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Flowers to see, flowers to take home

Carman Garden Club will host its annual garden tour Aug. 15

Submitted by Garden Club of Carman and Communities in Bloom

Seven lovely locations are being readied to welcome visitors the Garden Club of Carman hopes will take part in its annual summer garden tour Aug. 15.

Gardens to see include beautiful private yards and country acreages, a large cut-flower garden near Homewood, plus a cluster of small exceptionally well-kept gardens in Carman.

The tour is being held in lieu of the flower show normally scheduled for mid-August but cancelled this year as a precaution against spreading the novel coronavirus. It's a perfect outing for those staying home a lot this year due to COVID-19, said garden club president Paula Learmond. They've planned the tour well and physical distancing can be observed while visiting all the featured gardens at one's own pace.

"It is a safe way for people to get out and see different gardens without

contact," she said. "We don't have a lot of other things going on in town this year, so this is something people are really looking forward to."

The day before the tour will be a busy one for volunteers with the Communities in Bloom committee (CIB), too. They'll be picking flowers for bouquets to be sold the day of the tour as a fundraiser for CIB. The bouquets (\$20 ea./cash or cheque only) will be sold on site at The Laughing Flowers, the cut flower garden on the tour, and donor of the flowers for the fundraiser. Those not going on the tour but wanting to support the fundraiser can purchase CIB bouquets at Carman Florists and Gift Boutique (136 Main Street) available there for a one-time sale (also cash/cheque only) August 15.

Proceeds from sales of bouquets will help fund plans to beautify Carman and Dufferin so its ready for next summer's province-wide Communities in Bloom competition, says Judy



STANDARD PHOTO BY BEV MCLEAN

Communities in Bloom and Garden Club of Carman volunteers display sample bouquets picked from a Homewood-area cut-flower garden that will be part of the garden tour this month. The bouquets will be sold to raise funds for Communities in Bloom during the Aug. 15 tour.

McGregor, co-chair of the CIB committee. Their group is very appreciative of the donated flowers and is so happy to be participating in the garden tour with this first fundraiser, she said. Local businesses also generously supported the fundraiser through purchases of bouquets in July.

"We want to thank the Chamber of Commerce and all the businesses that ordered bouquets," said McGregor. "The downtown business area will be a focus for our CIB committee, so we need and appreciate the support of

our local businesses."

Registration for the tour is \$15 and begins at Dufferin Historical Museum at 20 Kelly Hand Drive in Carman at 10 a.m. The tour lasts from 10 a.m. until 3 p.m.

For more information about the tour please contact: Paula at (204)745-3722. For more information about Communities in Bloom's fundraiser bouquets, donating to CIB, or projects ahead please contact: Susan (204) 745-2546 or Judy at (204)745-6134.

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Significant increase in speed-related serious driving offences

Submitted

Far too many drivers are travelling at dangerous speeds, endangering the lives of other motorists on Manitoba roadways, according to Manitoba Public Insurance.

Over the last three months April to June a total of 148 speed-related Serious Driving Offences (SDO) have been forwarded to the Registrar of Motor Vehicles. This is a 60 per cent increase compared to the same time

frame in 2019 when 93 SDOs were forwarded to MPI by Manitoba police agencies.

As per the Drivers and Vehicles Act, speed infractions (50 km/h or more over the limit) are one of several offences that must be reported to the Registrar. After receiving the Serious Offense Notice roadside, drivers are given five business days to contact MPI to schedule a Show Cause Hearing.

MPI statistics report that about 90 per cent of these Show Cause hearings result in licence suspension, which is based on the speed recorded on the ticket and the person's driving history. Length of license suspension can range from several months to multiple years.

"About one in five road fatalities last year in Manitoba had speed as

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Elm Creek Stay & Play Centre Inc. gets \$25,000 donation for reno project

By Becca Myskiw

Newman Hand Insurance Ltd. of Carman is donating \$25,000 to the Elm Creek Stay & Play Centre Inc. addition project.

Robert Bryson of Newman Hand Insurance Ltd. is on the project board. He's helped with a lot of the fundraisers for the build and said once COVID-19 got in the way, the money stopped flowing in.

"I'm afraid the community goes to sleep on these issues when it disappears for four or five months," he said.

The daycare and nursery school is working on addition or renovation project to create more spaces for children in the area. Centre director Janelle Lepp said they're still deciding whether or not they'll do a renovation or completely new build.

A renovation would cost \$600,000 to \$700,000 while a new build would cost over \$1 million. So far, the project has raised close to \$200,000.

The plan used to include renovating an old church, but Lepp said they've found better options that they're hoping to narrow down in the near future.

Bryson said he's hoping his company's donation will get the fundraising momentum going again and more people and businesses in the area will contribute to the cause.

This is very "near and dear" to his heart, he said. After returning to the area from Ontario and hearing the waiting list was two years long, he was shocked. Bryson has since been working with economic development to better the system in the area.

Lepp said the \$25,000 donation will move them closer to putting the plan — whatever it may be — in motion.

"We've been on hold on the fundraising and it would kickstart the fundraising again," said Lepp.

The ongoing pandemic has halted fundraising, but it's also lost the project a lot of potential donations as a lot of businesses don't have extra money right now.

Lepp said they're hoping the donation from Newman Hand Insurance Inc. gets the fundraising going again and they can get shovels in the ground in the spring of 2021 with the hopes of finishing the project three to



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Carman's Robert Bryson, left, of Newman Hand Insurance Ltd. presented a cheque in the amount of \$25,000 to Clark Sisson, treasurer of the Elm Creek Stay & Play Centre Inc.

six months after.

"The biggest thing for us too is to really just thank Neumann Hand for the donation," said Lepp. "And not only the donation but the time and effort

Rob has spent with the centre to assist in getting the project off the ground."

She said Bryson has given this project confidence.

Manitoba students heading back to class in September

By Ashleigh Viveiros

Manitoba students will be hitting the books in a classroom instead of at the kitchen table this fall.

Education Minister Kelvin Goertzen announced last week that classroom learning for all students in Kindergarten through Grade 12 will resume Sept. 8.

"The best place for students is in the classroom," he said at a press conference July 30, "and we are glad to be in a position to be able to bring back in the classrooms these students in September.

"However, schools will not look like they did in the last September. There are a number of new steps being taken to ensure the health of students and staff and also to ensure that schools can be COVID-ready should a case arise in a school."

K-8 students and those with special needs in all grades will be back at

school full-time, five days a week.

Meanwhile, Gr. 9-12 students may have some remote learning to do, depending on a high school's ability to implement public health measures like physical distancing and the use of cohorts (designated small groups of students—something that's easier to do at the younger grades) to minimize the risk of COVID-19 transmission and to support contact tracing.

Cohorts of a maximum 75 students will be utilized at the elementary and junior high levels as well, limiting the numbers of other people students come into contact with throughout the day.

"Students will have greater space between them in class and many will be cohorted together in their learning group for the school day. Classrooms will be configured to achieve this," Goertzen said. "There will be a staggering of lunches and recess breaks to

avoid congestion of common areas in the schools."

There will also be an increased emphasis on enhanced cleaning and sanitization procedures and hand-washing. It will also be stressed that students and staff must stay home if they are showing any signs of illness.

Mandatory masks are not part of the plan right now—that could change if advice from health officials warrants such a mandate—but students and staff are welcome to wear them if they want, Goertzen said.

School buses will be running, but riders will have assigned seats and either sit alone or with family members or other kids in their cohort. Divisions may need to bring in more school buses to maintain physical distancing. Parents who are able to drop their children off themselves will be encouraged to do so. School divisions are expected to draw upon the sav-

ings incurred when schools were shut down this spring to help cover the costs associated with ensuring their facilities are COVID-ready. Goertzen noted schools saved approximately \$48 million in that time. The province has committed no extra COVID-19 funding for schools.

"While things may not be exactly as they were last September, the clear objective is that we are able to return

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From swimming holes to water slides...a historical memoir

By Dennis Young

The Boyne River for generations provided a means to cool one off or to experience the simple exhilaration of being in the open water. Unlike today's pools the river never closed and as more swimming holes popped up, the Carman Swimming Club developed one particular one. On the wide curve, just west of where River-view Lodge is now, they started a major recreation centre for the Carman community in the mid-1940s. The Kinsmen Club managed operation of this site and eventually took over the assets of the swim club in 1950.

They then enlarged and improved the site by hauling in fine sand for a beach, constructed tennis courts (where Joan Harrison lived and Steve and Debbie Oughton live now) and horseshoe pits. A building was moved in to serve as a lunch stand plus a stage was built for the Carman Band to entertain from the south side of the River. Crowds of up to 2,000 people watched annual swim meets, locals competed in races, relays and diving exhibitions.

Here are some memories shared to me by those who knew the Carman Swimming Hole:

"The spot near the old ninth fairway was a very active place because of the Kinsmen swimming hole, complete with two change rooms, sand covered beach, wading area and large band stand on the south side. Metal rings tied to 15-20ft. rope that was tied to a tree branch high above the river. People would swing out over the

river then let go doing a dive into the river. The manoeuvre was called "The Tango".

There was a horseshoe dock built on the north side just to the east of the sandy area. There each summer the swimming teacher hired by the Kinsmen would give us all swimming lessons. You would receive the Red Cross swimming certificate upon completion complete with a swimming badge you had your mom sew on your bathing suit.

