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Bean bag toss

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The little ones were having fun tossing bean bags at King's Park on Sunday, Aug. 8 during the summer BBQ. Pictured, Cali McIntosh (3) and Rory Swaenepool (3), while Berkley Tournier (6) looks on.

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Provincial help for producers is too late: Steppler

By Becca Myskiw

The provincial government recently announced \$62 million in funding for AgriRecovery, but a local producer says it's too late.

On Aug. 10, the Government of Manitoba said they're investing \$62 million in programs under AgriRecovery that are "designed to support livestock producers affected by this year's drought conditions, to ensure producers have options to retain and care for their animals while also supporting the longer-term sustainability of the livestock sector."

"This extremely dry weather has affected producers' ability to find suitable pastures and feed for their animals which means that, without additional investment, producers are in the very difficult position of having to consider reducing their herds or leaving the industry altogether," said minister of Agriculture and Resource Development, Ralph Eichler. "There is no harder decision for a livestock producer. Our government is making this significant investment to ensure there are other options available when they're needed most."

Producer Andre Steppler from Miami said though it's a significant num-

ber of funds, it's too late for farmers to use them properly.

"We needed the funding months ago," he said. "The government really missed the ball on that."

Steppler said this drought was not a wild card situation — there should have been all sorts of programs in place for it and benchmarks hit earlier to initiate these programs. With the funding being announced just now, most producers have already made decisions and sold their cows.

He said if this funding had come sooner, producers could have got the feed they needed and brought it to their cows or transported their cows to the feed. Now, most of the feed has been harvested or won't be good when it is.

Steppler said he'll likely use the money he gets to fence off an area for fall grazing to extend the grazing period for his cattle. He said other producers will have to educate themselves on what they can do and whether they'll use the funds for transport, fencing, feed, or something else.

He worries, though, that some producers won't try to get money from the programs as some are still waiting for payouts from up to two years



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The government's \$62 million in funds for producers came too late, according to Andre Steppler.

ago. He said that gives many of them a hesitancy they don't need.

to keep a cow herd in Manitoba and western Canada," he said.

"Every day counts for being able

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Hundredfold Farm family raising alpacas for wool

By Becca Myskiw

It's all wool and good for a local farm family.

Hundredfold Farm outside Stephenfield Provincial Park raises alpacas. Kim Dyck and her husband Randy Dyck moved to the area in 2012, intending to start an alpaca farm, and in 2014 they bought their first four of the animals.

"They're such a gentle animal," said Kim Dyck. "They're curious; their fiber is wonderful — it's so soft and nice against your skin as compared to what I was used to with wool. We had visited a few farms and just fell in love with the animals themselves and the fiber."

Now, in 2021, the family has 15 alpacas, with their newest baby arriving in July. Breeding is one of the main parts of their farm, but they don't breed each animal every year.

Essentially, they look at which alpacas have the best fibre for yarn along with how they look. Then, they pick which female(s) they want to breed with which male, bring them to the same pen, and let nature take its course. Kim Dyck said they then know exactly which date the alpaca was bred and can accurately determine her birth date. They also have to plan almost a year because alpacas are pregnant for 11 and a half months.

"You hope that your breeding took or that it went well because you



Juniper is one of the newest additions to the farm.

have to wait a whole year to find out," she said.

Hundredfold Farm is trying to grow their herd slowly to keep adding to their fiber production at a steady, manageable rate. This year, they had three babies. Last year they had two, and next year, they'll have five.

Though breeding is essential, the main thing Hundredfold Farm does is sell the yarn. To get that, they get a professional shearer out in May every year to shear every animal. They then sort through the fiber, decide what will be used for what, and send the fiber to a mill where the yarn is spun.

Younger alpacas typically have the nice fibers for yarn, while older ones around nine or 10

years old have fibers used more for rugs. A mill in Manitoba spins the 100 per cent alpaca yarn fibers for the Dycks and one in New Brunswick makes their rug yarn.

The Dyck's don't dye their yarn so all of it is the colour of the alpaca it came from. However, they're starting to grow botanicals to make natural dyes in the future.

"It's just a peaceful life," said Kim Dyck. "You're out in the country; you know what to expect. The animals are used to the routine, so you keep that routine, and it's pleasant for us as well."

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The Dyck family owns Hundredfold Farm where they raise alpacas for wool.

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Incredible Creatures: Hover Flies – Masterful Mimics

By John Gavloski

Flies often get a lot of bad press. But there are many groups of flies that are beneficial. Some are good pollinators, others are valuable predators, and there are some that are beneficial as both. One such group of flies is the hover flies. One challenge though might be even identifying them as a fly. In this month's Incredible Creatures we will explore hover flies, masterful mimics that are bountifully beneficial.

Masterful mimics

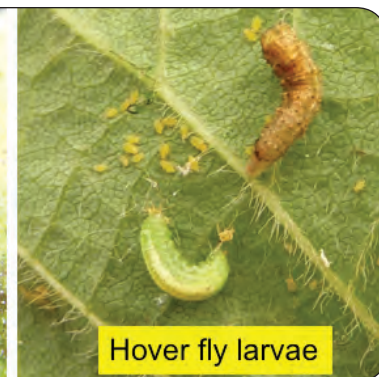
At first glance, the hover flies in the photo may look like a wasp, but they are not. There are 593 species of hover flies (sometimes also known as flower flies) in Canada, and over 6,000 species worldwide. Adults of many species resemble bees or wasps. This mimicry may ward off predators. But hover flies can't sting. Flies do not have stingers, and only have a single functional pair of wings (the hind wings are reduced to balancing organs). A wasp or bee's antennae are more noticeable than hover flies, and wasps have narrower waists than hover flies. Hover flies are also much better at hovering than bees and wasps. Adults of most species of hover flies are about 10 – 20 mm, but some are bigger and can be up to 35 mm. In dry years like this, hover flies may land on



Hover Flies



Wasp



Hover fly larvae

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Can you see the similarities and differences between hover flies and wasps?

us to gather a drink of sweat. If you can identify it as a hover fly, don't worry, you are just supplying them with insect Gatorade.

Pollinators that provide an air-show

Adults often feed on nectar and/or pollen. Look for them around flowers. They can hover in place, like a hummingbird, and move around in all directions. They can be valuable pollinators, and are often considered the second-most important group of pollinators after bees.

If you have aphids starting to develop on a plant, that may also attract hover flies. As aphids feed, they excreted honeydew which creates an aroma that helps hover fly adults find an aphid colony to lay eggs near. The more aphids and honeydew on a

plant, the more likely it will be discovered by hover flies.

Legless, Blind Predators

Larvae of most species of hover flies are slug-like, legless, and taper towards the head. Colour is commonly brown, greenish, pink, or whitish. Body contents visible through the outer covering of the body can cause larval colour to vary according to the color of what they eat. Mature larvae of most species are 5–20 mm long.

Larvae of most species are predators. Many species are important predators of aphids, and some may also feed on thrips, scale insects or small caterpillars. Larvae of some species are capable of destroying hundreds of aphids during their development. With no true eyes, hover fly larvae discover

their victims by swinging their head to and fro, searching for prey with sensory structures located on the front end of its fleshy head. When it bumps into an aphid, it quickly snares its victim and sucks the fluids from its body, and tosses the exoskeleton.

There are also some species of hover flies (in the genus *Microdon*) where the larvae live in ant or termite nests. Others live in shallow water that has decaying organic material; these have a long anal breathing tube, and are called "rat-tailed maggots".

Whether you see an adult hover fly manoeuvring like a helicopter, coming for a sip of sweat, or the larvae sucking the juice from an aphid, hover flies can be fun to watch. They also provide a bounty of benefits as pollinators and predators.

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).

August 18, 2021

The Carman Millinery Parlours will be open about Sept. 9 with a full line of the latest hats.

The Anniversary Services of the Orr Presbyterian Church will be held August 21 with two services—morning at 11 am and evening at 7:30 pm. Services will be conducted by Rev. J.J.

Cowan of Sperling.

Bits of humour:

"Ma, I wish you wouldn't call your lamb when folks are around."

"Why not Eddie?"

"It makes me feel so sheepish"

Mother- How was it that didn't win the spelling match, darling?"

"Oh, just because I put too many z's in scissors"

August 15, 1946

2000 people enjoyed the 2nd Annual swimming meet at the Carman Swimming Pool on Sunday.

ming Pool on Sunday.

The day included swimming races, exhibition of "tangos" and "flips" from the ring, stage entertainment, and a bathing beauty contest with 9 contestants. Miss Margaret Davidson was the winner. Evening entertainment included a band concert with numbers by the Carman and Roland bands, community singing led by Stan Cochran, old time fiddling by Walt Miller, and solos by Thelma Takvam, Ruth Mennie and Jack Fuller.

