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Local 4-H clubs preparing for annual show and sale

By Becca Myskiw

The Carman area 4-H clubs are having their steer show and sale on July 9.

The formal event was cancelled last year due to COVID-19 and its many uncertainties, but this year, the 4-H groups in Miami, Graysville, and Elm Creek are excited to host the event live and virtually.

On a typical year, the show and sale would happen at the Carman Fair Grounds, running the span of the weekend. The steers would stay in the barns, members would show them on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, and the sale would happen that Sunday.

However, this year will happen only on Friday, July 9 and it will be at Steppler Farms by Miami. As the farm is already set up for their sales, they have the infrastructure and space to host this event safely.

Andre Steppler from Steppler Farms and Miami 4-H said members would bring their steers over on Thursday, and the animals will get weighed and then penned, watered and fed. On Friday morning, older 4-H members will bring multiple steers into the ring at a time to be shown.

Steppler said their owners wouldn't be able to halter and show them them-

selves due to restrictions, but each animal will get looked at and judged. That will not be open to the public.

Then, Steppler Farms will host the beef sale Friday afternoon. Up to 100 buyers can come to the event as it's deemed essential as long as they follow social distancing protocols. Steppler asks that everyone planning on attending to contact him before the event to get them on a list for contact tracing.

Those who can't make the event in person or don't feel safe doing so can also watch and bid online with DLMS.ca. The sale starts at 1 p.m. Steppler is also welcoming phone calls from people who want to purchase part of a steer but don't know how to — he will ensure they get what they need for the price they can afford.

The fact that this event can happen this year is huge, he said. Many 4-H members use it to support themselves when beginning post-secondary education, buying a car, etc. He said it's also essential for the development of youth in rural communities.

"4-H kids are advocates," he said. "This program encourages kids to be in agriculture, it makes them proud to be in agriculture...they're going to



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Brynn Steppler will be showing and selling her steer in the 4-H beef sale on yJuly 9.

take over these farms and work in the industry."

Each steer sold on July 9 will be the product of their owner's hard work. Steppler said each member selects their steer in the fall when it's around eight to 10 months old and 700 lbs.

They're then in charge of feeding it, developing it, and its husbandry. Raising the animal is a great character builder for each child, he said.

For more information on this year's 4-H beef sale, contact Steppler at (204) 750-1951.

Miami's Yard of the Month contest back for another year

By Becca Myskiw

The Miami Horticultural Society is getting ready once again to choose this summer's yards of the month.

Three yards get the title throughout the summer — one in June, one in July, and one in August. The June winner will have the "Yard of the Month" sign on their lawn for July; then it will move to the next yard for August and

September, respectively.

Lynn Sprott of the Miami Horticultural Society said to win the title, both the front and backyards of the homes are looked at. Two group members will go around town in the last week of the month and look at everything each yard has to offer.

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Co-op donates almost \$30,000 to Indigenous cultural centre

By Becca Myskiw

Homestead Co-op has donated \$28,000 to an Indigenous culture space in Southport in Portage la Prairie.

This monetary donation is part of the Co-op Community Spaces program. The program was launched in 2015 to help protect, beautify, and improve spaces across British Columbia, Alberta, Saskatchewan, and Manitoba. This year, co-ops across the provinces are jointly dedicating \$1 million towards it.

The \$28,000 goes toward the Four Winds Cultural Centre, where community members can learn about Indigenous culture and have celebrations. They're hoping to unveil it this fall.

"Southport is pleased to announce the opening of the Four Winds Cultural Centre in, in Southport," said Peggy May, Southport Chief Executive Officer. "This site is the beginning of a growing partnership with Co-op and an ongoing collaboration with the local Indigenous community."

It will be in the community's Interpretive Park and will have a sweat lodge, a 30-foot community teepee, and a large picnic shelter.

Cornell Pashe, Indigenous coordinator with the Portage Community Revitalization Corporation, said the Four Winds Cultural Centre has been long needed.

"Reconciliation begins with each and every one of us," said Pashe. "This project allows the Indigenous community a place to gather, a place to practice their traditions and culture, and a place to practice their heritage lost long ago in the legacy of residential schools."

General manager of Homestead Co-op, Trent Schidlowsky, said they're excited to partner with Southport Aerospace Centre through Co-op Community Spaces. He said the last 15 months have been challenging and it's an honour to contribute to creating a space for residents to gather together safely.

"Investing in our community is central to our values as a Co-op," said Schidlowsky. "Partnering with community groups on important projects like this is a natural fit. We are creating beautiful spaces for our community to enjoy now and for years to come."

The Four Winds Cultural Centre is just one of the chosen 15 community projects across Western Canada. Over the years, Co-op Community Spaces has granted \$10.5 million to 147 projects, and 60 per cent of those have increased local recreation and arts and culture opportunities in their communities. Another 50 per cent of those projects have resulted in increased access to local nature spaces.



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The Four Winds Cultural Centre is slated to be unveiled this fall.

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Bath and body workshop being hosted by GPAC

By Becca Myskiw

A local self-care enthusiast and business owner is teaming up with Golden Prairie Arts Council (GPAC) to share her tips and tricks.

Mayghan McEachern, owner of Peace Lily Therapeutics, is hosting two bath and body workshops with GPAC this July. The two lessons will be the organization's first workshops of 2021 and will teach people how to make their own self care products with things they have at home.

Each workshop will be held over Zoom and will show participants how to make four products — lip balm, body scrub, bath soak, and body cream. Those are McEachern's favourite products because anyone can use them and they're simple to make.

Most of the ingredients people will need to make the products are things they'll likely already have in their home. After McEachern teaches them what to do once, she's confident they'll be able to make lip balms, body scrubs, bath soaks, and body creams

whenever they want.

Peace Lily Therapeutics does sell products similar to what they'll be making in the Zoom classes, but McEachern said being able to make it yourself is good for many reasons.

"A lot more people are becoming more natural and conscious of what they put in and, on their bodies," she said. "When you make it yourself, you know what's in it, there are no chemicals, and it kind of gives you a good feeling when you've made something yourself."

She said making your own self care products also allows people to avoid allergic reactions because they can switch out certain ingredients for others. With more people being home these days, too, she said, they're looking for activities to do and by showing them how to do this one, they won't need to go through trial and error.

McEachern said self-care is always important, but now more than ever.

"People find more and more as they get busier, it's good to fill your own



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cup again," she said. "If you're not good with yourself, you're not going to be able to help others. You only get one body, so you need to take care of it."

The bath and body workshops are filling up quickly and there's only

five spots available in each. GPAC members can register for \$60, and non-members can register for \$65. McEachern said if there's enough interest, there may be more workshops coming.

Boyne Regional Library ready to kick off summer reading program

By Becca Myskiw

Boyne Regional Library's doors may still be closed, but their summer reading program is ready to get started.

The program will look different from years previous this year, but it's slated to start July 6 and go until Aug. 28. There are 10 grand prizes this year and everyone who registers for the program gets their name entered in the draw of their choice.

Diane Cohoe, the assistant librarian at Boyne Regional Library, said the grand prizes are displayed in the building's front window right now so readers can look at which prize they want. Baskets include the following:

- Basket 1: 26 books for all ages
- Basket 2: Lego building sets
- Basket 3: Board and card games
- Basket 4: John Deere toys
- Basket 5: Outdoor games
- Basket 6: Snacks and local gift cards
- Basket 7: Teen needs
- Basket 8: Craft kit
- Basket 9: R/C truck
- Basket 10: Outdoor comfort

The summer reading program does not count books read or minutes read this year. The 10 grand prizes are the only prizes and everyone who registers has a shot at one of them (of their

choosing). Upon registering, people can pick up their take-home package from the library's outdoor table and find activities inside.

Activities include a scavenger hunt, word search, colouring pages, take-home crafts, and more, along with the option to sign out all of the books they'd like.

Cohoe said the prize incentive is a great way to get all children reading throughout the summer. Last year they had over 650 children participate in the program and they're trying to match that number, if not exceed it, this year.

Due to COVID-19 restrictions, plan-

ning this year's program and spreading the word about it was difficult, said Cohoe. They'd usually do presentations at schools throughout the area, have more freedom to promote it, and do plenty more within the program that would allow readers to come inside.

But for now, the Boyne Regional Library's summer reading program will be done virtually, with book pick up and drop off done curbside. People can start registering July 6 and the grand prize draw will be Aug. 31 at 10 a.m.

Miami hosts vaccine pop-up clinic, has 200 doses to give

By Becca Myskiw

Miami had their pop-up vaccine clinic this Tuesday where they had 200 shots ready to go.

According to the rural municipality (RM) of Thompson Reeve Brian Callum, getting the clinic to come to town was easy. He said the emergency coordinator contacted Southern Health-Santé Sud, it was determined there was a need for it, and did the deal.

"We're trying to make it easy for the community to get a shot if they want one," said Callum. "I think it's a great local opportunity for people if they want to be able to get the vaccine."

He also said the Miami pop-up clinic allowed people to get their second doses sooner than they were otherwise able to.

One of those people was Carl Hildebrand. He and his wife got their first doses of Pfizer in Morden and when they booked for their second doses, they were 12 days apart. He then rebooked them both for Miami, where they both got their second shots sooner and together.

The Miami pop-up clinic was on Tuesday, June 29 at the community hall. They had room for 35 walk-ups and tried to have 165 people pre-

booked for their vaccine appointment, totalling 200 Moderna shots for the Miami community.

Hildebrand said having the option to get his vaccine closer to home was exciting. He and his wife were also booked to receive Pfizer as their second dose and with the ongoing supply issues, they were worried they might not have gotten it.

Along with the promise of a second dose, booking at Miami allowed Hildebrand and his wife to leave their Pfizer doses for youth as children 12 to 17 can't receive Moderna.

"If we take advantage of having one

that's just a few miles from our home, that'll free up a spot quicker for somebody else," he said.

Now, Hildebrand is looking forward to getting back to life and doing it safely. He has faith in the healthcare system and is following what they recommend.

"To get vaccinated is to get out of this situation and to protect ourselves and those around us," he said.

Callum agrees that getting the shot will allow everyone to get back doing the things they want to do.

New interchange to be constructed at Perimeter Highway and PTH 3

Staff

The Manitoba government plans to construct a new diamond interchange at the intersection of PTH 100 (Perimeter Highway) and PTH 3, which will increase safety and reduce travel delays along the Perimeter Highway, Infrastructure Minister Ron Schuler announced June 22.

