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From lump to lymphoma: a Fannystelle woman's cancer diagnosis

By Becca Myskiw

Fannystelle's Karen Friesen doesn't remember much of her doctor's conversation on Jan. 26.

It was Dec. 19, 2020, when Friesen noticed she had a lump on her left groin that she self diagnosed as a hernia. Her husband had one in his stomach a couple years back, so she didn't think it would be a big deal, but she made an appointment to see her doctor about it any ways to avoid any complications.

Three days later, Friesen's doctor took a look at her and the lump — he didn't think it was a hernia. So, he sent her to a surgeon to get another look at it. Friesen thought she was going to see about a hernia surgery.

She was told she'd be lucky if she got into the surgeon in two weeks — she was face to face with him by Jan. 4.

"He said, 'That's not a hernia, that's an enlarged lymph node,'" said Friesen.

She then had to have a biopsy and a CT scan scheduled to determine if the lump was cancerous. Friesen almost fainted at the words and doesn't remember much more of the conversation. All she remembers is fearing she had cancer.

Within four days, Friesen was having

her CT scan, and less than a week later she had the biopsy done. Her fears were right — on Jan. 26, 2021, she was officially diagnosed with Stage Three Non-Hodgkin's Large B Cell Lymphoma.

Friesen spent the next three days (and continues to) researching her diagnosis and learning everything she could about it. Then, she was back to work at Prairie Roots Co-op, telling her customers what was going on.

"The way I've dealt with this is by being informed," she said. "Once I felt I had enough information to tell people, I told people at Co-op."

Friesen's cancer is advanced. She's receiving six cycles of R-CHOP, a form of chemotherapy, which she started on her birthday (Feb. 24). Her prognosis, she said, is good. Without the treatment, doctors told her she had three months to live, so without hesitation, she took the treatment, and now has a 60 per cent positive prognosis.

Her husband, their three children, and her faith are helping her stay positive, though her family is naturally worried.

"I tell them, I'm not going to die," she said. "I'm going to get sick probably, I'm going to lose my hair probably, but I have to change my hairstyle any-

t- ways."

Along with her family, her whole community has rallied behind her. It started when Alison Milne organized a meal train for the Friesen family that filled up within 48 hours. Community members signed up for one day (out of three a week) until April 30 where they will make a meal for the family to eat.

Friesen said taking that load off her back has been extremely helpful. Milne said it was just something that had to be done. On top of that, she organized a GoFundMe for them with an original goal of \$2,000.

"I thought, what the heck, if we get \$2,000, we get \$2,000," said Milne.

Within four hours, they met their goal. So, she raised it by \$1,500 and each time it reached the goal. After 10 days, the GoFundMe campaign for the Friesen family raised over \$10,000.

Friesen said though she has benefits with work, they don't cover 100 per cent of her



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Karen Friesen was diagnosed with cancer at the beginning of the year. Her Fannystelle/ Starbuck community has come together to help wherever they can.

treatments, so they're beyond thankful for the financial support.

She hasn't crumbled yet and Friesen doesn't think she will.

"If anyone can make it, I can do it," she said."I always say I'm strong like an ox, healthy as a horse, and stubborn as a bull."

Carman Area Foundation to host Dine-at-Home Gala

By Becca Myskiw

The Carman Area Foundation's (CAF) annual gala is going to be happening this year, it will just look very different.

The gala has been an annual event for years. Usually, 350 people show up for an evening of entertainment, socializing, and food to raise "a good chunk of money" for the charity. With the pandemic arising last year, it was cancelled, and left the foundation without that financial support.

CAF chair Jo-Ann Tkachyk said they received many generous donations last year in lieu of the event, but the gala is more than a fundraiser. Some local businesses use it as a late Christmas party, while other community members see the gala as a fancy get together. So, the CAF board got together and have been working on this year's event since October.

This year CAF is hosting a Dine-at-Home Gala with meals provided by six local restaurants. Donors will have the opportunity to sign up at their desired restaurant and on the day of the event — April 16 — they go there, collect their food and either go home or go elsewhere to celebrate if restrictions permit.

"We're trying to still create that sense of community within COVID restrictions, social distancing, a healthy atmosphere," said Tkachyk.

Big Willy's Pizza in Carman is offering the "Smoked Sampson," Breakaway Family Restaurant & Lounge is doing the "Beaver Burger," Chicken

UPCOMING SCHEDULE SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT PROGRAM

North End (Zone 1)

Tuesday, March 23 – Regular garbage and recycling pick up Tuesday, March 30 – NO GARBAGE AND RECYCLING PICK UP Friday, April 2 (Good Friday) – Garbage pick up in CARTS Monday, April 5th – Compost pick up in CARTS Wednesday, April 7th – Recycling pick up in CARTS

South End (Zone 2)

Thursday, March 25 – Regular garbage and recycling pick up Thursday, April 1 – NO GARBAGE AND RECYCLING PICK UP Monday, April 5th – Compost pick up in CARTS Friday, April 9 – Garbage pick up in CARTS Monday, April 12 – Compost pick up in CARTS Wednesday, April 14th – Recycling pick up in CARTS

Carts and Homeowner Package will be delivered by the end of March. The carts will be left at the location where MWM would like them placed on collection day.



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Library fundraiser: Boyne Book it Fun Run going virtual

By Becca Myskiw

It's time to lace up the sneakers because the Boyne Book it Fun Run is a go for 2021.

When the Boyne Regional Library was fundraising for their addition in 2019, a group of locals got together to discuss how to help. Michelle Aldie was one of those residents and she said they were looking for a fundraising effort that would benefit more than just the library.

"The library is a staple piece in our community," she said. "And we wanted to help in any way we could. It's such an important building in Carman that really brings the whole community together."

The team of six — Aldie, Michelle Froese, Victoria Frame, Carly Cox, Leslie Pethybridge, and Chris Dick - started meeting that January and decided they could highlight the community while fundraising for it.

Soon, they had created the Boyne Book it Fun Run, a community-wide race that would highlight Carman's pathways while raising money for the Boyne Regional Library. In 2019, they had 220 runners and raised over \$10,000 for the library.

Aldie said they planned to do it again last year but had to cancel the

event for everyone's safety due to the COVID pandemic. This year, however, she said the group has learned as the pandemic continues, supporting each other and being active is more important than ever.

So, the Boyne Book it Fun Run will be happening this year, but in a virtual fashion. Starting (April 1), participants can register online to run a 2K, 5K, 10K, or half-marathon. There is also an option to run the grand slam special event, which is all of the races. To get the registration link and code, go to @boynebookitfunrun on Facebook or Instagram.

Once people are registered for their desired event, it's up to them to complete the race. There is a registration fee, but there is an option to enter CNC Fitness for Life's learn to run clinic, which comes with a 5K registration.

After racers have registered and paid, they'll receive a race shirt, and will have to choose a day in June to run their chosen distance. Once completed, they'll enter their day and time on the online site.

"It's for all ages and fitness levels," said Aldie."And it truly is just for fun and bringing the community together while promoting physical exercise."



STANDARD PHOTO BY BECCA MYSKIW

The organizers of the Boyne Book it Fun Run are gearing up for this year's virtual event.

Southern Health deficit being offset by provincial health funding

By Becca Myskiw

Southern Health-Santé Sud is projecting a deficit greater than \$465,000 by the end of the fiscal year.

Regional lead corporate services and chief financial officer of the organization, Ken Klassen, presented the January financial report, at the Feb. 23 meeting. Currently, they are demonstrating a budget deficit of \$467,173, and expect that number to increase by the end of March.

The deficit comes after COVID-19 hit the globe, leaving the organization with nearly \$6.5 million spent related to the pandemic.

Klassen said though it's presented as a deficit, Southern Health-Santé Sud won't actually have one due to

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Manitoba Health funding.

"Every year has challenges," he said. "This year, we were anticipating to be in deficit until the government made a commitment to cover a portion of the COVID costs."

What that means, he said, is Manitoba Health has taken the deficit out of their hands and absorbed it themselves. The reason Klassen had to present a deficit in the last report is because the funding news wasn't concrete at the time, but he said it is now, and it's enough to cover what would have been their deficit.

"As part of the Manitoba government's ongoing commitment to deal with the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, the government has made in-

strumental funding available where required," he said.

Southern Health-Santé Sud has had a balanced budget every year since they formed in 2012. Klassen said if they did end up in the negatives this year, he wouldn't have been concerned — he's confident they would have recovered next year.

"We strive to balance our budget every year so depending on the causes of the deficit...if there was a deficit related to a one-time occurrence like COVID, we would have hopefully been able to recover in the following year," he said.

Though money is always a hot topic, Klassen said the healthcare worker's efforts, especially in the last year, are what really matters. He said each Southern Health-Santé Sud employee has done an exceptional job in delivering care to keep everyone safe.

The fiscal year ended in March and the annual report will be out in the fall.



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AstraZeneca vaccines now available locally

By Becca Myskiw

One pharmacy and one medical clinic in the area are providing people with the COVID-19 vaccine.

The provincial government announced in early March that pop-up clinics will be opening in rural and northern communities and medical clinics and pharmacies will be getting vaccine as it becomes available.

BenefitsRx Pharmacy in Carman is one of those pharmacies receiving the AstraZeneca vaccine. Pharmacist Carmen Fotheringham said they applied to do this in February and have since received a small number of vaccines. The province received 18,000 doses of that one in the first week and continues to receive but in small quantities. Fotheringham said the pharmacy will be able to provide more doses as they receive more.