August 19, 1971

500 spectators attended the Red River Tractor Pull at the Carman Race Track on July 31.

Carman's first Annual Harness Racing Festival held on August 6 and 7 was a very successful event. Plans are to hold this as a yearly event.

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THE WINNIPEG YOUTH CHORUS

Health officials keeping an eye on impending fourth wave

By Ashleigh Viveiros

Manitoba's number of daily new COVID-19 cases remained in the double digits at the start of the week.

In the Monday bulletin, public health officials announced 102 new cases of the virus: 25 cases from last Friday, 24 on Saturday, 20 on Sunday, and 33 on Monday.

Manitoba started the work week with 591 active cases and 56,271 total recoveries. The number of COVID-19 patients who have died in Manitoba has reached 1,187, including three from the Prairie Mountain, Winnipeg, and Interlake-Eastern health regions who succumbed to the virus over the weekend.

There were 69 people in hospital with the illness on Monday, including 12 in intensive care.

The current five-day COVID-19 test positivity rate was 1.8 per cent provincially and 1.4 per cent in Winnipeg.

Southern Health-Santé Sud was reporting 48 cases of the virus at press time. In the Pembina Valley, seven cases were listed as active in Morden, four in the RM of Stanley, three in both Winkler and Lorne/Louise/Pem-

bina, and one each in MacDonald and Red River South.

While case counts remain low in Manitoba right now, deputy chief provincial public health officer Dr. Jazz Atwal noted health officials are keeping a close eye on how the fourth wave is beginning to play out in other jurisdictions.

"We're taking a look at what's happening in other provinces," he said, noting case counts and hospitalizations are increasing in other parts of Canada.

"Some have said this is a pandemic of the unvaccinated right now," Atwal continued, "and I think there's a lot of evidence supporting the impacts on unvaccinated individuals and severe outcomes because of COVID, and what we're seeing across many jurisdictions and in our own experience is just that."

Over 80 per cent of eligible Manitobans have gotten the COVID-19 vaccine so far, but there are thousands of younger children for whom no vaccine has yet been approved.

"The best way to protect our children is for everyone who's eligible to

get a vaccine to get that vaccine," Atwal stressed.

Vaccine eligibility widens

The province has announced that children who are turning 12 years old in 2021 are now eligible for the vaccine, even if their birthday is still to come between now and Dec. 31.

While Health Canada has not yet approved a COVID-19 vaccine for children under the age of 12, Dr. Joss Reimer, co-lead of the vaccination task force, noted this widening of eligibility is in line with the existing vaccination program in schools, which gives vaccines to children based on birth year not exact age.

"When we do school-based vaccinations we do it on a cohort basis," she explained. "So we go in and we provide vaccinations for a variety of things based on what grade students are in and offer it to the whole class, the whole cohort at one time."

"As we move into the school year, we need to have a similar process for COVID," Reimer said, noting they plan to offer the COVID-19 vaccine approved for youth at all Manitoba schools this

fall.

Discussions with schools and public health nurses have made it clear "logistically it was a much better approach to include the entire cohort instead of breaking it up and having some of the children in a grade getting the vaccine and others not," Reimer said, noting that there is little physiological difference between a child who is 11 years, 10 months old and one who is fully 12 years old.

Opening eligibility up to 11-year-olds a few months shy of their 12th birthday is expected to allow between 4,000-5,000 kids to get vaccinated against COVID-19.

Reimer reminds parents that they don't need to wait to have their child vaccinated at school—eligible youth can get their shots at any immunization clinic in advance of classes beginning. Those clinics are also now also offering the other school-based vaccines (HPV, hepatitis B, tetanus, etc.) that students may have missed over the past couple of years of remote learning. Details are available by calling 1-844-626-8222 or going to protectmb.ca/school-immunizations.

Holiday Mountain cancels 2021-22 ski season

By Lorne Stelmach

The extreme drought has managed to do what nothing else has done in six decades: shut down Holiday Mountain Resort at La Riviere.

The popular recreation destination in the heart of the Pembina Valley announced last week that it would not be opening for the 2021-22 season.

"This will be the first season we will ever miss ... so it's heartbreaking," said general manager Bernice Later. "We've been around for six decades. It's not what any of us want, but Mother Nature is in charge."

The reason simply is that the resort relies on water from the Pembina River for its snowmaking, and its water source is suffering like everywhere else across southern Manitoba while in the grips of drought.

"We can't operate without snowmaking, and we can't make snow without water, and the Pembina basin is extremely dry right now," said Later.

"The water level is between eight and ten feet below our pumping station. It's the lowest we have ever seen it, and we can't operate our pump houses at all with the water the way it is," she explained. "Even if it rained every day for 100 days, it would have to come up eight or nine feet for us to realistically take 17 million gallons out of there and make snow of it."



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Skiers and snowboarders won't be able to hit the hills in La Riviere this winter, as the drought has foiled Holiday Mountain's snowmaking plans.

"This was the go or no go point. We had to make a decision, and we have to live with it," continued Later, who noted they usually start selling memberships now as well as make preparations for the coming season, but they just couldn't see it being possible.

"It would be irresponsible to sell memberships when we don't have a product ... and it's only fair to tell the

staff now that there won't be any work ... we're all out of work," she said. "In addition to everything else, you're looking at spending a couple hundred thousand dollars preparing for the season on a big maybe."

It's a disheartening milestone for the facility, which goes back to when Noel Later, who previously ran the La Riviere ski hill, opened up Manitoba's first ski resort in the winter of 1959-60.

It has come a long way since the first facilities consisted of six runs and a small warming hut, with skiers who would converge on Ida Barklay's hotel next to the railway station.

In 1959, the old ski runs were closed and the resort was relocated to just west of the village, where the new 92 acre site had a vertical rise of 300 feet. The geography provided six slopes ranging from 800 to 2,400 feet in length, and the official opening of the new resort took place in January 1960.

Near the end of the 1960s, the site launched a three-year project to expand the ski chalet which brought the total space to 24,000 ft. When the new chalet opened in 1969, the resort featured 11 runs, a ski jump and a 5 km cross-country ski trail.

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Twenty-two members of the Hodgson family showed up for a reunion recently in Carman.

Oh, to be 92 again!
How do you plan a cousins reunion? There's camps for kids, still-working parents, spraying and combining farmers, planned holidays, special sports participation. Well, this is what Gwen (Hodgson) Jacobsun did, and 22 showed up, from Neepawa, Winnipeg, Ottawa and Roland. It was not until all the festivities were over, did I find out it was to be a belated birthday party.
Everybody has a cookbook, but

never will you find the kind I received. It is made up of pictures, favorite family recipes, histories and memories all from the Jim and Marion Hodgson generation. Each family has a book now, a reminder of all the special years of which they were a part. A huge thank you to all!
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Thank you to the people who have been helping hands from year to year and generation from generation to have these for use.

Just a note, Roland is only 13 miles south of Carman and many from here have transplanted to your great town.

Now you know why!

- Marion Hodgson, Roland

Doctors Manitoba implore Manitobans to be cautious

By Ashleigh Viveiros

Manitoba's COVID-19 restrictions have eased significantly in recent weeks, but doctors are warning we're not out of this pandemic just yet.

"Manitobans have truly earned the opportunity to reconnect with family and friends and enjoy the best our province has to offer," said Dr. Kristjan Thompson, president of Doctors Manitoba. "But while we get out there, please be cautious. Wear a mask in public indoor spaces, stay home if you are sick, wash your hands, and get vaccinated.

"We don't want Manitoba to experi-

ence the fourth wave like we're seeing in other jurisdictions, with a more contagious Delta variant leading to serious illness and in some cases record hospitalizations among children and youth."

Thompson, who works as an emergency room physician at St. Boniface Hospital, is among the 79 per cent of doctors surveyed by Doctors Manitoba who say they are concerned too many pandemic restrictions are being loosened too quickly.

"As an ER doc, I unfortunately have seen the sickest of the sick of COVID-19 patients," he said, noting he's

lost patients to the virus. "That's why I'm among many physicians who are disappointed to see the lifting of the mask mandate from the province's pandemic restrictions.

"Granted, the risk of COVID-19 has decreased in this province, and that's because people are going out and getting vaccinated. But that risk is not zero. A fourth-wave could come very soon to our province. How soon and how severe really depends on the actions, on the decision made by you, by individual Manitobans, by our busi-

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From barn wood to beautiful: a local woodworker's process

By Becca Myskiw

Nineteen-year-old Chantal Girouard is using her skills to create wooden masterpieces.

Girouard started honing her craft in Grade 7, working in the woodshops, metal shop, foods room, and sewing area. However, she took to the woods, saying she had a great teacher who helped her grow her love for the art.

