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Boyne Regional Library's reno project chair Dale Owen, left, high fives board chair Neil Strachan at a safe distance - celebrating the completion of the renovation and expansion at the Library Board meeting on May 28.

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By Emily Distefano

For Jessica Knaggs, owning a boutique has been a dream ever since she attended fashion college in 2010. Now, as the new owner of Knockabouts, that dream has come true.

Former Knockabouts owner Karen Rempel, who started the business in 1980, announced the sale of the store to Knaggs and her husband Garry on April 23.

Knaggs said she feels privileged to carry Knockabouts into the future.

"Karen has grown an amazing business," she said. "How many small retail businesses can say they've been around for nearly 40 years under ownership of one person?"

Knaggs worked at Knockabouts in 2008 and 2009, then returned in the fall of 2015. It was a pleasure to work for Rempel, she said.

"She is and will continue to be an inspiration to me and someone I am lucky to consider a friend," said Knaggs.

Before having kids, she worked as an associate buyer for the Ricki's chain of stores.

"While that was an exciting career, it meant travel to Winnipeg daily and a lot of overtime work...that wasn't conducive to having a young family,"



STANDARD PHOTO BY DENNIS YOUNG Knockabouts owner Jessica Knaggs has been busy renovating her new shop and preparing for a June opening.

she said.

Plus, she missed the physical inter-



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action with customers and having the opportunity to build those relationships.

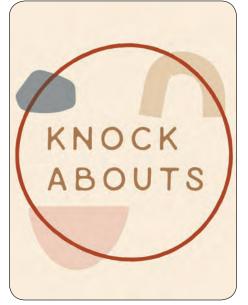
"I have always loved being a buyer, even more so in a small retail setting where you really get to know your customers and can really tailor your buy to suit their needs and wants," she said. "The more time I spent thinking about my future, the more buying the business made sense to me. The timeline in which everything worked out makes it feel like it was meant to be." The store is currently closed to the



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in Miracles

This rock is on the Carman Pathway. When you find it, please pick it up and gift it to a friend to offer inspiration.



Knockabouts has a new logo.

public for renovations, but Knaggs is available via phone or social media if customers need to shop for something. She is also working on a new website that she hopes to launch in the next week or two.

Knockabouts is expected to reopen in June but may be available by appointment only in order to offer the safest shopping experience possible.

In the meantime, Knaggs has a message for the community.

"I would like the community to know that even though things might visually look a little different over here, you can still expect the high level of service you've always received," she said. "I look forward to getting to know our new and existing customers on a more personal level."

Our gifted rock of the week





Boyne Regional Library expansion project declared finished

By Becca Myskiw

Eight years after the idea first came to fruition, the Boyne Regional Library has completed capital fundraising on its expansion project.

The renovation and expansion of the Boyne Regional Library was designed to enlarge the Children's Section, to allow accessible entrance for all, accommodate enhanced programming, and to provide space for conversation and the exchange of ideas.

The official grand opening of the library was on March 3 but was shortlived due to COVID-19. Now, with restrictions being lifted, the library is partially open again and celebrating its new look debt-free.

Library board chair Neil Strachan said it took them six years to come up with the needed \$1.26 million, but thanks to the supcommunity, portive they did it.

Over the years, the board had a wine tasting event, a fundraising run, an outdoor dinner, a get-out-ofjail game, and town children sold pumpkins in the summer to

help out. Along with the fundraisers, Strachan said local businesses played a big part in donating to the cause as well.

The expansion project started in 2012. It was built in three phases starting in July 2019 and ending in December of the same year.

The project idea came, Strachan said, when a few community members saw the need for more library space. The biggest hint for him was when Strachan said he would take his grandchildren to the library and have almost no space in the Children's Section to read to them.

The renovation and expansion enlarged that section. It's in the main part of the old post office and has high arched windows that allow for extra sunlight when reading. Strachan said the Children's Section used to be the size of his kitchen and now it has

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plenty of space for him to read to his grandchildren.

Along with the Children's Section renovation, the project also added a new building onto the library, giving more space for books and enhanced programming. It also moved the accessibility ramp to the front of the building where the town Christmas tree is now preserved in the middle of it.

Keeping that tree was Strachan's goal.

"I told the architects, 'we want to do this, but you got to save that tree," he said.

Strachan said if the pandemic had come even a month sooner than it did, the board

would have been scrambling to raise the last portion of the money.

At the time of opening, the library had yet to raise \$13,000 but in the last two months Strachan said all the bills for the Boyne Regional Library expansion are now paid. The Library board

thanks the Renovation and Expansion Committee members for all their work. The Board and

Renovation Committee appreciate the efforts of everyone who volunteered, who donated, and to the area businesses that supported the project in countless ways.



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Mrs. Mutcher's Grade 6 class, middle, and Mrs. Zacharias's Grade 3 Class, bottom, were in attendance at the official ribbon cutting ceremony of the Boyne Regional Libruary expansion project on March 3. Top photo, Neil Strachan and Dale Owen cut the ribbon held by Grade 3 students, Paige Yeo and Mileena Sorto.



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COVID-19 numbers put Manitoba in good spot for reopening

By Ashleigh Viveiros

Three new cases over the weekend brought Manitoba's COVID-19 numbers to 304.

Public health officials announced on Monday that the province is dealing with five active cases of the illness, none of which currently require hospitalization.

A total of 292 people have recovered from COVID-19. Seven Manitobans have died.

"Our numbers have remained favourable, but certainly COVID-19 has not gone away," stressed Dr. Brent Roussin, chief public health officer. "We still need to deal with this virus moving forward.

"As we reopen it's likely that we will see and continue to see new cases identified," he said. "We will continue to identify them early, perform contact tracing and isolation to limit the chances of ongoing community-based transmission."

The restrictions that have been in place in recent months were created to protect those at most risk of severe outcomes with COVID-19 as well as to avoid overwhelming the health care system with cases.

Those efforts have been successful,

allowing us to now look to the future, Roussin said.

"Manitobans have learned to live with this virus and we're going to need to continue to learn to live with this virus," he said. "We can never be in a zero-risk situation, and so as we reopen our economy we have to continue to accept some level of risk.

"We continue to follow a number of indicators daily, including case numbers, our test positivity rates, the community-based transmission rates, as well as the many demands on the health care system," Roussin continued. "There certainly won't be a single indicator there that would make us dial back our reopening strategy, but we'll look at a number of things over time to decide on whether we'll continue ... or implement measures to further restrict things if we saw much community-based transmission."

The province has spent several days gathering feedback on its plans for phase three of reopening.