She said they made it through flu shot season very well and the staff at BenefitsRx felt prepared to administer the COVID-19 vaccine as well.

"We just wanted to be part of the rollout and help get people vaccinated," said Fotheringham.

The pharmacy is currently vaccinating people between the ages of 50 and 64 who meet priority one and priority two criteria. Those groups can be found on the government's website.

Fotheringham said being able to receive their vaccine in Carman is important for older people and those with health conditions. She said it makes safety more accessible and it's important they have that option, so she's happy to be part of it.

BenefitsRx gave their first doses of the AstraZeneca vaccine on Monday, March 15 and is continuing to take appointments as long as they have doses to give.

Centre de bien-être St. Claude & Haywood Wellness Centre is also pro-

viding people in the same group with the vaccine but were unable for comment last week.

As for the pop-up clinics, there is one at the Morris Multiplex and the Herman Prior Senior Services Centre in Portage la Prairie. As of March 22, there is now a supersite in Morden at the Access Event Centre.

As of March 20, to be eligible to book a vaccine appointment at a pop-up clinic or supersite, people must be 67 years or older or if they are First Nations, have to be 47 years or older. To book an appointment, phone the vaccination call centre at 1-844-626-8222.

Carman Wellness Connections wants you to know about 211 Manitoba

By Lorraine Stevenson

Carman residents are reminded that there's a 24-7 phone and online service now available that will quickly connect callers to the health, social or government resources and services they may need.

In addition to the existing online service, the 211 Manitoba phone service was launched across the province last fall through United Way and Volunteer Manitoba. Trained individuals answering the calls have access to contacts providing services in a vast range or areas, including supports for caregivers, services for older adults, children, parents and newcomers, as well as information on housing and homelessness, employment, health and mental health, food and clothing, employment and so much more.

A live operator answers the call and has the services and resources on hand to direct you, said Debbie Iverson, a member of the Carman Wellness Connections' (CWC) Resource List Working Group promoting the service locally.

"These are people trained to help direct you to services you need, " she said. "Then you make the contact with those services to discuss your needs."

The intent of 211 is to make it very easy for anyone looking for the right

community or social resource but not sure where to start.

"We want to make sure our local residents are aware that 211 Manitoba exists," said Iverson.

211 has all kinds of province-wide services to direct individuals to. In addition, the Resource List Working group in Carman is also working to keep 211 up-to-date on all local resources and services available so individuals can quickly be directed to what is nearby. If your organization provides social service programs and support and these are not listed on 211 you can enter your information on the 211 website, or contact the CWC's Resource List Working Group directly to get on the list, notes Iverson.

CWC was established in 2020 with a formal board and working groups following a 2019 community roundtable where more than 100 residents met to talk about ways to address poverty and promote wellness in the community. The Resource List Working group is one of those groups and was tasked with finding a very easy-touse way to help people connect to the help they need. 211 really meets that need, said Iverson.

The service is free and confidential. A 211 phone service was launched across the province in October 2020.



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Debbie Iverson and Wendy Durand, members of Carman Wellness Connections' the Resource List Working Group, display posters promoting the 211 online and phone service.

To access the service, call 211 or Toll free 1-855-275-1197 or online go to mb.211.ca

For more information about Carman

Wellness Connections and its working groups please email carmanwellnessconnections@gmail.com



> CAF GALA, FROM PG. 2

Chef has the "Chef Stacker," Crazy Lady's Cafeteria is making their "Schnitzel Burger," Elm Creek Café is cooking up "Surf & Turf," and Scotswood Links' is doing the "Burgasaureous."

Along with their meal, donors will receive a swag bag, which is in place of the usual evening entertainment. In it will be the list of organizations who received grants, dessert, a gift, and a link to a video created by CAF which will be released at 5 p.m. the night of the gala.

Tkachyk said they granted out \$101,000 this year and are hoping to raise at least \$75,000 at the Dine-at-Home Gala. As usual, donors won't have to pay for their meals. Tkachyk said CAF's donors are always very generous and they have trust in their donations.

Registration is open now at www.

carmanareafoundation.com. CAF asks that everyone sign up by April 12. Those who don't have access to a computer can call Jennifer at (204) 471-3265 to sign up for the Dine-at-Home Gala.

Tkachyk said CAF hopes around 400 people attend this year's event. She said non-profits need money to do everything they did before but in a new way.

"Everything is costing more money, time, and energy now," she said.

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 24, 1921

The St. John's Young People's Society is holding a sale of home cocckery with Afternoon Tea and a few usefull and fancy articles in Raymond's Store on March 26 at 2 pm.

Warning! Notice is hereby given regarding rubbish, garbage and manure piles in back yards, lanes and river banks. Those must be cleaned up without delay. Those ignoring thes shall be prosecuted—Health Officer

After one of the fastest and best games witnessed on the local ice this season, Carman defeated Swan Lake by 4-2 on March 16.

Hydro was switched on in the north end of Carman for the first time on Tuesday as a preliminary test. Everything went well. In a day or two the whole of Carman will be ready for the current. One of the most noticeable improvements is the street lights.

March 21, 1946

Reduce Livestock Losses

A serious loss of meat, due to bruising and damaged carcasses, is caused by shipping horned animals. During the war years, the labor shortage has resulted in a steady decline of dehorning practices. Calves and mature animals properly dehorned will feed

cheaper, handle easier, avoid damage and save \$1.00 per head extra charges when marketed.

Give Haliborange to all children at this time of the year. It contains the essential vitamins A & D in combination with orange juice and Halibut Liver Oil.---Carman Pharmacy—H.C. Malcolmson

The new 1946 Ford is on display March 23 at your Ford dealer. R.H. Porter

Mr. & Mrs. Fred Orchard of Miami celebrated their 55th Wedding Anniversary on March 9. All members of their family were in attendance.

March 25, 1971 A concession booth which could serve both the hockey arena and curling rink patrons simultaneously while keeping the two areas closed off from each other has been approved by the Carman Arena Board.

The official of Evergreen Place will take place on April 2 at 2:30 pm on 1st Ave NW. Evergreen Place will have 10 single suite and 2 double suites.

Elm Creek Midgets retain their provincial hockey title for the second year on March 17 with their win over Roblin in the finals.

Bake sale at Eaton's Order Office, Sat., March 27 at 1:30 pm., sponsored by Graysville UCW-Units I & 3. Note: Where was the Eaton Order Office in Carman?

Tim Horton's coming to Carman



By Becca Myskiw

It's official — Tim Horton's will be coming to Carman. Thanks to Steel Creek Developers and their ongoing development of the hotel, the 24-hour coffee shop will be located across the parking lot of the new hotel.

Andrew Rempel of Steel Creek Developers said it will have a full dining room, drive through, and patio to offer service to commuters, passersby, and local residents. The Tim Horton's is slated to open late 2021 just in time for the cold winter.

Along with the confirmation of the restaurant, Rempel also announced hotel construction is moving along swiftly. The third-floor drywall is beginning to go up and groundwork for the pool and its waterslide should begin soon

The hotel, he said, will have rooms with bunk beds, onebedroom suites, and two-bedroom suites with kitchenettes for people to choose from.

"The hotel will have a room and layout for everyone," he said.

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It's not going to be like this forever: Roussin

By Lorne Stelmach

The province preached continued caution this week even as it moved to further ease public health restrictions.

There is still a long way to go with vaccinations, and case numbers-including variant cases-have climbed in recent days, noted chief public health officer Dr. Brent Roussin at his Monday update.

He offered some notes of optimism but continued to advise against nonessential travel and discouraged spring break and Easter celebrations plans.

"We want to continue to open in a cautious manner, but we do need to do what we can to delay the transmission of this virus, delay a third wave, as we are rolling out vaccine," he said.

"We need to be cautious. We can think back to the issues that we had following Thanksgiving. This isn't how we wanted to spend our spring break or holiday weekend. We do continue to need to be cautious with our case numbers slowly trending up and the variants of concern becoming more and more an issue," said Roussin.

"It's not going to be like this forever. We do have optimism that we see the vaccines beginning to roll out, but we're still many, many weeks to months away from having enough of the population protected for us to really significantly reduce our public health measures," he said.

"We have to keep our interactions down outside of our households, or we are going to see a third wave, and that is going to compromise our ability to rapidly vaccinate Manitobans."

On Monday, the province reported one additional COVID-19 death in the Winnipeg health region, which brought the total deaths to 928.

The five-day COVID-19 test positivity rate was 5.2 per cent provincially and 3.7 per cent in Winnipeg. There were 65 new cases of the virus confirmed Monday to bring the total since the pandemic began to 33,418.

The number of active cases was at 1,205 at the start of the work week. A total of 138 people were in hospital due the virus, 25 in ICU.

Active cases in the Pembina Valley include eight in Winkler, two in Morden, two in the Altona area, one in Lorne/Louise/Pembina, three in Carman, and two in Red River south.

Manitoba as a whole has thus far had 63 confirmed cases of the B.1.1.7 variant and 14 of the B.1.351 variant. Officials on Friday confirmed a possible exposure connected to Pine Ridge Elementary School in Winkler in the two weeks prior to March 17.

A case in a school does not mean that COVID-19 was acquired or transmitted at the school, but the affected cohorts at the school and on bus routes as well as close family contacts were advised to isolate.