At the end of each summer we would have a swimming pageant, complete with the Carman Band on the band stand, the mayor, kinsmen, parents, and the kids displaying their swimming and diving tricks, including the death defying "Tango". It was a wonderful place for kids plus they learnt to swim." Chip Hand

"It had boys and girls bath houses and a rope swing below them. There was a platform across the river, 2 diving boards, a rope crossed where the shallow end was and a U shaped dock was to the left of that. Crossing the river was a rite of passage for any young swimmers. All those partaking swimming here had to put up with the leaches! There were lots and we think we used salt to get them off.

Jacquie Milton was our swim instructor and we think Sheila MacNamara was too and they gave us our badges as we passed levels to sew on our suits. I (Willa) and Marilyn (Cochran) Baker and maybe the Hand boys life guarded. Older kids would give lessons too but without pay. We



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Swimming Hole supporters in the 50s at Boyne River.

once did a regatta with Jacquie one summer dressed like mermaids and floated down the Boyne in a motorized raft. So much fun! Willa (North) Keith and Marilyn (North) Clearwater

In my younger day it was the place to be in the summer. We all learned to swim there and took lessons there. The south side had a platform with two diving boards. There was a high tree just west of the platform where you could climb up the tree and dive from, but you generally hit bottom. The only problem was the mud bottom and getting blood suckers on you. It also had a steel ring you could swing out on and dive in, as this made it easier than going in the water slowly as the water was usually cold. There was a small retaining wall and a small sand beach in front of it. It was a pop-

ular spot and very busy in the summer as the only place to go. The good thing about the pool there was no hours and you could use it any time day or night. Denny Hunter

There was a concrete wall about 50 feet from river on the west side that you could sit on and watch the action. The water as I recall was quite clear and about 15 feet deep which was perfect for swimming lessons. You could get certain badges here but to get a lifesaving one you had to go to Killarney. Chip Hand was the fastest swimmer in town. There was one special day with lots of spectators when four boys would synchronize a diving display. One person on the dock ...one person on the huge tree swing ...one person on the diving board....and one

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> SPEEDING FINES, FROM PG. 2

a contributing factor," said Satvir Jatana, Vice-President, Employee and Community Engagement, Manitoba Public Insurance. "The COVID-19 pandemic has contributed to reduced traffic volumes on Manitoba roadways. Unfortunately, many drivers seem to think this is an opportunity to speed and travel at very dangerous speeds."

Of the speed-related SDOs forwarded to MPI, the aver-

age speed from April to June, 2020 was 59km over the posted speed limit. The highest speed recorded was 98km over the limit (178 in an 80 km zone).

"Such high-risk driving behaviour is a risk to everyone who travels our roadways. Innocent people should be allowed to travel safely," said Jatana.

Police agree that high speeds present a danger to the general public.

"The Winnipeg Police Service continues to see drivers risking their lives and the lives of others on the roads by driving at excessive speeds," says Inspector Gord Spado, Traffic Division, Winnipeg Police Service.

"Speeding increases the risk of losing control of the vehicle, particularly during evasive maneuvers, and has a negative impact on reaction time and stopping distance, not to mention severity of injury and damage. We will continue to conduct speed enforcement through both traditional and automated means to enhance road safety for all road users."

Police agencies in rural Manitoba also have safety concerns on rural roadways.

"Every day, our officers are seeing irresponsible drivers risking their lives, and the lives of others, by driving at incredibly high-rates of speed," said Inspector Chris Moore, Officer in Charge of Traffic Service for the Manitoba RCMP. "Our officers will continue to conduct traffic enforcement across the province to hold these drivers to account for their actions and to make our roads safer for all."

Our gifted rock of the week



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WFPS races cancelled due to COVID-19 pandemic

Staff

For the second time in as many years, Winnipeg Fire Paramedic Service half marathon organizers have cancelled the event.

This year, the cancellation was due to

the COVID-19 pandemic. Last year's races were wiped out due to danger from damaged and fallen trees from an October snowstorm. This year's event had close to 2,000 runners registered. Organizers set a deadline to

make a decision on the event so they could offer runners a refund.

Last year, refunds were not offered due to the event being cancelled a mere 36 hours before the races were to begin. However, the WFPS run has

not been cancelled completely as organizers are putting on a virtual race. Individuals can start registering for the virtual runs starting Aug. 10.

The virtual run will begin Oct. 1 and continue until Oct. 31.

Katie Cares' Beanie Baby program back up and running

Cuddly bundles of fur are providing joy, comfort once again in local hospitals

By Ashleigh Viveiros

Hundreds of cuddly stuffed animals were delivered to health care centres across southern Manitoba last week to bring a measure of comfort to kids receiving treatment.

Katie Cares' Beanie Baby program is back in action after being abruptly halted in March due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Katie's Cottage executive director Ruth Reimer says the loss of the program founded by her late daughter was a blow to the charity.

"We know, more than anything else that Kaitlyn started, how important this program is to children, to families," she says, noting Kaitlyn experienced firsthand how much love and support the simple gift of a teddy bear can mean for a child in the hospital. "We're so thrilled to be able to get this going again."

As COVID-19 restrictions began to ease in recent weeks, Reimer reached out to Southern Health-Santé Sud to see if there was a safe way to get Beanie Babies into the hands of our area's youngest patients once again.

"First of all, they have to be brand-spanking new," Reimer explains. "So they come packaged and when our staff gets them they have to be masked, have to have washed their hands, and they're gloved when handling them."

Staff put a sticker on the Beanie Babies to identify them as a gift from Katie Cares and then vacuum-seal them for delivery.

"So that parents do know if that sticker is on there that it's come from Katie's Cottage and we've taken all the precautions we can," Reimer says.

Katie Cares usually delivers upwards of 2,500 Beanie Babies throughout the year. After the five-month hiatus, they sent out 590 to replenish the stock at hospitals and other regional medical facilities. The feedback has been immediate and positive.

"The response on Facebook and on

Instagram has been how much people appreciate getting them," Reimer says.

When Kaitlyn was dealing with her cancer, receiving small gifts like this were a sign that people were thinking of and rooting for her.

"It brings so much joy and it let's them know that whatever's going to happen to them—whatever the procedure is—they have something to hold on to for support," Reimer says.

While the Beanie Babies are back bringing smiles to kids' faces, the Katie Cares gift bags, which are filled with various time-passing activities and toiletries, are still on hold for now.

There's no easy way to sanitize all the different items in those bags for delivery to the hospital, Reimer explains.

"The Beanie Babies, already, are a great, great step and I'm grateful to [CEO] Jane Curtis and to Southern Health that they're allowing that," she says.

That said, Katie Cares does have special gift packages for children dealing with serious illnesses that can be put together at the request of the family.

"If a child is sick and I hear about it then we can make a personal visit to that home, which we've done through



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Katie's Cottage staffer Colleen Mourant carefully packages Beanie Babies for delivery to kids in local hospitals

COVID," Reimer says, noting one severely ill young patient received an iPad recently to help them pass the time while they heal.

For details on that program, contact Katie Cares at 204-312-8445.

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Dr. Roussin urges Manitobans to “continue to work together”

By Ashleigh Viveiros

We're going to get through this pandemic together.

This from Manitoba's chief public health officer Dr. Brent Roussin, who took time last week to remind Manitobans “to be kind to each other.

“[It's been a] tough time for us all and we've managed to get to this point by working together,” he stressed at the province's July 30 media briefing. “Shame, stigma is not going to get us through this. Continue to work together as Manitobans, because we're going to be dealing with this virus for quite some time.”

Public health officials announced 27 new cases of the virus over the long weekend, bringing the total number of cases in Manitoba to 442.

The province headed into the weekend with 70 active cases and 337 recoveries. Six people were hospitalized with COVID-19, five in intensive care.

Updated stats reflecting the weekend's new cases and recoveries were expected on Tuesday.

Manitoba reported its eighth death—a man in his 70s from the Southern Health-Santé Sud region—last week. It was the first COVID-19 death since

early May.

As he has stressed since the start of the pandemic, Dr. Roussin again emphasized to Manitobans the importance of focusing on the fundamentals when it comes to living with COVID-19.

That includes physical distancing, good hand hygiene, enhanced cleaning protocols, and avoiding prolonged exposure to large crowds of people.

“It's critical that we find ways to continue to live with this virus and balance it with the very important things such as getting kids back to school,” Roussin said following Education Minister Kelvin Goertzen's unveiling of the province's back-to-school plan, which will have students back in the classroom come Sept. 8.

One of the most important things Manitobans can do to prevent the spread of the virus is to stay home when they're sick.

“Very, very vital as we go back to school, as we go back to work ... is stay home if you're ill, even if you're mildly ill,” Roussin said. “Do not attend school or work if you're showing any signs of illness.”

Testing volumes have been on the

rise in Manitoba in recent weeks as the number of COVID cases and contact tracing increase.

On the testing front, Roussin had a message for employers looking to have their staff tested:

“I'd caution against employers to mandate testing in asymptomatic employees,” he said. “Testing of asymptomatic individuals is not that useful, so it puts an extra strain on our system to mandate that.

“Again, the most important people to get tested are those who are named as contacts of cases or those who have symptoms of COVID.”