The draft plan unveiled last Thursday scales back restrictions in numerous areas, including increasing public gathering limits indoors to 50 people and outdoor gathering limits to 100, doing away with the requirement to self-isolate for 14 days when entering Manitoba from Western Canada and Northwestern Ontario, allowing day cares to return to their maximum capacities, removing occupancy limits at retail businesses and all health professions, and increasing occupancy limits at restaurants to 75 per cent of total capacity.

"We're loosening a number of restrictions, but our numbers show us that this is a safe time, a prudent time to be doing this," Roussin said. "We'll continue to watch things very carefully."

The detailed phase three plan is available online at www.gov.mb.ca/ covid19/restoring/phase-three. html. Implementation is tentatively planned for June 21. More information is expected this week.

Meanwhile, on Monday the Manitoba government extended the provincewide state of emergency another month to allow it to continue responding to the pandemic in a timely manner.

The state of emergency was first put into place under The Emergency Measures Act March 20 for 30 days. It was extended for another month in April and again in May.

This week in review...turning back the pages 100 years

(This feature will inform readers of events that were in print in The Carman Standard of 1920 and The Dufferin Leader of 1970....enjoy!)

June 17, 1920 edition

George Clarke passed away June 13, 1920 at the age of 78 years 11 months. Mr. Clarke and his brothers Albert & Samuel were three of the first settlers in the Carman area in 1878

Two German 77 inch guns captured by the 10th Canadian Battalion reached Carman recently and will be placed on the Memorial Hall Grounds as War Relics

Local talent" Homewood Permanent Players" presented a three act comedy

"What Happed to Jones" to a capacity crowd in the Memorial Hall Theatre.

The Carman Baseball Team won second place at the ball tournament held at Portage la Prairie last week.

Dufferin Agricultural Society will be held at Carman on June 30, July 1& 2 featuring livestock, horse races, Baseball and Athletics.

Movie pictures are being shown every Wednesday, Friday and Saturday at the Memorial Hall theatre.

June 17, 1970

MTS Direct dialing for Carman will take effect on July 6, 1970.

Two new park benches were placed on Memorial Hall Grounds on June 9

donated by the Silver Heights Ladies Club and the Senior Citizens Group.

Last week the Carman Goldeyes outscored Legion 141 by 2-1on Monday. Their next games is Thursday against St. James in Winnipeg and Sunday in Winnipeg as a double header against South End Sioux at Grant Park. Their next home game will be June 18 against St. James Cardinals .

3 Carman Golfers participated in the 19th Annual Grey Owl Competition at Clear Lake-Barrie Sanders, Siggi Goodbrandson and Mel Montgomery. Warning of Dutch Elm Disease in Manitoba.



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Carman council passes first reading to suspend interest charges

By Jennifer McFee

Carman taxpayers could benefit from a little more leeway if they face tax penalties.

At the June 11 meeting, Carman council passed first reading of a bylaw to suspend interest charges on the municipal and education portions of unpaid taxes for 2020 until Sept. 30.

The bylaw will return for council's approval at the July meeting.

In other council news:

• The RM of Dufferin is cleaning the ditch on the town's side of the boundary road and asked if the town would be willing to share the costs of the project. Carman representatives agreed to the request.

• Manitoba Water Services Board is requesting that the Town of Carman submit its requests for the five-year capital plan, which would include projects that could be completed in the next two to four years. The town's next capital projects include the addition of a lagoon cell and a discharge pipe, as well as upgrading or adding a sewer main for south end treatment. A treatment system for the lagoon is also needed.

• Manitoba Water Services Board would also like to make changes to the Stephenfield project and would like to add the costs of a chemical room to the total project price. The Work and Operation Committee feels that Carman residents shouldn't be responsible to pay for add-ons to the project.

• The Work and Operation Committee will work with representatives from the Carman Golf Club to draw up an agreement for the use of the irrigation system at the club to water the grass for Carman Minor Ball. They will review the setup of the soccer pitches and look at how the water would be discharged on the soccer pitch and ball complex.

• EF Moon Construction has started work at

the hospital for a watermain upgrade project. The new water main won't have any services hooked onto it. Dufferin water customers will be given a year's notice that they will need to get their services from the RM of Dufferin.

• The Carman transfer station continues to operate on winter hours and on-site staff members have been reduced to two from three.

• The Work and Operation Committee provided permission for a movie to be filmed at Greenwood Cemetery.

• The Carman-Dufferin Planning District hosted several public hearing on May 20 at the Carman Community Hall. The planning district approved a conditional use request from Rosevalley Holdings Co. Ltd. to increase the animal units to 1,959 from 1,110 in an agricultural restricted zone on Road 33W. The applicant will need to meet conditions, which include having a shelterbelt around the constriction site and having effective odour covers over manure storage.

The planning district also approved a conditional use request from Kamal Sandhu for secondary suites in a residential two-family zone at two properties on Main Street. The applicant will need to ensure that there is sufficient parking in the back yard and will need to follow provincial standards for rental suites.

• TAXervice will suspend work on the town's tax sale file until Sept. 21.

• Vanderveen's donated hanging baskets and flowerpots on the Main Street rail. The town decided to buy some flowers to be planted in flowerpots. The Communities in Bloom Committee is no longer looking for land for a tree nursery. Instead, they are looking for pocket park locations.

• A project to replace the pool liner has received \$75,000 in funding from the Building Sustainable Communities Program. The total project cost is \$161,432.11. The pool liner project began on June 1 and should be finished on June 19, depending on the weather. A health inspection is scheduled for July 2. Once the pool is open, capacity will be limited to 75 patrons for public swim. Patrons will need to pre-register for public swims, swimming lessons, aqua fit classes and lap swim classes. Additional procedures are being figured out.

In addition, a project to purchase a new Zamboni has received \$58,368.50 in funding from the Building Sustainable Communities Program. The total project cost is \$116,737.

• The Recreation Services Committee applied for funding from the Co-op Community Spaces Program for the skate park, but the request for funds was not successful.

• Registration for hockey camp launched online on June 1. In total, 51 kids are registered for the end-of-August program. The Recreation Services Committee is hoping that arena restrictions will allow for groups of 75 people by that time.

• Day camp will run for two weeks in July and two weeks in August from Monday to Thursday with an 18-child capacity along with three leaders. All COVID-19 guidelines will be followed and parents will need to sign a waiver. Online registration began on June 12.

• Campground registration opened on May 6 and 750 night stays were booked on the first day. Out of the 41 sites, 33 will be open. The other eight sites will remain closed in order to keep space between campers and to reduce car and foot traffic.

• The splash pad opened on June 5. The Lifesaving Society recommends controlling crowds and maintaining physical distance between patrons.

