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Carson O'Connor, 12, caught this northern pike on the Boyne River on June 6. This fish was just one of his four catches that day.

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Boyne River Keepers unveil new dock for community

By Becca Myskiw

Thanks to the Boyne River Keepers (BRK), a new dock has been installed in the Boyne River, thanks to the work of the Boyne River Keepers (BRK).

Tracy Enns of BRK said one of the group's first goals was to get a dock installed, and that's just what they did. On 4th Street SW, just south of Carman Elementary School and tucked in a bush opening, is the brand-new aluminum dock. It was installed in the middle of May and is now being enjoyed by the community.

"Our goal is to make the river more accessible," said Enns. "To increase its usage. And the dock certainly has. Every time I've gone by there, there's been people using it, sitting on the dock, kids fishing."

The dock valued at \$7,000 was paid for entirely by grants. One from the Carman Area Foundation, another from the Redboine Watershed District, and another from BSI Insurance, where Enns works.

The new dock sits on Town of Car-

man property, and will be maintained by Town employees. BRK members are very grateful to them.

BRK has planted a couple of hundred trees along the riverbanks to start bank stabilization. The trees were donated by Aubin Nurseries. Enns said they're already starting to grow and seem to be doing well.

Next on the to-do list is planning a few paddle days on the river when restrictions allow and install another dock 1.1 km up the river by Ryall Park.

"The goal would be people could launch at the current dock and kayak, canoe, or boat downtown and go up

to go for coffee, go shopping, have lunch," said Enns.

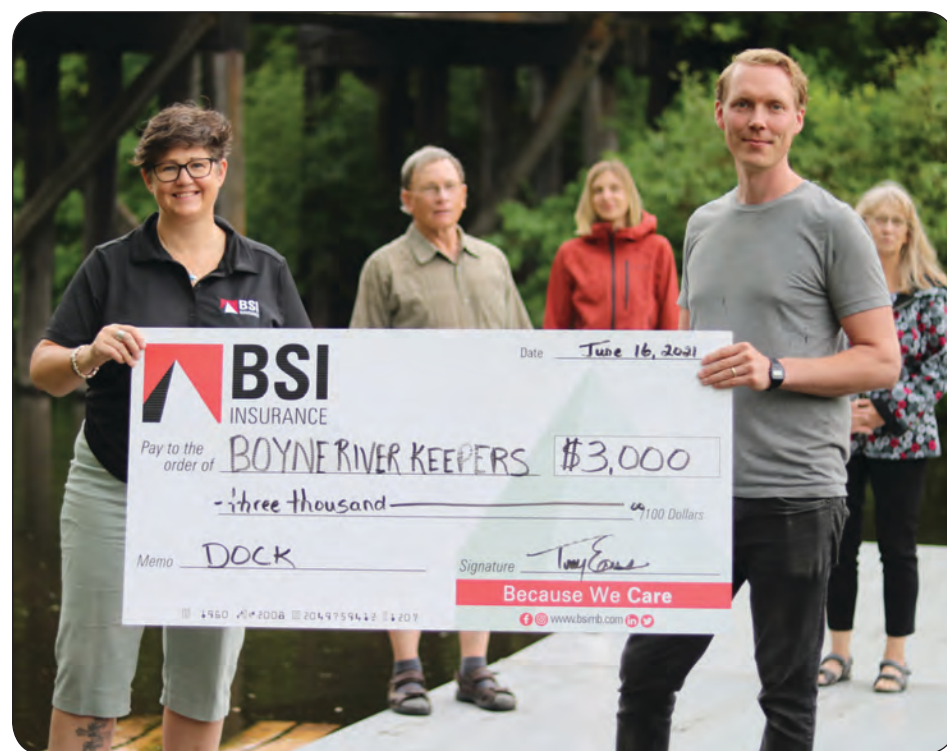
BRK is positive the river will be busy this summer because of how well attended it was throughout the winter, with people coming from all over to skate and walk on it.

Along with those, the group is always focused on raising group awareness. One way they're doing that is

"OUR GOAL IS TO MAKE THE RIVER MORE ACCESSIBLE."

Public Notice

Memorial Hall will be closed Monday June 28th and Tuesday July 6th to allow for the installation of the emergency generator. This means the offices will not be open for phone calls, in person payments or remote work since hydro will be disconnected during these days. All administrative offices for the Town, RM, Planning, Recreation and Economic Development will be closed both days. We are sorry for the inconvenience and appreciate your patience.



STANDARD PHOTO BY BECCA MYSKIW

Tracy Enns, left, of BSI Insurance presented Boyne River Keepers volunteer Dale Reimer with a cheque in the amount of \$3,000 for the new dock. BRK volunteers, back row, Edwin Pritchard, Stacy O'Connor and Lonnie Pritchard.

by selling BRK memberships for \$10 a person or \$40 a family. Money from those memberships will go towards continued projects to better and preserve the Boyne River. Membership gives the member access to all emails on BRK events and news and information on the annual general meet-

ing to attend.

To purchase a membership, reach out to BRK members: Tracy Enns, Edwin Pritchard, Lonnie Pritchard, Dale Reimer, Stacy O'Connor, Kathleen Anderson, Nikki Falk, Val Tournier, Kelly Seward, Gerry Aubin, or Brent McDonald.

Fighting for a safer road on 8th Avenue SW

By Becca Myskiw

A group of local homeowners is asking the rural municipality (RM) of Dufferin to make a specific road-way safer.

Geoff Davies of the Resident's Association of Heritage Acres said the gravelled part of 8th Avenue SW is hazardous for all who travel on it. This road is partially owned by the Town of Carman and the RM of Dufferin. He said the town's portion is covered in tarmac, but the RM's portion going westward is loose gravel.

Davies said the road is full of fast traffic, avid walkers, and children biking to school. But the loose gravel is full of potholes and washboard, making it unsafe for all who

travel it in every form.

Davies said the RM of Dufferin does dust control on the road, but that solves none of the above problems.

So, the Resident's Association of Heritage Acres has brought forth this issue to the municipality, and they've been told it's being brought to council to discuss. Davies said he was told the gravel base isn't compatible with tarmac, so that isn't an option. The association is asking the municipality to give them something better than what they have before an accident happens there.

Two association members have contacted the RM about this, and it is now in front of the council.

Celebrating the class of 2021

By Becca Myskiw

The Town of Carman is banding together to celebrate the 2021 high school graduates virtually.

Wendy Durand, the mother of a Carman Collegiate graduate, is asking anyone with the means to put up a sign congratulating the students. She said the ceremony would be modified so the community won't be able to celebrate with the students the usual way by coming to the event.

So, after some brainstorming among parents, they found a way for everyone to connect using different methods to send their praise.

"The idea was, why not reach out to the business community that has outdoor signage, that have window fronts. They may have bulletin boards, they may have banners," said Durand. "It's a way to connect as a community and to connect with the school...to use what they have sort of in a comprehensive way."

Durand started by reaching out to the Carman & Community Chamber of Commerce, however, she said this way of celebrating isn't limited to those with storefronts. People can use their social media, yards, and

anything they have to send a positive message to this year's graduates.

It's important that when the graduates move onto their next steps that they feel connected and part of the community said Durand.

"When you graduate, beyond the objective of receiving that diploma, having that personal connection and knowing that community that you went to school in...it's out there and supporting and embracing the next workforce...that's a powerful piece of living in a rural community."

One of the first businesses to get on board was Ken Reimer from Community Futures Heartland. Reimer said they're using their signage to congratulate the grads because they were asked to. And part of their mandate is community development and helping entrepreneurs, so if some of the graduates go into business, maybe they'll remember the support they received.

Homestead Co-op will also use their large sign boards at multiple food store locations and will put posters up to congratulate the graduates.

"It is important to us here at Homestead to celebrate our graduates, this year and every year, because we know



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Ken Reimer from Community Futures Heartland is using their signage to congratulate the grads of 2021.

how hard they work to get to that point," said Shannon Vaughan, marketing and communications manager. "A large percentage of our employees are graduating this year or will graduate in the not-so-distant future. It's worth pausing to honour the culmina-

tion of the hard work—including the late nights, classes, papers, and all of the moments over the years that have led to this important milestone."

