in the process is captured and can heat buildings or water for industrial uses, thereby reducing the use of fossil fuels. Waste-to-energy can be appropriate for materials that do not have landfill diversion options such as recycling. Innovative NRG's waste diversion units will be installed in the rural municipalities of Cartier and Rosburn, as well as in the town of Carman.

"Our ROC innovation represents a

leap forward in reducing GHG emissions and costs, disrupting the existing centralized waste landfill disposal system by locating ROC plants at commercial operations sites to recover their waste energy profitably," said Del Dunford, CEO, Innovative NRG. "By eliminating the need to transport waste to landfills, we eliminate the cost and GHG emissions from transportation and landfilling, and take advantage of a renewable energy resource for economic development in remote and northern Manitoba communities."

The concept of impact investment is growing globally. The Green Impact Bond creates a unique investment opportunity for those committed to driving environmental change. Organizations can now support transformational work while investing at competitive rates in Manitoba, Squires noted.

Investors with an interest in supporting leading-edge environmental projects are invited to learn more by emailing dir-sio@gov.mb.ca and visiting www.manitoba.ca/sio.

Spring flood risk low across Manitoba

Staff

The risk of any significant spring flooding is minimal across Manitoba, according to a provincial report released last week.

Manitoba's hydrologic forecast centre's spring thaw outlook described the risk of a major spring high water event as low in most Manitoba basins, although it remains somewhat dependent on weather conditions from now until spring melt.

In the south central region of the province, there were near to below normal flows for this time of year on the Roseau and Pembina Rivers with a low risk of spring flooding on both of those tributaries of the Red River.

"Despite the current risk for high water activity being low this spring, our government remains vigilant and prepared and will continue to monitor watershed conditions across the province," said Infrastructure Minister Ron Schuler.

"Our hydrologic forecast centre provides accurate and timely hydrologic forecasts, and monitors river flows and lake levels daily throughout the year. We have complete confidence that our government is prepared to respond to any potential hydrologic event and ensure the safety of all Manitobans."

Due to below normal soil moisture

at freeze-up and below normal to well-below normal winter precipitation levels, the risk of major spring high water activity is low for all southern and central Manitoba basins.

The centre also reports the Red River floodway is not expected to be operated under normal and favourable future weather scenarios.

Minimal operation of the Portage diversion is also expected to reduce ice related damages on the lower Assiniboine River, while the Shellmouth reservoir is currently at its optimal level to meet water supply needs while also providing enough storage for spring high water protection.

Manitoba's Emergency Measures Organization will be organizing a series of spring conditions seminars for local authorities and emergency services personnel with the latest forecasts on water levels for the major water systems in the province, noted Schuler.

The virtual sessions include one Monday from 9-11 a.m. for the Red River Valley and tributaries and another Tuesday also 9-11 a.m. for the Assiniboine and Souris rivers and tributaries and Central Manitoba.

The Hydrologic Forecast Centre plans to release a second spring thaw outlook in late March.

Using art to thank essential workers



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Stephenfield's Hannah Smith showed her support to our essential workers during the COVID pandemic.

Eden dreaming big in planning new Winkler mental health campus

By Ashleigh Viveiros

Eden Health Care Services has some big dreams for its footprint in Winkler in the years ahead.

The agency is developing plans to build a new mental health centre on the 11 acres of land it owns on Pembina Ave.

The dream, explains CEO Kym Kaufmann, is to not only build a bigger and better care facility, but a much larger, all-encompassing wellness campus.

“What we want to do is transform that section of the community into a health and wellness neighbourhood,” she says.

Kaufmann explains that the old mental health centre has served the community for 54 years, but the time has come for a change.

“It is structurally and functioning obsolete and needs to be replaced,” she says, adding that it has also been described by patients and families as jail-like, and so that’s something they certainly want to address with the new space. “We want it to be a welcoming, friendly, calming space that’s therapeutic.”

More beds are also big part of the plans. The current facility has 25 in-patient beds. The new one will have at least 40, if not more.

“Although we like to do whatever we can to support people in the community to prevent hospitalization, we know that southern Manitoba is the fastest growing region in the province,” Kaufmann says. “Provincial modelling for the need for in-patient

beds here suggests that over the next 20 years it’s probably going to rise about 86 per cent, which is an astronomical amount.

“This is a multi-year project—this isn’t something that we’re going to see happening next week or even next year—so we really need to plan for what the demands are going to be for the next 10, 15, 20 years.”

They not only want to build a more modern, welcoming space for patients, but also find new ways invite the community into that space.

“There’s some amazing models throughout the country and North America in regards to creating a health and wellness section of your community where you bring in the community to help prevent that invisible wall around the property that further stigmatizes mental health and addictions-related issues and concerns,” Kaufmann says.

“So if we can find ways to bring the community in, whether that’s with a wellness centre on-site or a coffee shop or restaurant or general housing, we’ll find a way to really integrate the centre with the rest of the community.”

Eden is also looking at things like expanding its programming and bringing existing programs together at the new centralized location.

They’ve spent the past few months reaching out to community leaders and stakeholders to get their feedback on the agency’s strengths and weaknesses

and what programs or features they’d like to see in the new complex.

“Our first steps have been to see really understand what the needs of the community are and what they’d like to see in that space,” Kaufmann says, noting they’ve heard a great deal about the need for addictions support and programs for both seniors and youth.

It’s a consultation process that will continue for the foreseeable future, as will fundraising efforts for the project once plans are firmed up.

“With the new building, it’s going to be a lot bigger, it’s going to be costly, and so we’re looking at a bit of a three-way partnership with our owners [nine Mennonite churches], our community, as well as government,” Kaufmann says.

It’s too early to put a firm price tag on the project, but Kaufmann notes similar projects in other areas have cost upwards of \$50 million.

It’s a huge undertaking, but one she’s confident the community will rally behind.

“I am incredible pleased with the support we receive from the community and their connection to the Eden organization,” she says. “I think there’s really strength in that and partnership to make this something that meets the needs of residents all across southern Manitoba.”

Creating welcoming, inclusive communities

PVLIP updates the community on its work, celebrates the region’s cultural diversity

By Ashleigh Viveiros

About 50 people gathered via Zoom last Thursday evening for what the Pembina Valley Local Immigration Partnership (PVLIP) hopes will be the first of many Connecting Cultures & Communities celebrations.

The virtual get-together included people from across southern Manitoba, some of whom have been involved with local settlement services for years while others came specifically to learn more about the work being done to welcome and integrate newcomers in our communities.

“One of the reasons we wanted to host this event, regardless of COVID restrictions, is to highlight the people behind the program,” explained PVLIP coordinator Elaine Burton Saindon.

She’s very often the public face of the organization, but it is in fact made up of dozens of community members from 13 municipalities across the Pembina Valley.

“We have at this time about 54 people currently involved in one or more of the [working] groups. These are volunteers,” Burton Saindon said, adding the past year has seen another 20 or so people involved in the various outreach projects PVLIP has undertaken.

After introducing many of those behind-the-scenes people, the evening’s program got underway and included live and recorded cultural music, videos of dances from around the world, interactive cultural trivia, and even a chance for participants to break off into smaller groups to share their backgrounds and discuss the evening’s topics at hand, much as they would have had this been the in-person banquet it was originally planned to be.

Interspersed among the fun and games were presentations and reports on what PVLIP’s been up to since its creation four years ago.

Regional Connections executive di-



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Pembina Valley Local Immigration Partnership held a virtual Connecting Cultures and Communities celebration last week to bring participants up to speed on the work they’re doing across the region. The night included musical performances from Mariel Zuniga.

rector Steve Reynolds explained that the organization was created to further facilitate connections in the community when it came to immigration matters.

“[At Regional Connections] our focus was working directly with clients, with newcomers, but we could see all the ways that immigration impacted everybody,” he said. “It impacts work-

places, schools, and local clinics and hospitals, neighbourhoods ... everybody is impacted and needs to be a part of it for it to be successful.”

Enter PVLIP, which brings together community stakeholders of all stripes to identify needs and develop initiatives to improve immigrant integra-

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Where are they now? Catching up with Kim “Heaman” and David Lush

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 raised in Carman by my parents Ken and Della Heaman. David moved to town with his family in grade 6, 1976.

Q. Did you attend school here?

We attended both elementary and high schools yes.

Q. What did you do for a living here?

No career jobs just summer work. Dave toiled at Beaver Lumber and Seedex to name a couple and I was at MacLeods or my Uncle's strawberry farm.

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

My parents had a family farm and David's Dad, Gerry, was transferred here by Cargill to Elm Creek. Gerry had various other small businesses in Carman after that.

Q. What activities did you participate in?

We both played high school sports. I played ball and ran cross country while Dave was into soccer and hockey. He played Cougars then later the Beavers.

Q. Did you meet each other here?

We started dating in high school in 1982 and were married in 1992 in Winnipeg.

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

We are proud parents of three kids!

Kirstie (27) is teaching in Tokyo after finishing her Bachelor of Commerce degree in finance at the U of Calgary. Her plans are to take her education degree and continue in that field. Darby (25) as well has a Bachelor of Commerce degree but from the U of Victoria and is just completing her Masters in Sustainable Environmental Management from U of Sask, which she intends to career in. Our baby Nic (22) is on his way to becoming a commercial pilot but currently works at Telus. He is still waiting to be drafted to the NHL but nobody has had the heart to tell him his draft year was four years ago lol!

Q. What got you to leave Carman? And when?

We both left Carman for postsecondary education right out of high school. I left in 1985 and David in 1983.

Q. Did you move around lots after Carman?

Not a bunch. We called Winnipeg home until 1995 then were off to Calgary until 2000. Okotoks has been home ever since.