"I just found that you could be very creative with it," she said. "And certain types of woods caught my eye."

Girouard primarily works with spruce and ash, but also likes working with walnut and purple heart. She said spruce is probably the most common, coming in 2x4 and 2x6 thicker pieces — in other words, it's always been available to her, so it was easy to start working with it. She got into working with ash after getting some of the wood from a family friend.

Spruce, she said, is a softwood compared to ash. But, on the other hand, walnut has a very dark grain, and the finished product from those pieces of wood are always some of Girouard's favourites.

She works out of her family's backyard shop they built last year. In it, she has pretty much every tool she needs, including a basic table saw, a jointer, a plainer, and a miter saw.

The thing she makes the most is barn wood frames. Right now, she's



A barn wood frame capturing the beauty of flowers.

working on a large batch of them to be sold in Toews Printing and Office supply. Girouard started making her most popular item after her grandpa's barn in Notre Dame de Lourdes was demolished and she gathered some of the wood.

After her first frame had such a great response, she went back to gather more wood and still does so. Girouard said they're not difficult to create — she straightens the sides, cuts them to angle the pieces, glues it together, and adds the finishing touches.

So far, she's sold about eight of the



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Chantal Girouard has been woodworking for over six years.

barn wood frames, but she's hoping to sell many more with them being in Toews Printing and Office Supply.

"I think it's the creativity aspect of it," she said. "I can put an image in my head and draw it on paper and make

it come to life. Then, seeing the end result is pretty satisfying. It makes people happy and that's what I enjoy."

To see more of Girouard's work, go to her Instagram page @chantal_woodworks.

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nesses and our government in the coming weeks. Our province is still extremely vulnerable.

"Truth be told, our hospitals still haven't fully recovered from the third wave of this pandemic," Thompson continued. "Having a surge from a fourth wave means more surgeries are going to get cancelled, it means that our ICUs are going to get overwhelmed again."

To help avoid or contain a fourth wave, Doctors Manitoba is calling for the following actions:

- Everyone should continue to wear masks in public indoor settings, especially when that location is not limited to vaccinated people only.

- Businesses that continue to require masks and take other precautions should be applauded, not criticized, for their commitment to protecting their employees and customers.

- The immunization card should be used more widely, in the short term, to create more low-risk opportunities for fully vaccinated Manitobans to gather.

- At the first sign of a potential

fourth wave, the mask mandate and other restrictions should be reintroduced without delay, using either a regional or provincial approach as deemed necessary by public health officials.

"Too many Manitobans have already died from this disease," Thompson said. "So many of us have ended up in hospital, have suffered, have had loved ones suffer. Many are living with the long-term complications following COVID infection, long COVID."

"And so we need to ensure that our families, our friends, our loved ones don't get added to these numbers."

Thompson urges Manitobans to follow the recommendations laid out by Dr. Brent Roussin and the provincial public health team, even if some of those recommendations are no longer reflected in the government's restrictions.

He also urges unvaccinated Manitobans to speak to their doctor for information on why the vaccine "is our ticket out of this."

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"Get the shot, wear a mask, and let's just get through this last stretch together," Thompson said.

More details on the vaccine and how to book an appointment is available at ManitobaVaccine.ca.

Correction

Kat's Cuts Manor Salon is offering
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Education enrollment escalates....Carman Schooling Part 2

By Dennis Young with files from Marg Riddell and Leader archives

I left you last week in 1951 when Carman students moved into the newly constructed steel school and the renovated brick school. Finally students had room to move about and learn comfortably. However, within two years the "baby boom" started to impact the classes heavily.

There was a total enrolment of 432 in September of 1953. And by the following September, registration skyrocketed to 532 cramming students into 17 classrooms... a ratio of over 31 students for every teacher. Something had to be done.

Before any future building plans were brought to electors, trustees had the foresight to pay \$10,000 in the spring of 1956 for 9.5 acres from Ross Laycock along Hwy #3. The electors of Carman Consolidated School District turned down with a decisive 469-212 vote, a \$89,000 debenture by-law for a

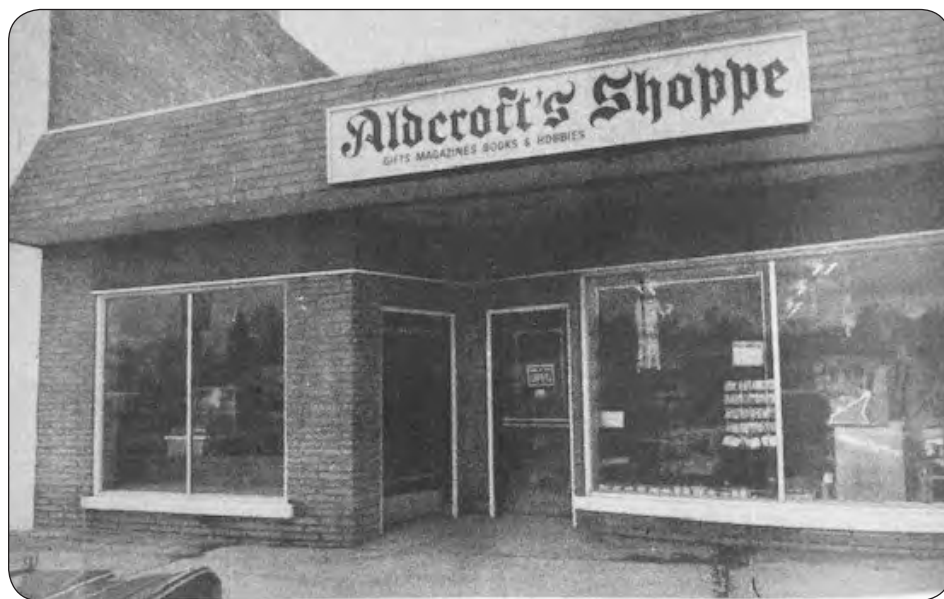
new six room high school in 1958.

That outcome was interpreted as a protest against the process the School Board used to purchase the site before having a vote. As well some north end electors were upset because the deal eliminated any chance of the school being built in the north part of town. The controversy caused 6 of 7 trustees to resign.

However, in June of 1960, Midland electors had a significant change of heart and passed the much-needed high school bylaw with a convincing 1486 - 602 vote. Robert Takvam was the only familiar face. The board approved plans for a high school on the previously purchased site. It would be the first time the collegiate would be separated from the elementary.

Students moved into the now \$260,000 (\$2,362,000 today) Carman Collegiate right after Easter, 1961. It was praised as thoroughly modern in every way featuring 10 classrooms.

Flashback - 76 Main St., Carman



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Historical papers sealed behind cornerstone. The group above took part in the cornerstone ceremony at the new elementary school (1963). In the picture, left to right: Coun. A. King, Reeve H.H. McCullough, Mayor L.R. Skelton, Mrs. Wm. Aiken, Willie Klassen, Ken Draper, chairman of the schoolboard and Rev. J. Bays.

Enrolment-driven in October 1962, voters gave their decisive 389-174 approval to a new 14-room elementary school with a price tag of \$210,000. After more than 60 years the brick building, still certified structurally sound, was demolished as was the steel building. The new school would be state-of-the-art, complete with a large gymnasium and open-area classrooms.

The division could do nothing to slow down the overloading of schools capacity and resorted to portable classrooms (huts) to handle the overflow of students. In 1971, both schools were expanded via huge gymnasiums and the extensive use of trendy "open area" facilities. The Collegiate also boasted a large theatre-auditorium.

Meanwhile the Dutch community, which had been schooling their students since 1955 in various locations, moved a former church building to the west of Carman. After much preparation it opened in 1973 with grades 1-6. Additions in 1974, '76 and '79 eventually saw grades 1-12 being taught at Dufferin Christian School.

It became apparent in the mid 70s open areas were not working so by the summer of 1976, 6,300 square feet of open space in the Carman Elementary was walled up into seven classrooms and a library. At the Collegiate some of the open areas had folding partitions installed plus the Language Arts open area had permanent walls

installed to divide it into four classrooms.

Carman's education scene continued to evolve when Manitoba's universities began offering first year courses via distance education in 1998. Midland Adult Education Centre opened its doors to older students the next year in the former Carman Medical Clinic. Students there can upgrade previous grade marks, employment skills or finish diploma courses.

Campus Manitoba, a consortium of universities, provided a wide range of 1st, 2nd and 3rd year courses via virtual classes beginning in 1998. Courses could be transferred for credit at any of the supporting institutes. The facility was shut down in 2014 and courses are now totally on line through a website.

In the year 2000 elementary enrollment was 310 while the Collegiate was 416. As of 2020 it was 281 (less grade 6) and 344 (including grade 6) respectively. DCS numbers were 223 and 20 years later 266. At Midland Adult Ed 292 students have graduated over the years while Campus Manitoba saw 372 students take advantage of Carman's facility since 2001.