Both Carman Collegiate and Dufferin Christian School's graduation ceremonies are on June 28.

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

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

June 20-24

June 23, 1921 - Show at Carman Fair The International Amusement Co. Show coming to Carman Fair this year June 30-July 2 will feature the wild animal show, the gorgeous girl show of beautiful girl dancers, and the big All Star Alabama Minstrel show. The big Tent with its strange and varied attractions will feature

"Baby Bell (580 lbs.)", the happiest, jolliest, and fattest big girl on tour. For the kids there will be the Big Merry-Go-Round and Giant Ferris Wheel.

Laugh for the Week

"Ma, did you ever hear a rabbit bark?"

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June 20, 1946

A Beekeepers Association was organized on June 12 with the following officers: President, W.M. Duncan of Carman; Vice-Pres. Roy Mullin of Myrtle; Sec-Treas H.A. Craig of Carman, Executive: M. Garwood of Roseisle and H. Sylvester of Carman.

Special Program for first day of the Fair

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Carman's century old evergreen destroyed in windstorm

By Becca Myskiw

An evergreen fell in front of Carman United Church and more than a few branches were lost.

Della and Ken Heaman have been a part of the church since they were young. Della was there all the time, and Ken was there often. And through all the years, that big evergreen tree stood the test of time.

"I remember as a little girl playing under that tree," said Della.

Sunday school classes would sometimes meet by the tree, and as fate would have it, so would Della and Ken. They were married almost 56 years ago in the Carman United Church, and have plenty of photos in front of the now-fallen tree.

"The boughs came right to the ground then," she said. "On the evergreen."

Della said her husband Ken, thinks the tree was over 125 years old. The Carman United Church was originally the Presbyterian Church, then three of the town's church joined forces, and that building burned down. But the tree remained.

Until last week's 100 km/hr winds



STANDARD PHOTO BY KELLY SEWARD
A hundred plus year old evergreen tree came down next to the Carman United Church during the windstorm on June 4.



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Della and Ken Heaman had wedding photos taken in front of the evergreen at Carman United Church.

came storming through Carman, uprooting trees all over the town. Della and Ken had just finished cleaning their yard from the wind on Thursday morning when she heard what happened — that mighty wind took down the evergreen that had been such a

staple in her life.

"I'm sad the tree is down," she said. "It has great memories for Ken and me. I think something is missing it's been part of my life forever."

Though it's upsetting a piece of history is gone, Della Heaman is glad that's all that happened. The church's secretary left the building 10 minutes before the big evergreen came tumbling down landing right where the

car was parked.

"We're very fortunate it did no more damage than it did much as we were sad that it's down," said Della.

Now, the church committee is deciding what to do with the stump of the tree.



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- Ingredients**
- 1 turkey breast, sliced into steaks
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 - 1/2 tsp (2.5 ml) sea salt
 - 1 tsp (5 ml) garlic powder
 - 1/2 tsp (5 ml) cayenne pepper
 - 1/2 tsp (1.25 ml) ground pepper
 - 1 tsp (5 ml) paprika
 - 1 tsp (5 ml) dried oregano
 - 1 tsp (5 ml) brown sugar

Directions

Preheat grill to 375°F (190°C). Combine all spices in a bowl to make rub and coat steaks well. Brush steaks with oil and grill over direct heat for about 5 minutes on each side. The steaks are cooked when a digital thermometer reaches 170°F (77°C). Remove from grill, cover loosely with foil and let stand for 10-15 minutes before serving.

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Survey says: Family Feud is looking for contestants

By Ashleigh Viveiros

Family Feud Canada returns for its third season this fall and your family could be part of the fun.

The Canadian version of the long running American game show has put out a casting call for its upcoming season.

"Part of what makes this show so unique and so special and what really resonates with the audience is the variety of families that we see on the show," says supervising casting producer Donia Aly. "There's so many regions of this country, and along with regional representation there's cultural representation as well."

"So it's really nice to see families from all walks of life come together on this show in the spirit of fun for the chance to win \$30,000. That's what the show is all about."

The show is open to any and all applications from families of five people—that could include immediate, extended, or even chosen family members.

The first step is to head to cbc.ca/familyfeud for full eligibility criteria and details on submitting an application video.

Aly advises you to keep it real in your submission, which should be 3-5 minutes in length.

"Just be your true, authentic self and show us how fun you can be," she says. "Think about how your family would conduct themselves at a family reunion or family game night. That's what we want to see."

Energy and enthusiasm are a big part of being selected, Aly notes. Family Feud Canada receives thousands of applications every year and it's the ones who really make themselves stand out who are selected to be one



of the few hundred families who make it to a taping.

Due to pandemic restrictions, there won't be any in-person auditions this year. If your family is chosen to move on to the next round of the application process, producers will contact you to book a virtual audition (phone or Zoom), which will include a few questions and a mock game of Family Feud. This means that even families whose members are spread out across the country can still audition together easily.

Pandemic restrictions allowing, Family Feud Canada is planning to begin filming season three in Toronto this fall. Selected families will be flown out to take part.

If you don't make the cut this season, there's still a chance you might in the future.

"We like to tell families who apply for this season that if you don't hear

from us you're still in the running for future seasons," Aly says.

You have nothing to lose from throwing your hat in the ring, she adds.

"Sometimes when you think about applying to be on a game show or on television it can kind of seem intimidating or maybe out of arm's reach, but we want families to know ... we're looking for real families, real people, and as long as you like to have fun, we want you on the show."



> 100 YEARS AGO, FROM PG. 3

A highly interesting program is promised at the School field Day at Carman Fair. In addition to regular track and field events, schools from a wide area have been invited to prepare demonstrations of some of their extra-curricular activities. Highlights will be orchestral work by Winkler Collegiate Orchestra, folk dancing by Sperling students, tap dancing by Roseisle School students and gymnasium displays from three groups of the Carman Recreation Association. This program will commence at 1 pm. in front of the grandstand.

June 24, 1971

Carman Collegiate Drama Club is seeking to raise \$5500. to pay for the

installation of cushioned seats in the Midland Collegiate Theatre at Carman. The \$5500. is the difference between conventional seats that the school board will pay for and deluxe cushioned seats. The Drama members will be selling sweepstake tickets at Carman Fair and asking for support of the community in this endeavour.

The 20th Annual Pentland Family Reunion was hosted by Mr. & Mrs. Harold Pentland at the family farm near Morden with 59 people attending.

Elizabeth Bennett, wife of Dr. M.F. Bennett (dentist) died in Winnipeg on June 18. Funeral and burial were held in Winnipeg.



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COVID case counts heading in the right direction

By Lorne Stelmach

The more positive trend in COVID case counts continued at the start of a week.

The daily update Monday also offered the good news that the outbreak at Boundary Trails Health Centre has been declared over.

"It's been us working together all along that's been able to bring down these case numbers and help bring an end to the third wave," said chief provincial public health officer Dr. Brent Roussin. "It continues to be up to Manitobans to take the steps needed to protect each other. Everyone needs to get vaccinated as soon as they become eligible."

An announcement of coming changes in the current public health order were anticipated Wednesday, and the data offered Monday continued to move in the right direction to support a further loosening of restrictions.

There was just one new death of a female in her 80s from the Winnipeg health region linked to the B.1.1.7 variant of concern and to the outbreak at Seven Oaks General Hospital. It brought the total number of deaths in people with COVID-19 to 1,125.

The current five-day COVID-19 test positivity rate was eight per cent provincially with 74 new cases, which brought the total number of lab-confirmed cases in Manitoba to 55,405.

The new cases reported Monday included 15 in the Southern Health-Santé Sud health region, and the local active case count included 31 in Winkler, eight in Morden, two in the RM Stanley, 10 in Lorne/Louise/ Pembina, one each in Roland/Thompson and Grey, three in Morris, 13 in the Altona area, six in Carman, and 45 in Red River South.