At this time, Manitoba is not mandating the use of masks in public spaces, though that could change in the weeks ahead.

“As we move closer and closer to fall, masks are likely to become more and more part of our plan,” Roussin said, pointing to widespread community transmission—something we're not seeing yet—as a factor in that decision, along with rising case numbers overall. “We're continuing to review all these things and will continue to update as needed.

> BACK TO SCHOOL, FROM PG. 3

students to in-class learning while providing an environment that strives to protect the health of all those in the school,” Goertzen said.

“The value of in-class learning and the need to ensure safety isn't an easy balance to strike, but much work has gone into trying to achieve that balance,” he said, noting this plan was developed in consultation with educators, school boards, and administrators across the province.

Three response levels

No one knows what the next few months of the pandemic may bring, and so the province has prepared three response levels and is asking school divisions to have contingency plans ready should the need arise for full or partial school closures in the days to come. Level 1 is the plan for

September, where in-class learning is in full swing with COVID-19 precautions in place. Level 2 is a blend of in-class learning and remote education, focusing on keeping K-8 kids in the classroom as much as possible while high school students utilize online learning as needed. Level 3 would see all students learning remotely until it was safe to return to school. With higher rates of absenteeism expected through the fall and winter, schools will need to ensure students have access to at-home learning materials when needed.

“I think there's no question we're going to see more [remote learning] in this school year,” Goertzen said. “There is going to be more reliance on distance learning, but hopefully not to the degree that we had last year ...

the department will be working with school divisions to ensure that there are not only good plans in place but good supports in place as well.

“There will continue to be challenges as we learn to live with the virus in an education environment,” Goertzen said. “There will be situations that will require quick adaptation and if the situation changes in Manitoba and public health advice warrants there may be changes in requirements in schools as well.

“The last few months have shown us both the importance of in-class learning and how creative, resilient, and determined Manitobans are,” he added. “We will undoubtedly have to rely on each of those qualities again in the months ahead.”

School divisions will be releasing the specifics of their back-to-school plans for fall by mid-August.

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August 8, 1945

GASOLINE SALE HOURS : By agreement between all Gasoline Stations in the Carman, the hour for closing the pumps has been extended to 10pm for Saturday nights only. Monday to Friday inclusive, pumps will close at 7 pm.

Roland Boy Scouts are arranging to go to camp on Monday August 13. The camp will be located at Muir's Bluff,

west and north of Jordon. On Thursday afternoon, visitors and parents are invited when the Scouts will serve lunch. The Wolf Cubs will also visit camp.

Swimming meet at the pool is planned for Sunday, August 12 afternoon and evening. Program includes races, diving, log rolling, a bathing beauty contest and music by the band and at night a bonfire and community singing. Public is invited to bring a picnic basket lunch to have on the grounds which adjoin the golf course. The Club Committee is continuing on improvement of the site. This week a cement wall has been put in place and gravel spread on the beach. Electric lights have been installed in the bathing houses and ground is being levelled for a tennis court. Gerald Aubin has offered to set out a hedge on the north border of the site and a strip has been plowed for it. The Pool, a great asset to the community is a recreation place for young folks.

August 3, 1970

Due to the staff being on holidays there is no paper

Following is the information on the "California Cuties" ball team that was mentioned in the July 23 issue.

The "California Cuties" were a group of men posing as a team of women ball players. Their game against a local pick-up team on July 23 was an enjoyable game of ball you don't see every day.

The curvaceous cuties could always come up with the "unexpected" play when in a "tight" situation.

In one situation, a cutie base runner was rounding third base and heading for home plate and obviously going to be tagged out. Just at that moment she pulled out a revolver loaded with blanks, of course, and shot the catcher who was ready to tag her. Another time a fly ball was hit out into left field. It looked as if the left fielder was not going to reach the ball when suddenly the fielder pulled out a large yellow basket with which she snagged the ball. Later the cuties made a deal with one of the local ball team members, Marshall Kennedy. They agreed to pay him \$10 if he could hit the first pitch thrown to him out to left field. Mr. Kennedy was given the privi-

lege of having the pitch anywhere he wanted it so he could give it his best swing. Marsh took a hefty swing at the easily thrown ball and appeared to hit it square. The ball did not go very far though, mainly because it is difficult to hit grapefruit a long distance. The cuties also gave a demonstration of shadow ball which is baseball played without a ball. Their shadow ball played in slow motion was especially enjoyed.

The cuties' opposition for the night were a team of local fellows who should deserve credit for being such good sports during the cuties' absurd antics. Some of the local team were Gord Magnusson, Bob MacQuarrie, Marsh Kennedy, Ken Loewen, Brian Parker and others.

This year is the 22nd season on tour for the California Cuties, who have been called the Globe Trotters of softball. It was back in 1948 that this gimmick was started in the United States Air Force. The initial game was played in Lynwood, California. By the time this year's tour is over the team will have travelled over 30,000 miles, coast to coast in the US and Canada.

Turning battle into beautiful: Carman woman making jewelry for mental health

By Becca Myskiw

Wheat and Waves, an artisanal jewelry business in Carman, is raising money for mental health.

Michelle Aldie of Carman is the owner of Wheat and Waves. Her own battle with mental health led her to creating jewelry, which eventually turned into a business.

"My intention was never to start a business," said Aldie. "It just kind of happened."

Aldie has close family members who have been fighting depression and dependency issues for years. And when she was a police officer in northern Manitoba in 2013, Aldie was diagnosed with depression. Since retiring from the force she said she's been able to add post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD) and obsessive-compulsive disorder (OCD) to her resume.

"I also think that I'm quite funny," she said. "I enjoy using humour in my recovery process."

Another part of Aldie's recovery process is crafting. She said she enjoys making things and trying out new material is not out of the ordinary for her.

So, last June when she was going through a separation and unemployment, Aldie said she was experiencing a whole new level of depression.

The jewelry she sells today started as an artistic outlet with zero plans for sales.

When she first started making earrings, Aldie said she kept it simple. Though she enjoys more intricate designs, the simplicity of crafting eliminates a lot of negative self-talk for Aldie.

Here and there, she'd put the earrings in gift bags, give them to friends, and wear them when she went out. Soon, people started asking Aldie where they could snatch their own pair, shocking and flattering the now jewelry maker.

"I knew then that I was being given an opportunity to help others and to give back to the community," said Aldie.

Ten per cent of all jewelry sales go to the Canadian Mental Health Association. Aldie said she's unsure of the exact number she's donated thus far, but an event she hosted last February raised over \$1,000 for the cause.

Wheat and Waves has several components with one initiative: to raise mental health awareness and to donate to organizations who are continuously fighting for mental health resources in Canada.

A few of the other components are yoga classes — where 100 per cent



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All proceeds from Aldie's yoga classes go to the Canadian Mental Health Association.

of the proceeds go to the Canadian Mental Health Association — and greeting cards.

To buy jewelry from Wheat and Waves, visit wheatandwaves.org. On

the landing page of the website, a crisis line phone number will show up under the words "In Crisis?" along with a link for receiving help.

Ed Belfour eager to bring whisky line home to Canada

By Becca Myskiw

Carman's finest goaltender has started a line of ultra premium whisky.

Ed Belfour, more commonly known as Eddie the Eagle, has entered the bourbon business with his brand Belfour Spirits.

After finishing his award-winning hockey career in 2009, Belfour said he was missing the structure and team aspect of his life.

"After playing hockey for the better part of 30 years, you try to find something to keep you busy after," said Belfour. "And keep the excitement and camaraderie of the team."

So, seven years ago, Belfour and his son, Dayn Belfour, got together and started researching the world of whisky. Then, his daughter Reaghan Belfour got involved — the Belfour Spirits team is now nine people strong and it's what Belfour calls his new team.

They currently have three types of whisky in the market — a rye whisky, a bourbon whisky finished with Texas pecan wood, and a limited edition straight rye whisky.

The rye whisky has a sweet caramel and brown sugar taste. The bourbon has a butterscotch or cr me brulee flavour, and the limited edition straight rye whisky is light almond, white peppers, pear, and apple.

"Those are the types of flavours that people like to get out of a bourbon whisky," he said. "So, we've tried to create those flavours in ours."

Each bottle can be drank straight — Belfour said that means they've created the spirits the right way.

His personal favourite, though he likes them all, is a rye to sip on because he "is a Canadian."

There are currently 2,300 barrels aging in their distillery in North Carolina — the oldest being three and a half years old. Belfour said once you dump the barrels and put the whisky in the bottles, the aging stops.

Each bottle has a label that tells the consumer how long it's aged for. The team at Belfour Spirits tastes every barrel throughout the aging process, a maximum of six months apart, and they proof each barrel (add water), so it tastes perfect.

That's why, Belfour said, some bottles of the same flavour could have a different proof.

Though their distillery is in North Carolina right now, Belfour Spirits doesn't own it. They're building their own distillery in Kentucky to be started next year.

Belfour said Kentucky is the home of the world's best bourbon, so aging his there just makes sense.

"It makes the brand more valuable," said Belfour.



The limited edition rye.



Belfour Spirits also has merch, including shot glasses.

A brand that has won two silver medals in the 2020 San Francisco World Spirits Packaging and Design Competition.

