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Planting for the future

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Roland School students, Elijah, left, and Jessica planted flower seeds as part of their Earth Day activities. Earth Day is the world's largest environmental movement. On April 22nd, 1970, the first Earth Day mobilized around 20 million people to demand environmental action. Today, more than one billion people in 192 countries participate in each Earth Day to build environmental democracy and advocate for sustainability. Photo story on page 15.

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Ag equipment repairs
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Carman Area Foundation grants over \$100,000 in 2020

By Becca Myskiw

The Carman Area Foundation (CAF) recently held their Dine-at-Home Gala and at it, announced they granted out over \$100,000 this year.

CAF chair Jo-Ann Tkachyk said it's too early to say how much the event raised, but it was very successful. 400 burgers were handed out on April 16 (event night) and there was even a waiting list full of names they didn't have room for.

She said this style of fundraiser hit a different demographic of donors and expanded the organization's reach and awareness, which is always the goal. Next year, in whatever fashion the gala is held, Tkachyk said it will be increased in volume to accommodate more people.

Along with the meals, every donor got a swag bag and in it was the list of those who received a grant in 2020. The total granted out was \$101,000, something Tkachyk said shows the community's generosity.

"It goes to show that our donors and the community understand perpetual giving," she said. "And that they've

really come together with a sense of community and a sense of supporting local."

There were grants of all sizes given out, the largest going to Sperling Community Club. They received \$8,000 to resurface the Sperling Park basketball court.

Elm Creek Housing Corp received \$7,000 to pave the north and east parking lot to improve the area for residents, Wee Care Child Center got \$5,500 for phase 1 of their preschool playground project, and four organizations received a grant of \$5,000.

Elm Creek Canada Day Committee is using the \$5,000 to furnish their picnic shelter with tables, Visions of Independence is using it for a vertical lift in their Carman residence, Golden Prairie Arts Council (GPAC) is painting the exterior of their building and beautifying their parking lot, and Boyne Valley Lodge is adding a bariatric lift and scale in the new personal care home. GPAC received an additional \$635 for iPads to document exhibitions, classes, and performances.

Carman Dufferin Recreation re-



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The Carman Area Foundation granted out \$101,000 in 2020.

ceived three separate grants for three projects, totalling \$9,488. They'll be adding a moveable lifeguard chair in the pool, adding two basketball sys-

tems in Kings Park, and replacing the front awning on the community hall.

For more gala highlights, watch the video on carmanareafoundation.com.

Miami to host harness racing for second year in a row

By Becca Myskiw

Harness racing is coming back to the Miami race track this year.

For the second year in a row, harness racing will take place solely on the Miami grounds. Due to COVID-19 and its restrictions, the Manitoba Harness Racing Association (MHRA) has strict protocols to follow and hosting the season in Miami made the most sense.

Trevor Williams of MHRA said there's a lot still up in the air. They are unsure if they'll be allowed fans, but what they do know is this:

- Due to the uncertainty surrounding fans, the association will need to simulcast each race again this year as they did last. This will allow fans to not only watch the races but to bet on them — that's how the

racers and MHRA make their money. To legally simulcast with online betting, they need to have racing in one location for a minimum of 10 days — the number of days MHRA races. (10 weeks, one day a week).

- If fans are allowed, Miami has a large grandstand where they can separate people into at least three sections of 100 while following social distancing guidelines.

- The Miami track is good, well maintained, and the town supplies them with water for it, making it very cost effective in a year where they'll need to cut costs due to the anticipation of less revenue.

- Each horseman will have an assigned stall and they'll have to stay

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Hockey Camp Registration

Carman Dufferin Recreation along with THE RINK training center will be offering the 7th Annual Summer Hockey Camp from August 23-27. Registration opens Monday May 3rd at 7:00am online only at www.carmandufferinrecreation.com.

Improving education requires avoiding curriculum traps

It is hard to imagine a better description of our current situation in Manitoba public education than that provided by Tom Green (1984 – a coincidence?) in *The Formation of Conscience in an Age of Technology*. "... our institutions must also be sufficiently resistant to change so that those whose conscience is merely technical and limited to skills of managing the political apparatus, but who are rootless in their souls, may not do irreparable harm." In short, people focussed on carrying out the how to miss the why and the what.



By John R. Wiens

Simply put, Bill 64 leaves public schools in the hands of people who have no knowledge about, or investment in, why we created them in the first place. People who are more adept at sponsoring the mechanisms of this government than at upholding an educational agenda. They do not seem to understand or care about the havoc they are creating and enabling.

Politicians, both rural and urban, are abandoning their constituencies. Their civil servants, selected on the basis of their management skills (technical conscience) and not their knowledge of education, keep check on their partisan politician bosses to ensure that they do not deviate from the prevailing script predetermined by the Premier and the Minister. And they are only willing to work with those who endorse their strategies. Together, they are on the verge of doing irreparable damage to the very roots that provide them with their current legitimacy and which they took an oath to defend and uphold.

It is an undisputed fact that extreme provincial controls undermine local institutions and local rights. In schools, this means closing "inefficient" schools – schools with enriched staffing to meet local needs which provide some semblance of equal educational opportunity. It means longer bus rides even for very young children, itself an equality issue. Bill 64 eliminates the moratorium on school closures and the mandate to keep one-way bus rides under an hour.

Bill 64 inevitably ends up with fewer teachers in rural communities, where they are often so much more than teachers, providing a host of other leadership functions. It means fewer people such as those in schools and board offices having gainful

local employment.

Control from urban centres means that rural values, solutions, and resource allocations lose their sway in public policies – removing locally elected trustees means that the rural roots just dry up faster.

By sheer numbers and efficiencies of scale, urban frameworks and prescriptions hold out no promise for local responses and initiatives. But singular, simple answers to multi-layered, complex problems also do not work in urban areas.

Winnipeg is a cosmopolitan city with very diverse neighbourhoods, a fact that most of us are very proud of. Our city council, to their credit, have not given up on making our city an inviting, affirming community for its original inhabitants and newcomers. However, making it all one jurisdiction for educational purposes is bound to make its efforts more challenging.

As Maggie MacIntosh, Winnipeg Free Press education reporter, has repeatedly revealed, each school division has tailored very unique services to the needs of their diverse populations. It is hard to imagine that level of sophistication and responsiveness in a solitary system under the management of one director whose first responsibility is to the provincial government.

Decisions that have a great impact on the everyday lives of citizens ought to be made as close to these citizens as possible. Furthermore, these citizens ought to have relatively easy access to the decision makers and the processes of decision making that affect them so directly. I fear the alienation and senses of apathy, resentment and resignation that so often accompany shifts of power to higher and higher levels of a system of governance.

As power and authority shift to the upper levels of a system, those who occupy the lower levels

often feel much less of a stake in the enterprise. This loss of ownership breeds a disinterest in the affairs of governing and, quite often, an unwillingness to take responsibility for the consequences of decision making.

Green concludes with "... Rootedness and vision ultimately [are] what [provide] both the only salvation there is of those institutions and the only fixed point for the guidance of persons engaged in public policy."

Bill 64 tears away at the moral, social, economic and political Rootedness that defines Manitoba, and our present government, in its soulless and rootless agenda, is threatening the souls of all of us!

John R. Wiens is dean emeritus at the faculty of education, University of Manitoba. A lifelong educator, he has served as a teacher, counsellor, work education co-ordinator, principal, school superintendent and university professor.

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Local butcher shop thriving after opening five years ago

By Becca Myskiw

A rise in the need for locally sourced food has a local butcher's shop ready to expand five years after opening his door to the public.

Hilltop Meats in Miami is a custom cutting shop that does beef, pork, bison, sheep, and goat. They also do retail, selling pork and beef in full, halves, and quarters.

Christie de Rocquigny and her husband Daniel took over the business five years ago. She said people like being able to get the cuts exactly the way they want them — and that's what they get from Hilltop Meats.

It's not just that preference that has people knocking down their door, either. De Rocquigny said the shop supports local farmers for their retail sales, so if it's not a customer's own animal they're getting, it's one from someone in the area.

"It's not like we're shipping in meat from other parts of the country right," she said. "It's basically all coming from the local area. When we're choosing meat to sell as retail items, we know what the local producers are doing with their animals, we know how it's being treated and that its coming from somewhere where I would get

my own meat from."

All of their beef and bison is also dry aged for 21 days, meaning they hang it by quarters in a temperature-controlled open-air cooler. That, de Rocquigny said, adds more flavour to the meat and makes it juicier when cooking.

"By exposing the meat to air, moisture is pulled out and the natural enzymes in the beef break the muscles down slowly over time, making it more tender and adding more flavour," she said.

Hilltop Meats has seen such a surge in business during the pandemic, that they're already booking into June and the fall for custom cutting. De Rocquigny said they're constantly busy with retail as well, with customers coming from Snowflake, Cypress River, Clearwater, Portage la Prairie, Elm Creek, and close to home.

Due to the need for local meat, the shop has purchased a new lot in Miami off of Highway 23 where they plan to expand to within the next two years to allow for more custom cutting. That expansion will include a store front so they can also expand their retail sales.



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The de Rocquigny family, Daniel, Abbey, Kara, and Christie, own and operate Hilltop Meats in Miami.

BORN ONCE—DIE TWICE; BORN TWICE—DIE ONCE

My first career was in the building trades serving an apprenticeship in Victoria. My journeyman was Edward, a kind man, thoroughly knowledgeable in the trade and a good teacher. Edward had the habit of smoking and up to 3 packs a day. At times other tradesman would warn "Edward, your going to kill yourself" to which Edward always replied "You only die once". This was his common response for the warning he got often. Edward was not one to read his Bible, for if he had, he would have discovered a curious paradox that a great majority of people have not understood. Jesus described a physical birth that every person will experience; and a second spiritual birth that is necessary to obtain eternal life. Jesus said that because of our sin and sin nature, we are all already under the condemnation of God and dead in our sins. (Read John 3:16-19) Once we understand who Jesus is and the reason that He came into the world, we have the opportunity to be born again a second time. At that moment, our spirit within that was formerly dead, comes alive. For those who have been born twice, they can only die once. There is no future judgment, and they will never die again.

