

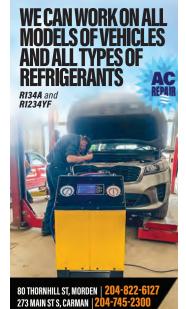
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Carman Minor Ball 13U team completed their season with two wins and seven losses in league play. The boys had a great season with a fun group of parents and athletes. Pictured back row, left to right: Hunter MacLean and Lucas Giesbrecht. On the bench, Ashton Somers, Elliot Van Den Bussche, Brody Benner and Grant Friesen.

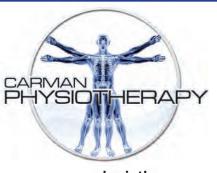


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King Korn Maze adds driving range to outdoor activities

By Becca Myskiw

Notre-Dame-de-Lourdes's King Korn Maze is adding a driving range to their services offered this year.

Justin Grenier co-owns the maze with his two younger sisters. They officially opened for the season on Aug. 6 and are open every day 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. until Sept. 5. Then, they'll be open on weekends only during the same times.

King Korn Maze currently has four corn mazes, an 18-hole mini golf, a bale pyramid and slide, human hamster balls, and a tire playground. It's located one mile south of Notre-Dame-de-Lourdes on Hwy 244 and a quarter mile west of GDT Transport on Road 35N.

The mini golf is a course full of the typical obstacles and putting patches constructed from farm materials. The bale pyramid can also be used as a lookout tower or a castle and is made of square bales with a sileage-like tarp for the large slide. The human hamster balls are circular feeders with a lining inside to walk on and the tire playground is made of machinery tires.

Grenier said they want their maze to attract everyone and anyone, so they



King Korn Maze is adding a driving range this year.

were looking for more ways to do that — a driving range seemed the perfect answer.

"There wasn't any in the area that we could think of," he said. "We've got a lot of golfers in the area, and we wanted to bring something to bring them out."

So, the three siblings seeded 250 yards of grass in the yard and have been maintaining it all summer. Grenier said with the little rain, there

bloomin' great!



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hasn't been much maintenance needed, but they've cut it and watered it when necessary.

Along with getting the green ready, they've added lifted tee boxes and tee mats.

There isn't an official opening date for the driving range yet, but using it is as simple as entering the maze. Those wanting to practice their drives just have to go to the main shack, pay for a pail of balls, and head out to the range to shoot some balls.

Grenier said this part of the business is new to them so they're open to any and all suggestions on how to make the driving range experience better.

"If anyone wants tweaks or has seen anything different, we're totally open to positive and negative criticism," he said.

To watch for an opening date on the range, go to @kingkornmaze2018 on Facebook.

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Valley Fiber celebrates major investment in Manitoba network

By Lorne Stelmach

Valley Fiber celebrated last week as a major investment was finalized that will bring its high speed internet service to more communities across the province.

Its partnership with the Canada Infrastructure Bank (CIB) and DIF Capital Partners (DIF) will invest \$328 million, and Valley Fiber CEO Hank Wall called it a major milestone and a significant achievement at a ceremony at the company's Winkler headquarters Aug. 18.

"Many years ago ... people chuckled at the vision of how do we create a Silicon Valley of the north ... you have to build the infrastructure first and then they will come," said Wall. "They all say without the critical infrastructure ...

it's like having gravel roads or having no water, no sewer. It is not a luxury, it is a necessity."

The Manitoba Fibre Project will see over 2,600 km of dedicated high speed fiber brought to over 49,000 homes

and 53 municipalities that are currently underserved, and customers will have access to Valley Fiber's full product offerings which include internet, television, and phone services. The work will reach into many re-

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Valley Fiber CEO Hank Wall leading a tour of their data centre.



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Carman's Foundation going through transitions

By Becca Myskiw

The Carman Area Foundation (CAF) is getting ready for a few changes to their board of directors.

On the CAF board, there are 10 directors, with three of the positions being elected — treasurer, vice chair, and board chair. Each person on the board can stay on for three three-year terms, for a total of nine years.

Currently, the board chair is Barry Gosnell. He's been on the board since 2013 and became chair seven years ago. One of the first things he did with CAF was make the nine-year rule. Board members were allowed to serve two three-year terms previously, but he said that was too short. By the time directors had figured out their role and made meaningful connections, it was time for them to go so the terms were changed from six years to nine years.

Now, it's nearing Gosnell's full nine

years and it's time for a new chair to be elected. He said he'll be off the board before CAF's next annual general meeting (AGM) in May. Though the role is elected by the other directors on the board, current vice chair Janine Lodder is hoping to take his place.

"This is a succession plan," said Gosnell."It's not a plan to say who should be the next chair — it's a plan for somebody who's interested in becoming chair, so we want to prepare them for that."

Lodder said after being a part of CAF and growing with the group, she's grown to want to be board chair. She's watched Gosnell's hard work over the years and she's hoping to, if elected, pick up right where he left off.

"All the things he's done have enlightened me," she said. "It would be good if we could just carry on his vision as well. I've been following behind him and working closely with him...he's a great teacher."

By carrying on his vision, Lodder means being a large presence in the Carman community, encouraging more people to support the foundation, and get hers and CAF's name out there.

Another change within the board is the departure of Jennifer Ching-Faux, who's going on a year of maternity leave. She left CAF on Aug. 20 and has spent the past two months training Caddie Crampton in her role.

Ching-Faux is an employee of Endow Manitoba and CAF pays for their services, which come in the form of her in the community foundation coordinator position. Essentially, she (and now Crampton) work with CAF, the Miami and Area Foundation, and the Pembina-Manitou Area Foundation to help the boards in any way they need.

Ching-Faux just started with CAF in January after executive director Fred Colvin retired in December of 2020. She said granting out over \$100,000 to the Carman community from her home was the most rewarding thing she's ever done.

As she's away for the next year, Crampton will be able to do just that and more — and she's more than excited to get started.

"There's a real specialness with Carman," she said. "I'm from here, and now I'm somewhat following in my dad Fred's footsteps."

Taking the opportunity was a nobrainer for Crampton. Giving back to the community is something that's always been really important to her, so to do it as a career is an honour, she said.

End of an era: Homewood elevator comes down

By Becca Myskiw

The last of the Homewood elevators is coming down.

Once upon a time, there were three elevators standing in little Homewood, but the last one there has met the end of its lifespan. Curtis Hiebert and his father, Ron, own the current grain elevators in Homewood and Lowe Farm.

They bought them in 2004 to use for their farm. Over the years, they cleaned grain in the elevators, scaled it, moved it, and stored it.

"It was a very modern facility for its time," said Hiebert. "Every year we pretty much had it right full. It could hold around 200,000 bushels."

The Lowe Farm

elevator could hold 140,000 bushels. The prairie icons started dotting Canada's landscape in the 1930s. According to the Canadian Encyclopedia, there were 5,758 in 1933.

They were built to solve one problem above all: getting grain onto railcars.

Farmers used to shovel their grain into sacks then transport that to a loading platform and emptied the sacks into boxcars. That was "backbreaking" and "time-consuming."

Soon enough, a vertical belt with scoops to pick up grain, the leg, was created, and grain elevators got their name and shape. They work like this:

Grain truck drives onto scale 2.

Grain is dumped into pit

3. The leg carries the grain and dumps it into the distributor

4. The grain runs into the back put, is re-elevated, and deposited into an overhead bin. Then, it's weighed in the hopper scale, lowered into the back pit, and dropped into the car spout for transport.

Overtime, the supply and demand for grain has grown and the elements have taken their toll on the wooden elevators, so newer, bigger concrete

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need that caused it to be torn down. Hiebert said a large windstorm in 2018 caused major damage to the top of it, making it unusable.

He got a quote to fix it, but the cost was so great it just didn't make sense. So, he has to get it demolished because it's deemed unsafe.

"To me, it's amazing cause there would've been 10 or more guys hauling into the same elevator," he said. "It's interesting how one farm can now do what 15 farms did."

Hiebert said he's sad to see the major landmark go.

"You don't realize how much of one



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Manitoba Pool grain elevator at Homewood taken in July of 1992. The elevator has been deemed unsafe and is being taken down in stages.

it is," he said. "You naturally look at it on the landscape for sure. It's a it, it's there, and you're going to miss

shame."

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It's In the mail! Carman's Canada Post service

By Dennis Young with files from Marg Riddell and Leader archives

During the Boyne Settlement years mail arrived here somewhat unreliably, carted from Headingley by pony and buckboard. The unofficial Post Office was one and a half miles west of the present-day 3 &13 corner. A long trek to get your letters.

By late 1878 the population here warranted a more convenient location. Paul Adrien Gratton, who operated a general store on that 3 & 13 corner (Doyle's Funeral Home) added the mail service into his establishment in 1881 thus becoming the Town's unofficial 1st Postmaster. The railway made its way to Barnsley the next year so then mail, picked up and delivered by stagecoach, arrived twice a week in Carman and its own building was needed.

The first officially recognized Post Office was built across the street in

1884 by Mr. Gratton. Then the wood framed building was moved to Villiard Avenue S (now Knockabouts). William Badger would handle the mail there for a year before James Bruce operated the service from his store (location unknown) until 1897. But Carman's first officially appointed Postmaster was Johnston Watson from 1897 to 1910.