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Social distancing graduation planned for Carman Collegiate

By Sydney Lockhart

On June 25, Carman graduates will gather in the school gym while physically distancing to cross the stage to receive their diplomas.

With the province proposing Phase 3 of reopening there is a possibility that all the graduates could be in the gym together to graduate, with family rotating through.

"We will do all that we can to have the largest possible group watch their graduation and will take in all information and restrictions outlined by the province," said Carman Collegiate Principal Jefferey Latimer.

If Phase 3 does not happen at the expected date, then graduation ceremony plans will have 10 graduates at a time instead of the full graduating class.

Carman Collegiate is also having a drive by for the community to come and celebrate the grads.

The drive by will be at 11 a.m. at Kings Park, students will stand with their graduation signs that have their names on them so that they can be identified easily by passersbys.

Students are encouraged to personalize their space with things that interest them. Latimer gave the examples of an easel or golf club.

The community is welcome to come and celebrate the grads by driving by and congratulating.

Latimer says the decision to have the drive by in the morning lets families be able to have their own celebra-

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For more information on the EcoSummer program contact the Town of Carman office or www.usedoilrecycling.com. tions at home in the evening.

The ceremony will be live streamed, recorded and photographed to share with family and friends that are unable to attend.

If you have any questions phone Carman Collegiate at 204-745-2001.

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Thriving and dying: the aftermath of COVID on local businesses

By Becca Myskiw

The Carman Golf & Curling Club is seeing more golfers this year than they have in the last 20 years.

General manager Dean North said golf is a safe environment to get outside and enjoy recreation during the pandemic and he thinks more people are starting to realize that.

He said another number that's seen a major jump is the number of youth on the green. Last year they had seven youth who were members at the club — this year, there are 45.

North said the golf club"took a hard stance early" and enforced social distancing rules from the get-go. When someone calls to book a tee time, they have to answer COVID-19 screening questions, and again once they show up to play.

Staff members at the club also ask all golfers to stay apart and North said they haven't had to intervene much on the course as most golfers are respecting that.

"We feel very confident that we're taking enough steps to protect ourselves and protect the staff," said North.

The club also has hand sanitizer for everyone to use and the staff sanitizes everything down after use.

North said golfing during the pandemic has many benefits. According to Golf Digest, golf normally reduces stress and anxiety while offering beneficial social interaction. North said in a world we're everyone's told to stay away from each other, golf is a good way to do that while socializing.

"Everyone who plays golf feels some sort of normalcy again," he said.

But not everyone in Carman has had to worry about enforcing social distancing guide-lines.

Owner of Breakaway Family Restaurant Ferne Morgan said she doesn't have to enforce them because she doesn't get nearly enough business these days to.

Before the pandemic, her restaurant was always busy, she said. Now, she makes maximum \$200 a day by serving a few cups of coffee, a plate of toast, one bowl of soup and a roast beef sandwich.

Breakaway Family Restaurant used



The Carman Golf & Curling Club has implemented social distancing rules on the course and the patio.

to have at least a dozen staff on hand, and now Morgan said she's lucky to have five.

Her employees started receiving the Canada Emergency Response Benefit (CERB) and are making more money on that than they did at the restaurant, so she can't get most of them to come back.

Morgan tries to work as much as she can now so she can save money on

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paying employees.

The drop in business is devastating to her. She spent the whole time they were closed re-painting the inside and trying to make her restaurant feel bright in such a dark time.

While the golf course is booming with business, Morgan is worried Breakaway Family Restaurant will have to close its doors.

Threshermen's Museum still hoping to open for the season

By Ashleigh Viveiros

The Pembina Threshermen's Museum is still working out how to open its doors for a shortened season of living history this summer.

Board president Bill Fehr said they're currently firming up their plans for dealing with the pandemic restrictions handed down by the province to help slow the spread of COVID-19.

"We do hope to open this summer," he said, adding the board will meet this week to make a decision on the matter."It will be a limited opening to start off with."

In addition to increased disinfecting measures in the PTM office and other spaces, Fehr expects they'll have to rope off certain areas of the heritage buildings to limit people from touching items inside.

They'll also be operating on a limited capacity as per provincial regulations, which puts a question mark over popular events like Reunion Days.

"We'll be discussing that and seeing what we can do," Fehr said.

The museum's opening date will be posted online and on their new digital billboard out in front of the facility on Hwy. 3.

Manager position eliminated

The late start to the season and cancellation of various fundraisers this spring has taken a major toll on the museum's finances.

The biggest casualty as a result is the facility's general manager position, which has been filled since 2011 by Kim Striemer. The board last month decided to dissolve that role.

"The expenditures were just a little bit too much for the museum since we couldn't raise money," Fehr said. "We had to kind of do it in order to exist." Funding from such sources as the City of Winkler and the RM of Stan-

ley will help keep the doors open this year.

"That will keep us going for awhile," Fehr said, adding that the museum has a dedicated team of volunteers who will help keep things running. "We have a good group there right now and we hope to maybe increase those numbers if we can."

Striemer says she's enjoyed her time at the helm of this "incredible prairie gem of a museum.

"It's right in our backyard and I just wish more people knew about it."

Striemer, who started out as a yard volunteer before stepping into the manager's role, has spent the better part of the past decade leading the charge to improve the museum in a myriad of ways, not the least of which was the creation of an entire mid-20th century indoor village in time for the museum's 50th anniversary in 2018.

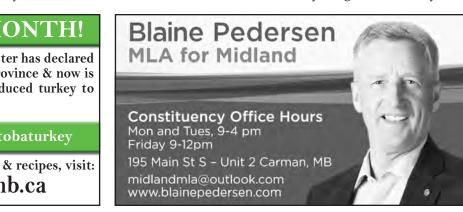
"I did everything I could to try and



STANDARD PHOTO SUBMITTED PTM manager Kim Striemer departs from the role this summer thanks to the financial strain CO-VID-19 has had on the museum.

put that place on the map," she said, putting a lot of the credit on the countless volunteers who have stepped up over the years. She hopes to remain involved with the museum in some capacity as a volunteer herself moving forward

"I just want people to understand that it's so worth going to," Striemer said."The museum is going to continue. It will be under different leadership, but it's going to continue. It just deserves to be enjoyed."



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Carman Chamber welcomes Harrison as president

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The Carman and Community Chamber of Commerce held their annual general meeting on June 9 at McGee's Restaurant. Although this date was a little later than planned, because of the COVID-19 pandemic, the Chamber is pleased to welcome Marni Harrison from CIBC, as the incoming president.

Harrison takes the reins from Kelly Dyck of Royal LePage, who had completed his two year term as Chamber president.