The second category of persons are those who have experienced a physical birth but reject Christ's offer of pardon for their sins. These individuals will die in their sins and forfeit the opportunity to obtain eternal life. Having rejected God's offer to remove their sins, these persons will stand before God at the Judgement that is described in the Book of Revelation, chapter 21. All those who die in their sins, will be found guilty and die a second time. This "Second Death," can only be experienced by those who have rejected Jesus' offer to take away their sins. For those born once, they will die twice. Revelation 20:15 "And anyone not found written in the Book of Life was cast into the lake of fire." All of Jesus' suffering upon the cross was because of our sins and greatly magnified because He was paying for the sins of the whole world. Jesus did all of this because of His great love. It is God's desire that you are saved and inherit eternal life He has planned for you. You can receive Jesus as your Savior right now and settle the issue of where you will spend eternity. Jesus wants you to be saved. He died to make this possible. All that is necessary is that you decide to trust by faith Jesus Christ, and the death He died on the cross for your sins and receive Him as your Savior.

Romans 6:23 "For the wages of sin is death but the gift of God is eternal life, through Jesus Christ our Lord".

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The harness racing season will be running in Miami once again this year along with online betting.

in that area with their horses when not racing.

Williams said being able to only race 10 days out of the year makes the harness racing business no more than a hobby in Manitoba and an expensive one at that. Though they're working towards making it a full-time job here as it is in other provinces, they aren't there yet, so missing one year, he said, would be crippling to each racer.

"You train the horses, you bring them up," he said. "To not race them is such a financial hit."

If a horse doesn't race for a season, it might never race again, which is why they're just excited to be able to have a season at all this year. To stay up to date with this year's schedule, go to manitobaharnessracing.com. Qualifiers are set to happen June 12 at 11 a.m.

Local massage therapist helping to beautify Miami train park

By Becca Myskiw

A Miami newcomer is using her skills to benefit the community.

Eryhn Wicks of Northern Winds Massage Clinic recently moved to Miami from Gillam to be closer to her family and with her, she brought her love and talent for massage therapy.

"I think it's the fact that you can connect to a person on such a deep level," she said. "You get that one-on-one time. You get to know what's making them tick from the outside and get to know them in a deep way in their most vulnerable position."

Wicks worked as a massage therapist up north for eight years. Following her move to southern Manitoba, her parents told her how increasingly difficult it was becoming to book a massage.

So, she opened her services to the people of Morden and works out of a room in her parent's home there three evenings a week. She also works out of St. Leon four days a week.

The driving, however, started to bother her. So, Wicks reached out to a massage therapist already in the Miami area and asked for suggestions on where to start closer to home and it was suggested to get in touch with the medical clinic — so she did.

Wicks pitched that if she could work out of the medical clinic one day a week, she would donate \$10 from each massage for the months of April and May to the Miami Recreation & Play Spaces Committee. She recalled seeing a flyer the committee sent out asking for donations for the beautification of the train park.

"I thought, 'what is the best way to get to know a community?'" she said.

Naturally, the medical clinic loved the idea, so Wicks is now accepting clients for her space there. Within her first week of announcing the fundraiser, she had two people book massages with her — she's hoping word of mouth will get more to come.

Massage, she said, reduces stress and anxiety, something that is more beneficial than ever.

"On top of managing pain, reducing stress and anxiety, it's great as a whole for the entire being," said Wicks. "Massage increases blood flow, releases serotonin, and in general makes you a happier person."

To book a massage with Wicks, go to www.northernwindsmassage.janeapp.com.



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Eryhn Wicks, massage therapist, is using her business to raise money for the Miami train park.

Bergen less than impressed with Liberal budget

By Lorne Stelmach

The recent federal budget shows once again why the Liberal government can't be trusted to manage the economy, suggests Portage-Lisgar MP Candice Bergen.

The Conservative deputy leader panned the budget presented last week as promising big spending with little to no focus on the sectors of the economy hit hardest by the pandemic. She further described it as an election platform rather than a financial plan for our future.

"The prime minister thinks you can just keep printing money and then the budget will balance itself. Our children know better than that, but our prime minister doesn't," said Bergen.

Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Finance Chrystia Freeland suggested the budget offers a plan to finish the fight against COVID-19 and ensure a robust economic recovery.

It includes \$101.4 billion over three years in proposed investments as part of the growth plan that will create jobs and support a resilient and inclusive recovery, Freeland said.

"This budget is about finishing the fight against COVID-19. It's about healing the wounds left by the COVID-19 recession. And it's about creating more jobs and prosperity for Canadians in the days and decades to come."

But Bergen said Canadians deserve a plan to safely reopen our economy, not a risky plan that gambles billions on lofty promises and economic experiments. She suggested they were looking for more targeted support and not just a huge spending spree that is basically aiming to buy votes.

"We were looking for a government

to present a plan that would enhance productivity, attract investment and jobs, and get people back to work, not people getting support cheques but people being able to get paycheques," she said. "It really leaves our future generations behind. It provides no hope for future generations.

"Across Portage-Lisgar we continue to face issues with reliable cellphone and internet coverage. This budget promises billions but fails to present a plan on how rural communities in this province can finally access reliable internet and cellphone services," Bergen continued.

"I'm also disappointed at the lack of support for our agricultural industry—the backbone of our economy in Southern Manitoba," she added. "The Liberals have failed to create the economic conditions so that sectors like agriculture can not only break inter-provincial trade barriers, but also access global markets.

"Our country's economy has seen hardship before, like the global recession in 2008 when our Conservative government invested in Canadians without trying risky experiments," Bergen said. "We focused spending where it was needed most, and through initiatives such as lower taxes and less red tape, Canadian businesses were able to grow and adapt during such difficult times.

"Canadians deserve a government that champions our agricultural industry and resource sector; that unites our country and makes it easier for small businesses to grow. With this budget, the Liberals proved that they're only interested in buying votes and never following through."

The Liberal government, mean-

while, touted a range of measures in the budget, including:

- Establishing a Canada-wide early learning and child care system with new investments totalling almost \$30 billion over five years.

- Extending emergency supports including the Canada Emergency Wage Subsidy, Canada Emergency Rent Subsidy and Lockdown Support until Sept. 25.

- Extending the number of weeks available for income support such as the Canada Recovery Benefit and the Canada Recovery Caregiving Benefit.

- Supporting small and medium-sized businesses through programs such as a new Canada Digital Adoption Program that will assist over 160,000 businesses with the cost of new technology with the help of 28,000 young Canadians who will be trained to work with them.

- Allowing small businesses to fully expense up to \$1.5 million in capital investments in a broad range of assets including digital technology and intellectual property. This represents an additional \$2.2 billion investment over the next five years.

- Revitalizing Canada's tourism sector through \$1 billion to help businesses recover and support festivals and events.

- Supporting women, Black Canadians, and other underrepresented entrepreneurs who face barriers to launching and owning businesses through

\$300 million to enhance initiatives like the Black Entrepreneurship Program and the Women Entrepreneurship Strategy.

- Enriching the Canada Workers Benefit, which will support about 1 million more Canadians and lift nearly 100,000 people out of poverty. This will result in additional support of \$8.9 billion over six years.

- Helping to build, repair and support 35,000 affordable housing units for vulnerable Canadians through an investment of \$2.5 billion and a reallocation of \$1.3 billion in existing funding.

- Investing \$17.6 billion in a green recovery that will help Canada to reach its target to conserve 25 per cent of Canada's lands and oceans by 2025 and exceed its Paris climate targets and reduce emissions by 2030 and move forward on a path to reach net-zero emission by 2050.

- Closing the gaps between Indigenous and non-Indigenous peoples, supporting healthy, safe and prosperous Indigenous communities and advancing meaningful reconciliation with First Nations, Inuit and the Métis Nation through an historic investment of over \$18 billion.

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Respect goes both ways

I am writing in regards to our rights and freedoms as Canadians. I have been reading the letters to the editor every week and I feel like we are forgetting what is really important.

Our rights and freedoms say that we should be allowed to make our own decisions, whether they are good or bad. There can be consequences based on the decisions that we make, but we should be allowed to make them.

I have had quite a few chest infections in the past and wearing a mask has made it difficult to breathe. At the beginning, I had to wear a mask only while I was working and, if I had a day or two off, my breathing would improve. Then we were told that we had to wear a mask everywhere in public. I followed the rules and there were consequences. I was getting out of breath just from going up and down the stairs and was finding it hard to carry on a conversation while walking my dog. The government keeps saying “two more weeks” and blaming us saying “people are not following the rules, so we are going

to shut everything down another two weeks.” Not seeing any end, I decided about a month ago that I needed to take care of my health, so I no longer wear a mask unless I am at work (I do not have a choice). As a result, my breathing has improved.

I have had people yell at me and someone even got in my face. The problem with this is that I have always been told that my medical information was private. No one else has to wear a sign around their neck saying that they are a diabetic, have a mental disorder, or even that they are battling cancer. I decided to talk about my health in this letter so that maybe people will see that there is another side of the story than what is being talked about.

I understand that some people are afraid of getting sick. I think that everyone has a fear of something. I try very hard to be considerate of others while I am out shopping. I give people space, follow the arrows on the floor, and try not to go out more than I need to.

What this all boils down to is respect. If someone feels safer and more comfortable wearing a face

mask, let them wear one. If someone, for whatever reason, doesn't want to wear one, let them make that choice.

People who have a real fear of getting sick have some options regarding shopping as well. They can continue to do curbside pick-up, order online, or shop at less busy times. If they want to limit the number of people they see, let them make that decision. If someone feels like they need more space, tell the other person RESPECTFULLY: “Excuse me, I feel uncomfortable. Would you mind backing up a bit?” Respect is a two-way street.

The thing that frightens me is that the government is totally disregarding our rights. Our right to make our own choices, our right to gather with others, whether it is family or church, and our right to free speech.

Instead of fighting amongst each other and showing disrespect, we need to stand together and let the government know that we value these rights. We need to do this for the next generation so that they know what it means to have freedom.