The data also showed 2,075 active cases and 52,205 individuals who

have recovered from COVID-19. There were 246 Manitobans hospitalized with COVID-19 in Manitoba and neighbouring provinces including 141 people in hospital with active COVID-19 as well as 90 in hospital who are no longer infectious. There were 73 Manitoba patients receiving intensive care for COVID-19 including 37 people in intensive care units in Manitoba with active COVID-19 as well as 21 people who are no longer infectious but continue to require critical care.

In addition to the 58 ICU patients in Manitoba, another 15 Manitoba patients were in intensive care units outside the province with 14 in Ontario and one in Alberta. Another 33 patients previously receiving care in an out-of-province ICU have now been returned to Manitoba hospitals.

Regional library launches summer reading program

By Lorne Stelmach

The South Central Regional Library is prepared for all possibilities as its kicks off the TD Summer Reading Club program for 2021.

It is ready to go with a virtual option with the experience of last year under its belt, but they're also holding out hope to be able to have at least some limited in-person capacity at the branch libraries in Winkler, Morden, Altona, Manitou, and Miami.

"We got really good at doing things virtually last year, so we're hoping we could run a combination. We'll be doing lots of videos and posting them on our YouTube channel," said Cathy Ching, director of library services, noting that they're also hoping to reopen the branches to the public in July, public health orders allowing.

SCRL participates in the national TD Summer Reading Club as a fun way to keep kids engaged and reading through the summer months.

Children of all ages are encouraged to keep a log of the number of min-

utes they have spent either reading independently or with an adult.

This year's theme is "Ticket To Read." Registration began at each branch this week.

Families can register online through the SCRL website (scrl.mb.libraries.coop) or by downloading the READ-Squared app and picking South Central Regional Library as your library.

Families with no internet access can contact their local branch to register.

Ching estimated the program had about 1,300 kids register last year, with about 600 actively participating.

"I think in our highest year, we probably had about 1,900 children ... and some of it can be the theme, how excited they get about the theme," she observed.

They hope their online content can help stir that excitement this summer.

"Last year, at first, we were scrambling a bit and thinking, 'Now what do we do?'" Ching recalled.

Now, after months of posting online content, library staff are well-versed

at it, as are kids and families in accessing it, though some barriers remain.

"A lot of kids are really comfortable with the online thing now," Ching said. "Unfortunately, there's still some children and municipalities who don't have good internet service, so if we do only bring in those who don't have internet [when they can open], it could at least be something we could offer those people and might fill our capacity."

"We're hoping when we're able to open the doors that kids will be excited about it. The bonus is all the crafts and the activities. Every craft and activity that we do ... they can do it at home, the instructions will be there, they can follow on the video," said Ching.

"We are trying to get them engaged. I think that kids have really been so left behind ... we need to get them back in our libraries," she concluded. "It will be exciting to see what it all looks like when it's fully produced and ready to go."

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St. Claude School Complex raises over \$2,500 for cancer research

By Becca Myskiw

St. Claude School Complex raised over \$2,500 for this year's Relay for Life.

Teacher Patricia Monk organized the school's event, which is their biggest fundraiser this year. Monk has run the Relay for Life in the past and knew it was something she wanted the school to get involved in.

Relay for Life is a Canadian Cancer Society event that sends all funds to the organization. It's an event that brings all ages together to celebrate the survivors, honour those who've died because of cancer, and let's everyone fighting know they aren't alone.

Donations are for the Canadian Cancer Society and used for cancer research funding, providing information and support programs in communities, and for advocating for public policies to prevent cancer and help those living with it.

Monk said on a typical year, everyone would do the relay together, but because of COVID-19, they did it virtually. So, they entered their team — SCSC School of Walk — and fundraised together with a goal of raising \$2,000.

St. Claude School Complex completed their relay on Tuesday, June 15. They mapped out a one-kilometre path in



St. Claude's School Complex logo.

town and had to have someone on it at all times for 12 hours. Staff showed up at 7 a.m. to start walking, classes went one by one throughout the day, and staff stayed until 7 p.m. to complete the event. By the end of the 12 hours, they raised \$2,546.40.

"It's an easy way to get everyone outside and raise awareness," said Monk. "And it's really interesting cause they said how one in five individuals has cancer and if you talk about it even in a class, almost everyone knows someone. So, I think it's just something everyone can relate to."

Monk used her personal experience with the Canadian Cancer Society to motivate her classes to raise as much money as they could. Her mom had breast cancer a couple years ago and



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Students and staff of SCSC raised over \$2,500 in their Relay for Life cancer fundraiser last Tuesday.

she saw first-hand what the organization does so she knew the fundraiser was a worthwhile one.

The school usually does Jump Rope for Heart as their annual fundraiser, but Monk is hoping they'll change that to the Relay for Life. The relay is

over, however, the Canadian Cancer Society is still accepting donations at https://support.cancer.ca/site/TR?pg=pfnd&fr_id=27320&fr_search_type=participant&donate=true&sqkey=www.google.com.



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"Your prescription will be ready in 20 minutes," said the Walmart pharmacist, and so I had time to kill. I grabbed a cart and started walking the aisle, when out of the children's clothing section marched a young girl, about 9, crying and looking very distressed. I called out to see if everything was ok, but was ignored as she ran off. After raising 8 children there's enough parent left in me to recognize that this was not an emergency, but a little girl who was just denied a clothing item. As I made my way around the store, I noticed this girl intentionally hiding in lower shelves, first near the toys, then hardware, then pillows, then dog food, making her way around the perimeter of the store. It wasn't long before we heard the store intercom making the announcement that every one of us has heard.

CODE ADAM- THERE IS A LITTLE GIRL LOST IN THE STORE. Having noticed her movements, I calculated where she would likely be and sure enough, there she was hiding in a corner. I called to the manager of the store and paused to watch the family reunion in the main aisle. Code Adam originated from a 1981 abduction of Adam Walsh in a Sears store in Florida. This incident began the Missing Children's Safety Program by Walmart in 1994. I never knew that, for our English language incorporates many expressions and short phrases taken from the Bible. I always assumed Code Adam came from the first search for a lost person in the Bible when in Genesis 3:9 God called out "Adam, where are thou?" Adam and Eve, in disobedience to God's one command, had brought about separation from God. God's heart was broken as this curse of sin, now to run down like a polluted river to all future generations, was brought down to all man. The result was I Cor 15:22 where it says, "For as in Adam, all Die." That is man's dilemma – Eternal separation from God, but that verse is not ended, for the last half tell us that "even so in Christ, all shall be made alive." Matt 18:11 says that Jesus came to seek and save those who are lost, and we're reminded in 1 John 4:14, "the Father sent the Son to be the Saviour of the world." Jesus Christ came to this world to provide the remedy for our inherited sinful nature. His miracles and His gracious life were proof of His divine power and merit, but these were not the solution. Our sin required death, and so He intentionally went to a Roman cross, and there willingly died. As He suffered there, we learn from the Bible that God was punishing Him for our sins. "The Lord hath laid on Him the iniquity of us all." Jesus never sinned but took our place to endure the judgment we deserve. He died; He was buried; He rose from the dead. "Romans 6:23 "For the wages of sin is death but the gift of God is eternal life, through Jesus Christ our Lord." This gift is wonderful news, and you can receive it today. **Ron and Nancy Burley** www.sermon4u.com

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GPAC's current exhibit features two local artists

By Becca Myskiw

Golden Prairie Arts Council's (GPAC) 39th Central Region Juried Art Exhibition is open and ready for viewers.

The exhibit will be on tour and features artists from across central Manitoba. All mediums were welcomed, and artists submitted up to three pieces of their work to be juried by a panel of professional artists.

Two artists with selected pieces this year are Barbara Kaminsky and Kathy Wikdahl. Their works will be on display from May until October of this year, travelling throughout central Manitoba. GPAC is the first stop on tour, followed by Pembina Hills Arts Council, Tiger Hills Arts Association, Winkler Arts & Culture, and Prairie Fusion Arts & Entertainment.