"Over the next 10 years, Manitoba will be recognized as a national transportation hub, linking east to west, north to south and enabling strong economic activity within and across our borders," said Schuler. "The work currently being undertaken will enhance transportation mobility and connectivity, ensure safety and reliability across the highway network, and enable industry expansion that leverages Manitoba's diverse economy."

In 2020, the province released the South Perimeter Highway Design Study, which outlines two stages of changes for the Perimeter Highway. The initial stage, designed to accom-

modate forecast 2048 traffic levels, will include upgrading the highway to a four-lane divided freeway and improving the highway, interchanges and bridges. The final stage will include upgrading the Perimeter Highway to a six-lane divided freeway, reconfiguring the existing highway and constructing new interchanges where necessary.

One of the key components to the study was a new diamond interchange at the intersection of the Perimeter Highway and PTH 3 to reduce delays while also addressing operational and safety related issues at the current signalized intersection. Engineering work on the new interchange is planned to begin in late 2021, with construction scheduled to begin potentially in late 2023, following the completion of the interchange at the Perimeter Highway and St. Mary's Road.

"Increased use of the Perimeter Highway over the past 30 years has required our government to address

safety, operational and capacity deficiencies of the roadway," said Schuler. "The Perimeter Highway is a significant economic driver for the province in the transportation of people, goods and services and we need to ensure the roadway is safe, efficient and progressive."

The province also released the What We Heard report for Phase 2 of the Perimeter Safety Review, which studied safety on the north section of the Perimeter Highway (PTH 101) from Portage Avenue to Fermor Avenue.

Phase 2 of the Perimeter Safety Review proposes signaling or closing all unsignalized median openings and stop-sign controlled access points, which will limit North Perimeter Highway access to intersections that are appropriately signalized, or have interchanges.

More than 1,200 people took part in the survey, with more than 70 per cent of respondents indicating that they believe the proposed safety improvements will address all or most safety

concerns on the north section of the Perimeter Highway.

A functional design study for the North Perimeter Highway, similar to the South Perimeter Design Study, will begin later this year. The study will determine locations for future interchanges, grade separations, and access management strategies, and will also include additional engagement opportunities for directly impacted stakeholders and the public.

The minister also noted that to date, 26 intersections have been modified or closed on the Perimeter Highway, with an additional 14 expected to be closed or modified by this fall. A tender was advertised on June 17 to close most of the remaining PTH 101 median openings and unsignalized access points.

To view the What We Heard report for Phase 2 of the Perimeter Safety Review, visit <https://engagemb.ca/north-perimeter-safety-review>.

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).

June 30, 1921

Carman fair on June 30, July 1 and 2 is expected to be the best ever according to Neil Love, secretary of the Dufferin Agricultural Society. The new grandstand, almost completed is estimated to hold 3,000 people. An up-to-date baseball diamond is being laid out and extra cattle and sheep runs have been built. The prize list is designed to interest everyone. The 90th Regimental Band of Winnipeg will be in attendance on July 1st and 2nd.

Dufferin Council Meeting—June 25, 1921—Motions were made granting permission for the Greek Catholic Church and Roman Catholic Church for a 1 acre cemetery on a portion of SW ¼ of 12-7-7.

Tenders are to be called for the construction of following 3 concrete bridges, one at n 28-6-4, one at n 24-6-5 and one at n 23-6-5. Tenders to be in by July 10, 1921.

June 27, 1946

Mr. & Mrs. Tom Richardson celebrated their 50th anniversary on June 24. Mr. Richardson was a tailor in Carman from 1893 -1930 except for 1916-17 when he was in WWI.

Carman Legion to host dances during Carman Fair on Friday, Saturday and Monday, June 28, 29 and July 1 at the Memorial Hall. Good music. Come and have a good time.

July 1, 1971

Elm Park 9 hole Golf Course located three miles northwest of Roland was built by Myles Lytle on 60 acres of his farm. He started in the fall of 1957 to design the course and by the spring of 1958, he and his wife were in business. He stated that he made more per acre off the golf course than he made per acre off the rest of his farm.

92nd Annual Carman Fair—July 15, 16, 17 has went to a one pay gate this year. Advance tickets until July 14 are \$3.50 for adults and Children \$1.25. 8 and under are free. After July 14 prices will be Adults \$4. and Children \$1.50. July 15 will be 4-H day and July 16 & 17 will feature harness racing, grandstand attractions as well as cattle and

horse show.

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chan adjacent to the east of Midland Collegiate.

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Sixty-one new COVID cases Monday, no deaths

By Ashleigh Viveiros

Manitoba's Public health officials announced 61 new cases of COVID-19 and no deaths on Monday—the lowest daily case number in months and the first time in weeks there have been no new deaths attributed to the virus.

The current five-day COVID-19 test positivity rate was 6.2 per cent provincially and 5.8 per cent in Winnipeg.

There were 1,454 active cases and 53,443 recoveries from COVID-19 at press time. The death count remained at 1,139.

A total of 194 Manitobans were hospitalized with the virus in Manitoba and neighbouring provinces, including 61 in intensive care.

Locally, Red River South leads the way in active case counts with 50, followed by 17 in Lorne/Louise/Pembina, 14 in Winkler, five cases in Morden, four in Grey and the Altona area,

three in Carman, and one in Roland/Thompson.

The Pembina Valley has lost 53 people to the virus since the pandemic began, including 18 deaths in Winkler alone (the most of any community in the region).

At Monday's briefing, Dr. Brent Roussin, chief provincial public health officer, continued to sound a note of caution even as restrictions begin to slowly ease.

"We're certainly not out of the woods. We still see the virus here, we still the effects of the virus in Manitoba," he stressed, adding, however, that the plan is to dial back on restrictions in the months ahead as more Manitobans get vaccinated and the stress on the health care system lessens. "The vaccine rates continue to climb, our numbers continue to trend in the right direction, and so we fully expect

to be continue to be able to reopen things over this summer."

Meanwhile, on the vaccination front, all Manitobans age 12 and up are eligible to book their first or second dose appointments (there must be at least 28 days between the first and second vaccination). Individuals can book online at <https://protectmb.ca> or by calling (toll-free) 1-844-MAN-VACC (1-844-626-8222).

All super sites, including the one in Morden, are currently offering walk-in appointments as well, though the hours and number of available doses daily varies.

As of Monday, more than 1.3 million doses of vaccine has been administered in Manitoba, representing 72.9 per cent of eligible people with at least one dose and 38 per cent with two.

Hydro responds to Consumers Coalition accusations

Submitted by Bruce Owen

Financial information submitted by Manitoba Hydro to the Public Utilities Board demonstrates there has not been a substantial change in Manitoba Hydro's financial circumstances since the last General Rate Application in 2017-18.

The utility today responded to comments regarding the Crown corporation's actual financial results and budget filed with the PUB.

"Our submissions to the PUB provide a comprehensive picture of Manitoba Hydro's actual and budgeted 2021-22 financial position," Manitoba Hydro President and CEO Jay Grewal said. "The coalition groups did not dispute the information we provided that supports this fact.

"It's verging on offensive to suggest we are defying orders by not supplying information we have already told the PUB does not exist," she said. "To be clear, what we supplied will allow

the PUB to answer the question it currently has before it – whether there's been a substantial change in Manitoba Hydro's finances. And we're confident the information we provided clearly demonstrates that there has not been a substantive change since the last GRA."

Grewal said that going forward, the Corporation's long-term financial forecasts will be more informed and comprehensive, with a thorough integration of long-term strategic and operating plans. Those forecasts will underpin the utility's first five-year GRA, which will be filed with the PUB in the winter of 2022-23.

"We are in the midst of identifying, developing and assessing what is required to successfully execute on our long-term strategic vision for Manitoba Hydro, which puts our customers at the forefront of everything we do," Grewal said.

"We are implementing new pro-

cesses and improved approaches that we believe are necessary to prepare Manitoba Hydro to be able to effectively respond to the changing energy landscape of the future and ensure we operate as efficiently as possible, both today and into the future." Grewal added Manitoba Hydro routinely provides the PUB with information on its financial state, including operating and administrative costs, capital projects, and other information to ensure the regulatory body is always aware of state of the organization.

Manitoba Hydro always operates in full compliance of all legislated and regulatory requirements.

"I want to assure our customers that Manitoba Hydro and its employees remain committed to providing them with the affordable and reliable energy they have come to rely on, today and always," Grewal said.

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Vaccination targets met, restrictions ease a week early

By Ashleigh Viveiros

The first full weekend of summer started on a high note as Manitoba was able to get a head start on its "4-3-2 One Great Summer" reopening plan.

Manitobans managed to meet the government's July 1 vaccination goals a week early, which meant an easing of some COVID-19 restrictions ahead of schedule.

"This is a good news day for Manitobans," Premier Brian Pallister said at a press conference announcing the new public health orders going into effect last Saturday. "After nearly a year and a half of fighting COVID-19, it's time for Manitobans to start to get some of their freedoms back and enjoy this beautiful summer ... Manitobans have earned that right."

The province had set a goal of having 70 per cent of eligible people at least partially immunized (one dose) and 25 per cent fully immunized (two doses) by Canada Day.

Last week, Manitoba surpassed that with 71 per cent of eligible Manitobans having received their first shot and 27 per cent their second. By press time this week those numbers had risen to 72.9 and 39 per cent.

As a result, restrictions have relaxed somewhat on several fronts.

Manitobans who are fully immunized (two weeks past their second dose) are now allowed to visit fully immunized loved ones in personal care homes or hospitals, participate in social or communal activities if they are a resident of a personal care home or congregate living facility, travel domestically for essential and non-essential purposes outside of Manitoba without the requirement to self-isolate on their return, and dine

indoors at restaurants and bars with other fully immunized friends and family from outside their household.

Large-scale, outdoor professional sports or performing arts events may also allow fully immunized Manitobans to attend, subject to approval by Manitoba Public Health.

Meanwhile, all Manitobans, vaccinated or not, are now able to gather in larger numbers (10 people outside on private property, 25 people on public property), dine out in restaurants (with members of the same household if not vaccinated) and on patios,

attend faith-based services, and go to gyms, hair salons and retail stores in every region of the province, with some restrictions (full details below).

The orders are in effect until Monday, Aug. 2, which is the date of the province's next hoped-for vaccination milestone. If Manitoba hits that goal of 75 per cent first-dose vaccinations and 50 per cent second dose before Aug. 2, more restrictions could be eased earlier.

"So book your vaccination appointment," urged Dr. Brent Roussin, Manitoba's chief public health officer, who

called this first step towards a return to normalcy a "ray of hope" after months of missed celebrations.