Meanwhile, vaccination eligibility on Monday was broadened to include people aged 65 or older and First Nation people aged 45 or older.

Eligible individuals can book their appointment at a supersite online at protectmb.ca with an email address and their health card number. Appointments can also be made by calling 1-844-626-8222.

You can also sign up at the website to receive vaccination updates via email.

Op ed - MLA Pedersen supports local greenhouses

By MLA for Midland Blaine Pedersen

Private Members Statement delivered in the Legislative Assembly on March 16 by Blaine Pedersen, MLA for Midland.

Spring is coming and this year it is appearing even earlier. With the warmer weather come thoughts of planting gardens and flowerpots. One year ago at the start of the pandemic there was a great deal of anxiety about whether greenhouses would be able to open to the public. Fortunately, they were able to open following public health rules. Last year there was a renewed interest in the "green thumbs" of Manitobans. There were record sales of seeds, seedlings, and flowers. Many first time gardeners tried their hand at gardening with various degrees of success.

It would appear that "green thumb mania" is alive and well again this year. Some vegetable seeds are already in short supply and our local greenhouse industry is gearing up for another busy season that will follow current C protocols including social distancing, sanitization, and controlled access in place.

Growing your own fruit and vegetables and nurturing your flowers is a wonderful way to connect with nature and relieve the mental stress the pandemic has imposed on all of us. There is nothing more satisfying than growing and then enjoying fresh homegrown fruits and vegetables

from your garden or raised bed garden. Colourful flowers arrangements are a joy to behold.

Midland Constituency is home to many successful locally owned greenhouses. Vanderveen Greenhouses in Carman is the second largest greenhouse in Western Canada. Many small and expanding greenhouses, such as Prairie Grove Greenhouse near Domain, provide local service for aspiring horticulturists. Thank you to our Manitoba Greenhouse industry for bringing inspiration, flavour, and colour to our lives. We look forward getting our hands dirty outside in Manitoba this spring.



Corrie Sargent

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letter to the editor

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Dear Editor,

March 11, 2021 marked the first anniversary of COVID-19 being declared a pandemic. I thought it would be appropriate to draw attention to this day by extending my thanks to all the medical researchers, doctors and nurses that have seen their world and careers upended. In particular, I wish to honor some of the unsung heroes.

I begin with Canada, for I wish to thank Dr. Richard Schabas, former chief medical officer of health in Ontario, for writing Premier Ford to inform him that the science does not support lockdown. [1] I thank Dr. Joel Kettner, former chief medical officer of Manitoba for writing that "if we tested for influenza every winter as we have done for coronavirus, we

would have similar daily reports of cases and deaths." [2] I thank medical researchers Dr. Paul Alexander and Dr. Howard Tenenbaum for their courage to write that "the real virus is fear, and fear stops people from thinking clearly." [3] I thank Kristen Nagle (a nurse that lost her job for speaking at an anti-lockdown rally) for not giving up but for helping to start Canadian Frontline Nurses. [4,5] I commend Dr. Stephen Malthouse of BC, who looked at the data for COVID-19 and then began giving patients advice that "did not include getting a shot with the vaccine." [6] Thanks is also due to Dr. Kulvinder Gill, president of Concerned Ontario Doctors, for courageously writing that "there is absolutely no medical or scientific reason for this prolonged, harmful, and illogical lock-down." [7].

Outside of Canada and around the world, so many doctors, epidemiologists, and university researchers have courageously stood against the COVID narrative that it would be impossible to thank them all in this short letter.

Yes, I commend all these researchers, doctors, and nurses for their outstanding courage and excellent work. Hopefully they will inspire others to follow their lead, so that the second anniversary will be much different than the first.

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> Thomas Verduyn Roland

Man brings replica gun to Morden church service

By Ashleigh Viveiros

Local police officers were able to bring to a peaceful conclusion an incident that took place at a Morden church last week.

At 10 a.m. on March 14, the Morden Police Service received a 911 call that an agitated man seated near the front of the church sanctuary might be carrying a handgun.

Witnesses told police the man was yelling, using profanities, and making gestures during the service. He lifted his sweater and revealed a gun in his waistband.

Also in attendance at the service were two off-duty police officers from Winkler, one seated near the suspect.

Morden officers arrived on the scene and, after getting into position, advised church staff to pull the fire alarm to empty the building.

As the suspect was exiting the sanctuary, uniformed officers apprehended him. When he began to resist, the off-duty officers assisted so that he could be taken into custody without incident.

Police then determined the gun the man had on him was a replica.

Dustin Warkentin, 32, has been charged with possessing a weapon for a dangerous purpose, two counts of assault with a weapon, carrying a weapon in a public place, carrying a concealed weapon, causing a disturbance, creating a nuisance, and two counts of failing to comply with a probation order.

"Police are never off duty" The incident had Winkler police Chief Ryan Hunt taking to social media to applaud the efforts of all the officers involved.

"Police officers are never really off duty," he told the *Standard* last week. "Even when you're off duty and you're out with your family or shopping or at a restaurant, you're always looking for crime that might be taking place or things that just don't look right ... you're constantly looking at what might happen."

In this situation, one of the off-duty officers was near enough to the man to see the firearm in his waistband.

After making arrangements for 911 to be called, Hunt said the officer"had already made up his mind he may have to intervene and was resigned to the fact that he may 'have to take a bullet' to protect everyone else in the building."

That, thankfully, was not necessary, with Morden officers on the scene quickly with a plan to get everyone out of the building without alerting the suspect that they were even there.

"That was an awesome idea that they had to do that," said Hunt. "All the officers involved there just did a really good job."

Still, it could have been a very different outcome, not just for innocent civilians had the gun ended up being real, but for the suspect had he brandished the fake firearm against a police officer in a threatening way.

"You never know if it's a real gun or not," said Hunt. "This one fortunately turned out to be a replica, but that doesn't really play into it because you assume it's a real gun. You can't tell until it's in your hand. Even if you're a couple of feet away from it they're so real looking you just can't tell until you pick it up and look at it closely.

The chief said they're seeing an increasing number of replica firearms being used by criminals. the public safe and so that's why we have to always assume it's a real gun," Hunt said. "If you assume it's not and you're wrong the consequences could be dire."

"Our first intent is always to keep

THE PANDEMIC'S CURE

With considerable alarm we have witnessed a new and dangerous disease race around the globe. Looking at death tolls, we take measures to try to protect ourselves and others. There is, however, a danger far greater and more pervasive than COVID-19. The Bible records the words of an unnamed "wise woman" in 2 Samuel 14:14, who approached a king for a favor and among her lengthy request was this short statement, "We must all die." The question is not if we will die; the question is only when, and how. Why must we all die? The Bible gives us the reason: "By one man [Adam] sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned." Not only are we born with the tendency to sin, but each of us has also become guilty of deliberate acts of sin. Handwashing and disinfectant regimen will not halt the spread of sin. The entire human race is already infected, and what's worse, the mortality rate is 100%. Physical death is only part of the result of this "disease" called sin. The far greater consequence extends throughout eternity. Hebrews 9:27 tells us "it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment." God is absolutely holy, and any sin is unacceptable to Him. Anyone who dies with their sin unforgiven is forever separated from God, and consequently from all that is good. Jesus Himself repeatedly warned about the great danger of eternal punishment. Dear friend, this is real! God has provided a remedy, but if you haven't received it yet, you are at this moment still in tremendous danger. COVID-19 has experts racing to prove an effective vaccine—and other medical treatments—which we hope will prevent the loss of many lives, but God has a plan in place to combat and ultimately cure the sin pandemic. John 3:16 in the Bible says, "For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life." 1 John 4:14 says, "the Father sent the Son to be the Saviour of the world." Jesus Christ came to this world to provide the cure for our sin. His miracles and His gracious life were proof of His divine power and merit, but these were not the solution. Our sin requires death, and so He intentionally went to a Roman cross, and there willingly died. As He suffered there, we learn from the Bible that God was punishing Him for our sins."The Lord hath laid on Him the iniquity of us all." Jesus never sinned, but took our place to endure the judgment we deserve. He died; He was buried; He rose from the dead.

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eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord." www.sermon4u.com

Local business owner self publishes first children's book

By Becca Myskiw

A Carman man is teaching children to read by using what they can.

Dale Warkentin just wrote, illustrated, and selfpublished "Speak the A B Czzz," a book that uses letters to create sentences.

He's had the idea in his mind for upwards of 20 years, but only recently put it to use. It was when he was working as a pastor in Flin Flon that he would do an activity with his youth group where they'd see what words, phrases, and sentences they could make using only letters.

This past Christmas, Warkentin got the urge to do something extra special for his grandchildren. So, he sat down and started coming up with sentences and created the drawings to go with them.

"Why?" he said. "Because it's different. If kids know their alphabet, they can read it."

One of the phrases in the book is, "O TJ U R KZ," complemented by a photo of his grandson. Another is "Y M I A B? R U A B?, "I C A C" and "I M MT."

Each page of his book is different. One of the photos could have been simple. It's a red Volkswagen Bug like his wife once had, but because Warkentin created a children's book, he added big eyes and a tongue hanging out of it. The first page of each book has a handwritten note from him as well. It says, "The first book you will read."