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COMMUNITY NEWS



Aspen Winds participants making one-of-a-kind products

By Becca Myskiw

Aspen Winds clients use their talents to build and send products across Canada from their homes in Notre-Dame-de-Lourdes.

Aspen Winds is a non-profit day program and residential agency that provides services to adults living with intellectual disabilities.

One of Aspen Winds's services is their day program, which works as participants' day job. The participants come to the centre for 9 a.m., have coffee, get to work, have lunch, do more work, have more coffee, and head home at 4 p.m. Their work is based on their talents and skills, too, and produces beautiful products they sell in their store.

Executive director Michaela Knibbs said they do a lot of woodworking, sewing, pottery, card making, gardening, and painting. When COVID-19 isn't around, they do a larger variety of things and have a busier building.

"Everything is from our hearts and hands to yours," she said. "So, really, we give these people somewhere to have a job where they might not in a stereotypical workplace have that opportunity."

portunity."

The programs each individual takes part in, she said, are tailored to their abilities and interests. For example, if someone doesn't have finger dexterity, they'll give them a task where they only need to use the palm of their hand.

Each product they make during the day goes into the store and is sold. Knibbs said they've had people from as far as Ontario order things they've seen on Aspen Winds's social media page.

The money generated from the products is what funds the centre, aside from their government funding. It also goes back to those who made the products as they get paid for their work.

The participants also get out into the community when it's safe to do so and sweep at the library, sanitize the gym, or stock store shelves.

"It's getting them out to the community and making sure they feel a part of the community," said Knibbs. "It's a basic human necessity...feeling like you're part of a team. There's a stigma around disabilities where...in the past



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Aspen Winds is a place where people with intellectual disabilities create pieces that are sold.

there was always that, 'well they're in their corner and that's where they need to be,' and they're people just like everybody else. They deserve to be seen and interact."

Along with the program and products, Aspen Winds also has support-

ive independent living, a residence in Notre-Dame-de-Lourdes.

Between that and the day program, there are 22 participants with Aspen Winds overall. To see the products they create each week, go to www.aspenwinds.ca.

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Roseisle Backhoe & Excavating celebrates 20 years in business

By Iris Dyck

This year (2021) marks a milestone for Jason Klassen: it's been 20 years since he bought a backhoe and started his business, Roseisle Backhoe & Excavating.

At the time, Klassen was a long-haul truck driver, travelling all over Canada and the United States. His father saw a backhoe for sale at a trade show in Edmonton, and after some thought, Klassen decided to buy it. He hoped he'd be able to get enough work to keep busy over the summer months and continue driving during the winter.

"I wasn't even sure what we had for work, but we bought one," he said.

Klassen got his first jobs from people in the Roseisle area.

"Neighbours realized you had one, and needed a little bit of trenching done, or some stumps dug out," he said.

Before long, Klassen expanded his truck inventory; he bought an excavator, a grader, and a gravel truck. As his fleet grew, he took on town and municipal contracts. Klassen put out a few ads when he first started the business, but most of his clients came to him through word of mouth. He's had up to eight employees at once to keep up with demand.

"There's not much we don't do," he said, "and that's what kept us going."

There is no such thing as a typical day on the job for Klassen. He might be hauling topsoil for a farmer in the morning, then grading a gravel road in the afternoon.

Roseisle Backhoe & Excavating has dug wells, built parking lots, demolished buildings, and dug sewer

lines throughout Manitoba, and has even travelled to Saskatchewan for work.

"My favorite part of the job is doing something different all the time," Klassen said.

Growing up in Roseisle, Klassen "always loved big trucks." His father owned a semi when he was young. He bought his own and started trucking at just 18 years old. When he got married and started a family a few years later, he wanted to work closer to home.

While Klassen still drives his semi for half the year, Roseisle Backhoe & Excavating has allowed him to spend less time on the road and more time with his family.

"The kids have always had to deal with dad working long hours," he said.

Klassen still makes time for his family when he is trucking over the winter. He takes each of his five children with him on the winter roads. He says they've been to almost every community in northern Manitoba and Ontario that he has.

"They always come with me for a week, or a couple trips, so they can see what Dad's doing and why Dad's not at home," he said.

Over the years, Klassen has seen significant change in his industry. When he bought his first excavator, there were just three others in the RM of Dufferin. He estimates there are at least 10 times that now. He's noticed an increase in farmers and municipalities buying their own equipment instead of hiring outside contractors like him.

"It's been up and down over the years," he said. "There's lots of years you make money, and there's lots of years you scrape by."



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Jason Klassen has owned up to four excavators at a time and employed up to eight people. In more recent years he has downsized, with one or two employees helping him with most projects.

Klassen "always loved big trucks" and has been working with them for over 20 years.

Klassen hasn't planned anything to celebrate the anniversary, but feels fortunate that Roseisle Backhoe & Excavating has made it to the 20 year mark.

"Knock on wood, I'm very lucky that we've always had work and always been busy," he said. "I think it's just the quality of work we do, because if you don't do good work, people don't phone you back."

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Where are they now? Catching up with Scott Kitching

By Dennis Young

This feature will attempt to renew some acquaintances with those who called Carman and area home at one time or another. I have randomly selected people to answer questions of their past and present so the readers can be brought up to speed on their lives.

Q. Firstly let's get familiar with you again. When did you live in Carman?

Born in Carman in 1969, and left to attend university in 1988.

Q. Did you attend school here or move here for career?

Completed all of my primary and secondary education in Carman.

Q. What did you do for summer jobs as a student here?

Worked on my Dad's farm for many years; one summer at Centra Gas; one summer at Heaman's Antique Autorama; several years as Summer Recreation Co-ordinator for Carman-Dufferin Recreation Commission

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

Farm (Potato / other crops)

Q. What activities did you participate in as a student?

Mostly sports – hockey, soccer, tennis, fastball, badminton, track and field.

Q. Did you meet your spouse here?

No – met her at my first summer job as a summer student at a law firm in Winnipeg

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

No – left when I was 18

Q. Do you have extended family now?

Wife (Barbara Van Walleggem) and one 19 year old daughter (Sydney)

Q. What got you to leave Carman and where?

To attend University

Q. Did you move around lots in career or life?

No – moved from Carman to Winnipeg for school – lived in Winnipeg ever since

Q. What else have you done, where and how long?

Went to Law School in Winnipeg, worked in Private practice for 9 years and then moved in house with Ceridian as their first Canadian General Counsel. Still work with Ceridian today (17 years later)

Q. What do you do now? Retired?

Still with Ceridian, but I'm now Executive Vice President and General Counsel for the parent global company (Ceridian HCM Holding Inc. - publicly traded on the NYSE).

Q. What passes your leisure time now? Hobbies? Sadly most of my time is taken up by work (a lot of work travel), and don't spend nearly enough time on leisure activities. So when I do relax I like to just stay home, watch movies and spend time

with my family.

Q. Any future plans?

We recently bought a house in the Phoenix area and my wife just retired after about 20 years teaching grade 4 – so we hope to spend a lot of time in the winters down there with family and friends (I can work remotely from there)

Q. Have you travelled and where?

Yes – quite a bit for work (being a global company) – a lot of different cities in the United States and Canada (New York and Los Angeles my favourites), as well as Europe. Leisure travel we were recently in Italy and Aruba, both of which were amazing trips.

Q. Do you ever return to Carman?

Yes, although not as much as I should. Both of my parents still live in Carman so I come out to visit with them (and eat at Syl's and Chicken Chef).

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

I have many great memories. Carman was a great place to grow up and go to school – lots of activities in which to participate (mainly sports for me) and have a ton of great friends still to this day from those teams (still see many of my Carman High School friends on a regular basis to this day – a group of us just recently took a golfing trip to Phoenix, where Dean



STANDARD PHOTO SUBMITTED Scott and Barbara Kitching with their daughter Sydney.

North let my team down miserably on the last day and Marty Maykut, Dean and I ended up cooking and doing dishes for Larry Maykut, Brad Chase and Mike Angers – Dean promises to redeem himself next year).

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

Even though my life has changed substantially from my days in Carman as a teenager, I attribute a lot of who I am and any successes I may have had to the great upbringing I had in Carman. I am still – and will always be – a very proud Carmanite.

If you wish to reach this former Carmanite please send me an email at: denjohnyoung@gmail.com and I forward it to them for further contact.

Pallister announces he will not run again

By Ashleigh Viveiros

Manitoba Premier Brian Pallister announced last week that he will not be seeking re-election.

In a statement made to media at the Conservative Party's caucus retreat in Brandon Aug. 10, Pallister said that he believes it's time for a new leader and a new premier to guide Manitoba into the future.