"When people get vaccinated the community transmission is reduced," Roussin stressed. "It protects the individual, it protects the people around them, the people they love, the people they care about. It helps us get back to days like this where we start loosening these restrictions."

"We can protect all Manitobans by each of us getting fully vaccinated."

New public health orders in effect

- Outdoor gathering sizes on private property double to 10 persons and now allow outdoor visitors to briefly access homes for essential activities (e.g. to use a washroom).

- Public outdoor gathering sizes increase to 25 persons.

- Retail businesses can now open with 25 per cent capacity to a limit of 250 people, with no restrictions on the number of household members permitted to shop together.

- Personal service businesses (hair and nail salons, estheticians, barbers, etc.) may reopen at 50 per cent capacity, on an appointment basis only.

- Restaurants and bars can reopen at 25 per cent capacity for indoors and 50 per cent for outdoor dining. For indoor dining, patrons seated together must be from the same household unless all patrons at the table are fully immunized.

Patrons who are fully immunized and from different households may dine together. For outdoor dining, tables are limited to a maximum of eight patrons and can be from different households regardless of immunization status.

- Indoor faith-based services and organized community gatherings (pow wows, sun dance ceremonies) can resume at 25 per cent capacity to a limit of 25 persons. Masks must be worn at all times.

- Outdoor faith-based and organized community gatherings can resume for up to 50 persons, provided distance can be maintained between households. Drive-in services continue to be permitted.

- Outdoor weddings and funerals may take place with up to 25 participants, in addition to photographer and officiants. Indoor weddings and funerals remain limited to 10

persons.

- Indoor dance, music, theatre and other organized sports and recreation activities may reopen at 25 per cent capacity to a limit of five persons, with no tournaments allowed.

- Outdoor dance, music and theatre classes and other organized recreation activities may reopen for groups up to 25 people, with no tournaments allowed.

- Swimming and wading pools, both indoor and outdoor, may reopen at 25 per cent capacity.

- Gyms and fitness facilities may reopen for individual and group fitness classes at 25 per cent capacity with three metres distance maintained between patrons.

- Summer day camps may reopen to a maximum of 20 participants in groups.

Province reopens biz bridge grant program

Staff

The provincial government is reopening a bridge grant program designed to help ease the burden on pandemic-stricken Manitoba businesses.

Finance Minister Scott Fielding last week announced the province will provide an estimated \$5 million in support for seasonal businesses, new applicants, and others affected by public health restrictions.

"Throughout the pandemic, our government has been working with Manitoba's business community to provide support throughout this challenging time," he said. "We want to ensure this program includes new

businesses or seasonal operations who could not apply for previous rounds of the Manitoba Bridge Grant so they have an opportunity to receive provincial government support."

The Manitoba Bridge Grant program has provided more than \$291 million to over 15,000 private enterprises, not-for-profit organizations, and registered charities affected by pandemic restrictions since last November.

The program offered four rounds of grants up to \$5,000, with many eligible businesses receiving up to \$20,000 total. In May, the province provided a \$2,000 top-up to nearly 1,800 restaurants to compensate for food waste age connected to the closure of din-

ing rooms just ahead of Mother's Day weekend.

Now, the bridge grant intake is open to businesses that did not previously apply, such as new and seasonal businesses that were not operating as of the original Nov. 10 program deadline.

Eligible storefront businesses will receive \$5,000 and home-based businesses will receive up to \$5,000 based on 10 per cent of their most recent calendar year revenues.

Nearly 1,000 businesses may be eligible, estimated Fielding.

The province is also extending the \$2,000 food waste top-up to both new and previous bridge grant applicants

that offer prepared food services but did not receive the May 15 deposit, as it was only provided to restaurants. It is now open to other businesses that offer food services, including hotels, bars, and lounges.

"Manitoba's businesses have made great sacrifices to follow necessary public health restrictions and keep all Manitobans safe," said Fielding. "Our focus now is to vaccinate Manitobans so we can loosen restrictions and safely reopen businesses and our economy this summer."

Businesses can learn more about the grant program at www.gov.mb.ca/covid19/programs/bridge-grant.html. Deadline to apply is July 16.

Miami community working together to pay for train park

By Becca Myskiw

The Miami community has banded together to pay off their train park.

It was purchased two years ago by the rural municipality (RM) of Thompson and Miami Recreation and Play Spaces. It used to be at The Forks, so it is just as much play space as a tourist attraction.

April Hildebrand from Miami Recreation and Play Spaces said the train park is part of Miami's town theme, complementing the railway museum and The Station nicely.

"We thought it would be a really cool type of park to have cause it just fits in so nicely," she said.

Along with matching the town, it gives children another place to play besides the school playground and is a nice gathering place for others. Hildebrand said the park is almost always busy with children playing, it plays host to plenty of community programs, has workers eating there on lunch break, and sees campground traffic often.

The new attraction didn't just appear, though. It costs close to \$20,000, and so far, Hildebrand said they've raised \$10,700.

RM of Thompson councillors get \$1,000 to donate to a cause of their choice, and she said many of them put that money towards the park. Another \$1,200 came from a virtual dinner and \$1,100 from town movie nights. That combined with business donations totalled around \$8,400.

Hildebrand said they still have around \$8,000 to raise by spring of 2022. Along with that task, Miami Recreation and Play Spaces is focusing on giving back to the community.

Hildebrand said to do that; they're looking at hosting community meals, providing more community groups and resources, and adding another park to the town. These things will go hand in hand with the group's mandate — to encourage increased time outdoors, promote physical activity, and to give people great reasons to stay and play in Miami.

Hildebrand said to donate to the train park to write a cheque to the RM of Thompson with a note in the memo as Miami Recreation and Play Spaces is awaiting their charitable status. That way, donors can still receive a tax receipt and the money will still go to the right place.



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Miami residents are banding together to raise money to pay for their train park.

Take care around the water this summer: Red Cross

Staff

Summer is finally here, which means it's time to hit the water.

The Canadian Red Cross urges you to keep water safety in mind as you do so.

"Young children, between the ages of one and four, are particularly at risk of drowning," explains Lynn Kolba, Canadian Red Cross swimming and water safety representative. "A high percentage of these water-related fatalities are preventable. The more aware we are of possible dangers around bodies of water, the better we can prepare, prevent, and enjoy."

A few water safety tips to consider:

Bathing children

When bathing infants or toddlers, an

adult should always remain with the child. Children should never be relied upon to supervise other children in the bath.

When a child is in the bathtub, never leave to answer the phone or for any other momentary distraction.

Active supervision

The absence of adult supervision is a factor in most child drownings. Whether it's a pool, the bathtub, a water park, or the beach, always watch children actively around water—even if they can swim.

Consider requiring all non-swimmers to wear a lifejacket to keep them at the surface to assist you while supervising.

Backyard pools

Backyard pools are especially dangerous for small children. Ensure adequate barriers are in place such as four-sided fencing (recommended at least 1.2 m in height, with gaps no larger than 10 cm), along with a self-closing, self-latching gate.

Empty portable toddler pools after each use.

Diving

Diving head-first into water should be avoided unless the individual is properly trained and is sure that the water is deep enough.

Avoid diving in home pools and always enter the water feet-first.

Open water

Be cautious about swimming in currents.

If you become caught in a river current roll onto your back and go downstream feet-first to avoid hitting obstacles head-first. When you are out of the strongest part of the current, swim on a forward angle toward shore.

"Swimming and paddling to cool off from the heat are some of the great pleasures of summertime," says Kolba. "Understanding safety issues around water, preparing for possible emergencies, and remaining diligent when supervising children help can keep everyone swimming safely."

> MIAMI YARD OF THE MONTH, FROM PG. 2

Winning yards have to be neat, tidy, well kept, appealing to the eye, have healthy plants in symmetrical beds, and have a nice variety of plants as well. Essentially, the yards have to look good.

"People have really gone out of their way to make beautiful arrangements,"

said Sprott.

The Miami Horticultural Society has been doing the Yard of the Month competition for at least 30 years, said Sprott, and it's something that boosts morale and pride for town residents.

Having a yard of the month encourages people to make their yards — and

by extension, the town — look pretty. Then, when people drive through or visit, Miami looks welcoming and is appealing to the eye.

People in Miami don't have to enter their yards or their neighbours' yards in the contest as Miami Horticultural Society members look at every yard in the town. The competition also comes at no cost to residents or the society, but they are making a new sign this

year for the winning yards.

On a typical year, the Miami Horticultural Society would have a plant sale in May, do a bus tour in June (to historic sites or greenhouses), and end the summer off with a flower show in August. Sprott said the flower show is still up in the air and will depend on restrictions and group member's safety.

Local docs answer your questions about the COVID vaccines

By Ashleigh Viveiros

Doctors Manitoba hosted an online town hall Monday night so Morden-Winkler area residents could get the facts about the COVID-19 vaccination from some familiar and trusted faces.

Joining provincial vaccine lead and Winkler native Dr. Joss Reimer on the virtual stage were family doctors Dr. Don Klassen (Winkler), Dr. Kevin Convery (Morden), and Dr. Kathryn Martin (Morden).

With retired local pastor John Klassen playing host, the doctors spent over an hour fielding questions about the development and efficacy of the vaccines.

"I'm here tonight because I've had a lot of fears and concerns expressed to me from my patients and I'm just hoping to provide some more information to have people make informed decisions for themselves," noted Martin in her opening remarks—a sentiment echoed by the other doctors.

Introductions done, Klassen was asked to weigh in on how well the vaccines work and why doctors recommend them.

"In a nutshell, the three vaccines that have been utilized in Manitoba

have all been proven to be very effective," he responded, pointing as evidence to the plummeting case counts in the province's personal care homes once residents were able to get fully vaccinated. "Why do we recommend them? We recommend them because they appear to be working and they are keeping people out of hospital, they are keeping people from getting severe illness."

Asked whether the vaccines approved for use in Canada are considered experimental, Convery stressed that they are not.

"They did complete all three stages of clinical trials, which vaccines have to do," he pointed out. "Now, this happened quicker than it would for previous vaccinations and there's lots of reasons for that ..."

Those reasons include the fact the mRNA technology used to create the vaccines had been in use for years, giving scientists a head start of sorts. A great deal of collaboration around the world and the funding and motivation to get it done quickly but safely also helped speed the process.

"But the extra speed didn't cut any corner in terms of safety," Convery

stressed, explaining the "emergency use" orders simply helped cut down on bureaucratic red tape. "They still had to meet all the safety requirements. And since they've been authorized for use there's ongoing studies [on their efficacy and safety]."