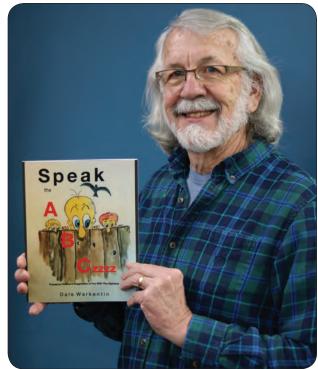
Coming up with so many different and interesting phrases and sentences was somewhat difficult, said Warkentin. He had the alphabet, which meant he essentially had every word in front of him — it was just a matter of finding which letters, or words, went with each other.

A lot of his ideas came from his grandkids and some came from his wife, but most came from Warkentin himself. Once he had that figured out, he took out his pencils and watercolour paints and began drawing.

"Speak the A B Czzz" includes drawings of his grandchildren, their friends, and things from their childhood. The front cover, however, is something near and dear to Warkentin himself. It's a photo of Killroy, a face drawn on supply boxes by soldiers in the Second World War.

Killroy doesn't have any sentimental meaning to Warkentin, but it's one of his favourite things to draw.

To purchase a copy of "Speak the A B Czzz," go to Nine Lives Fashions or Golden Prairie Arts Council. Each copy is \$20.

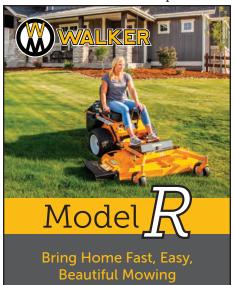


STANDARD PHOTO BY BECCA MYSKIW Dale Warkentin recently wrote, illustrated, and published his first children's book.

Financial relief offered to outfitters, hotels to compensate for tourism losses

By Patricia Barrett

The provincial government announced last week it will provide \$8



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million in financial relief to the accommodation and tourism sectors to support them with business expenses.

The government is creating a Hospitality Relief Sector Program which will provide funding to hotels and full-time licenced resource tourism operators after public health restrictions around COVID-19 curtailed operations and hurt revenue.

The new program will be administered by the Manitoba Hotel Association and by the Manitoba Lodges & Outfitters Association. "Manitoba's tourism sector – a key contributor to the province's economy – has been significantly impacted by a reduction in domestic and interna-

a reduction in domestic and international travel and other restrictions that were necessary to protect Manitobans and all Canadians from the spread of COVID-19," said Premier Brian Pallister in a March 16 news release. "We recognize that these businesses have made significant sacrifices in order to protect their community. We are committed to helping them through this challenging and unpredictable time



and to help position them for recovery."

Among the business expenses to be reimbursed under the program are property taxes, property insurance, mortgage interest, service fees, land leases and maintenance of camps.

The Manitoba Lodges & Outfitters Association (MLOA), which promotes activities such as angling, bear hunting and deer hunting, is staring down the barrel of another uncertain season, according to its statement thanking the province for the grant money. MLOA president DJ Seales said the

funding represents a "lifeline."

"With the nature of this industry, many are facing a second year of no business due to the border being closed," said Seales on the association's website and in the province's news release. "MLOA would like to thank the province for partnering with and supporting these businesses and this industry during these uncertain times."

The *Express* reached out to the MLOA with a request for information about what percentage of revenue the sector has lost since March 2020 when COVID arrived and whether local and Canadian tourism is insufficient to support the industry.

Details of the provincial grant program, such who will be eligible, how much a business could be compensated and when businesses can apply, will be released at a later date, according to the province.

Keep playing defence: Supersite opens in Morden

By Lorne Stelmach

Manitoba Premier Brian Pallister heralded the opening of the vaccination supersite in Morden this week as another key step in the province's efforts in the battle against COVID-19.

Touring the Access Event Centre site Friday along with other government and health officials, Pallister also used the occasion to urge Manitobans to not let down their guard even as restrictions continue to ease in Manitoba.

"Please follow the fundamentals because that's how we get back our normal lives," he said, noting that just seven per cent of the Manitoba population had been vaccinated to date. "We have the ability to limit the way that it impacts on us and our friends and neighbours, so I look forward to seeing this centre be very successful.

"Manitoba has had some of the most stringent restrictions ... we look forward to getting our lives back," Pallister said. "In the meantime, I would say again, remember to keep playing defence."

Pallister praised Morden for stepping up and embracing hosting the supersite.

"People care deeply about their community and about protecting each other. This has always been a region that has led the country in volunteerism and community support. What better place than this location? I'm proud of the folks here. I always have been ... I expect I've got another reason to be proud now," he said.

With the Morden supersite piloting a more streamlined process for vaccinations, Pallister noted there was potential for good capacity here depending on vaccine supply.

"I think we can get up to about 4,000 a week. I think in the first week we'll start a little more slowly to work out any kinks. We're looking at about 1,400 or so in the first week," he suggested. "The idea being make sure we get it right before we get it fast, make sure that we're able to get people through the experience safely, make sure that our staff are safe, make sure that our navigators and our other folks learn their roles."

Pallister also stressed that the more Manitobans that go and get vaccinated, the better off we will all be.

"As soon as the vaccines become available for you, please take advantage of that opportunity because we want to get to what's called herd immunity when all of us are able to make sure we're not going to be af-



Premier Brian Pallister

fected by COVID," he said. "Getting that safety level higher is what this is all about for us in Manitoba so we can get our lives back as people and as small business people.

"I believe very much that Manitobans have bent the curve, the COVID curve, but now we need the vaccines to make sure that we keep it down."

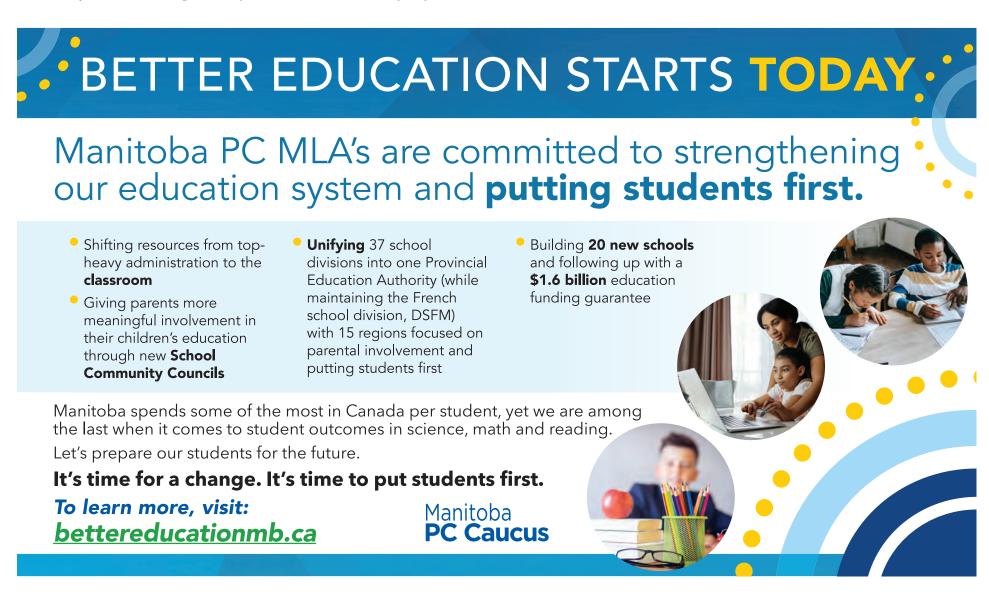
Pallister also touched on the antivaccine sentiment and opposition to restrictions that perhaps has been higher among some portion of the population in our area.

"I think we're different people than we were last year ... when you look at the graph of the number of cases in each province, Manitoba in the first eight months virtually no cases, very, very low number of cases. Then Thanksgiving came and we saw what happened as a consequence of people giving each other COVID.

"We didn't know as much then as we do now," he continued. "Folks who said, 'Well I don't really believe in this because I haven't seen it'... okay, we can make room for their doubting, but if we knew then what we know now ... now we have had the reinforcement of losing people. Over 900 Manitobans lost their lives so far to this horrible affliction ... and we know too that many others have suffered with the disease.

"So, knowing that, I think that more and more people have changed their minds about the issue of COVID and around COVID, and they're willing to be part of keeping that curve bent.

"As we move into other sites ... we're going to be looking really forward to helping, to loosen restrictions safely as we move forward."



Children's booklet a tool to spread hope: author

By Lorne Stelmach

A project that is spreading a message of hope around the world all started thanks to the lockdown that arose because of the pandemic.

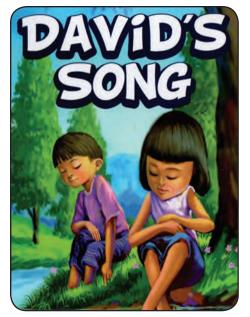
What was supposed to be a twoweek stay in Thailand turned into eight months, and it was during that time the idea for what became *David's Song* came to James Paul Humphries.

"It's become a tool that kind of gets the conversation started about hope," Humphries said of the booklet based on Psalm 1 verses 1 to 6 and for which he originally had small expectations.

"Originally, we thought we would print a couple thousand, and now we have crossed over 167,000 books ... and we have a waiting list and about 12 countries that are waiting," he said. "We did not know at the time what the response would be for *David's Song* or how many pastors and leaders would want the booklet to use as a tool to share the hope of Jesus Christ with others ... the response was amazing."

Having the time on his hands became a blessing for Humphries along with his wife Hkaw Win Humphries.

It started to form in the fall of 2019 in Myanmar, which is Hkaw Win's homeland, before they returned to their apartment in Thailand, which is





where they then had to remain and drop their plans to leave to teach in China.