Q. What do you do now?

I have been nursing for 33 years and am the nurse in charge at the High River Cancer Clinic. David has been in the financial world for 30 years and is president of Clearwater Private Wealth.

Q. What passes your leisure time now? Hobbies?

David has been involved with charities over the years. He has worked with the Calgary Flames Foundation co-founding their Celebrity Poker Tournament that raised over \$4 million for worthy causes. He was also on the Starlight Foundation national



David and Kim Lush with their children Kirstie, Darby and Nic.

board. Both of us helped with the Robb Nash Project that assists youth in their struggles.

Q. Any future plans?

No nothing in our immediate plans. Our kids have all moved out so maybe a lot of long distance travel like Tokyo to see Kristie. We are both looking forward to retirement in around five years!!

Q. Do you ever return to Carman?

We return often for visiting family and friends.

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

We both have many great memories of the town we grew up and met in. Things like telephone party lines, the floods, country parties in the mile

roads, Cougar Zone 4 Champs in 1983 and of course David's drives to Carman in the winter storms to see me. We consider ourselves ambassadors for Carman and Manitoba whenever the opportunity arises. Although we will be torn on who to cheer for in the upcoming NHL playoffs as the Jets meet our Flames!!!

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

Congratulations on the start of the new paper! Carman deserves a successful paper!

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.

DKSM hosting its first online music festival

Cadenza Spring Music Festival runs April 6-16

By Ashleigh Viveiros

Douglas Kuhl School of Music is intent on keeping the music going in spite of the global pandemic.

DKSM has announced that it is hosting the first Cadenza Spring Music Festival online next month.

From April 6-16, strings, piano, and

voice students of all ages are invited to take in a variety of classes and events led by accomplished clinicians from across the country and right here at home.

"Because we can't offer our Cadenza Summer Music Week this year we were looking for another way to reach the students that would otherwise potentially participate in that and also broaden our reach to a much larger group of students," said DKSM ad-

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STANDARD PHOTO SUBMITTED BY DKSM Strings, piano, and voice students of all ages and abilities are invited to take part in the Douglas Kuhl School of Music's first virtual spring music festival next month.

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ministrator Kayla Drudge.

DKSM has partnered with the Southern Manitoba Registered Music Teachers' Association to host this event, which is being sponsored by the Kuhl Foundation alongside the Winkler, Morden, and Red River Valley festivals of the arts (all of which have had to cancel their 2021 sessions).

The 10-day festival will feature 11 different events, most of them workshops on a variety of musical genres and topics.

"We'll be inviting students to submit video performances," Drudge said, explaining the festival is non-competitive and so works-in-progress are welcome.

Professional clinicians will provide valuable feedback to students about their performance. Workshop leaders include Kelli Trottier, Chris Anstey, Cristina Zacharias, Andrew Goodlett, Janna Larsen, Loren Hiebert, Leanne Zacharias, Jimmie Kilpatrick, Jennifer Johnson, Everett Hopfner, Leanne Regehr Lee, and Josias Sanchez.

"It's really neat to be able to connect

with people from across the country," Drudge said, noting as well that participation is open to all, regardless of whether they live in the Morden-Winkler area.

Also unique to the festival is the fact many of the sessions are open to performers of all levels.

"They're organized by genre and so we'll have students of any age and any level participating in a class, say, on baroque or jazz or gospel/sacred," Drudge said, adding that most of the classes are not limited by instrument either. "Almost all of these classes are open to all strings, piano, and voice students."

The full list of workshops and registration information is available online at douglaskuhlschoolofmusic.com. Deadline to register is March 12. It's \$5 per workshop.

Not a musician? You can still take part by tuning into nearly all of the events as an observer free of charge, including the Grandparent's Recital on April 15 or the festival's Finale Concert April 16. Head to the website for details.

Future politicians?



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1962 MCC student council: back row, left to right: Garry Leopky, Rodney Lehman, Bob Keith, Brian Morrison, Wim Veldman, Darryl Sylvester, Eleanor Douglas, Grace Peters, Dennis Wilton, Brian McCutcheon; front row, Ronnie Hunter, Margaret Atkins, Kathy Sprott, Bonnie Harrison and Della Strachan.

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immunization. However, it could take up to seven days for the information to become available.

The minister noted a secure immunization card is currently in development and will be available to

Manitobans later this spring. She also noted that employers and other parties should not be requesting proof of immunization for any purpose.

Immunization records can be ac-

cessed securely on the Shared Health online portal that is also used for COVID-19 test results: <https://shared-healthmb.ca/covid19/test-results/>.

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tion.

"Here's a resource to focus on connecting everybody, bringing everybody together ... and look at how we can be more welcoming altogether as a community," Reynolds said.

To that end, PVLIP consists of a Local Partnership Council made up of representatives with a variety of backgrounds from the community at large and an Immigrant Advisory Table featuring newcomers who can speak to their experiences and needs.

These volunteers, in consultation with other stakeholders, have developed a five-year action plan that can be broken down into three categories: welcoming and inclusive communities, communication, and mental health.

Each of these areas of focus has a working group overseeing the implementation of related projects. The leaders of each of the groups presented on some of the work they've accomplished in recent years.

The welcoming and inclusive communities group, explained rep. Karina

Bueckert, has been sharing the stories of newcomers with the community in a variety of ways, developing welcoming and inclusive policies it hopes will be adopted by governments and businesses across the region, and are also working on creating a centralized information sharing network for newcomers to help them more easily access the wealth of services available to them across the region.

"Our main goal is to ensure and find opportunities where we can assist the communities to ensure they are welcoming and inclusive," Bueckert said. "We want to ensure that the transition for newcomers ... is as easy a transition as possible."

Speaking on behalf of the communication working group, Shepherd Chiwandire shared that they've been focusing on the fact many people are simply not aware of the resources available to them.

"Newcomers, regardless of where they come from, often find it challenging to locate common information about their community services

and resources," he said.

To that end, the group has conducted a communications study with an eye to helping service organizations develop a more effective communications plan and address any barriers to access, including language. They also hosted a knowledge sharing fair to get the word out about a variety of programs and are working on a new podcast series to further engage people and share information.

Finally, mental health group rep. Trevor Siemens explained they've held focus groups and round tables to discuss some of the mental health challenges newcomers face and are working with service providers on filling some of the identified gaps.

"When people have equal access to care and organizational support they feel connected to their community," Siemens said. "By promoting mental well-being our communities can be proactive in supporting newcomers through the challenge of transition."

"Our ongoing efforts include working with local community organizations to plan the Health Communities conference in April," he said, noting they'll have a newcomer session at

that event.

The group's future plans include ongoing development of partnerships to support research into newcomer mental health needs in the region and to host a community forum on the resources available.

It is through working together that headway will be made on all these fronts, Burton Saindon said in closing out the night.

"All the pieces of a local immigration partnership—the LPC who are the decision makers and leaders of our region, the Immigration Advisory Table members who are the newcomers with lived experience, the working groups who are helping to put ideas in motion, and the variety of communities and additional volunteers—we all bring a piece of ourselves to the big picture. Each piece fits uniquely together to make the Pembina Valley welcoming and inclusive.

"If you think of a bridge connecting each side, one group to the other ... we are able to work together to create successful strategies in our region to make everyone feel like they belong."

To learn more about the work of PVLIP, head to pvlip.ca.

Incredible Creatures: New Species Identified in 2020

By John Gavloski

There are still a lot of undiscovered and unnamed animals and plants in the world. Each year hundreds of new species are still being identified. These include not just small creatures, but larger animals and even primates. At least 170 new species of beetles and three species of bees were identified in 2020. In this month's Incredible Creatures we will explore some of the new species that have been described by scientists in 2020. Although there have been hundreds of new species identified from all corners of the earth over the past year, I will focus on three continents and some of the cool new animals discovered there.

South America: Small Frogs and Behaviour Altering Wasps

An expedition into the cloud forests of the Zongo Valley in the Bolivian Andes uncovered 20 species new to science. These include the lilliputian frog, which is among the tiniest in the world, measuring around 10 millimeters, about the size of an aspirin tablet. These small amphibians live in tunnels beneath the moss and humus. Despite their frequent calls the researchers said they are very difficult

to track. Also discovered were four new butterflies, and four orchid species.

Another research expedition found 15 new wasp species in the Andean cloud forests and Amazon rainforest of Brazil. All of the wasps are in a group (genus) called *Acrotaphus*, and all have a unique way of parasitizing spiders. Females of these wasps use venom to temporarily paralyze a spider in its web. The wasp then lays a single egg on the spider. While the spider is hosting the wasp egg, it no longer weaves its normal web, but builds a web that will later protect the wasp pupa. When the wasp egg hatches, the larva of the wasp eats the spider, and then lives in the specially built web while it pupates.

North America: New Salamander

Although previously collected, a new species of salamander was identified by examining its DNA. The Carolina sandhills salamander (*Eurycea arenicola*) is found in the springs and small streams in the sandhills region of North Carolina. The state has 64 named salamanders, more than any other state in the country.



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Jonah's mouse lemur.

Africa: From Little Lemurs to Giant Frogs

In many towns in Madagascar, giant frogs are bred in ponds or easily caught in the countryside and eaten as dishes such as frog fritters or frogs legs. One of these giant frog species, which can be more than 10 centimeters, and well-known to locals, was unknown to science. It was named *Mantidactylus radaka*. There are now 362 recognized species of frogs in Madagascar.

