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Nurses recognized on the job May 10-16

By Becca Myskiw

National Nurse's Week was celebrated May 10-16 — a week to shed a light on the people who never stop caring for those they don't know.

Wake up at 3 p.m., workout, eat, get to work at 10:45 p.m. Pull on scrubs, strap on medical mask, add the goggles, and begin.

This is how most days start for Madie Gylywoychuk-Winkler, a nurse at the Carman Memorial Hospital. But that's the night shift, her days are much different.

Gylywoychuk-Winkler just graduated nursing school in November — she only knows the job during a pandemic. It's busy, it's tough, but it's beyond rewarding, she said.

"We definitely communicate to the doctors everything we see," she said. "We're like you're caregiver when you're in the hospital."

They're also advocates for their patients. After spending so much time with them, they know what they want and need. One time, Gylywoychuk-Winkler fought for a patient to see a family member for surgery, and she fully believes that helped with their healing.

"It's a huge thing," she said. "You need those supports to be able to get better because you need to be mentally strong and have a positive outlook to physically heal."

The day shift is a much different schedule compared to the night shift. People are awake, the hospital is buzzing, the emergency room is open. Though it's quieter on the night shift, she doesn't get much time for a break.

Once her shift starts at 11p.m., Gylywoychuk-Winkler gets the report on her patients. She learns what happened in the last shift, what changed, and what she's to look out for. Then, she does her rounds, trying to get everyone in before 12:30 a.m. so they can get a good night's sleep. It's her and one other nurse looking after everyone on their list, so they split the work and share their findings.

Then, she does her assessments on acute patients, double checks medications, and documents everything she saw.

Gylywoychuk-Winkler's favourite part of the job is connecting with each patient and being there for them in the worst times of their life. She said caring for people is something she al-



Marie MacLean



Madie Gylywoychuk-Winkler

ways knew she wanted to do.

The story's the same for operating room (OR) nurse Marie MacLean — she wanted to be a nurse ever since she was little. In 1979, she started the job.

"You see people come in, anxious about their procedure," she said. "I really enjoy easing that anxiety, easing those fears."

MacLean is up at 6:30 a.m. every day and at the hospital an hour later where she first checks the OR schedule and makes sure nothing has changed since the day before. Then, depending on the type of surgery, she and another nurse prepare the theatre.

She can have one of two jobs during surgery — assisting the doctor or looking after the room and making sure everything they need is available. Once surgery is complete, MacLean's

job continues. She then is following up the patient post-operation.

"The doctors come in and see the patient and make an assessment and decide on a plan," said MacLean. "But it's the actual nurses who carry out that plan for the next however many days that patient is in the hospital. We're the ones who are providing all that care and we're the ones making continual observations and assessments."

Both MacLean and Gylywoychuk-Winkler said the job of a nurse is the best job in the world, but it's an exhausting one, both mentally and physically. There's always more to learn, there's always more to do, but at the end of the day, when they watch someone get better and walk out of those hospital doors, it feels like nothing else in the world.

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Carman Co-op has positive COVID case, deep cleans store

By Becca Myskiw

Homestead Co-op's Carman Food Store has had a positive case COVID-19.

An employee at the grocery store tested positive for the virus and has been self-isolating since last week. Their last shift worked was on April 29. A spokesperson for Homestead Co-op said for the safety of the community, they have deeply cleaned and sanitized the location, paying close attention to the areas and surfaces that the infected employee contacted.

Along with deep cleaning, Homestead Co-op reviewed the employee's work schedule and asked each employee they had close contact with to self-isolate as well. They also alerted public health and continue to follow

the guidelines they give them.

"Our employees continue with all of our COVID-19 health and safety protocols, including consistent hand washing, social distancing, cleaning and sanitizing/disinfecting, and wearing a mask," said the spokesperson.

At the time, site capacity was at 25 per cent, but under new health restrictions, it's at 10 per cent. To monitor numbers, the Carman Food Store has someone at the entrance and exit at all times.

"The health and safety of our employees, our customers and our community is paramount as we provide essential goods and face this challenge together."

Stay home, limit contacts, get vaccinated: Roussin

By Ashleigh Viveiros

Manitoba public health officials announced 502 new cases of COVID-19 and four new deaths on Monday.

The number of patients in hospital hit 215, 60 of which require intensive care.

A total of 42,453 lab-confirmed cases of COVID-19 have been identified in Manitoba since the pandemic began. We started the work week with 3,771 active cases, 37,683 recoveries, and 997 deaths.

The current five-day COVID-19 test positivity rate is 11.6 per cent provincially and 13.8 per cent in Winnipeg.

Dr. Brent Roussin, chief public health officer, noted the spike in cases is tied to Manitobans having far too much contact with people outside of their own households.

"Since last Friday we've had more than 1,500 cases reported and that's why we had to take stronger public health action, that's why we had to move Winnipeg and Brandon schools to remote learning," Roussin said. Stricter public health orders went into

effect Sunday.

"That's why we're asking Manitobans to stay home. The best way to limit the amount of contacts outside of your household is to stay home," Roussin stressed. "Really, go out for essential reasons, limit those contacts ... that's the best way that we can end these transmission chains."

We're all sick of these restrictions, Roussin acknowledged, but adhering to them is the only way to stem the tide of COVID-19 infection and prevent the health-care system from being overwhelmed.

"We saw in February and March of this year that these measures work. And we need them to work again," he said. "This time, though, as we're implementing these public health measures we have increasing vaccination occurring."

"With every passing day, more and more Manitobans are protected."

Eligibility widens

Eligibility to be immunized at a super site or pop-up clinic continued to

expand this past week.

At press time, anyone age 30 or older and Indigenous people aged 18 and older are able to book an appointment.

Also eligible is any adult who is pregnant, a client of Community Living disABILITY Services, works in any health-care setting, works as a front-line police officer or firefighter, or lives or works in selected priority communities (parts of Winnipeg and Brandon, Powerview-Pine Falls, and the entire Northern RHA, including Churchill).

Eligibility for the AstraZeneca/Covishield vaccine being administered at pharmacies and medical clinics includes individuals aged 40 or older

and people aged 30 to 39 with priority health conditions.

"We really encourage all Manitobans to book your appointment to be vaccinated as soon as you become eligible," Roussin urged. "It really is our pathway out of these restrictions."

Head to protectmb.ca for the latest eligibility requirements or to book your appointment.

As of Monday, 565,219 doses of vaccine have been administered in Manitoba.

The province expects to begin booking second-dose appointments of the vaccine on May 22, starting with people who immunocompromised or have other prioritized health conditions.

Green team funding providing jobs for youth, beautifying communities

By Becca Myskiw

The provincial government is granting over \$50,000 to the area in support of Green Teams.

On April 30, Midland MLA Blaine Pedersen made the announcement in a news release. He said these grants will help young Manitobans find employment this summer amid the pandemic when jobs are scarce.

The Green Team has been around for many years. It's a way of giving people 16 to 29 work experience in their own communities while working outdoors to conserve and beautify nature.

Last year, the Government of Manitoba committed over \$10 million for the Green Team programs — and they kept that same commitment for this year.

"There's not as many job opportunities for youth with the service industry struggling because of COVID," said Pedersen. "This is a big deal and it's really good for youth. It gives them some job experience when jobs are not all that easy to come by."

The grant program works like this — non-profits get 100 per cent of their wage costs paid for and local governments get half of their wage costs reimbursed. Non-profits also receive \$250 per position for support costs and local governments get \$125. In the Standard catchment area, nine organizations received grants:

- Carman Golf and Curling Club (\$11,443)

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Build 150 partners with community foundations granting \$20,000

By Becca Myskiw

The province is recording a milestone birthday and to celebrate, Manitoba 150 has joined forces with community foundations to fund local projects.