Postmasters were responsible for supplying their own buildings back then so Johnston had his brother Edmund Watson erect an office building on Villiard Ave S. That building, the Gardiner Block, is still in use today (now PKF Lawyers).

Carman's third Post Office was completed in 1915 on Maple Street S (Boyne Regional Library) boasting a 2 storey red brick and stone structure. Its unique clock tower distinguished it from the surrounding commercial bldgs. There were even living quar-



1970s post office staff Georgina Swark, John Maddison , Alice Walker

ters upstairs primarily intended for staff use.

Thomas Cleave acted as Postmaster there until 1941 when John Maddison Sr succeeded. Upon retirement in 1953, John Jr, took over. For the past 60 years, Carman had received mail by rail but the end of that era came in 1958, when trucks took over all mail delivery.

More changes came in the early 70s as the expanding volume of mail dictated a new facility. The course of Boyne River had been altered so now Hwy #13 ran straight through town opening newly available real estate there. It appeared to offer an ideal location for a new Post Office.

In 1972, it relocated into the current building built by and on land owned by Eric Lansky. The Town of Carman and the R.M. of Dufferin had anticipated the move and began the paper work in 1969 for grants to renovate the old P.O. for use as a Library. However not everyone was happy with the change as evident from these Letters to the Editor:

"Getting to this new post office will be good training for Arctic explorers. One of the abominable features of this post office building is that it compels pedestrians to walk from the bridge to the post office, facing into the north wind and open prairie...frozen faces and heart failure will be inevitable."

"Recently we had visitors from out of the province who at one time lived in our town of Carman and they spent a night in our local motel. They saw so many people go in and out of that place all morning and thought it was the Liquor Store."

It took until 1999 for a pedestrian corridor including lights to be installed to prevent accidents and give citizens a proper access to do their mailing.

Following his father in the position, John Maddison Jr. served as postmaster to 1985. The Maddison family patriachs looked after Carman's mail for a total of 43 years. Following in their footsteps were Richard Clark 1985-2000, Gail Maxwell 2001-03, Evelene Hamilton 2003-08 and Debbie Con 2009-present. Today there are 2360 available mailboxes in the Post Office which employs 5 people.

As some residents of Carman will recall, the local Post Office in the day was more than just a place to pick up your mail or post letters. It served as a meeting place to exchange news and say hello to friends and neighbors. As such, even with today's technology, it was and still is an important part of our everyday life.

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to their needs in 2013.

This has been a crazy and unpredictable year. We were not able to have any in person meetings so all our meetings were virtual on zoom. Once restrictions were lifted we were able to have in person ride nights. Our club had our achievement day August 8th. All members did a verbal presentation and demonstrated their riding abilities in the morning. In the afternoon we had fun running barrels, pole bending and other fun games using our horses. It was great to see everyone again! Our club would like

to send a huge thank-you to Martine Davis for keeping up to date on all the covid rules and for keeping us safe! We would also like to thank our project leaders Heather Davies, Megan Hall, and Jodie Davis for making our zoom meetings interesting and for guiding us through ride nights.



Dufferin Feed Mill was run by Norm Loeppky from 1951-53 or 55 then

was bought by Ross and Earl Laycock. They owned it until 1959. Blake

Atkins took over and changed the name to Dufferin Feed Service

before turning it over to Brian Cramer in 1978. Brian had it for three

years when Unifeed came to Carman. For 10 years various managers

would operate the mill before it was sold to Agricore who shut the

operation down in 2007. It remained empty until Sea Hawk renovated





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The history of the Boyne River for irrigation

This letter is in response to the concerns expressed in last week's paper over irrigation operating during the current drought.

Stephenfield Lake was constructed in the 1960's to provide a steady source of water for the town of Carman, agriculture, domestic use and a variety of recreational pursuits.

For all these users to successfully share this resource it needs to be monitored. Manitoba Climate and Conservation continuously check lake and river levels at various stations along the Boyne, including the Carman Golf Course dam.

To pump irrigation water from the Boyne River a license is required from Manitoba drainage and water licensing branch. These licenses include a pumping rate and total volume. In order for Climate and Conservation to monitor this, all irrigators are required to have a flow meter at their river pump sites. In addition to flow meters, rotating suction screens are also required to not harm any aquatic life.

By around the year 2000 potato production had expanded in the area where the portion of lake water allocated for irrigation use was fully allocated. At this point potato growers started constructing large retention ponds on their land to capture spring run off from the Boyne River and store until summer. Today there are over 10 ponds in the region with a combined holding capacity equal to Stephenfield Lake.

Potato growers are allowed to start filling their ponds only when the lake has reached full capacity and is spilling over the dam. With the minimal snow fall last winter, spring runoff looked unlikely to occur. But thanks to exceptional research 70 years ago, Stephenfield Lake was constructed in the ideal location. The Boyne River, Pumpkin Creek and natural springs from the hills all meet at the lake. Collectively that inflow was enough to recharge the lake to its full capacity and spill over the dam for 60 days. This excess water allowed all the irrigators to fill their reservoirs while still maintaining adequate flow through Carman to satisfy fish spawning and down stream users.

irrigation season, spill way flow has ended. Manitoba Conservation and Climate, Agriculture Resource Development and Manitoba Infrastructure are now controlling the release of flow from the lake. Thanks to their frequent monitoring, lake levels observed were dropping much quicker than projected, and on July 24th the decision was made to reduce the rate of release from the lake and cut off irrigation.

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Most irrigators only received about half their allocated amount this season. Now with the river pumps shut down for the season, weeks earlier than expected, the only irrigating growers can do is with that water they have stored in their reservoirs. As most irrigators rely on a combination of river water and pond water to satisfy a potato crops needs, yields will likely be impacted by the shortfall.

At the time of writing, the Stephenfield Lake level was only four inches below Aug. 15 target levels. The Boyne River irrigators look forward to hosting our free french fries tent again at the Carman Fair in 2022, where we can continue to educate the public on water use and potato production in our area.

> - Derek McIntosh **Boyne River Irrigators**

Fast forward to July, in the middle of

Gordon named Manitoba's health minister

Staff

Audrey Gordon has been appointed as Manitoba's minister of health and seniors care, Premier Brian Pallister announced last week.

"I am confident in Minister Gordon's ability to lead this department as we continue to protect our healthcare system and communities from the impacts of COVID-19 and work toward recovery," he said.

Gordon is currently the minister of mental health, wellness, and recovery. She will continue to hold those responsibilities in addition to health and seniors care, the premier said.

"Providers and staff across the health-care system have worked extremely hard to continue to provide quality care throughout the pandemic, and I want to thank them for their efforts," said Gordon. "It is an honour

to accept this appointment and I look forward to continuing to support their work through all the challenges we face during this difficult time."

Gordon replaces Heather Stefanson as health minister. Stefanson stepped down from the role last week and announced her intention to run to be the leader of the Progressive Conservative Party of Manitoba.



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Kids Biz Camp 2021 wraps up with farmer's market sales

By Becca Myskiw

Community Futures Heartland's Kids Biz Camp wrapped up last week at the Carman Farmer's Market.

The camp ran from Aug. 16 to 20 from 9 a.m. to 3:45 p.m. Children aged nine to 13 years entered the Carman Arena's Kinsmen room and spent the duration of the week learning all about owning their own business.

"We get kids that are enthusiastic about the program," said Ken Reimer, general manager of Community Futures Heartland.

He said the mornings of each camp day are all about the business basics: marketing, selling, pricing, what an entrepreneur is, the good and bad traits they have.

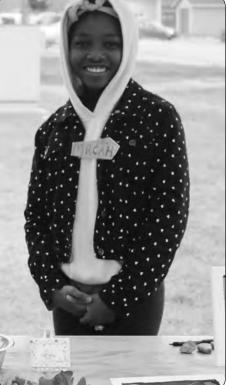
He said a few of those good traits include deep pockets and having their own financing. Ernie the entrepreneur helps the children learn more traits — he has hands to do the work, eyes to see opportunity, feet to work all day, and dimples from smiling at his customers.

Then, in the afternoon, the campers took tours of local businesses where the owners (entrepreneurs) told them about their experiences. They went to Syl's Drive Inn, Homestead Co-op and Carman Granite this year.

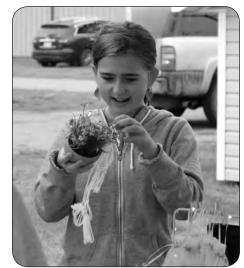
During the tours, the campers get to learn about the best and worst parts of owning a business, why do it, and how to do it.

Over the week, the children were getting ready to create, market, and sell their own products at the Carman Farmer's Market on Friday. They made signage, calculated their spending and profits, created their products, and then sold it.

Milcah, 13, marketed and sold her original paintings. She said she entered the camp as a way to make some money over the summer. Within the first 40 minutes of the farmer's market being open, she had sold four of her seven paintings, each for around \$6.



Milcah sold her own paintings at the market.



Nevaeh sold plant hangers, bookmarks, and earrings on Friday.