- Terra Peters, Rosebank

Province launching COVID-19 rapid test asymptomatic screening strategy

Submitted by Manitoba government

The Manitoba government has launched a rapid testing screening program to support businesses and critical service providers by helping to limit the spread of COVID-19 through early detection, Health and Seniors Care Minister Heather Stefanson announced Monday.

“We are partnering with Manitoba businesses and critical services to make the best use of our rapid test supply with the goal of identifying asymptomatic cases of COVID-19 in the workplace and other critical settings that would otherwise go undetected,” said Stefanson. “This rapid test program will help us protect more Manitobans as we deal with a rise in CO-

VID-19 cases.”

This program builds on the current Fast Pass asymptomatic rapid testing in place for teachers and education workers. Rapid testing using an antigen-based test is already in place for asymptomatic staff at select personal care homes in Manitoba.

The expanded strategy will focus primarily on providing antigen-based rapid tests to targeted industries and critical service providers in non-health-care settings. It focuses on organizations that can self-administer a sustainable asymptomatic screening program and whose specific setting may benefit from routine testing because of their geographical location, potential supply chain, community or

population impacts, transportation or living arrangements, or who have a workforce that have been disproportionately impacted by COVID-19. Partner organizations will be responsible for administering the tests and tracking, and reporting test results to the province.

The province has distributed a three-month supply of rapid tests to participating organizations and is providing training and other resources to support launch of the program. The majority of sites will use nasal swabs, which can be administered by non-health-care professionals, as they do not go as far into the nasal cavity as

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Alzheimer Society challenges you to Walk Your Way in May

By Daniela Wenger

The Alzheimer Society challenges you to Walk Your Way in May by participating in the IG Wealth Management Walk for Alzheimer's online. Go for a walk, run, bike ride or create a fun challenge! The sky's the limit because together we CAN make a difference for Manitobans living with dementia and their families.

The Walk is the Alzheimer Society's largest annual, nationwide fundraiser. Last year, Manitobans showed their support by joining the Walk online and raising crucial funds that allowed the Society to shift many of their services online, continuing to meet the needs of people living with dementia and their caregivers.

"We're calling on all Manitobans to show their support by walking online," says Wendy Schettler, CEO, Alzheimer Society of Manitoba. "It's

critical that we all get behind this cause and raise as much as possible so the Alzheimer Society can continue to help those affected overcome the challenges of dementia and live to their fullest."

By 2031, the number of Canadians with dementia will increase by nearly 70 percent and we have yet to find a cure. More funds are required to meet the growing demand for life-changing programs and services, including education, support groups and community programs for people with dementia and their caregivers.

One family plans to head out on a beautiful, winding trail near Beausejour for this year's Walk. "We're planning the greatest time ever, and we'll make some amazing memories while we do it. That's what my dad would do!" says Cristy Law, whose entire

clan will gather in honour of their patriarch, Terry Law, who has Alzheimer's disease.

The Society is excited to see the unique ways that people are participating online. While we can't all participate in the same place for this year's fundraiser, we can still come together virtually to support families living with dementia.

"IG is proud to support the Alzheimer Society and their efforts to raise awareness and funds to find a cure," says Damon Murchison, President and CEO, IG Wealth Management. "We all know someone who has been touched by dementia and are aware of the significant impact it can have on those coping with the disease, their families and caregivers. Our employees and consultants look forward to the Walk every year and are com-

mitted to supporting the communities in which we live and work."

No one should have to face this disease alone. By joining the IG Wealth Management Walk for Alzheimer's, you make a positive difference in the lives of people living with dementia and their families. Get involved:

- Sign up individually, with your family, or create a team at WalkForAlzheimers.ca
- Take a photo or video, upload it to social media and include the hashtag #IGWalkForAlz.
- Join the live broadcast on the Alzheimer Society of Canada's Facebook page on Sunday, May 30 where we'll share stories from walk participants across the country and celebrate together.
- Most of all, have fun raising money for a fantastic cause!

Vaccinated care home staff now able to work at other sites

By Voice staff

Personal care home staff who have been vaccinated against COVID-19 are now able to work once again at multiple locations.

Staff in long-term care facilities have been required to work at a single care home, with limited exceptions, since last May in a bid to slow the spread of COVID-19.

Now, with the new public health order that went into effect last week, vaccinated workers are allowed to work at more than one facility once again two weeks after their first dose.

A second dose is required within 16 weeks.

"Personal care home staff on the front line provide an absolutely invaluable service to our Manitoba seniors and personal care home residents who have been hardest hit by COVID-19," said Health and Seniors Care Minister Heather Stefanson in announcing the change. "Our government has fast tracked vaccinating both personal care home residents and staff, and this new public health order recognizes that work and improves staffing flexibility for personal

care homes and to allow care providers to schedule additional shifts."

Non-vaccinated staff are still required to work at only one facility.

"Across Canada, a significant proportion of reported COVID-19 deaths have affected residents of long-term care facilities," said Stefanson. "We are continuing this order to protect our most at-risk Manitobans and ensure employees working in personal care homes can provide care safely."

COVID-19 vaccines have been shown to reduce the risk of contracting and spreading COVID-19, as well

as to reduce severe illness. As the majority of personal care home residents have also received the vaccine, having vaccinated staff move between sites will have less risk for residents, said Stefanson.

The new order will be in effect until lifted by the chief provincial public health officer, a decision that will be based on a number of different factors including case numbers, test positivity rates, and the ongoing risk of COVID-19, the province has said.

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)

April 28, 1921

Carman Potato Growers' Association was formed. This association intends to work in a co-operative way in producing potato supplies, such as disease control products, sacks, etc and also to bring about a better system of marketing.

"The Carmania"—Confectionery and Ice Cream Parlour will be formally opened on Saturday April 30. The tailor Shop of the A.F. Higgins Store has been re-opened in the room above the Carmania. Mr. Bolt who was formerly in charge of Higgins Store tailor business has returned from England and is now prepared to handle your tailoring needs.

Central Garage and Implement House—Frank Bridge Prop. Is selling used cars and used implements. He is dealer for McLaughan, Overland and Chevrolet cars and International Farm Machinery.

Manitoba Good Roads Association has decided to present a shield to the municipality which has the "Best Maintained" system of municipal roads.

April 25, 1946

Recreation Camera club was organized Tuesday night under the direction of Glenn Evans. All members of the Recreation Association are invited to attend. Glenn will conduct classes every Tuesday night at the rink. All those interested please attend next week.

Long awaited letter received from Russia. This week Bill Suderman received a letter from his sister in Russia whom he had no contact with

since before the war. The letter which came through the Red Cross stated his sister and 14 year old daughter were in a slave camp in Siberia doing railroad work and her husband and son were in another slave camp when last heard of four years ago. She had not seen them for six years.

April 29, 1971

Carman Co-op Annual Meeting was held on April 20. Co-op Sales exceeded 2 million dollars for 1970, an increase of \$159,000 over 1969 sales. Wes Stevenson, Bulk Oil Manager, was presented with a gold ring for 15 years service with the Carman Co-op.

Minor baseball program will commence the first week in May with 4 teams in 10 and under and 4 teams in the 12 and under. They will play every Tuesday and Thursday in May and June at the high school diamonds.

Carman Ladies' Golf Season will

start the 1971 Season on May 5.

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Tighter gathering restrictions in effect Wednesday

By Ashleigh Viveiros

Stricter public health orders go into effect this Wednesday, April 28, as Manitoba tries to stem the third wave of COVID-19.

Officials on Monday announced plans to further restrict gathering sizes after seeing the province's COVID-19 case counts rise by the hundreds daily over the previous week.

"Despite our best collective efforts ... Manitoba's case numbers, our test positivity rates have been rising and our hospitalizations have been going up somewhat as well," said Premier Brian Pallister, noting the more contagious variants of concern are spreading rapidly.

An overburdened health care system puts not just COVID patients at risk, the premier noted, but anybody who may need care for other serious ailments and injuries.

And so, new public health measures have been added to the existing code red restrictions.

Until May 26, no visitors are allowed in private households, either indoors or outside, with certain exceptions allowing one visitor for people who live alone.

No indoor gatherings are allowed and outdoor gatherings in public spaces are limited to 10 people.

Faith-based gatherings are limited to 25 per cent capacity or a maximum of 10 people, with indoor mask use now required at all times.

Patio dining is restricted to groups

of four people, with no household restrictions. Indoor dining remains capped at 50 per cent and people may only dine with others from their household.

Food courts in malls and shopping centres must close.

Gyms and fitness centres continue to be limited to 25 per cent capacity, but everyone inside is required to maintain physical distancing of nine feet from one another.

Spectators at outdoor sports and recreation facilities are limited to one parent/caregiver spectator per youth participant, so long as physical distancing of six feet is maintained.

Dance, theatre, and music schools continue to be limited to 25 per cent capacity, but the new orders limit the maximum number of people on site

to 10 with one parent/caregiver spectator per youth participant, all physically distancing.

Personal service businesses can continue to operate at 50 per cent capacity, but appointments are required.

Day camps are permitted to have up to 10 children indoors and outdoors.

Retail stores are limited to 25 per cent of the capacity of the store or up to 250 patrons, whichever is lower, while malls are limited to 25 per cent of the facility's capacity.

"To all Manitobans I say this today: stay at home if you can, significantly limit your close contacts, and get your vaccine as soon as you are eligible to get it," Pallister urged.

The vaccine eligibility requirements continue to change rapidly. As of Monday, anyone age 50 years or older

and First Nations people age 30 and up can book an appointment at the vaccination super sites.

The province has also expanded eligibility to allow all front-line police officers and firefighters age 18 or older to be vaccinated at the super sites.

Manitobans 18+ who live and work in what the province has deemed high-risk communities are also able to be vaccinated. Right now that list includes several neighbourhoods in Winnipeg and the entire Northern Regional Health Authority.

Meanwhile, any Manitoban age 40 or older can book an appointment at a pharmacy or medical clinic offering the AstraZeneca/Covishield vaccine.

For up-to-date vaccination eligibility and booking information, head to protectmb.ca or call 1-844-626-8222.