Being a pastor and teacher, the idea of creating the message around Psalm 1 was something that was near to Humphries' heart, and it wasn't long before everything fell into place and he began working with Myanmar artist Naw Ra.

"I had no plans or expectations for this booklet and was not sure where it would lead. I found out quickly that God had a plan for this booklet," Humphries said. "Within about four weeks, we had a working booklet to take to the printers. It is amazing how the talents that we needed to complete the book came together so quickly."

The booklet went into Thailand and Myanmar and was translated into four different languages in about a month.

The project's journey expanded further when the Humphries returned to Manitoba last fall and found themselves in lockdown once again.

"We came back to Canada and we felt we should at least print a couple thousand copies that we could hand out to people and share," Humphries said."It exploded. We then went from printing another 1,500 to printing 20,000.

"It just continues to grow," he added, noting that about 36,000 copies went

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James Paul and Hkaw Win Humphries with David's Song, a booklet they've created about Psalm 1 that has been translated into dozens of languages and distributed in countries around the world and right here at home in Manitoba.

out in the Steinbach area as a flyer in the local newspaper. Thousands of copies are going out with the *Voice* and its sister papers this week.

Around the world, the distribution now ranges from another 25,000 copies in Thailand and 32,000 copies in Myanmar to other countries including the United States and the Fiji Islands.

"We built the website," Humphries said. "There's already 11 languages there that people can download and it is currently being translated into 22 more languages."

Humphries suggested there may be a couple key factors driving the appeal of *David's Song*.

"I think what it seems to be, from my point of view, is people have tried the things of this world ... what the world offers them or the governments offer them or what science offered them ... and some of these things aren't working."

He also reflected on ideas around self-identity and self-worth.

"Over this last year, I think those two things for some groups of people have been crashing down, so it has caused people to look outside of themselves," Humphries said.

"We had a security in that, in the things we have produced or the world or the governments or science, and that has been shaken. Everything has been shaken, and now it's caused people to look outside both the churches and other people," he continued. "They're looking for something that they realize is more than who they are. "A lot of people seem to have wanted a positive story, something in the midst of all of this negative ... it's given people hope that there is a hope outside of themselves."

Reflecting as well on his own background of having come from a broken home before becoming a Christian at age 17, Humphries marvels at where this has all led him now.

"My journey from there has taken me to where we are now, and I guess I never would ever have thought or even dreamed that, being a person who lived off the streets who now has people reading something you wrote from all around the world," he said.

"This Psalm of David has only six verses but it causes the reader to selfreflect. It seems David wants to challenge the reader to make some type of decision on how to live,"he continued.

"I've printed lots of other materials over the years ... but this looks like, if everything continues to go like it looks ... it could easily go to a million copies. Every week people are emailing, phoning and wanting more, and as long as we can put the finances toward it, it can continue to grow."

"It is very overwhelming for me. I'm just humbled that this would happen. You wake up in the morning kind of pinching yourself," he concluded. "I have a very strong faith in our Lord Jesus Christ ... and He's the one who brings it to life, not me. I'm just a vessel or a channel."

Local Instagrammer helping entrepreneurs grow their business

By Becca Myskiw

Kaleigh Karlenzig is helping local businesses improve their social media look one click at a time.

As an Instagram account manager, Karlenzig makes business accounts look appealing, ultimately making the platform users want to stay and see what their page — and by extension, business — has to offer.

"Personally, if I click on someone's Instagram account and I don't care for what it looks like, I don't know if I'll stick around for what it has to offer," she said. "The same as I'm not going to buy a house that doesn't appeal to me."

She came into the role naturally. After her last maternity leave, Karlenzig knew she didn't want to go back to her regular nine to five job and she knew she was going to need childcare. She was always on Instagram and constantly thought to herself, "I could make that look so much better."

So, she reached out to a business in Carman, started managing their Instagram account for no charge, and before she knew it, more businesses started rolling in. Now, she manages 10 accounts daily, which keeps her very busy. Because she can't manage everyone's account, Karlenzig is offering an Instagram Audit for \$50, where she goes through a professional account and its feed, then gives the owner tips on how to make it better.

She said having a pleasing Instagram account and feed can bring in business. But it's not just about making a profile look good. With her daily account managing, Karlenzig works on engagement, which is getting people to do something with each post like it, read it, comment on it.

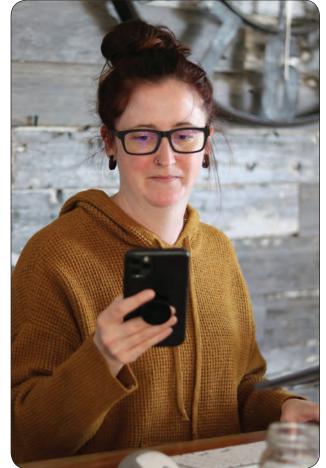
She also ensures each account is following the right people, has an easy-to-find account, and is using the correct hashtags.

"A lot of people don't use [hashtags] at all," she said."I don't think they realize what hashtags do." They make content searchable so people can find

posts based on what they're interested in.

Karlenzig is hoping people will reach out to her for an Instagram audit. She said it's for businesses who want to manage their account themselves, it just sends them in the right direction.

To get in contact with Karlenzig and to get an Instagram audit, email kaleighraexo@gmail.com.



STANDARD PHOTO BY BECCA MYSKIW Kaleigh Karlenzig is using her business to give businesses a better social media presence.

Carman looking for farmers to help conquer hunger

By Becca Myskiw

This year's 80-acre CHOICE field will be wheat.

The CHOICE field board held their annual organizational meeting via email two weeks ago and decided what they were going to plant this year.

Carman's CHOICE field started in 2009, with the land being donated by Helen Rempel and everything else donated by community members. The harvested grain off the field is sold with monies being donated to the Canadian Foodgrains Bank.

In 2020, the field netted 35 bushels per acre of soybeans and raised almost \$30,000 for the cause. The CHOICE growing project raised over \$41,000 for the Foodgrains Bank.

Last fall, Kendal and Darryl Enns applied NH3 to the field before it was

heavy harrowed. At the annual meeting it was discussed that more inputs will be needed as the season progresses.

So far there are no seeding or harvest plans in place. The team behind the CHOICE field is grateful for Rempel's continued donation of the land along with the generosity of the community. They are asking, however, for assistance with donations of seed, fertilizer, and chemical. To donate, contact Abe Elias at (204) 941-3591 or Ian Lepp at (204) 750-1090.

Volunteers for field tasks such as spraying and planting and monetary donations are always appreciated as well. Donations can be made at Access Credit Union or directly through Elias or Carolyn koster, who can be reached at Carolyn.kosterlynfarms@ gmail.com.



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CHOICE encourages farmers and farm supporters to plant, tend and harvest a crop, sell it on the Canadian market, with proceeds donated to Canadian Foodgrains to help end world hunger.

Morden hosting pilot for new vaccination process

By Lorne Stelmach

The new COVID-19 vaccination supersite that opened in Morden this week is testing a new way of doing things that aims to make it easier and more comfortable for patients while also significantly increasing the number of vaccines that can be provided. Premier Brian Pallister and Health Minister Heather Stefanson along with other health officials touted the improvements after touring the Access Event Centre site last week before its opening day on Monday.

Pallister said there have been ongoing efforts to build a flexible and more efficient vaccine rollout plan for the province.

"The more vaccine we deliver, the more we learn how to improve our processes and ramp up delivery, just as vaccine delivery is poised to ramp up from the federal government," he said. "We will continue to learn from our experiences and best practices from across the country to increase our capacity to deliver life-saving vaccines and protect Manitobans."

"We're always looking for opportunities to improve the experience of

Carman's Favourite Chef Plessis overwhelmed by community support

By Becca Myskiw

After competing in the Favourite Chef competition, Mignon du Plessis is grateful for the experience.

Du Plessis entered in the Favorite Chef cooking contest, where chefs from around the globe are invited to compete in an exclusive online competition where individuals vote for their "favorite chef." She said she only just found out there were literally hundreds of chefs competing for the title.

This contest not only deems the winner as "favorite chef" but awards that individual \$50,000 and a two-page advertisement in Bon Appétit, according to the Favorite Chef website.

With the prize money, she would have opened a South African-style bistro. Coming from the country herself, the food and its culture mean a lot to her. She said she always tries to stay authentic to what she likes and the bistro would be just that.

But, of the large number of groups there were in the contest, du Plessis placed fourth overall in hers. Unfortunately she had to place first in her group to move onto the quarter finals.

"I feel proud for placing in the top five," she said. "And grateful for the support."

The remaining one per cent of chefs are now competing to make it to the semi-finals. On-line voting will continue until a favourite chef is announced.

duPlessis was overwhelmed by the community support, which was beyond what she expected.

She had community members coming up to her and saying they voted for her every day.

"I am a newcomer to the community, and they (the community) already made me feel like a local."

Even though du Plessis didn't advance in the contest, she will continue to dream of opening her own restraunt.

"It will just take more time and hard work," she said. Until then, she's getting all her homemade dips and sauces ready for the Farmer's Market season along with making more Bon App Boxes.

Bon App Boxes are du Plessis's local claim to fame. They're grazing boxes full of meats, cheeses, dips, and such that she creates herself for custom orders.



STANDARD PHOTO BY BECCA MYSKIW Mignon du Plessis will not be advancing to the quarter finals of the Favourite Chef Competition.