Build 150, with support from James Richardson & Sons and Limited and Affiliated Companies, granted out \$2.5 million province-wide for 240 community brick-and-mortar legacy projects. These are projects that will have a lasting impact on their communities and enhance the lives of Manitobans for years to come.

“Build 150 celebrates our province, leaves legacies for the future, and showcases our province’s history,

beauty, people and culture,” said Monique LaCoste and Stuart Murray, Co-Chairs of Manitoba 150. “Communities came together to identify projects that would enhance accessibility and sustainability, extend the life of existing facilities and add value. Build 150 is not just about the bricks-and-mortar projects. It’s about the vision of the people and bringing those dreams to reality.”

The Carman Area Foundation (CAF) is one of 55 community foundations in the province. They received \$20,000



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Build 150 granted \$20,000 to CAF.

from Build 150, money Jennifer Ching-Faux of CAF said they received based on the size of their area. That money was also “matching funds”, so the foundation granted out another

\$20,000 on top of it for the legacy projects, totalling \$40,000.

CAF recently announced their 2020 grant recipients, granting out over \$100,000. Within that value comes the

\$20,000 from Build 150.

“We were able to give more money that we would have during the granting process,” said Ching-Faux. “It’s tremendous. You can just help a project get over the finish line with that extra little bit.”

She said the foundation can’t always fund projects in their entirety, though they’d like to, and this money helped them to do that. There were 15 legacy projects funded in CAF’s catchment area. They haven’t all been completed due to COVID-19 and its restrictions, but of those finished, the results are sure to create a lasting impact for the better.

The Boyne Regional Library was able to furnish their exchange area with a board table, technology, and chairs. This will support conferences, training, and presentations. The Carman Cardinals built their announcer’s and scorekeeper’s booth. The Elm Creek Canada Day Committee upgraded their picnic area with washroom and electrical upgrades.

“These are projects that are going to stand the test of time,” said Ching-Faux. “They’re going to be there for the community to use for years and years.”

This week in review over the past..... 100 years of memories

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

Hope everyone had a Happy Mother’s Day on May 9.

May 12, 1921

Dufferin Exhibition Prize Lists are ready. Nearly \$20,000 will be spent for purses and prizes for livestock entries. First baseball of the season took place at Kings Park on Monday. Elm

Creek defeated Carman High School 11-9

Now 100 years later the above are in limbo due to Covid 19Virus.

May 9, 1946

Woolly bunnies are Hatchery Side Line

Mel Park has about 40 Angora Rabbits including one, week old litter, and one, six week old litter. These animals require constant brushing to keep their fine wool from becoming matted. Five times a year the wool can be clipped or plucked. The plucked wool brings a higher price but requires a lot more time to process. Mr. Park

plans to ship clipped wool at the present time.

Isaac Harder, local implement dealer has taken into partnership, C. Johnston, who formally travelled in this district for the Cockshutt Co. They will operate under the name of Carman Motors. A complete line of farm machinery and equipment will be carried. They will also act as agents for Plymouth and Chrysler cars and Fargo trucks.

Mr. Harder owns and operates a transfer business as well.

Mr. Johnston will move his family here from Brandon as soon as the renovations on the house he has pur-

chased are complete.

May 13, 1971

Mr. & Mrs. Neil Galbraith celebrated their 50 th Anniversary on April 6 with family and friends.

Children baptized on Mother’s Day on Sunday at Miami United Church were: Robin, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Robert Hill; Warren George, son of Mr. & Mrs. Dan alexander; Laurel Allison, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Robert Shelton; Stuart Keith, son of Mr. & Mrs. Lionel Fry; Evelyn Pauline, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Donald Ben-

Correction

Staff

In last week’s Carman-Dufferin Standard we published an article on the history of the Carman MCC and said that the organization’s first home had been in the corner building across from the library. MCC was actually a few doors east of that to start, then moved to the corner, then to Toews printing building and then to the present location.

The Standard apologizes for the error.

> GREEN TEAM FUNDING, FROM PG. 3

- RM of Roland (\$2,500)
- RM of Thompson (\$2,500)
- RM of Grey (\$5,722)
- Carman-Dufferin Recreation (\$11,285)
- Boyne Regional Library (\$4,469)
- Miami Railway Station Museum (\$4,685)
- Carman Community Pathways (\$5,040)
- RM of Dufferin (\$2,500)

In total, the area received \$50,144. Renae Wolfe, Carman-Dufferin Recreation coordinator, said they’re very pleased with the funding and they always look forward to helping youth gain work experience. They value the support to employers (like them) that this grant provides.

Along with providing job opportunities, these grants give communities more of a chance to work on beautify-

ing their spaces.

Pedersen said being on a Green Team is good experience and it doesn’t require youth to leave their community. As it includes ages up to 29, it also gives University students a chance to get a summer job upon returning home, he said.

“If you see a young person out there mowing the grass, give ‘em a wave,” said Pedersen. “They’re working and that’s what it’s all about.”

Local vet encourages pet owners to look into heartworm prevention

By Becca Myskiw

With summer weather comes summer bugs, and one of those bugs can give your dog a deadly disease that is preventable.

St. Claude veterinarian Dr. Marc Philippot is encouraging pet owners to prevent heartworm disease in their dogs. It's exactly what it sounds like — a worm that, once it matures, ends up in the dog's heart. In severe cases, it can cause congestive heart failure and is fatal if left untreated.

In its larval stages, heartworm is carried by certain mosquitoes that can be found throughout Manitoba once the weather starts to sit at 20 degrees Celsius or more consistently.

Although the hotter spots for the disease in the province are closer to Lockport, Philippot said they diagnose it at the St. Claude Veterinary Clinic year-round. The disease is diagnosed through a blood test, and he said it usually takes six months to show up on one.

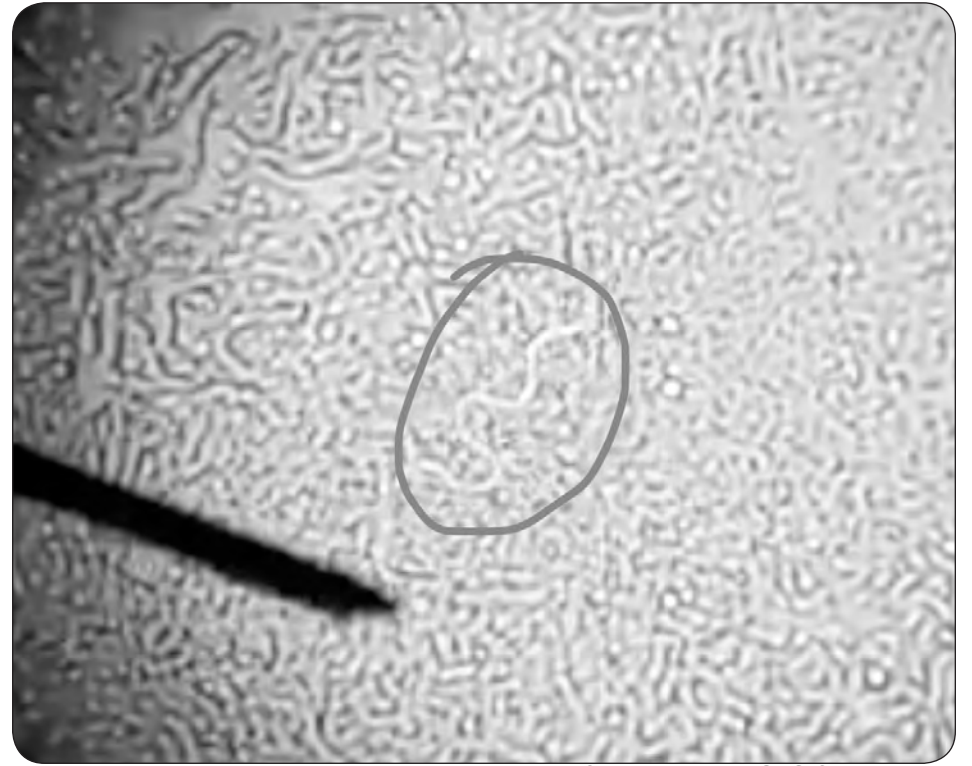
"So, when there's a positive, it usually indicates they've been positive for a while," he said.