COVID cases continue to rise

Health officials on Monday announced 210 new cases of COVID-19 and a test positivity rate of 7.6 per cent provincially and 8.2 per cent in Winnipeg.

There were 2,093 active cases of the virus at the start of the work week. A total of 34,747 Manitobans have recovered from the virus since last spring. The number of people who

have died is 968.

COVID-19 hospitalizations were at 148 Monday, including 37 people in intensive care.

Breaking it down by health authority, Southern Health-Santé Sud was reporting 145 active cases, 22 hospitalizations, and six ICU patients. The region has lost 145 residents to the virus.

In the Pembina Valley, Winkler's active case numbers are up to 21, Morden and the Altona area both have six cases, Carman has three, Morris and MacDonald both have one, Stanley, Lorne/Louise/Pembina, and the Roland/Thompson area all have four, and the Red River South area has 23 cases.

Tap into your creativity and inner wisdom for emotional help

Submitted by Carman Wellness Connections

Time on our hands can be an opportunity to look deeper at our lives, think more deeply and learn to better understand who we are.

This spring, the program committee of Carman Wellness Connections - Supporting Emotional Health (CWC-SEH) is offering a four-week Zoom writing course to encourage participants to write for emotional well being.

The course begins May 11 and will be led by Heidi Hunter, a Winnipeg Beach visual artist and creative flow practitioner who has taught creative writing, journaling and art journaling to high school students and adults for over 20 years.

Her course, called Writing from the Well: Accessing Inner Wisdom Through Creative Journaling, is a four-week course offered on Tuesday

evenings from 6:30 pm to 7:45 pm starting on May 11.

The only supplies you'll need to participate are a pen and journal or notebook, says Hunter, who describes her personal journal kept for over 30 years as her "go-to place whenever she feels 'stuck.'"

Journaling allows you to "dip into your own inner well and draw out wise words which provide creativity and comfort in these uncertain times," said Hunter.

Hunter uses a variety of exercises in her workshops to help participants' creative thoughts flow, including 'writing the senses,' 'wonder word poetry,' 'writing the wrong' and other intriguing approaches such as 'scribbles and spirals,' 'sentence spinning,' and 'Lockdown Haiku.'

The course is intended to benefit participants in the same way as art therapy courses offered earlier this

year by local artist Chris Larsen. That program that was also offered by CWC-SEH's program committee.

Hunter's workshops focus on process, not product, and they are about supporting emotional wellness, said Terry Warburton, Carman-based professional therapist and chair of the CWC-SEH program committee.

"Heidi's course is meant to be fun, playful and easy," she said.

There will be fun brain-storming exchanges in the Zoom chat window, but you absolutely do not have to be a writer to take this course, Warburton said.

"The course is not intended for those who consider themselves to be quote unquote good writers," she said. "Those who feel confident in writing are welcome, but this course is especially for those who don't feel confident."

It is meant to be a very safe place to

express emotions in your own written words, she added. "Sharing what you're writing with the group will be limited and only if you feel safe to do so."

Hunter had an international career as a mime, before transitioning into creating visual theatre. In her art studio she creates a wide range of fabric art, including award-winning art quilts and hand dyed wearables. More information about Hunter can be found on her website at <http://www.runswithscissors.ca/>

This writing course is free of charge and registration deadline is May 7. Questions about the course can be directed to: CWC.EmotionalWellness@gmail.com

To register for the course log on to www.writingfromthewell.eventbrite.ca

PVHS, Genesis House Pet Safe program looking for foster homes

By Lorne Stelmach

A joint initiative between the Pembina Valley Humane Society and Genesis House is aiming to help protect the pets as well as the families.

The Pet Safe program will provide temporary foster homes for pets while their owners seek safety from domestic violence.

The aim is to ensure women and children are able to leave a potentially violent situation without the fear of having to leave pets behind—a concern the shelter has heard many times from people accessing their services.

“I have pets myself, and I always have thought I could not leave them behind,” said executive director Ang Braun, who recalled the feeling she had early on as a worker when a woman returned to her home because the shelter could not accommodate her pet.

“We’ve heard lots of sad stories,” she continued, explaining pets “often are used as a tool to manipulate the victim. They’re used as leverage to keep a person from leaving the relationship or even to show a person what could potentially happen to them.”

The humane society has been in talks with Genesis House about this issue for some time, says board member Tanya Rempel.

“There is a program in Winnipeg but nothing to really serve anywhere

outside of the city,” she said. “I think it had kind of been talked about for a number of years at the shelter but they hadn’t been able to do the groundwork to get it started.

“I don’t think people would realize that this is a barrier, but for a lot of people, that’s part of their family, and they’re not going to leave their pet behind, and that was especially so during COVID,” Rempel said. “There’s quite a bit of a link between the two. A lot of people are scared to leave the pets behind because they’re worried their partner might take it out on the pets.”

The humane society is anticipating foster homes will be needed for between one to four weeks. All supplies will be provided to care for a pet, but fosters may need to be available on short notice. They’re especially looking for homes able to take in cats.

PVHS does already have a roster of foster families they use to give animals a break from the shelter, but they’re hoping to tap into a new group with the Pet Safe program.

“We’re pretty maxed out as far as fosters, so we’re hoping other people will be interested in the program,” Rempel said.

Braun said it was hard to assess at this point what the level of need may be for this service.

“We won’t know how well it works



PVHS PHOTOS

Got space in your home for a few furry temporary visitors? Genesis House and the Pembina Valley Humane Society want to hear from you for their new Pet Safe program, which provides temporary foster care for pets of women escaping domestic violence.

until we start trying it out, so that’s where we are now,” she said, noting they are already asking families now about pets. “We have added the question to our forms. Now we will have an option for when we ask that question.

“It may not be perfect, but it will be better than nothing,” Braun said. “We still need to have that backup plan on site, but will be able to move the pets to a better quality setting shortly after they get here.”

Rempel noted the humane society welcomes the opportunity to work in partnership with another community

organization like Genesis House.

“Our board has really been focused on what we can do for the community. We feel we have a lot more we can offer other than adoption services,” she said. “It brings more awareness to the shelter but also shows that there is a lot more to the humane society than just adopting out animals.”

If you are interested in more information about becoming a foster, you can contact the humane society at 204-822-9413 or go online to www.pvhsociety.ca.

U.S. government lifts pause on Johnson & Johnson COVID-19 vaccine

By Patricia Barrett

The U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) lifted an order that had put a hold on the use of the one-shot Johnson & Johnson (Janssen) COVID-19 vaccine after determining the vaccine’s benefits outweighed the risk of developing serious blood clots and potentially dying.

The two agencies had paused the use of the vaccine on April 13 after over 6.8 million doses had been administered in the U.S. Blood clots had occurred in 15 women between the ages of 18 and 59. Three women died. The onset of symptoms occurred between six and 15 days after being inoculated.

Despite evidence linking the vaccine to the blood clots, the agencies lifted the pause on April 23, saying people should be warned of the possibility of developing blood clots and low platelet levels.

“Safety is our top priority. This pause was an example of our extensive safety monitoring working as they were designed to work—identifying even these small number of cases,” said

acting FDA commissioner Dr. Janet Woodcock in a joint statement issued April 23. “We’ve lifted the pause based on the FDA and CDC’s review of all available data and in consultation with medical experts and based on recommendations from the CDC’s Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices.”

The agencies said they conducted a risk-benefit analysis and concluded that the potential benefits of the vaccine outweighed the risks.

“We are confident that this vaccine continues to meet our standards for safety, effectiveness and quality. We recommend people with questions about which vaccine is right for them have those discussions with their health care provider,” said Dr. Woodcock.

Two days before the pause was lifted, the FDA reported it found unsanitary conditions and possible contamination at the Baltimore-based Emergent BioSolutions manufacturing plant, which makes both the Johnson & Johnson and the AstraZeneca COVID vaccines.

Emergent had earlier been forced to

dump 15 million doses of the Johnson & Johnson vaccine.

The FDA’s inspection report cited “multiple failures” at Emergent BioSolutions, including possible cross-contamination of vaccine drug substances, loose debris, peeling paint and some sort of dark residue coating the walls. It also found flaws in the size and maintenance of the manufacturing facility and determined that workers did not follow proper procedures to prevent contamination.

Doses of the Johnson & Johnson vaccine that Emergent had in reserve will be tested by the FDA for quality.

“In the case of Emergent BioSolutions, we are working with the company to address the conditions identified. At the agency’s request, Emergent BioSolutions has agreed to pause new production while it works with the FDA to resolve potential quality issues,” said acting FDA commissioner Dr. Janet Woodcock and director of the FDA’s Center for Biologics Evaluation and Research Dr. Peter Marks in an April 21 bulletin. “For the vaccines already manufactured, the products will undergo additional test-

ing and will be thoroughly evaluated to ensure their quality before any potential distribution. We will not allow the release of any product until we feel confident that it meets our expectations for quality.”

Health Canada had already given interim approval in March to the Johnson & Johnson vaccine before the blood clot events and deaths occurred. It made an agreement with Johnson & Johnson to receive up to 38 million doses of its vaccine. A shipment to Canada is expected this week.

Canada’s chief public health officer Dr. Theresa Tam said she didn’t know the specifics of the report on Emergent BioSolutions, but Canadians shouldn’t worry if they received an AstraZeneca vaccine that was made there as Health Canada has measures in place to ensure safety.

“As far as I understand, what is happening in the U.S. right now does not impact us in the vaccines we have already received and that’s being deemed of high quality and met the regulatory standards as we receive them,” said Tam during a virtual meeting with media last week.

Carman Elementary School students celebrate Earth Day

By Becca Myskiw

Students at Carman Elementary School celebrated Earth Day in more than one way.

Debra McKinnon's Grade 2 French Immersion class wrote letters last Thursday from the earth's perspective. She said they spent most of the year working on reading skills so the prompt fit nicely with their work on writing in English.

The prompt was to write a letter to the people of earth as if the children were planet earth and talk about the problems affecting them long with how people can help them to feel better. They then drew a picture to go with it.

Before they put their pencils to the paper, though, McKinnon and her students watched videos on Earth Day, learned about pollution, read stories, and got background knowledge.