Asked how many people contract COVID-19 even after vaccination, Martin noted most of those cases have been found to be in people with only one dose or less than two weeks after their second dose—the time it takes for the vaccine to take full effect.

Convery fielded a question about the death rate in young people from COVID in comparison to the risks of the vaccine.

"We know, still, for young healthy people the benefits of getting vaccinated outweigh the risks of getting COVID and developing a seriously complication from the illness," he said, noting recent waves of the pandemic have seen an increasing number of young people getting severely ill. "Some young people have died from COVID ... and so the risk of a serious illness in a younger person is low, but it's not zero."

"If you look at the benefits of the

vaccination ... the vaccines have been shown to be exceedingly safe and they offer good protection from ... hospitalization, serious illness, and death."

Convery noted that there have been about 28 million doses of the vaccine administered in Canada thus far and only around 1,500 serious adverse reactions and no deaths with the mRNA vaccines. While blood clots have been reported with the AstraZeneca vaccine, they're still extremely rare, he added.

Protecting yourself, others

Getting vaccinated is about protecting yourself, your loved ones, and your community, Convery observed.

Along those same lines, Reimer pointed out that when you're dealing with a highly communicable virus like this, even one with a high rate of survival for most people, that still translates into a lot of people dying if steps are not taken to slow the spread.

"So maybe you're young and healthy, but you might have a grandparent around you or ... maybe someone you spread it to can spread it to someone else who experiences a really severe."

Darlingford Memorial Service going virtual

By Ashleigh Viveiros

After a century of live events, the Darlingford Memorial Park is doing things a little differently this year.

COVID-19 forced the community to cancel the 2020 Darlingford Memorial Service for the first time since 1921.

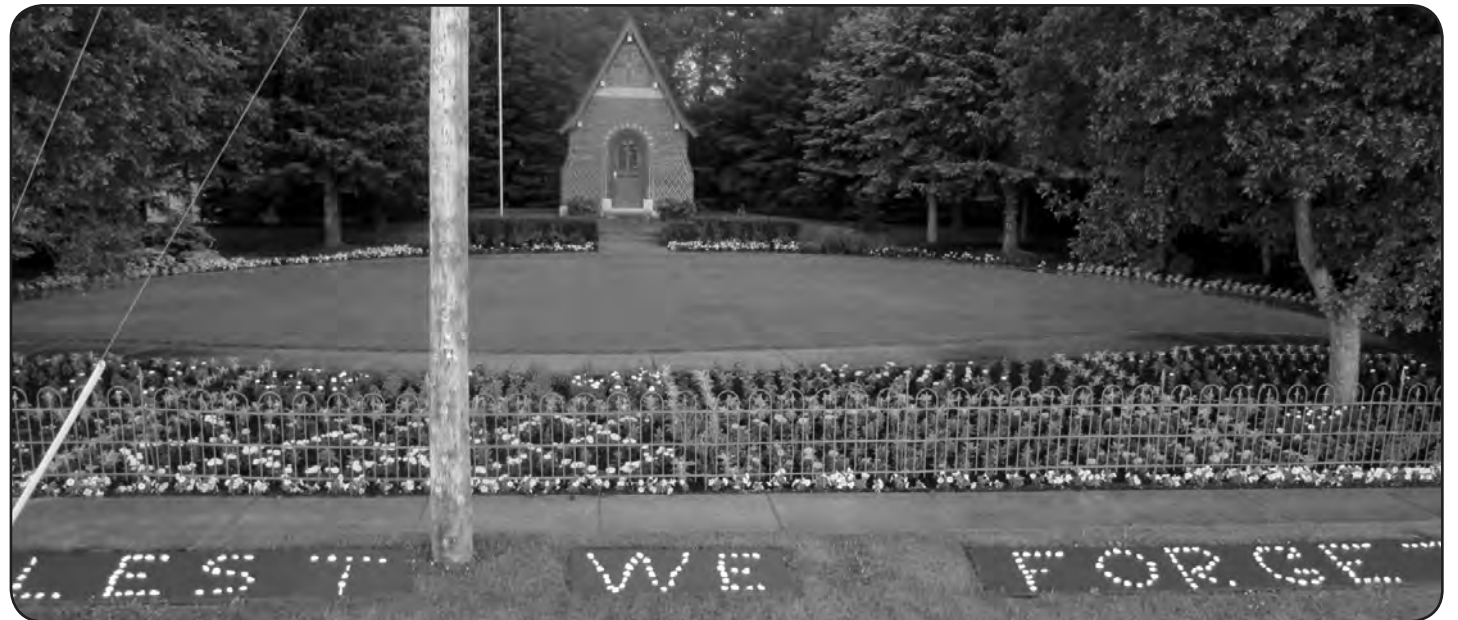
They weren't keen to have that happen again this year, said spokesperson Glenn Rasmussen.

"We just decided that if we couldn't have an in-person service that we would do it virtually so we could have something at least this year," he said. "It's a very important day for the committee and for the community and the surrounding area. It's been a tradition here for 100 years."

Volunteers have spent the past two weekends pre-recording elements of the service to ensure everyone was able to meet public health guidelines.

The ceremony can be viewed Sunday, July 4 at 11 a.m. at www.facebook.com/DarlingfordMemorialPark, www.pembina.ca, and the Darlingford Memorial Park YouTube channel.

This annual service includes participation from local school children who place flowers on two crosses in honour of those who never made it home from the First and Second World Wars.



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After being forced to cancel last year's service due to the pandemic, this year the Darlingford Memorial Park is streaming its 99th annual ceremony online on Sunday, July 4.

This summer is also the park's 100th anniversary, but organizers have decided to postpone the celebrations to next July in the hopes a proper community get-together can be held then. Plans are in the works to bring home some of the descendents of the men whose names are recorded on the memorial's marble plaques.

The Darlingford Memorial is the only free-standing memorial building of its kind in Manitoba that honours the war dead. The park is maintained by local volunteers.

The July service is the main source of funding for the upkeep of the site. Donations can be mailed to RR 1, Box 46, Darlingford, MB R0G 0L0.

Despite not being able to gather in 2020, Rasmussen said the community continues to be generous in its support of the park and memorial.

"People have been very generous in their donations to the park. It's such an important place for everybody that they just want to support it and keep it up."

Exhibit showcases 150 years of wedding dress fashions

By Lorne Stelmach

The highlight of a special Manitoba 150 exhibit at Nellie McClung's Homes in Manitou is obviously connected to the famous author, social activist, suffragette and politician.

The star attraction is the recreation of McClung's 1896 wedding dress, but it is part of a larger exhibit entitled "I DO - Showcasing 150 Years of Wedding Gowns & Dresses" that features 30 gowns from across all of Mani-

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"It was a labor of love getting this finished," said Barbara Biggar, co-chair of the Nellie McClung Heritage Site. "Weddings have always been at the heart of family celebrations in Manitoba," she said, "so what a great opportunity to showcase gowns, chang-



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The 'I DO' exhibit at Nellie McClung Home includes a recreation of their namesake's wedding dress (left) along with dozens of other gowns worn by Manitoban women through the ages.

ing fashion styles and the stories of strong Manitoba women."

The announcement of the I DO exhibit was made on June 25 to mark Nellie McClung Day in Manitoba.

It features a diverse range of gowns that come from across the municipality and province with Nellie McClung's 1896 gown sponsored by the Association of Manitoba Municipalities.

There is also the trailblazer collection featuring the gowns of Asper Foundation co-founder Babs Asper, human rights advocate Gail Asper, Allison Filmon Carvey, who is the daughter of Lieutenant Governor Janice Filmon, and CTV broadcaster Rachel Lagace.

The exhibit also features the vintage collection showcasing the oldest gowns, including one worn on July 1, 1867, Canada's first Dominion Day, while the prism collection features colourful gowns representing Manitoba's diversity.

"The wedding dress has been on our minds for almost five years ... wanting to recreate the wedding gown because it's basically tucked away in storage at the Western Development Museum and rarely sees the light of day publicly," explained Biggar.

Among the features that stand out with the Nellie McClung gown is the period appropriate ginger coloured cotton brocade.

"We had two volunteers who worked meticulously," said Biggar,

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toward the creation of the Province of Manitoba. The act came into effect on July 15, 1870, officialising the status of Manitoba and its 15,000 residents within the Canadian Constitution.

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Carman Chamber hosts successful golf tournament

By Becca Myskiw

The Carman and Community Chamber of Commerce hosted a successful golf tournament amid a COVID pandemic and provincial restrictions.

On Thursday, June 24, 92 golfers hit the green at the Carman Golf and Curling Club. Twenty-three teams of four-hit 18 holes throughout the day, each there for the good of the Chamber.

The first tee time was at noon and the last one was at 2:40 p.m. All teams socially distanced and hit the holes on their own.

Executive director of the Chamber, Jodie Winkler, said it was a perfect day on the course, making it a successful fundraiser. The golf tournament is their only major fundraiser and the funds raised at it go back to pay for workshops offered to their members. The only other income the Chamber gets is from membership fees.

Revenue at the golf tournament is

generated mainly from sponsors and the \$125 fee each golfer pays to play. That fee gets them snacks and a to-go meal after the event, along with the ability to golf.

This year, there were 37-hole sponsors and three major sponsors. Winkler said that members really supported the event and are constantly giving during it.

The Chamber won't know how much money they made from the golf tournament until their community pro-am tournament is finished. That one brings professional golfers to the Carman Golf and Curling Club to play with business owners, making it a more serious tournament and generates more money for the organization.

A portion of funds raised at both tournaments goes back to the club for the junior golf and curling programs.



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Brett Vanderveen, Andy Poulton, Dennis Young, and Marlin Metcalf sponsored by Bring n Lock Self Storage participated in the tournament last week.

> WEDDING EXHIBIT, FROM PG. 10

noting project lead Joanne Rodeck worked with Kristina Maitland, who works as a costumer designer for the Royal Winnipeg Ballet. "She is an extremely skilled seamstress. She knew that time period ... and she was able to create what is a historically accurate recreation of Nellie's gown."

It took a long time for it to come to fruition because even sourcing authentic fabric was a challenge.

"It really gave us time though to be thoughtful and make sure that we were creating a gown that looked as close as it could to the original," Biggar said.

Biggar sees the gown as having significance in a number of ways.

"It was from a period of time she was young and getting married to Wes McClung," she said. "It also says something about her style ... of all the

gowns in our collection, it is truly the most unique gown."