> MORDEN SUPERSITE, FROM PG. 11



STANDARD PHOTO BY LORNE STELMACH Public health officials explain the Morden site will use a new system designed to move people through the vaccination process more efficiently.

the people coming in for immunizations and to provide the services in the most efficient ways that are possible while still maintaining safety at all times," said Lynda Tjaden, executive director for population and public health with Manitoba Health.

Up to now, people visiting a supersite to be immunized walk from the registration desk to a waiting area and then to the immunization room and finally to a post-immunization observation area.

An immunizer is responsible for re-

constituting the vaccine and drawing it into the needle, delivering the vaccine, and checking and updating a client's immunization records. With these responsibilities, immunizers are able to provide six to eight immunizations per hour.

In the new process, people will enter the site, register, and be escorted to a station, where a staff member will come to them to review their consent form. Some staff will be assigned to reconstitute and fill the needles with vaccine to accelerate the process, while other staff members will focus on checking and updating immunization records.

Immunizers will move from client to client with a cart of supplies, meaning they are able to focus on immunizing.

"With this model, there is no movement, so once you come into the site and they check you in with your appointment, you go to your chair and you remain there for your entire visit," Tjaden explained. "The team has a cart with an immunizer ... they will move around and come to you."

This new method is expected to vastly increase the number of immunizations they can complete in an hour.

This model will be especially beneficial for people with mobility or other accessibility needs. The total time each person spends in the clinic is expected to decrease, on average to 25 minutes from 45 minutes including a required 15-minute recovery period

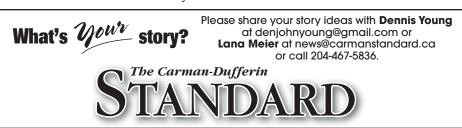
"With this model, when the immunizer is very focused on doing that part of it, they're able to do much higher numbers, so we are looking at 60 to 90 in an hour,"Tjaden suggested. "This is new; it's a pilot, so we don't know exactly what it will look like, but we do have the team here very keen to work with us to test it out ... if we're able to be more efficient, it just means that we are able to immunize more people more quickly."

The overall capacity of the clinic is also dependent on supply though, she added.

"Capacity is really based on the amount of vaccine that we have available to us," said Tjaden. "We always have the option of expanding the hours of operation in order to deliver more vaccine.

"With the amount that we have right now and based on the population in this area, they're going to be running eight-hour clinics ... that could absolutely could be expanded if there was more vaccine because then we can run more days of the week, we can run longer hours."

"We have learned from the success of our focused immunization teams and from other jurisdictions to develop this model," said Stefanson. "The goal is to expand that success on a larger scale. This will allow for more rapid turnover between clients and less waiting, which will allow us to immunize more people every day and get the vaccine to more Manitobans sooner."





Hamm named 2020 Manitoba Golf Superintendent of the Year

Staff

The Manitoba Golf Superintendents Association (MGSA) announced that Rob Hamm of the Carman Golf and Curling Club is their 2020 Superintendent of the Year.

The announcement was made during their annual general meeting on March 8.

Hamm has been an MGSA member for 33 years. He served on the Board of Directors for a number of years and was elected President in 1997, serving a two-year term.

Hamm began his career in the golf business while in high school, working at the Souris Golf Club. He ventured to university and earned a degree in Sociology.

Eventually Hamm made his way back to the golf business and, in addition to Souris, also worked at Breezy Bend Golf Club. He is entering his 29th year at the Carman Golf and Curling Club.

Hamm has mentored numerous Manitobans in the golf business, many of which work at well-known clubs across the country, not only as Superintendents, but also Golf Professionals.

He worked to instill the importance of work ethic and balance while teaching the fundamentals of turf management.

"Thank you to the Board of Directors of the MGSA for awarding me with this title and to Shawn Major for nominating me," said Hamm. "It has been an honour to be in the company of so many that have received this award. I love what I do, this job has given me the opportunity to work with and meet many great people."

This award is given to a Superintendent member of the Manitoba Golf Superintendents Association who is in good standing, has brought about



STANDARD PHOTO BY DENNIS YOUNG

Carman's Rob Hamm and his dog Callaway were out preparing for the season dragging the tee boxes last week. Hamm was recently named Manitoba's Golf Superintendent of the Year.

the awareness of the profession, and brings a positive influence on the industry in the province of Manitoba.

"The Board of Directors and myself are excited to see Rob Hamm receive this award. He has been an excellent resource for all in Manitoba and continues to mentor those in the industry," said Dustin How, MGSA President."Congratulations Rob."

Selkirk Curling Club to host next year's Viterra Championship

By Brian Bowman

Next year's Viterra Men's Championship will be hosted by the Selkirk Curling Club.

CurlManitoba unveiled its choices to host Manitoba's top events in each of the next two seasons last week.

Next year's Viterra is slated for Jan. 25-30, 2022, followed by the Tim Hortons Brier scheduled for Lethbridge in early March.

"We are excited by the opportunity to host the Viterra Championship for the second time," said Garry Dola, Chair of the Selkirk host committee in a media release. "We helped launch the Viterra era in Manitoba curling when we hosted the first Viterra championship in 2016. We look forward to working with CurlManitoba and Viterra in staging a showcase event as a part of a season which relaunches Manitoba curling after this past year of pandemic cancellations."

Selkirk will be hosting the men's championship for the sixth time. The list of teams which have won in Selkirk over the past three decades is very impressive - Vic Peters (1993 Labatt Tankard), Kerry Burtnyk (2002 Safeway Select), Randy Dutiaume (2005 Safeway Select), Jeff Stoughton (2009 Safeway Championship) and Mike McEwen (2016 Viterra Championship). Meanwhile, the Scotties Tournament of Hearts will be hosted by the Carberry Curling Club from Dec. 14-19, 2021. The winner advances to the national Scotties in Thunder Bay, Ont., in January, 2022.

"Carberry was one of the original seven clubs which formed the Manitoba Curling Association over 130 years ago," noted CurlManitoba past president Rob Van Kommer, who will chair the 2021-22 Scotties organizing committee.

"Our committee said an emphatic 'Yes' when we were given this opportunity. It will be one of the highlights in the history of our curling club and in the sports history of our community."

In 2022, the East St. Paul Curling Club will host the Scotties while the Neepawa Curling Club was selected to be the home of the Viterra Championship.

The most recent provincials, wiped out due to the COVID pandemic, were originally scheduled to be hosted by East St. Paul (Scotties) and Selkirk (Viterra).

"Although they understood and were supportive, we know that the Selkirk and East St. Paul committees were disappointed by the need to cancel this year's championships," said CurlManitoba Executive Director Craig Baker. "It was appropriate for us to consult with them both on their wishes going forward."

The schedule of events for qualifying into the Carberry Scotties and the Selkirk Viterra Championship will be announced in the near future.

St. Adolphe vying for the Kraft Hockeyville 2021 title

Submitted by Kraft Heinz Canada

Kraft Heinz Canada, in partnership with the National Hockey League (NHL) and the National Hockey League Players' Association (NHLPA), announced the Top 4 Canadian communities that are competing for the coveted title of Kraft Hockeyville 2021 last week. This year's shortlisted communities are (West to East):

Lumsden, Saskatchewan (Lumsden Community Sports Centre)

· Saint Adolphe, Manitoba (St.

Adolphe Community Club & Arena) · Bobcaygeon, Ontario (Bobcaygeon-Verulam Community Centre)

Elsipogtog First Nation, New Brunswick (Chief Young Eagle Recreation Centre)

Over the past 15 years, Kraft Hockeyville has established a legacy of breaking down barriers and encouraging participation in Canada's beloved sport by upgrading local hockey arenas in need of repair and refurbishing. Even in a year impacted by the pandemic, the program received thousands of nominations from communities across the country who rallied together in support of their arena, all while adhering to COVID-19 health and safety protocols.

The Top four community finalists are now one step closer to the grand prize after being selected based on their unique nomination story and their ability to score additional rally points by engaging their community.

"An outpouring of nominations and

participation in this year's program make it clear the pandemic has not extinguished the passion and enthusiasm of hockey communities across the country" said Matt Bruce, Senior Brand Manager, Kraft Heinz. "With so many deserving communities, selecting finalists is never easy, but we are thrilled to announce our Top 4 finalists and look forward to watching Canadians virtually support their big push towards the Kraft Hockeyville Continued on page 14

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2021 title."

The Kraft Hockeyville 2021 grand prize winner will have an opportunity to host an NHL® Preseason Game and receive \$250,000 for arena upgrades. The remaining community finalists will also be awarded \$25,000 each for arena upgrades and the winner and each of the three-runner up communities will receive \$10,000 to purchase brand new hockey equipment for their minor hockey programs, courtesy of the NHLPA Goals & Dreams fund.

The Top 4 communities are now tasked with safely rallying their community and Canadians from across the country! Kraft Heinz Canada encourages all participants to adhere to COVID-19 health and safety protocols that may be required or recommended by federal, provincial, or local authorities in your respective jurisdiction. This may include social

distancing, limitations on large gatherings, and mask wearing. We encourage you to also consider virtual alternatives to replace any human interaction that may put you or others at risk.

To determine the winner of Kraft Hockeyville 2021, Canadian residents can vote for one of the remaining communities online at krafthockevville.ca. Voting opens at 9:00 a.m. ET on April 9th and closes at 5:00 p.m. ET on April 10th. Votes can only be cast on the website during the voting phase and voting per person is unlimited. The final announcement will take place later that evening on Hockey Night in Canada on Sportsnet and CBC during the first intermission of the 7:00 p.m. ET NHL® games.