Harrison had previously held the position of treasurer and director of the membership committee, on the executive board of directors.

"The Chamber executive and directors have been working hard over the last two years to provide value to our members. Our membership has increased over the past two years, and we are always ready to welcome new members. We have added Lunch and Learn and Meet and Greets and they have proven to be great networking and development opportunities.

As a Chamber, we attempt to host an event once a month, in hopes of providing value to our membership, without filling up their already busy schedules," said Harrison.

The Chamber has updated its website and stepped up there social media presence to provide a larger platform for its members.

Harrison also said, "We value providing our members with timely information and learning and are open for feedback for new ideas and growth.

We look forward to the upcoming years of developing the business community, our Town and Municipality would not be the same without them!"

Although retiring from his position of president, Dyck will remain on the executive board of the Chamber, as he assumes the role of treasurer.

Scott Johnston of MMJS Law Office will remain as vice president for another year and Dean North of Carman Golf and Curling Club will remain as secretary.

Jodi Winkler will continue as the executive director for the Chamber.

In addition to the executive, the board would not be complete without the following dedicated directors:



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Carman and Community Chamber of Commerce, left to right, Kelly Dyck (treasurer), Scott Johnston (vice president), Marni Harrison (president), Dean North (secretary) and Jodi Winkler (executive director).

Mark Peters- Access Credit Union Marlin Metcalf - Metcalf Financial Bill Vanderveen - Vanderveen Promotions

Jason Rhealut - Homestead Co-op Nancy Chatwin - The Prices Rite Dollar Store

Dale Reimer - TRS Truck Shop

Mayghan McEachern - Peace Lily Theraputics Brian Maxwell- Carman Legion The Carman and Community Chamber of Commerce meets on the second Tuesday of each month at noon, in the lower level of Carman Memorial Hall. The Chamber is proud to have more than 145 businesses as members.

For more information on becoming a Chamber member, please contact Jodi WInkler @ ccchamber@gmail. com or visit our website at www.carmanchamber.ca

Elm Creek School teacher leaves 30-year career behind

By Becca Myskiw

Laying seasick on top of a research boat while her class feeds her crackers is Val Esau's most vivid memory of her more than 30-year teaching career.

Esau spent nearly her entire time teaching at Elm Creek School. She started in 1982 on term positions but singed for a full-time job in 1991 after her youngest of four chil-dren was almost one year old.

She got into the field because of her interest in American sign language. After high school, she attended university with the goal of studying education and American sign language — after two years, she was only studying education and hasn't looked back since.

Though she loves teaching, Esau said her favourite moments were almost always out-side of the classroom. "More than 50 per cent of my time has been spent with students doing other things than teaching," she said.

Esau was involved with grad planning, student council, coaching sports teams, help-ing with the canteen, and more. Activities that weren't part of the paid position are the highlights of her 30plus years.

She also said seeing students receive things they worked hard for has been rewarding for her. Esau said one year she had a student who needed 13 credits to graduate in their Grade 12 year.

She and other staff members worked to find volunteer credits, extra-curricular credits, art credits and other ones to help them graduate.

"It's just nice when you have those success stories of students who all of a sudden turn their life around and go for it and graduate," said Esau.

Her main goal as a teacher, she said, has been to help students become responsible citizens who show empathy, integrity, and respect.

Ending her career during COVID-19 has been strange, she said. While she's glad she won't have to worry about planning for next fall, Esau said she feels like she's teaching students individually rather than teaching a class.

"Part of being a teacher is being able to support learning by seeing what they're work-ing on and help them struggle through it," she said.

Now, she has to help them over video chat and email — which for her, just isn't the same.

Esau said she hasn't had time to think about her retirement because of everything going on. She said the de-



STANDARD PHOTO SUBMITTED Val Esau has spent most of her teaching career at Elm Creek School.

cision was a family one and they want to do what they can while their health is good.



Free Fry Day in lieu of cancelled Carman Country Fair

By Becca Myskiw

The 141st Carman Country Fair has been cancelled due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Dufferin Agricultural Society president Dale Reimer said the decision was not easy, but it made the most sense financially.

The fair is 80 per cent sponsorship funded, he said.

"It was really obvious that at the very least there was going to be some severe economic trouble," said Reimer."When you're facing that kind of economy you can't go ask these people for their last dollar."

Organizers made the decision to cancel the fair in mid-April, around the same time Winnipeg Folk Festival and Dauphin's Country Fest were cancelled. Reimer said if they hadn't made the decision to do the fair, he believes the organizations would have gone bankrupt.

The Carman Country Fair is the longest consecutive running fair on this side of southern Ontario. It usually has a midway, a battle of the bands, entertainment, motorsports day, a human truck pull, and a petting zoo.

The fair also hosts the Manitoba Provincial Percheron Show and the province's largest 4-H beef sale with 50 animals sold each year.

However, instead of the traditional fair this year, there are other activities the Dufferin Agricultural Society is putting on and supporting.



Free McCain's french fries for everyone of Friday, June 19 in Carman and Winkler in support of CancerCare Manitoba.

Free Fry Day

The first one is Free Fry Day and will be in Carman, Winkler, Portage la Prairie, and Carberry this Friday, June 19 and will be in support of CancerCare Manitoba. McCain Foods, Smart Electric, and Mid-Plains Implements have partnered with the Carberry Fair Potato Truck Pull and are giving away 7,500 bags of McCain Foods French fries.

All donations raised at the event will go to Cancer-Care Manitoba. Donations can be made at the event or online at freefryday.ca. The goal is to fill the potato truck with do-nations for the cause.

Free Fry Day also supports local potato farmers. Due to restaurant closures, there's been a large drop in demand for potato products, leaving a potato surplus. McCain Foods Carberry plant manager Eric Durand said committing to eat a small amount of fries can have a big impact on Canadian potato farmers.

To participate in Free Fry Day, people can stop by the Carman Fairgrounds at 44 Eddie Balfour Drive do, but they're going to try to do as much as they can in lieu of it.



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The Carman Country Fair is cancelled for the first time in its 140-year run.

from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. or Kroeker Farms the Potato Store at 776 Circle K Drive in Winkler from 9 a.m. -10:30 a.m.

Each vehicle will get two bags of fries through contactless curbside pickup.

They're also hosting Canada Day fireworks in Carman for the first time in years.

Reimer said the Dufferin Agricultural Society is also committed to hosting an open farm day in September to explain agriculture to those who don't know much about it.

He said cancelling the fair was not something the club wanted to

Grey partners with Commissionaires to cleanup up the municipality

By Becca Myskiw

Two months after the contract was signed, the RM of Grey sent a notice out to residents telling them of a new partnership with Commissionaires.