They then generated a list of things hurting the earth — COVID-19, air pollution, ocean pollution, animals being hunted illegally, people being unkind, and energy-related issues such as over water consumption and over electricity consumption.

"We tried to focus on really being descriptive about how we might feel," said McKinnon. "We used disappointed or frustrated instead of mad and sad."

Brooks Falk's letter talked about the dying animals because of ocean pollution. He said he's disappointed because the ocean is dirty, but there's an easy fix: recycle instead of littering.

Jesse Hammond's picture was of a sick dog sitting down because of air pollution hurting it. He said the dirty air makes animals and people sick, so we should help clean it up.

"I think they get it," said McKinnon. "Especially the close to home stuff like recycling and not littering. And of course, COVID. It's good for them to think about it and learn they can do something."

Her Grade 2 class wasn't the only one doing their part that day, though. Lisa Pinkerton's Grade 1 class made sun catchers that look like earth out of recycled transparent paper and tissue paper. Then, on Earth Day, they went out into the community to clean up garbage.

Each student strapped on a pair of gloves, took turns holding garbage bags, and picked up scraps of paper, used masks, and empty bottles strewn across the ground. They said if they didn't, the world would overflow with garbage and then there wouldn't be any world left.



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Mrs. Pinkerton's Grade 1 class picked up garbage around the school on Earth Day.



Brooks Falk said we need to recycle more.



The Grade 1's worked together to clean up the Carman community in the afternoon.

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Ava Nordquist wants people to stop littering in the ocean.

Local campsites named spectacular, offer physical and emotional benefits

By Becca Myskiw

Campsites across the province have been filling up more quickly than usual due to the ongoing pandemic, but almost every community has one of their own not so far from home — Carman and Miami included.

Central Manitoba Tourism released what they believe to be the best campgrounds in central Manitoba, or what they call “Five spectacular campgrounds in central Manitoba.” Taking up 40 per cent of the list are two campgrounds only 30 kilometres apart — the Miami Park Campground and King’s Park Campground.

In the heart of King’s Park, across from the new toboggan slide, sits the Carman campground. It has 44 sites, 41 of which are fully serviced, not including sewage. Each of the serviced sites have a 30-amp hookup, water, picnic table, and a fire pit. The dump station for RV’s and camping trailers is just up the hill.

Reservation for that campground opened April 26 at 7 a.m. People can camp there with a tent, RV, or trailer of almost any size.

Carman-Dufferin recreation coordinator Renae Wolfe said the campground is usually close to fully booked every summer. She attributed that, and its being labelled as spectacular, to the campground location.

“It’s central to the swimming pool, the splash pad, ball diamonds, soccer pitches, golf course, museum, and tennis courts,” she said. “It’s the amenities around it for sure.”

Carman usually has swimming lessons throughout the summer as well, and Wolfe said people will typically camp at King’s Park Campground for the week their children are in them. But, due to COVID-19 restrictions, they’re still unsure of how and if the lessons will be happening this year.

That and the possible absence of the Carman Country Fair for another year might knock reservations down a little, said Wolfe, but she doesn’t think by too much.



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King’s Park Campground in Carman is surrounded by green space and amenities including the Carman golf course.

The Miami Park Campground was also named spectacular by Central Manitoba Tourism. It has pull-through sites with 15-amp and 30-amp and water service. The campground also has BBQ grills, picnic tables, firewood, and waste disposal for campers to take advantage of.

Ontario Parks says camping comes with benefits even when not living in a pandemic. It gives people both physical and mental benefits.

According to their site, waking up to natural sunlight helps people to feel more well rested. Camping also offers the opportunity for

more bonding, gives people more time away from screens, and lowers stress by taking people away from daily stresses.

Being in fresh air all the time also means breathing in better air, which helps the body function with less strain and helps it to release more serotonin. It boosts everyone’s Vitamin D intake, which not only helps with happiness, but it can also help protect against certain diseases.

> COVID RAPID TESTS, FROM PG. 6

the nasopharyngeal swab that is used for a typical COVID-19 test. Red River College will support the pilot by offering participants a two-hour virtual training module on nasal swabbing and how to conduct a rapid test.

The initial rollout includes a number of organizations from a cross-segment of Manitoba sectors including the Addictions Foundation of Manitoba, Manitoba’s Wildfire Service, a mid-size Manitoba-based agri-foods business (Winkler Meats), a mining operation in northern Manitoba (Alamos Gold Inc.), and a major airline (Air Canada).

“The opportunity for our employees to participate in this important, science-based, rapid screening initiative adds another tool in our multi-layered approach to employee safety,” said Dr. Jim Chung, chief

medical officer at Air Canada.

Depending upon uptake and results, the program may expand to other industries such as construction or transportation or look to implement other delivery models, such as pop-up screening clinics at a later date. Manitoba also launched a second Fast Pass site in Winkler on April 12 that expands access to rapid testing for school-based and child-care staff.

“As we continue to immunize and protect more Manitobans, this rapid testing program can help screen even those who have been immunized to provide assurances to workforces and their employees,” said Stefanson.

For more information on Manitoba’s rapid testing strategy, visit www.gov.mb.ca/covid19/testing/rapid-testing.html.

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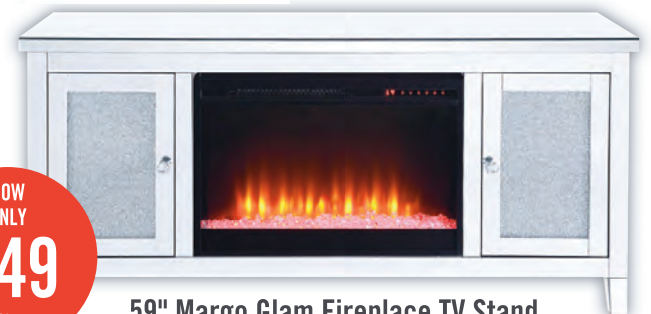
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Finders' keepers: a Roland man's collecting journey

By Becca Myskiw

What started as an odd summer job led a Roland man to his lifelong hobby.

Bruce Reid is a collector and has over five buildings full of his treasures. He learned the trade when he was young from a man in Carman who took him rooting around in bushes and farmyards for cast iron seats and such.

"I thought, 'what does anyone want with this?'" said Reid. "And before you know it, I was doing the same thing."

Besides the baseball cards he and his friends traded in grade school, Reid didn't spend much time collecting until 1986. Since then, though, it's all he's been doing.

His main collection is of crockery, water coolers, butter churns, whisky jugs with names on them and things alike. He also has a fair bit of military collectibles and ammunition along with calendars from early Carman and Roland businesses that no longer exist.

He keeps everything in the five out-buildings in his yard. One is strictly for parts that he either resells or uses to fix his own things and the others are for his finds.

His favourite item is a Red Wing

water cooler from 1922. It came from his father's school, he later found, and ended up on Reid's doorstep in perfect condition.

When Reid first started collecting seriously, he went to garage sales and auction sales, picking up anything that caught his eye. He'd then bring it home and research everything he could on it by scouring some of the many books he owned. He said when he reads something like that, it sticks in his head, so after a while Reid became very knowledgeable on the items he collected.

In more recent years he's become a sort of local legend and he no longer has to seek out items for his collections. When there's a death in the family or an estate for sale, people will call Reid to either buy the place or give them the value of the things in it — both of which he likes to do.

After buying an estate, he'll go through everything and separate the parts from the eye-catchers from the things he can donate to thrift stores.

"Every day is a new challenge," said Reid. "You never know when the phone rings if somebody's got something or they want to know what it is."

The collection business has given



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Bruce Reid has been a collector for 35 years.

Reid a community across the continent. He has a place to stay down south, to the west, and to the east if he needs it and can offer the same to

others. To follow along with Reid and his antiques, follow @sunnybrae2020 on Instagram.

Flowers for the mothers in your life

Giving flowers on Mother's Day is a time-honoured tradition. If you're looking to show your mom, your grandmother or the mother of your children that you care, here are some suggestions.

FLOWERS FOR THE GARDEN

If the mother you're celebrating has a green thumb, consider giving her a new plant for her garden. Pretty perennials like primroses and peonies or flowering shrubs like rhododendrons and lilacs are all good choices. Assess the landscaping of the yard to help you make the right choice. Alternatively, ask a professional at your local nursery for suggestions.

flowering plants that make great Mother's Day gifts. You could get an African violet or orchid for her home, or a hanging basket or rose bush for her yard. Just be sure the person receiving your gift is interested in keeping the plant alive. When in doubt, look for easy-to-care-for plants like peace lilies and Christmas cacti.

CUT FLOWERS

Fresh bouquets are sure to please the ladies in your life. Offer them bundles of cut roses, gerberas, tulips, camelias, carnations, irises, lilies or birds of paradise. Select blooms in their favourite colours or fragrances, or let your florist make a custom arrangement.

FLOWERING POTTED PLANTS

There are many types of

Regardless of what type of flowers you buy for Mother's Day, remember to include a card. The best part about your gift is sure to be that it came from you.

To all of the Moms and... the sisters, best friends, old friends, relatives, fairy godmothers, dads who do both jobs, those who wish to be mothers, who lost their mothers, who lost their children. We see you. May each & every one of you get the rest & acknowledgment you deserve.



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Roland students advocate for sustainability on Earth Day

By Becca Myskiw

Roland School Kindergarten to Grade 6 students got together on Earth Day to have fun and appreciate the earth. The students went from station to station in their house groups, doing different earth-related activities. The theme for Earth Day 2021 is Restore Our Earth, which focuses on restoring the world's ecosystems through natural processes, emerging green technologies and innovative thinking

They planted seeds, made their own container-sized greenhouses, sorted recyclables, picked up garbage around the school grounds, and drew earth-friendly pictures on the sidewalk. Principal Brandy Chevalier said there are outcomes in every grade

that address taking care of the planet and these activities helped them to do that while giving the students a fun afternoon.



Fern pushed her flower seed into the soil after her teacher dropped it in.



Betty, Sofie, Lenya, and Lena all worked on a rainbow drawing together on the sidewalk.



Abrielle scoops dirt into her pot before getting her flower seeds.