"We learned how to sell things and how to treat customers,' she said."You want to treat them in a positive way



Owen participated in the Kids Biz Camp last week, playing his music at the Carman Farmer's market to make some money. He went through a repertoire of over seven songs for the customers.



STANDARD PHOTOS BY BECCA MYSKIW Adam sold cups, bookmarks, and more at the farmer's market.

so that they feel like you want them to buy your product."

Nevaeh sold earrings, bookmarks, and plant hangers. Harper sold bath bombs, coasters, and bracelets. Adam sold "cups n'more" and Owen played his guitar and sang, leaving his guitar case open for money.

Reimer said it was a really successful week that went smoothly. He said having young entrepreneurs is important and he's happy to give them an opportunity to learn the ropes in their hometown.

Be cautious on the road this harvest season: MPI

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With the harvest season in full swing, Manitoba Public Insurance is reminding drivers to keep an eye out for farming equipment on Manitoba roadways.

"Observance of road safety is key to keeping our roadways safe during harvest season," said Satvir Jatana, MPI's chief customer officer. "While some areas of the province are experiencing severe drought, many other producers are on the roadways moving their machinery. Crops are com-

ing off the fields and large agricul- taking. ture machinery will be travelling on roadways. It's important motorists be aware and drive responsibly.

On average, five people are killed or injured every year in crashes between agricultural machinery and passenger vehicles, Jatana noted.

Drivers all need to share the roads responsibly, he stressed.

Farm equipment is large, may take up more than one lane, and is slow moving so motorists need to use extra caution when approaching and over-

Producers need to do their part to ensure equipment is properly signed with lights and reflectors in use. Extra caution is also required when entering roadways and making turns with this equipment.

Farm equipment is required to have a slow-moving vehicle emblem clearly visible to traffic approaching from behind, with red reflectors on the back as close as possible to the left and right sides. At night, farm equipment must have headlights, red tail

lamps and flashing amber warning lamps.

Farm machinery has a maximum speed of 40 km/h so it's easy for motorists to misjudge their speed of approach, said Jatana, adding that motorists can do their part by keeping a safe distance.

"Motorists should be patient when they come upon farm equipment and only pass when safe to do so," he stressed."Be particularly diligent during dusk and dawn hours when it can be difficult to see."

Where are they now? Catching up with Joe Van Dasselaar

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?

I was born here in 1958 2 miles west and 1 mile north of 3 & 13 corner.

Q. Did you attend school here?

I left school 2 days into grade 9 and never looked back. Just never liked school from day 1 and knew that working with my hands would get me farther in life than an office job. Can honestly say I've never been unemployed or unemployable in my life!

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

I grew up on a farm feeding the animals, baling/ hauling hay. All the usual farm related duties we all enioved as kids!

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

I played basketball in junior high before opting out.

Q. Did your family live here? Who and what did they do for a living?

My parents (Klaas & Jane) were mixed farmers and raised 11 children doing that.

Q. Do you have family living here?

I have 5 brothers John (Wpg), Gus (Alberta), Theo (Carman), Terry (Carman) and Peter (Alberta). Also 5 sisters Willy (Carman ,) Bep (Wpg), Jane (Carman), Alice (Alberta) and Teuntje (BC). Theo, Terry, Willy, Jane plus nieces and nephews still call Carman home.

Q. What got you to leave Carman and where?

Got married in 1978 to Janice Klassen and moved to Fannystelle. House rent was cheap but still working in Carman at that the time.

Q. What was your chosen career after school? My passion was auto mechanics and I eventually obtained my Red Seal.

Q. What activities did you participate in while working in Fannystelle?

Hockey and some golf kept what spare time I had full.

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

After Fannystelle, we moved to Stonewall in 1989 where we are now. Reason being it was close to Winnipeg for where I was working at Cam Clark Ford and for our kids to attend school and sports activities

Q. Did you meet your spouse here or where?

I met Janice Klassen in Elm Creek at a school dance as Janice was in Grade 12 when we met.

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

We have a Daughter Jaclyn, born in 1982, who has a BN in Nursing and is working in Selkirk Hospital Emerge. Our son Tyler, born in 1984, has 4 Red Seals in iron/steel, welding and ornamental welding. He owns his own welding company in Calgary. Q. What have you done work wise and do now?

I pulled wrenches in the auto industry until 2005 then I did diagnostic sales & training for Snap On tools until 2011. From 2012-2014 I owned my own Snap On truck business and became very successful with it. Someone wanted to purchase it so I sold. Then 2014 until today I am an equipment sales Rep/ Trainer for Snap on/Hofmann tools.

Q. What passes your leisure time? Hobbies? Sports?

We enjoy our cottage at Lee River as much as possible with our children and two grand kids! The pontoon, seadoos and snowmobiles come in very handy to keep them occupied lol.

Q. Have you travelled for leisure and where? We have been fortunate to be able to enjoy six cruises over the years. Some were the Caribbean, Hawaii, Alaska and a country music one. Janice and I got to see Disney World and Yellowstone Park too.

Q. What do you listen to for music? What musician/band would you like to see in person? Country music of course! We have been to plenty of concerts

but would like to see Ringo Starr soon.

Q. Any future plans? Do you have to do list?

Joe Van Dasselaar

Retirement would be nice our cottage which is going into its second year. My hobby is fixing up my 12 antique tractors (mostly John Deere of course) so that would take some time for sure. Just in...Retired August 2021.

Q. Do you ever return to Carman?

You bet as we visit family and friends as well as drop by doing sales still.

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

The three of my fondest have to be the Fair, the Tractor pulls and 1979-1988 playing goal for the Cargill Aces hockey team of which we competed against many local teams. I still do attend the Roseisle tractor with some of my Antique tractors.

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

It is working for us so all I can do is recommend to enjoy life to the fullest! A Goal without a Plan is just a Dream!

PVLIP thanks its many dedicated volunteers

By Lorne Stelmach

A regional immigration initiative took time last week to salute its many volunteers.

There are over 40 volunteers involved with the Pembina Valley Local Immigration Partnership (PV-LIP), and it is only through their time and input that the effort is paying off for the region, said co-ordinator Elaine Burton-Saindon.

"We have a great cross section of support from many different people," Burton-Saindon said at the Aug. 17 volunteer appreciation gathering where they also heard from speakers on the topic of reconciliation.

vide more welcoming and inclusive communities.

Since that time, it has developed a strategic plan and an action plan, and the volunteers play a pivotal role with working groups throughout the Pembina Valley to enact them. There are seven different committees or councils that bring together people from a wide cross section of sectors.

"It is all about community engagement and community-based initiatives," said Burton-Saindon.

"All of our committees are voluntary participants



STANDARD PHOTO BY LORNE STELMACH The Pembina Valley Local Immigration Partner-PVLIP launched in 2017 to bring together service ship last week brought together some of the providers and other stakeholders to assist in a suc- many volunteers who work tirelessly to make cessful integration process for newcomers and pro- OUR communities more welcoming places to newcomers.

> ... and that's just a fantastic show of support from the various communities, not just the main communities in the region but also including places like Notre Dame de Lourdes, Carman and Dufferin and some of the smaller communities in the RMs.

> "It has been such a delight and such a benefit to have that collaboration and the partnerships develop," she said, noting that drawing people from

varied backgrounds is key."It's everything from the major stakeholders like municipal leaders, health care, policing, and justice to education, settlement services ... even law firms are involved.

"We depend on the decision makers, the people who are in those positions, to engage with our conversations," she added. "So if policies or different community levels need to be adjusted or looked at, those are the people who have the knowledge for what we're trying to accomplish."

Burton-Saindon feels the initiative overall is making progress especially in getting the larger region working together to better the lives of newcomers here.

"It's about being trying to be welcoming and inclusive in many ways but also just to be collaborative in nature and not just be working individually on projects but to work together as a region," she said.

"I'm excited to see it having actually tripled in the level of engagement since we started about three years ago, so that's a huge success," she suggested. "It's also a testament of the people's and the communities' hearts in our region ... they do want to make a difference and they do want to be involved and they love participating."

New Portage la Prairie hospital to enhance health services for south

Submitted by Manitoba government

A new hospital will offer more inpatient beds, expanded medicine and surgical capacity, and an improved emergency department to serve Portage la Prairie and many Southern Health–Santé Sud communities as part of Manitoba's ongoing commitment to improving health care services, Premier Brian Pallister announced here Monday.

"Our government is committed to building a stronger health-care system that meets the needs of Manitobans as close to home as possible, both now and for generations to come," said Pallister. "This significant investment for a new facility will not only replace the existing hospital with a modern facility, it will also offer new and additional services for Manitobans who live and work in these growing communities, reducing the need for many patients, and their families, to travel for health care."

The new \$283-million, two-storey hospital will be at least double the size of the existing facility and is expected to include: tient beds;

• increased day surgery capacity so more patients can have procedures performed without needing to travel to Winnipeg, Brandon or elsewhere in the health region;

• an expanded emergency department designed to best practice standards that include treatment and assessment rooms, a trauma room, stretcher bay and an ambulance bay; and

• enhanced space for a number of programs including diagnostics, dialysis, palliative care and various outpatient services which include lab and rehabilitation.