"The honour of my life has been serving as our premier," he said. "Manitobans have gifted me with the great privilege of leading our province with the two largest back-to-back majority government wins in over a century."

Pallister went on to tout his government's successes over the past five years, including introducing "the first balanced budget in 11 years, while creating the largest ongoing per person investment in health care, education, and family services of any province.

"We did this while lowering the tax burden on every working person and family, more than any other province,

to keep making life affordable for Manitobans," he said. "Most important of all, we did what we said what we would do. We are a clean government with integrity. I am most proud of that."

The province is poised to recover strongly from the challenges of the pandemic, the premier said.

"Today, Manitoba is incredibly well-positioned to springboard into a stronger economic future with even greater social progress.

"That's why I believe this is the right time [to step back]. There's no easy time. It wasn't easy for my family and I to make the decision to enter public life and it's not easy to make the decision when to leave it either. But I believe this is the right time for my family and for our party and for Manitoba, too.

"By stepping aside at the midpoint of our mandate, I believe this will provide sufficient time not only for party members to choose a new leader but for Manitobans to get to know that new leader and premier.

"In our government I am surrounded by capable people, and I know that they will make all our optimism come true," Pallister continued, thanking both his constituents and his family for their support over the years.

"And I want to say thanks to every Manitoban. I wish all of you the very, very best as you aspire to be all you can be. This is the province to do it in and this is the country to do it in.

"We live in a province and a country that is rich in opportunity, with endless opportunity, and that's why I say to you: the only thing better than today in Manitoba is going to be tomorrow in Manitoba."

Pallister has been leader of the Progressive Conservative Party of Manitoba since 2012 and premier since 2016.

He's worked in politics at both the provincial and federal levels (serving as Portage-Lisgar MP from 2000-2008) since winning his first seat as MLA in Portage la Prairie in 1992. For the past decade he's been the MLA for Fort Whyte in Winnipeg.



SCREENSHOT

Premier Brian Pallister last week announced his intention to wrap up his career in politics, which stretches back to 1992 and includes both provincial and federal positions.

Pallister did not open the floor for media questions after reading his statement.

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Art forms join forces

By Lorne Stelmach

The visual and literary arts have been brought together for this month's exhibit at the Pembina Hills Gallery.

The show entitled *Illumination: Word Enfleshed* is a collaborative project organized by local writer Peter Cantelon, who is among the contributors who had their written works interpreted by visual artists.

Each writer and artist was unknown to the other until an opening reception last Wednesday brought them together.

"To me, it is just affirmation of the power of art in all forms," said Cantelon, who was pleased to see the results with about 20 pieces of art and writing in total. "It is a unique exhibit, and I'm glad especially that it gives the written word a better public space than it often gets."

Writers were encouraged to submit works no longer than one page in length and to include on another page their inspiration, and the visual artists then choose from the entries and had the freedom of interpretation for the visual art.

Cantelon's aim for the exhibit was to present the inter-play between the written word and visual art and see how it can be illuminated to take on form and new and expanded meaning.

For the Pembina Hills Arts Council, it was a great opportunity, given their aim to support all art forms and to particularly highlight the literary arts as a vital part of our cultural richness.

"It's wonderful to see the art, and it's extra special to know that it's visual art inspired by written art. It's a cool interaction, this interplay between artists to come up with something unique," said Cantelon. "It's neat to see one person's interpretation of another person's work with their own work."

"In my instance, I love what the artist created, and it in no way is what was in my head when I was writing it," noted Cantelon, whose written piece was visually portrayed by Margie Hildebrand. "I think that is spectacular because to me it just affirms that people take art and they put themselves into it, so it gives it new meaning, and that means that art and writing can take on new meaning for every single person."

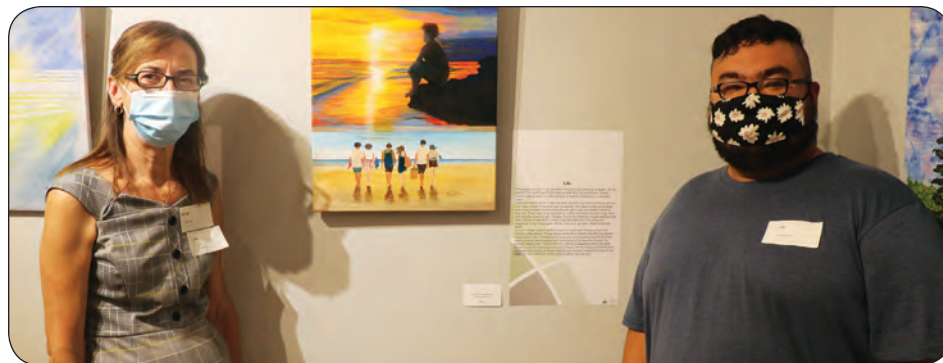
Conversely, he also noted some art works were more evident in portraying the inspiration with the style even complementing the written word.

"I can see synchronicity between the artists," he said. "I never thought of writing and visual art as having something so similar that you can see between the two of them."



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Peter Cantelon with the artwork created by Margie Hildebrand to accompany his written piece.



Olga Krahn created her art work on the inspiration of the written piece submitted by Scott Sitompul.

Scott Sitompul, who was one of the writers, ended up paired with artist Olga Krahn, and it made him glad to have been chosen to be part of the exhibit

"It sounded like a great opportunity to get a piece of my work showcased," he said. "I kind of forgot about it until

they messaged me to say I would be part of this exhibit."

He thought it was great "that it was going to be all local talent, so I thought I had a chance, and it's pretty cool to see my work come to life," he added. "And I think Olga did a very good job of making my words come to life in the painting ... from looking at it, I feel it really did capture what I was trying to go for in my writing. It kind of summed it all up nicely."

"I like the idea of doing an idea of something that somebody else has created, and I liked to create from their thoughts," said Krahn.

"It was good. It was exciting. I liked doing it," she said. "It's learning how to communicate what I'm thinking to hopefully intrigue the viewer of the painting that they will interpret and get some value out of it."

"For anybody who is a fan of visual art, I hope they see what can be done in terms of art inspiring art," suggested Cantelon.

"I hope that seeing poetry in the written word as the original inspiration beside the visual art gives the viewer a little extra layer of meaning and adds to the experience for them," he suggested. "For the artists ... I hope the artists who participated or who come to the gallery see the value of boundaries and constraints ... as we set some ground rules."

"I would love to do it in reverse," he further suggested. "I would love for visual arts to submit something and then have writers inspired from that work."

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Delta variant infections spike among vaccinated in England

By Patricia Barrett

British and Dutch researchers have released a study showing exponential increases in COVID-19 infections in England driven by the delta variant over a three-month period despite high vaccination uptake, along with “exponential growth” in hospitalizations.

The findings serve as a warning to other countries with the delta variant that they too could see similar trends.

The study titled “REACT-1 round 13 final report: exponential growth, high prevalence of SARS-CoV-2 and vaccine effectiveness associated with Delta variant in England during May to July 2021” was published online as a final preprint.

REACT (Real-time Assessment of Community Transmission) is an ongoing government-funded research program that started in the spring of 2020 to understand how COVID is progressing in England and to inform public health strategies.

The delta variant became established in England in April and May of this year. The researchers analyzed COVID tests (RT-PCR or reverse transcription polymerase chain reaction tests) submitted during different time periods they call “rounds” to determine overall patterns of infections from the end of May to the beginning of July when there was high uptake of vaccine. Vaccine brands aren’t specified in the study.

Researchers found infections rising over the course of each round, particularly among younger, unvaccinated people, but also in a high percentage of those who got vaccinated.

“Prevalence [of COVID infection]

among those who reported being unvaccinated was three-fold higher than those who reported being fully vaccinated,” the researchers wrote. “However, in round 13, 44% of infections occurred in fully vaccinated individuals, reflecting imperfect vaccine effectiveness against infection despite high overall levels of vaccination.”

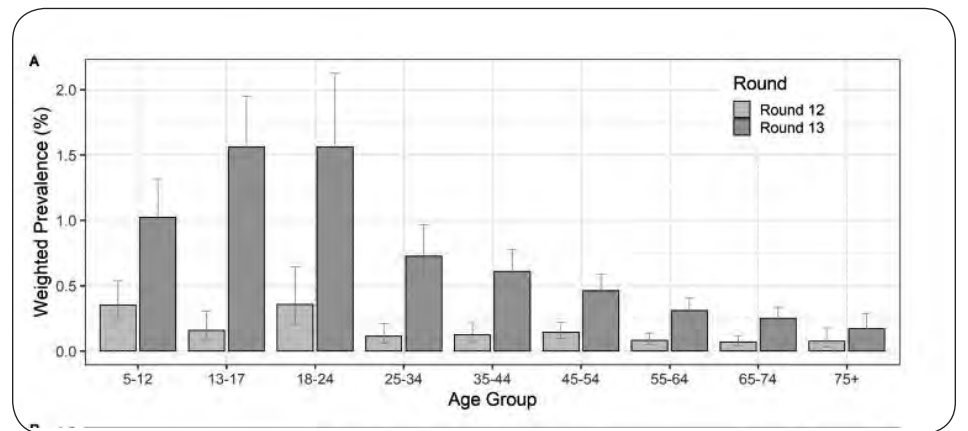
Participants aged 5 and older were randomly selected and sent self-administered throat and nose swab tests, which were picked up by courier. From May 20 to June 7 (Round 12), researchers received 108,911 tests from participants. From June 24 to July 12 (Round 13), they received 98,233 participant tests for a total of 207,144 tests.