For complete contest rules and programs details, and to learn more about the Top 4 finalists, including their stories, photos, and videos, please visit krafthockeyville.ca.

Curling champs



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These Roland couples captured the 1968 Manitoba Mixed Curling Championships. Celebrating left to right, Jim and Marion Hodgson with John and Arlene Bartley.

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- 49. Closes tightly
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- 51. Famed vaccine developer
- 52. Multi-function radar (abbr.)
- 53. Actress Jessica
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Remembering.....Lawrence "Tubby" Turnbull

By Dennis Young

Everyone knew Tubby as a large man who lived large in Carman and elsewhere. After spending his early years in Treherne, he was employed by the Dept. of Highways for 37 years. Firstly out of Winnipeg then the move to Carman around 1968. Let's see what some of his work colleagues had to comment about their time spent at and after work with Tubby.

Tubby was quite a character and he was famous for the line"That's enough for today". A line The Bull copied forever too. Tubby worked a lot for Harold Eccles and he drove him crazy at times. But I also remember him being so smooth on the dance floor and could he ever play the Spoons. - Larry Steinsvik

I do remember one spring in the flood years helping him clean out his basement in preparation for a potential flood. He then went ahead and filled his basement with clean water to reduce damage and mess cleanup. Then the flood didn't happen! He was always looking for a laugh. - **Trevor Smith**

I went with Tubby and his wife Shirley to a dance at St Claude called The Pig & Whistle. During the dance they raffled of a weanling pig. Well guess who won it! I asked him what he was going to do with it? He replied "Ah, it will be alright in the car". Well when we were ready to go home what a mess this little piggy made! Consequently, we drove home with the windows down! -Wayne Phillips

Over the years he was involved in the sports he loved such as the Goldeyes, cheering for the Yankees, curling, ice fishing and golfing in Roland. Here are the stories he created for those who would surround Tubby so as to not miss a laugh.

I was catching for Brian Coates and things weren't going very well for him with men in scoring position. Out of the dugout comes Tubby sauntering to the mound. He gets there with the most solemn look on his face and states "How's your sex life these days?" Coates looks at him and only smiles while Tubby bursts out laughing walking back to the dugout. Brian proceeded to get the final out to end the inning. Tubby says "I just had to get him thinking about something else."It seemed to work! - Brian Hodgson

Vern and Tubby both loved the AWA wrestling and never missed a match. So when the Goldeyes found this out we would affectionately refer to them as the "Axe" and "Double Axe" (like the AWA wrestlers at the time). They would perform "the bucksaw" at home plate after a win. -Neil Martin

There was a postgame party at Brian Coates farm and I had cooked up a huge tub of fried oysters. Every one especially Vern Epp and Tubby went crazy eating them. Until they were told they were actually cooked calf nuts (prairie oysters)!! Well there was a mad race of sick people but Tubby & Vern were the worst - what a site. - Bill McKetiak

Tubby would always hustle as best he could around home plate, down the first base line to the coach's box, turn, adjust his hat, and put hands on his knees with a very serious look on his face. After about 3 innings there was a lull in the stands and some guy yelled out "Hey big guy! What do you really do on this team?"Tubby, without batting an eye, responded with "Well! The boys let me pinch run every once in a while." Umpire at first had to call time as he busted out laughing

Tubby and Vern Epp drove up in Vern's 2 door Monte Carlo to a tournament at Souris. Tubby wore his white ball uniform all weekend plus those 2 big guys slept in their "camper" - the Monte Carlo! He was also one of the kindest, most caring fellas around.

- Bill Whitehead

He did that again for a weekend in Souris. We played then partied that night when Tubby informed us his uniform was actually his jammies and off he went to sleep. He got up and coached us in his jammies the next day and the rest of the season. -Jack Sayer

There was no doubt then that he had lots of friends but two of his closest would have to be Ted Worden and Vern Epp.

He would spend lots of time at our house watching sports because he couldn't watch them at home. Great fun those days. Oh and Ted and he built an ice shack in our back yard. They would haul it up to the Lake very early in the morning but yes they would not return until late at night lol. - Barb Worden

He loved hockey and the Maple Leafs and I would spend hours watching hockey with him & shooting the breeze. If there was a Beaver game well we had to go to that including road trips.

So a flood was coming and Tubby lived on the banks of the Boyne. He calls me to say he needs help getting ready for this flood. We go to his house put the TV up on blocks, he grabs the booze and says "That's enough." and off we go.

Yankees were his team so we booked seats on a bus to Minneapolis. Of course there was some drinking on



A happy Lawrence "Tubby" Turnbull after a successful heart transplant.

the ride and when we arrived he was starved. He hailed a taxi, which drove us about 30 minutes, stopped at a Denny's stream and then we ate and ate. Well got up next morning and that Denny's is next

next morning and that Denny's is next to our hotel. We could have walked to it. -Vern Epp

By the 1990s Tubby was struggling with his health and found out only 8% of his heart was functioning properly and that soon dropped to 4.4%. He was in need of a new heart. To get one, if you were accepted for a possible transplant, you had to be close to the hospital doing the procedure. In this case it was London, Ontario. Tubby headed there in June of 1991.

While he was in London waiting for his new heart I would pull my rig into a truck stop and he would come visit me and have a coffee. One time he showed up with a brand new leather jacket. I asked him why and he says "Well I am probably not going to live through this thing so I put it on my visa." - Vern Epp

Tubby was convalescing after his heart transplant and some of the boys were talking to him on the phone. I asked how he was doing and he said "They gave me a girl's heart Hank." I said what? He said "When they woke me up, all I could think about was going shopping." - HankLemoine

Knowing the expense the Turnbulls would accumulate with room & board, Reg Last set out to raise funds for him by starting Carman's 1st Celebration of Life. The fundraiser dinner was a huge success due to many donations including the meal put on by The Fireside Cussons and Chicken Chef Hollistons. The committee was able to hand over \$27,000 in August 1991. A heart of a 21 year old (whose organs also saved six other people) was found, transplanted and Tubby was home by August 1992 after 15 months.

Following that ordeal he became a



PHOTO SUBMITTED Vern Epp "Axel and Tubby "Double Axe" celebrate a Goldeve victory

strong advocate for organ donations especially hearts. He spoke at future Celebrations of Life functions and encouraged friends and family to fill out donor cards and their license. "It is important to talk with your family members to let them know clearly so there are no uncertain terms when it comes time to make those tough decisions." he said after 8 full filling years in 2000.

For those extended years he needed to keep active other than golf. So he became a driver to deliver and pick up vehicles for Delaquis Ford.

In the fall of 1997, I was working at Delaquis Ford and similar to the crew of the TV show Cheers, two gentlemen came in for coffee and sat on the parts counter stools every morning. Tubby was one of these men. After I purchased Buddy's Drive Inn he often stopped in at after golfing. Golfing was something that Tubby enjoyed so we struck up a plan to teach me how. We would head to Roland one morning each week and golf 9 holes. Tubby was very patient with this new golfer and thanks to him I learned the game while having fun and enjoying his company. - Connie Anderson

He would come over to Roland every Thursday when it was ladies morning golf. He would also bring Connie Rose and teach her to golf those days. He loved ladies. - Marion Hodgson

Some may say Tubby took his new lease on life for granted but he lived his life the only way he knew how..... large.

"If there was one thing that stood out about Tubby, it was the fact that no matter where he was or went, someone knew him."

Vern closed his quotes with. "He touched a lot of people not only with his antics but his kindness too."

Tubby Turnbull passed away at the age of 65 years on December of 2002.



Copies of the financial plan are available for review and may be examined by any person on our website <u>https://</u><u>www.carmanmanitoba.ca/residents/government/rm-ofdufferin/rm-meetings-minutes/</u> or during the regular office hours of the Rural Municipality of Dufferin office at 12-2nd Avenue S.W., Carman, please call ahead for pickup at (204)745-2301. Dated at the Rural Municipality of Dufferin the 19th day of March, A.D. 2021.

> Sharla Murray, CMMA Chief Administrative Officer Rural Municipality of Dufferin

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TOWN OF CARMAN MUNICIPAL PESTICIDE PROGRAM **PUBLIC NOTICE**

Public Notice is hereby given that the Town of Carman intends to conduct the following Pesticide Control Program during 2021:

To control the following insect pests including mosquitoes, elm bark beetles, cankerworms, etc. The proposed dates of application for these programs will be from May 1, 2021 to October 31, **2021.** The insecticides to be used include: Malathion,

Vectobac 200G, and Pyrate. The public may send written submissions or objections

within 15 days of the publication of the notice to the department below.

Environmental Approvals Branch Manitoba Sustainable Development 1007 Century Street Winnipeg, Manitoba R3H 0W4



2021 GRAVEL HAULING TENDER

The R.M. of Dufferin is requesting that anyone interested in hauling gravel for the R.M. of Dufferin in the 2021 construction season contact the office as listed below for a tender package.

The R.M. of Dufferin will have the right to engage the services of any gravel hauler who has submitted a hauling quotation, which is considered in the best interest of the municipality as far as efficiency and economy. All gravel haulers must adhere to the rules established by the Council of the RM of Dufferin in the Gravel Policy and submit their sealed tender no later than April 7th, 2021 at 3:00 pm.