Mouse lemurs are a group of shy nocturnal primates found on the island of Madagascar, and considered the smallest group of primates in the world. They are about the size of a human fist. Scientists documented a new species called the Jonah's mouse

lemur (*Microcebus jonahi*), which is a bit bigger than the average mouse lemur. As far as researchers know, it occurs only in a small area of lowland rainforest in Mananara Nord National Park in northeast Madagascar. Here, it faces threats from deforestation, which is a real concern in Madagascar. There are 108 species of lemurs and 25 species of mouse lemurs. All are threatened with extinction.

Such discoveries of new species are important as they enrich our understanding of Earth's complex web of life and strengthen our ability to make informed conservation decisions. It's exciting to think about what is still out there waiting to be discovered.

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Huge Federal Debt – Are Major Tax Changes Looming?

Farm advisors are worried: government spending is up, and revenues are down. The COVID-related massive income supports, and broad-based emergency relief have brought the Federal debt to \$1.2 trillion. This is expected to climb to far in excess of \$1.5 trillion by the end of 2021.

Kevin Bolt of PKF Lawyers says, “we can expect more government programs to be announced to assist Canadians who are unemployed (9.4%) or losing money due to government lockdowns to try to curb the spread of COVID.” In addition, experts agree that more money will be spent on the vaccination program and in the quest to make Canada more self-sufficient in the microbiology field going forward.

Meanwhile, revenues will decline significantly



Kevin Bolt

due to business losses and reduced income of regular taxpayers. Big industries will require huge government bailouts.

The debt-to-GDP ratio is projected to soar beyond 72%, much higher than the 60% debt-to-GDP ratio we experienced in the early 90’s when the Federal government increased capital gains tax to 75% and eliminated the capital gains exemption for all but farmers. There is speculation that we might reach the 106% debt-to-GDP ratio that Canada experienced immediately after World War II.

Economists suggest that stabilizing the economy after COVID-19 will require the government to increase taxes and decrease benefits and programs.

Statistics Canada’s 2016 census reports that only 8% of farm families have succession planned. Given these anticipated new rules and higher tax rates, it is more important than ever to plan the succession or sale of your farm.

Mona Brown of PKF Lawyers, who has been helping farm clients plan for 42 years says “The current preferential rules for farmers are likely to change. Farmers would be well advised to plan now to use the farm rollover and capital gains exemption prior to these anticipated post-pandemic changes.”

BDO and PKF Lawyers want to share options that are available to the agricultural industry in a March 9 Webinar.

Shawn Friesen, Tax Partner with BDO, will review ways to utilize tax rates and plan for possible changes, as well as how to navigate the Federal Government subsidy programs. These options



Mona Brown

will put more money in your pocket.

Mona Brown of PKF Lawyers will outline ways to use the farm family’s capital gains exemption and save tax now. The less you give to government the more you keep for your farm and family.

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Take charge and enroll in our webinar – advance planning will position your farm business to expand, escalate your farm earnings and protect you from anticipated rate and rule changes. Your individual questions will be answered in a Q & A after the presentation.



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Mona grew up on a family farm and has been helping farm and small business family’s succession plan for 42 years in Carman. She has been a leader in developing plans that effectively use the farm rollover and the entire family’s capital gains exemption while being fair and planning for family law. She uses her training in alternative dispute resolution to ensure the entire family know and accept the plan. She and her husband actively farm at Sperling, Manitoba. She works closely with Andrew Winkless, who practices primarily tax at the Carman office and with Stéphane Warnock out of Miami, Winkler and Morden area.

Mona is a frequent lecturer on Farm Tax Planning including recently speaking at the National CAFA Farm Update and the Society of Estates and Tax Practitioners.

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When: Tuesday March 9 at 10:00 AM

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In Good Hands – Private Care coming up on 10 years



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Marnie Fry's business, In Good Hands – Private Care, is celebrating 10 years this May.

By Becca Myskiw

The people of the Carman community have been “In Good Hands” for almost 10 years now thanks to Marnie Fry’s private care business.

Fry started her business, In Good Hands – Private Care, in May of 2011. She worked as a healthcare aid since 1986 and dabbled in other healthcare positions until she retired five years ago.

In 2011, Fry was performing duties outside of her scope, but she was good at them. When she was no longer allowed to do that work within the regional health authority (RHA), her boss encouraged her to start her own private care business — so she did.

Fry wasn’t sure who was going to pay for private care when they were already receiving free home care. She phoned up a friend who lives out of the province but who’s dad was in need of care. Fry asked if that friend would pay her to take care of her dad and the response was overwhelmingly positive.

Next, she approached a man whose wife had a stroke and asked if he would hire her to look after his wife — he said absolutely.

“So, I started with two people and it just snowballed from there,” said Fry. “And I’ve never had to look for another customer. They just keep coming.”

Today, Fry has a team of 12 and they take care of people all over the area. They are not the same as home care, but Fry said both are needed and necessary.

Home care helps people to live independently by supporting seniors in their daily living activities. Private care does the same plus fills in the gaps that home care can’t provide.

“If it’s safe and appropriate for the client and our staff we will do it,” she said.

During the pandemic, Fry’s seen a spike in business because people don’t want their loved ones in a hospital or care home where they’re isolated and alone.

“Now I’m seeing people that are staying home to die, I’m seeing people that are staying home until they get better,” she said.

Of course, not everyone can stay home forever. So, In Good Hands – Private Care is with them until they go to a care home or hospital.

Fry said she got into healthcare because she was born to be a caregiver. She had strong role models in the field who made her want to do her best and she’s beyond happy living every day helping people.

For more information on private care services, contact Fry at (204) 745-8133.

Robin’s winter habitats



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Leanne Dyck was encouraged to see a robin in Roseisle on Feb. 20. Unlike long-distance migrants and many hummingbirds, which head south en masse during the fall, robins react to winter’s onset in two ways. Robins can withstand extremely cold temperatures, adding warm, downy feathers to their plumage. The real motivation is food, or rather the lack of it. As their warm-weather diet of earthworms and insects wanes, robins begin searching for fresh supplies. Fruit is the robin’s winter food source and most hang out where fruit is abundant. But some, like the one above, take the risk of staying farther north where smaller amounts of fruit remain.

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PVHS saw record-breaking adoptions in 2020

By Lorne Stelmach

The Pembina Valley Humane Society looked back on an unexpectedly positive year at its recent virtual annual general meeting.

Despite having its shelter closed to the public and volunteers on hold for much of the year due to the pandemic, the organization not only came through 2020 in good shape but also had record adoptions.

"The community support that we have had has been fantastic," said acting chairperson Selena Ducharme. "It's been a crazy whirlwind but fantastic year. This year really showed us how much the community will rally behind us and help us continue to grow the shelter.

"Even with all the shutdowns and having to suspend volunteer interactions, we still have a great group of core volunteers who are always willing and ready to come back," she noted, adding the organization gained

a number of new board members as well. "We managed to fill many of our empty positions, which will help us greatly in the long run."

With volunteers kept away thanks to COVID-19, it left an extra workload for shelter manager Alesha Unrau and assistant Chelsey Lincoln.

The organization also had to reevaluate how its fundraisers were handled, as restrictions forced them to cancel, postpone, or restructure numerous events.

As well, visitation numbers decreased significantly compared to other years. Local visitors account for the majority of the numbers, with Morden residents totaling 40 per cent and Winkler second with 18 per cent.

On the upside, the community stepped up in many ways, including children asking for donations instead of birthday presents or people hosting garage sales and donating the proceeds to the shelter.

And one big benefit to having the shelter closed was that it allowed for a myriad of improvements, including cat room renovations and replacement of dog kennels doors.

What stands out the most in 2020 is the record-breaking amount of adoptions.

The year saw 169 total animal intakes and



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Acting PVHS chair Selena Ducharme and public relations chair Holly Thorne with a few of the feline wards in the shelter's care.

164 animal adoptions. When broken down, the average adoption number per month was 14, which was up from 12 in 2019.

On top of a great turnover rate, the length of stay for animals also greatly decreased to 20 weeks for a dog and 25 weeks for a cat. In previous years, those numbers had been upwards of 12 months.

"Our stay times have decreased substantially," said Ducharme, who suggested more people were home thanks to the pandemic and ready to add pets to their families, which resulted in quicker turnover rates.

"We found it hard to keep dogs for longer than a few weeks, and it was great to see them having to spend as little time in the shelter as possible. Cat adoptions were also very consistent throughout 2020, which was a good change to see," she said. "It's al-

ways fantastic when animals are not needing to stay in our care for an extended period of time and we are able to get them into homes."

The PVHS foster program was another success story, with a total of 97 animals placed in 2020, including 65 cats and 32 dogs. Eighty-nine of these animals were adopted before year-end.

On the financial front, the society saw annual revenue exceed the budget goal by 10.8 per cent. While fundraising and retail revenue were under budget, it was compensated by strong donations that came in 19 per cent over budget and revenue from adoptions that was 26 per cent over budget. The bottom line was net income of \$14,265.

Ducharme sees the organization well positioned to move forward this year.

Their main hope has been to be able to bring back the army of volunteers who make such a difference for the humane society. Their most urgent needs in terms of volunteers include chore shift leaders, volunteers to work with the fundraising committee and help at events, and people willing to help with maintenance and a future shelter expansion project, which Ducharme said remains a top priority.

"We decided to put it on hold for the time being, but once everything starts to pick up we will revisit this project," she said.

"The best part of 2020 was finding new forever homes for a record-breaking number of animals and working towards the completion of long-term projects," Ducharme said. "We built on a strong foundation and tried new things that not only helped in finding homes for the animals in our care, but also helped improve their time in the shelter."



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UPCOMING NEW SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT PROGRAM STARTING APRIL 1, 2021

The new Solid Waste Management Program is set to roll out on April 1, 2021. MWM Environmental plans on delivering the carts to residents mid-March. An information package and pickup information will be delivered with the carts.