Belfour said he wants his bottles to stand out on the shelves. So, he designed the now award-winning whisky bottles to look like they come from the Gatsby era. And the limited edition bottle comes with a familiar silver chalice on top.

One thing Belfour didn't design for his brand, though, is the eagle on the label. That was designed by Abby Friesen, Belfour's best friend's daughter.

Friesen was born the year Belfour won the cup, and he said he has photos of her in it. Having her design his brand's logo is special to him, he said, and he's proud of it.

Belfour Spirits is currently only available in America. It was supposed to be coming to Canada this year, but COVID-19 and some new restrictions put a damper on those plans.

Belfour ensures Canadians, though, that his whisky brand will be on Canadian shelves as soon as he can get it here. And his limited edition bottle will be very limited once it gets here — only 240 bottles will be available nation-wide.

Belfour said he treats his whisky line as he did his NHL career.

"I take great pride in the stuff I do," he said. "If you want to be successful, you got to work hard. There's a lot of hard work behind the scenes."



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Dayn Belfour, left, Ed Belfour middle, and Reaghan Belfour.



The complete line of Belfour Spirits.



Belfour asks that the community respect the Ed Belfour sign on the south side of Carman. It's a sign on honour and pride for him and his family and seeing it displaced last time he was in town was upsetting.



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Miami summer reading program turning pages amid COVID

By Becca Myskiw

The South Central Regional Library Miami branch's summer reading program is preventing summer slide.

Scholastic Canada describes summer slide as "learning or reading skill losses during the summer months." It says the losses are cumulative and create a wider gap each year between more proficient less proficient students.

Miami branch librarian Cherie Debreuil said children lose three to four months of reading skill over the summer on average if they don't read at all. By reading 15 minutes a day, they can prevent that — which is what the Miami library aims to do with their summer reading program.

The program typically runs from July 1 until the end of summer. It includes in-branch crafting activities almost every day and has children physically logging the number of hours they spend reading each day.

Now, because of COVID-19, the program looks a little different.

"It feels quite different," said Debreuil. "We've had to roll with the punches."

This year, the summer reading program is run by Tayah VanStone and it is all through READsquared, an app

where readers log their hours and connect with the program.

First, children register for the program online either as a family or individually. Then, through READsquared, they keep track of how many hours they've read and look at the weekly and daily missions.

Each day there is also a video that has a hidden code for readers to enter into the app to earn extra points with. Each hour spent reading and each activity completed also gets the readers points which they can then use to buy tickets with.

The tickets can be used at the end of the summer to get one of the 25 grand prizes. 10 of those are shared book sets, while a few of them this year are skateboards. A normal grand prize is 60 tickets to enter for, but the skateboards are 2,000.

"There's going to be serious bragging rights for whoever wins those," said Debreuil. "Everyone will know how many hours they had to read to get that."

For reading 15 minutes a day, each reader is also entered in the book draw. The online platform has difficulties, said Debreuil. Not everyone has a good internet connection, younger children aren't as into it, and it's more



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The library was able to hire Tayah VanStone through a Young Canada Work grant.

work to log into every time.

But there are also positives to doing the program online. Readers can still win if they're on a trip and it's more convenient for them to keep track of their tickets.

So far, the Miami branch has logged 31,949 reading minutes. Usually, there are over 100 participants, but this year has seen nearly a 50 per cent drop in numbers — something Debreuil contributes to the pandemic.

Nigerian immigrant welcomes new role at Regional Connections

By Lorne Stelmach

As an immigrant himself who came here from Nigeria, Adeleke Dada has experienced the challenges faced by those people he is now helping out here.

Landing the position of employment co-ordinator at Regional Connections then is a dream come true for Dada.

"When the position came up, I applied immediately because this was something I really want to be part of," Dada said in an interview last week.

"It was very clear that there's a lot of supports given to newcomers in the Pembina Valley, and that was something that was on my mind," he said. "I have a passion for this. I'm a newcomer too, and I have lived the experiences of a newcomer; I faced multiple

barriers, but I've been supported by multiple service providers, and I also want to be part of that process now ... it's a chance to give back."

In Nigeria, Dada had a background in finance and banking, but the change in direction started with him coming to the United States for schooling, and he earned a Masters degree in international marketing.

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After working in the United States for a period of time, he moved north of the border, where he worked most recently at Seed Winnipeg as marketing co-ordinator for the Recognition Counts program, which provides supports to skilled immigrants to be able to work in their fields of expertise and offers financial counselling and loans.

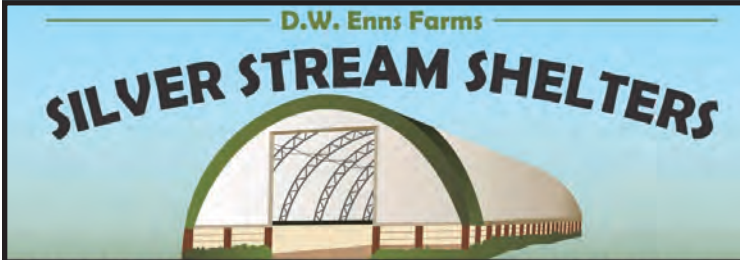
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deleke Dada is the new employment co-ordinator at Regional Connections.

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HEART funding helps volunteers bring peace to grieving families

By Lorne Stelmach

Provincial funding is supporting a program involving a group of volunteer certified divers from the Oak Bluff Hutterite Colony who do emergency water search, rescue, and recovery.

The Hutterian Emergency Aquatic Response Team (HEART) received \$34,000 last month to support the purchase a marine sonic side scan sonar.

It was part of more than \$85,000 in funding from the proceeds of crime in safety and crime prevention program for three communities in southern Manitoba, and a spokesperson for the team said the reward for them is being better able to provide answers for families.

"It's always tragic ... when a body goes unlocated for a while ... then when you do find somebody, it's a relief for a family to finally be able to bring the matter to rest and to find closure," said Paul Maendel.

The funding pays for half of the cost of the sonar equipment with the other half made up through their local fundraising efforts, which Maendel estimated has seen over \$250,000 raised and spent over the last year on a range of equipment specifically for drowning victim recoveries.

The key thing with this newly purchased sonar is being able to more quickly locate victims in waterways or even a submerged vehicle as well as forensic evidence such as discarded weapons while also increasing the safety of divers.

The sonar gets towed by a boat and scans at least 60 feet to each side. The information then comes to a computer for the team to analyze. Once they have located an anomaly, the software can measure its parameters.

"When you have that, you can mark it with the GPS. Then you turn the boat around and come at it and scan it from another angle," Maendel explained.

The next step is usually to employ their remotely operated vehicle,

which is also equipped with sonar, so they can get to the target's location with a camera to provide a visual image. They can then either grab the target with a manipulator arm or employ a diver if needed.

Other side scan sonars don't get as high a definition, Maendel suggested, and this one can get quicker and better results.

"What it allows us to do is to search large areas of river or lake bottom and in a more timely manner than we could now and with much greater accuracy," he said. "It can take a while to get a dive team together ... we are able to respond in a more timely manner.

"The technology is really changing how dive teams are conducting searches. ... There's still cases where you need divers, but if you can deploy equipment instead of a human, I think that's a more prudent way of doing it."

Maendel said their team became dedicated to this cause as a result of drownings on colonies, including a nine-year-old boy whose body took three days to locate and recover.

They have been diving now for a few years, and their ability to be able to deploy quickly has seen them go to locations as far away as Lake Erie in Ontario to a Hutterite colony in Alberta. The team also works closer to home, including with the RCMP and Winnipeg Police Service underwater recovery teams. Maendel sees them continuing to fundraise and work towards a number of other needs, including a dedicated deployment vehicle and a specialized boat.

"There's a long list. I could use a million dollars easily in different equipment to make searches more efficient," he said.

Maendel encourages anyone who might like to support their work to do so through the Oak Bluff Charitable Trust at HEART Team Inc., Box 819, Morris, Mb., R0G 1K0 or via Paypal to HEARTeamMB@gmail.com. All funds go directly into equipment and training.



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Funding from the province's criminal property forfeiture fund is allowing the Hutterian Emergency Aquatic Response Team to purchase new equipment to aid in their recovery efforts.

> NIGERIAN IMMIGRANT, FROM PG. 10

training at Red River College, and it helped lead him into the non-profit sector including volunteering with the United Way in Winnipeg.

"I used to always come to the Pembina Valley area for meetings," he said, noting he learned of the work that Regional Connections was doing in the region, and he appreciates how it is involved in all aspects from helping newcomers get settled to offering ongoing support as they adjust and inte-

grate into the community.

"One of the unique things that really attracted me was the relationships at Regional Connections with newcomers," said Dada.

"My goal is to be part of the support system here ... sometimes, you lose all that you've worked for, face so much uncertainty, and that's one of the reasons I connected with Regional Connections, and I am happy to be here," he continued.

He appreciates that Regional Connections offers such a wide array of programs, services and activities for newcomers.

"It's a good way for the newcomers to connect with the community ... and we provide all the resources for them to be able to stay in the community and to eliminate those barriers."

And in his role, he will especially be involved in helping newcomers overcome the barriers they face in getting the jobs that they deserve.

"We want to be able to support the process of ensuring that newcomers

communicate effectively, and it's a win win situation for the businesses," he said.