"The new Portage District General Hospital will be bigger and better, providing the community and the region with a modern facility and access to many services that previously may have required multiple trips to Winnipeg or Brandon," said Dale Lyle, board chair, Portage Hospital Foundation. "Today's announcement will support the delivery of health-care services closer to home for patients in a rapidly growing area of our province" Southern Health–Santé Sud is the fastest-growing health region in the province, with its population growing by 14,000 in the past five years to approximately 212,000. Construction of the new hospital is expected to be complete in 2025, the premier noted, adding full details of the services to be available in the new facility are being finalized in consultation with clinical leaders and the health region.

As first announced in Budget 2021: Protecting Manitobans, Advancing Manitoba, Manitoba is making a historic \$812-million capital investment in building, expanding and renovating health-care facilities across the province in support of Manitoba's Clinical and Preventive Services Plan. The plan, led by clinicians, establishes a geographic network of care that will improve access to care for all Manitobans and identifies a new facility in Portage la Prairie – with an expanded clinical service profile - as foundational to efforts to support better care, sooner and as close to home as possible.

"In addition to expanding clinical opportunities, this new modern facil-

ity will further enhance patient care, confidentiality and comfort for people in this region, and provide a better working environment," shares Jane Curtis, CEO for Southern Health– Santé Sud. "I would like to acknowledge the commitment and collaborative spirit of the community and partnerships, including the Portage District General Hospital Foundation and the province."

The announcement of a new hospital in Portage la Prairie follows a nearly \$70-million announcement committing to the expansion and renovation of the Brandon Regional Health Centre and Western Manitoba Cancer Centre, which will establish Brandon as a centralized location for many specialized health services across western Manitoba, the premier noted.

Today's announcement also builds on other major infrastructure investments at health facilities throughout the province in recent years, including construction of the Selkirk Regional Health Centre and new emergency departments in Flin Flon and Dauphin and at Winnipeg's Grace and St. Boniface hospitals.

• a minimum of 90 acute care inpa-

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).Due to the Leader taking holidays in August there has not been any memories for two weeks.

Aug 23, 1921

Carman Cadets win Honors at Delta Camp. They had the highest points in the sporting events. A meeting of the Cadets will be held in the School on Thurday evening at 7 pm.

The new principal of the Carman School is to be Mr. W.E. jones formerly principal of Transcona School.

Mr. & Mrs. W.C. Hemenway of Swift Current, Saskatchewan had a son on August 13, 1921.

Aug 23, 1946

David Irwin, age 66, son of Mr. & Mrs. Alex Irwin of Opawaka district died Aug. 7 in Morden Hospital. Funeral service and burial was at Miami Cemetery on Aug. 9. He leaves to mourn his wife Nettie (nee Madden) , six sons and three daughters. Two daughters predeceased their father.

The Orr W.A. met Wednesday at Mrs. Robert Lawson's for their August meeting. The next meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. Chas. Gillingham of Stephenfield. She will be acting as president as well as hostess.

Mrs. Arlie Cummer, a Scottish war bride, arrived from overseas last week. She was welcomed in to the Roseisle district.

Rod Ager has been engaged to act as secretary-treasurer for the Roseisle School Board. He will be filling the vacancy caused by the death of Angus Dennison.

Aug 26, 1971

Flax Straw is in demand for fine paper. Kimberley Clark is purchasing flax straw in the area with a storage yard east of Carman. Marcel Lahure and Gordon Anderson are area representatives in the Carman and Sperling area. 12 men are employed in the stacking operation at Carman. Other storage yards are located at Manitou and Hasket. Processing equipment is currently at Manitou. Flax straw is hauled to the nearest storage yard.

Eddy's Grocery of Elm Creek owned and operated by Eddy and Clara Walmsley marked its 25th year of operation on Aug 12, 1971. Fifteen years ago, ten pounds of sugar was 99 cents, 100 bag of flour was \$5.95. Price increases have been greatest in the last three years.

In 1940 when Eddy was operating a store with Reg Milroy, they served meals in their restaurant. T-Bone Steak with potatoes, a vegetable, dessert and beverage sold for 50 cents.

Eddy's Grocery will continue to operate in Elm Creek.

GET OFF THE TRACK!!

Travelling through Indiana one summer we discovered the Indianapolis Racetrack Museum to be a reasonably priced family attraction. The museum is located in the centre of the large circular track which includes spacious grounds and a golf course. To access the museum, you drive into a tunnel which dips under the

racetrack. As we came up out of the tunnel, I was blinded by the sun directly in my eyes. As I glanced to the right, I noticed a single lane road but did not notice the "Absolutely No Admittance" sign. I made the quick exit and as I travelled this short, curved roadway it soon opened onto the most magnificent wide highway I had even driven on. It was flawlessly smooth and perfectly sloped for the high-speed corners and so by instinct I pressed down on the gas peddle of my 2007 Pontiac Montana. Within a few seconds my children all came to the same conclusion. "Dad, we are on the racetrack" they shouted, as we accelerated past the bleachers and heavy wire safety netting. This pleasure soon came to an end, with a large black security vehicle behind me and the public loudspeaker blaring "**Turn around and get off the track immediately**". This story reminds me of the broad road in the Bible where its travellers get the exact same warning, but this road leads to eternal death and separation from God. The Bible tells us this road has many travellers; in

fact, we are all born on this road, and we all must get off. WHERE ARE YOU HEADED? You might be pretty sure where you will be later today or tomorrow, but can you say for sure where you will be next week or next year? The uncertainties of life make it hard to know where we are headed; the farther away something is, the more unpredictable it becomes. Maybe this is why so many people are unsure of where they will spend eternity-it can seem so far away. But is eternity really a mysterious unknown? CAN WE KNOW? Can we know that we are on the right road, the one that will bring us safe and secure to Heaven? Yes, this precious information is given to us in God's "road map," the Bible. It says that we can know, positively, where we are going to be throughout all eternity. According to the Bible, there are people who, right now, are saved from the wrath of God: "The preaching of the cross is to them that perish foolishness; but unto us which are saved it *is the power of God"* (1 Corinthians 1:18). These people **know** that they have eternal life: "These things have I written unto you that believe on the name of the Son of God; that ye may know that ye have eternal life" (1 John 5:13). In John 10:9 Jesus said, "I am the Door; by me if any man enter in, he shall be saved". We come through HIM because he is the only access to God. "For there is one God, and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus. (1 Timothy 2:5) Ron and Nancy Burley www.sermon4u.com

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CHOICE field nets 3,500 bushels of wheat for cause

By Becca Myskiw

The Conquering Hunger Overseas is Community Endeavor (CHOICE) field by Elm Creek was harvested last Wednesday, Aug. 18.

The 80-acre field just northwest of the town is donated every year by Helen Rempel. It's seeded in spring, maintained and harvested by local volunteers. The worthy event brings the surrounding communities together for the Canadian Foodgrains Bank.

The CHOICE field started back in 2009 and has been growing strong ever since. All of the land, time, and caretaking of the field is donated —the only thing the Canadian Foodgrains Bank might have pay for is fertilizer or chemical here and there.

Upon harvest, the funds generated from the field each year go to the Canadian Foodgrains Bank and are then distributed to six church and churchbased agencies. Those are:

• Emergency Relief & Development Overseas, Pentecostal Assemblies of Canada (ERDO)

• Canadian Lutheran World Relief (CLWR)

• Mennonite Central Committee Canada (MCCC)

• Primate's World Relief & Development Fund — Anglican Church of Canada (PWRDF)

• United Church of Canada (UCC)

• World Renew (Christian Reformed Church of North America).

Abe Elias and Ian Lepp co-chair the growing project with Carolyn Koster as the volunteer secretary and treasurer.

This year, eight local combines, three semis, and two grain carts came out on Aug. 18 to beat the rain and harvest the wheat field. It netted 44 bushels per acre, with 3,500 bushels of wheat in total.

"We weren't expecting over 40 acres," said Koster."We were just hoping to have a crop of any sorts this year. It was a nice surprise, we're very thankful."

Elias coordinated the harvest and arranged for all the equipment. He said it turned out to be a beautiful day to combine the CHOICE field and they had a great showing of support from the community.

"I was quite happy with the end yield considering the drier growing conditions and I am also very grateful for all the support shown for the project," he said.

The total money raised from the field this year is still unknown as harvest was just last week. Koster said they usually rotate between planting wheat and soybeans on the field so it's likely next year will be the latter but that will be decided for sure at the December meeting.



The group of volunteers who harvested the crop.



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(Left to right) Ian Lepp (growing project co-chair), Helen Rempel, Jim Cornelius (former executive director of the Canadian Foodgrains Bank and now Special Advisor to the Executive Director)

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PHOTO BY DENNIS YOUNG Six year olds Sam McNair (front) and Blake Rheault were enjoying the time, not the pressure on their last day of Tee ball on Aug. 12.

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SCSC unveils Phase One of new play structure

By Becca Myskiw

The St. Claude School Complex (SCSC) has a new play structure after 10 years of work.

SCSC's Staff and Parent Advisory Council decided that their students needed a new play structure around a decade ago. Now-president Kody Webber came onto the board two years ago and took over the project, really campaigning for funds.