"Nellie McClung always credited Wes, that she married well and he allowed her to do so much," she added. "Let's remember we're talking about the late 1800s, early 1900s, where women had a very traditional role, and she always credited Wes and having a strong marriage to be able to do the things that she did, to travel, to speak and to accomplish the milestones that she achieved for us as women."

So it revolved around the McClung gown, but the project developed further starting with local long time volunteer Bette Mueller having a collection of gowns, but others had gowns to donate then as they found out about the project.

"It took on a life of its own. The more people we spoke to, the more people got excited about it, so the gown collection kept growing," said Biggar, noting that in celebration of the 150th anniversary of the making of Treaty No. 1 on August 3rd, 1871, the I DO exhibit will also feature a specially curated Indigenous collection created by Cree designer Edna Nabess of the Mathias Colomb Cree Nation.

"We honour the women and their stories in the First Nations communities who were here since time immemorial and acknowledge the Treaty 1 territory on which we are located today," said co-chair Diana Vodden.

Biggar said they have further plans to continue to make further use of the collection, but for now they await word for public health orders to allow the reopening of museums.

When that happens, admission will be \$10 per adult, but to encourage young Manitobans to learn more about Nellie McClung and the women's movement, the Marty Morantz family is offering free admission to anyone 17 years and younger.

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Approximately 6,200 (0.10%) Canadians aged 15 years and younger live with diagnosed JIA and about 1,000 (17.1 per 100,000 persons per year) were newly diagnosed in 2016–2017. The prevalence and incidence of diagnosed JIA generally increase with age and are higher among females (0.13% and 21.1 per 100,000 persons per year, respectively) compared to males (0.08% and 13.4 per 100,000 persons per year, respectively)

Juvenile idiopathic arthritis (JIA), one form of juvenile arthritis, is actually quite prevalent, affecting more than 50,000 children in the United States alone. JIA is often referred to as juvenile rheumatoid arthritis.

Other specific names and forms of juvenile arthritis include:

- systemic onset JIA or Still's disease
- oligoarticular JIA (affecting fewer than 5 joints)
- polyarticular JIA (affecting five or more joints)
- enthesitis-related arthritis
- juvenile psoriatic arthritis

When juvenile arthritis first shows its symptoms in a child's body, many parents write off swollen joints and fever as a flu bug, or think that a sudden rash might have occurred from an aller-

gic reaction. The symptoms might even recede slightly before showing up again, sometimes delaying diagnosis for quite some time. After all, who expects a small child to have arthritis?

What is juvenile arthritis?

Most people don't know that kids get arthritis. A child's immune system is not fully formed until about age 18; so an "autoimmune" form of arthritis is especially aggressive in children, compromising their ability fight normal diseases and leaving them open to complications that may affect their eyes, bone growth, etc.

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Eden Tractor Trek moves from July to October

By Lorne Stelmach

Two major events in support of the Eden Foundation are being rescheduled in the hope that conditions later in the season will allow them to go ahead on a more normal scale.

The 14th annual Visit, the Villages Tractor Trek, moved from July to Oct. 2, while Eden's golf tournament was pushed back from June to Aug. 14.

The later date will allow them to take advantage of the government's relaxation of the pandemic public health orders that are still pretty restrictive right now, noted director of development Earl Reimer.

"The social aspect of this event is such a reward for everyone who is involved. We enjoy that part of it. Encouraging people to stay away from each other goes against the nature of the event," he said, pointing out registrations for the Tractor Trek had been down, likely owing to people still being hesitant to sign-up during uncertain times. "So if things continue to progress the way they are ... a majority if not all of the limiting factors may be lifted, and we will be able to do it the way it is intended."

Reimer added they are also buoyed by the fact last year's event was delayed into late September and it still turned out very well, with about 40 participants helping to raise \$74,000.

"Tractor Trek last year was an absolute marvel. It was one of our best



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Eden's Visit the Village Tractor Trek—which sees dozens of tractors make their way through villages surrounding Morden-Winkler each summer—has been pushed back to fall in the hopes COVID restrictions will ease by then.

years," he observed.

Meanwhile, this will be the first year of the revised Eden Iron Man golf tournament, which is now known simply as the Eden Foundation Charity Golf Tournament.

It will be held at the newly renovated Oakview Golf Course near Gretna. Participants can choose to golf either 36, 54, or 72 holes. Golfers are asked to either hit specific fundraising targets or pay a one-time fee of \$1,000 to take part.

"We're pretty confident that we will be able to continue to abide by the rules and at least still have some marginal association with each other," Reimer said.

Both these popular events support Eden's work in bringing hope, healing, and community to people on a mental health journey.

Funds raised will go toward Eden's sliding fee scale for counselling, refurbishing units in its subsidized housing properties, supporting its volun-

teer program and chapel services, and many other programs.

"I think this area has shown itself to be very generous communities," Reimer said. "I think people do recognize that organizations that provide a variety of health services need support from the communities."

Learn more about getting involved in these or other Eden events online at edenhealthcare.ca.

Never too old for entertaining



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One hundred and two year old Carm Colvin got some of his musical friends together Saturday to play a few tunes at the Riverview Lodge.

Inter-provincial B.B. Championship



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Carman BBs Manitoba-Saskatchewan champions were honoured by the Town & RM at a banquet in Carman. Front row: Greg Doyle, Michael Mutchison, Bill Adams, Gerald Strauss, Ted Pethybridge. Centre row, Graham Wilton, Doug Bailey, Doug Sylvester, Ivan Milne, Blake Fox, Dale Garnett, Doug Skeavington, Allan Mileham, Doug Sexsmith, Brian Coates. Back row, Gary Gibson (coach), Glen Morrison, Garry Toews, Joe Pethybridge (manager).

PTM keeping busy behind-the-scenes

By Lorne Stelmach

Being closed to the public is not all bad for the Pembina Threshermen's Museum.

Directors of the volunteer-driven pioneer village museum on the highway between Winkler and Morden of course would rather be open by now, but the pandemic-related shutdown has also afforded them extra time to focus on a few projects and maintenance.

"It is a good time to get a few things done," vice-president Howard Thiessen said last week. "We have to be careful though that we don't overspend ... we're trying to not overdo it."

"We have to try to do some planning for the year," he said. "We're optimistic that at some point, it's going to work out, and we still have people who want to come around and want to help us out."

One recent project involved lifting the Reimer House off its base in order to put in a new and more solid foundation for the typical Mennonite log home, which was built in 1878 and moved to the museum from Hochfeld.

It is a fairly substantial project, noted Thiessen, who explained that the bottom layer of logs were rotting and needed to be replaced.

BB Wiebe and Sons were called on to raise the house and temporarily move it aside so that the new floor could be put in place.

"It is kind of time consuming ... we need to have the right people there to do the right thing with it. In order to maintain it, this is important," said Thiessen, who added they also discovered that "not everybody who can build a log house can necessarily repair a log house."

Another project involves doing some repairs to what's known as the Siemens house. The old white house that long stood at the corner of Hwy 14 and PR 428 in Winkler was moved down the road to PTM last December.

Built in 1919 by the Winter family, the two-storey house had been owned by the Siemens family since 1949.

The building is in good shape, considering its age, with the Siemens \ having kept much of the original character intact.



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PTM's log house was moved from its original foundation this spring so a new, more solid one could be installed. It's one of several improvement projects the museum has on the go while it waits for restrictions to ease enough to allow them to open this summer.

Still, there is some repair and restoration work needed, but Thiessen stressed they are aiming to just keep it intact and not change too much if possible.

"We want to try to leave it to look the same as much as we can," he said. "We'll furnish it with antiques then as well at some point."

The home, which got some new roofing this spring, might not be fully ready for this season, but they like how it is fitting in already.

"It's sitting beside the old barn, and

they kind of look like they might belong together," said Thiessen. "They're kind of a nice pair of buildings right there."

The museum is looking forward to the day they can show off everything they have to offer once restrictions ease.

"We're anxious to get something going though," said Thiessen. "We want people to come around and show interest in the place."

Check out their Facebook page for opening day updates.

Bell MTS launching innovative Wireless Home Internet service in rural Manitoba

Fast Internet experience with 50/10 data access speeds and no overage fees

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Bell MTS announced the official launch of Wireless Home Internet (WHI) service in Manitoba, bringing enhanced broadband access to eligible homes in 12 communities, with approximately 40,000 rural and remote locations planned by the end of 2021. WHI is 5G-capable technology delivered over Bell's wireless network using 3500 MHz spectrum, enabling access speeds of up to 50/10 (50 Megabits per second download/10 Mbps upload) with no overage fees.

Fully funded by Bell and designed to connect more rural and remote locations with next-generation broadband Internet connectivity, the Wireless Home Internet program is part of Bell's accelerated network investment plan to support Canada's recovery from the COVID crisis and ongoing leadership in broadband communications. With a positive investment climate reflecting federal support for the development and expansion of

key infrastructure, Bell is investing up to an additional \$1.7 billion in capital over the next two years to accelerate the rollouts of its next-generation WHI, fibre and 5G networks. This is in addition to the approximately \$4 billion in capital that Bell has typically invested in broadband networks over the last decade.

"Wireless Home Internet has proven extremely popular in rural locations in other parts of Canada, and Bell MTS is proud to take our network investment to the next level by bringing this innovative service to Manitoba," said Ryan Klassen, Vice Chair of Bell MTS & Western Canada. "By leveraging the scale and quality of Bell's high-performance, fibre-connected wireless networks, we're delivering fast, reliable broadband access to residents in smaller communities and rural regions throughout the province."

Faster Internet for rural Manitobans
Wireless Home Internet is begin-

ning to roll out to eligible homes in the following Manitoba communities: Dauphin, Gimli, Grand Beach, Lac du Bonnet, Libau, Peguis First Nation, Shilo, Sidney, Victoria Beach, White-mouth, Winkler and Woodlands. Bell MTS has WHI coverage planned for approximately 40,000 locations in rural Manitoba by the end of 2021, part of Bell's broader plan to eventually offer WHI service to one million rural households across Manitoba, Ontario, Québec, Newfoundland and Labrador, New Brunswick, Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island.

"The COVID-19 pandemic has underscored the need for better broadband access so all Manitobans have access to high-quality internet," said Denys Volkov, Executive Director of the Association of Manitoba Municipalities (AMM). "The AMM welcomes this expanded service offering as reliable broadband, particularly in rural Manitoba, is key to future economic development and growth."