"It's a different culture ... not everybody can really adapt that fast, so it takes a while," he said. "A lot of the newcomers have transferable skills ... but also a different perspective which can help grow the businesses.

"We want employers to trust us," he concluded. "We look forward to working closer with business owners and also all the stakeholders in the communities ... to work collectively for the better good."

Roseisle Memorial Rose Garden honours town members

By Becca Myskiw

The staple of Roseisle, paying homage to the town's name, is the Memorial Rose Garden.

The garden was established in 2011, but the metal rose centrepiece sat there years prior. It was built by Clifford McPherson, who lived just across from where the garden now sits.

Diane Gillingham of the Roseisle Memorial Rose Garden Committee said the now green space is there because of McPherson.

"Without Clifford's rose, we might not have been inspired to do the garden," she said.

The committee created the garden as a way to honour former residents of Roseisle. There are over 100 roses planted in the garden — each for a community member who has passed away.

The roses are for those who have lived in Roseisle, worked in the town, gone to school there, or have contributed to the community in some way. Each rose is marked with a plaque that has the person's name on it.

To have a family member included in the rose garden, contact Gillingham at (204) 828-3252. The committee will buy the rose, plant it, add the marker, and upkeep the flower. If a community member has no family to buy a rose, Gillingham said sometimes the committee will buy one for them.

"We're not responsible for making them bloom, though," said Gillingham. "Somebody bigger than us does

that."

There are also three standard spruces in the garden in honour of three community men.

The Memorial Rose Garden also has a granite "Lest We Forget" plaque in it, donated by the Carman-Dufferin Heritage Advisory Committee and the Carman Legion. Gillingham said it was developed by eight Roseisle children upon the 100th anniversary of the First World War.

There were eight soldiers from Roseisle who gave their lives in that war. So, each of the eight children adopted a soldier and researched them and their lives. At the Remembrance Day ceremony that year, they presented their findings and picked a rose for their soldier to be planted in the garden.

The metal archways that adorn the garden were also student-made — students in the welding program at Morden Collegiate Institute created them.

"Then they do feel connected to the history of our community and the memory of those who've gone before," said Gillingham.

Now, Gillingham is hoping they can get a bronze statue of a little girl in a ballerina pose for the garden. She said the committee will be fundraising for it once they can.

"My thinking for having a statue of a child in the garden is this garden is not for my generation, it's for the future generation," she said.



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There are over 100 roses with plaques planted in the garden.

Meet Me at the Train Park bringing Miami mothers together

By Becca Myskiw

Miami area's public health nurse April Hildebrand is asking parents and their children, five and under, to meet her at the train park each Wednesday this summer.

"Meet Me at the Train Park" is Hildebrand's way of connecting and supporting women and their children in Miami. To get her program rolling, she applied for a grant from the Emergency Community Support Fund from the Community Foundations of Canada.

The grant of \$5,000 was approved on July 10 and the first session happened five days later.

Hildebrand said there were seven mothers, nine children, and one pregnant mother present. Along with the activities, Hildebrand also gave out a weekly recipe and a local grocery store gift card.

The next week there were nine mothers, 13 children, and four prenatal participants who got a prenatal assessment from Hildebrand. There are

also special guests some weeks. Hildebrand said she expects the number of participants to grow each week.

The sessions go weekly until Sept. 2 at the Miami Railway Park and each one has a different lesson. Week two was all about networking, week three was about child safety, week four was about dealing with unwanted advice, and next week (five) is called "Do We Need to Measure Everything? & Immunizations".

"Many families are feeling isolated because of COVID-19," said Hildebrand. "And there is a high demand for supports locally."

The Miami community doesn't have a Healthy Baby program or a food bank right now. So, the objectives of this group, she said, are to provide mental health support to parents, connect them with each other, promote physical activity, inform community members of their resources, promote healthy eating, and it's a way to connect with the public health nurse.



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Every Wednesday at 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. the meetings happen.

Each meeting follows social distancing guidelines. Hildebrand asks that if a parent or their child is feeling unwell to not show up.

At each meeting there are healthy pre-packaged snacks, baby weigh ins, parenting tips, and nutrition lessons along with networking.

"This project would fill the need of

a local resource group, which is not available in Miami at this time," said Hildebrand. "It would provide support to isolated women and children in the community and help those struggling with food insecurity."

Anyone expecting or with children five and under are welcome to come each week.

Producers encouraged to list their extra feed products

Voice staff

Challenging production conditions across Manitoba have provincial farm groups representing beef, grain and forage producers asking farmers with extra straw, hay, or alternative feed to consider listing their products for sale. Manitoba Beef Producers (MBP), Keystone Agricultural Producers (KAP), and the Manitoba Forage & Grassland Association (MFGA) are all warning that livestock producers could be facing a challenging summer and fall that will affect their ability to source feed and straw for their livestock.

"In recent years Manitoba has experienced consistently inconsistent seasonal and regional production variability through drought conditions, snowstorms, and heavy rains," said MBP president Dianne Riding. "These kinds of challenging conditions are prompting concerns that 2020 hay and forage yields could be lower than expected across the province this summer and complicate the feed situation for livestock producers this coming fall and winter.

"In the spirit of co-operation, we are encouraging Manitoba farmers to avail themselves of the listing resources and work together to ensure feed and straw is available for cattle

producers who require it. We truly appreciate those who advertise their available resources for sale."

"Across the province we have seen both dry and wet conditions being reported, leading to a lack of quality hay and straw for livestock feed," noted KAP president Bill Campbell. "We are calling on livestock producers and grain producers to work together to ensure that our industry can continue to thrive and to ensure livestock herds have enough feed for this year.

"Our hope is that as grain produc-

ers begin to make harvest decisions, they will consider how they can support livestock producers who may not have enough feed for their herds. 2020 has been an immensely challenging year, but we've learned that we all must work together when faced with difficulty."

Multiple consecutive years of dry conditions in key parts of the province has created a lot of uncertainty, said MFGA chair Larry Wegner.

"For producers that are planning to be carrying herds into fall and

over winter, that feeding uncertainty makes the planning done now even more important," he stressed. "As producers and producer groups working together, we can all help each other better prepare for the times ahead."

The three organizations have prepared a resource that outlines different options farmers have for selling and purchasing feed (see below). Producers are encouraged to use any and all means available to list available feed for purchase.

Hay and straw listing fact sheet

Farmers and producers in Manitoba have numerous options when it comes to listing available hay and straw, and for buying hay, straw and alternative feeds. A few include:

- Manitoba Agriculture can assist farmers and producers with questions on where to source hay, straw and alternative feed. Call 1-844-769-6224 or visit your local Ag Office. The Manitoba Agriculture Livestock webpage (www.gov.mb.ca/agriculture/livestock/index.html) also has tools and resources for dry conditions.
- The Manitoba Government Hay Listing Service includes hay, pasture land, and alternative feeds available. There are also options to select certified organic and certified weed free feed. To learn more, head to web31.gov.mb.ca/HayListClntExtrnl.

- There are two dedicated groups on Facebook for buying/selling hay and straw: Manitoba Hay and Feed for Buy/Sell and Hay/Feed for sale in Saskatchewan, Alberta and Manitoba.

Other social media avenues including Twitter also feature hay for sale across the province, however that exchange needs to occur on a user to user basis.

- The Hay Exchange is a free hay listing and hay locator website. It includes listings from all 50 states and all Canadian provinces. For more information, head to www.hayexchange.com.

- Buy and sell websites like Kijiji and eBrandon will occasionally have listings for hay and straw.

Scouting tips and thresholds for canola pod eaters

By Keith Gabert

Over the next couple of weeks, farmers and agronomists will want to check canola pods for feeding by bertha armyworm, diamondback moth larvae, lygus bugs and other pests.

Even if an area is low risk according to provincial risk maps, local hot spots can flare up, which is why each farm should make its own assessment on a field by field basis.

If pod feeders are found, make accurate counts in at least four locations 50 metres apart in each field. Then make spray decisions based on thresholds. Note that leaves act as an early warning system for most chewing canola pests at this stage, so missing leaves or holes in numerous leaves may give you a week or more warning before pod chewing occurs.

Thresholds indicate the point at which a spray application will start to provide an economic return, so thresholds-based decisions are good for profits. By sticking to thresholds, farmers also protect the beneficial insects that will often keep a local pest population from exploding and maintain an overall lower population through the years.

Here are identifying features, scouting tips, and links to thresholds for the three most common pod feeders in canola in Western Canada:

Bertha armyworm

Berthas come in brown, black and green shades, but they all have a yellow-orange stripe along each side. Mature larvae are up to 1.5" long.

Begin monitoring after peak flowering and continue until the crop is almost at swath stage. The pre-harvest interval for some products is as little as one day. These intervals vary quite a bit by product, so check labels.

At each scout location, mark out an area of one square metre and beat the plants growing within that area to dislodge the larvae. Remove leaf litter and trash, then shake plants vigorously. These two steps will uncover berthas on the ground and cause berthas on the plants to drop. Pause a minute and wait for the larvae to begin moving around again, then count all that you find within the square metre. Thresholds will be around 20 bertha larvae per square metre in most situations.

Diamondback moth larvae

Diamondback moth larvae are yellowish-green to green, up to half an

inch long, and have a forked rear end. When disturbed, the larvae will wriggle backward violently and may drop from the plant, suspended by a silken thread.