Between rounds 12 and 13, researchers found that the delta variant had rapidly replaced the alpha variant as the predominant COVID strain. They attributed the growing trend to people in younger age groups; those aged 5 to 24 years contributed 50 per cent of the infections.

More worryingly, fully vaccinated people (having received two shots of a vaccine) accounted for 29 per cent and 44 per cent of infections in their respective rounds.

“While vaccination was associated with lower prevalence of swab-positivity, there remained potential for large numbers of fully vaccinated people to become infected,” the researchers wrote. “During the period of round 12, we extrapolated from our data that 29% of infections in England occurred in double-vaccinated people, rising to 44% during the period of round 13.”

Without public health interventions



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Children and young adults in England account for the highest number of infections from May to July.

in the face of delta’s high transmissibility, children returning to school in the fall and more social interactions taking place indoors as the weather cools may result in “renewed growth” despite high levels of vaccination, said the researchers.

“This focus of infection offers considerable scope for interventions to reduce transmission among younger people, with knock-on benefits across the entire population,” they wrote. “Also, given the rapid rise of the Delta variant in Europe, the USA, South Asia and elsewhere, and its estimated increased transmissibility, patterns observed in England indicate what may happen elsewhere.”

Globally, only 13 per cent of the population is fully vaccinated, they wrote, while only one per cent of people in low-income countries have received even one dose of a COVID vaccine.

The delta variant is currently surging in the U.S. and parts of Australia despite vaccinations. With travel

and gathering restrictions having been relaxed, Canada is in its fourth wave of the pandemic. Provinces that dropped mask mandates and other safety measures are seeing increases in infections. In Alberta, variants of concern make up the majority of cases and hospitalizations are on the upswing. Quebec will be implementing a vaccine passport in September for access to non-essential services. Ontario is considering administering a third dose of vaccine.

In Manitoba, the Interlake-Eastern health region is experiencing the highest number of active COVID cases (288) of all regions in the province, according to the provincial government’s COVID dashboard (viewed Aug. 15). The government also identified 189 cases of the delta variant (B16172) in the Interlake-Eastern region.

Worldwide, over 4.3 million people have died from COVID, according to the World Health Organization.

Ultrasound gel recalled for bacterial contamination

By Patricia Barrett

Health Canada issued an alert and recall of a gel that’s used in ultrasound procedures because of confirmed bacterial contamination called burkholderia stabillus.

Eight lots of EcoGel 200 Ultrasound Gel MediChoice (M500812), made by Ontario-based Eco-Med Pharmaceutical, were recalled.

Ultrasound gel is considered a medical device. Burkholderia stabillus is a bacterial pathogen that can cause respiratory and bloodstream infections. Health Canada said the source of the contamination is unknown and an investigation is ongoing.

“Eco-Med has confirmed bacterial contamination from yet unidentified sources in certain lot numbers of these non-sterile, multi-use gel products,” states the health agency in an

Aug. 4 alert that was updated Aug. 10.

Eco-Med Pharmaceutical makes gels, lotions and topicals that are used in procedures such as ECG, shock-wave therapy, prenatal tests and massage.

The company said the recall was voluntary and disclosed the contamination on the recall page of its website. But an infographic on its home page showed “0 number of recalls” when viewed Aug. 14.

“Eco-Med is instructing all health care facilities to identify the affected products by lot number and immediately destroy or return products from affected lots to Eco-Med,” states the company’s Aug. 4 news release.

It also advised medical facilities to “immediately stop use and quarantine” all lots of at least 35 other ultra-

sound gels distributed under similar or different brand names – including Omni, and DJO Conductor – which are distributed in Canada, the U.S. and other countries.

The company said the effects of burkholderia vary from having no symptoms to “serious” infection.

“[The bacteria in] bloodstream infections may result in sepsis and in certain cases, potentially death,” states the news release. “Use of ultrasound gels manufactured by Eco-Med have been associated with at least 15 infections to date, including bloodstream infections.”

A communications associate for the Interlake-Eastern Regional Health Authority said “we do not use this brand [EcoGel 200] of ultrasound gel so the recall wouldn’t affect us.”



ECO-MED PHARMACEUTICAL WEBSITE

Certain lots of EcoGel 200 were recalled after bacterial contamination was confirmed.

Provincial officials get an aerial view of drought's impact

By Nicole Brownlee

Provincial officials toured southern Manitoba communities on August 7 to witness the damage caused by the drought.

Minister of Infrastructure and Emergency Measures Ron Schuler visited Winkler, Morden, Carman with local MLAs, Cameron Friesen for Morden-Winkler, Blaine Pedersen for Midland and Josh Guenter for Borderland. The provincial representatives not only talked to local officials about how their communities have been impacted by the adverse weather this season, but also saw a birds-eye view of the devastation.

"We had the opportunity to go up in an airplane," said Schuler. "When you're driving, you still get the sense that it looks ok, and then you go into the air, and you look down, and you can see that there's brown ground throughout all the crops. They're all dried out."

For most of his career, he's dealt with high water events or flooding, so approaching a severe drought is something new, said Schuler.

"I'm always impressed with the local officials. The kind of leadership, the ability to stand up and address the problems," said Schuler. "We listened to what they thought the solutions were, and we have committed to work with them on it."

The representatives discussed potentially expanding Winkler's water source, working with the Pembina Valley Water Cooperative Inc., and other ways to mitigate the impact of the drought.

"Many of us have been talking about

this for a number of years," said Pedersen. "It's a good time to be really planning to upgrade the water supply and build on the knowledge that we have."

Lake Minnewasta, where Morden draws their water, has been dropping daily, said Nancy Penner, a Morden councillor and representative on the Pembina Valley Water Cooperative.

"The reservoir depletion is a huge concern in terms of, do we have the capacity to be able to supply the community with water, not only today but... looking at tomorrow, said Penner.

"IT'S ENCOURAGING TO HAVE A LOT OF HEADS TOGETHER AND A LOT OF EXPERTISE AT THE TABLE."

"It is a big challenge, and it's bigger than Morden can do on their own."

Meeting with other municipalities and ministers felt reassuring that the water supply issue will be addressed, said Penner.

"It's encouraging to have a lot of heads together and a lot of expertise at the table."

A potential solution for some communities could be expanding nearby water sources.

"Our conversation with them was simply how we can help contribute towards the benefits of the entire region by doubling the capacity of our own system," said Martin Harder, mayor of Winkler.

"We have plenty of water under the aquifer that is considered brackish water... And as the city of Winkler, we have been utilizing [it] over the last 10 years now."

Winkler's aquifer produces 65 per cent of the city's water, said Harder. The remaining 35 per cent is purchased from the Pembina Valley Water Cooperative. Expanding their wa-



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Infrastructure minister Ron Schuler and several MLAs met with local officials on August 7 to discuss ways to improve water supply throughout the province.

ter capabilities would benefit Winkler and the surrounding communities.

"It would be much more flexible to be able to help each other out," said Harder. "This new option would certainly be a key component to be able to do a better job of that."

Harder said considering the current situation, expanding Winkler's water system would be the quickest solution

available.

"The attempt would be within the next year to be able to have it growing, but as with any project, the length of time it sits in the hopper waiting for bureaucratic approval or government approval is always an issue," said Harder.

The province will be announcing potential supports soon, said Schuler.

Health Canada updates Pfizer-BioNTech COVID vaccine label to include Bell's palsy

By Patricia Barrett

Health Canada has updated Pfizer-BioNTech's COVID-19 vaccine label to include reports of post-vaccination facial paralysis called Bell's palsy after an unspecified number of cases arose in Canada and other countries.

The national health agency doesn't say how many cases have been reported.

"Health Canada has updated the product information for the Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 vaccine to describe very rare reports of Bell's Palsy (typically temporary weakness or paralysis

on one side of the face) following vaccination," states the agency in an Aug. 6 news release. "Cases have been reported in a small number of people in Canada and internationally."