Kaminsky is from Brunkild and her two pieces in the exhibition showcase her impressionistic style. Though Kaminsky uses mostly acrylics now, she started with watercolours 25 years ago. Ten years after that, she got into



Barbara Kaminsky



Kathy Wikdahl



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GPAC is not currently open to visitors but the art will be displayed through the window for the month of June. Photo of Kathy's art, left, and Barbara's art, right.

acrylics because she likes working with bigger brush strokes, correcting her work, and seeing it become more vibrant.

She got into a painting by taking classes for something to do. Then, she'd copy a photo and paint what she saw — now, she paints what she feels. Kaminsky starts her pieces by putting glue down on the canvas and covering it with tissue paper to create a rough texture. Then, she squirts paint on, adds water, and lets it drip down. She follows that by adding dots and splatters and creating her brush strokes.

"I find inspiration in nature," she said. "Manitoba's got these great skies and fields and lakes. It's more of a

feeling than just what you're looking at."

Carman's Wikdahl has a style that is the complete opposite — she creates her pieces from looking at a photograph. Her piece in the current exhibition is a pen and ink one depicting an old, abandoned house near Portage la Prairie that used to be known as the Hoop and Holler. She works with acrylics a lot but got into the pen and ink style on her own.

"I've always enjoyed the texture and the contrast of it," she said. "The black and white."

Her favourite pieces are the ones that are of buildings. On drives, she scouts for her next masterpiece in a field and snaps a picture for when she'll pull out the ink. Wikdahl also has a few pieces in the GPAC giftshop for people to purchase.

Public being reminded to take care at rail crossings

By Voice staff

CN Police are urging users of mobility devices to take care when crossing railway tracks. Last year in North

America, there were over 3,400 collisions with trains, resulting in over 2,200 serious injuries or fatalities.

Whether you're getting around town

in a wheelchair, walker, or scooter, police remind mobility device users to stick to designated railway crossings and to keep an eye out for multiple

trains—some people struck by trains at crossings are hit not by the first train approaching but by a second train that may be hidden behind the first.

"Safety is a core value at CN and we want to take every opportunity to raise awareness on safe behaviour around rail," said Cst. Michael Reid, a member of the CN Police's Prairie Division.

"It is our job to make sure that the citizens of Manitoba know the risks associated with the use of mobility devices at railway crossings," he continued. "We want everyone to 'Be Rail Smart: Stop. Look. Listen. Live.'"

Here are a few more tips from CN Police on rail crossing safety:

- Only cross railway tracks at designated crossings where the tracks are most level with the ground.
- Cross the tracks at a 90-degree angle, or as close to it as possible.
- If your mobility device is stuck, move to a safe distance away from the tracks.
- Remember that trains are wider than the tracks. They can extend on both sides of the track by as much as one metre, so keep your distance.

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Stay cool this summer: Canadian Red Cross

Staff

As the mercury continues to rise, the Canadian Red Cross has some tips for keeping cool this summer.

"Drink plenty of water," says spokesperson Lynn Kolba. "It sounds obvious, but when you are out having fun in the sun for a couple of hours, you can lose track of how hydrated you are and run into trouble before you know it. And don't forget about Fido! Pets need water and shade as well."

Be prepared, Kolba urges. Before you head out for the day, check weather reports for heat warnings and then slather on sunscreen, as sunburned skin loses the ability to cool itself.

More tips to help you stay safe during hot weather:

- Avoid being outdoors during the middle of the day. Instead, try going out in the early morning or later evening hours when the sun is not as strong. Where possible, try to spend the hottest hours of the day in an air-conditioned environment.
- Slow down activities that increase your body temperature. Work, exercise, and play in brief periods and take frequent breaks in a cool or shaded area.
- Dress in light, loose clothing. Wear

a hat and sunglasses.

Heat-related emergencies include heat cramps, heat exhaustion and heat stroke. Children, the elderly, and those with certain health conditions are particularly susceptible, but these emergencies can happen to anyone who stays in the summer heat for too long.

Common signs someone is getting overheated include cramps, muscle contractions, moist skin, skin that is redder or paler than usual, nausea, dizziness and weakness, exhaustion, high body temperature, irritability, and rapid, shallow breathing, to name just a few.

"Heat-related emergencies are progressive in nature and can get rapidly worse without proper treatment," says Kolba. "Anyone demonstrating signs of heat overexposure should be moved to a cool location, given cool water to sip, and cool compresses to apply to the skin. Call 9-1-1 for anyone showing significant signs of distress, losing consciousness or whose symptoms are becoming more severe."

For more information on keeping your summer safe and enjoyable, head to redcross.ca.

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Val Wiebe, right, has been selling handmade greeting cards since December 2020. Wiebe presented \$550 from card sales to Sandy Cameron of Carman Palliative Care last week. The proceeds will be used to help furnish and decorate the family quiet room.

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"We've really worked to keep clients at the centre of what we're doing"

By Ashleigh Viveiros

The past year has been one of adaptation for Regional Connections Immigrant Services, its staff and board of directors reported at its annual general meeting earlier this month.

"It's been a challenging year for everybody," observed executive director Steve Reynolds at the virtual meeting June 10. "COVID started just before our financial year started on April 1 [2020] and lots of our plans that went into 2020-21 kind of went out the window as soon as the year started and we had to start making adaptation and adjustments immediately."

"The staff have been really fantastic," he added, sending out thanks to them for being "flexible and willing to change on the fly and learn lots of new things and new ways of doing things."

While how they did things was affected by ever-changing pandemic restrictions, the why never wavered.

"We've really worked throughout to keep clients at the centre of what we're doing," Reynolds said, "and just make the changes and adjustments we need to make so that clients can

keep getting supported however that worked best for them this year—for some by phone and video conference, some where we were able, under health orders, to still meet with people in person."

It was a busy year for the agency on a lot of fronts.

For one, it marked the first full year of operations for its new Dauphin site. The facility is the organization's first foray beyond the Pembina and Red River Valley region.

"That was a shift for us," Reynolds said, noting the staff at the former Dauphin and Region Immigrant Services proved to be a good fit for Regional Connections. "Now we're working not just in a whole new community but in a whole new, to us, region in the Parkland region ... so lots of learning on both sides, but it's been really positive."

The Dauphin site was able to move into a new office a few months ago that gives them more space for the various programs they're now offering the community's newcomers.

Back in our area, the agency was able to roll out a number of new or expanded programs last fall to better meet the needs, including introducing HIPPY (Home Instruction to Parents of Preschool Youngsters), adding additional Settlement Workers in Schools staff to expand that program into Garden Valley School Division, and launching the Professional Skills Bridging Program.

"THAT'S A PROCESS THAT'S GOING TO CARRY WELL INTO THIS YEAR TO DEVELOP A MULTI-YEAR STRATEGIC PLAN FOR THE ORGANIZATION,"



STANDARD PHOTO BY ASHLEIGH VIVEIROS

Regional Connections expanded its services beyond the Pembina Valley in 2020. In addition to offices in Winkler (above), Morden, and Altona, they now have a presence in Dauphin as well.

"These new programs and increased staff capacity have helped us to better meet client and community needs from a more holistic perspective, supporting newcomer parents, families, children and youth, internationally educated professionals, and better facilitating coordination between community stakeholders and partners," Reynolds noted in his report.

And they're not done expanding their scope of service yet—at the start of 2021 the agency teamed up with like-minded organizations across the Prairies in the TFW Hub project designed to support seasonal and temporary workers in agriculture and food processing.

"That's been great. There's lots of seasonal farm workers in the region who work six days a week and long hours and can't access normal settlement services," Reynolds said. "It's been really good to support those newcomers and the employers during this time, especially during COVID."

All in all, Reynolds is pleased with what the agency was able to accomplish in spite of the many curve balls

sent their way by the pandemic.

"It was a really successful year given the challenges we were dealing with," he said, thanking staff once again but also the board, community partners, supporters, and volunteers. "We're continuing to work at building community together."