Feeding on the exterior of developing pods is responsible for their "economic" pest status. The threshold for flowering or podded plants is 200 to 300 diamondback moth larvae per square metre (20 to 30 per square foot).

For easier counting, pull up all plants from one square foot and beat them on flat surface, such as a sheet or truck hood, to dislodge them.

Lygus bugs

Adult lygus bugs are about a quarter-inch long. They have relatively long antennae and legs. They vary from pale green to reddish brown to black, with a distinctive triangle or "V" shaped shield mark in the middle of their backs.

Adults are active and fly readily when approached. Immature lygus nymphs are often mistaken for aphids, but lygus nymphs are more active and harder bodied. Several black spots, usually five, become noticeable on the backs of nymphs as they mature

through five instars (growth stages) before becoming adults.

With a standard insect net of 15" diameter, take ten 180° sweeps, and aim to sweep the buds, flowers and pods while moving forward. Sweep-net monitoring should be done under fair weather conditions (e.g., sunny, low wind, above 15°C) and between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. to ensure lygus are active within the canopy. Count adults and any nymphs with darkened wing pads on their shoulders.

Field experience with lygus bugs in the Black Soil Zone in particular has prompted agronomists to be much less concerned about this particular pest than the threshold tables would indicate. Dry conditions seem to favour both lygus population development and damage to canola.

However, moisture conditions that allow for good crop growth may remove measurable damage from this insect pest.

For more information on all of these bugs, go to the insects section at canolaencyclopedia.ca.

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> SWIMMING HOLE, FROM PG. 4

more on the platform. And boys being boys we used to look through the knots in the change rooms at ...well you know. Jack Skelton

As the Grundy family farmed a small acreage west of 8th Street Carman, we did not have a lot of opportunity to go to the pool but when we did it was so much fun. Tons of kids going off on the tire swing below the change house and having a great time jumping off the boardwalk that was built across the river to get to the band stand across just off the McNamara property.

There was a tennis court where the Barrie Sanders property is now. The Arnotts, the Charbonneaus were the closest home to border the river on the north side. The Cardnos and the Blacks were close by as well. Quite often on a Sunday evening the Carman Band would play on the bandstand for all to enjoy under the direction of Stan Cochran. The Boyne had its disadvantages as it seemed to have a ton of leeches and you would see kids pulling them off their legs quite often. That is not a fond memory at all. I remember our family had a pet steer that we used to ride and my brothers and I took him down to the swimming hole for kids to have a ride. My brother thought we should charge five cents a ride but we said no way. Were we in trouble when we got home! Marlene "Grundy" Rose

Swimming was always a part of

growing up in Carman with such anticipation on that day. Usually it was done with our older sister to keep watch. Carried our towels and made the long walk until we were allowed to ride our bikes over the old footbridge. Sandy beach, change house at the top of the hill...you didn't linger there... and then you found that perfect spot.

Lifeguards enforced general swimming rules. Always lots of action with the older kids used the floating dock across the river, diving board and the tire swing. Swimming lessons were given in the area enclosed by a floating dock. You would swim until it was time to trudge home but first removing any leeches (bloodsuckers) by getting your best friend or sibling to cover them with salt from the tin cans nailed on poles. Then you picked them off as all part of the experience.

There were mishaps as well, leaving us with a healthy respect for Mother Nature and a heightened awareness of tragedy. End of season water shows, students showing off their new skills, lots of diving, and fun activities brought summer to a close. As we got older, a group of us would ride to the river and reminisce about our glorious summer. Mary Ann (Peasgood) Johnston Sheila McNamara was the swimming instructor for quite a few years. Then I think Jackie Graves took it on. There were some presentations of synchronized swimming and badges presented for the different levels



This great picture of the Hole shows the platform on the left where the Carman Band would play and on the right are the change rooms.

of accomplishment. The rope hanging from the tree was always popular for swinging from the bank and dropping into the water. Unpopular was the bloodsuckers that you had to pluck off your toes from the muddy bottom. There was a platform on the far side for diving and jumping from and a u-shaped dock at the east end was where most of the lessons were taught. Janice (Whiteside) Stow

What I remember was we had a lot of fun in those days! Swimming there was like swimming at the Pan Am Pool. There was a platform on the other side with 2 good diving boards on it. One had a real good spring and you could get lots of height. In those days diving was a good swan or jackknife dive and you would hit bottom at a good clip. One game we played was to get girls on our shoulders and then try to push each other over. The river held a good level all summer as there

was a wooden dam on the north side of the Oxbow Inn and fields were not irrigated yet. Jim Harrison

By the late 50s several concerns were mounting about the continued use of this hole. Swimmers itch, river currents, worries about the depth, broken glass on the bottom and after two drownings this swimming area was permanently closed. The recreation area up top disappeared beneath residential development and all that remains today of the swimming hole are a few concrete steps and a commemorative sign installed by the Carman Dufferin Municipal Heritage Advisory Committee in 2014.

Enter the Carman Kinsmen Club again and by 1960 the club had completed their monstrous task of fundraising and building Carman a new pool. The largest outdoor pool west of Ontario!

Annual Teulon Tractor Pull cancelled due to COVID

By Jennifer McFee

For more than four decades, the Teulon Truck and Tractor Pull has been a much-anticipated event for folks in town and far beyond.

Like many other outings this year, the 2020 event has been cancelled due to COVID-19.

Bert Campbell, who co-chairs the tractor pull along with Garry Dola, takes a moment to reflect on the history of the event.

"Last year was 45 years. In the beginning, the tractor pull was just a little bit of a demonstration that went on at the fair in Teulon, and then they hooked it up with the fair and the rodeo. The tractor pull was on the Friday night and Saturday afternoon and the rodeo started after that," he said.

"Then they both decided to part ways because it was too hard to track the people and the costs. That's when the tractor pull went to the August long weekend, but a lot of people like to go to the lake or camping so we moved it to the third weekend in August." When they first started out pulling in Teulon, they used to use what farmers



STANDARD FILE PHOTO

The annual Teulon Tractor Pull will be cancelled this year due to the coronavirus pandemic.

called a "stone boat," which is a plate to haul stones off the field, Campbell explained.

"A small tractor would hook onto the plate and they would put a bit

of weight on it. There would be guys standing on either side of the track," he said.

"As the tractor pulled the skid down the track, more guys would step onto

the plate, which would make it harder to pull by adding weight. That was the original way."

In a later rendition, the event would feature a 45-foot hay trailer with a friction plate under the front by the kingpin.

"A contractor loaded a little Caterpillar tractor onto the trailer. As the tractor pulled the skid down the track, he would go forward with the Cat, which added weight to the skid plate and made it harder to pull. This was the most unsafe thing you saw in your life," Campbell said.

"When the tractors started to get the big modified engines with big power, they couldn't do this anymore. The Chamber of Commerce sponsored the pull at first, and they built a sled over the winter from scratch. They had a couple of big rails and a friction plate at the front with a big cable on it and a box off an old dump truck that they put a bunch of cement weight in it. The cable would pull that box forward and it looked like a real sled. It

\$500K in funding for PVWD conservation projects

By Ashleigh Viveiros

The Pembina Valley Watershed District got word of a major funding commitment from the provincial government last week.

PVWD's Pembina Plum Initiative was selected as one of 20 conservation projects to receive a portion of more than \$5.6 million from the Manitoba Habitat Heritage Corporation via the Growing Outcomes in Watersheds (GROW) Trust and the Conservation Trust.

PVWD will receive \$500,000 in 2020 for its two-year project, which has a total budget of \$1,851,000.

"The natural resource management plans for the Pembina and Plum watersheds have identified watershed health concerns around drinking water quality and security, excess algal blooms and degraded surface water quality, excess erosion, and sedimentation, flooding concerns and a loss of wetlands and natural areas, especially on steep slopes," said Cliff Greenfield, PVWD manager.

"Our project will look to provide annual payments for producers for beneficial management practices that improve on-farm water management, enhanced sustainable agricultural production, improve biodiversity, ecosystem function, wildlife habitat, and carbon sequestration."

The project will result in 825 acre-foot of water storage, 409 acres of protected class one and two wetlands, 12 water retention structures, 750 cattle excluded, two kilometres of riparian fencing, five acres of the riparian zone protected, six erosion control projects



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From left: Landowner Stephani McLean, Turtle Mountain MLA Doyle Piwniuk, landowner Don McLean, Midland MLA Blaine Pedersen, Manitoba Habitat Heritage Corporation CEO Tim Sopuck, Premier Brian Pallister, and Pembina Valley Watershed District board chair Bill Howatt last week toured a few of the conservation projects the district has undertaken. PVWD has received \$500,000 from the GROW Trust for future projects.

installed, 10,120 trees planted, soil health improved on 1,567 acres, and 80 acres of an at-risk natural landscape protected.

A GAME CHANGER

The GROW Trust is a game changer for Manitoba's watershed districts because it has created a reliable source of funding for vital conservation projects across the province, Greenfield said.

"This funding is going to go to the public interest in private land," he said, noting being able to work with landowners on these kinds of sustainability initiatives is invaluable not just to the property owners—who might not be able to undertake such projects without some outside financial help—but the watershed region as a whole.