"In the 21st century, high-speed Internet is critical infrastructure for our entrepreneurs, farmers and families," said Chuck Davidson, President and CEO of the Manitoba Chambers of

Commerce. "The current health crisis has highlighted the importance of equipping Manitoba with this type of connectivity. Access to high-speed broadband networks will be a driver of Canada's recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic and of future economic and social prosperity. The expansion of Bell's Wireless Home Internet service to Manitoba is welcomed and will help bridge the connectivity gap."

Added to the significant investments in wireless broadband technology, Bell MTS has been expanding its all-fibre network to meet the connectivity challenges of today and the future technology needs of tomorrow. Bell MTS is now bringing pure fibre Internet service to Churchill, Flin Flon, Morden and La Salle, which join more than 30 smaller communities in Manitoba that are connected to the world's fastest Internet technology.

To learn more about Bell MTS Wireless Home Internet service and to see if your home is now eligible, please visit BellMTS.ca/FastInternet.

Times and tires change with Ed's Tire over the years

By Dennis Young

First a short history lesson on how tires came to be. One of man's greatest inventions, the wheel, had drawbacks such as wear and tear which forced the advancement of adding an expandable layer or a tire (derived from word "attire" ...to dress up the wheel). Over the next years, several types and manufacturers of tires would hit the market.

The early solid rubber ones absorbed shocks and resisted cuts but were very heavy and did not provide a smooth ride. In an attempt to fix that inflatable tires were introduced followed by Bias-ply which were made of two an inflatable inner and an outer casing of fabric cords embedded in the rubber.

Soon however the Radial replaced them taking nearly 100 percent of the market. Presently all passenger tire companies are working on their version of the "tire of the future!" A possible non-pneumatic tire that can also be reused or recycled is a possibility.

All those changes in the tire industry, including the Ag or off road division, had to be kept up to by local dealers. One such dealer was Ed's Tire in Carman.

In 1951 Erdman Wiebe and his wife Helen owned a farm at Tobacco Creek but after some bad farming experiences, decided to trade their farm for a building in Carman. Because he knew a fair bit about tires growing up on a farm, Erdman decided to get into the tire business realizing that there was a great need at this time and Ed's Tire was born.

It was one building south of town on Hwy. 3 with Erdman as the only full time worker plus one part time employee helping out. Help came in 1968 when their son Edward and his wife Rita, purchased the business. Before they took over this business, Rita was teaching school and Ed was a department manager for a Winnipeg food store. There were many life adjustments when beginning the tire business but they couple went at it whole heartedly!

Within two years of their new ownership, the old building section was moved to the rear of the property (still there today) and a new bay, reception room, and a restaurant was constructed. Plus gas pumps were installed becoming an Esso service station all the while it was only Edward and Rita working full time. Rita would do the paper work, Edward the sales, one part timer in the tire shop and Ed's mother Helen in the restaurant.

The tire shop and restaurant business gradually increased as did the staff. May Pethybridge, Vera Colvin and others were in the kitchen and many more people were servicing vehicles and



Edward Wiebe and his wife Rita celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in 2011.

doing farm/field calls. Ed's became the first store in southern Manitoba to provide an on-the-road and farm, fully equipped service vehicle.

In 1978 they decided to construct an addition to the existing building, adding 8 service bays and a 280 foot two story warehouse out back. This provided for many additional services to offer the public. Front end alignments, muffler bending, mechanical repair were some of the more prominent services now provided in addition to tire sales and service. They were the first area store to add the service of alignments from the two wheel front end to tandem alignment on tractor-trailers.

During 1978 through to 1983, those five years were a busy and productive time. Additional locations in other southern Manitoba towns were purchased. The first was Somerset in 1980, followed by Morden 1980, Winkler 1981, Treherne 1983, Pilot Mound 1983 and lastly Morris in 1984. The staff increased to approximately 78 including the offices and the restaurant was replaced with a NAPA parts department.

Once those stores were up and running, they decided to try the Winnipeg market in 1985. They leased the premises to the rear of the truck stop known as Big Sky in Headingly. The sales of heavy truck tires and truck alignments were concentrated on but this had a short life as they owner of the premises lost his business. At this point, because they had purchased the necessary equipment for this type of business, they decided to move that equipment to the Morden store. There they built a new eight bay fully equipped service center and started to get noticed.

In 1989 Good Year Canada was contemplating the purchase of the seven Ed's Tire locations and presented them with a good offer to sell their business. Negotiations continued for a period of approximately six months with no agreement reached. With their knowledge of previous acquisitions by Good Year not being successful, decided to postpone talks.



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Ed's Tire Service in 1969.

However, General Tire of Canada also put in an offer at the same time and the business was sold in the fall of 1989. Ed and Rita retained the buildings, sold the equipment and inventory and leased the buildings for a minimum of five years and a maximum of ten years. There was also a non-compete agreement in place that the Wiebe's could not take part in a tire business.

During the General Tire lease, some of the Ed's Tire locations were released prior to the five year term, with Morris being the first one. The non-compete clause for Morris was eliminated and the Wiebe's quickly decided to move to Morris to reopen the store as Ed's OK Tire store in August 1993. The OK stores were a national buying group providing a wide range of tire brands. By September 1994 the Morden, Carman, Somerset and Treherne locations became Ed and Rita's stores once more. Winkler was sold and Pilot Mound closed.

In 1996 the Sweden's Trelleborg Farm tire line was added. It became popular for its increased traction, less compaction, better floatation, no power hop, fuel savings and increased yields. This was a lucrative venture until Trelleborg sold to Pirelli of Italy who changed the tire tread causing too much compaction in the field.

Ed passed away in 2016 prompting Rita to sell the business to long time employee Konrad Van Dasselaar in 2017. At present the Ed's OK Tire businesses operate in Morden and Carman.

Over the past 70 years Ed's Tire dealerships have expanded and succeeded by growing in all facets of the ever changing tire industry supplying customers with fast, friendly, knowledgeable service. Not to mention offering name brand products to suit everyone's needs at competitive prices. With new ownership all that should continue.

Stepping back in time



STANDARD PHOTO BY MATTHIEU MEIER

Jessica and Lizzy travelled by horse to the Roseisle Community Grocery Co-op for a treat last Tuesday. The store has daily lunch specials, ice cream, snacks, groceries, gas and more. As of July 1 the Co-op will have smores sundaes and twisters.

Strawberry season about to get underway

By Lorne Stelmach

It might not be a banner year for strawberry growers, but optimism remained as many prepared to open up for sales this week or next.

The weather and conditions appear to have had a varying impact on growers across southern Manitoba.

"Some growers were definitely impacted by that frost at the end of May ... but each farm was impacted differently," said Angie Cormier, who operates Cormier's Berry Patch near La Salle and is also executive director of the Prairie Fruit Growers Association.

"I think, all in all, as far as the general consensus from our members ... some growers in the Morden-Winkler area were potentially looking at starting their picking season as early as July 1, and they were anxious to open up to the public.

"Last year, the demand for local fruit was through the roof, and I think for us, as fruit growers, we are all anticipating that demand will carry on into this year."

Willow Rock Farms located in the Manitou area is one operation that was not as fortunate as other growers.

"Our plants sustained a lot of damage in the winter of 2019/2020 and cut our yield significantly last year," noted operator Ryan Young.

"This year, the plants are that much worse and will not produce at all. We were unable to replant last summer but have done so this year. Our plan is to be back in the game as normal for the 2022 growing season."

D&M Farms near Morden fared better over the winter, but is also anticipating fewer berries than usual.

"We'll have less; it won't be an average year, but it should still be a decent crop ... it won't be a bumper crop," said Frank Wieler.

"We've usually been a bit earlier in opening. Last year, we were starting to pick on the 23rd [of June] so we'll be about a week or week and a half behind," he noted.

D&M Farms only does pre-orders rather than u-pick, and they can also be found regularly at the local farmers markets, where they have always had good response, Wieler said.

"Hopefully, some of the rules will loosen ... on the farm, we usually don't have an issue with too many people coming at once, it's spread out through the day," he said. "With strawberries, we would be able to sell them all off the yard; we would have enough customers willing to come out, but farmers' markets also give us a chance to also sell some of the other stuff that we grow."

Nickel Berry Acres in the Plum Coulee area is hoping for some more rain as they prepare to start picking this week.

"Without the rain, it's going to be a bit of a lower yield," said Pauline Nickel, who noted the spring weather—early warm weather followed by snow in April—had an impact on the crop. "They probably had some of that early growth going on underneath the straw ... we think that had a little bit of



PRAIRIE FRUIT GROWERS ASSOCIATION PHOTO

Local strawberry farms are gearing up to start the picking season.

an impact."

Nickel was optimistic that there would be strong demand again.

"I've got a long list ... I opened the door for pre-orders," she said. "I've never had a problem getting rid of one single berry, and we had a beautiful harvest last year.

"We're never short of customers. We love it when people want what we're offering."

Cormier, meanwhile, noted the industry is well suited to being able to carry on business more or less as usual, working within whatever restrictions end up being over the next few weeks and months.

"We came up with some COVID-19 safety guidelines for growers and customers, so we have just amended those guidelines with the current pub-

lic health orders in mind," she said. "We're outside, we are able to space people out ... we are all doing what we can to ensure people can come to the farms to be safe and for the staff to be safe.

"Make sure you contact the farm, find out what guidelines they have in place. Some of them might have appointments so they can control the flow of people more safely.

"I think we are coming into a summer where people are looking for things to do, and I think it's going to be a great season for growers," Cormier said. "Picking berries and eating local berries is something joyful that brings a smile to people's faces ... growers are happy to bring that joy to consumers."

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Winkler Flyers GM Jeff Jeanson steps down

Staff

The Winkler Flyers are bidding farewell to Jeff Jeanson as their general manager.

The junior hockey team announced last week that Jeanson has resigned from the role for personal reasons.

He was named GM in the 2019-2020 season, which saw the Flyers finish in third place and earn home ice advantage for the playoffs before the pandemic cut things short.

He returned for the 2020-21 regular season that saw the Flyers play only eight games before the league pulled the plug due to COVID-19 restrictions.

"Jeff has played an integral role in the success of the Winkler Flyers since he joined us," Flyers

president Caleb Suderman said in a statement. "We would like to thank him and wish him all the best going forward."

Meanwhile, the team recently got a clearer idea of what its upcoming season schedule is going to look like.

September will include a pair of home-and-home battles against the Portage Terriers Sept. 18-19 and 24-25.

The home-and-away structure continues in October when Winkler takes on Steinbach Oct. 1-2 and 8-9, the Winnipeg Freeze Oct. 15-16 and 22-23, and the Winnipeg Blues Oct. 29-30.

The full season schedule is available at winklerflyers.com.