"Looking ahead to the next year, it's a challenging year to look ahead and try to predict what's coming," Reynolds reflected. "We're hopeful for this next year. Hopeful that we'll see restrictions start to ease soon, that during the next year we'll be able to be together in person a bit more again with clients and staff and start at least in steps to resume some more normal service delivery."

Regional Connection has been doing a strategic planning review in recent months, consulting with staff, clients, and the community at large to determine how best it can serve moving forward.

"That's a process that's going to carry well into this year to develop a multi-year strategic plan for the organization," Reynolds said.

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Ducks Unlimited Canada all a-buzz over pollinators

By Karli Reimer, Ducks Unlimited

Want to bump up your crop yields? Then consider enhancing the pollination services available to you by adding natural areas on your farm. Research shows that healthy landscapes that host mixed natural areas including wetlands, grasslands, shelterbelts and ditch vegetation all aid in increased biodiversity and safe spaces for pollinators. And more pollinators means increased production of our crops and food.

June 21 was the start of National Pollinator Week, and Ducks Unlimited Canada (DUC) is celebrating the role these creatures, and the habitats they depend on, play in our lives. All week they were sharing stories, studies and strategies on how and why we need to direct conservation efforts to help these important species.

"Mixed natural areas, in fact, play a very important role in providing resources to wild pollinators for nesting and foraging, especially when located in cropped landscapes," says DUC research scientist, Jim Devries, who also conducts research on pollinators for the organization. "And these pollinators return the favour. They help increase crop production through increased pollination. Maintaining places for pollinators to reside also benefits other beneficial insects, and biodiversity in general, including habitat for amphibians, mammals and birds."

Bees and other pollinators have a natural partnership with agriculture, and with crops like canola and soybeans, in particular. Many studies of insect pollination in canola demonstrate increases in yield. These results make a strong case for setting aside areas that benefit pollinators to further maximize crop production. And when we include mixed natural areas on the landscape, we all benefit from resulting carbon storage, biodiversity, increased soil retention, and water filtration.

"The contribution farmers and ranchers make in providing habitat for pollinators is significant and should be recognized," says Paul Thoroughgood, DUC's agriculture lead. "Natural areas, flowering crops such as canola, and wetlands all play a role in sustainable agriculture by providing for the needs of pollinators as well as the current and future health of our soil and water."

There are almost 1,000 bee species native to Canada and these tiny creatures significantly benefit from wetlands, grasslands and other natu-



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As part of his pollinator research, DUC research scientist, Jim Devries, installed this bee trap at the edge of a wetland inside a canola field.

ral areas. To support our local pollinators, we can help by increasing the type and variety of flowers available to them. Providing a pollen- and nectar-rich mix of agricultural legumes is a good step, and that's why DUC started offering a Pollinator Pak seed blend as part of its new Mar-

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Your FARM



Agriculture, environment, and animal care

By Cam Dahl, General Manager, Manitoba Pork Council

Legislation brought forward by the provincial government has sparked debate about agriculture in Manitoba. The Animal Diseases Amendment Act has drawn comments about environmental impact and animal care.

In the past, farmers produced a little of everything. A few animals, a bit of grain, produced with minimal inputs. Some nostalgically view this bygone era as the ideal form of agricultural production. However, that was not the case from either an environmental point of view or the experience of the family on the farm. Past production practices depleted soil nutrients and left the land vulnerable to erosion. Farmers of the past did not have the tools and production practices that

allow modern farmers to protect our water. They did not have advanced veterinary treatments to ensure healthy animals. What is another key aspect of Old McDonald's farm that should never be forgotten? The family who lived on it existed in poverty. Old McDonald has retired from farming. We should not invite him back to work.

Beginning in the last half of the twentieth century, agriculture began to modernize. Today, farmers have transformed agricultural production to keep up with the world demand for safe, high quality food that is produced in an environmentally sustainable way. This can be easily seen on modern hog operations in Manitoba.

Significant progress has been made to improve the environmental footprint of the province's hog sector.



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For example, current hog production emits 35 percent less greenhouse gasses than 50 years ago. Manure is managed as a valuable plant nutrient, rather than waste to be disposed. Over 85 percent of manure is injected below the soil surface where the nutrients are readily available for crops. Today's pork is produced using 40 percent less water and 33 percent less feed than 50 years ago. Modern operations have the economies of scale to take advantage of emerging research, new technologies, and innovative farming practices to further improve the industry's environmental impact.

The Animal Diseases Amendment Act has generated comments about the humane treatment of animals. Hog producers in Manitoba adhere to strict animal care codes that are a combination of professional standards backed-up by regulatory en-

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forcement. Every hog farmer in Manitoba is expected to follow the Code of Practice for the Care and Handling of Pigs. The Code is a result of a rigorous development process that uses the best science on pig health and welfare, which has been compiled through an independent peer-reviewed process. The Code Development Committee includes independent scientists and representatives from non-governmental organizations involved in animal welfare.

Backing-up the Code of Practice is legislation and regulation, like Manitoba's Animal Care Act. Those who do not provide animals in their care with adequate food and water, and ensure that they are kept in sanitary and safe conditions are subject to fines, or even imprisonment. Offenders can be prohibited from owning animals following conviction. Manitoba's animal welfare regulations are current, effective,

and have been used by other jurisdictions as a model to follow.

Animal care in modern hog production does not stop at codes of practice and regulatory enforcement. There is also verification. The Canadian Quality Assurance (CQA) program and its replacement, the Canadian Pork Excellence (CPE) program, are national platforms for producers to demonstrate compliance with food safety, animal care, and traceability. Program registration is required to ship animals to federally inspected processors. Under these programs, animal care is assessed regularly, including an annual visit from a veterinarian.

Modern Manitoba hog farmers are leaders in protecting their animals and the environment. In return they need protection and the pigs under their care need to be protected from foreign animal diseases like African Swine Fever. This protection is lost if people from outside of the farm breach biosecurity. Farm families also

need to be protected from those who come onto their property without permission.

This is where The Animal Diseases Amendment Act and its companion bill, The Petty Trespass Amendment and Occupiers Liability Act come into play. These bills are designed to protect livestock and the farm families who are such an important part of rural development and the economic fabric of Manitoba.

The hog sector contributes approxi-

mately \$1.7 billion to the provincial economy and provides over 14,000 Manitobans with quality jobs. In the last five years, over \$100 million of private investment has flowed into the province because of the sector. Hog production is a success story that all Manitobans can celebrate and one that should be protected for the future.

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Grain farmers battling numerous seeding obstacles

By Becca Myskiw

It hasn't been an easy start to the year for the agriculture industry.

Dry, hot, windy weather preceded by lower-than-normal temperatures and a May frost paired with flea beetles have prompted many farmers to reseed their fields. One of those farmers is Curtis McRae.

McRae seeds approximately 1,700 acres stretching between Balmoral and Clandeboye. He grows canola, wheat, soybeans, oats, and corn. McRae purposely waited until May 22 to seed his canola, which was later than usual trying to avoid a repeat of the previous year. McRae reseeded 1,200 acres of the yellow crop last year after losing the battle to flea beetles.

However, in spite of waiting, McRae had to reseed his canola last weekend.

"If we would have had moisture, the crop would've grown faster," he said. "You're trying to outgrow how fast the flea beetles can eat."

Though the flea beetle is very small, large groups of them can be detrimental to canola. Once on the plant, the tiny bugs chew on the seedlings and create a feeding pit. When there's an abundance of them, the canola plant will start to shrivel up and die in the worst-case scenario. Canola yield is reduced most when the plants are



PHOTO BY CANOLA COUNCIL

Flea beetles are eating canola crops faster than they can grow with the abnormally cold, dry conditions this spring.

damaged during the seedling to second true leaf stage. Once it reaches the three to four leaf stage, the canola plant should be able to withstand damage.

In most cases, the dry conditions left the plants sitting dormant and unable to germinate.

Agronomy specialist with the Canola Council of Canada Justine Cornelsen said the flea beetles and lack of rain

were only part of the problem this year. Most of May's overnight lows brought down the soil temperature.