"We're all benefiting, so we should all contribute ... it's really an amazing program."

Kaleida-area producers Don and Stephani McLean have participated in conservation improvement projects with the PVWD in the past. They've been happy with the results and look forward to more of the same via GROW. "This new GROW program looks promising for producers that want to make positive improvements to their farms, both in terms of the bottom line and making the farm and environment more sustainable for the long haul," said Don McLean.

After announcing this year's funding selections, Premier Brian Pallister came out to tour PVWD's service area last week.

"The sites that we showed him ... are indicative of the kinds of projects that will come under the GROW funding," Greenfield said. "One we looked at was a water retention project that has had multiple benefits in the area."

"Watershed management is an important part of our Made-in-Manitoba Climate and Green Plan," Pallister said in a statement. "Local expertise, the commitment of landowners and the support of our partners will help ensure these projects protect our water quality, sustainably manage our natural resources and leave a sustainable legacy for all Manitobans to enjoy." The selected GROW and Conservation Trust projects will also leverage more than \$9 million in matching funds, the premier noted.

> TRACTOR PULL, FROM PG. 18

was pretty crude but it did the job."

As the tractors continued to get bigger and more powerful, they started renting professional sleds, including one called the Bumblebee Sled from South Dakota. At the time, all of the sleds needed to be pulled back up the track throughout the competition. It was a real game-changer when they started using a self-propelled sled with a motor that originated in Virden. Over time, they connected with the Red River Valley Pullers Association, which had their own sled.

"They would come up here with a number of pullers and we would pay them to put on a show. We would add our own antique tractors in our area and stock four-by-four pickup trucks," he said. "Two-thirds of our pullers are up from the United States and the sled comes from the United States, hence the main reason we're not having the tractor pull this year is we

can't get the Americans up here — and we're not sure if we want them here this year anyway."

The entertainment has also changed over time, with plenty of memorable events to captivate the crowds.

"The first time we stuck our necks out, we had a heavy horse pull. It was really amazing to watch how the horses would get way down and almost drag their bellies on the ground as they tried to drag that heavy weight. We've also had a slow tractor pull where they have their John Deeres to see whoever can move the weight in the slowest amount of time," Campbell said. "Then we stuck our necks out again and tried a combine demolition derby for about four or five years. There were actual old combines that guys don't use anymore. You'd have someone riding in the grain tank spraying water at each other's motors and trying to kill the engine. They

would plough into each other."

A weekend dance in the arena used to draw crowds to see live bands perform, along with involvement from a radio station.

"There was lots of variety over the years. It was really busy, but it was a pile of work and we just couldn't get enough people who wanted to do it anymore," Campbell said. "But we made money over the years doing and we donated tens of thousands of dollars, to put it mildly."

Recipients of donations include the Liliane Baron Breast Cancer Support Group, the Teulon and District Museum, the Children's Wish Inwood and Woodlands chapters and the Teulon centennial celebration and fireworks. For at least 25 years, the local firefighters association has also received \$1,000 donation, which is usually presented at the annual Firefighters' Ball.

"Other groups that have benefited include the Teulon and District Lions Club, which has run the barbecue and

canteen for as long as I can remember. The tractor pull has never taken a cent of commission, so all the revenue they gain is totally theirs. I think it's one of their biggest fundraisers every year," Campbell said.

"Volunteers the Teulon Curling Club run our gate and we give them \$1,500 every year for that. In addition, they run the beer garden and we don't take any commission for it."

Generally, the sponsorships pay for the event advertising and the admission costs go towards the community donations.

"We donate it all. When we're done, we just have a little bit of money left over to start out the next year," Campbell said. "There's been lots of variety over the years. We've had all the big stuff that you'll see just about anywhere. Now it's really exciting with the super stocks and the pro stocks and the smokers. It's always lots of fun and we're looking forward another 3,000 seats in the seats for 2021."

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North, Orr win Manitoba Senior Golf titles

By Brian Bowman

Bruce North was able to give his two-year-old grandson Yannick a very special birthday present last Wednesday.

The Carman Golf & Curling Club's North captured his second Manitoba Senior Men's title after carding an even-par round of 71 (the low of the day) to edge defending-champion Mike Walker of the St. Boniface Golf Club by a single shot.

North struggled on the first day of the provincials with a 78 and then followed that up with a 71 the next day.

"I didn't play golf to my ability and I was really bad on the first day," North said. "That was as bad as I've played in a long, long time. I dug myself a pretty deep hole so I didn't really know if I was going to win at all. I just wanted to try my best and do the best that I could. Sometimes, you have a gut feeling that you have a good chance to win but I was in such a deep hole I didn't think I would ever have a chance."

North and Walker were tied on the last hole before North holed a 15-foot birdie putt for the victory. Walker had holed his approach shot on the 53rd hole for an eagle two that erased North's two-shot lead.

"That was phenomenal," said North of Walker's brilliant shot. "Situational-ly, it was absolutely phenomenal. It's stuff you dream of in that situation. It was a great shot."

Suddenly, North was down a stroke and he knew he had to make birdie on

No. 18 to have any chance of winning.

North said his grandson's vocabulary includes the expression "Oh, no" and that's exactly what he was thinking after Walker made the shot of the tournament.

"I was thinking of my little two-year-old grandson and that put me in a good spot," he said proudly.

North said it was also a special feeling winning on his home course.

"I've had a lot of support from people around town so it was very, very heartwarming," he said.

Despite the provincial victory, North will not have an opportunity to compete at nationals this year as Golf Canada has cancelled all national events due to COVID-19.

"It's super disappointing because I didn't play particularly well at the nationals last year and I wanted to redeem myself this year," North said. "Plus, I made a whole bunch of new friends. Guys from Saskatchewan have been congratulating me and it's a chance to rekindle."

Rounding out the top five at the senior provincials were John Multan of the Elmhurst Golf & Country Club, Allan Wheeler of the Rossmere Country Club, and Al Briscoe of the St. Boniface Golf Club.

In the forward tee division, Barry Minish of the Niakwa Country Club finished with his best round of the event, shooting 75 for a 232 total to win by a single shot over Steve Wallace of the Transcona Country Club.

Minish also captured the Super Se-



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Bruce North is the 2020 Manitoba Senior Men's Golf champion.

nior title (65+).

In the women's championship event, Rhonda Orr of the Southwood Golf & Country Club won her fifth-straight senior women's championship and her seventh in the past eight years.

Orr started the day with a two-shot lead over Tammy Gibson of the Niakwa Country Club. Orr put together her best round of the 54-hole event with an 8-over 79 for a three-day total 240. She earlier carded rounds of 80 and 81. Gibson posted a final round

of 86 for a 249 total to finish in second place while Gail Kennedy of the St. Charles Country Club also posted an 86 to move her into third at 261.

In the forward tee division, Karen Saarimaki of the Kenagomisis Golf Club took top honours by shooting a final round 81 to close her tournament with a 248 total. Nancy Porth of the Niakwa Country Club finished in second place with a 261. Saarimaki also took top spot in the Super Senior (60+) division.

New funding for National Deaf Curling Program

Voice staff

The Cargill Curling Training Centre (CCTC) in Morris has announced additional funding to support Canadian Deaf Curlers for the 2020-21 season.

The CCTC and the Canadian Deaf Sport Association established the four-year, \$130,000 National Deaf

Curling Program in 2019 to provide deaf and hard of hearing curlers across Canada an opportunity to improve their curling skills.

Last month, the organization announced that, thanks to generous sponsors, they are now able to provide an additional \$15,000 to be used

by players and teams to access training at CCTC outside the national program funding. From now until the end of March 2021, players and teams will be able to access ice, equipment, and instruction at 50 per cent of the cost. These bookings will be on a first-come basis until the \$15,000 has been used.

The Morris Curling Club and the Cargill Curling Training Centre opened for practice on July 7 with new COVID-19 protocols in place.

For more information, contact CCTC morrstrainingcentre@gmail.com or 204-746-2271 or head to www.curling-training.ca.

Morden Mohawks defeat Carman Cardinals July 28

Submitted by Jack Pethybridge

The Carman Cardinals' win streak came to an end with a defeat at the hands of the league-leading Morden Mohawks on July 28 by a final score of 12 to 5 in front of a large Carman

crowd. Despite a comeback try in the late innings, the combined pitching of Matt Mutcheon and Tanner Bergman were too much to overcome. Brent Dunn, Tim Dunn, Matt Froese, and Jon Rempel pitched for the Cards.

The Cardinals have one final regular-season game on Friday at 7 p.m. versus the Altona Bisons. The Cards are sitting in third place in the division and will host at least one playoff game.

Come out and support the team this Friday. Prizes to be won include a 50/50 draw, food cart, programs, scoreboard, an game announcer, etc. All local players. Fun for all.

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Carman Legion Golf Sunday, August 9 Carman Golf Club Shotgun at 1:00 PM

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- Fee includes dinner & prizes
- Enter as a group or individual
 - Dinner only \$10.00
- Dinner at 7:00 PM in the branch
 - Sign up at the Legion.