Commissionaires is a private sector of ex-military personnel that provide security-related services across Canada.

Municipality chief administration officer Kim Arnal said notice of this partnership was mailed out as a flyer on June 1. It was also posted on the RM's website and Facebook page.

On the flyer, it says that "as of April

1, 2020 Commissionaires has been contracted to enforce certain municipal by-laws in the Rural Municipality of Grey."

Arnal said council felt there was a need to improve the health, safety, and quality of life for municipal residents and that sparked the partnership.

The "certain municipal by-laws" the Commissionaires are enforcing are mainly unsightly ones, Arnal said. Unsightly property is when a property has items that are decayed, deteriorated, or demolished, or beyond repair.

Another unsightly by-law is a derelict vehicle, meaning a vehicle that is not in operational condition, wrecked, rusted, dismantled, and not registered with a valid license plate.

They also look after dog control and other by-laws Arnal and the notice didn't specify.

To enforce these by-laws, Commissionaires has the authority to ticket offenders in the municipality.

Commissionaires rates are currently \$27.60/hour with no retainer fee. Arnal said they are only paid when

they're working for the RM.

Money to pay for the partnership comes from the RM general fund, which Arnal said means that offenders will essentially be paying for the service.

Commissionaires are always in uniform when working. They carry identification and drive white vehicles with the Commissionaires logo on them.

Arnal said the community's response to Commissionaires so far has been mixed.



Brown celebrates first anniverary after merger

By Sydney Lockhart

Brown & Associates Law Office celebrated their first anniversary of their merge with PFK Lawyers Manitoba's Law Firm on May 1 after celebrating 40 years of business in Carman this past March.

Mona Brown's firm had only three lawyers, but with the merge her clients now have access to around 35 lawyers with specializations beyond what Brown & Associates Law Office had to offer.

"I needed a bigger firm that could help me to provide better service to my clients because they specialize in more areas," said Brown.

Brown said the idea of merging was first brought up about three years ago when Thomas Frohlinger, of PFK Lawyers, told her that if she was ever looking to sell, he would be interested.

Fast forward to 2019, Mona Brown's partner Shauna McCarthy at her firm becomes a judge and Brown needs a succession plan.

"I wanted my clients to have somewhere to go even if I wanted to retire one day," she said.

With the wide variety of needs that her community was express-

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ing, Brown says she wanted to join a slightly larger firm to help her out with the cost of advancing technologically and being able to have a HR department.

Brown believes the merge helped her office be able to have more competitive pricing because of the larger firm owning it.

She said the merge is a natural fit, because they have offices outside of Winnipeg and in smaller communities including Morden, Selkirk and Winkler. They have experience with small business and farm succession planning.

"I'm more available to see my clients because I have to spend less time with office management work now," said Brown, "otherwise not a lot has changed with day to day practice."

The office remains in the same location and continues to serve their existing clients.

In the past when a client would come to her firm with something they didn't specialize in, Brown would refer them out to another firm.

Now she says she feels her clients are more comfortable being referred to a lawyer within her firm.



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Mona Brown, second from the left, and her associates at PFK after the merger. Pictured left to right, Andrew Winkless (tax lawyer in our office), Brown, Allison Fehr (articles in Carman), Tom Frohlinger (senior partner in PKF firm) and Harley Shepherd (Carman office).

Brown's office did not have any layoffs due to COVID-19 as they got in a work share program, working half their normal hours and taking small pay cuts to ensure job security for their staff.

Brown is expecting serious changes to taxation laws and that clients should update their succession and tax plans.

For more information call 204-745-2028.

Dog walking masters



STANDARD PHOTO BY DENNIS YOUNG MasterPiece dog walkers, Presley Wolfe, left, and Maddison Froese were out walking Barkley last Thursday. The young entrepreneurs are growing their business and looking for dogs that need to be exercised. They offer rates from 15 minutes to 60 minutes. Monday to Friday. all summer. If interested, text Madison@icloud.com or Presley0920@



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10 The Carman-Dufferin Standard Thursday, June 18, 2020 Mohammad Family settled into Carman and excited to learn

By Sydney Lockhart

The Mohammad Family who are sponsored by the Carman Dufferin Refugee Sponsorship Committee excitedly await the end of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Since moving here from Lebanon in November of 2019 the Mohammad family have been taking English lessons at Regional Connections Immigrant Services to learn how to communicate with other residents of the Carman area.

"The family is so motivated to learn, even practicing English before they came. They really want to be successful," said Susan Weppler, member of the Carman Dufferin Refugee Sponsorship Committee.

Before moving to Carman, the Mohammad family was living in Lebanon where their life was not safe, lots of their family is still there living in tents.

"It was a hard life for everything. No more money and we rented a not good house with just a small room," said Najah Aldarweesh, mother of the Mohammad family, "there was no school for my daughter."

After moving here their daughter Malak was disappointed to find out she was not yet old enough for kindergarten and had to wait until fall. Since the COVID-19 pandemic hit Manitoba in March, the family of four has been isolated in their home having group video chat meetings with the sponsorship committee every Tuesday to check in.

"We can't speak English very good because we want to make conversation but sometimes, we can't because we can't speak a lot of English," said Aldarweesh.

On May 24 the Mohammad family celebrated the end of Ramadan with Aldarweesh's brother's family by having an outdoor barbeque.

Very nice people here, when we live in Lebanon there were very different people, and everybody here likes to help other people. Any people need help they help them," said Mustafa Mo-hammad, "People help us with driving for appointments, making appointments for us and prac-tice driving because I don't have a driving license. They help us for everything."

The family is looking forward to getting back to practicing driving, visiting with their new friends, learning English in a classroom, and doing more activities with their two daughters Malak, 5, and Manar, 3.

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The Mohammad family celebrated the end of fasting during Ramadan with his brother Najah Aldarweesh's family. Back row, left to right, Mustafa Mohammad, Najah Aldarweesh, Talal Aldarwish; front row, Manar Mohammad, Malak Mohammad, Abir Aldarwish, Amina Aldarwish and Reem Aldarwish.

"Thanks for Farming" tour plans to set out from Crystal City Monday

By Lorne Stelmach

A Winkler company is putting on a mini travelling trade show that is not just about promotion but also giving back to farming communities across the Prairies.

Thunderstruck Ag Equipment has organized the Thanks For Farming Tour as a way to show their appreciation for farmers.

"Trade shows are all cancelled, but we still want to connect with farmers and, more importantly, we want to give back to agriculture and to farmers," said Thunderstruck's Jeremy Matuszewski.