Heartworm, when diagnosed, is

usually in the late stages (once it's in the heart) because that's when symptoms start to show in the animals. He said the most common symptoms are those of congestive heart failure — lack of energy due to the heart having trouble pumping blood throughout the body and a cough as the lungs fill with fluid. If there are enough worms in the heart, the dog can also suffer a heart attack.

Once heartworm is diagnosed, the veterinarians will come up with a treatment plan. Philippot is currently treating the disease in St. Claude, one they got early due to a routine blood test. He starts with antibiotics, then steroids, adds in the prevention medicine, and puts the dog on a drug to kill the actual worms.

The prevention medicine is what Philippot is hoping more pet owners will use. It comes in many different forms. For the pill-like treat, owners will give it to their dogs each month starting in May or June and continue to do so until October. There's also a long-acting injection for those who are more forgetful or have busier lifestyles.



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Heartworm is a preventable life-threatening disease in dogs.

Those medications stop heartworm if it does, there's usually time to stop from happening in the first place, but it.

Province provides over \$75 million for businesses impacted by new health orders

Delayed third wave coming into Manitoba, now we need to shorten the time it is here

Submitted by Manitoba government

The Manitoba government is increasing its budget for the Manitoba Bridge Grant and will be making a fourth round of up to \$5,000 payments for eligible businesses and organizations to help protect them through the third wave of the COVID-19 pandemic, Premier Brian Pallister announced today.

"We delayed the third wave coming into Manitoba and now we have to shorten the time it is here. That is why on Friday we introduced new, strict public health measures to curb the spread of the variants and reduce the strain on our health-care system," said Pallister. "We recognize this quick closure for many businesses will have a significant impact on their operations, particularly the restaurant industry who we know were preparing for a busy Mother's Day weekend. Our government remains committed to delivering the right programs at the right times to help individual Manitobans and businesses through these challenging times."

Through a fourth round of pay-

ments, the province will provide up to \$71 million in immediate financial support to eligible small and medium-sized businesses, not-for-profits and charities impacted by the #RestartMB Pandemic Response System. This brings the total program investment to \$286 million, which is \$86 million above the province's original commitment of \$200 million.

Eligible businesses that received prior bridge grant payments will automatically receive a fourth payment of up to \$5,000 beginning as early as Friday, May 14 and will be notified of the deposit via email.

"CFIB is pleased the government of Manitoba is extending the Manitoba Bridge Grant automatically to businesses that previously received it and providing additional support to restaurants to help cover additional costs related to food spoilage," said Jonathan Alward, director, Prairie region, the Canadian Federation of Independent Business. "Just one-third of Manitoba's small businesses are making normal revenues for this time of year, so CFIB and other busi-

ness organizations have called for this program to be extended as it has been an effective tool to provide financial relief to thousands of businesses across the province quickly and with minimum red tape." The province also announced an additional \$2,000 top-up for restaurants in addition to the \$5,000 Manitoba Bridge Grant payment to help cover the costs of food waste, employee wages, maintenance or insurance. Approximately 1,800 restaurants will benefit from this assistance, totalling \$3.6 million.

The province created the Manitoba Bridge Grant in November 2020 to provide upfront funding to businesses, not-for-profits and charities directly affected by public health restrictions and temporarily ordered to close their storefronts to the public.

The program was expanded to support home-based businesses indirectly impacted by public health orders. Eligibility criteria was later expanded to include hotels, resorts, lodges and outfitters, travel agencies, janitorial services companies and owner/operators of licensed passenger transportation businesses that saw demand for their services impacted by public health orders.

An additional \$2 million will also be

provided to the Dine-In Restaurant Relief program to help restaurants shift their operations toward a delivery model. The Dine-in Restaurant Relief Program, administered by the Manitoba Chambers of Commerce in partnership with the Manitoba Restaurant and Foodservices Association, launched in January 2021 to provide a rebate to dine-in restaurants that shifted to a delivery model due to public health restrictions. The program helps offset costs related to delivery services, whether a restaurant provides its own delivery service or uses a third-party delivery company.

"While we urge Manitobans to stay home as much as possible over the next few weeks, we also want to encourage Manitobans to continue to support our many small businesses," said Pallister. "The best thing we can do for our local business community right now is to bend our COVID-19 curve down, so they can get back to doing what they do best, employ Manitobans and offer services Manitobans rely on."

More information about business supports in Manitoba are available at: www.gov.mb.ca/covid19/programs/.

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Minister Cullen gets a 'F' for Bill C-64 handling

Dear Minister Cullen,
I read your Op-Ed in a recent edition of my local paper and to say that I was disappointed doesn't begin to capture what I felt. I was angered. You opened with a statement that the criticisms of Bill C-64 are 'for the sole purpose of creating fear and anxiety for parents, school staff, and students.'

This is the sort of condescension and arrogance we've unfortunately been fed from the Premier and, now, those who carry his water.

Your government withheld the K-12 Review for a year and only released it once Bill C-64 was up for second reading. The optics are difficult to misinterpret. You wanted to be sure that you had your 'reforms' in place before the public had a chance to read the recommendations of the review, many of which you chose to ignore. While that may be good poli-

tics in some circles, it is far from the transparent and accountable governance that we hear so much about.

You also write that nearly 50 per cent of trustees are acclaimed and lead your readers to draw the erroneous conclusion that they are somehow less legitimate. That is patently false. It could just as well be argued that voters are content with their representation. I have great respect for my local trustees. I regularly correspond with one of them and believe that she has the best interests of our community and students in mind. I cannot say that about the top down, centralized version that Bill C-64 will usher in. I trust her analysis far more than I trust those who drafted this power grab of a document.

You and your government get a 'F' for how this has been handled. Vilifying opposition to and criticisms of your version of 'advancing Manitoba

education' is a bad look and doesn't generate any good will or good faith in the significant percentage of Manitoba's population that didn't vote PC in the last election. In fact, I don't believe that you had any mandate to bring in such sweeping legislation.

My MLA, Doyle Piwniuk, told me a month ago that you would be holding virtual town halls in the immediate future to allow us to voice our concerns. I've heard nothing since. Unfortunately, as spring and summer progress, rural folks will be busy with earning their living, and participation in such forums will very likely be diminished. Perhaps that's just more 'good politics.'

I have registered to speak at committee this fall and I fervently hope that many more do so also. There was no need to be so heavy-handed with this legislation and I believe our small rural communities will see far more bad than good come of it.

Sincerely, Bill Tiessen
Crystal City

Honouring Don W. Orchard by renaming Wildlife Management Area

By Blaine Pedersen, MLA for Midland

Our PC Team is committed to the conservation of our environment. Our made-in-Manitoba Climate and Green plan and environment strategies are decreasing emissions, revitalizing habitats and saving wetlands. In addition, Budget 2021 included an investment of \$225K for wildlife management priorities.

As the Minister of Agriculture and Resource Development, part of my mandate is naming Wildlife Management Areas to memorialize Manitobans who have made notable contributions to conservation. The 8 selected individuals are Manitobans that provided lifelong dedication to the improvement of Manitoba's wildlife and wildlife habitat and are the

FIRST names to be announced as part of this initiative.

There are many deserving candidates given there are 89 WMAs in Manitoba encompassing almost 2 million hectares (5 million acres) of valuable wildlife habitat throughout the province. There will be more WMAs named in the future and recommendations can be brought forward for consideration.