The new structure will come in three phases. The first phase has been completed and costs approximately \$24,500. It has various things to climb, swing and jump on. The new structure started going up Wednesday and was completed by Friday, hosting its first climbers that evening.

"It feels good to be able to provide," said Webber. "To set a goal and then accomplish it while getting some new structures added into the school for new things for the kids to do on recess and breaks."

With the first phase completed, the advisory council is now preparing for phases two and three. Phase Two, Webber said, is a rope pyramid structure that will cost around \$9,500. They don't yet know what it will take to fundraise for that and get it up, but they're meeting this fall to discuss it.

"We thought it was important to move ahead with Phase One," he said. "It has taken a lot of work...but Phase Two is coming."

Phase Three is the big one — it is a wheelchair accessible structure. Right now, the playground is covered in pea gravel. The accessible design would have rubber matting, which costs around \$20,000 and a wing of accessible monkey bars, pull-up bars, and half-circles to swing on.

That phase, however, is far into the future.

SCSC's Staff and Parent Advisory Council isn't getting too excited about the next two phases just yet, either. Webber said all of their hopes and plans could come to an end with Bill 64, which would disband the council and replace it with volunteers who "have little say."

That's up in the air, though as are the subsequent two phases. But Webber said they're going to keep planning for the rope pyramid for now. If anyone would like to donate to the council and help pay for it, email Webber at kody.kaitlin@hotmail.ca.



STANDARD PHOTO SUBMITTED The St. Claude School Complex's new play structure is up and ready for Phase 2 to be fundraised for.



Two Old Crows show & shine raises funds for Miami train park



STANDARD PHOTOS BY LORNE STELMACH Brian Latimer (above) and his 2016 Polaris Slingshot were one the most eye-catching entries Saturday as The Two Old Crows BBQ and Smokehouse food truck west of Miami hosted a show and shine. "People always ask a lot of questions about it," said the Treherne resident, who did his part to help support Miami Recreation and Playspaces. Two Old Crows donated a percentage of their sales for the day, and a raffle and some other donations brought in almost \$900 for the train park in Miami.





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Wall emphasized that commitment at the ceremony, which also offered demonstrations of the company's digging equipment and fiber-splicing tools, a look at the raw materials that go into a Valley Fiber build, and tours of its data centre.

"Who would have thought that a small company born out of Winkler, Manitoba, starting off its first build in Altona, Manitoba, would be here where we are at today?" said Wall, who saluted all the partners that made this possible and who all came in with a common vision centred around open and equal access for everyone.

"This was not a political problem; this was a technology problem," he stressed.

"Rural Canada is growing ... we're laying down the base foundation for that economic opportunity for remote learning, remote health, allowing rural businesses to stay where we are," Wall continued. "The same services and prices are available to everybody ... so no longer do we have to segregate where we live, what kind of services do I get ... equal and open opportunity.

"This is us coming through with a commitment to serve rural Canada. This is us looking at how do we have partnerships with municipalities, federal government, private capital ... how do we take the technology that's already changing lives today and how do we spread that out.

"Everywhere that we're going to expand, it's a free install. Nobody has to pay any money to get connected,"Wall said. "We're not only different in how we service our customers but also the technology that we use as well. So we want to show off what we can do ... so customers understand you will literally get what you pay for 24/7 and 365."

"Since we began offering our services, the goal has been to provide reliable, fast and affordable internet access across Manitoba," said Conley Kehler, senior vice president at Valley Fiber. "We are excited to partner with CIB to deliver this essential service to rural Manitobans and economic development opportunities associated with it. We live here, our friends and family live here, and Valley Fiber lives here."

"It's an honour to be working with amazing partners who have a passion to serve Canadians. It's exciting to be able to bring dedicated fibre to a vast area in rural Manitoba. This has the potential to level the economic playing field, create exciting opportunities, and transform the future of our province," concluded Wall.



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Valley Fiber CEO Hank Wall demonstrated how some of the equipment works, including the fibre splicing process.



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Province not ruling out regional restrictions to battle COVID

By Ashleigh Viveiros

Regional restrictions are certainly still "on the table" when it comes to the province's attempts to curb the expected fourth wave of COVID-19, Manitoba's top doc said in a media briefing Monday.

While discussing areas where vaccine uptake is lagging behind the rest of the province (including the RM of Stanley, which has a provincial low of 22 per cent of residents vaccinated against COVID-19), Dr. Brent Roussin was asked whether consideration is being given to tailoring public health orders to specific regions.

"We don't exclude any possibilities if we need to protect the health of Manitobans," he said. "We certainly don't exclude the possibility of regional approaches. We've seen that in other jurisdictions in Canada already when they're seeing a resurgence in certain areas."

Roussin acknowledged they are see-

Southern Health-Santé Sud health region specifically.

"We're seeing some increasing numbers, increase in test positivity, increasing numbers of contacts per case,"he said. "And in some of those circumstances where we have a large amount of contacts per case, we're seeing that ... none of the contacts are vaccinated."

Roussin stressed the province continues to emphasize the need to protect oneself and others by staying home when ill, washing one's hands regularly, wearing masks when physical distancing isn't possible, and keeping contacts with those outside one's household down.

Public Health will continue to review mandated restrictions and adapt them accordingly, he said, noting such restrictions are just one tool to battle the spread of the virus.

"We know from other jurisdictions

ing "some concerning trends" in the that that fourth wave, it is coming, and so the best way to protect ourselves and the people around us and all Manitobans is to get vaccinated as soon as you are eligible,"Roussin said.

Roussin noted they've done a great deal of outreach across the province to try to get Manitobans vaccinated, and they'll continue to do so moving forward.

"We have a significant amount of Manitobans protected, albeit not nearly enough," he said. At press time, 81.4 per cent of eligible Manitobans had received a first dose of the vaccine and 75.5 per cent their second.

"We're going to see a fourth wave and we're going to see a fourth wave dominated by cases in the unvaccinated," Roussin said, pointing to what's happening in other parts of Canada already. "We want to do whatever we can to decrease the pool of unvaccinated Manitobans. We're going to continue to work on that, try to get to

those who have delayed getting the vaccine."

153 new cases over weekend

Health officials announced 153 new cases of COVID-19 over the weekend, including 44 on Friday, 46 on Saturday, and 36 Sunday.

Manitoba at press time had 345 active cases, 56,750 total recoveries, and 1,188 deaths due to COVID-19.

There were 63 people in hospital with the virus, including 16 in intensive care.

The five-day COVID-19 test positivity rate was 2.3 per cent provincially and 1.4 per cent in Winnipeg.

There were 14 active cases being reported in the Pembina Valley on Monday: seven in the Altona area, three in Winkler, two in Morden, and one each in Stanley and MacDonald.

A reunion like no other: long time best friends meet in hospital

Bv Becca Mvskiw

They were best friends for years, separated during the pandemic, only to reunite in the least likely of places: the Carman Memorial Hospital.

Anita Allison and Madeline Davaduke met at Carman Collegiate where they worked the canteen. Allison manned the counter for 12 years and Davaduke for four, creating a bond that would never be broken.

Allison, 74, said Davaduke, 96, had five sons, and upon meeting Allison, she treated her like the daughter she never had.

"She's been my best friend for 20

some years," said Allison. "Whatever she liked. I took to her. She just decided that I was her daughter."

After seeing each other nearly every day for 20 years, the pair of ladies spent months at a time apart because of COVID-19. Allison said Davaduke's sons were ensuring she stayed safe and healthy at home, but Allison made sure she still got to see her best friend.

"I would go right into the house, I said 'I don't care. I want to see your mom, she's my best friend," said Allison.

But the visits they had were few and

far between from March 2019 until just recently. Allison found herself at Boundary Trails Health Centre for health issues and was soon transferred to Carman Memorial Hospital. Upon her arrival, her son noticed a familiar face in the halls.

"He said, 'Madeline, Madeline, come over here," said Allison." I didn't even see her. I went over and I talked with her, and I hugged her, and she hugged me. I said how much I loved her...and then she went into her room which was right next to me."

They shared a few moments together that day, catching up. But the next day,

Davaduke died after suffering a heart attack. Spending some of Davaduke's last moments with her makes Allison happy, but the loss of her best friend is unexpected and heart wrenching.

Before she passed, a while back, Davaduke gave Allison a card with a photo of her, her husband, and her sons on it. On the back was a photo of Allison, saying 'This is my daughter.'

Allison's son also captured a photo of the best friends when they met in the hospital, forever framing their last meeting together.

Midland Nursery School AGM Sept. 9

By Becca Myskiw

Midland Nursery School is getting ready for its second year in its new home.

The nursery school used to share the Kindergarten classroom in Carman Elementary School, but when COVID-19 restrictions came into effect last year, they were forced to find a new space. That new space became the Carman Pentecostal Church, and director Heather Veldman said they love it there.

Midland Nursery School takes care of two age groups: three-year-olds and four-year-olds. Their three-yearold children attend nursery school on Wednesday afternoons and the four-

year-olds on Monday mornings and Wednesday afternoons.

The program runs from September to May and can have 20 children in each class. Right now, Veldman said there are about 15 in each and registration is still open.