The tour, made possible once interprovincial travel restrictions are lifted, is expected to include representatives from about 10 companies.

They plan to hit the road with a kick off in Crystal City June 22 before moving on to stops in Brandon and Ste. Agathe this month and then heading to Alberta and Saskatchewan communities in July.

In addition to partnering with local restaurants and breweries to provide refreshments at each stop, Thunderstruck will also be making financial donations to 4-H chapters along the way.

Matuszewski noted they have carefully planned the tour with public health in mind, including having a safety advisor to ensure they're being COVID-19 protocol compliant in every way possible. Measures include limiting the number of people at each event, regularly scheduled times for cleaning and sanitizing, proper handling and storage protocols, and physical distancing.

There will be a number of speakers to address topics like mental health as well as ag-related topics such as agronomy or market uncertainties.

The pandemic has been a blow to many in the ag industry and those living in rural communities, so Matuszewski looks forward to the opportunity to make a difference in whatever way they can.

"We want to give them some support and some knowledge," he said. "Our goal with this is to give back to agriculture. The reason Thunderstruck exists today is because of agriculture."

For more information on the tour, head to thunderstruckag.com/thanks-forfarming.

Katie Cares fall fashion show cancelled for 2020

By Ashleigh Viveiros

Katie Cares has announced that its popular fashion show fundraiser will not go ahead as planned this fall.

Katie's Cottage executive director Ruth Reimer said the decision to cancel did not come lightly, but organizers feel it is in the best interests of evervone involved

"It's been on my mind for awhile," she said. "Let's face it, come September we have this big event with often 500 people in that room. Who's going to want to sit in that room this year?"

It's unlikely that COVID-19 restrictions will be relaxed enough to allow that many people to gather in one place in any case, Reimer added, so it didn't make sense to begin planning only to have to cancel or scale it down later on.

"This event takes an awful lot of time and preparation and a lot of planning

to pull it off," she said."We don't want to put out anything but a top-notch show ... and we wanted to be safe with our decision to proceed or not."

Reimer thanks all the show's many supporters, sponsors, and volunteers and stresses that they plan to bring the event back "bigger and stronger next year."

The loss of the show will be a financial hit for Katie Cares. Last year it raised over \$50,000 for the charity and the respite home it operates near Boundary Trails Health Centre.

Still, Reimer is adamant they will not be organizing other fundraisers to replace the fashion show in 2020.

"We will not do any fundraising in terms of online fundraisers, online auctions, anything like that," she said. 'We're very conscious of what our business community is going through right now. They are trying to keep

Town beautification





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The Communities in Bloom group completed their first project in front of the Carman Hospital with the help of the Carman Garden Club. Pictured above, Paula Learmond, Lonnie Pritchard, January Learmond and Val Weibe, all members of the Garden Club, planted eight window boxes, two planters and three baskets to beautify the entrance. The CIB committee welcomes participation from other community groups as well. Unfortunately, due to COVID, there will be no contest this year. CIB would like to acknowledge and thank Vanderveen Greenhouses for their contribution to this project with their donation of plants as well as the beautiful hanging baskets that are now hanging throughout Carman.



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Katie cares will not host its popular fashion show this year doe to the pandemic.

to be sensitive to that."

Katie Cares has always run a tight ship and so does have a bit of a nest egg to rely on until things start to get back to normal.

"We have always have worked on a very tight budget," Reimer said. "Wherever I can I try to get grants and will continue to do so.

"We may not do everything that we wanted to this year, but that's okay.

their heads above water and we want The guests will not feel that because we will continue to give them the service that we always have. Never will I cut a corner there."

> While they won't be hosting fundraising events, donations to the charity are, as always, gratefully accepted. You can do so online at katiecares.ca or by sending a cheque payable to Katie Cares to 255 13th St., Winkler, MB, R6W 1S5.



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The history of one of Carman's finest retailers

By Dennis Young with Larry Stout

Mike and Annie Dorfman opened up a retail store in 1919 in Carman between the CNR Station (GPAC now) and The Carman Hotel (Carman Motor Inn now). They sold clothing and footwear for the whole family and groceries too. I started to work for Mr. Dorfman when I was 11 in 1951 until 1956 when I left for MacLeods.

Mr. Dorfman was very good to work for and was very patient with my learning process in retail. He always explained how and why you do things a certain way. I can still visualize the old store how everything was laid out. Behind the counter was the 50lb. cheeses to be cut to the customer's specifications. In the very low ceiling basement there were cases of mild, medium and strong cheese stored. Once a week I had to turn the cheese over to help the aging process. Not far away were the 25lb rolls of bologna too. At the south end of the main aisle was the stock of bananas hanging from the ceiling waiting to be cut down for a customer with a hooked knife.

Out back was the flour house where the 100lb bags of flour and sugar were stored. He also stocked 50lb blocks of salt that he used to get from the Mc-Cabe Elevator (used to be 5-6 elevators in town). I think the red sold for .25 and the blue was .35 but in any case I occasionally would have to take the delivery bicycle and pick up blocks for a special order. That bike was not your ordinary bike as it had a heavier frame and the carrier was made of tubular metal. The carrier was made to stay straight forward which meant turning was difficult but with the weight in the carrier you would have a hard time controlling the bike otherwise.

He carried the very best brands available in everything. Clothing was GWG, Stanfields or Monarch Wear brands to name a few. Work boots were Creb and Kodiak and most Hydro men in the area wore one or the other. To make the boots rigid for climbing poles with spurs, the men would head down to Gus Dupa's and have him add two more soles to them. Dorfman's also carried ladies shoes and dresses.

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A Dorfman's advertisement that appeared in 1955.

est in fashion clothing. I recall when drapes (pants) came into style in the 50s and had to be cuffed etc. Drapes were tight around the ankles and were 17-18 inches at the knee. He had three or four ladies doing alterations in their homes for just those. One of the ladies was Mrs. Herb Park and her son Len was one of Dorfman's best customers. Len was a real sharp dresser and we actually had customers asking for pants like those that Len wore! The high quality wool ones sold for \$15-20 which was a lot back then. I could only afford the \$3.95 cotton ones.

Being only 11 I had to have a special permit to work in the store. The permit stated the number of hours I was allowed to work and that I could not lift anything over 20lbs. Well rules were made to be broken as back in the 50s we were open until midnight on Saturdays and it was not long before I struggled with those 50 and 100lb bags in the warehouse. Most of the inventory came on the CNR train once a week but some of it via transfer too. When it was train day one of my jobs was to go next door to the station and help Albert Dix unload the products on to big pull wagons.