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Doerksen cards a 66 at men's mid-amateur qualifier

Staff

Delwyn Doerksen fired a 5-under 66 to post the lowest round at the Diamond Athletic Men's Mid-Amateur - Qualifier at the Transcona Golf Club last Friday.

Doerksen, a Golf Manitoba Players Club member, finished three strokes ahead of Pine Ridge's Tyler Hall and four strokes better than Glendale's Justin Price and Niakwa's Daniel Munroe.

Tied for fifth with even par 71s were Pine Ridge's Noel Ngo, Elmhurst's Jack Werhun, and Elmhurst's Scott Mazur. Finishing in a tie for eighth overall at 1-over 72 were Pine Ridge's Ryan Terdik, Transcona's Adam

McPherson, Niakwa's Cole Peters, and Niakwa's Garrett Neiles.

The top 52 players made the cut.

The Diamond Athletic Men's Amateur will take place July 9-11 at the Niakwa Country Club.

Baseball Manitoba 2021 Return to Play update

Staff

Due to the most recent announcement regarding public health orders, Baseball Manitoba's sanctioned activities, under the Return to Play plan, began at 12:01 a.m. last Saturday.

Baseball Manitoba Return to Play Timeline:

Phase 1 - Training

Began on June 26

Rally Cap and Grand Slam sessions may proceed

Groups of 25 (this does not include coaches and Health and Safety Coordinators).

Phase 2 - Competition

Will begin July 5

Groups of 25 (this does not include coaches, Health and Safety Coordinators, and umpires)

Spectators are not included in the participant group numbers, and may attend competitions to a maximum of 25 spectators per game

The delay to the start of competition is to give associations time to prepare for the newest Health Orders and Return to Play plan. This will also allow time for associations to re-form teams and effectively create a plan to safely begin competition within the 25 person limit as per the Health Orders.

Manitoba Public Health ORDER 16: - Sports and Recreational Activities:

16(1) Outdoor sporting and recreational facilities, including golf courses, may open, subject to the requirements of this section.

16(2) Persons may engage in any type of outdoor sporting or recreational activity but they must not engage in an activity as part of a group of more than 25 persons.

16(3) Organized practices, games and competitions may take place at an outdoor sporting facility but the operator of an outdoor sporting facility must ensure that no multi-team tournaments take place at the facility.

16(4) Spectators are permitted at an outdoor sporting facility. Spectators are not to be included when calculating the number of participants in a sporting activity. Spectators must maintain a separation of at least two metres from other spectators.

17(1/2) Indoor training is allowed at 25 per cent facility capacity to a limit of five people. Baseball Manitoba said it will continue to monitor the Public Health Orders and will be prepared to revise its Return to Play Plan in the event of any updates to the Public Health Orders.

Uhl wins first Women's City & District Championship

Staff

Shilo Country Club's Bobbi Uhl won her first Women's City & District Championship on Sunday at the Transcona Golf Club.

Uhl carded a six-over par 77 to finish the two-day event at 156 for a two-stroke victory over Rhonda Orr of the Southwood Golf & Country Club (82-77).

A birdie on each of the opening and second holes set the stage for Uhl's solid second day.

First-round leader, 15 year old Crystal Zamzow of the Swan River Golf & Country Club, finished third after a final round 85 to finish seven strokes behind Uhl.

Meanwhile, Jackson Delaurier, a Golf Manitoba Public player, shot back-to-back 75's to win the Men's Bantam Championship presented by the Alex & Peggy Colonello Founda-

tion.

Delaurier finished one stroke ahead of Brayden Boge of the Pine Ridge Golf Club (74-77) and two strokes ahead of another Golf Manitoba Public player, Terence Rafferty (77-75).

Rafferty won the 13 & 14 age division championship.

Hunter Oakden of the Glendale Golf & Country Club was the 12 & under champion (84-88).

Jeri Lafleche of the Clear Lake Golf Course (85-78) captured the Women's Bantam Championship by 12 strokes over Addison Kartusch of the St. Charles Country Club (90-85).

Payton Oakden, a Golf Manitoba Public player, won the 13 & 14 age division Championship (97-99).

The 12 & under division champion was Jewel Lafleche of the Clear Lake Golf Course (108-103).

Soccer players back on the pitch last Saturday

Staff

Soccer players were able to get their kicks on the pitch last Saturday after the province announced its new public health orders.

The Manitoba Soccer Association announced its updated "Return to Play" protocols on Friday.

Indoor practices and training sessions are allowed but limited to a maximum of five players per group. Outdoor team practices and training sessions are allowed as long as group sizes do not exceed 25 players at a soccer field.

Coaches, managers, and other team personnel are not included in the 25-person limit.

Exhibition games, league play, and tournament-style events between teams are still not allowed

because of the limited group size.

MSA said one spectator per player is allowed to attend activities but they should maintain social distancing guidelines.

"The MSA will continue to evaluate the progress of the pandemic keeping in mind the safety of the soccer community," said MSA's executive director Hector Vergara in a media release. "We are hopeful that an increase in outdoor group sizes will allow league play to begin in the next few weeks. "We continue to remind our members to ensure the MSA RTP protocols and the facility protocols are followed."

MSA's full guidelines and recommendations are available on their website.

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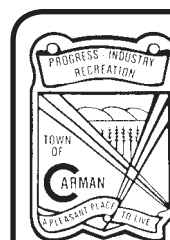
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NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING

WEDNESDAY, July 28, 2021, 7:30 p.m.

VIRTUAL MEETING

AGENDA ITEMS

**DIRECTORS' REPORT
GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT
AUDIT & FINANCIAL REPORT
ELECTION OF DIRECTORS
APPOINTMENT OF AUDITORS**

All AGM attendees **must register in advance** of the Annual General Meeting to participate as a voting member.

Registration will close Friday, July 23, 2021 at 4:00 p.m. Please call 204-744-4087 or email: MemberServices@PembinaCoop.ca to register for this event.

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PUBLIC NOTICE REGARDING AUDITOR'S REPORT

Pursuant to Section 194 of The Municipal Act, notice is given that the financial statements and auditor's report for the Town of Carman for the year 2020 are available for inspection by any person at the Town of Carman office during regular office hours or on the Town's website www.carmanmanitoba.ca.

Dated at the Town of Carman,
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Cheryl Young CMMA
Chief Administrative Officer
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ANNUAL MEETING

HOMESTEAD CONSUMERS CO-OP LIMITED


THURSDAY, JULY 15, 2021
7:00 P.M.

Because of the COVID-19 pandemic and respective government regulations, this year's AGM will be held online via Webex.

To register, email your name and member number to AGM@homestead.crs by 5:00 pm on July 12, 2021.

AGENDA ITEMS INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING:

- Annual report of the Board & Management to the membership
- Presentation of the audited financial statement
- Appointment of auditors
- Election of Directors



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Words can't say enough for the love and support we received after Jack Skelton's passing. A HUGE thank you to all who sent flowers and plants, meals and baking, memorial donations, cards, phone calls, messages and prayers.

-With heartfelt gratitude,
Nadeen, Darren and Lisa,
Ryan and Bethany,
and grandchildren

OBITUARY

Leonard LeRoy Rance

November 5, 1928 - June 20, 2021

Leonard left on his final journey shortly before midnight Sunday, June 20 after spending a quiet Father's Day at home in his family's care.

As a husband, father, uncle, grandfather and friend, Leonard's memory is etched deeply into the people whose lives he touched with his humble wisdom, compassion and dry one-liners that never failed to crack up the room.

The oldest of seven born to Mabelle and LeRoy Rance, Leonard went on to raise a large family of his own with his wife of nearly 69 years Mary (née Elliot) while they farmed in the Sperling area. Leonard and Mary with their children Lyle (Jane), Darrell (Allyson), Laura (Gord) and Shelley (Dino) shared the meaning of family with many over the years. John, David, Stephanie, Nina, Peggy, Geraldine, Corrine, and Keith all had a seat at the table and a special place in Mom and Dad's hearts.



Dad was predeceased by his sister, Thelma Shields; brother-in-law Alex Shields, brother-in-law Jerry Winters (May), sister-in-law Ivy (Cliff) and sister-in-law Jean Kitching (née Elliot) and brother-in-law Jim Kitching.

He is survived by his partner in life Mary; his children; siblings Cliff, Vic (Betty), Owen (Barb), May and Allan (Brenda); Mary's brother Harry Elliot (Bonnie), and sister Marg Bond (George). He also leaves behind grandchildren: Summer, Amanda, Kevin, Brian, Erica, Travis, Lexi, Kathlyn, Matthew, Taran, Ethan, Samara, Mya, and Kaleb; great-grandchildren, nieces and nephews who have brought immeasurable joy into his life, and he to theirs.

Dad was born to farm. From the time he was little learning the ropes on the family homestead five miles east of Sperling, he embraced both the art and the science of agriculture, quickly adopting new ideas and technology.

Leonard obtained his diploma in agriculture from the University of Manitoba before returning to the family farm at Sperling. Upon their marriage in 1952, he and Mary began to build their own farm operation on the adjoining section.

That farm was a sanctuary to anyone who spent time there. As Leonard and Mary went about their work farming and raising kids, their home was a place that welcomed children that needed a safe place to be, international exchange students looking for a working holiday, and friends who just needed to feel the comfort of Mom's hearty soup on the table and good conversation now and again. They've heard many times over the years how those experiences exemplified how a healthy family lives and how that can be a powerful influence on a life's trajectory.

Leonard was an early adopter of conservation agriculture, becoming one of the first farms in southern Manitoba to implement soil-saving zero-tillage practices in the early 1980s. Leonard joined the Manitoba North Dakota Zero Tillage Farmers Association in its formative years, serving on its board and later as its president. It was a role that he particularly enjoyed because of the opportunity to engage with some of the most interesting, innovative and inquisitive farmers in North America.

He lived his faith quietly, but in ways that enriched the world around him. Whether it was the consideration and care he showed for the people in his life, for the land he worked, or the local and global communities, Dad lived his life with purpose and commitment to leaving things better than they were before. He served his church, led Cubs and Boy Scouts, served on the local co-operative boards and represented the local association at the annual Manitoba Pool Elevators meetings in Winnipeg.

One of the highlights of his and Mary's travels was a trip to Ethiopia and Eritrea in the 1990's to see how their donations to the Canadian Foodgrains Bank worked to improve food security.

He rolled with life's punches. When six inches of rain in one afternoon wiped out the crop of 1966, he didn't fret over what couldn't be fixed. Instead, he retrofitted the family's green Dodge van so all six of the family could sleep in it (stacked up like cordwood) and we left on a three-week-long camping trip to the mountains. Best. Holiday. Ever.