In recognition of a conservation trailblazer, I'm proud that the Manitoba government is renaming a Wildlife Management Area in honour of Don W. Orchard in my constituency. It is located from a portion of the Deerwood WMA, situated northwest of the town of Miami and includes a portion of the Tobacco Creek.

Mr. Orchard represented the constituency of Pembina in the Manitoba Legislative Assembly from 1977 to 1995, and served in various cabinet posts of the Manitoba Government under both Sterling Lyon and Gary Filmon. Through his ministerial work in these cabinet positions, he made significant improvements to Manitoba highways, health care, energy and mines, and Manitoba Hydro.

Prior to entering public service, he farmed in the Miami area near this scenic part of the Pembina Valley. I would like to thank Mr. Orchard for his service and his work in our community, and congratulate him on being named for this honour.

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Guest commentary: The future of our students depends on this generation



Alan Campbell

Since the announcement of the provincial government's long-awaited response to the K-12 Review Commission, through Bill 64 (The Education Modernization Act) on March 15, thousands of Manitobans from every corner of this province have risen up in opposition. Their opposition is well-researched, well-presented and informed by the disastrous consequences that will play out if the Manitoba Government proceeds according to plan. We strongly encourage all Manitobans to consider what their fellow citizens have to say.

The anti-democratic and illogical plans of this government to gut our public education system are heavily wrapped inside over 300 pages of sweeping legislation that the average Manitoban has little time to digest. What has been shared by government

are a series of colourful sound bytes and propaganda pieces that are specifically designed to mislead. To put it mildly, the provincial government is banking on the fact that Manitobans will ignore the uncontested fact that their own vote and voices are about to be silenced. Given what's at stake here, Manitobans must ensure that this scheme is not successful.

Which brings me to the matter at hand; how do we succeed in preventing this time-bomb from going off?

The degree to which we can succeed, or even define our success, depends on the extent to which Manitobans understand the stakes and add their voices in opposition of these plans for education in the coming months. Since the start of the COVID-19 pandemic, perhaps more than ever before, society as a whole has found itself turning inward. Through public health directives and often because, in the current context, where many have been left jobless or without access to key services, Manitobans are compelled to focus on themselves and their own issues. Who has time to consider the larger interests of community and the world around us? Some of govern-

ment's loudest misinformation on Bill 64 ("No change for students and staff in schools," and "property tax rebates mean more money on your kitchen table.") is fully dependent on this reality. In other words, "Nothing to see here, keep walking. We know you're busy and need more money so here is a rebate cheque, written on the backs of Manitoba's children." The idea that Bill 64 will not impact students and staff in schools is simply ludicrous. The government has no other option but to levy more taxes to make up for the hundreds of millions in annual losses that will result from these property tax rebates. However, it is not as simple as just pointing out these blatant contradictions. There is so much more that our fellow citizens must rise to achieve in the months ahead.

My request of you is to become engaged in the matters outlined. Do you get it? Are you concerned and infuriated about this government's assault on our public schools, communities and democratic rights? Yes? Then share your concerns with your friends and family. I'm asking you to have political, perhaps even challenging conversations with people who

believe that they don't have "skin in the game" to care or make a difference. You must help them understand why they should make time and find the energy, because if they don't, the damage to their local public schools and communities will be too great. The changes proposed will happen all too quickly and this is exactly what the government is counting on. Additionally, I'm asking you, your family and friends, to register to present to the legislative committee on Bill 64.

Every generation has its calling. From the Great Depression to the Second World War, today's stark challenge by our own government to eliminate our vote and destroy our schools in the midst of a global pandemic, is ours. The future of our students, families and communities are depending on each one of us to do our part to meet this challenge.

Visit www.localvoices.ca to learn more about why you should care about Bill 64 and how you can meet this challenge head-on.

Alan Campbell is the President of the Manitoba School Boards Association and Chair of the Board of Interlake School Division.

Stricter health orders now in effect

By Ashleigh Viveiros

Stricter public health orders went into effect Sunday in a bid to slow down the third wave of the COVID-19 pandemic in Manitoba.

Chief provincial public health officer Dr. Brent Roussin unveiled the new restrictions Friday evening, citing the skyrocketing number of cases in our province as the cause of these more stringent measures.

"Case numbers are certainly going in the wrong direction," he said. "The latter part of this week we've seen a dramatic rise in cases and that's translating into a dramatic rise in ICU numbers."

The daily case count inched up from 279 at the start of last week to 529 this past Sunday.

"These are some of the highest daily numbers we've seen," Roussin said. "We have to take these strong actions now to protect our health care system, to protect Manitobans."

Under the new orders, outdoor gatherings that include people from multiple households are limited to a maximum of five people.

Restaurants, bars, and patios are closed to in-person dining but can still offer take-out and delivery.

Gyms, fitness centres, casinos, museums, galleries, libraries, day camps,

dance/theatre/music schools, and personal services such as estheticians, barbers, salons, and tanning salons all must close.

Indoor community, cultural, and religious gatherings are prohibited. So are indoor sports and recreation, including after-school activities.

Outdoor sports and recreation activities now have a maximum of five participants. Organized team games are not permitted.

Self-help gatherings are limited to 10 people.

Retail stores, markets, and garden centres may open at 10 per cent capacity to a maximum of 100 people. Malls can open to 10 per cent capacity.

These orders will remain in place for at least three weeks, to Sunday, May 30.

Dr. Roussin urged Manitobans to not just heed these new restrictions but to do whatever they can to limit their contacts in the weeks ahead.

"These public health orders can't be written to guide every aspect of our lives," he pointed out. "We know that we all need to make personal choices to reduce the amount of contacts that are outside our households, and we need to act now."

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Picture perfect 1989



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Freddy Giesbrecht, well known Carman photographer, has expanded her business to include custom framing. Giesbrecht's new line of frames allows for a wide selection to meet every taste and size of photo. Giesbrecht says she really enjoys doing framing, adding she's "kind of a perfectionist" when it comes to her work.

REDress Project comes to Carman's King Park

By Becca Myskiw

Flowing against the trees of King's Park last weekend was a display of red dresses.

The REDress project, which involves the hanging of red dresses in spaces, began as an art installation by Métis artist Jamie Black on the campus of the University in Winnipeg in 2011 and has since been replicated, with the encouragement of Black in communities across Canada. The empty red dresses are meant to signify the losses of Indigenous women, girls, and 2SLGTBQQIA people to colonial violence.

The REDress Project came to Carman and a number of communities thanks to REDress Pembina Valley.

Courtney Yeo-Thiessen of REDress Pembina Valley said the dresses, red for blood, represent the individuals that should be in them today but aren't because of the circumstances. Until recently, most installments of the project have been in Winnipeg. Yeo-Thiessen said as a committee, they wanted to share the message locally.

"Rurally we forget there's all kinds of people living here," she said. "Everyone should get the chance to be represented."

Some of the dresses (most donated) hung in King's Park on Saturday had the names embroidered onto them of local Indigenous women who are missing or murdered. Yeo-Thiessen said it's important to have this visual project locally because otherwise, people will continue to brush off the past and forget about this problem, allowing the cycle to continue.

According to the Assembly of First Nations, Indigenous women make up 16 per cent of all female homicide victims and 11 per cent of all missing women, though Indigenous people only make up 4.3 per cent of Canada's population.

For Yeo-Thiessen, that's the most staggering fact.



Courtney Yeo-Thiessen of REDress Pembina Valley.

"There's stereotypes that with colonization and residential schools, we think all these girls are runaways or they deserved it," she said. "And that's not the case. Because we've allowed those stereotypes to grow and remain, we have this cycle where these girls are forgotten or seen as less than."

Linda Revel, Gail Parker, and Audrey Myers were some of the first people to come see the installment in Carman on Saturday.

"Just to stand in the midst of all this blood and support people that are not here...I don't experience what Indigenous people have experienced and I think it's important to support not just all those missing people but their families."