Bell's palsy occurs when the facial nerve becomes inflamed, but the exact cause is unknown. People will experience facial paralysis or weakness on one side of the face (in rare cases on both sides of the face) that begins suddenly and progresses over a 48-72-hour period, according to the U.S. National Institute of Neurological

Disorders and Stroke.

Symptoms include disordered movement of muscles controlling smiling and blinking, loss of sensation, drooling, loss of taste on the front two thirds of the tongue, intolerance to loud noise, inability to close the eye and excessive tearing of the eye. There is no cure, but it's usually temporary, with recovery beginning within a few weeks to six months. In some cases, weakness may persist or become permanent.

Health Canada said Moderna's CO-

VID-19 vaccine label already contains "safety information" about reported cases of Bell's Palsy following vaccination. It's also assessing other authorized COVID-19 vaccines.

"Health Canada reassures Canadians that COVID-19 vaccines continue to be safe and effective at protecting them against COVID-19," states the agency. "The benefits of COVID-19 vaccines continue to outweigh their potential risks, as scientific evidence shows that they reduce deaths and hospitalizations due to COVID-19."

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Winkler Flyers looking for local billet families

By Lorne Stelmach

As the Winkler Flyers prepare for the next MJHL season, the team is in search of places for the players to call home in Winkler.

The Flyers have put out the call for Winkler families to serve as billet homes for the team members, and general manager Justin Falk encouraged people to consider it as "an investment into another person's life."

"It's about the relationships that you can build through the experiences in the home," said Falk, who cited the sense of fulfillment that you can get from the experience.

"It's supporting the community, and it's another way that you can help ... most people who do it have great sto-

ries and have had great experiences doing it," he said. "The players become part of the family. They help out with duties around the house ... help out in the community."

"I became very close with a lot of my billet families," he noted. "There were people who even came to my wedding, and we still keep in touch."

Players can be placed with families anywhere within Winkler, Morden and the surrounding communities, and these families can play an integral part in the player's support network both off and on the ice.

For most of the players, this may be their first time away from home, so billet families are encouraged to connect with players' families to make

the transition to their new home away from home a smooth one.

Many families request their players to remain with them for multiple years should they remain with the team, so the bonds created often result in life-long relationships post hockey.

The organization assists with some food cost coverage via a monthly gift card provided by the Winkler/Morden Co-op, although this will not always cover the full months food cost for the player. Billet family responsibilities include providing a furnished bedroom, nutritious high caloric meals, maintaining open communication with their player, establishing boundaries and house rules and enveloping the player into the family.

Typically, a player is assigned a billet family at the end of training camp each August. The MJHL has set trade deadlines throughout the year; therefore, a player may be with a family for as short a time as a few weeks or in most cases until the end of the hockey season in March with play-offs continuing into April. The player is expected to help their billet family around the house, always communicate with their billet families and get into a routine that works for your household, as things like meal prep and cooking are valuable life skills for players.

If interested or need more information, you can go online to www.winklerflyers.com.

Carman Cardinals edged Altona Bisons to end regular 2021 season

By Jack Pethybridge

The Carman Cardinals ended their regular season on a winning note after defeating the Altona Bisons 5-4 in Altona on Aug. 10.

Jon Rempel pitched a complete game, throwing 129 pitches.

Carman had five hits and played well

defensively, including a spectacular diving catch by third baseman Aaron Nakonechny. The game ended on a relay throw to the plate in the bottom of the seventh where the Altona player was called out on a bang-bang play and tag by catcher Jake Sailer.

This past Sunday the Cardinals were

to play their final regular-season game in Killarney but the Lakers forfeited the game due to a lack of players.

The Cardinals now head to the play-offs and feel very confident. The East Division will play single-elimination games starting on Friday (#1 vs #4, #2 vs #3) with the winners playing in the

East final Aug 24.

The winner of the East Division will then play a best-of-three championship series against the West Division winner starting on Aug 27.

We are not sure who or where we will be playing until the regular season finishes but we are ready.

MJHL announces playoff format for 2021-22 season

From the MJHL

The Manitoba Junior Hockey league has announced the playoff format to be implemented for the 2021-22 season.

The 2022 MJHL playoffs are sched-

uled to begin March 18. The top four teams from each division will advance to a divisional round 1 (quarter-finals) best-of-seven series based on regular-season points. Winners from the first round from each division will

advance to a non-divisional second round (semi-finals) best-of-seven series based on regular-season points.

The two winners will then advance to league championship in a best-of-seven series for the opportunity to

raise the Turnbull Trophy and represent the MJHL in the ANAVET Cup versus the Saskatchewan Junior Hockey League Champion for a spot in the 2022 Centennial Cup.

Manitoba Basketball Hall of Fame induction dinner postponed

From Basketball Manitoba

The Manitoba Basketball Hall of Fame and Museum has announced that the 2021 Manitoba Basketball Hall of Fame induction dinner, originally scheduled for Sept. 25 is being postponed.

The Hall of Fame committee voted unanimously on this matter at a recent meeting. Due to the continued uncertainty relative to the COVID-19 pandemic and the ever-evolving provincial health orders and regulations, it was felt that this

difficult decision was necessary.

The Hall wants to honour its newest inductees appropriately and also wants all of those attending to feel comfortable about being in a large group gathering. A new date is being explored and it will be in the new year, perhaps September or October 2022.

The Hall thanks everyone for their patience, understanding and support as it works through these challenging and unprecedented times.

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A young entrepreneur starting out?

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Two years and four times the funds: local girls' fundraiser

By Becca Myskiw

Best friends Emily Bickford and Sari Burnett held a fundraiser recently for the Shriners Hospitals for Children in Montreal and Khartum Shriners in Winnipeg.

The Shrine has "operated a world-class network" of hospitals that treat children with orthopedic conditions, burns, spinal cord injuries, and cleft lip and palates free of charge. In addition, Khartum Shriners helps children who can't help themselves, referring them to the hospital they need.

The Shrine has provided medical care to over 835,000 children in 85 years.

Bickford, 11, and Burnett, 10, had a cool stand fundraiser on Saturday, Aug. 7. They set up their table by Miami Variety where they sold their goods and took donations.

The girls had a similar fundraiser last year, where they raised over \$400 for Katie Cares. They sold pop, freezies, cucumbers, tomatoes, beets, zucchini, wallets, braceleted, and cat's cradle.

This year, they changed their cause for personal reasons. Burnett had three back surgeries in three

months at the Shriners Hospitals for Children in Montreal for her scoliosis. She'll have to keep going back every six months until she's finished growing.

Her experience there, she said, was amazing. "Before the surgeries I was scared," she said. "But the Shriners are so nice. When I went to the playroom they did crafts with me and painted with me."

Bickford said she thought fundraising for the cause was really nice. So, the girls got together bracelets, necklaces, rings, wallets, masks, paintings, muffins, pop, water, freezies, coasters, and more and sat in the sun to raise money. They also collected pop can tabs to go to wheelchair making.

This year, they raised over \$1,650. They more than quadrupled last year's total. Burnett said a lot of people gave more money than they had to when buying something and they still had donations trickling in a week after the event.

"It felt really good," she said. Like really, really good."

The baking went really fast, they said, so they're going to do more next year. The girls don't know who they'll fundraise for next year, but they do



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Emily Bickford and Sari Burnett raised \$1,650 for Shriners Hospitals for Children and Khartum Shriners.

know they'll have another cool stand.

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SUDOKU

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Fun By The Numbers

Like puzzles? Then you'll love sudoku. This mind-bending puzzle will have you hooked from the moment you square off, so sharpen your pencil and put your sudoku savvy to the test!

Level: Intermediate

Here's How It Works:

Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken down into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numeric clues already provided in the boxes. The more numbers you name, the easier it gets to solve the puzzle!

8	7	3	4	2	5	9	6	1
1	9	6	7	9	8	3	2	4
2	4	6	6	3	1	8	5	7
9	9	8	3	5	7	1	4	2
4	1	5	2	8	9	7	3	6
3	2	7	1	4	4	6	5	8
5	6	4	9	1	3	2	7	8
3	6	1	5	9	2	4	4	9
7	8	1	5	9	2	4	4	9
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Sudoku Answer

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Crossword Answer

X CROSSWORD

CLUES ACROSS

- Midway between east and southeast
- Sun up in New York
- Japanese honorific
- Czech name for Prague
- Ochocinco's first name
- Steep cliffs (Hawaiian)
- Scots word for "home"
- Upper class young woman (abbr.)
- Monetary unit of Albania
- Raise
- Drain of resources
- Uncultured, clumsy persons
- Hikers use them
- Retrospective analysis (military)
- Tibetan form of chanting
- Influential European statesman
- Soluble ribonucleic acid
- Monetary unit of Romania
- Round green vegetable
- Well acquainted with
- Ribosomal ribonucleic acid
- Basics
- "The Godfather" actress Keaton
- Snakelike fish
- Tall deciduous tree
- Russian river
- Long Balkans river
- Ancient Greek coin
- Senegal's capital
- Unwell
- Snout
- Low bank or reef of coral

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CLUES DOWN

- Abstain from
- Vast desert in North Africa
- Cover the crown of a tooth
- A major division of geological time
- Urban center
- Crook
- Parts per billion (abbr.)
- Questions
- A pack of 52 playing cards
- Recording of sound
- Pithy saying
- Atomic #22
- Soviet Socialist Republic
- Plant with ridged seedpods
- Innate
- Investigative body for

Congress (abbr.)