Hallie, left, Adriane, middle, and Adam with their container greenhouses that they put their flower seeds into after.



Maya, left, and Lila painted water over their chalk drawings of the planet as part of Earth Day activities at Roland School.



STANDARD PHOTOS BY BECCA MYSKIW Max, left, and Hudson drew a picture of earth on the sidewalk.



Audrey, left, and Christina picked out stickers to put on their container greenhouses.



Taylor, Fern, Abrielle, and Paul waited for their flower seeds to go into their little pots.

Pays to be thrifty ... For 45 Years Carman MCC

By Dennis Young

The Altona Thrift Shop opened a storefront receiving donations of clothing and household articles from the community and then selling them. That generated funds for global relief, while providing the local community a place to shop at very reasonable prices.

In 1975, women from the Carman Gospel Light, the Carman Mennonite, the Elm Creek MB, the Graysville Mennonite and the Roseisle EMC Churches proposed a similar project of opening their own thrift shop.

With little support at the beginning and started strictly as a project by women in the community, they rented space to begin. Volunteers would spend hours sorting items before pricing those donations and make them available for sale. At first opening only two days a week, traffic became so overwhelming that was soon increased to five days.

The project was a huge success and they needed more room. In 1981 they bought the former Sears location at 20 1st Avenue SW (presently The Corner Connection) and hung their signage The Community Self Help Centre.

It is interesting to note that in that year, a motion at the annual meeting run by the women executive passed a motion that the men too were allowed to vote at their annual meeting and to hold executive positionsif elected.

Then the Beaver Lumber building (now Toews Printing) became available in 1986 and was bought to provide much more room including a Global Gift Shop display. The name also then changed to the Carman MCC Thrift Shop to support Mennonite Central Committee. A worldwide ministry of Anabaptist churches all sharing the common compassion to respond to basic human needs.

For the next 8 years sales skyrocketed and the shop was again outgrowing their location. When a newer building at 11 Centre Ave (former

Carman Countrywide Furnishings) became available, it was purchased in 2004. It gave them 5000 sq. ft. of display room and 1700 sq. ft. of workroom and soon showed off a modern department store look. Clothing soon had competition for space with electronics, furnishings and housewares.

Oh and the items we all drop off in the store, don't go to landfill or to waste. Using a color coded tag system, items unsold after a 2-3 week period (mostly clothing and footwear) are packed up and sent to the Winnipeg's Union Gospel Mission, the Crystal Springs Mission by St. Agathe or the Faith Mission in Winkler. When their requests come in, they also supply product to the Bear Clan and Street People Missions.

With the one-of-a-kind vintage items or antiques that show up, volunteers started selling these through silent auctions. This gave more people a chance to purchase something they really like, as well as a way for the store to earn more money with these items. Silent auctions events definitely draw the customers in.

Over its 45 years, this volunteer business has locally contributed to a variety of organizations such as the Hospital Auxiliary, Rainbow Residence, Boyne Lodge Building Fund, Boyne Regional Library, Back Door Youth Centre, Palliative Care, Family Resource Centre and the Elm Creek Heritage Manor. In 2020 they donated \$12,700 locally to worthwhile causes. Keep dropping off your items folks!

After store operating expenses, all the cash through the register is turned over to support international relief, development and peace programs in 55 countries. Programs around the world include providing food and assistance in times of crisis, tools and education to support agricultural practices amongst farmers and peace-building training in areas of conflict. Carman sent \$15,000 a month in 2020.

It is no surprise then that thrift



STANDARD PHOTO BY DENNIS YOUNG

Volunteers sort through mounds of items every day!



The men chip in as well repairing everything for sale in their workshop.

stores are part of a \$14.4 billion industry worldwide. And as studies on consumer preferences suggest, millennials like to shop with companies that donate to charities. Therefore the thrift shop model won't fall out of fashion again any time soon.

"It is a great work that happens in the Carman MCC Store with our staff and approximately 100 volunteers. None of this would be possible without them and the people locally and others who travel a distance to come and shop at our store. We feel so well

supported by the people of Carman and surrounding area" stated Gloria Penner Carman MCC President.

So here in Carman you have yet another community project dreamed up that became a reality through the combination of many things and the dedication of many. With faith, friendships and the satisfaction working for a good cause in the name of Christ, this thrift shop became a success and a good place to shop too.

Pregnancy care centre sees drop in numbers for 2020

By Ashleigh Viveiros

The numbers were down across the board in 2020 for the Pembina Valley Pregnancy Care Centre, but that's to be expected considering the many hurdles the pandemic created.

PVPCC board of directors gathered online recently for their annual general meeting, taking time to reflect on what was certainly a crazy year.

Executive director Linda Marek notes they provided their pregnancy support services to over 80 different people (both men and women) in

2020, down from 100+ the year before.

The number of new clients overall also dropped from 40 to 30, and the volunteer hours hit a low of 100—way down from 900 in 2019. None of these drops are surprising considering the centre's offices in Morden and Winkler had to close for extended periods of time at the start of the pandemic.

"To keep everyone safe we closed for in-person appointments but stayed connected for client needs as much as possible," Marek said, stressing client care remained a priority throughout

all the uncertainty and changing public health restrictions.

"Having access to pregnancy and parenting information/support during the pandemic was vital for women and families," she said. "The pressures they were facing, economic challenges, the idea of labour and birth without a partner, not having friends and family come help with a new baby ... created a lot more angst for clients. People felt desperate.

"We stayed connected by phone and text. We did drop-offs on doorsteps or

if that wasn't possible for people we made arrangements and left stuff outside our door, like diapers and baby clothes. And so we could still meet the needs, but we didn't have as much in-person connection as we usually do."

The offices have since been able to reopen for in-person appointments (virtual ones, as well), though the Steps in HOPE support group for women impacted by miscarriage, in-

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fant loss, and stillbirth remains on hold for the foreseeable future.

People reach out to PVPCC to get pregnancy options information, prenatal/childbirth education, parenting education and support, pregnancy tests, and baby items. They see people of all ages and backgrounds from right across southern Manitoba.

"It's predominantly women, but we do see a handful of men as well, which we think is great because their role in pregnancy and parenting is really important," Marek said.

"It's women ranging from their teens, 20s, 30s, and older. We see women who are finding out that they're pregnant or they come to us for pregnancy tests. They're feeling unsure of what they want to do or they're feeling pressured in some way to make a certain decision.

"So they're asking questions about what parenting might look like, is adoption the right choice for them?" Marek continued. "They're maybe

feeling overwhelmed with the idea of pregnancy."

PVPCC staff and volunteers are there to provide a listening ear and help clients take a good look at their options, Marek explained.

Generous community support

Finances were another struggle for the agency in 2020, as it had to cancel all of its usual fundraising events for the year.

Coming on the heels of a deficit in 2019 made for a rather bleak situation.

"However, in late summer things started to turn around and people were generous with us at year end," Marek said. "We are so thankful for those folks who have found a way to support on a monthly or annual basis."

Grants from agencies like the United Way, the Morden Area Foundation, and the Emergency Community Support Fund also helped PVPCC keep its head above water.

Looking ahead, there's still a big



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Back row, from left: Board members Glenda Schwarz, Davis Wieler, and Kelly Wieler. Front row: executive director Linda Marek and board member Andy Schmidt.

question mark over what's going to be allowed in the months to come in terms of community gatherings, which means the usual PVPCC fundraisers might not happen like normal.

"We want to be good stewards and we want to be cautious, because we know the pandemic is ongoing," Marek said. "And so we want to be modest in what we plan."

On the schedule right now is a drive-

by banquet dubbed Let's Get Cookin' for a Cause taking place at the Morden Friendship Centre on Wednesday, April 28 from 5-6:30 p.m.

Ticket holders will be able to pick up a hearty meal of cranberry chicken and meatballs for \$15 or a kids meal of chicken fingers and potato wedges for \$5, plus dessert. Pre-order your supper by April 25 at 2 p.m. at pvpcc.com, 204-325-7900, or officepvpcc@gmail.com.

Where are they now? Catching up with Doug and Pat (Bartley) Whiteside

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 (Pat) was from Roland 1956 to 1975 but Doug was raised and lived there from 1954 to 1975.

Q. Did you attend school here?

Yes after Roland school I bused to Carman for Grades 9-12. Doug did all his schooling here.

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

The Step Program in Roland, Lifeguard/Instructor at the Carman Pool kept me busy while Doug found work at Beaver Lumber, Stow Seeds and the RM of Roland.

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

John and Arlene Bartley both farmed and Mom taught School. Fraser Whiteside was a teacher but he and Marge both farmed too.

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

Girls volleyball, fastball, 4-H and drama were my passions. Doug participated in baseball, curling and bowling.

Q. What was your chosen career after school?

Doug made a career out of teaching and School Administration. Fifteen years teaching, 12 years as Vice-Principal, 8 years as Principal. I worked at 1 year Gambles Canada in Winnipeg then 39 years with MASC Manitoba Ag. Services Corp. (Crop Insurance).

Q. What got you to leave Carman and where?

After University Doug was hired as a teacher in Deloraine, we got married and moved there together.

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

No as of 2020 we have spent 45 years in Deloraine



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Doug and Pat (Bartley) Whiteside

after leaving Carman/Winnipeg.

Q. Did you meet your spouse here or where?

We met at High School in Carman.

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

All three were raised in Deloraine: Chad (41) teaches in Selkirk, Melissa (38) is the Assistant Deputy Minister (ADM) for the Department of Economic Development and Training with MB. Govt. in Winnipeg and Joel (35) is part-owner of Brandon Source For Sports.

Q. Do you have extended family living here?

I have brother Ron and Cheryl Bartley still there while Doug Bartley and Sylvie, sister Marilyn and Allan Gitzel call Roland home. Doug's sister Marilee Mutchter is his sole relative in town.

Q. What do you do now? Retired?

Yes we are both retired. Doug in 2010 and I followed him in 2014.

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

We both do casual employment. Me with MASC and the Deloraine Golf Course while Doug does Faculty Advising for Student Teacher placements

with Brandon University. He works casually for the Dept. of Education. Our hobbies are travelling, community volunteering and reading. We both enjoy the occasional curling and golf game. Our eight grandchildren are more than hobbies and keeps us busy helping out when needed.