REMINDER – Current Bag tags will no longer be required effective April 1, 2021. Garbage will be placed in your cart without a tag. Tags will be accepted at the Carman Transfer Station until April 30th ONLY. If you purchased tags in 2020, they can be returned to the town office with the receipt for reimbursement.

RECYCLING DEPOT AND TRANSFER STATION

The Recycling Depots will continue to operate as in the past – one by the town shop and the other at Carman Transfer Station. It will look a little different because of the new collection system. There is a possibility the one at the town shop will need to be relocated to allow access to the new bin system.

Carman Transfer Station will continue to accept all items – waste, compost, recycling, branches, glass, eco-waste. The current hours of operation will be maintained – Monday, Wednesday, Friday – 1 to 4 p.m.; Saturday – 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Closed – Tuesday and Thursday. Bag tags will only be accepted to April 30, 2021.

Assist Program

The cart MWM Environmental will provide for curbside service is large enough to hold up to 100 kg of material at a time. To ensure that everyone has easy access to the service, regardless of physical capability, MWM employees will roll the cart to the curb and back to the house for any residents unable to do so themselves, primarily the elderly and infirm.

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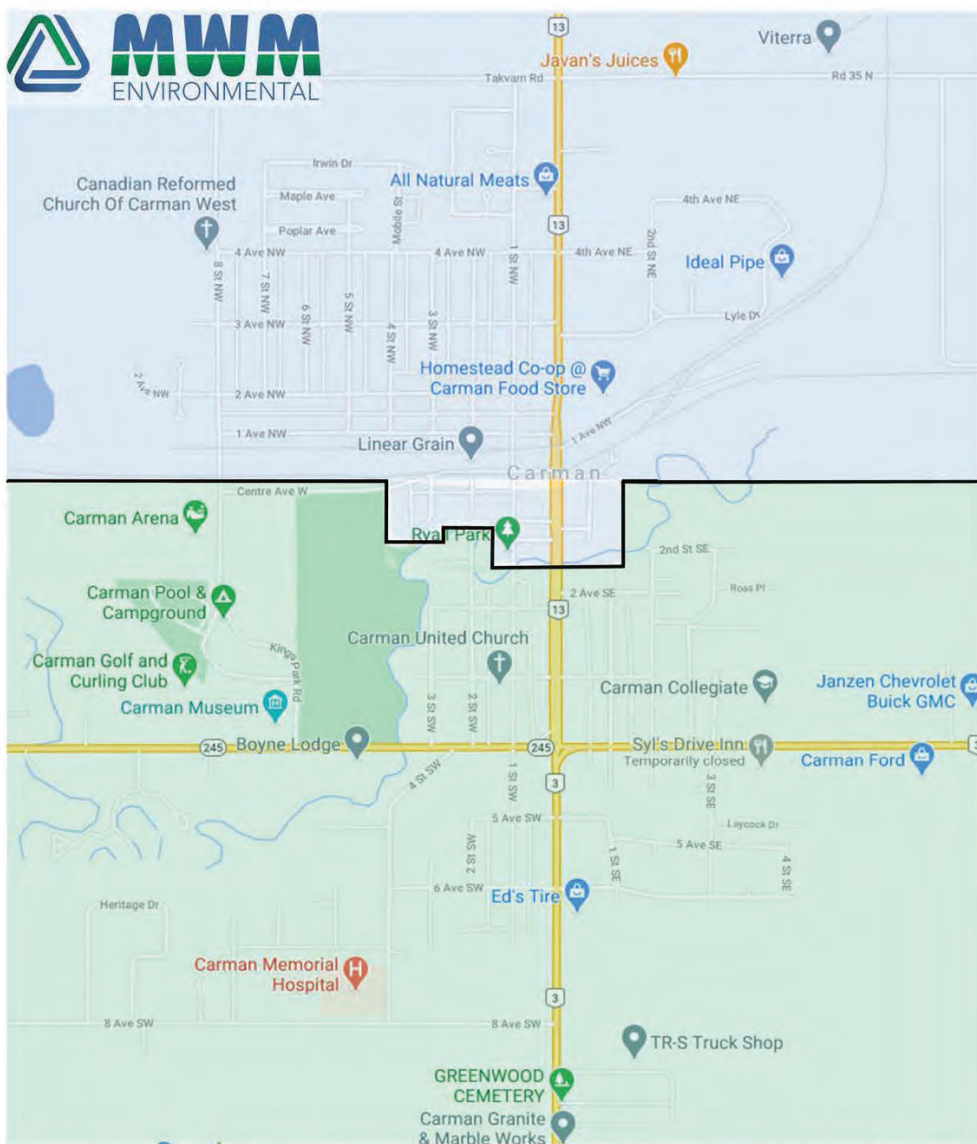
Recycling Program

Your list of items accepted for recycling remains the same – newspaper and paper, tin cans, drink cans and bottles, plastic milk jugs and margarine containers, cardboard to mention a few. For the complete list, please review on the Town of Carman’s website. Please remember to rinse all recycling before placing in your cart. There is no need to place recycling in a plastic bag, just throw the individual items in your recycling cart.

Roll Out Package



A roll out package will be delivered with the carts which includes a zoning map, collection calendar (zone specific), brochures for trash, recycling, compost, and a letter outlining all the services MWM offers and how to access them. When the carts are delivered, please note where they are placed as this will be where MWM will want them placed on service day.

“NEW” ZONE MAP AND COLLECTION DATES Effective April 1, 2021



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Zone 2- All houses to the South of the river will be ZONE 2

BLUE ZONE 1 
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Collection Schedule Carman Zone 1 (mwmenviro_carman_zone_1)

April 2021

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
28	29	30	31	1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	1

Collection Schedule Carman Zone 2 (mwmenviro_carman_zone_2)

April 2021

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
28	29	30	31	1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	1



MWM Environmental will be delivering carts to property owners Mid March 2021.

Snowed under 55 years ago this week!

By Dennis Young

Snow began falling just after midnight Friday, March 4, 1966 and by morning all of Manitoba was shut down. Carman was no stranger to this disaster that is still in the back of many minds today. Or more like it in their backs!

The winter of 1965-66 was a cold one in southern Manitoba. January's bone chilling -26.7C tied the 2nd coldest recorded temp from 1886 then February's -45C did the same to an 1872 record. By the end of the month, temperatures were finally starting to warm up even above the freezing mark. Everyone was eager to see spring weather finally on its way. But Mother Nature had different plans!

On March 2nd a low pressure system up from Colorado was mixing with a strong high pressure from Saskatchewan and creating a battle zone. That reached our province a day later causing blowing snow and reduced visibility.

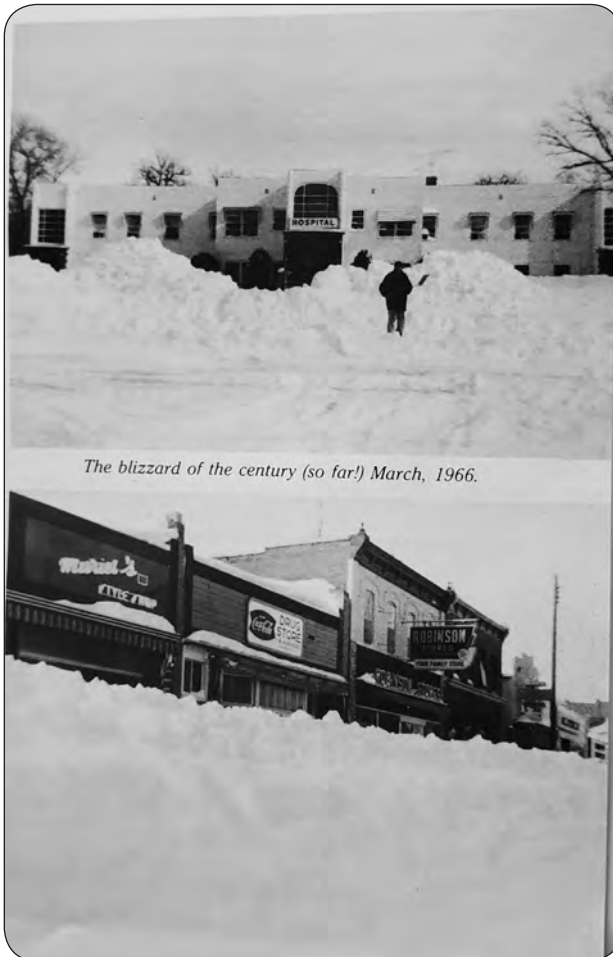
The combination of the two produced severe drifting, blizzard conditions with white outs. Visibility would reach zero and stay that way for 14+ hours. Our streets and highways became littered with abandoned cars, trucks and semis that forced occupants to find alternative accommodations for who knew how long.

By the time we all woke up March 4th, the incredibly strong 110kmh/70 mph winds had blown in 35 centimetres/14 inches of snow (the 2nd heaviest since 1935's 38 centimetres/15 inches which fell on the exact same date). Massive drifts appeared through town, some as high as roof tops.

Carman was paralyzed through the weekend and into Monday. Stores closed, schools shut down and travel was only by snowmobile before things could finally get cleared up. Let's rekindle some shared stories I found in the Dufferin Leader of "adventures" during this period of uncompromised weather.

Grocery store owners valiantly opened their doors to customers arriving on skis and snow shoes. The Thompson Hawks, on their way to play the Beavers, got as far Portage. The town clock gave up at 5 to 3 Friday. Dr. Ken Cunningham found the only way to leave his home was to remove the storm door, climb out, shoveled the snow into the house to crawl out and then snow shoed to the hospital.