- Soda receptacle
- Spanish stew: __ podrida
- Viet Cong offensive
- Large body of water
- Beginning military rank
- Dissimilar
- Counteroffensive system (abbr.)
- Shows who you are
- Chinese dynasty
- Type of verse
- African nation
- Quite
- Former Bucks star Michael
- Showed again
- Body part
- Steal

get inspired

> MEAL IDEAS



Lamb Meatball and Veggie Skewers with Herb Sauce

1 cup flat leaf parsley
 2 teaspoons fresh rosemary leaves, minced
 2 tablespoons capers
 1 lemon, juice only
 2 cloves garlic
 1/4 cup extra-virgin olive oil
 grilled Italian bread, for serving
 Soak skewers in water 10 minutes.
 In large bowl, break apart ground lamb; add whisked eggs and breadcrumbs.

In small saute pan, add olive oil then saute yellow onion, garlic clove, coriander seeds, red pepper flakes, salt and pepper, to taste, about 5 minutes, until onion is translucent and spices are fragrant. Add to bowl with lamb. Mix until combined and form into roughly 1 1/2-ounce balls.

Add meatballs to skewers, alternating with onions and peppers. Cover and refrigerate 1 hour to ensure meatballs hold together during grilling.

To make herb sauce: In immersion blender, blend parsley, rosemary, capers, lemon juice, garlic and olive oil until smooth. Refrigerate until serving.

Preheat grill to medium-high heat.

Grill skewers about 3 minutes on each side, or until meatballs reach 150 F internal temperature. Rest 5 minutes. Serve with dipping sauce and grilled Italian bread.

Total time: 1 hour, 30 minutes
 Yield: 6 skewers
 6 wooden skewers
 1 pound Atkins Ranch ground lamb
 2 large eggs
 2/3 cup Italian breadcrumbs
 1 teaspoon olive oil
 1/2 cup finely minced yellow onion
 1 clove minced garlic
 1/4 teaspoon coriander seeds, crushed
 1/4 teaspoon red pepper flakes
 1/2 teaspoon kosher salt
 freshly ground black pepper, to taste
 1 medium red onion, cut into 1-inch stacks
 1 medium green bell pepper, cut into 1-inch stacks
 1 medium red bell pepper, cut into 1-inch stacks
 Herb Sauce:



Build-Your-Own Sausage Foil Packet Dinner

2 tablespoons parsley, chopped
 Preheat oven to 425 F.
 Cut foil into four sheets about 12 inches long.

Divide kielbasa, garlic, corn, tomatoes, onion and potatoes evenly over foil sheets. Drizzle with oil then season with salt and pepper, to taste. Toss gently to combine.

Top each packet with parsley and fold crosswise over kielbasa and vegetable mixture to completely cover food. Roll top and bottom edges to seal.

Place foil packets on baking sheet and bake 30 minutes.

Variations: Customize ingredients for personal preferences. Use broccoli in place of corn or substitute peppers for onions.

Prep time: 10 minutes
 Cook time: 30 minutes
 Servings: 4
 1 package Coleman Natural Uncured Polish Kielbasa, sliced 1/2-inch thick
 2 cloves garlic, minced
 2 ears corn, each cut crosswise into four pieces
 2 large tomatoes, chopped
 1 medium red onion, thinly sliced
 1 pound Yukon Gold potatoes, chopped into 1-inch pieces
 2 tablespoons extra-virgin olive oil
 salt, to taste
 pepper, to taste

Stuck in a rut of dread, anxiety or fear?

By Shawna Howard Certified Life Coach

Do you ever say or think things like "I can't stand this!", "I'll never make it through.", "One more thing and I'm gonna lose it!", "That's it! I'm done!"

When your alarm goes off in the morning are you already dreading the day? Woefully counting all the duties ahead. Do you have days where you just want to pull those covers back over your head and stay hidden from the world?

Honestly, I've been there too, more times than I care to remember! I've had mornings where I planned out the whole day inside my head and imagined everything that could possibly go wrong before my feet even hit the floor! Not a good way to start the day, I don't recommend it! Being uptight, full of dread and anxiety is definitely not the victorious life Jesus died to give us!

When life gets overwhelming, discouraging, or unfulfilling; it's time to look at exactly what's working and what's not. How on God's green earth did we arrive here? Somehow or another, it snuck up on us and now it's biting us right in the rear end! Stealing our peace, disintegrating our power, and manipulating our moods!

I want to encourage you today; no matter what situation you are in, you matter, your life matters and your specific calling ...matters. You are so deeply loved, needed, and wanted. I know this may seem incomprehensible when the storms of life are raging.

How do I find my way out of this?

Be intentional, pause, breathe and look up. Open your beautiful eyes and simply look up. There's the light, the truth, the answers and the reason to keep going and fighting for a fulfilling, enjoyable and exciting life. Do what you are being led to do and then lay the rest at the feet of Jesus.

This is not the time to be distracted or complaisant, it's your time to thrive! You are here at this exact time in history for a unique purpose, a specific calling. It may be time for a change!

My dad once told me that no matter how desperate life gets, there's always a reason to keep going. There's always hope. It's as simple as making a change. He said "Shawna, if life ever gets that bad, then do something different. Make a change. But never, never give up." (He was a Proverbs man.) Simple, wise words. Though, not always easy to implement.

Put things in perspective, assess, then act.

Slow down and take a long hard look at what you truly desire for your life. Where do you see yourself one year from now? 5 years from now? To get to where you want to go, it all starts with one solitary step. The de-

termined step that says "I've decided. I'm moving forward. I'm going to make that change! I'm going to be the change!"

Your time and energy are valuable. We all get 24 hours a day and it's up to us to dedicate time to our priorities. When was the last time you assessed your days activities and tasks? Keeping our priorities straight will help us be productive and lead to a greater sense of peace.

Obviously, we all have obligations; but there may be some things you can cut out, prioritize, or start doing, that will move you in the direction of a better more fulfilling tomorrow. No more hiding under the covers, dreading the day. No more wishing for things to be different.

The power to make a change is in you. You can be the force that changes things for the better! Be proactive in daily decisions and actions as you set your mind and keep it set. That vision you have for your future is attainable!

Sadly, some people wait until something tragic or life altering, forces them to look at how they're living. Others reach the end of their life and wonder what could have been, had they done things differently and had their priorities straight. Still others give up and settle, thinking this is just what life has dealt them and their dream is simply too far out of reach. Then, there are "wishers", who spend their time wishing but they aren't willing to put in the hard work, sacrifice and effort to see a change.

How can we possibly know what tomorrow will be like if we won't take the steps and make the commitment today to do what we will be happy with tomorrow?

It's a choice. If you aren't living your best life; that first step is calling your name. Your better life, is beckoning and reaching for your hand to pull you from that rut. Will you answer the call?

Some Coaching Questions for You:

1. What are your core values / top priorities in life? Does it show?
2. To get to where you want to be, what could you stop doing, start doing, do less or more of? Are you willing to put in the effort? Change your thinking? Look closely and evaluate your attitudes?
3. Have you settled for less than what you truly want? If so, in what areas?
4. If you were told today that you have only a limited time to live, what would you do differently?

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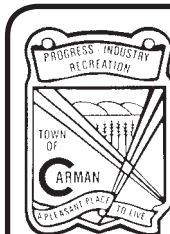
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TOWN OF CARMAN ANNUAL PUBLIC NOTICE Additions to the Voters List and/or Personal Security Protection Requests

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- Any person who is eligible to vote in municipal elections in 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.
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-Ron and Ruth Stege

OBITUARY



Frances Lois Colpitts

Lois passed away peacefully on August 8, 2021 at the Boyne Lodge at the age of 93.

Lois is survived by daughter Colleen (Michel) and her children, Kristie and Michael; daughter Corie (Calvin) and her children Denise and Derek. She is survived by sister Barbara and brother Don.

Many thanks to the Boyne Lodge Staff for their loving care of Mom.

A private family graveside service will be held from Doyle's Funeral Home with interment in the Sperling Cemetery.

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