"With canola, survivability is challenging to begin with a small, seeded crop like that," she said. "If you put 10 seeds in ground, the average farm would have six come up, so you're already at a disadvantage that way."

On top of the survivability rate of the plant, there's the flea beetles, the cool

soil temperatures, the lack of moisture, and then the lost efficacy of the treatment on the seeds, which needs water to activate it. Cornelsen said once the plants finally did emerge in late May, the seed treatment was likely gone, leaving nothing to kill the flea beetles.

Then there was the late frost in early June. When that happens, any moisture in the plant freezes up.

Causing many farmers to have to reseed, she said. Because of this: the optimal plant stand in canola is five to eight plants per square foot — that gives more likelihood of 100 per cent yield potential.

Once all these factors start killing off plants and stunting growth, farmers start to see only three to four plants per square foot, that full yield potential decreases and they'll have to "babysit" the canola for the rest of the season.

So, they have two choices: reseed or babysit the crop.

"It's all about how much risk they're willing to take," said Cornelsen. "Do you risk starting over with dry ground, hoping the plants come up?"

Bob Elliot, a farmer from the Stonewall area, decided not to reseed his canola crop this year. It's going slow and it's weak, he said, but he's sure he'd run into the same problems only later with reseeding.

"I thought with the amount of moisture left in the ground and the wind and the other things that are against us, I felt that we should just go with what's left," said Elliot. "It's not a banner crop for sure."

By June 16, Elliot was already seeing flag leaf, which means the plants are tillering out and dying off due to the lack of water. Once those go, so does 30 per cent of his yield.

Most businesses in Canada work on an eight to 15 per cent profit margin. Elliot said this likely won't affect his farm in the grand scheme of things, but not making a profit is always a concern.

McRae said the same thing. He had to reseed 100 acres this year — 1,100 less than last year — and though it's a big improvement from then, it's still an additional cost and it still hurts.



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Province puts forward facts against misinformation campaign on Bill 64

Submitted by Manitoba government

The province has released a Fact versus Fiction web page to clarify a number of misconceptions regarding the Better Education Starts Today (BEST) strategy and bill 64: the education modernization act, Education Minister Cliff Cullen announced Monday.

"Our ministry has launched the Fact versus Fiction page so Manitobans can have the correct and factual information about the new education act and the Better Education Starts Today strategy," said Cullen. "It's important that parents, teachers, students and educators get the proper information and be informed on how our government is working with Manitobans to improve our education system. We encourage Manitobans to be a part of this amazing opportunity to improve the education system."

Manitobans need to know that:

- There will be no major disruptions for teachers, students and everyday life in the classroom.
- Teachers will not be penalized for poor assessment results of their students. Furthermore, while the focus will be placed on enhancing classroom supports in the BEST strategy, there is no reference to assessment within the proposed legislation.
- The new Provincial Education Authority cannot close rural or northern schools without community consultation, and the three criteria within the Public Schools Act are carried forward, unchanged.
- The BEST strategy speaks to priority actions that address poverty, mental health and additional needs. These are policy issues that need a whole-of-government approach.
- School Community Councils will increase marginalized, visible minority and Indigenous voices in the education system by legislating these parent advisory councils to include school community members as formal partners in education including a paid parent engagement officer position at the school level.
- Government will not appoint principals, as they will continue to be hired through a competitive process and will be required to be certified teachers.
- The proposed bill formalizes the role of directors of education in leg-

islation, whereas superintendents were not formally included. These directors will be hired through competitive processes.

- A Funding Guarantee ensures that at least \$1.6 billion more is invested in education over four years and that changes because of the school board structures are being redirected to the classroom where they are needed.

"To make progress on improving education as a whole, Manitobans need to turn their attention to our BEST strategy. The strategy is being formed through respectful and constructive dialogue with front-line teachers, principals and school staff, educational experts and parents who know first-hand the needs of their children," said Cullen. "We have had tremendous response and feedback from our teacher listening tour, parent engagement panels and telephone town halls. It is through these types of engagements that will help build the roadmap for all Manitoban students to achieve success and a prosperous future."

The Better Education Starts Today: Putting Students First strategy was developed in response to the Kindergarten to Grade 12 Commission's recommendations on kindergarten to Grade 12 education, as well as learnings from the COVID-19 pandemic. Of the 75 recommendations from Manitoba's commission, the BEST strategy accepts 60 recommendations and accepts the remaining 15 in principle. Through four pillars of student success, the strategy examines many critical issues that affect student learning, such as poverty, inclusivity and a provincial funding model that gives students in urban centres more of an advantage over northern and rural communities. That is why the BEST strategy establishes the Task Force on Poverty and Education, Minister's Advisory Council on Inclusive Education, Curriculum Advisory Panel, and a Funding Review Team in order to tackle crucial elements that hinder the success of students, the minister said.

The Fact versus Fiction web page can be found at <https://bettereducationmb.ca/factvsfiction>. Manitobans can access and review the Better Education Starts Today strategy at <https://bettereducationmb.ca>.

A slice of Carman's history

By Becca Myskiw

What goes around comes around, and that rings true for history.

Barbara Alarie, owner of Bell Aura Bed, Breakfast and Bistro, recently picked up a silver trowel from 1898. She said it was a strange occurrence — she received a phone call from the Carman United Church telling her a man found an item he thought was a large pie server. Alarie took down his number, called him, and picked it up, only to find it was much more than a utensil.

The pie server turned out to be a silver trowel, with "To Dr. Bryce from St. Andrews Church Carman, September 19, 1898", inscribed on it. Alarie tried to look up the history of the antique but hasn't been able to find much except that Dr. Bryce was at the opening of St. Andrews Presbyterian Church and received the trowel for the dedication.

Alarie was contacted because she purchased the church building where she now runs a bed and breakfast.

The silver trowel is not the first interesting item Alarie has found.

She found a letter in the bottom of an empty cardboard box deep in the basement when she moved into the building. It was a note detailing the history when the United Church purchased the building in 1947 on Church of Christ letterhead.

"Little things have found their way back here," she said.

Someone once brought her a teacup, saying it belonged there because of the picture of the original church embossed on the surface. Perhaps the most interesting thing she's found, though, is one she has yet to open.

Alarie found a time capsule in the cornerstone. With it is a letter that says during renovations, it was necessary to move the capsule from its original place, and more things were added to it. It sits attached to the bell tower and Alarie isn't sure if she's allowed to open it, though, so she hasn't.

There are other things all over the bed, breakfast and bistro that bring



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A silver pie server recently returned home to Carman's Bell Aura Bed, Breakfast and Bistro.

out the history in the building. One of the doors still has small squares along the bottom of the glass, showing where someone put their fist through. The electrical has proved difficult for electricians. And an extra set of stairs sits behind one of the doors.

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Ens brothers off to different colleges on sports commitments

By Becca Myskiw

A pair of brothers from Carman are off to different colleges for different sports next school year.

Nate Ens, 17, has committed to Providence University College & Theological Seminary and Campbell Ens, 19, Briercrest Christian Academy, College, and Seminary.

Nate will have a spot on Providence's basketball team. He started playing basketball in Grade 5, after his mom, a basketball player herself, brought the sport to the school gym. Seven years later, Nate is taking his love for the sport to post-secondary.

"I love the competitive side to it," he said. "It's a fun and entertaining thing to do. I'm pretty good at it I think, so that makes it a lot more fun."

Nate is a small forward, meaning he's playing on the wing or around the free-throw line, getting the ball, and driving it in for points. But for the past year, he hasn't spent much time on a competitive court due to COVID-19.

"It's not just on the court that is fun," he said. "There's lots of training that I enjoy. It takes up a lot of time, and with COVID, I needed that time to be taken by something."

He's been working out in his basement and shooting hoops on his driveway to keep up his skills. To secure a spot on the Providence team, he emailed back and forth with the coach there, went to a few practices, and "there it is."

In the classroom, he's enrolled in general sciences, getting his pre-requisites for nursing. Nate said he knows he wants to be on his feet doing things, and



Nate Ens will be attending Providence for basketball.

"there's no better way to do that than walking around helping people."