Power was out from 7:30 Friday until late Satur-



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It's been 55 years since the 1966 snowstorm that left Carman covered in white.

day afternoon and Hydro's snow vehicles could not reach the cause due to softness of the snow. Power toboggans delivered groceries, coal and oil. One man complained to a snowmobiler he ran over his car. "I don't see a car." "You're standing on it!" A house in the north end could only be seen by its TV antenna and smoke from the chimney.

By Monday students made it to school after a Friday "off". The local bakery was limiting patrons to 5 loaves of bread each and sales of snow blowers and shovels were sky rocketing. Estimates of the snow removal costs were as high as \$3000 (\$25,000 today) with crews working Saturday, Sunday and Monday nights. The majority of the snow was dumped into the Boyne but many piles still remained along streets for days.

I asked readers for their adventures during this weekend and rec'd just these ones (why so shy Carman?):

"Jack's mother was short on groceries so she called Joe Pethybridge after the worst was over. The country roads were not open but Joe would deliver to the end of the road at the highway. I guess "uber eats" existed then even, Joe was way ahead of his time!

My brother George and his friend Dale Kiever decided to venture out to the theatre the Sunday night of the storm and I, 11 years old, got to go too! It was a really hard trudge to the theatre from our house on Fournier Ave (1st Street NW). The movie was The Three Stooges but the real stooges were

those in the seats!" - Jane Swanton

"My Mom and I were home alone as Dad was stranded in Winnipeg after a Mink Breeders meeting. He asked me to go check on the mink and just as I was getting ready, Ralph Pritchard on his ski-doo offered me a ride to the mink yard. We soon noticed the hay and my pony building were completely obscured by mounds of snow.

We broke off a long branch and proceeded to push the branch through the snow to find the buildings. We found the hay building first which told us where my pony would be. After digging we found the entrance to the building and were relieved to see my pony in there and still alive.

To get to the mink sheds now we had to duck under the hydro wires as the snow was that high. The sheds with the mink were completely full of snow. I knew the mink needed to be fed but I needed to tell Dad what we had seen. Luckily we had party phone lines then and our neighbour Alice McEachern had picked up the phone and caught me telling Dad my dilemma.

Soon Eldon and a bunch of his men came and started passing shovels of snow to each other and then out the doors. Dad eventually made it home and was able to later feed the mink and they all survived. This just goes to show how a small community can come together in a time of trouble to help others out." - Heather McGill

"We were expecting our second child any day so in order to be safe we decided to move closer to town with Liske and Terry Termeer for the night. No sooner did we shovel a path to the highway, the expecting mother announced it was time to head for the hospital. But now the wind had increased to eighty miles per hour, reducing visibility and the accumulated snow made the use of the car path impossible.

I called the Dept. of Highways who told me Peter Braun and a plow would be on the way. We did not know until later but to get to the Municipal shed more than a mile from his house, Peter headed out by foot fighting through waist deep snow. From there it took him one hour to travel two miles while looking out the doors of the plow for visibility.

Once at our location, we discovered that Glenn Steeves had followed in a pickup truck as transportation for the expecting family. We held hands with crossed arms to make a seat for Sue and trudged through the snow to the highway and our waiting ride. It was impossible to see the plow unless we followed within twenty feet and it took the better part of an hour getting to Carman Hospital.

The end results were thankful parents and the birth of a beautiful baby girl whom we named Judy. Judy and husband Henry one day were able to visit with their hero Mr. Peter Braun to express their own thanks to a man who, like all the others that weekend, were part of a truly caring community." - Terry Veenendaal

Of course 1966 was not the worst storm on record for Carman and area. The April 5-7th 1997 and its 50 centimetres/20 inches set all new records falling on top of twice the normal thickness of snow normal for that time of year. That resulted in a flood like no living Manitoban had ever seen. But not in Carman thanks to our diversion being completed in 1992!

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Elm Creek Stay and Play invited parents to read virtually for February

By Becca Myskiw

The children at Elm Creek Stay and Play Centre Inc. have been getting to know their friends' parents as they read to them virtually.

Tynessa Larkins is in charge of the nursery school. After looking for ways to celebrate I Love to Read Month during the pandemic, she thought of asking the parents if they'd record themselves reading a book and send it in. Many parents were eager to help out.

One of those parents was Kaylee Goerzen. She wanted to help give the children that extra push to love reading, and happily recorded her video. She also thought it would be good for her son's friends to see what his mom looks like without a mask on.

Her son, Mason, is four and he chose a story from his Paw Patrol book for her to read. She read Gold Rush Pup, a story about the Paw Patrol finding gold — the children at the centre



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Kaylee Goerzen was one of the parents who virtually read a book for Elm Creek Stay and Play's I Love to Read Month.

loved it.

Larkins said all of the virtual readings were a big hit among the 18 children in the nursery school. Though she usually brings guest readers in

to read to them in person, the videos seemed to do the job as well.

She said when a child sees their parent or grandparent on the screen, they get a sense of pride in showing

off their family member. Last year, Mason showed off his grandpa — this year, his mom.

Both Larkins and Goerzen believe reading is important for children of all ages. Goerzen said everyone reads differently and being able to listen to the different teachers and parents would make each book exciting in its own way.

"I was really happy and impressed that the teachers were willing to take on that extra layer of getting people to record videos and playing those videos for the kids," she said. "They took that extra step to make the month as special as they could."

Larkins said the pandemic has made it difficult to keep things exciting, but I Love to Read Month has been very successful for her. There were over eight parents, grandparents, and family members who recorded a virtual reading for the month — and she was still getting offers on the last week.

TLC reading to the children at every opportunity

By Becca Myskiw

TLC Child Care Centre has been instilling the love and importance of reading in their children this February.

Kimberley Goerzen-Monk of the centre said reading is an everyday activity at the centre even when it's not I Love to Read Month. The teachers read to the children at snack times, before lunch break, and whenever they have spare time in the day.

"So, we're just kind of immersing books wherever we can this week," she said. "We do it already but more so this week."

But because it's the same people reading to the children day in and day out, they found a way to switch things up at the centre.

Using YouTube, they made the last week of I Love to Read Month a Robert Munsch week. They played videos of him reading his books and a teacher flipped through the hardcopy for the children to follow along with.

"Nobody reads Robert Munsch books like Robert Munsch obviously," said Goerzen-Monk. "It's amazing because the way Robert Munsch reads the books is phenomenal."

After the reading, the teachers then led the students through a book-themed craft. One of the books they read last week was, "Mmm, Cookies!" and Goerzen-Monk said it was a big hit with the children.

She said not one child currently at the centre dislikes reading — they're all happy and excited to do so.

"And you can learn so much through reading," she said.

As the children read stories about the make believe, they're learning literacy, patience, and about the world. Goerzen-Monk said everything in life relates back to reading and it's one of the most important skills for a person to have.

Because all of the children are thrilled to be behind a book right now, the centre is reading to them when and wherever they can. If lunch preparation is taking longer than usual, a teacher will crack out a book. If there's some free time, they'll start reading with one child and three or four more will end up crowded around, waiting to see how it will end.

"They all gravitate toward the books right now," said Goerzen-Monk. "So, we're taking advantage of that."



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TLC Child Care Centre children love reading every month, not just in February.



Last Thursday, the children listened to Robert Munsch's "Andrew's Loose Tooth".

History buff uncovers the story behind a long-held photograph

106-year-old article sheds light on the creation of a local motorcycle club

By Lorne Stelmach

Rudy Ens has long had a historic image from Morden's past, but the owner of Gaslight Harley Davidson recently came upon the story that completes the picture.

A news article from 1915 tells the tale behind the photo featuring nine riders taking part in what was the inaugural ride of the Southern Manitoba Motorcycle Club.

The story was also penned by a famous Mordenite who was among those riders, and it captured the interest of Ens, who is passionate not only about Harley Davidson motorcycles in particular but local history as well.

"This story and that picture go hand in hand. Those are the guys on the ride," Ens said last week.

"I've always had this photograph, so I knew there was a lot of local interest, but I didn't know they had organized to be a club. Did they go very far? No ... a day trip was to Roland. But that would have been a big undertaking then.

"Virtually every one of those riders still has a relative in existence around here today. I think there's a lot of people connected to these riders."

The article came to Ens from Ross Metcalfe, a Manitoban who has been president of the Antique Motorcycle Club of America and a co-founder of the Antique Motorcycle Club of Manitoba.

It is penned by J. Les Clubine, which is a name with a strong connection to Morden history.

His father Ezra ran a livery stable

and later a bowling alley and Morden Dry Cleaning. Clubine ran Clubine's Garage near the southeast corner of Stephen and Eighth Street and went on to be the local Ford and Lincoln dealer until the early days of the Great Depression in the 1930s.

He also became known simply as the Motorcycle Man and was known to have been selling Harley Davidson motorcycles as early as 1916. Clubine also went on to serve two terms as Morden's mayor in the 1920s and '40s and was active as a volunteer firefighter.

Clubine's article details that first run of the club, which saw a group of riders meet up in Winkler and head north to Roland, where they stopped to see a junior baseball game between teams of players representing Winkler and the Mennonite reserve.

The account goes on to make note of a few mishaps on the return trip home, including one in which a rider landed in the ditch.

"Slightly bruised up but game under the taunts of his brother motorists, he straightened up his machine and was not the last to proceed on the journey," Clubine wrote.

Another accident involving a local farmer's dog touts how William "Cyclone Bill" Ens bounced back.

"His condition was viewed very seriously by the boys for a while, but like all men who have the right spark of manhood instilled in them, Ens' plucky spirit overcame his deplorable condition, and after a few minutes, he gamely mounted his machine and was able to finish the balance of the day's entertainment with the boys."

Looking at these artifacts from over 100 years ago, Ens observed that many people would not realize that motorcycles go back that far in history.