At Midland Nursery School, children do the usual arts and crafts, learning physical skills, but the staff there work on preparing them for school socially more than anything.

"We're all focused on just really the social development of kids to get them prepared, not really school ready...we do that of course, but it's mostly the social aspect of interacting with people, being away from mom and dad,"

said Veldman. "And we really do feel like we service the gap between children who go to daycare full time and stay home full time."

Most of the children who go to Midland Nursery School aren't in daycare full time, so it's a chance to get social interaction with other children their age once or twice a week. It also allows parents to run errands or get things done knowing their child is safe and learning.

Before the 2021-22 school year starts, the nursery school will have its annual general meeting (AGM). Last year at the meeting, they announced the new policy changes and the news on moving, along with the information

that parent helpers were no longer allowed.

This year, they don't know the details of what will be announced yet, but Veldman said they have a location, and they'll go over the year's budget and any upcoming changes people should be aware of. This year's AGM will be Sept. 9 at 7 p.m. at the Carman Pentecostal Church. Anyone is welcome to attend.

For more information on the AGM or to register your child with Midland Nursery School, email Veldman at midlandns@gmail.com.

"We're still here and we're still happy and we're still servicing our community," she said.

New Meadows Amusements finally opens its doors

By Lorne Stelmach

It took longer than anticipated to get to opening day, but Meadows Amusements is now in business.

The first Friday of August saw the gates open just north of Winkler on PR 428, and new owner Jake Thiessen was thankful for the people who helped him get to that day.

There were a few trials and tribulations along the way that put off starting up the business, which he took over from longtime former owner Abe Epp.

"Abe had talked to me about it numerous times about, down the road, moving it to my yard. He thought I had a good spot here for it," said Thiessen, who had known Epp for some time and even did some work for him.

"I never gave it a thought until the last time we talked about it, and, for some reason it piqued my interest that day," he recalled, noting it was Labour Day weekend in 2018 when he finally decided to go for it.

"Shortly after we bought the business, my wife [Elsie] then was diagnosed with cancer, and so I lost her seven, eight months later," noted Thiessen. "That made a big change in my life and also a big change in our plans for how we tackled the job.

"And then five months later, Abe passed away as well, so that took two big people out of my life in regards to this project. So what he had hoped to be maybe one year to set up has turned into three or maybe more years."

After some time, Thiessen found some healing in immersing his time and energy into the venture.

"It's been a good project in a sense to keep me occupied," he said. "It's been a bit of an overwhelming job at times too, but I've had good people in my life who have helped me along and have been by my side ... my family and friends have been great.

"I'm a builder by trade, so I like that part of it. I focus a bit more on the details probably," Thiessen continued. "Planning it has been fun. I like planning this kind of thing."

"When we looked at what it would look like, it actually fit quite well [on the property]," he noted. "I think there isn't much room for expansion the way we have it set up, if we ever wanted to do that, but there is a little bit. We've utilized the space fairly efficiently."

The features at Meadows Amusements so far include the go-kart track, bumper boats, inflatables, and a bungee trampoline.

There are some age restrictions and guidelines for each feature, and a variety of group rates and birthday or special event packages are available.

Down the road there will also be a miniature golf course, but that feature is still being developed.



ABOVE PHOTO BY LORNE STELMACH/VOICE

Meadows Amusements' Vicky Reimer and Jake Thiessen at the facility's new site north of Winkler. Open for business right now are the go-karts, bumper boats (below), inflatables, and bungee trampoline. Mini golf is still to come.

"I have a plan in place for it, and now we just need to get on it," said Thiessen. "We also have some work to do where the concession stand will be in the future."

Working alongside him is Vicky Reimer, who said that the early response and feedback has been very positive and encouraging for the facility.

"They come and tell me how nicely everything is laid out and how everything looks so good," said Reimer. "There have been some companies that have booked with us already; a few birthday parties have booked with us. We're very busy on weekends already," she noted.

"I really love watching them walk away with the big smiles on their faces. The parents and the kids all come and play and they have such a good time here. The smiles are my reward." You can find out more online at

You can find out more online at www.meadowsamusements.com.

La Riviere pickerel fish fry coming up Sunday, Sept. 19

By Lorne Stelmach

An upcoming fundraiser will support a facility that is a key hub of activity in La Riviere.

The fifth annual fish fry planned for Sept. 19 benefits the La Riviere and Community Recreation Centre, and the support has always been vital but especially so during the pandemic, noted organizers.

"It's absolutely been our mainstay for many years," said Evelyn Janzen, chairperson of the La Riviere and Community Recreation Association. "The last two years have been difficult with COVID, but last year we had a really good successful drive-thru, so we're going to do that again this year. We feel like things just aren't quite stable enough yet [for a sit-down meal]."

The fish fry usually raises between \$5,000 and \$6,000 each year, although it was down a bit last year under the circumstances, said Janzen.

"Our profits will likely be down, so if we make \$2,000 or \$2,500, we will be

quite happy."

Janzen noted that the centre is not supported by taxes like many other community centres, and of course other revenue has not been coming in during the pandemic.

"Our building is used by the community and surrounding area, and so we need this to keep the doors open," she said.

"Normally, we have eight or nine functions a year that are strictly run by the rec. centre ... so we're not keeping up quite as well as we would like ... but we've been very lucky to have the bridge grants in the past year, so those have certainly helped us, but it's not enough to keep our programs going. We can pay our bills."

The drive-thru fish fry takes place Sunday, Sept. 19 from 4-6:30 p.m.. It features pickerel fillets from Gimli along with baked potatoes, baked beans, and coleslaw served up with a bun with butter, bottled water, and ice cream for dessert.

The cost is \$20 for two pieces of fish



Volunteers will be frying up fish in La Riviere Sept. 19 to raise funds for the local recreation centre.

or \$10 for anyone under the age of 12. The La Riviere & Community Recreation Centre is located at 504 Broadway Street in La Riviere.

Harvest donation to keep STARS airborne

By Mel Stefaniuk, Clipper Weekly

A St. Clements farming family is making sure Manitoba's STARS Air Ambulance continues to fly high.

On Aug. 14, Blair Matchizen of Matchizen Farms in Thalberg harvested 20 acres of wheat crop, which had been planted especially for STARS Air Ambulance to help raise money for the life-saving service.

The Shock Trauma Air Rescue Services (STARS) is a Canadian nonprofit helicopter and air ambulance organization funded by donors, service groups and government contributions. In 2011, STARS was asked by the provincial government to maintain a permanent base in Manitoba.

The donation is being made in tribute to Blair's father, Ken Matchizen, a lifelong farmer who sadly passed away during seeding last year. When ambulances were unable to cross the wet fields to reach Ken where he had been working, Blair had to transport them using his own truck, a moment which stuck with him and helped him to realize the importance that the accessibility of the STARS Air Ambulance provides in times of need.

Blair added that they often see the STARS helicopter flying over the farm

on their way to help someone in need which gave the family an admiration for what the team does.

Although 2021 has been a tough year for farmers with how dry it has been, Blair said the 20 acres held up against tough weather.

"The crop looked excellent even considering the conditions this year," Blair said.

Blair is a fifth generation farmer and Matchizen Farms is an important piece of land for the area having been recognized as a Century Farm in 2006. The farm has been in use since the Matchizens emigrated to the land in 1906.

Blair's mother Betty Matchizen said she was proud of her son's donation and how it has inspired others.

"People have been telling us that they've donated money to STARS after seeing what we've done and that's been lovely," Betty said.

STARS director of donor relations and development Colleen Mayer thanked the Matchizen family for their generosity.

"The agriculture community has stood by STARS through floods and droughts, and we are grateful for the generous support of farmers like



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Matchizen Farms harvested 20 acres of wheat planted for STARS Air Ambulance.

Blair, especially in such a challenging year," Mayer said.

"Community support like Blair's for our day-to-day operations is greatly appreciated as it helps us fight for the lives of Manitobans, no matter where they live, work, or play across the province," Mayer added.

The STARS service was used for 657 missions in Manitoba last year.

More information on the STARS service including ways to donate can be found on their website at www.stars. ca



Male Hawks to focus on working on the process

By Lorne Stelmach

The emphasis will be less on the results and more on how they get there as the U18 AAA male Pembina Valley Hawks prepare for the coming season.

The level of effort will be the key thing that the coaching staff led by Matt Victor will be watching starting with the tryout weekend Sept. 3-5.

"They want to win obviously ... the winning feels nice, but how do we get there," said Victor, who moves up to the head coach role this season after serving an assistant coach.

"I think the message when we talk to everybody as a group on the Friday is going to be definitely the effort and compete are going to be a pillars for our team," he said. "Winning is a formula, not just skill. I really want to see a lot of character, a lot of effort, a lot of compete.

"I really want to build that culture ... and everything's got to be positive ... and our successes have to be earned."

The Hawks had a rough start to the last season that was cut short by the pandemic, as they dropped all three games of their opening set with Eastman before rebounding with a win over Interlake. The Hawks had two of their three games with Interlake postponed amidst uncertainty around increasing COVID-19 cases provincewide, and play never resumed.