Parker said she hopes the REDress Project will help more people to become aware of the problem and encourage better change for the Indigenous population.

REDress Pembina Valley is taking the installment to Manitou (432 Park Ave.) on May 15, Altona (Gallery in the Park) on May 22, and Winkler (Winkler Arts and Culture) on May 29. Each will go from 10a.m. to 3p.m.



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Tina Cronin, left, Theresa Cronin, Edie Wood, and Ben Wood read the names of each missing and murdered Indigenous women and girls.



The REDress Project was in Carman last Saturday in King's Park. Each red dress is embroidered with a name of missing or murdered indigenous women.



Linda Revel, left, and Gail Parker came to see the dresses on display.

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"I know that Manitobans have done this before and I know we've been doing it now for 14 months, but we need to continue our efforts to keep these numbers down."

The government has upped the cost of fines for people found repeatedly violating public health orders.

Individuals who have received two or more tickets for failing to wear a mask will now pay \$486 for subsequent tickets instead of \$298.

Likewise, individuals who have received two or more tickets for other penalties under the orders will be fined \$2,542 instead of \$1,296.

Also, the penalty for failing to pay a ticket in the required timeframe (default conviction) has been doubled from \$50 to \$100.

Fines for businesses had not changed as of press time.

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The joys of spring

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How to grow vegetables on your balcony

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Gardening is a wonderful way to stay active, relieve stress and spend time outdoors. If you grow your own vegetables, you'll enjoy the added benefit of saving money on food and having access to organically grown produce. Plus, you'll reduce your carbon footprint and be less likely to waste food that you grew yourself.

However, not everyone has a backyard or enough green space on their property for a regular garden. Fortunately, many of the vegetables you might plant in your yard can thrive in pots on your balcony or patio.

Here are just some of the many vegetables that can be grown in containers:

- Tomatoes
- Peppers
- Eggplants
- Green onions
- Radishes

Once you've selected your vegetables, choose pots with good drainage and enough depth to accommodate the plant's growth. You'll also need to water your vegetables every day and ensure they get enough sunlight.

Finally, it's best to use potting soil for your balcony garden, as it contains more nutrients than other types and can help prevent root rot.



When spring arrives, it's time to check the exterior of your home for signs of damage that may have occurred over the winter. Here are 5 key things you should check.

1. The roof. A visual inspection of the roof or a window will indicate if repairs are needed. In particular, look for missing shingles. Also, check your house for signs of water damage.

2. Gutters and spouts. Make sure they are properly attached to the house and are not blocking water from flowing. Remove any debris that's accumulated.

3. Foundation. Examine the foundation for signs of water damage. Water damage can cause big problems for your home.



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Spring maintenance: 5 key things to inspect outside your home

When spring arrives, it's important to inspect the exterior of your home to make sure it hasn't been damaged over the winter. Here are five key things you should check.

1. The roof. A visual inspection from the ground or a window will indicate if immediate repairs are needed. In particular, look out for curled, wavy or missing shingles. Also, check the ceilings inside your house for signs of water infiltration.

2. Gutters and spouts. Make sure they're still firmly attached to the house and that nothing is blocking water from flowing through them. Remove any debris that's accumulated over the winter.

3. Foundation. Examine the concrete for cracks or signs of water damage. Even the smallest fissure can cause big problems for your home. If you see



any signs of degradation, schedule a repair as soon as possible.

4. Balcony or patio. Clean your deck thoroughly and secure any loose boards. Wood patios should be stained every one to three years. If it needs to be done this spring, sand the surface and apply your chosen stain.

5. Windows and doors. Check the caulking around each window and door, and replace it if necessary. Inspect wooden frames to make sure they don't show signs of water infiltration or rot.

If you notice any major damage during your inspection, be sure to contact local contractors to help you with any and all repairs that are needed!

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2. Rebuild or refinish the deck. If your deck has seen better days, this is the ideal time to repair or rebuild it. Consider expanding it to create zones for eating, cooking and relaxing.

3. Replace the siding. If your siding took a beating over the winter, now's the right time to replace it. Choose a quality product and consider using a more modern colour. Cool tones like grey, blue and green have been popular in recent years.



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The value of a woodlot management plan

Submitted by the Pembina Valley Watershed District

Why do people own woodlots?

Some people own woodlots for recreation and entertainment purposes. They love to hike or ski through their property, and enjoy the wildlife that their woodlot shelters.

Others have a desire to leave an inheritance to their children or grandchildren, or may use their woodlot as a source of firewood production or maple syrup operation. Regular or periodic income from sale of timber is also common.

However, the most common of all is a combination of several of these uses.

Regardless of what motivates you to own your woodlot, if you manage it carefully, you are more likely to reap the benefits you seek. Proper planning, involving a woodlot management plan, will help you organize your resources, clarify your goals for the woodlot, and help ensure that you achieve what you set out to do.

A woodlot management plan serves as the blueprint for your woodlot activities. It is a statement about you as an owner and manager. It articulates what your personal interests may be, works carefully with your abilities and other resources, supports your financial objectives and helps you meet your goals.

It is not so much a subject or a science as it is a process that integrates

all the principles, practices, and techniques necessary to care properly for your woodlot.

The planning process which you undertake in order to get your woodlot management plan is not complicated or onerous. It is straightforward and directed by you, the landowner.

The first step in the process involves identifying your objectives for managing your woodlot. Perhaps you are interested in using your woodlot as a source of income or as a tax shelter. Perhaps your objectives are more environmentally oriented, and you wish to protect and conserve wildlife habitat, or increase the species diversity on your land. You may have a stream running through your property and you want to stabilize the soil to protect fish habitat. Or perhaps you want to maintain a healthy, vibrant woodland, and enjoy the beauty it has to offer.

A comprehensive woodlot management plan is not something you can simply write up on the back of a scrap piece of paper ... although that may be a place to start! If you care about the future of your woodlot, then grab that scrap, sit down and list your objectives, and begin the journey of healthy and wise woodlot management.

For more information on woodlot management, or how to develop a plan, contact the Pembina Valley Watershed at 204-242-3267 or the Redboine Watershed at 204-526-2578.



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A woodlot management plan provides a valuable blueprint for your woodlot activities, says the Pembina Valley Watershed District.

Celebrating firefighters



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Sperling firefighters practise grass fire training on May 4.

Staff

The Sperling Fire Department celebrated International Firefighter's Day (May 4) by doing what they do best — fighting fires.

The department had four of their 15 crew members show up to a field where they trained on grass fires. Due to COVID-19 restrictions, they have to do smaller training sessions throughout

the week, so everyone gets their chance at controlling the blaze.

The Sperling Fire Department said last Tuesday's training session went great. Grassfires are just one of the live burns they work on. The firefighters try to keep up to date on the different types to ensure they're prepared for every scenario.

for the second year in a row due to COVID-19 and its restrictions.

"We want to keep our community safe," said Jan Moody of the Miami Agricultural Society. "We want to keep our board members safe."

The two-day rodeo typically has 12 events than run through the Saturday and Sunday. It brings people from all over the province into Miami, generating revenue for more than just the organization that puts it on.

The board had a meeting where they made the decision, saying they need to be responsible. At the time of the cancellation, there would have been only 10 people allowed in the grand-

stand at a time, making it an unaffordable event for the organization.

Now, only five people would be allowed, and Moody said with the uncertainty of what will happen this summer, it's too risky.

The absence of the Miami Fair and Rodeo is more than the lack of a few events, though.

"Our mandate is to educate and inform about agriculture and the promotion of agriculture in our community," said Moody. "And we're just unable to do that at this time."

Along with the society losing revenue, they've lost the ability to educate people on agriculture, something

Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine approved for children aged 12-15

By Patricia Barrett

Health Canada approved the Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 vaccine for children aged 12-15 last week after a review of scientific evidence showed it's safe and effective, and Manitoba is expected to offer vaccination appointments next week.