Campbell, on the other hand, is going to Briercrest for hockey. He's played the sport all his life. His teams include Carman Collegiate Cougars, Pembina Valley Hawks AAA, Winkler Flyers Manitoba Junior Hockey League (MJHL), and Chilliwack Jets Junior B.

He's a defenceman and started in the posi-



Campbell Ens is going to Briercrest this fall for hockey.

tion, he said, because he's not a talented scorer and somebody has to do the job at the other end of the ice.

Like his brother, Campbell hasn't been able to spend much time on the actual ice playing this season. But the Briercrest coach recruited him based on his past performance. Campbell is excited to have secured a spot for next season.

Off the ice, he's going to be majoring in business and is looking at a job in accounting.

Nate's first basketball game of the season is at Briercrest so he and Campbell will be able to catch up.

2021 Manitoba's Credit Unions Scholar Athlete Awards presented

Staff

The Manitoba High Schools Athletic Association, with support from Manitoba's Credit Unions, announced the recipients of the 2020-21 Manitoba's Credit Unions Scholar Athlete Awards.

These \$1,000 scholarships were awarded to four graduating high school student athletes who maintained a minimum 85 per cent average and competed in at least two interscholastic sports.

Other criteria included school, community involvement, volunteer, and citizenship activities.

The four winners included the Selkirk Royals' Annika Goodbrandson, Lindsey Gundrum of Prairie Mountain High School, Luke Janzen of Linden Christian School, and Paige Wright of Warren Collegiate Institute.

In this COVID-19 pandemic year, recognizing the extenuating hardships students have had to overcome,

and in their continued support of student athletes across our province, this year Manitoba's Credit Unions will also award an additional \$400 scholarship to each nominee.

The 41 students nominated this year included:

Halle Meisner – Ashern Central School

Martina Barclay – École Secondaire Kelvin High School

Rachel Bartel – Linden Christian School

Gianna Bergsma – Dufferin Christian School

Halayna Boden – Major Pratt School

Lane Bond – Warren Collegiate Institute

Chloe Capan – Grant Park High School

Cameryn Carlos – Fort Richmond Collegiate

Owen Cassie – Collège Miles Macdonell Collegiate

Reid Cook – Major Pratt School



Gianna Bergsma
Dufferin Christian School

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Dufferin Christian School

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Lindsey Gundrum – Prairie Mountain High School
Aaron Herrera – Daniel McIntyre Collegiate Institute
Ryan Imperial – St. John's High School
Luke Janzen – Linden Christian School
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Jayden Jewar – Rivers Collegiate
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David Nelson – Westgate Mennonite Collegiate

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Brooklyn Olfert – Dakota Collegiate
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Erin Sutherland – Westgate Mennonite Collegiate
Brady Van Den Bussche – Treherne Collegiate
Nathan Voogt – Dufferin Christian School
Emma Winram – École Edward Schreyer School
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Binyam Zerihun – Vincent Massey High School

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> MEAL IDEAS



Orange and Harissa Glazed Beef Kebabs

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1 red onion, cut into 2-inch squares
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kosher salt, to taste
black pepper, to taste
cooked couscous
mandarin chutney
In mixing bowl, combine orange juice and zest, harissa, honey, oil, mint and garlic; mix well.
Add beef cubes and toss to coat; marinate 2 hours in refrigerator.
Using long skewers, build kebabs, alternating beef, peppers, onions and broccoli on each.
Heat grill to medium-high heat.
Season kebabs with salt and pepper, to taste. Grill until vegetables are cooked through and beef reaches desired doneness.
Serve over bed of couscous and top with mandarin chutney.

Prep time: 2 hours
Cook time: 20 minutes
Servings: 2
1/2 cup California Valencia orange juice, freshly squeezed
2 California Valencia oranges, zested and segmented
2 tablespoons harissa paste
2 tablespoons honey
2 tablespoons olive oil
1 tablespoon fresh mint leaves, roughly chopped
2 garlic cloves, finely chopped
8 ounces beef tenderloin, cut into 2-inch



Pineapple Orange Smoothie

1 cup frozen pineapple
1 teaspoon turmeric
1 scoop walnuts
1/8 teaspoon cayenne
2-3 ice cubes
1 scoop plain protein powder (optional)
In large blender, blend orange juice, almond milk, frozen banana, frozen pineapple, turmeric, walnuts, cayenne, ice cubes and protein powder, if desired, until smooth.
Portion into two small glasses.

Servings: 2
1 cup Florida Orange Juice
1/2 cup plain almond milk
1 frozen banana

Healthy way to deal with in-laws



By Gwen Randall-Young

I have been asked to write something about in-laws, particularly as a time of family gatherings will soon be possible. This is a complicated topic to address, because there are so many dimensions to it, depending on the individual situation.

I will start with daughters-in-law and will address other relationships in future columns. When a son marries, his parents gain a daughter, his siblings, a sister, grandparents, a granddaughter and so on. His wife, in choosing to marry him, takes on a myriad of roles, and accept it or not, she is evaluated for all of them. It sometimes happens that everyone loves her, she loves everyone, and they all live happily ever after. Usually it's not so perfect, and no matter how wonderful she might be, her very presence changes relationships across the board.

For example, the son now is closer to his wife than to his mother, and his mother is no longer the first one he turns to when he needs a woman's point of view. Mother's birthday is still important, but it is his wife's that for sure he'd better not forget. Mothers can feel displaced by this "other woman", and there can be some hurt and resentment, even though the son is just trying to be a good husband. If mother makes

the son feel guilty, he is going to resent her for not understanding. If she makes snide or critical comments about his wife, she sets up a no-win situation. If the daughter-in-law senses the judgment, then she is hurt, angry and defensive, because she knows she cannot compete with a man's mother. She feels like an outsider, may be withdrawn and distant in order to protect herself, and this only brings more criticism. The vicious cycle is in full swing.

The only way to avoid all of this is to honor our children and respect their right to choose who they want in their lives. We must make every effort to be patient and kind with this person, for she is the one our son has invited to share his life. Prejudice does not happen only along racial lines, it can happen in families. If a new family member is "rejected", however subtle that process might be, a majority-minority mentality is created. The majority may discuss her behind her back, she becomes the minority, and a process of discrimination ensues. She may be held up to scrutiny, with every move analyzed and discussed.

Even if there are faults, difficulties in her personality, a warm hand of friendship and acceptance will bring more change than all the criticism in the world. It's not about who's right or wrong, it's about creating harmony in our relationships, so we can be close to those we love.

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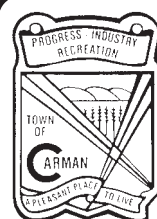
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PET OBITUARY



Shep Major
2007 – 2021

I had one of the most difficult days in my life when I had to say good-bye to Shep. He was with me 24-7 every day of his life. He came to work with me every day. I go back to Carman the last Saturday of every month all summer long and Shep never missed a trip sitting beside me on the front seat. I lost the best friend that I ever had.

Shep is not beside me, but forever in my heart. If dogs have a Heaven there is one thing I know, old Shep has a wonderful home. Bye for now Shep, till we meet again.

-James Major
Thanks to Precious Pet Cremation

OBITUARY



Agnes Jiggins (nee Petkau)
November 23, 1926 - June 12, 2021

It is with deep sadness that the family announces the passing of our dear mother, Agnes Jiggins, on June 12 at Carman Memorial Hospital.

Born in 1926 she witnessed remarkable changes in the world around her but always managed to stay current. At 94 she still followed the news of the day and liked to keep up with her family's and friends' lives. She loved new clothes, liked to dress smartly and have her hair done professionally.

Gardening was a passion and on the farm she always had large gardens from which she kept the family in fruits and vegetables. In later years she cherished her house plants and flowers on the patio which allowed her to keep in touch with her green thumb. She could truly grow anything. She instilled in us a passion for

books and we have fond memories of her stirring a pot of jam with one hand and a book in the other. Just recently she mentioned staying up until the wee hours to finish a book she just couldn't put down.