Q. Have you travelled for leisure and where?

The last seven years we have seen: Hawaii, Las Vegas, Britain and Europe (11 countries), Quebec City, Indianapolis, Indiana, Scotland and Ireland, Grand Canyon and Branson, Missouri, Maritimes and Newfoundland, Central and Eastern Europe and River Cruise (two months and eight countries), Cuba but in 2020 we cancelled our trip to Portugal and Spain due to COVID.

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

We love Classic Rock (60's, 70's) plus some Current rock and country. Also we have seen lots of live concerts over the years but if there were any on the wish list they might be (or have been) the Beatles in their prime, Adele and Blake Shelton.

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

More travel once Covid settles down, follow grandkids with their sports and various activities and continue existing community volunteer work.

Q. Do you ever return to Carman?

Occasionally but not as much as when Doug's parents were still alive.

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

Oh our High School friends, cruising on the weekends and the Carman Floods are very vivid.

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

Carman / Roland were good places to grow up and in re-visiting they both have changed a lot in some respects and very little in other respects.

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

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WHL announces no playoffs this season

From the WHL

The Western Hockey League announced last week that the 2020-21 WHL season will conclude following the completion of the 24-game regular-season schedule.

Due to current public health conditions and the ongoing challenges with COVID-19, including restrictions on travel across both provincial and international borders, the WHL is not in a position to conduct the 2021 WHL playoffs, including the WHL championship series.

"When we returned to play in February, we set out with the intention of completing a 24-game regular-season schedule, knowing adjustments would be needed along the way," said WHL Commissioner Ron Robison. "We remained hopeful that public health conditions would improve, but unfortunately that is not the reality we see in front of us today. The ongoing challenges with non-essential interprovincial and international cross-border travel leave us no alternative but to cancel the 2021 WHL playoffs.

"We commend our players, team staff, and officials for their commitment to following the protocols that have made this unprecedented season a success. The WHL looks forward to recognizing individual award winners and all four WHL Division champions at the conclusion of the 2020-21 WHL regular season, including the presentation of the RE/MAX Cup for the B.C. Division champions and the Subway Cup for the East Division champions."

The 2021 WHL Awards will recognize individual award winners from

each WHL Division, as opposed to the traditional celebration of conference-based award winners. The 2021 WHL Awards will culminate with honourees in each major awards category on a league-wide basis. The 2021 WHL Awards will be celebrated digitally following the conclusion of the 2020-21 WHL regular season.

The WHL will continue to work with Government and Health Authorities regarding schedule options for the 2021-22 regular season.

Manitoba Soccer Association kicks out fans

Staff

The good news is that there will be a soccer season this summer.

The bad news is that no fans will get to see it.

The Manitoba Soccer Association made a curious decision last week, banning all spectators from the sidelines at any youth or senior practice, exhibition, or league game.

For mini soccer players (ages three

to eight) a parent will be allowed to attend but must participate on the field with the player.

Leagues can start exhibition games immediately, with the outdoor competitive season beginning this Saturday.

Current public health orders have a 10-person outdoor gathering maximum but the province says if people are playing a game, more than 10 peo-

ple may be involved, including players, coaches, and others who may be helping with the game from the sidelines.

The Manitoba Soccer Association said it reviews their Return to Play protocols as new Public Health Orders are released from the provincial health authorities. The current restrictions are in effect until May 12, 2021, at which time the new restrictions will

once again be reviewed with their Return to Play. "It is our hope that the pandemic situation improves and that the health orders increase the number of persons allowed at gatherings so that we may consider the return of spectators to games," read a statement.

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Border Baseball League spring meeting

By Jack Pethybridge

The Border Baseball League held their spring meeting online this past Sunday. All nine teams, including the Carman Cardinals, were represented and are returning for the 2021 season.

The season will look different from previous years due to Covid restrictions. Teams will be divided into East and West divisions with back to back home and home games. The East schedule will begin Friday May 28. The league will be completing a schedule for the first half of the season only, ending roughly mid June. The league will review prior to that time what Covid restrictions have changed then complete the second half schedule and see if at that time if it will be possible for teams to travel for games in the opposing division.

Each team will be required to have a

Health & Safety officer in attendance at home games and we are looking for a volunteer for this season.

The biggest change, however, is that there will be no fans permitted at this point in time. This will have a major impact on the revenue for the teams but we are optimistic that restrictions will ease prior to or during the start of the season.

The Cardinal players are eager to get started. It appears we have all players returning from last year plus a few additions and plan on being very competitive. Further updates on changes to restrictions, team progress, plus COVID updates, especially with fans being able to attend, will be provided over the next few weeks.

We hope at some point to again see everyone at the ballpark.

get inspired

> MEAL IDEAS



Classic Cheese Bouquet

that fits inside vase. If using bouquet paper, use base at least 3 inches across and 4 inches high.

Wrap floral block in plastic wrap to keep from touching items in bouquet; place inside vase. If using bouquet paper, place wrapped floral block in mug to keep from falling over.

Use various cookie cutters to prepare cheeses as flowers.

To create salumi roses, lay out 4-5 slices salumi overlapping one another. Fold row in half and roll into rose bud, securing with u-shaped toothpick. Place on skewer, add herb leaves and use floral tape to secure ends of toothpick to skewer. Repeat.

Skewer cheeses, salumi roses, goldenberries, lemons, mini apples and mini artichokes.

To assemble, start in center with larger items. Use shorter skewers or toothpicks to secure smaller items closer to edges.

Use rosemary, bay leaves and wax flowers to fill gaps in back of bouquet.

To wrap: Once finished, gently lay block with skewers on top of paper, wrap and secure with tape and ribbon.

Craft courtesy of Jessica Lawrenz (@mongermoldandmilk)

- Real California White Cheddar Cheese
- Real California Brie Cheese
- Salumi or Salami (thinly sliced)
- Goldenberries
- Lemonquats
- Mini apples
- Mini artichokes
- Rosemary
- Bay leaves
- Wax flowers
- Tools:
- Knife
- Floral foam block
- Plastic wrap
- Vase or bouquet paper
- Flower cookie cutters (various sizes)
- U-shaped toothpicks
- Wooden skewers
- Toothpicks
- Floral tape
- Ribbon or twine
- Using knife, cut floral block into shape



California Bounty Cheese Bouquet

- Bay leaves
- Olive leaves
- Wax flowers

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- Real California White Cheddar
- Real California Smoked Jalapeno Cheddar
- Real California Brie Cheese
- Salumi or Salami (thinly sliced)
- Lemonquats
- Mini apples
- Fresh figs
- Green grapes
- Goldenberries
- Dried apricots
- Mini artichokes
- Rosemary



Christine Ibbotson

Dear Money Lady, I am 67 and getting married again – hopefully third time's the charm. Should I consider a prenup? Jeannies

Congratulations Jeannies – and YES!! There's a lot of talk about "grey divorce" these days, but there really should be more about "grey marriages." They seem to be on the rise over the last few years – even with COVID. Everybody deserves to be happy, but you also want to be protected, so good for you to be considering a marriage contract!

Marriage contracts are typically entered into prior to the marriage, hence the term 'pre'nuptial. However, they can also be signed or amended at any time during the marriage. I would always recommend getting a marriage contract because they are extremely beneficial for comprehensive estate planning which includes death succession, not just a possible divorce. To protect clients, I am much more interested in what is to happen in the event of a spouse's death, and of course it is necessary to ensure the marriage contract and the Will are "in sync." You see, marriage contracts can, and often do, override Wills.

Let's look at an example. You cannot gift more to your surviving spouse via your Will than in the marriage contract, unless the contract

ing with u-shaped toothpick. Place on skewer, add herb leaves and use floral tape to secure ends of toothpick to skewer. Repeat.

Skewer cheeses, salumi roses, lemons, mini apples, fresh figs, green grapes, goldenberries, dried apricots and mini artichokes.

To assemble, start in center with larger

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states that you can do so. Typically, the Will states that the testator is a party to a marriage contract already in existence, citing the marriage contract by its date.

Today, many people have had multiple marriages, have complicated financial lives, properties, children, grandchildren and perhaps even dependents that need constant care. It is not a lack of love or future commitment to your new partner, but rather your conscious need to set out the manner in which your finances and property will be shared or divided in the event of divorce or death; based on your wishes and intentions, not on provincial statutory law. Marriage contracts are limited in their scope and to be valid and enforceable, the spouses must have made full and complete disclosure of all their assets and the values, including trust interest and all debts and liabilities. It is also prudent to obtain a certificate of independent legal advice so that the marriage contract is less vulnerable to challenge and to being set aside by the court. Of course, it goes without saying that you must have this done with your lawyer and for the benefit of all parties, really should be signed well in advance of the date of the wedding.

Good Luck & Best Wishes,
ATML - Christine Ibbotson

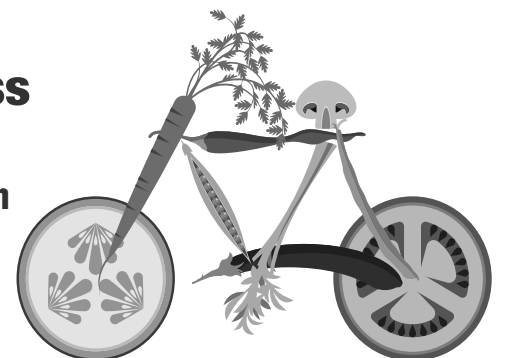
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TOWN OF CARMAN PUBLIC NOTICE

To streamline recycling efforts, the Town of Carman announces that effective **June 1st, 2021**, the **RECYCLING DEPOT** located by the Public Works Shop on 1st Avenue NE will be **RELOCATED** to the Carman Transfer Station (located south of Carman). All recycling materials will be accepted at the Carman Transfer Station during regular hours of operation. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

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WALINGA INC.

Walinga Inc. in Carman, Manitoba is looking for flexible, enthusiastic, reliable, team players to fill the following positions:

CNC Machinist

- Red Seal Certification is required
- Minimum 1 year experience preferred

CNC Machine Operators

- Some experience operating CNC or Manual machines is considered an asset.
- Ability to read and understand drawings.
- Willing to train the right candidate.