It's the first COVID vaccine to be approved in Canada for use in children of this age group.

Canada's top health agency said it marks a "significant milestone" in the fight against COVID.

"After completing a thorough and independent scientific review of the evidence, the department has determined that this vaccine is safe and effective at preventing COVID-19 when used in children between 12 and 15 years of age," states the agency in a May 5 news release.

The agency has, however, placed "terms and conditions" on its authorization. It requires Pfizer-BioNTech to continue providing information on the safety, efficacy and quality of the vaccine in the 12-15 age group "to ensure its benefits continue to be demonstrated once it is on the market."

Health Canada had already approved the vaccine for children aged 16 and older in December 2020.

Pfizer-BioNTech had conducted a trial in the U.S. with 2,260 adolescents aged 12 to 15 and found its vaccine

was 100 per cent effective after the second dose.

Fabien Paquette, vaccines lead for Pfizer Canada, said the new approval will help protect children before they go back to school in September.

"Today's expansion of our authorization represents a significant step forward in helping the Canadian government broaden its vaccination program and begin to help protect adolescents before the start of the next school year," said Paquette in a May 5 news release posted on Pfizer's website.

A pediatric study of the Pfizer vaccine in children aged six months to 11 years of age is currently underway.

Manitoba has had 2,638 students infected with COVID, according to the latest provincial data. The government announced last Sunday that K-12 schools in Winnipeg and Brandon — where the majority of new infections are occurring — will be moving to remote learning, starting May 12, to help stem the province's third wave. Students will learn from home until May 30.

Schools in other areas of the province that remain open will have to ban singing and the playing of wind instruments.

The Manitoba government is expected to offer vaccine eligibility to individuals 12 and older by the Victoria Day long weekend.

Miami Fair and Rodeo cancelled for 2021

By Becca Myskiw

The 2021 Miami Fair and Rodeo has been cancelled.

Moody said is important for the industry.

Though the fair and rodeo won't be happening, the Miami Agricultural Society has other things planned for the summer. They're taking advantage of the lull in events and working hard to completely renovate the inside of the food booth and do work on the fair grounds.

After applying for and receiving a few grants during the pandemic, they're using that money to spruce up the area. Moody said the Miami Agricultural Society has had very good support from all levels of government.

Miami is also hosting Manitoba Har-

ness racing again this year, which is slated to start in June. And the local 4-H club will be going forward with their beef sale, so people are encouraged to watch out for that and support Miami 4-H club members.



Volunteer Manitoba opens nominations for annual awards

By Sydney Lockhart

Volunteer Manitoba is looking for community members to nominate local volunteers for their annual province-wide volunteer awards.

The awards celebrate the contributions and time that volunteers in Manitoba have put in to helping others over the past year.

"Our role in the community is to promote and encourage volunteerism and highlight the good work that volunteers are doing right across our province," said communications manager of Volunteer Manitoba Dawn Bourbonnais, "We also work with the non-profit sector just to support charities and non-profits in their professional development and in getting their messages out."

The awards ceremony will be virtual

this year due to the pandemic and will be broadcast on their Facebook page in September.

Currently Volunteer Manitoba is looking for nominations, both groups and individuals can be nominated at www.volunteermanitoba.ca/awards

"It is to highlight the incredible work volunteers have been doing in this past year, especially during COVID. We know that volunteers were still going to work, even though we faced a lot of shutdowns and restrictions, people were still giving back to their communities in different ways," said Bourbonnais.

Nominations can be for multiple awards such as the Lieutenant Governor's Make a Difference Community Award or the Premier's Volunteer Service Award.

"We really just want to show people that through everything it has been a tough year for all of us, but there's really positive examples out there of folks who stepped up and met that challenge and gave back to their community and we really were looking for those nominations we want to hear those stories," she said.

Bourbonnais said they have heard stories of people doing delivery services and tax services for seniors needing to stay home to stay safe from COVID-19 and that even the seemingly small helping hands make a large difference.

"Showing people that volunteerism is still alive and well is really important because a lot of people this past year, I think have made the assumption that we can't volunteer right now,

or things have shut down so they don't need help," said Bourbonnais.

She added that they hope the nominations and awards will inspire younger generations to volunteer more.

"As a volunteer center we're looking at data that was just released by Statistics Canada and the overall percentage of volunteerism has gone down over time," she said.

Bourbonnais said they usually get anywhere from 300 to 400 nominations and that they would hope to see more than that this year despite the challenges of the pandemic.

"let's spread the good news, let's thank all these people," she said.

The deadline to submit nominations is May 24, 2021.

Manitoba launches new financial support for paid sick leave related to COVID-19

Submitted by Manitoba government

The Manitoba government is launching a new Manitoba Pandemic Sick Leave program to provide direct financial assistance to help fill gaps between federal programming and current provincial employment standards for paid sick leave, Premier Brian Pallister announced Friday.

"We are at a critical point in our fight against COVID-19 and the variants of concern, and it is crucial to stay home when sick to help limit the

spread of this deadly virus," said Pallister. "Many Manitobans are living paycheque to paycheque, and they need to feel confident that if they are sick, they can stay home without any financial repercussions or fear of lost wages."

The new Manitoba Pandemic Sick Leave program will provide employers with up to \$600 per employee for up to five full days of COVID-19 related sick leave, which do not have to be taken consecutively. Eligible sick

leave related to COVID-19 includes testing, vaccinations and side effects, self-isolation due to COVID-19 symptoms, or care for a loved one in any of the previously mentioned circumstances.

Private-sector, non-profit and charitable employers with eligible employees are able to qualify to receive the assistance. Employers who currently provide paid sick leave to their employees would not be eligible including federal, provincial and local

governments. Eligible employees are those who reside in Manitoba and work and receive wages in Manitoba on a full or part-time basis.

The premier noted the eligibility period begins today, May 7 and runs until at least Sept. 25, to coincide with the federal and other provincial programs.

More details, including an application will be available shortly at www.gov.mb.ca/covid19/programs/.

New platform raises creatives' voice to share intimate experiences

By Nicole Brownlee

Leading with a song, a Manitoba church launched a creative platform to share personal stories.

New City Church leaders launched CREATEDBYMADE, a storytelling

collective, in early April. The platform's first project features Tanya Elias' debut single, "Find You," and offers listeners a peek behind the curtain to learn about Elias' inspiration for the song.

Elias said the idea for the platform came while she was working on "Find You" with New City Church's worship pastor, Bomba Ng'andu.

New City Church has been in Manitoba for almost two years with a location in Winkler. The two wanted to create a place for creatives to not only share their art, but also their story.

"You can't always convey every feeling in a song," Elias said as an example. "The goal of CREATEDBYMADE is to be able to tell people's stories and to be authentic and get out all those emotions."

To tell Elias' story, Ng'andu wanted to shoot both a music video and a behind-the-scenes piece to dive deeper into her motivation for "Find You."

"For this particular project, I felt like doing a little mini-documentary," said Ng'andu. "I feel like people will be able to gain a little more of an understanding of the story and what she's talking about."

The almost 30-minute documentary is featured on CREATEDBYMADE's website and social media. The documentary discusses Elias' relationship with her parents and follows her and her father as they explore one of the family's past homes and reflect on Elias' childhood.

"I've been wanting to write music for years, but just never found the



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Tanya Elias said releasing her debut single "Find You" with an accompanying music video and documentary is like a "dream come true."

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courage to do it," said Elias.

In early January, Elias was determined to follow through.

"I was like, 'Okay, I'm just going to sit here and I'm not going to leave until I write a song,'" said Elias with a chuckle.

Elias completed her first song by the end of the day.

"I was a little bit too shy and unsure of what to do with it," said Elias, but Ng'andu encouraged her to share the song through a music video and a short documentary.