"It was a struggle ... it was tough on us as coaches, but it was even tougher on the kids," said Victor. "It was tough just trying to stay engaged. We did a lot of Zoom meetings ... trying to keep our heads in that space just in case we got that green light to play. It was tough on them to stay engaged ... we barely just got off the starting line."

A plus for the team now as they prepare for what they hope will be a full 2021-22 season is the potential to have as many as 13 returning players. One significant question mark will be in goal, as both goaltenders from last season have moved on.

"We've reached out to all the returning players ... it's actually looking really good. We're excited about that," said Victor.

He suggested there is a recognition particularly among the potential returning players that there could be a good team this season, so that could be a lure to get them back. Otherwise, Victor said they look forward to seeing what the players bring on the tryout weekend, which offers a limited opportunity to make an impression.

"It's a clean slate for a lot of them," he suggested. "I expect there to be a lot of effort and compete. I'm looking for a lot of character. I think that speaks volumes. There's a lot of ways to show character in a tryout.

"There are spots available. No one is guaranteed a spot, so I expect them to compete," he concluded.

The Hawks are tentatively scheduled to kick off play with a doubleheader weekend against Central Plains Sept. 25 and 26.

Female Hawks hopefuls take to the ice this weekend

By Lorne Stelmach

The arrival of tryout weekend for the U18 AAA female Pembina Vallev Hawks is especially exciting for everyone this year.

Coming off a season that was halted last fall by the pandemic, the players and coaches alike are even more ready to get back on the ice, coach Dana Bell suggested last week.

"I've talked to quite a few of the girls, and everybody is anxious to get on the ice. We're just excited that we actually get to start, so we're looking forward to it."

The tryouts begin Friday with evening practice sessions that will have players split into two teams. Saturday will then have games in the morning and afternoon followed by one on one meetings with the players. Sunday will have a morning practice session followed by more player meetings in the afternoon. The tentative season schedule so far has the team's first exhibition games set for Sept.. 4 against Eastman and Sept. 12 against Pilot Mound Prep followed by a pair with the Rink Hockey Academy Sept. 18 and Sept. 19.

Bell is particularly excited not only to be getting back in action but to have possibly 14 girls returning from last season.

"We have a really good core returning, and I'm excited about that," said Bell. "We have a really good turnover from last year. We only graduated four girls, so things look really good for us.

He will be looking for the team to get off to a better start this time. The Hawks last fall had dropped three of their first four games and were then at a 2-4 record in fifth place out of eight teams before the Manitoba Female Hockey League made the decision to suspend all league play as a result of COVID-19.

"I think we had a really great team last year. We started off a little slow, but things were starting to come together then we got shutdown," said Bell.

"We want to come out of the gate quick this year. We want to put the push on quickly. We want to be a top contending team this year," he continued. "We never know when it might get taken away from us again, so it's important to get down to business



STANDARD FILE PHOTO

Tryouts for the female Pembina Valley Hawks take place in Morden this weekend. right away." mer. I've been running conditioning

As for the tryouts, they offer a brief window of opportunity for players to make an impression. Bell noted there

is an expectation that they will be coming into it in shape and ready to **g**0.

the ice and get their nervousness out. "I think we're just anxious now to get going because we've had so much time off. We're ready to get going with it."

"You just hope that they have all been working hard through the sum-

Carman wins Rural Division at Senior Men's Interclub Championship

Staff

The Carman Golf & Curling Club and Niakwa Country Club own bragging rights for 2021 following the 18hole Senior Men's Interclub Championship at the Minnedosa Golf & Country Club on Aug. 17.

Carman won the Rural Division championship with the best threeperson combined score of 224, finishing 11 strokes better than the Clear Lake Golf Course.

Individually, leading the way was Bruce North with a one-over par 73.

Bill North followed with a 75, Wayne Giesbrecht 76 and Lionel Walz 88.

The team of Lorne Duncan, Darryl Buhr, Doug Lavallee and Ken Warwick led Niakwa to a five-stroke victory in the City Division over the Southwood Golf and Country Club.

Duncan made five birdies on the day shooting a two under par 70, Buhr and Lavallee both had a 75 while Warwick finished at 80.

skates, so I've had 25 girls out for that

... it gives them four weeks to get on

Duncan was the only competitor in the 63 person field to record a score under par.

Hockey Manitoba releases Version 7 of Return to Play

Submitted

Based on the province's Public Health Orders that took effect on Aug, 7, 2021, all indoor group activities, including hockey, can take place with no capacity limits on participants. This includes games, practices, and tournaments. There are still capacity limits for spectators (50 per cent).

Hockey Manitoba is excited for a safe return to play for the 2021 - 2022 season, however our organization remains extremely cautious and responsible in managing our Return to Play (RTP) plan for the upcoming season. We continue to work closely with Hockey Canada, Sport Manitoba, and the Manitoba Provincial Health Authorities to develop and maintain a RTP plan that will allow the best opportunity for our members to play the game in a safe, healthy, and structured environment.

As the Provincial Sport Organization (PSO) for the largest and highest

funded sport in our Province, Hockey Manitoba has a tremendous responsibility to not only our own members but to also serve as a leader for the entire sporting community. One of the greatest strengths of our organization is our governance structure and the tireless commitment of our entire volunteer base, which is essential in the ongoing delivery and management of our game.

We have high expectations for all the volunteers associated with the game of hockey who have collectively welcomed and embraced the tremendous challenges that have accompanied COVID-19 and the impact it will have in the responsible reintroduction of the game of hockey to our membership.

Ownership is a key phrase and without our entire membership accepting responsibility, accountability, and ownership of the RTP plan by buying in, it will be difficult to fully and properly execute our RTP document. This is a significant responsibility but one treats seriously, however we will re-

quire the support, compliance, and leadership of everyone associated with the management of the game to be able to com-

fortably deliver. Hockey will be returning but please do not underestimate the importance of compliance, accepting the new normal, and the steps we will all be required to implement to apply extra layers of safety for our members.

Your commitment, guidance, and leadership are appreciated as we colthat Hockey Manitoba respects and lectively work together in the safe return to hockey.



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Recipe courtesy of chef Kevin Curry Servings: 6-8

- 6 ounces jumbo pasta shells
- 2 tablespoons olive oil
- 1 tablespoon fresh garlic
- 1 medium onion, diced
- 5 portobello mushroom caps, gills re-

moved then diced

- 1 pinch sea salt, plus additional, to taste 1 pinch pepper, plus additional, to taste
- 2 cups shredded kale

3 tablespoons water

- 15 ounces skim milk ricotta cheese
- 4 tablespoons pesto

1 tablespoon The Fit Cook Land spice blend

1 1/2 cups reduced-fat marinara, divided

1 1/2 cups reduced-fat mozzarella fresh herbs, for garnish

Preheat oven to 420 F.

Bring pot of salted water to boil. Cook pasta shells according to package in-



- Recipe courtesy of chef Ninamarie Bo-
- jekian Mendoza
- Servings: 10-12 Caramel Sauce:
- 1 cup granulated sugar
- 1/4 cup water
- Cake:
- 1 1/2 cups all-purpose flour
- 1 teaspoon baking powder
- 1/4 teaspoon baking soda
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 3/4 cup unsalted butter, at room temperature
- 3/4 cup granulated sugar
- 2 large eggs 1/2 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 3/4 cup buttermilk
- 3 tablespoons rainbow sprinkles (optional) Flan:
- 4 large eggs
- 1 can (14 ounces) sweetened condensed milk
- 1 can (12 ounces) evaporated milk
- 1 tablespoon vanilla extract
- ground cinnamon, to taste
- In saucepan, heat granulated sugar and water over medium-low heat until melted. Preheat oven to 350 F.
- Grease and flour 9-inch Bundt pan. Set aside.
- When sugar liquifies and turns golden

Baked Stuffed Pasta Shells

structions. Drain then set aside.

Heat pot or cast-iron casserole dish over medium heat. Once hot, add oil, garlic, onion and mushrooms. Add pinch of sea salt and pepper as it cooks. Cook until onions turn brown and mushrooms shrink in size, about 3-5 minutes. Empty contents and set aside.

Place pot back over heat. Add shredded kale and water to create steam. Toss kale in pot until it turns vibrant green; set aside to cool.

In large bowl, mix ricotta cheese with mushroom mixture, kale, pesto and spice blend.

In casserole dish, spread about 1/2 cup marinara on bottom. Then one-by-one, stuff each pasta shell with approximately 2 tablespoons ricotta mixture and add to casserole dish. Repeat with remaining shells.

Cover shells with remaining marinara and mozzarella cheese. Cover casserole dish with foil and bake 20 minutes. During final 5 minutes, remove foil so mozzarella can brown.

Garnish with fresh herbs and salt and pepper, to taste.

Daddy's Birthday Flan

brown, remove from heat and use silicone spatula or whisk to stir. While stirring, quickly pour into prepared Bundt pan.

To make cake: In large bowl, sift flour, baking powder, baking soda and salt. Set aside.

In another bowl, use hand mixer on medium speed to beat butter and sugar, about 3 minutes, until fluffy. Add eggs and vanilla. Beat well.

On low speed, gradually beat in flour mixture and buttermilk until combined.

Fold in rainbow sprinkles, if desired. Pour batter into pans over caramel sauce.