Mr. Dorfman was one of a kind for service. He did not stock McFarlane's bread but if you wanted some he would pick it up at no extra charge. He also would pick up meat from Carman Frosted Foods and not even up charge to the customer. He was a



The Dorfman's store in the mid-1940s.

real mover and shaker in his day. He owned the Carman store but he also owned one in Elm Creek which was run by his daughter Ruth and her husband during the war years. When the war ended, Alvin Havard ran the store while Ruth moved to Deloraine to run a third store. The Dorfmans also had real estate holdings in Winnipeg. Mr. Dorfman was not only a smart business man but he could speak 6 languages besides English. I suppose it was so he could do business with the number of immigrants coming to Canada.

Many stories that stick out for me but here are a few I'd like to mention. One night there was a break in at the store which Mr.Dorfman heard as his home was attached. He confronted the robber who grabbed a knife from the cheese counter and was cut pretty badly even though he fought him off. The suspect was apprehended by the Mounties eventually. He wanted a Cadillac car so bad but when he drove it to Archie Hardy's GM dealership it would not fit inside...it was too long. He kept his '41 De Soto instead. There was an orange cat he kept as a mouser. After the night the cat usually had 1-2 specimens to show for his efforts then it was off to the flour house for the morning to do its work there. Then it was outside for the rest of the day.

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I remember some of the old timers I dealt with at Dorfman's like the Roths, Kozaks, Rishkos, Slobozians Dawydiuks and Lewcos to name a just a few. My deliveries in town would be to Greenways, Ullyots, Stillmans or Albert Dix. I would make about 20 deliveries a day on my bike. When I started there in'51 I replaced the Refvik brothers Orville and Jimmy who had been there since the mid 40s. When I left in '56, my brother Darryl took my place until 1961. Bob Smith was the last deliv-ery boy when the store closed in 1964. Frank Grabowski bought the building from Mr. Dorfman, had it demolished and built his steak pit on that site adjoined the Carman Motor Inn.

In his later years Mr. Dorfman could be seen at the golf course. Not playing but with his one club hitting a ball the wrong way down a fairway and looking for lost balls. Others all knew him and they would just be patient until he was by. He also loved to swim and spent time at Morden Lake. Mr. Dorfman passed away in 1970 and the Mrs. in 1977, both while living in Winnipeg.

Mr. Dorfman always told me if you ever own a business only sell the best quality products and that is what I have tried to maintain throughout my 37 years in Carman retail.

Mr. Dorfman always carried the lat-

> COUNCIL SUSPENDS INTEREST CHARGES, FROM PG. 5

Staff will sanitize high-touch areas and public washrooms throughout the day.

• The arena is closed to the public for the summer, and there will be no access to the water fountain or

washrooms. The bleachers and concession exterior have been repainted, and the overhead door will need to be fixed again.

• Maintenance staff have painted the front doors and overhead of the entrance to the community hall. A group of volunteers is building a permanent bar in the hall, and Odd n Ends Hockey is donating the material. The fire department will cover the wiring changes. • Staff from Agriculture and Resource Development planned to be in Carman in early June to set up emerald ash borer traps, which will be paid for and monitored by provincial staff.



Border Baseball League to hit the field soon

By Jack Pethybridge

The Border Baseball League had their spring meeting and the teams agreed on a condensed baseball season for 2020.

All teams return with the exception of Killarney but they are working on fielding a team for the season and a decision is forthcoming shortly.

The regular season is set to begin July 3 and will run approximately five weeks. The format for this year will be east/west divisions. Teams will play a home and home within the division and play everyone in the other division once.

This will mean Carman will play 10 games (if Killarney is out) and 11 if they are back. Regular-season games will be mainly played Tuesdays and Fridays with two Sundays for road doubleheaders in the other division. Details for playoffs are currently being finalized. All teams will participate in the playoffs and they are slated to be completed within two weeks following the regular season so by Aug. 23 (subject to rain outs).

Carman's team will be once again very competitive with all players returning plus the addition of a few more to our roster. Under Baseball Manitoba rules, we will be required to adhere to the many covid-19 regulations including social distancing for players on the bench along with fans. With limited seating in the bleachers

(due to the social distancing), fans will be encouraged to bring lawn chairs and spread out along the baselines.

We are excited to be able to play baseball and look forward to our continued great fan support.

Manitoba junior golf championships receives new sponsor

From Golf Manitoba's website

Golf Manitoba announced a new presenting sponsor for the July 12-14, 2020 Manitoba junior women's and junior men's provincial golf championships to be contested at Selkirk Golf & Country Club.

Starting this year, this annual event will be known as the Manitoba Junior Women's and Junior Men's Golf Championships presented by the Alex & Peggy Colonello Foundation.

In addition to recognizing the incredible support for Manitoba junior golf provided by the Alex & Peggy Colonello Foundation through the renaming of these events, we are very pleased to announce that there will be funding from the Foundation towards subsidizing event entry fees in 2020 for all competitors.

For ages 12 & under athletes, entry fees will be reduced from \$140 to \$90 and for 13 & older athletes entry fees will be reduced from \$185 to \$120.

"We wanted to acknowledge and honour Mr. and Mrs. Colonello in the naming of these championships and we cannot think of a better way to recognize the contributions that they both had on our sport and also what the Foundation will mean for the future of junior golf in Manitoba," said Jared Ladobruk, Executive Director of Golf Manitoba. "The naming of these championships are just one of many ways that their legacy will continue on in our golf community and will be a perpetual reminder of the commitment of the Colonellos to junior golf in Manitoba. Reducing the entry fee for this season is consistent with the spirit of why Mrs. Colonello established the Foundation and that is to increase accessibility and to promote junior golf participation at all levels. We are encouraged that this will help to achieve that outcome."

Additionally, the Golf Manitoba junior women's and junior men's bantam championships will also be re-named the Junior Women's and Junior Men's Bantam Championship presented by the Alex & Peggy Colonello Foundation. The 2020 championships will be contested June 27 and 28 at the Portage Golf Club. Entry fees will also be subsidized by the Foundation and reduced by \$50 per player. In 2018 at the age of 94, Peggy Colonello established the Alex & Peggy Colonello Foundation with a mandate to support junior golf in Manitoba. To support that endeavor, Mrs. Colonello created an endowment of \$3 million dollars that will aid in the development of junior golfers through grassroots golf initiatives and high-performance programming. Since 2019, the Foundation has committed \$120,000 to junior golf programs including the Future Links Golf in Schools initiative, provincial junior women's and junior men's team development and the University of Manitoba Bisons women's and men's golf programs.

Registration for both the junior and bantam championships are now available at golfmb.ca.