"This would have been the natural replacement for a horse. It made your



STANDARD PHOTO BY LORNE STELMACH

Gaslight Harley Davidson owner Rudy Ens with a photo of J. Les Clubine, who became known as "Motorcycle Man" in local circles a century ago.

life a bit simpler," he suggested.

"Motorcycles at that time became super popular, but it waned with time because the comfort of cars became more popular because of the protection you get from the weather, and eventually motorcycles kind of faded away.

"But motorcycles did make a huge comeback," he continued, noting that in the beginning they were predominantly American-made, with Harley Davidson being a favoured brand.

"Harley Davidson is the only one that has survived from that era, so it's always been around," said Ens. "There is something special about a Harley. It's a connection to the past. They have somehow managed to retain that look. When you look at a Harley, a lot of the design features are like 75 or 80 years old.

"So the guys who are into Harleys like that history built into the machine."

These additional pieces of local history now seem destined to figure into plans for a museum of vintage motor-

cycles and cars directly north of Gaslight.

"This building has been under construction for quite a few years," said Ens, noting his plans originally had revolved around his purchase of another piece of history a number of years ago.

"The Arlington Hotel might have been the plan at one time," he said of the now demolished fixture in downtown Morden. "I was going to try to revive that building and put this collection of vintage cars and motorcycles in there.

"That wasn't to be, so we redirected our energy into this one, which in the end is going to be a vastly superior building because it is state of the art as far as things like heating and lighting.

"We're actually getting pretty close," Ens noted. "I'm hoping to be complete sometime this year, and we'll open up next year, maybe even later this year.

"We have cars in various locations and motorcycles in various locations, so to see them all under one roof and kind of in chronological order makes sense. I'm looking forward to it."

From left: J. Les Clubine, Henry H. Janzen, Wm. M. Enns, George Doell, Ernie Blyth, Jack Kendall, Wm. J. Braun, Frank M. Enns and A.A. Hildebrand on the Southern Manitoba Motorcycle Club's inaugural ride from Morden to Roland in 1915.



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Interlake couple opens Wild Skies resort in River Hills

By Evan Matthews

A Teulon woman is planning to open a resort near River Hill the first resort of its kind.

Megan Steen, 30, said she and her partner, René Talbot, will open Wild Skies Resort in May 2021. The couple—now doubling as business partners—realized their dream while they were amidst the British Columbia wilderness, on Vancouver Island.

“We had been dreaming about creating a space where people can enjoy all of our favourite parts of being in nature,” said Steen, noting Talbot has ties to Stonewall as well, as his father opened the accounting firm Talbot and Associates.

“We were staying in a mini cabin that had an eight-foot window looking out into the forest. It was at the tail-end of a full week of nothing but rain. We were chilled to the bone, but so happy to be just lying there, soaking it in, staring at the trees and the ferns.

“That’s when things started coming to life. We thought it’d be further into the future, but a property fell into our lap,” she said.

The property is located just west of River Hills, which is south of Lac du Bonnet. Steen said there are many opportunities to connect with nature in Manitoba, but generally speaking, people find it a bit inaccessible.

But as a direct result of COVID, she said people are starting to appreciate what’s in their own backyard a bit more.

“People always tend to go west, and I’ve been guilty of that, too,” said Steen. “It’s a bit of a silver lining, within COVID, to realize the beauty around us here.”

Starting as a wedding photographer over 10 years ago, Steen said the transition to owning and operating a resort has been surprisingly natural. Talbot is an entrepreneur involved in a number of ventures, so she said the couple have a diverse skillset.

The property will feature various accommodation options, with a couple of cabins on the properties, geodesic domes, and a space for weddings and/or retreats, Steen said.

“There aren’t any resorts quite like this one in Manitoba, that we’re aware of,” said Steen, emphasizing Wild Skies will be more than a glamping resort.

Rather, she said Wild Skies is a com-



Megan Steen and René Talbot will open Wild Skies Resort in May 2021.

munity of like-minded people who appreciate Mother Nature’s “wild creations:” frost in the morning, a shooting star, ripples in the water, the crackle of a wood fire, rain on a tin roof; a place where clientele can run around barefoot or jump off the dock under the glow of the moon.

“People can have their solitude in the domes or in their cabin, surrounded by forest, or they can opt for community in the form of weddings, retreats, etc.,” she said.

Talbot has a carpentry background, and Steen said he’s in the process of constructing hammocks that are eight feet by eight feet.

Eventually, each hammock will be accompanied with a projector, Steen said, allowing couples to lay in a hammock in the woods and watch a movie.

Wild Skies also has bonfire pits, paddleboards, canoes, walking trails, snowshoeing or skiing through the property.

There will be no concierge, according to Steen, saying guests will check in similarly to the way they do with Airbnb, checking in digitally and then following instructions.

For more information visit: wildskiesresort.com



STANDARD PHOTOS BY MEGAN STEEN

An aerial shot of the Wild Skies Resort.



The property will feature various accommodation options, with a couple of cabins on the properties, geodesic domes.

PVHS pick-up dinner raises \$2K



STANDARD PHOTO BY LORNE STELMACH

Local chef Kevin Funk prepared about one hundred meals Friday in support of the Pembina Valley Humane Society. The second annual ‘Spayghetti and No Balls’ fundraiser brought in about \$2,000 for the organization, which with the tongue in cheek name uses the event to highlight the importance of spaying and neutering one’s pets while also supporting the humane society’s efforts in that area.

“WE WERE CHILLED TO THE BONE, BUT SO HAPPY TO BE JUST LYING THERE, SOAKING IT IN.”

Is a Supermoon really super unusual? fact or myth?

By Ted Bronson

For star watchers, darkness still descends in the early evening hours at this time of year. This means there is still plenty of time for observing the clear night skies in relative comfort before bedtime. So far this winter we have been blessed with a few clear nights but temperatures have not been so pleasant especially with the accompanying wind-chill factors. This means I spend a very short time observing under the stars with binoculars.

One of the easiest nighttime targets I look for is the moon. It is easily spotted in the nighttime sky with the unaided eye when above the horizon.

The most obvious thing you see is its phase - crescent, gibbous or full. Looking closer you can see lighter as well as darker areas. The lighter parts are the lunar highlands, which are mountains that were uplifted as a result of impacts on the lunar surface. The gray patches, called maria, are solidified volcanic lava flows. In the Moon's youth, its interior was still molten and magma would erupt onto its surface after an impact with an asteroid or comet.

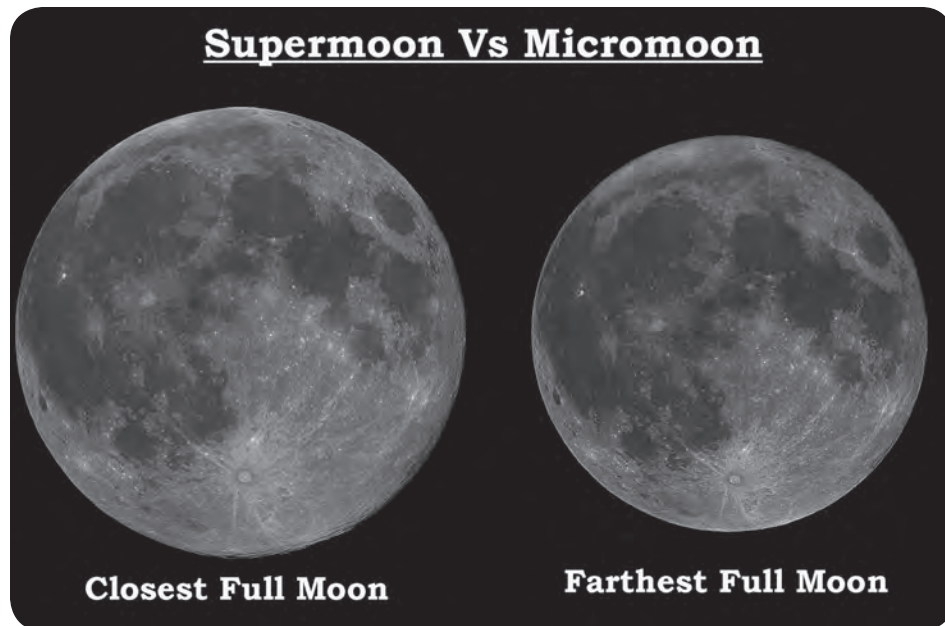
You can see the extent of the light and dark areas best when the moon is full. Our brains are hard-wired to find meaningful images in random lines and shapes—even if those figures are on the moon. Using a bit of imagination some people see an outline of a rabbit on the Moon, others see a dog, and still others see a man in the

Moon, a crab, a lady knitting or reading a book, a man resting under a tree, even a frog.

Another phenomenon we hear concerning the moon is that of a "supermoon". The moon orbits the earth in an elliptical path that brings it closer (perigee) to and farther (apogee) from the earth. At its closest point the moon is 356,400 km while at its furthest it is 405,400 km from us. For a full moon to be a supermoon it must be closer than around 360,000 km (value varies according to source). If the full moon is more than 400,000 km (again, value varies according to the source) away it is known as a "micromoon".

Despite being closer than usual, supermoons are rather ordinary and can take place several times a year. When supermoons are in the news you usually hear startling statistics about the size and brightness increases. Do not be fooled! Any given supermoon may only be several percent larger than the average full moon. Most sources push larger size increases because they are comparing against the smallest full moon of the year. When the moon is at perigee the full moon appears about 14% bigger and 30% brighter than the faintest full moon at apogee of the year.