To make flan: In blender on high speed, blend eggs, sweetened condensed milk, evaporated milk and vanilla until well combined.

Gently pour through strainer and onto prepared cake batter.

Sprinkle cinnamon on top.

Place pan in water bath by putting it in larger baking dish, roasting pan, hotel pan or similar. Pour hot water halfway up sides to create water bath.

Bake approximately 1 hour. Cake should be golden brown and jiggle when shaken when done.

Remove cake from water bath and cool on rack 10 minutes.

Run knife or spatula carefully around edges to separate. Place plate on top of cake and, while holding it, flip over carefully and quickly.

Refrigerate at least 1 hour or overnight before serving.

When Life Hurts



By Gwen Randall-Young

Sometimes life hurts. Sometimes its a dull ache, and sometimes it cuts like a knife. No matter how much positive thinking we do, no matter how many affirmations we say, no matter how"together" we are, sometimes things come along and the pain feels bigger than we are.

There is such an emphasis now on the learning that comes in difficult times, that we often feel we should be able to "handle" whatever comes our way. This means we should 'be strong', 'keep a stiff upper lip', 'go with the flow" keep it in perspective', and all the other cliches that urge us to deny our feelings. But feelings serve a purpose.

When the body suffers a cut, a little bleeding is good because it cleanses the wound. When the emotional body is wounded, feelings also serve a cleansing function. Emotion that is stuffed down or suppressed creates tension in the body, so it is healthier to release it.

This does not mean venting it on others, but simply allowing yourself to feel the emotion. If you feel like crying, then have a good cry. If you are angry, go for a run, bang some balls around the racquet court, or even write a nasty letter that you

won't send. Let the emotion move through you, and then think about your course of action, if action is required. Often discussing your feelings with a trusted friend helps to release some of the power behind the strong emotion. And if the emotion seems overwhelming, reach out for support.

Some of the deepest healing occurs when we realize that we are not alone in this world. We are only alone if we isolate ourselves. Often too, it is only in our deep pain that we truly experience our humanness and allow others to touch our soul. Souls want to be touched, and sometimes deep pain is the only way to penetrate the shell of superficiality that surrounds the deepest parts of our being.

We must honor our pain, the same as we honor our joy, for both are expressions of who we are. Of course, we want to get past it, and we do have to move on, or we'd emotionally bleed to death. But the way past pain is through it. If it becomes overwhelming however, you don't have to go through it alone. The pain just might be a signal that it is time to connect more deeply with another human soul, whose arm may already be outstretched in anticipation of your reaching out. We need each other. That's why we're all here.

Gwen Randall-Young is an author and award-winning psychologist. For permission to reprint this article, or to obtain books, CDs or MP3s, visit www.gwen. ca. Follow Gwen on Facebook for daily inspiration.



Recipe courtesy of chef Nikky Phinyawatana

Servings: 2

2

2

8

- cups fresh spinach
- cup water
- tablespoon vegetable oil tablespoons green curry paste
- ounces skinless, boneless chick-
- en, beef or pork, sliced thin
 - small Japanese purple eggplant cups coconut milk
 - teaspoons granulated sugar
- 1/2 teaspoon salt

Green Curry

cup bamboo shoots, sliced 1/2

1/4medium red bell pepper, sliced thin

8-10 Thai basil leaves, plus additional, for garnish, divided

cups cooked jasmine rice In blender, blend spinach and water until mixture turns green and no leaves are visible.

In medium saucepan over mediumhigh heat, heat oil. Add green curry paste and stir to release fragrance, about 10 seconds.

Add protein and cook 3-5 minutes.

Add blended spinach water, purple eggplant, coconut milk, sugar and salt. Bring to boil. Add bamboo shoots and red bell pepper. Simmer 10 minutes.

Stir in basil leaves and turn off heat. Serve with jasmine rice and garnish with additional basil leaves.

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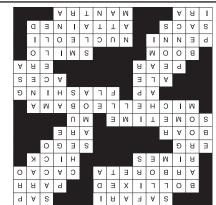
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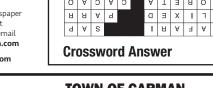
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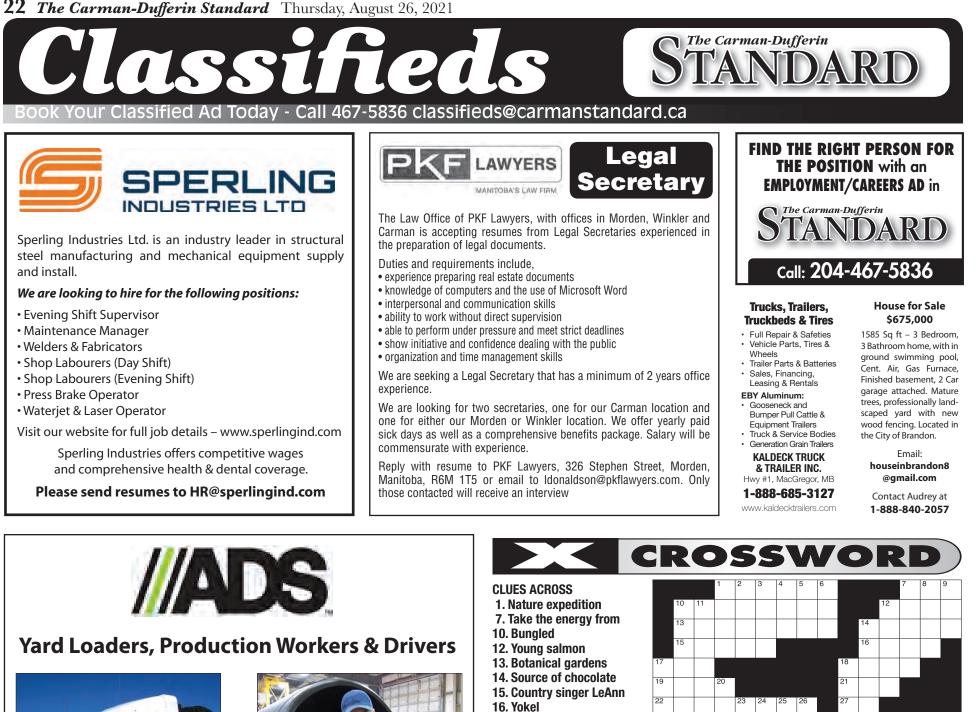


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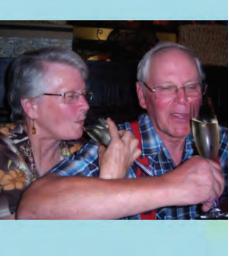
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Joyce Mary Eleanor Keating (Jopp) 1930 – 2021

It is with sadness that the family of Joyce Keating announces her passing on August 16, 2021.

Left to cherish her memory are: loving husband Jack; daughter Terry Maxwell (Dawn, Sheri-Lyn, Jacquie and Ryan); son Jeff Maxwell and wife Alison (Kristin, Trinda); daughter-in-law Lori Maxwell (Angela, Megan, Gerrit); step-son Gerrit Maxwell and wife Els (Gerrit Jr and Réne) of the Netherlands; step-daughter Teri Gartner and husband Mike (Joel); stepson Dean Keating and wife Debbie (Chad, Drew); brother Jeff Jopp (Velma) of Estevan. Joyce also leaves 13 grandchildren, 25 great-grandchildren, and 12 great-great-grandchildren. She was predeceased by her son, Ross; brothers, Jim and Jack.

Joyce was born in Kaleida, MB. to Charles and Myrtle Jopp (Galbraith). The family moved to Snowflake, MB. She married Boyd Maxwell in 1947 and they had three children—Terry, Jeff, and Ross. She entered nurses training in 1965, and while living in Manitou nursed there until 1974. When the marriage ended in divorce she relocated to Winnipeg. She started nursing at St. Boniface Hospital working there until retirement. Joyce received Nurse of the Year Award in 1984 from St. Boniface Hospital which made her very proud of her years of service to a profession she loved.

In 1988 Joyce retired and married Jack Keating the same year. They had a happy life together travelling extensively through Canada and United States for a few years with their travel trailer, covering every province and state, except Alaska and Hawaii. They purchased a "place in the sun" in Mesa, AZ in 1990 and were able to spend six months every winter for 14 years. Many friendships were formed and have endured through the years.

In 1992 they moved to Carman, MB. They loved the rural life, both having come from small towns. They made many friends on and off the golf course, and thoroughly enjoyed entertaining family and friends in their home. Joyce loved her flower beds. Knitting, ceramics, bead work, oil painting and reading were other hobbies. But her home was her "castle". Joyce was always cleaning, decorating and changing things around, enjoying every minute of it. Her life was full and happy and she was very content. What more could one ask for at the end of the trail than to love and be loved in return?

A memorial service was held at 1:00 p.m., Monday, August 23 at Carman Pentecostal Church (Hwy 3 east of Carman) with Rev. Kenyon officiating. Interment of ashes in Greenwood Cemetery, Carman.

Memorial donations may be made to St. Boniface Hospital Foundation, 409 Tache Ave. C1026, Winnipeg MB R2H 2A6. Special thanks to hospital staff at Boundary Trails.

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