"He was the visionary," said Elias.

"Find You," tells the story of Elias' dad's impact on creating a home for their family through his consistent care that he expresses through prayer.

"My family, we moved around a lot when I was a kid," said Elias.

The family moved 22 times within

her childhood. Her parents would 'chase the wind' when opportunities arose, said Elias.

Constantly adjusting to new communities made it hard to feel like she had a 'hometown,' but Elias said she found comfort in her dad praying.

"It doesn't matter what house I'm in. That always feels like home to me," said Elias.

Elias realized while reflecting on the past year that she wanted to create the same sense of home for her children as her father did for their family, which inspired her to create "Find You."

"I don't think I've stopped smiling for like six months," said Elias. "To be able to present a visual to people and the story behind it. It's literally all my dreams come true."

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Co-founder Bomba Ng'andu said they're looking forward to expanding the platform to tell a variety of stories in creative ways.

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Provincial music and arts festival moves online

Staff

The Associated Manitoba Arts Festivals' Provincial Music & Arts Festival will be a virtual experience this year.

Participants are invited to send in videos of their performances in seven solo disciplines: voice, piano, strings, classical guitar, woodwinds, brass,

and percussion. There are also classes in Canadian composers and Mozart, musical theatre and Gilbert & Sullivan, chamber group, and speech arts.

Each division features five skill levels of competition: preliminary, junior, intermediate, advanced, and senior.

Due to the fact so many community

music festivals were cancelled in 2021, the provincial event is offering direct entry classes for performers wanting to participate without having received an adjudicator recommendation at their local festival.

Entrants will have the chance, virtually, to view the videos of fellow class

performers and receive written and verbal adjudications.

The deadline for entries is Thursday, May 20. Full participation details and entry forms are available online at www.amaf.mb.ca.

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Canada West announces 2021-22 schedules

Submitted by Canada West

Canada West member institutions affirmed their commitment to return to conference competition in 2021-22 at the virtual Canada West AGM May 4-5.

Conference members signalled their intentions to return to regular season play with the formal approval of alternative sport formats for 2021-22. The alternative formats, which have a greater focus on regional play where possible, provide a viable option for the conference to move forward in planning to stage a full Canada West season that would begin this fall.

"In addition to the health and safety concerns that we all have been facing this past year, our members also face a significant amount of financial uncertainty stemming from the COVID-19 pandemic," said Canada West

President Curtis Atkinson. "Today is a positive step forward in returning to Canada West competition in a feasible, safe, and fiscally responsible way."

The change to formats will be in effect for the 2021-22 season only, after which formats will return to their previous models. Alternative formats were adopted for one season in the following sports: football, soccer, hockey, basketball and volleyball. The formats for championship sports remain as currently scheduled.

"The Schedule Format Committee has worked tirelessly for the past number of months to propose various formats, fitting any number of criteria, to get us to a place where today, we feel as though we have a plan that will allow our student-athletes, coaches and all of our stakeholders to see the return of Canada West play," Atkinson

added.

"It's important to also recognize and thank my fellow Board members and the COVID-19 Task Force for their devotion and leadership as they have continued to navigate through the difficult decisions that have needed to be made over the last year. While the work has been challenging, they have continued to work towards the end goal of getting our student-athletes back to competition."

The alternate formats may require further adjustments which will be addressed as the permissions and approvals for return to competition are known. In order to begin a 2021-22 Canada West season, members will still need to receive permission to return to sport competition from their institutions and receive clearance from the health authorities in their re-

spective provinces.

"Ultimately, I commend our membership for showing their commitment to playing a Canada West schedule, providing an opportunity for programs to compete at conference championships and ensuring that our student-athletes are able to appropriately prepare to vie for national titles with the approval of these alternate formats," said Canada West managing director Rocky Olfert.

"We will continue to monitor the decisions made by provincial governments and health authorities across the four Western provinces, along with any further financial impacts experienced by our members to ensure that we remain on a pathway to play a Canada West season."

Full Canada West schedules will be released at a later date.

First warbird restoration began in Carman

By Dennis Young with Matt Dedrick's Warbirds archives

In 1966, two English movie producers decided to make a movie on 'the Battle of Britain'. While they were able to find several of the famous Spitfire fighters, there were only two flyable examples of the equally famous Hawker Hurricane fighters to be found anywhere in England. They required three Hurricanes to make the movie.

Fortunately for the movie producers, Bob Diemert of Carman had a penchant for collecting, restoring and flying old aircraft at his Friendship airfield. In November 1967, Bob had rescued a Canadian made Hurricane fighter from a farm outside of Portage just before it was to be sold for scrap. He had restored it to flying condition and as a result he soon found himself flying as a movie extra in scenes in the "Battle of Britain" movie being filmed over England.

In March 1972 the aircraft joined the Sir William Roberts/Strathallan Collection in Auchterader, Scotland. Then sold to the Canadian Warplane Heritage Museum, Hamilton in May 1984 and delivered by RCAF C-130 and was re-flown on June 4, 1984. Sadly the aircraft was destroyed in a CWH hanger fire on Feb. 15, 1993.

While in England however Bob had learned of plans to make a movie about the Second World War Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor. It involved a need for flyable examples of both American and Japanese aircraft. Since he knew there were no flyable Japanese aircraft in existence, he decided to spend the funds earned as a film extra, to search for restorable wrecks in the South Pacific.

In 1968 he bought an airline ticket to travel to Lae in Papua-New Guinea. On a stopover in Port Moresby he luckily met Mr. Bill Chapman, a local pharmacist and an aviation museum pioneer. Mr. Chapman showed him a recent photograph taken of large numbers of Japanese aircraft wrecks found on a remote island airfield on Ballalae Island located just off the coast of Bouganville Island.

(Note: history lesson alert) The tiny Ballalae Island was once a meeting place for natives having Cannibal feasts. In 1942 the Japanese Navy occupied the island and had brought by ship 516 British prisoners of war from Hong Kong to be used as slave laborers in the construction of a 6000 foot long, crushed coral air strip. Once the runway and taxiways were completed, the surviving prisoners of war were summarily executed and buried in mass graves there.

On April 18, 1943, the aircraft carrying Navy Admiral Isoroku Yamamoto, the chief planner of the attack on Pearl Harbour, had been intercepted and shot down over Ballalae Island by American long range fighter aircraft. The loss of this popular and competent leader was only revealed to the Japanese people some months later and the news shook the moral of the Japanese Navy and the entire nation.

Despite its active airfield, Ballalae had been by-passed by the allied forces and in late 1943 all flyable Japanese aircraft were flown off the island to Rabaul to help defend the Japanese naval base. They left a small garrison of soldiers and the bomb damaged wrecks scattered along the air strip. In November 1945, Australian troops cleared the surviving Japanese forces from the island and discovered the mass graves of the British soldiers who were later transferred to Port Moresby, New Guinea for internment in a war cemetery.

(Note: back to Bob) The Zero and Val dive bombers were of the types used in the Pearl Harbor attack. The specimens brought back by Bob were brought to the Japanese naval base at Rabaul by the aircraft carrier Zuikaku. All of the aircraft from Ballalae were undoubtedly flown against the American forces on Guadalcanal Island. This was a turning point in the South Pacific battles.

The Americans bombed and strafed the Ballalae airfield at every opportunity, then by-passed it, leaving it to "wither on the vine" while their forces concentrated on establishing air bases on other islands eventually neutralizing Rabaul. All of the Naval and Army aircraft wrecks found on the Ballalae airfield were damaged by the bombings and could not be flown back to Rabaul. Some were stripped of parts by the Japanese before they abandoned the island.

Though an Australian owned the salvage rights to the island, it was apparently too costly for the metal salvagers to travel to the island, cut up the wrecks and then transport out the smelted metal. Though relic hunters had visited the island to photograph the aircraft and remove collectible items, the wrecks were still in relatively good condition.