The key fact is that unless you were somehow able to compare a normal full moon and a supermoon side by side in the sky, it is nearly impossible to perceive a 7% difference in the moon's size. Even though the moon is not noticeably bigger on the night



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This year presents four supermoons: March 28 (Worm Moon), April 27 (Pink Moon), May 26 (Flower Moon) and June 24 (Strawberry Moon).

of the supermoon without a measuring tool lots of observers will head out to see a huge full moon looming over the treetops. This Moon Illusion causes the moon to appear bigger when viewed close to the horizon and can fool people into believing the supermoon myth.

This year presents four supermoons: March 28 (Worm Moon), April 27 (Pink Moon), May 26 (Flower Moon) and June 24 (Strawberry Moon). The full moon of May 26 will be the biggest and brightest of the four as well as hosting a total eclipse of the moon (a "Blood Moon").

The spring or vernal equinox occurs at 4:37 a.m. CDT (Central Daylight Time) on March 20. This denotes the first day of spring for us in the northern hemisphere. For those living south of the equator in the southern hemisphere the summer season ends and autumn commences.

Don't forget that Daylight Savings Time starts Sunday, March 14 so remember to turn your clocks forward one hour before retiring to bed on Saturday night.

Clear Skies, Ted Bronson
Ted Bronson is an avid local astronomer who has been observing the sky since 1964.

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MJHL announces changes to annual draft

From the MJHL website

The Manitoba Junior Hockey League announced last week that the annual MJHL Draft will move from a U16 Draft (formerly Bantam Draft) to a U17 Draft highlighting players who are going into their 16-year-old season.

As a result, there will be no 2021 MJHL Draft with the current 2006-born draft eligible age-group carrying forward into the inaugural U17 MJHL

Draft to be held in the spring of 2022.

Players who will be eligible for the MJHL Draft are Manitoba players who are registered to play hockey in Manitoba according to Hockey Manitoba regulations and are in their 16th year.

"Moving the draft eligible age group to a year older will give MJHL organizations the ability to watch players develop for an additional season to allow for a better understanding of that

players continued development and potential to play elite junior hockey," said MJHL commissioner, Kevin Saurette. The MJHL has conducted virtual MJHL Prospect Presentations over the past several months with the 2006 age-group. These presentations have provided players and families with important information on what it takes to get to junior hockey and the significance of the MJHL being a strong pathway to the WHL, NCAA,

U Sports and eventually professional hockey at the highest levels.

The MJHL is also currently in the planning process of including additional development and exposure events for the draft eligible age-group each season. These events will complement local league play in showcasing and educating players prior to each annual MJHL Draft.

Please stay tuned for further announcements in the coming weeks.

Einarson captures back-to-back Scotties

By Ty Di Lello

Back-to-back Scotties champs! That sure has a nice ring to it for Gimli's Kerri Einarson and her team of Val Sweeting, Shannon Birchard, and Briane Meilleur.

Kerri Einarson (Team Canada) will hang onto the championship trophy for another year after defeating Team Ontario (Rachel Homan) on Sunday night by a nail-biting 9-7 scoreline at Calgary's Olympic Park.

"It means the absolute world to be able to repeat," said Einarson. "It's hard to do, and hasn't been done since 2014 (by Homan). So to do it again, playing against all these amazing teams, is really hard. I'm just so proud and honoured to be able to wear the Maple Leaf again."

"We were definitely determined to repeat; we missed out on going to worlds (cancelled by the COVID-19 pandemic), and we were just so happy to be able to have this event under these circumstances. For Curling Canada to make it happen was amazing, and we're just absolutely honoured to be here right now."

In the championship final, Einarson led the way after cracking a big three on Team Homan in the fifth end to take a 5-3 lead. Homan fought back by stealing two in the ninth end to level the game, but in the final end, Einarson didn't have to throw her last rock to capture the National Championship for a second straight year.

"We just really had fun," said Einarson. "We didn't put any pressure on ourselves; we just went to go out, relax, do our thing and not worry about

anything else happening around us, or feeling the pressure of being Team Canada. And I think we did an absolutely amazing job of not putting pressure on ourselves to feel that we had to repeat. We just enjoyed every moment."

It's fitting that a Manitoba team won the event. After all, there were five teams from the keystone province competing at the championships.

Altona's Mackenzie Zacharias was one of the week's big stories, making their highly anticipated women's debut after winning last year's World Junior Championships. The Altona foursome finished with a 3-5 record and just missed out on the championship pool.

Despite not advancing, Zacharias was pleased with her team's performance in their inaugural Scotties.

"We want to come back for more!" said Zacharias. "We didn't accomplish everything that we wanted to this week, so we're going to be hungry to get back here next year."

"We learned a lot this week. We pushed ourselves right from the beginning, had a couple of tough games, and learned from them, and then tried to get some wins later in the week."

One of the other stories of the week was the play of Assiniboine Memorial's Beth Peterson, with Morden's Katherine Doerksen throwing second stones. The Peterson rink upset some of the top rinks and advanced to the championship pool. They wound up finishing fifth in the event with a 7-5 record and narrowly missed out on the playoffs.



STANDARD PHOTO CURLING CANADA/ANDREW KLAVER

Gimli's Kerri Einarson captured the 2021 Scotties Tournament of Hearts at Calgary's Olympic Park on Sunday night. Team Canada from left, front, Kerri Einarson, Val Sweeting, Shannon Birchard, Briane Meilleur; back, alternate Krysten Karwacki and coach Heather Nedohin.

St. Vital's Jennifer Jones finished with a 9-3 record. They lost out to Alberta's Laura Walker in a tiebreaker on Sunday morning. Closing out the Manitoba teams was East St. Paul's Tracy Fleury, skipped by Chelsea Carrey, who finished their week with a 6-6 record.

Unfortunately, Einarson won't get to represent Canada on the international stage this spring at the World Championships as for the second straight year, the event has been cancelled.

However, Team Einarson will return to the 2022 Scotties Tournament of Hearts in Thunder Bay, Ontario, as Team Canada and will be looking to three-peat.

There's good news for fans looking for more curling to watch as the Tim Hortons Brier will begin this Friday night with 18 teams across Canada competing in the Calgary bubble. Representing Manitoba will be Morris' Jason Gunnlaugson and West St. Paul's Mike McEwen.

MJHL announces fifth annual prospect development camp

From the MJHL website

The Manitoba Junior Hockey League officially announced that the fifth annual Prospect Development Camp will take place in Winnipeg at the Seven Oaks Arena Complex from July 14-18.

The Prospect Development Camp is by invite only, geared towards current MJHL prospects born in 2004 and 2005 who are eligible to play in the MJHL for the upcoming 2021-22 season.

"The MJHL Prospect Development Camp provides the next generation of MJHL players with the knowledge and resources to be suc-

cessful both on and off the ice, an experience of what playing in the MJHL is all about, and the platform to showcase themselves to coaches and scouts from all levels of hockey," said MJHL Commissioner, Kevin Saurette.

"This event continues to grow in stature, both on and off the ice, and we are excited to host this important league event once again this summer. When you look across the MJHL right now, many current players have participated in this camp with many more having already moved on to higher levels of hockey through this camp and a year in the

MJHL," Saurette concluded.

The camp activities will emphasize the elements these players will need to focus on to transition successfully from elite minor hockey to Junior "A" hockey.

In addition to MJHL coaches/scouts, each year the camp is highly attended (in-person or virtually) by scouts from higher levels of hockey including the WHL, USHL, NCAA, U Sports and the NHL, providing an amazing opportunity for players to further showcase their abilities.

Players will receive on and off-ice skill development led by experienced professionals in their respec-

tive fields. The on-ice program will consist of skill and practice sessions along with modified games/scrimmages. The off-ice portion will cover elements related to athleticism and mental skills, as well as the technical and tactical skills required to play in the Manitoba Junior Hockey League.

The MJHL will continue to monitor and adjust to public health orders leading up to the planned event in July.

Please stay tuned for upcoming camp announcements including event schedule and rosters.

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> MEAL IDEAS



Roasted Chicken Thighs and Veggies with Mushroom Orzo Risotto

To make chicken: Preheat oven to 450 F.

Pat chicken dry. Season with salt and pepper, to taste. In large skillet over medium-high heat, melt butter. Sear chicken until browned, 4-5 minutes on each side.

In large bowl, toss mushrooms, zucchini, carrots, garlic and rosemary. On large baking sheet, spread vegetables. Nestle chicken into vegetables. Drizzle with butter and juices from pan.

Bake 20 minutes until chicken is cooked through and vegetables are tender.

To make orzo: In small pot over medium-low heat, warm broth.

Using skillet from chicken, add butter and olive oil over medium heat. Add onion, garlic and mushrooms. Cook, stirring occasionally, until onions soften, 3-4 minutes.

Add orzo and black pepper. Stir and cook 2 minutes. Add white wine and cook until evaporated, about 1 minute.

Add warm broth to orzo 2/3 cup at a time, stirring until liquid is absorbed. Repeat with remaining broth, waiting until last batch is absorbed before adding more. Remove from heat and stir in Parmesan.

Serve in individual bowls with chicken and roasted vegetables atop mushroom orzo risotto.