The municipality reserves the right to reject any and all tenders at its sole discretion; and that the lowest or any tender may not necessarily be accepted. The R.M. of Dufferin would like to thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

> Sharla Murray, CMMA Box 100, 12-2nd Ave SW, Carman, MB ROG 0J0 204-745-2301 cao@rmofdufferin.com March 4th. 2021

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Public Notice is hereby given that the Carman Golf and Curling Club intends to conduct the following Pesticide Control Programs during 2021:

1. To control weeds on the Golf Course property. The projected dates of application will be from May 1, 2021 to November 15, 2021. The herbicides to be used include:

- Premium 3-Way XP - Start Up

2. To control disease and growth on the Golf Course greens. The projected dates of application will be from May 1, 2021 to November 15, 2021. The fungicides to be used include:

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Environmental Approvals Branch Manitoba Conservation & Climate **1007 Century Street** Winnipeg, MB R3H 0W4



PUBLIC NOTICE

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the Dufferin Weed Control District intends to conduct the following Pesticide Control Program during 2021:

1. To control noxious weeds on road allowances and drains within the Rural Municipality of Dufferin.

2. To control grasshoppers.

The projected dates of application will be from May 1st, 2021 to October 31st, 2021 and the following herbicides and pesticides may be used:

2-4-D Amine, Oracle, Amitrol 240, Milestone, Tordon 22K, Diflufenzopyr (Overdrive), Aminocycloprachlor/Chlorosulfuron (Perspective), Aminocyclopyrachlor/ Metsulfuron (Navius), Roundup, Startup, Chlorphyrifos (Pyrinex, Warhawk, Lorsban), LI 700, Gateway.

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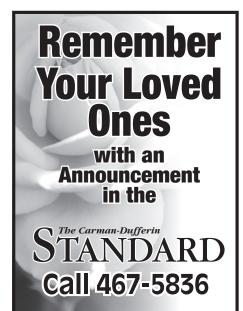
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Public notice is hereby given that the Rural Municipality of Grey intends to conduct the following Pesticide Control Programs during 2021.

1. To control noxious weeds and brush on road allowances and highways within the Rural Municipality of Grey and to control noxious weeds on public owned parks and cemeteries within the R. M. of Grey boundaries. The projected dates of application on the aforementioned properties will be from April 1, 2021 to October 31, 2021. The herbicides to be used include:

2,4-D Amine	Aminopyralid	Dicamba
Glyphosate	Diflufenzopyr	
Metsulfuron-methyl		
Aminocyclopyrachlor	Triclopyr	LI 700
Non ionic surfactant	Picloram	

2. To control the following pests including grasshoppers, elm bark beetles, forest tent caterpillars, cankerworms, mosquitoes, rodents, emerald ash borer, etc. The proposed dates of application for these programs will be from Jan 1, 2021 to December 31, 2021. The insecticides to be used include: Carbaryl Malathion Chlorophacinone Bromadiolone

Any resident of the Rural Municipality of Grey likely to be affected by these programs and opposed to the issuance of a provincial use-permit may submit written comments within 15 days of this publication identifying the specific program they are opposing to:

> Manitoba Sustainable Development, Pesticide Approvals 1007 Century St., Winnipeg, Mb. R3H 0W4

> > Kim Arnal Chief Administrative Officer

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Willa Marie Keith (nee North) August 26, 1942 - March 15, 2021



Willa passed away peacefully on March 15, 2021 after a battle with lung cancer.

Willa is survived by her sons, Cheynne (Lori) Keith and Stuart Keith; her grandchildren Ryan Keith (Karine) and Stephanie Keith (Tiger); her great-grandchildren, Mack and Robby Keith. She is also survived by her sisters Marilyn Clearwater and Karen Funke; brothers Bill (Marilyn), Blake (Racille) and Bruce (Odette) and brother-in-law Gordon Aiken; God-children Shelley Skwara and Dean North. She is survived by many cousins, nieces and nephews. Willa was predeceased by her husband, Murray Keith; her parents Clint and Dorothy North, her mother-in-law, Betty Keith, her brothers and sister-in-law, Michael Funke, Doug Keith and Joan Aiken.

Willa was the eldest of six children of Clint and Dorothy North. She was born in Dauphin and raised in Carman. Manitoba.

In 1962, Willa and Murray were married and moved to Winnipeg to work and raise their family. Willa was a teacher and later a guidance counsellor with a great part of her career spent at St. John's High School.

Willa made friends easily and kept them forever as evidenced when she was young and part of a group called "the silly six and associates". To this day, they remain steadfast friends. Her Roseisle, Altamont and Miami friends were all very dear to her.

Willa loved to travel. Many camping and skiing trips were taken with Murray, Cheynne and Stuart, often taking along one of her brothers or sisters. There were also many trips taken with her mom and her sisters with Greece being a favourite. She travelled throughout Canada, United States, Europe and Egypt. In later years, she also went to Cuba and the Dominican Republic with Cheynne and other friends.

One of her greatest joys was becoming "Nana" to Ryan and Stephanie and later Mack and Robby. She was able to support and watch them in their many activities from sports to Christmas concerts. She took Ryan and Stephanie skiing, to Disney World and many theatre productions. Ryan and Stephanie spent many summer vacations with her at Birch. She loved to watch Mack and Robby play hockey and would go and watch as many of their games as possible.

Willa participated in many activities throughout her life including golf, curling, and cribbage tournaments. She and Murray loved to dance. As her eyesight failed and she was no longer able to golf and curl, she turned to watching games shows on TV. Her trivia knowledge was exceptional and she "competed" with Cheynne every night at Jeopardy. She never missed watching a curling game or a golf tournament and really enjoyed watching the Scotties and the Brier this year. During the last few months, she discovered binge watching Netflix with Lori.

Willa loved flowers. Her home always had many plants and almost always had a bouquet of cut flowers. When she was living at Birch, her flower gardens were one of her biggest passions and even after she moved to Carman, she loved to tour the flower gardens at Birch with Stuart. She loved pictures. Her walls were covered with pictures of family and friends, as well as various types of artwork. It has been very difficult to sum up Willa's life in a few words. Willa led her life on her terms from beginning to end. She was always optimistic and had a great outlook on life. She will be missed by many friends and her family.

In lieu of flowers, please make a donation to a charity of your choice. Willa supported many charities and always wanted to help everyone.

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By order of the Council of the Rural Municipality of Dufferin, as per Section 4 of By-Law No. 1977, March 22nd, 2021.

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Farmers hoping for moisture to help with seeding

By Becca Myskiw

An early spring might mean an early seeding according to one local farmer.

Derek McIntosh of McIntosh Ventures has been through 15 seeding seasons. He grows potatoes, corn, wheat, canola, and soybeans. He knows what it's like to get his crop in the ground late but this year he's hoping to get the seeds in the ground early.

The recent warm temperatures have allowed the ground to thaw earlier than normal. According to the provincial government, by the first week of May last year, only nine per cent of farmers had seeded their land. McIntosh had started by the second week. "Right then, you just kind of feel a little bit behind the 8-ball," he said.

One hundred per cent of the province's ground was seeded by the third week of June.

McIntosh said an early seeding window helps with crop yields. Farmers Edge Inc. says it also leads to earlier harvesting, which would be in August or early September when conditions are much more favourable.

Last year, when McIntosh was harvesting in September, the first frost came early. He said that hurt their corn and potato yields as they hadn't yet reached maturity. Corn in particular, he said, needs as many heat



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Derek McIntosh, Deacon McIntosh and Sloan McIntosh are optimistic the warm weather will bring an early seeding..

units as it can get as that's how it reaches maturity. The less heat units, the lower the yield.

Frost works the other way too, though. Farmers Edge Inc. says newly emerged canola is very susceptible to spring frosts, meaning it can kill a freshly seeded field if it comes at the right time.

McIntosh is optimistic he'll be seeding early this year, however, he's a little worried about the dry winter and long-standing cycle of low precipitation.

As a potato grower, he uses irrigation and gets his water from the Boyne River's spring runoff. McIntosh isn't the only potato grower in the region. He along with other growers let the runoff fill their irrigation reservoirs, which hold the water until summer. They rely on the snow melt to fill that.

In his 15 years as a grower, he's never not been able to use that source of water, but he said this year might be different — he's hoping it's not. One good rain or snow event, McIntosh said, is all they need to be sure the Boyne River will fill their reservoirs.

Along with not being able to water their crops, lack of moisture can lead to a poor quality crop.

"It's definitely something we're thinking about," he said. "But we're not too worried yet."

Edible beans processing plant sold

Staff

Plum Coulee's edible beans processing plant is under new ownership.

ETC Commodities Inc., the North American subsidiary of Export Trading Group (ETG), announced last week that it has acquired Globeways Canada's facility and related production assets in the community.

"We will be further investing and upgrading the facility to maintain the high standard of quality and service our customers expect," said ETG North America's CEO Rav Kapoor. The addition provides processing capacity for dry beans by diversifying its pulses portfolio, as well as strengthening its farm-level partners across the region, the company said.

The facility is capable of sourcing and processing a variety of types of beans, including pinto, black, navy, great northern, white kidney, light and dark red kidney, and cranberry beans.

"The Plum Coulee facility will support ETG North America's growth and leadership in the rapidly expanding market for dry edible beans," said Kapoor. The company said it plans to bring the plant's capacity up to 13 staff members.

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