On leaving Port Moresby, Bob travelled by air to Buin airfield on Bouganville then via boat to Nieland Island. There he negotiated via the Priest in the Catholic Mission to pay the Australian salvager \$400 for the salvage rights to Ballalae Island for one year.

Travelling by boat to Ballalae, he found the trees and scrub grasses had



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Salvaged wrecks of the zero and val bombers at Port Moresby.



Sections of val and zero at Port Moresby.

reclaimed both the airstrip and the aircraft wrecks. Being near the equator the island was a very hot and inhospitable place, with stinging black ants, water filled bomb craters and a nearby swamp which generated clouds of malaria-carrying mosquitos.

After locating some promising wrecks he hired natives from nearby islands to cut wide trails through the vine tangled trees to reach the wrecked aircraft. The natives then helped to cut up and carry out the pieces of aircraft to the shore. He used a tugboat and barge, rented from a Japanese logging operation on nearby Shortland Island, to carry the wrecks from the shore to a ship he had hired to transport the wrecks to Port Moresby for safe storage.

In all Bob made three trips to the South Pacific, making several trips to Ballalae Island. He was able to recover three wrecked Mitsubishi A6M2 Zero fighters and an Aichi D3A2 Val dive bomber as well as an assortment of other components. Back in Canada in January of 1969 he arranged with the RCAF to have a Hercules transport aircraft stop in Port Moresby to pick up the wrecks and return with them across the Pacific. In return he agreed to restore a Zero or the rare Val dive bomber and donate one to the Canadian National Aviation Museum in Ottawa.

Over the next four months, Bob and his assistant Chris Ball, rebuilt the Aichi Val dive bomber powering it with an American Wright R2600

radial engine. The Aichi company in Japan provided factory blueprints for the aircraft and a Japanese journalist helped in translating the data. On November 16, 1970 Mr. Diemert flew the Val to the RCAF base in Portage then later flew the aircraft to Ottawa where it was put on display at the Museum. The Val is now owned by the 'Planes of Fame' museum in Chino, California. A few years ago it was dismantled and placed in a crate. It was flown to Japan and put on display for a while. It was later returned to Chino, where it still resides.

Then the Carman crew began the laborious task of putting together two Mitsubishi Zero fighters from among his collection of Zero wrecks.. Mitsubishi sent copies of the maintenance manuals for the aircraft and also a Japanese technician to assist in their assembly. Eventually two Zero fighter aircraft were completed, powered by American made Pratt & Whitney engines.

In 1977, the first Zero was completed, test flown, then sold to the U.S. Marine Corps Museum in Virginia and now on display at the National Naval Aviation Museum in Pensacola FL. In 1985, the remaining Zero was completed and sold to the Confederate Air Force in Texas then sold by the CAF in 2005 to the Pearl Harbor Aviation Museum in Hawaii. In 1989, the remaining Zero aircraft wreck and parts were sold to the Blayd Corporation of Carman.

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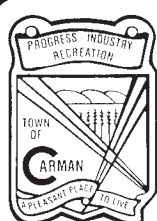
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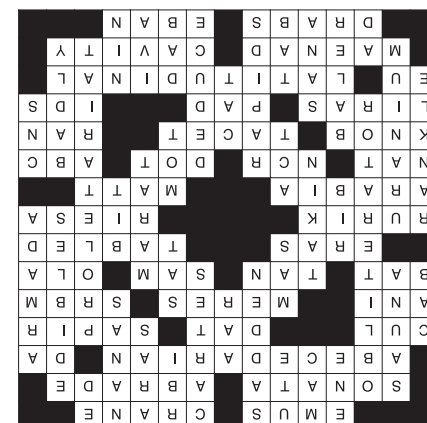
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Arthur Everett McLean
1927 - 2021

Art passed away May 6th, 2021 at Carman Memorial Hospital, where he had his 94th birthday on April 30th. He was predeceased by his wife, Doreen, in 2013.

He has three children left to cherish him, Linda Swanson, Robert McLean (Pauline) and Beverly McLean (Earl), along with many grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Dad was the 11th child of Errol and Edith McLean, and was raised on a farm south of Graysville, Mb. The best of times and the hardest of times.

As soon as he was of age he signed up and joined the army, following in the footsteps of his five older brothers. Dad was very proud to serve his country. After the war, he met mom and they were married on November 15, 1947. They lived in Winnipeg, Mb.

for a short time with Dad working as a mailman. Eventually, they returned to Carman where they made a home and raised their family.

Dad worked for Southwest Transfer driving trucks for many years. It was a good life, with hard work, and long hours.

After his retirement, he went on to be bar manager at the Carman Legion for 10 years. He really enjoyed his time there, being with his friends and comrades. As he would say, he had to give that job up as it interfered with the next love of his life, golf. Dad took up golfing at a late age and started living on the Carman golf course where he and his many golf buddies enjoyed their days together. Fun, laughter and good times were enjoyed by all.

A special thank you to Dr. Villeda, Dr. Alinejad, and all staff at Carman Memorial Hospital and Health Centre.

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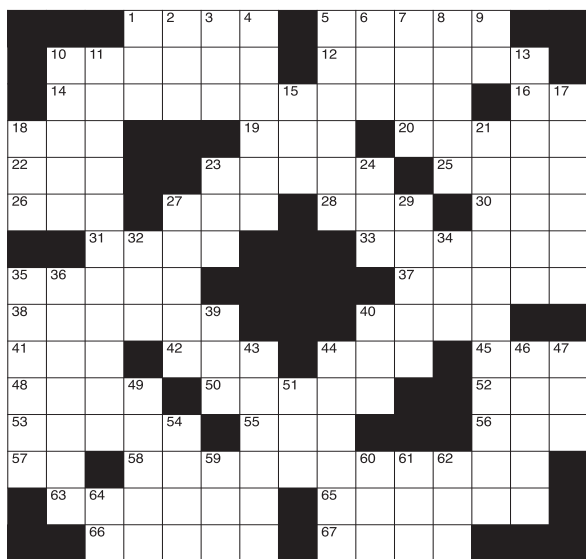
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14. Arranged alphabetically
16. Top prosecutor
18. ___-de-sac: Short dead-end street
19. Digital audiotape
20. Linguistics pioneer
22. Singer DiFranco
23. Arms of the sea
25. Near-reach weapon (abbr.)
26. Ballplayer's accessory
27. You get one at the beach
28. U.S. founding father
30. W. Australia indigenous people
31. Amounts of time
33. Put on the shelf
35. Russian dynasty member
37. City along the Elbe River
38. A peninsula between the Red Sea and the Persian Gulf
40. Actor Damon
41. ___ King Cole, musician
42. Company that rings receipts
44. Scatter
45. Basics
48. Part of a door
50. Indicates silence
52. Moved quickly on foot
53. Monetary units
55. A place to crash
56. Many subconsciouses
57. Group of countries
58. About line of latitude
63. Female follower of Bacchus
65. A dentist can treat it



66. Dull brown fabrics

67. Int'l nonprofit

CLUES DOWN

1. Midway between northeast and east
2. Partner to cheese
3. One from Utah
4. A way to move
5. Playing cards
6. Baseball stat
7. Long river in western Asia
8. Grandmothers
9. Entertainment legend Sullivan
10. Steam bath room
11. One who kills
13. Food
15. Swiss river
17. Fleet
18. Taxi
21. Working class
23. More (Spanish)
24. High schoolers' test
27. Large heavily built
- goat antelope
29. Murdered in his bathtub
32. Tease good-naturedly
34. Morsel
35. Cause persistent resentment
36. A radioactive element
39. Perform in a play
40. Witty remark: Bon ___
43. A great place to kayak
44. Conclude by reasoning
46. In an unfavorable way
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