Deadline for Entries is August 6th.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

TOWN OF CARMAN RECREATION FACILITIES MAINTENANCE

A full-time position is available in the Recreation Department. This position includes shift work, including days, evenings, and weekends. This position performs a variety of tasks related to the maintenance and operation of Carman Dufferin Recreation facilities and grounds and works in accordance with approved practices and procedures. Some of the tasks included are ice maintenance, park and pathway cleaning and general pool maintenance. A full job description and qualifications of the position may be picked up at the Town office.

To apply, please send a letter and resume to Cheryl Young, CAO, Town of Carman, Box 160, Carman MB R0G 0J0 or send via email to cheryl@townofcarman.com on or before Friday, August 14, 2020. Please state in the letter of application the expected salary.

The Town of Carman wishes to thank all candidates for their interest in this position, however only those considered for an interview will be contacted.

The Carman-Dufferin Standard Classified booking deadline is Monday at 4 p.m. prior to Thursday's publication
Call 204-467-5836

RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF GREY BOARD OF REVISION 2021 REAL AND PERSONAL ASSESSMENT ROLLS

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that the Assessment Rolls for 2021 to be revised, have been deposited in this office and are open to public inspection at the R.M. of Grey Office, 27 Church Avenue East, Elm Creek, Manitoba, during regular office hours.

THE BOARD OF REVISION for the R.M. of Grey will sit to hear complaints received regarding the said Assessment Rolls, in the R.M. of Grey Council Chambers, 27 Church Avenue East, Elm Creek, Manitoba, on Wednesday, September 16th, 2020 at 10:00 a.m.

ANY PERSON who believes that an assessment ought to be revised may make application in accordance with Sections 42 and 43;

APPLICATION FOR REVISION
42(1) "A person in whose name property has been assessed, a mortgagee in possession of property under subsection 114(1) of The Real Property Act, an occupier of premises who is required under the terms of a lease to pay the taxes on the property, the authorized agent of the person, mortgagee or occupier, or the assessor may make application for the revision of an assessment roll with respect to the following matters:
a) liability to taxation;
b) amount of an assessed value;
c) classification of property;
d) a refusal by an assessor to amend the assessment roll under subsection 13(2)."

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS
43(1) "An application for revision must
a) be made in writing;
b) set out the roll number and legal description of the assessable property for which a revision is sought;
c) set out which of the matters referred to in subsection 42(1) are at issue, and the grounds for each of those matters; and
d) be filed by
(i) delivering it or causing it to be delivered to the office indicated in the public notice given under subsection 41(2), or
(ii) serving it upon the secretary,
at least 15 days before the scheduled sitting date of the board as indicated in the public notice."

Applications for revision of assessment roll shall be addressed to: THE BOARD OF REVISION, R.M. of Grey, Box 99, Elm Creek, Manitoba R0G 0N0. Deadline for filing application is August 31, 2020 at 4:30 p.m.

Dated at Elm Creek, in Manitoba, this 27th day of July, 2020.

Kim Arnal, Secretary
Board of Revision

TOWN OF CARMAN PUBLIC NOTICE BOARD OF REVISION FOR 2021 ASSESSMENT ROLL

Public notice is hereby given that the 2021 assessment roll for the Town of Carman has been delivered to the Municipal Office 12 - 2nd Avenue SW, Carman, Manitoba and is open for public inspection during regular business hours. That any person, who believes that an assessment ought to be revised, may make application in accordance with section 42 and 43 of the *Municipal Assessment Act*.

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The Board of Revision will sit on Thursday, September 10, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers of the Town of Carman 12 -2nd Avenue SW, Carman to hear applications. The final date on which the Secretary of the Board may receive applications is Tuesday, August 25, 2020. Dated this 23rd day of July 2020.

Cheryl Young, Secretary
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TOWN OF CARMAN ADDITIONS TO THE VOTERS LIST AND/OR PERSONAL SECURITY PROTECTION REQUESTS

In accordance with Section 36 of *The Municipal Councils and School Boards Election Act (MCSBEA)*, the Town of Carman's Voters List is open for changes or revisions.

- Any person who is eligible to vote in municipal elections in the Local Authority of the Town of Carman can have his or her name added to the Voters List or have any information about the voter on the Voters List corrected.
- Any person can request to have his or her name and address obscured from the Voters List.

A person whose name has been obscured will receive a Personal Security Certificate and Identification number. That person may only vote by Sealed Envelope Ballot and cannot vote in person at the regular or advance voting placed.

To implement the above, a written request must be submitted to the Senior Election Official, in person, by e-mail or mail to:

Town of Carman
Box 160, 12-2nd Avenue SW
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1. Temperature is below 13° Celsius
2. Rain
3. Wind speeds are too high and not conducive for effective adult mosquito control
4. Statutory Holiday

NOTE CHANGE OF POLICY: Should fogging be cancelled or suspended on any scheduled day it will commence the next acceptable night.

Fogging will commence when daily landing counts exceed an average of one landing per minute over a ten minute period.

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OBITUARY



P. Doreen Cox (nee Lucking)
1944 - 2020

On July 26, 2020 after a courageous battle with lung cancer, Doreen passed away peacefully with her husband holding her hand, at the age of 76.

She will be lovingly remembered by her beloved partner and husband of 56 years, Clayton. She will also be sadly missed by her four children: David (Barb), Brian (Donna), Robert (Kristy), and Cindy (Guy). She had nine grandchildren: Summer, Allison, Jayden, Payten, Kelsey, Adam, Sydney, Rylan, and Wyatt. She is also leaving five siblings, Kathy, Ellen (George), Charlie (Debbie), Dorothy (Greg), Shelley; numerous nieces and nephews; one aunt and one uncle. She was predeceased by her parents Dorothy and Freeman Lucking, her sister Eileen May and brother-in-law Al.

Doreen was born on February 8, 1944 in Dauphin, Manitoba. She was raised and went to school in Carman, Manitoba. After school she went to Winnipeg and worked for MTS for 3.5 years. During her career in Winnipeg, she continued to come back home on weekends. She attended many dances including the 4-40 dances in Roseisle. This is where she met the love of her life in 1962. It was because of this meeting that she decided to move out to Miami and work at the Consumers Co-op as a bookkeeper. She then married her love, Clayton Cox, on March 28, 1964. They moved out to the family farm located at SW 36-4-7 and it was then they began their family of four.

She loved her sports. Her favourites were curling, baseball, bowling, golf and fishing. She also adored dancing and playing cards with her friends.

She was an avid volunteer in the community and surrounding areas. She was a part of many clubs and organizations. To name a few she was on the Community Hall board, the curling club, beef club, the Ag. Society, the MAAS board, MGW Horse Racing board, Weed Control Board, she started Junior baseball for girls, coached curling, and much more.

She was a city girl turned country. She loved all aspects of farm life, but her favourite part was her cattle. The local vets always said she should have become a vet herself.

In 1999, she and Dad sold their beautiful farm and moved into their brand new home in Miami. After 11 years living there, they decided to sell and move to Morden, Manitoba up to present.

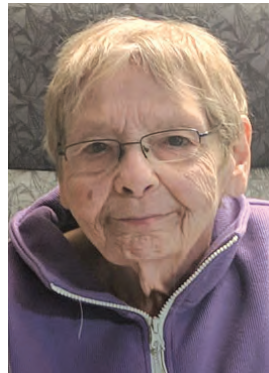
She and Dad spent 19 years wintering in Osoyoos, BC. Ten of those years were spent as Walnut Beach Resort Ambassadors. Their job was to keep the snowbirds busy for the winter. Activities, tours, games, etc. were planned. After nine years she and Dad retired from this as it had gotten to be an 8 to 10 job. They got to meet hundreds of wonderful people who still keep in contact. It was when she was diagnosed with cancer that they decided to end their travels out west.

There was a private service held on July 28th at the Miami Cemetery.

Doreen asked that in lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Boundary Trails Cancer Care, Box 2000 Station Main, Winkler, MB., R6W 1H8.

Doyle's Funeral Chapel
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OBITUARY



Shirley Lewco (nee Fillion)

Shirley passed away peacefully on July 27, 2020 with her husband George by her side. She had battled dementia for the last several years.

Shirley was born in Morris, MB on November 6, 1945 to Edward and Rose (nee Clairmont) Fillion. She was raised in Fort Garry. After high school, Shirley worked at Great West Life until she became a stay-at-home mom.

Shirley married George on July 17, 1965 and spent the next 55 years together side by side, except for the last year and a half when her illness prevented her from being able to live at home.

Shirley and George started their family in Winnipeg and then moved to the farm in Sperling. It was quite the adjustment for a city girl to live in the country, but she worked hard to maintain the yard and garden and always had a hot meal waiting at the end of the day for her family. In her spare time, she enjoyed doing solitary activities like word puzzles, watching afternoon soap operas, and reading novels.

Shirley is survived by her husband George, and their children and grandchildren: son Trevor (Jo-Ann), Zachary (Breanna) and Joshua; daughter Karen (David), and son Curtis (Rena), Chanese, Keringten, Jeremy, Cassandra, Cheyanne, Mervin, Ashley, Brody, Michael and Lucas. She is also survived by her brother Alfred.

She was predeceased by her parents Edward and Rose, sister Edna, and brothers Edgar and Norbert.

A private service will be held at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to the Boyne Valley Hostel Corporation or the Alzheimer's Society of Manitoba.

Thank you to the staff at the Boyne Lodge for taking such good care of Shirley and for making sure her last days were comfortable.

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