Recipe courtesy of Emily Weeks of "Zen and Spice"

- Cook time: 50 minutes
- Total time: 1 hour, 10 minutes
- Servings: 4
- Chicken:
- 8 boneless, skinless chicken thighs salt, to taste
- pepper, to taste
- 6 tablespoons unsalted butter
- 16 ounces crimini mushrooms, quartered
- 3 zucchini, sliced in half moons
- 3 large carrots, thinly sliced
- 4 sprigs fresh rosemary, leaves removed and roughly chopped
- 4 cloves garlic, minced
- Orzo:
- 4 cups chicken or vegetable broth
- 1 tablespoon unsalted butter
- 1 tablespoon extra-virgin olive oil
- 1 small yellow onion, diced
- 2 garlic cloves, minced
- 16 ounces crimini mushrooms, finely chopped
- 1 cup uncooked orzo pasta
- 1/8 teaspoon black pepper
- 1/3 cup white wine
- 1/3 cup shredded Parmesan cheese



Asian Barbecue Sesame Salmon with Noodles and Veggies

12 ounces stir-fry (pad thai) rice noodles

- 1 tablespoon toasted sesame oil
- 1 pound white mushrooms, sliced
- 1 cup sugar snap peas
- 1 large broccoli head, cut into bite-size florets
- 2-3 green onions, thinly sliced, for garnish
- sesame seeds, for garnish

Preheat oven to 400 F.

In small saucepan, whisk soy sauce; brown sugar; rice vinegar; garlic; ginger; chili garlic sauce, if desired; sesame oil; and barbecue sauce. Bring to boil over high heat then reduce heat to simmer.

In small bowl, whisk water and cornstarch. Pour into pan and cook on low, whisking often, until sauce thickens, 3-5 minutes. Remove from heat and set

Recipe courtesy of Emily Weeks of "Zen and Spice"

- Cook time: 30 minutes
- Total time: 40 minutes
- Servings: 4
- Sauce:
- 1/2 cup soy sauce
- 2 tablespoons brown sugar
- 1 tablespoon rice vinegar
- 2 cloves garlic, minced
- 1 teaspoon fresh ginger, minced
- 1 teaspoon chili garlic sauce (optional)
- 1 tablespoon toasted sesame oil
- 2 tablespoons barbecue sauce
- 2 tablespoons water
- 2 teaspoons cornstarch
- 1 1/2 pounds salmon (4 filets)

Tuning into ourselves



By Gwen Randall

The process of tuning into ourselves and getting to know who we really are can sometimes create crises in our external world. We may discover that we do not like our job or our career, or that we no longer have much in common with our friends. We might even question our primary relationship, wondering if this is still the person with whom we want to spend the rest of our lives.

This may seem very unsettling, if not frightening. Sometimes we are tempted to retreat from our path of growth, thinking it safer just to go back to the way we were. Perhaps we are scared of change or feel that we do not want to upset others. It is common to feel like the 'bad guy', who is creating trouble or making things difficult. However, what is really happening is that we are being agents of change.

No living system is ever static, and change is essential to survival and growth. When we become restless or dissatisfied, it means that there is something not working in the system or relationship, not that there is something wrong with us. Our unhappiness is a symptom of the problem, not the problem itself. If we try to suppress the symptom (unhap-

piness or frustration) it does not solve the problem, and very likely a new symptom will emerge (physical illness, accidents).

The first step to healthy resolution of the situation is to be clear and honest with yourself about how you really feel. This is often the goal of the first phase of the therapy process, because often it is hard to differentiate our own feelings from the feelings and expectations of others.

The second step is to consider your options. Quitting the job or ending the relationship need only be a final resort, as there are often many other options that can be tried first. Other options may either improve the situation or make it even more evident that the situation is not going to work.

Sometimes we resist change because we do not want to hurt anyone. But staying in a job or relationship that does not allow for growth and happiness for the sake of someone else is dishonoring self. We cannot assume that if we do ultimately decide to move on, that we are creating permanent damage in the lives of others.

The little bird no doubt at first resents being pushed out of the nest, and is likely terrified, but ultimately it learns to fly. There is a purpose to all things, and knowing that may make it easier to begin to acknowledge the truth of how we feel.

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aside.

Pour 3 tablespoons sauce into small bowl. Brush salmon filets with reserved sauce and place on baking sheet. Bake 15 minutes, or until salmon is flaky. Discard small bowl sauce if any remains.

Cook stir-fry noodles according to package directions. Drain, rinse and set aside.

Heat large skillet over medium heat.

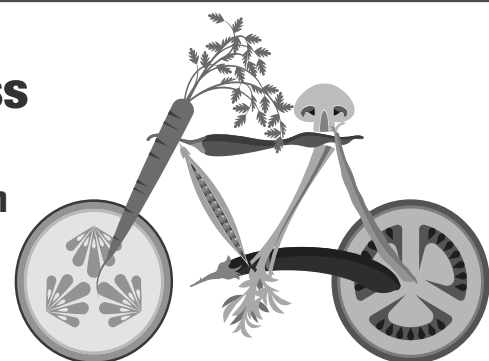
Add sesame oil. Add mushrooms, snap peas and broccoli. Cook, stirring often, until veggies are tender-crisp, 7-8 minutes. Add noodles and remaining sauce from pan; toss to combine.

To serve, divide noodles, veggies and salmon between plates.

Top with sliced green onions and sesame seeds.

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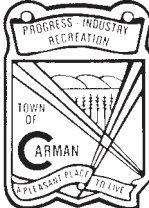
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TO: ALL MEMBERS OF ACCESS CREDIT UNION LIMITED (the "Credit Union")

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- 2020 Financial Statements
- Board of Directors Report
- Appointment of Auditors
- Announcement of Patronage Allocation, Share Allocation, and Cash Redemptions

All eligible members wishing to participate in the General Meeting are required to register online at www.accesscu.ca prior to March 19, 2021 at 5:00 P.M. CDT.

More information about the virtual General Meeting can be found at www.accesscu.ca

DATED this 2nd day of March, 2021
On behalf of the Board of Directors,
Myrna Wiebe, Corporate Secretary

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Raymond Louis Joseph Legault

It is with profound sadness that the family of Ray Legault, 60, announce his sudden passing in Carman, Mb on February 24, 2021.

He was born Raymond Louis Joseph Legault at the St. Boniface Hospital in Winnipeg, Mb on June 28, 1960.

Ray spent the majority of his adult life working at the Boyne Lodge as a health care aid in Carman. In recent years, he transferred to maintenance which included responsibilities at the Hospital as well. Over the past few days we have heard from countless people how he touched the lives of the residents and staff.

His bear hugs and banter will be missed by all those lucky enough to experience either.

Ray will be missed by his children, Brett (Stefanie, Livia, Luke) Legault, Chantal (Mike, Kasyn, Ryker) Toews, Alexa (Adrian, Hayden, William, Foster) Plett; parents, Armand and Jeannette Legault; siblings, Cece (Glen) Limpricht, Paul (Janet) Legault, Louise (Don) Lagasse, Denis Legault, and many nieces, nephews and friends. Now go keep Josh out of trouble.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC AUCTION SALE OF LANDS FOR ARREARS OF TAXES RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF DUFFERIN

Pursuant to subsection 367(7) of The Municipal Act, notice is hereby given that unless the tax arrears for the designated year and costs in respect of the hereinafter described properties are paid in full to the Municipality prior to the commencement of the auction, the Municipality will on the 1st day of April, 2021, at the hour of 1:00 PM, at Rural Municipality of Dufferin, 12 2nd Avenue SW, Carman Manitoba, proceed to sell by public auction the following described properties:

Roll Number	Description	Assessed Value	Amount of Arrears & Costs for Which Property May be Offered for Sale
123530	LOT 5 PLAN 37460 MLTO EXC ALL MINES AND MINERALS AS SET FORTH IN TRANSFERS 29060 MLTO (C DIV) AND 26737 MLTO (C DIV) IN NW 1/4 26-6-7 WPM - 34162 ROAD 38W	L -\$33,200 B -\$256,900	\$11,514.65
177700	NW 15-7-7 WPM EXCEPTING FIRSTLY - WATER CONTROL WORKS PLAN 1128 MLTO (C DIV) SECONDLY - ALL MINES AND MINERALS AS SET FORTH IN TRANSFER 24270 MLTO (C DIV) - 38157 PR240	L -\$98,700 B -\$178,300	\$5,265.25
177900	SW 15-7-7 WPM EXCEPTING FIRSTLY - WATER CONTROL WORKS PLAN 1128 MLTO (C DIV) SECONDLY - ALL MINES AND MINERALS AS SET FORTH IN TRANSFER 24270 MLTO (C DIV) - SW-15-7-7 WPM	L -\$243,500	\$6,062.26
184200	THE SW 1/4 OF SECTION 30-7-7 WPM EXC FIRSTLY: ALL MINES AND MINERALS AS RESERVED IN R.P.A. NO. 15019 MLTO AND SECONDLY: PUBLIC ROAD PLAN 1252 MLTO (C DIV) - SW-30-7-7 WPM	L -\$286,300	\$6,544.14

The tax sale is subject to the following terms and conditions with respect to each property:

- The purchaser of the property will be responsible for any property taxes not yet due.
- The Municipality may exercise its right to set a reserve bid in the amount of the arrears and costs.
- If the purchaser intends to bid by proxy, a letter of authorization form must be presented prior to the start of the auction.
- The Municipality makes no representations or warranties whatsoever concerning the properties being sold.
- The successful purchaser must, at the time of the sale, make payment in cash, certified cheque or bank draft to the Rural Municipality of Dufferin as follows:
 - i) The full purchase price if it is \$10,000 or less; OR
 - ii) If the purchase price is greater than \$10,000, the purchaser must provide a non-refundable deposit in the amount of \$10,000 and the balance of the purchase price must be paid within 20 days of the sale; AND
 - iii) A fee in the amount \$309.75 (\$295 plus GST) for preparation of the transfer of title documents. The purchaser will be responsible for registering the transfer of title documents in the land titles office, including the registration costs.
- The risk for the property lies with the purchaser immediately following the auction.
- The purchaser is responsible for obtaining vacant possession.
- If the property is non-residential property, the purchaser must pay GST to the Municipality or, if a GST registrant, provide a GST Declaration.

Dated this 4th day of March, 2021.

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