Mom had a zest for life and at 81 she married Ed and embarked on a new adventure, moving from her home on Bishop Bay to a farm in Deleau. They spent happy years driving down country roads looking for lady slippers, crocuses and birds.

Love for her family was always a primary focus in her life and she worked hard to give us the best life possible. Visits and calls from us were eagerly awaited and treasured, especially as she became housebound. Mother, you will be dearly missed.

She leaves to cherish her memory her children: Martha (Tom), Ed (Connie), Jake (Debbie), Carol, Kathy (Eldon) and Nancy (Randy), 15 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.

She was predeceased by her first husband, Cornelius Wieler in 1998, her second husband Ed Jiggins in April 2021, son Kenneth in 1973, grandson Andy in 2010, infant son John in 1955, as well as all of her eight siblings.

Mom's deep and abiding faith in God was a source of strength and comfort throughout her long life and she taught us to love the Lord and walk in his way.

We are very grateful for the excellent and compassionate care by Dr. Atchison and the nursing staff at Carman Hospital during Mom's final stay. We also want to thank the wonderfully kind home care workers who cared for her the past two years. You became very dear to Mom and she looked forward to seeing you every day. Doris and Paul, your help and care for Mom throughout her years in the apartment is greatly appreciated.

Due to COVID restrictions a private family graveside will be conducted.

Should friends so desire a donation in Mom's memory to a charity of choice would be appreciated.

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OBITUARY



William (Bill) Robert Sinclair
August 24, 1922 – June 16, 2021

Peacefully with his family at his side, William (Bill) Robert Sinclair, passed away at Tabor Homes on Wednesday, June 16, 2021 at the age of 98.

He is survived by his twin daughters, Dawn Unrau and Diane Peters; sister Doris Wishart; extended family and several grandchildren.

Bill was predeceased by his wife Adeline (January 11, 2008) of 62 years; daughter Gloria (December 21, 2006), daughter Linda

(July 6, 2013), grandchild Alexis (June 11, 2019).

Bill married Adeline McPetrie of Bell district in 1945. Together they began their journey on a farm north-west of St. Claude, Manitoba before settling in Belmont, Manitoba. Later the couple would relocate to Parkview in Carman, Manitoba until the passing of Adeline at Carman Hospital on January 11, 2008 at the age of 81.

Throughout the years Bill and Adeline enjoyed travelling, going to old-time country dances, enjoying the outdoors, observing nature, gardening, watching hockey (Toronto Maple Leafs) and baseball (Toronto Blue Jays). Love for their family was always a primary focus in both of their lives.

Your family takes comfort from your passing knowing you and Adeline are now together continuing your journey. We will all miss you both dearly.

Private family service will be held in Fairview Cemetery, Roland at a later date.

Memorial donations may be made to a charity of one's choice.

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OBITUARY

Lorraine Mary Fife (Moffat)

December 19, 1935 – June 14, 2021

Lorraine passed away peacefully at the age of 85 on June 14th, 2021 at Carman Memorial Hospital, Carman, Manitoba.

She will be greatly missed by the love of her life and husband of 63 years Lorne Fife; her three children Glenn Fife (Rita), Linda Richardson (Joe), Pat Sharples (Jordan); eight grandchildren Brett (Apple), Anthony (Tracey), Tiffany (Mike), Beau (Kelly), Brittany (Andre), Jay (Kari), Lisa (Reece), Kiara. Mom had 13 great-grandchildren Rylan, Ainsley, Hunter, Avery, Emersyn, Landon, Raven, Kinsley, Riley, Paisleigh, Kylie, David and Brooks. Mom will also be missed by her brother Bill Moffat; sisters-in-law, brothers-in-law and numerous nieces and nephews. She is predeceased by her parents (Olive and Ernie Moffat); her mother and father-in-law (Lawrence and Violet Fife); sister (Tannis Hill); brother (Bryan Moffat); brothers-in-law (Norm Mason, Ken Fife, Robert Fife, Cale Burns and Rob Hill); sisters-in-law (Mabel Fulton, Jan Fife, Elaine Fenske and Grace Moffat) and nephew (Gordie Moffat).

Mom was born and raised in Souris, MB and after finishing school, she moved to Winnipeg. Mom worked for the Manitoba Telephone System where she met Catherine Fleming (Dad's sister) who introduced them. They were married at Greenwood United Church, Winnipeg, MB. on October 12th, 1957. In 1965, they moved with their three little kids and bought a farm in Myrtle, MB where they lived until they retired and built a house in Roland. In 2006, they moved to Morden where they lived for 10 years then moved to Carman in 2016 to be closer to family.

Mom was a very active member of the communities that she lived in and was a member in all of the Women's Church groups in Myrtle, Roland and Morden. Mom was an awesome pianist and soloist and used to play and sing at church and at funerals. She was a choir leader, piano teacher and a CGIT Leader. When Mom lived in Roland, she was the secretary for the Roland United Church and worked part time at the Roland Post Office.

Mom and Dad did some traveling in their 63 years together but their greatest love was spending time with their families. Mom's little brother Bryan who had Down Syndrome, had a very special place in her heart. Bryan spent every holiday and as much time with them as he could. A few of Bryan's roommates didn't have places to go for a vacation so Mom's door was always open for the three of them to come spend time at the farm for their summer vacation. One of Mom's biggest joys was all of her grandchildren. If Mom wasn't playing cards and games with her grandkids while they had sleepovers, you could find her in the kitchen baking with them, teaching them how to sew and make crafts. Mom got the pleasure of enjoying all of her great-grandchildren. Mom's 13th great-grandchild was born on June 10th and although she did not get to meet him in person and hold him, she had the pleasure of meeting him over FaceTime.

Mom was loved by everyone who knew her. She made lasting friendships wherever she went and will be greatly missed by family and friends.

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

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Kidney Foundation of Canada - Manitoba Branch, 452 Dovercourt Drive Unit 1, Winnipeg, MB R3Y 1G4 or to the Manitoba Down Syndrome Society, 204-825 Sherbrook Street, Winnipeg, MB R3A 1M5.

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COMMUNITY NEWS



Where are they now? Catching up with Blair Lawson

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 and raised there from 1952 to 1970.

Q. Did you attend school here?

Yes both Elementary and Collegiate.

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

I worked as a summer student for the Carman Dufferin Recreation Society and did my time toiling for the Dept. Highways too.

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

Playing hockey, badminton, track and taking piano and theory lessons kept me busy.

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

My Dad was a vet whose office was our home on Hwy. 245 west. Mom was at home and helped Dad as well.

Q. Do you have family living here?

Sadly both my parents have passed. Mom in November of 2017.

Q. What got you to leave Carman and where?

I was off to the U of M from 1970-76 obtaining my Science degree in 1973 and Honours Commerce

Degree in 2016.

Q. What was your chosen career after school?

After I graduated I began my career as an articling Chartered Accountant with the national firm Thorne Riddell. I obtained my CA degree in 1980 after a four year article period and became a partner in Lawson Tollefson CPAs in Winnipeg from 1994 to present day.

Q. Did you meet your spouse here or where?

Shelly and I met in Winnipeg and have been together for 16 years.

Q. What do you do now? Retired?

I am on my way to retirement! Shelly operates a salon called Lindeza Body Sugaring and More.

Q. What passes your leisure time? Hobbies?

Sports? Billiards and/or snooker have always been my passion and I am able to compete at a high level

Q. Have you travelled for leisure and where?

We have owned a home in Phoenix for about 10 years now. Love it there!

Q. What do you listen to for music? What musician/band would you like to see in person?

Listening to classical or easy listening is my go to music. I would like to see Lady Gaga, Andrea Bocelli or Bruno Mars.

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

First retire, then relax, time in Phoenix and travel.

Q. Do you ever return to Carman?

Very infrequently since my Mom passed and I sold the old homestead the fall of 2020.



Blair and Shelly Lawson

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

Playing pool in Geordie's Pool Hall, the hockey teams and of course the Carman Fair was always a highlight.

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

Carman was such a great place to come from and call home. Especially Happy Valley Road!

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