Service - Trailer Technician

- Experience with semi trailer repairs is considered an asset.
- Steel and/or aluminum welding experience preferred but not mandatory.
- Ability to read and understand drawings.
- Willing to train the right candidate.

General Labourer

- Assist in day to day activities.
- Welding experience is an asset but not mandatory.
- Must be able to lift 50lbs and work outdoors when required.
- Be able to do repetitive tasks as required.

Walinga offers modern machinery, competitive wages, full health benefits, company pension, and a great work environment. Apprenticeship programs are available for the pursuit of Red Seal Certification in the trades listed above.

If you are looking for a rewarding career in any of these areas or would like to share a resume please contact Ray Beukema at 204-745-2951 (ext 440) or email him at ray.beukema@walinga.com

We thank all applicants for their interest, but only those considered for an interview will be contacted.

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GALLERY ATTENDANT

Approximately 30 hours per week

Qualifications:

- Experience and enthusiasm for arts and culture, particularly in a rural setting
- Outgoing friendly personality with excellent communication skills
- Must be willing to work evenings and Saturdays

EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT

Approximately 26 hours per week

Qualifications:

- Experience and enthusiasm for arts and culture, particularly in a rural setting
- Ability to work cooperatively with different groups within the community
- Excellent communication skills, both written and verbal
- Marketing skills, specifically in social media
- Excellent organization skills
- Advanced computer skills

Salary commensurate with experience. Please forward your resume by email to Scott Johnston at scott@mmjlaw.com if interested in either of the positions.

Deadline to apply: May 18, 2021.

We thank all interested applicants but only those contacted will be interviewed.

Linear Grain **LOGISTICS COORDINATOR**

Linear Grain Inc. is a privately owned company that buys, sells, stores and transports grain, oilseeds, feed ingredients and fertilizer to food processors, animal feed manufacturers, biofuel processors, industrial users, and retail fertilizer companies in the North American market. For over 40 years we have served our customers by offering outstanding services at competitive prices. We strive to know and understand our customers and their business needs.

Linear Grain Inc. is currently accepting applications for a Logistics Coordinator to oversee and facilitate the delivery of our products. Responsibilities include, but are not limited to the following:

- * Negotiate, confirm, coordinate and monitor shipments of commodities in a cost efficient and on-time manner using truck, rail or container
- * Work closely with merchandisers on logistic rate structures and supply chain flows
- * Plan and track the shipment of final products according to customer and contract requirements to meet and exceed customer expectations

The ideal candidate would have the following:

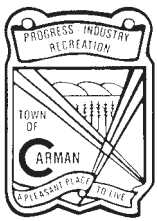
- * Experience as logistics coordinator
- * Experience in customer service
- * Knowledge of laws, regulations and requirements
- * Ability to work with little supervision and track multiple processes
- * Computer knowledge and experience with Microsoft office products and CRM programs
- * Organizational skills with ability to multi-task
- * Excellent communication and interpersonal skills
- * Outstanding negotiating skills

This is a permanent full-time position. Grain industry and logistics experience and education would be an asset but is not required. Top wages and a great benefit package will be offered to the right candidate. Please submit your resume in confidence to: linear@lineargrain.com. Only those considered for an interview will be contacted.

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> GAMES

SUDOKU

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		3						2
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Fun By The Numbers

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

Level: Intermediate

Here's How It Works:

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

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

Sudoku Answer

S	R	E	N	I	M	N	E	F
S	D	I	O	T	B	V	A	P
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Crossword Answer

X CROSSWORD

CLUES ACROSS

- Switches
- Legal financial term (abbr.)
- Sweeties
- Competition
- Measures electrical resistance
- Psychotherapy researcher
- Causes injury to
- Open
- Polish peninsula
- Hebrew calendar month
- Whale ship captain
- Children's accessory
- Unknown point
- Exists
- Extremely confident
- Expression of disgust
- The government has many
- Small constellation
- Northern Indian city
- The best pitchers
- Naturally occurring solid
- Apple computers
- Portuguese city
- Ancient Greek war dance
- More reliable
- Sailboat
- Newspapers
- Frequently flooded area
- They dig for coal

CLUES DOWN

- Partial
- "Mad Men" leading man
- The ___ of March
- Healthy
- Where golfers begin
- Soviet Socialist Republic

		1	2	3	4	5	6		7	8	9	
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	13									14		
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44						45	46	47				
48						49						
50									51			

- Of the cheek
- Injury reminder
- Statesman Franklin
- For an unknown reason
- Brain parts
- Islamic calendar month
- Avenue where ad men work
- Possesses
- Accept
- Stake
- Former British PM May
- US battleships circa 1939
- Greek alphabet letter
- When you hope to get there
- Top lawyer
- Fiddler crabs
- Intolerant
- Persons that cause extreme fear
- Car mechanics group
- Capital of Ghana
- Famed ballplayer Hank
- Emphasizes insignificance
- Light-colored
- Distinctive smell
- Muckraking journalist Jacob
- Sunscreen rating
- Short-term memory
- Japanese delicacy
- One point north of due east

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Carman Legion Ladies Auxiliary #18 is offering two bursaries of \$500 each to a daughter, son or grandchild of a Veteran, Carman Legion Branch or Auxiliary member, leaving High School this year to further their education. The Bursary must be used within one year from the day it is awarded.

Application forms are available at Carman Collegiate, Elm Creek Collegiate, Miami Collegiate, Dufferin Christian School or by contacting the Auxiliary Secretary directly at (204) 745-8222.

Applications must be clearly marked Legion Ladies' Auxiliary Bursary and must be received by the Auxiliary Secretary, PO Box 65, Sperling, MB. R0G 2M0 no later than Friday, June 4, 2021.

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EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

We are currently looking for a
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CROP PRODUCTION ADVISOR
position at our Carman location

Duties Include:

- Responsible for meeting and exceeding annual sales goals and profit margin objectives as set by branch management
- Implement on-farm based sales strategy to promote Nutrien Ag Solutions' products and services
- Maintain and analyze a database/record of customer profiles (product usage and service requirements) in order to identify, categorize, and prioritize customer base
- Develop and maintain effective business relations with current and potential future customers, based upon an approach that targeting customer with whom the company can profitable to do business
- Provide timely service as well as agronomic information and advice to current and potential customers
- Arrange for access to specialists where necessary to bring mutual benefit to the customer and the organization
- Arrange for customer learning opportunities that provide incremental value
- Keep informed of competitor activities within the market area and recommends marketing program and service revisions
- Review customer accounts to ensure that payments are within the approved credit policy and performs collection functions as required
- Monitor competitive activity and trends
- Keep records and prepare reports on sales activities
- Interpret soil, tissue and water analysis
- Initiate trials that will support marketing efforts
- Research and respond to technical inquiries

Skills required:

- Strong time management, planning and multi-tasking skills
- Excellent communication and people skills, both written and oral
- Strong computer skills including all Microsoft applications (Word, Excel, and Outlook)
- Ability to work independently or as a part of an effective team
- Conducts themselves in a professional manner, and ability to keep confidential information
- Agronomy background or farm background would be an asset
- Previous sales experience

Interested applicants should send their resume in confidence directly to:

Nutrien Ag Solutions Carman
Attention: Graham McIntosh, Branch Manager
PH: 204-745-3939
Email: Graham.McIntosh@nutrien.com



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OBITUARY



James Hobbs

After a long battle with Parkinson's Disease, James Hobbs passed into the arms of his Lord on Wednesday, April 14, 2021, aged 86, at the Victoria General Hospital, Winnipeg, MB.

Jim is survived by his wife, Wanda Hobbs; his children Curtis (Bernice) Hobbs of Calgary, AB; Melanie Hobbs of Winnipeg; Terrel (Kathy) Hobbs of Yellowknife, NT and their children Brandon, Kirsten, Meghan, and Erin; and Natalie Fox of Saskatoon, SK and her children Colby, Ryan, and Morgan. He is also survived by his sister Mildred (Marvin) Johnson of Toronto, ON, his brother Gordon (Vivian) Hobbs of Moose Jaw, SK and numerous nieces and nephews. He is predeceased by his parents, Harold and Jennie Hobbs of Carman, and his brother, Bruce Hobbs.

A memorial service was held on Wednesday, April 21, 2021 at the Central church of Christ, 170 St Mary's Road, Winnipeg, followed

by interment at the Greenwood Cemetery in Carman, MB.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Parkinson's Canada (<https://donate.parkinson.ca>).

For those who wish to sign the online Guest Book please visit www.chapellawn.ca

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OBITUARY



Jack Leroy Skelton

February 24, 1941 - April 23, 2021

With heavy hearts we say goodbye to Jack, as his next journey leads him to a new and peaceful highway.

Jack is forever remembered by his wife of almost 47 years, Nadeen (nee Lewko); his sons Darren (Lisa) and Ryan (Bethany); cherished grandchildren Jack and Carter, Myla and Emmy. Jack will also be missed by Karen Rempel (Lynn) and family, Blaine Skelton, numerous in-laws, nieces, nephews and dear friends.

Jack was predeceased by his parents Roy and Alice Skelton and his brother Ron.

Jack worked for the Dept. of Highways for 38 years, followed by 24 enjoyable years at the Carman Golf Club. His hobbies included building a large model train layout and various woodworking projects.

The family is especially grateful to Dr. T. Atchison and In Good Hands for their endless care and compassion.

If desired, donations can be made to the Carman Palliative Care Program.

A service will take place at a later date.

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Noreen & John Carley
wish to express their thanks to the many persons who offered their congratulations on our 60th wedding anniversary. Your wishes were deeply appreciated.
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EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

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Thank You

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- Food Services Manager
- Cook Level 1
- Cook Level 2
- Cook Level 3

It is important that you indicate which position(s) you are applying for and expected wage range in your cover letter.

Resumes with references will be accepted by email only to:
tyler@townofcarman.com
by **May 6, 2021**

Only successful applicants chosen for an interview will be contacted.

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