Manitoba High School Athletics Return to Play statement

Staff

As the Province of Manitoba eases restrictions and reopens the economy in a phased approach, the benefits of reopening need to be balanced with the risks of increased COVID-19 transmission, said a statement on the Manitoba High Schools Athletic Association's website on June 9.

"School sport activities have numerous physical, mental and emotional health benefits," read the release. "As organized activities are beginning to be allowed to operate again, we need a thoughtful plan to reduce the risk of COVID-19 transmission."

The MHSAA's Return to Play plan aims to provide a safe return of school sport in Manitoba and is focused on the following three factors: The Province of Manitoba has

mandated each sport to establish a plan to reduce the risk of COVID-19 transmission between participants and spectators. The MHSAA is monitoring each provincial sport organization's Return to Play protocol status.

Consensus is needed from Manitoba Education and Training and all of Manitoba's school divisions on their state of readiness to move forward with extra curricular activities, including school sport.

At a minimum, the Government of Manitoba's Restoring Safe Services: Phase 3 has been fully defined and comes into effect.

The MHSAA reminded member schools that all school sport activities, including all forms of training and practices are on hold until further notice.

"We are committed to protecting the health and safety of our studentathletes, staff, coaches, memberschools and the health of all of our fellow Manitobans."

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and all his grandchildren, brothers, sisters, and friends





James Duncan MacNair June 1, 1934 - June 6, 2020

Five days after celebrating 86 years well lived, with the requisite cake, generous amounts of ice cream, and well-wishes from family in the street below his window, we sang Dad home to be reunited with the love of his life.

Predeceased by his wife Mae (McCulloch) 2008; parents, Neil and May (Nisbet) MacNair; sisters May Braden and Isabel Rutter.

Lovingly remembered by his four daughters Crystal (Günter Jochum), Coral (Steve Meggison), Twila (Don Smirl), Onnolee (Jamie Scharf); 15 grandchildren Michaela (Curtis Sawatsky), Fiona, Renate, Shavaughn, Sheena (Tyler Henderson), Katie, George, Jillia, Sarah, Marissa, Abbey, Calli, Elie, Luca, and Naomi; siblings Roberta Dyck, Elsie Coates, Neil (Linda) MacNair; in-laws Alvin (Jeanne) McCulloch and Elvira Carlisle; numerous cousins,

nieces, nephews, and his many friends at St. Paul's United Church, Graysville, who supported him in attending Sunday services—the one constant throughout his 86 years, and the only place that still felt familiar as dementia changed his world.

Jim was born at home in the Albert District northwest of Carman, Manitoba. When he was seven years old the family moved to the Graysville community. He grew up on the family farm with his five siblings, just down the road from his Nisbet cousins. In 1963 he married Mae McCulloch and they took over the Nisbet farm which his grandfather had purchased in 1906. Jim and Mae had a mixed farm—grain, navy beans, and cattle. They raised their four daughters in the home that his grandparents ordered in 1916 from the T. Eaton catalogue. Jim lived there until 2014, when he moved into Carman.

He was a proud graduate of the University of Manitoba Agriculture Diploma program, treasurer of St. Paul's United Church in Graysville for decades, an active member of the Dufferin Agricultural Society, and the Carman & District Farm Business Association among other community organizations.

But more than anything he was a gentleman—a gentle man—a friendly neighbour, a kind, caring husband, father, and grandfather and oh so incredibly patient.

The family wishes to thank the staff and volunteers at the Boyne Lodge and Carman Memorial Hospital for their compassionate care over the last year and a half and his friends and neighbours at Meadowood Estates.

As per his wishes, his body has been donated to the U of M for health-science education. A private family service will be held on Sunday, June 14 with a celebration of life to be announced at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, take time to enjoy the spring flowers and treat yourself to ice cream.

If friends so desire, donations can be made in Jim's memory to the Mission and Service Fund of the United Church of Canada or to the Carman Area Foundation.

Doyle's Funeral Home in care of arrangements www.doylesfuneralhome.ca

OBITUARY



Katharina Unruh (nee Dyck) 1933 - 2020

Katy Unruh passed away on Sunday, June 7, 2020 at Tabor Home in Morden, MB at 87 years of age.

She was born on March 7th, 1933 in a farmhouse in Silberfeld, MB, to John and Helena (Wiebe) Dyck, and her father walked six miles to Altona to register her birth. She grew up in Morris and Winnipeg, where she attended the MBCI high school. As a girl she came to a personal faith in Christ, and she was baptized and joined the North Kildonan Mennonite Brethren Church. After high school Katy worked for two years to earn money for nursing school at the Winnipeg General Hospital. There she lived in residence for three years. She often regaled her sisters with stories of residential life to their great enjoyment. She worked for a short time as a public

health nurse in Manitoba before marrying Cornel Unruh, a family physician. Corny and Katy were part of the North Kildonan church community, thus knew each other from their earliest years. There are no stories of "how they met " but their mutual involvement in the healthcare profession was what first drew them together. After their marriage in 1957, they left for a two year MCC (Mennonite Central Committee) medical assignment in Jordan in the Middle East. After returning to Manitoba in 1960, the family moved to a medical practice in Morden. She was a long-time member of Westside Community Church in Morden, with a living faith in Jesus, and she spent her life raising up, giving generously, and encouraging her family and the community around her. While her husband Corny set both a direction and pattern for the family life, she made sure that her family and the people around her enjoyed the trip. Before Katy and her three sisters were born in Canada, three young brothers died in early childhood on her parents' arduous journey from Soviet Russia. She was also predeceased by her husband, Corny in 2003, her beloved son, Ramsy in 2011 and her older sister, Agnes in 2019.

She is survived by two sisters Ruth Wood and Elizabeth Dyck, both of Winnipeg; by her children and their families Phil (Diane) Unruh of Carman, MB, with Amanda, Stephan (Brigitte) and Blake (Amanda); Tim (Jeanette) Unruh of Whistler, BC, with Luke, Rachel, Abigail and Ben; daughter-inlaw Shannon (Paul) Kutcher of Winnipeg with Katy, Tom and Jane (Adam); Noni (Phil) Goertzen of Langley, BC, with Becky, Amy (Greg), Hannah and Andrew; and Christy (Evan) Jennings of North Vancouver, BC, with Adelaide and John William.

We'd like to thank the staff at Homestead and the Tabor Home for their wonderful care of our mom during the last years of her life and thank the communities of both Westside Church and Morden for being her good home.

Cremation has taken place and a memorial service with ash interment at Chapel Cemetery will take place at a later date.

Wiebe Funeral Chapel, Morden In care of arrangements wiebefuneralhomes.com







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