To keep food on the table that winter, he drove to Winnipeg with the farm's grain truck every day to make department store deliveries, often arriving home for dinner well past our bedtimes.

It took a little convincing, but he embraced Mary's sense of adventure and the two of them travelled extensively over the years, enjoying extended camping holidays, cruises and trips overseas.

After 40 years on the farm, they moved to Wawota, Sask. for five years so that she could practise ministry. Dad busied himself helping local farmers, volunteering in the community and perfecting his baking skills. Family get togethers just won't be the same without our Grandpa buns.

He lived a life of gratitude, never missing an opportunity to help someone who was less well off. He rarely created a fuss, (except when it was time to get the family out the door for church on Sunday), and he approached all of life's zingers with grace and good humour.

Leonard was cherished by all who knew him. He will be missed but not forgotten.

Donations are gratefully directed to these charities or another of your choice: the United Church Mission and Service Fund through Carman United; the Canadian Foodgrains Bank, or Carman Palliative Care Program.

A private family service will be held at Sperling Cemetery at a later date.

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OBITUARY

Carol and Joe Sandulak

Carol Sandulak

On Friday, June 18, 2021, Carol Ann Sandulak, nee Worden, aged 77 years, beloved wife of Joe Sandulak of Carman, MB, passed away at the Boundary Trails Health Centre after a brief illness.

Joe Sandulak

On Sunday, June 20, 2021, Joseph Alexander Sandulak, aged 86 years, beloved husband of Carol Sandulak (nee Worden), of Carman, MB, passed away at the Carman Memorial Hospital.

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OBITUARY

Rita Shu Foon Lee

Rita Shu Foon Lee died June 18, 2021 at the Boyne Lodge in Carman Manitoba.

She is survived by her husband Paul Burgoyne of Roseisle Manitoba; her sister Mary Shu Fong Lee of Calgary; her brothers Wee-Kee Lee (Rosemary) and Kee-Lep Lee (Jane) of Edmonton; her sister-in-law Yew-Gee Lee of Calgary.

She was predeceased by her parents and her brother Wee-Lep Lee who promised to be waiting for Rita at the gate of heaven to greet her when she arrives.

She is also survived by her nieces and nephews, Gyn Gyn Lee (Craig Rosenberg) of Edmonton; Ying Ying Lee of Sydney Australia; Jonathan Lee (Katie); Kevin Lee (Vicky); and Michael Lee all of Edmonton; Dana Lee (Keary Murphy); and Darren Lee of Calgary. Rita is also survived by Paul's family, sisters Flavia Giles (Dale); Josie Walkden (Wayne Copeland); and brother Peter Burgoyne (Karen) all of Winnipeg.

Thank you to the nurses and staff at the Boyne Lodge for the exceptional care provided to Rita. In lieu of flowers donations in Rita's memory may be made to the Alzheimer's Society of Manitoba.

Following COVID protocols funeral mass with limited attendance was celebrated at Our Lady Of Mount Carmel Catholic Church in Carman, Manitoba on June 25, 2021; Father Mario Veloso officiated. Burial took place at the Carman Catholic Cemetery.

God has written you in the palm of His hand. He loves you! You are His!

"So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!" 2 Cor 5: 17.

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OBITUARY

Joanne Lynn Tjaden

1957 - 2021

It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of Joanne Lynn Tjaden on Friday, May 28, 2021, at the age of 64 following complications from (non-COVID-related) surgery at Kelowna General Hospital in Kelowna, British Columbia.

Joanne, who was born in Winnipeg, Manitoba, is survived by her son Josh and his girlfriend Lindsay; her parents, Robert and Marguerite Tjaden; her younger sister Janice; and her younger brother Ted in addition to a number of close relatives, including her aunt Mona Bilton and uncle Bill Tjaden in Manitoba and many other relatives in southern Manitoba.

Joanne graduated Kelowna Secondary School in 1975 and went on to study music at the University of Victoria, including harpsichord performance (on a harpsichord she handmade herself) where she also obtained her masters in music and worked for a short period of time in the university library system.

Although Joanne continued to play music throughout her life her career path brought her to help manage the family egg business in Armstrong where she oversaw 20,000 laying hens for over 20 years and served on the Canadian Egg Marketing Board for a number of years. During her life, Joanne also took up weaving, quilting, rug making, needlework and various other fibre arts compiling a large collection of hundreds of handmade quilts and fibre art pieces. On retiring from the egg business, Joanne loved spending time creating quilts, rugs and fibre art pieces while mastering her craft with the Orchard Valley Quilts Guild. She also spent the last 10 years after retirement travelling and spending time with her family and friends. She was a very talented artist, a supportive member of the community and an amazing mother, sister and daughter. She will be deeply missed and live on through the lives of the many people she has made a positive impact on.



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Apple Avocado Toast

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edible flowers, for garnish
In pot, cover eggs with 1 inch cold water. Boil 6-7 minutes then place in cool water bath.

Peel eggs, halve lengthwise and set aside.

Toast sourdough bread then mash avocado across bread with fork.

Cut apple into thin slices and place on top of avocado along with egg halves. Top with lime juice, Parmesan cheese, chia seeds and chives.

Garnish with edible flowers.

- 2 eggs
- water
- 4 slices sourdough bread
- 1 ripe avocado, sliced
- 1 Envy apple
- 1 teaspoon lime juice
- 1/4 cup shaved Parmesan cheese
- 2 teaspoons chia seeds



Grilled Apple Portobello Burgers

Heat grill to high heat.

Slice apple horizontally into thick round wedges and remove seeds using fork.

Remove portobello stems.

In small bowl, combine 1/4 cup olive oil, lemon juice, garlic, oregano and salt. Using basting brush, coat mushrooms on both sides with olive oil mixture.

Grill mushrooms stem sides down 2 minutes then flip. Add goat cheese and grill 2-3 minutes until cheese is melted.

Coat apple rounds with remaining olive oil and grill 1-2 minutes per side to lightly char.

Serve mushrooms with apple rounds on brioche buns with lettuce and mayonnaise.

- 2 Envy apples
- 4 portobello mushrooms
- 1/2 cup olive oil, divided
- 2 tablespoons lemon juice
- 4 garlic cloves, minced
- 2 teaspoons oregano
- 2 teaspoons salt
- 1 cup herbed goat cheese
- 4 brioche buns
- 4 large butter lettuce leaves
- 4 tablespoons mayonnaise



Crisp Apple Tacos

- 1 tablespoon mustard
- 1 tablespoon white vinegar
- 12 soft taco shells
- 2 tablespoons sour cream
- 1 lime, cut into wedges

Cut pork crosswise into 1-inch medallions.

Coat pork medallions with olive oil, 1 teaspoon salt and 1 teaspoon pepper then add to saucepan over medium heat.

Slice half of one apple into thick wedges and add to saucepan. Slice remaining half into thin wedges and set aside.

Add rosemary to saucepan and heat 2-3 minutes. Flip pork and heat 2-3 minutes until pork is slightly golden and cooked through.

Let pork rest 3 minutes then slice into strips.

Thinly slice half of remaining apple into thin sticks around same size of shredded cabbage. Reserve remaining half.

In serving bowl, toss apple sticks, carrots, red cabbage and green cabbage.

- 1/2 pound pork tenderloin
- 3 tablespoons olive oil
- 1 teaspoon salt, plus additional, to taste, divided
- 1 teaspoon pepper, plus additional, to taste, divided
- 2 Envy apples, divided
- 3 sprigs rosemary
- 1/2 cup shredded carrots
- 1/2 cup shredded red cabbage
- 1 cup shredded green cabbage
- 4 tablespoons honey
- 1 cup mayonnaise



Christine Ibbotson

Could you please address retiring alone – I always hear comments about “couples” retiring, but I have always been single and I would like you to comment about all us “singles” that have to retire soon. Thanks, Jan

That is a great request Jan – thank you. It is very common now for Canadians to retire as a single – either by divorce or death or maybe never marrying in the first place. In the past, retirement was seen as a “couple event,” but this is no longer the case. The fact is, even if you are a couple now, there is a strong likelihood that you will find yourself single at some point during your retirement.

Couples are more likely to have dual incomes and have more access to health and pension benefits. They also tend to discuss retirement plans together more often. Singles on the other hand, are less likely to be informed about their financial well-being in retirement and will need to make this a priority to get more involved and start a plan for retirement as soon as possible.

Loss of wealth throughout retirement is becoming more common as people live well into their 90's, and this is even more pronounced if you are a single. The typical retirement of only 10-15 years is no longer the norm, with many retirements now lasting 25-35 years. Today, singles must devote a larger share of their income to basic living expenses and this leaves them at a disadvantage when trying to save for retirement. Everyone knows that you must try to save enough money and then invest wisely to acquire an adequate rate of return on your investments to be able to cover future monthly expenses. But these will not be fixed costs, we also need to anticipate the rising costs of basic necessities like

In bowl, mix honey, mayonnaise, mustard and vinegar into dressing. Add additional salt and pepper, to taste.

Mix dressing and cabbage; refrigerate at least 1 hour prior to serving.

Cut remaining apple half into thin wedges.

Top taco shells with pork, slaw, sour cream and squeeze of lime juice. Top with apple wedges.

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food, fuel, and clothing due to inflation. As a single, doing this all on your own, can be an even greater challenge since they will need to save even more than other “coupled” retirees.

Paying into a company savings plan or pension plan is a necessity for singles to ensure they limit their risk of outliving their money. It is very important that they be cognizant of all income sources and have an estimated budget for the future which helps to lay out expenses and spot potential gaps in savings. Housing is one expense that will hit hardest with singles, especially women who tend to live longer and will have to bear this cost on their own. Paying off debt, especially a mortgage, is imperative at retirement. If this is not a possible task, then whether you are single or as a couple, you should be considering downsizing or renting during retirement. You must always have alternatives if your situation becomes financially challenged. Why not explore different housing options such as communal living for singles or even having a boarder in your home to provide the extra income you may need.

Remember that saving for the future should be something you make part of your regular routine. A saving plan of even \$100 a month can grow over time. If you start when you are young it could grow to \$46,204 in 20 years, \$100,452 in 30 years and \$199,149 in 40 years; (based on a 6% average return, compounded monthly). Single or as a couple, stop rationalizing your spending and making excuses for not saving. Right now - make the changes you know you need to do to keep more money in your pocket.

Good Luck & Best Wishes,
ATML - Christine Ibbotson

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