



## WORKING TOGETHER



Forest Grove resident Marg Huber calls into the local radio station most days to play a tune for listeners.

# Music to cheer

With the pandemic halting her ability to play piano at community events, Marg Huber is opting to spread her love of music on the local radio waves.

The 87-year-old calls in every morning, fingers allowing, to Country 840 AM (CKBX), and plays a tune to cheer people up.

She says knowing some people are feeling lonely and isolated right now, she's trying to "make people happy, change their thoughts."

Tune into the 100 Mile House radio station for a taste of her musical cheer around 7:50 a.m. daily: [www.mycariboonow.com/country-840-am/](http://www.mycariboonow.com/country-840-am/)

# Tips for 2020 tax season

It's that time of year again . . . when we gather all our documents and figure out what we owe or are getting as a refund with our income taxes.

One can file any time now and the deadline to file remains April 30, the same date taxes owing must be paid to avoid interest.

Filing online is the fastest and most secure method, but paper returns are accepted, too.

For individuals with an income under \$35,000 and couples under \$40,000, there are CRA trained volunteers who will prepare and file taxes for free. Call to discuss whether the service is walk-in, drop-off, by appointment or virtual:

- The Mustard Seed in Kamloops 778-765-4824
- Centre for Seniors Information in Kamloops 778-470-6000
- TNRD Library in Clinton 250-459-7725
- TNRD Library in Savona 250-319-3408
- Skeetchestn Indian

Band in Savona 250-373-2493.

For areas without this service, the volunteers at the Mustard Seed in Kamloops are taking Saturday appointments.

Anyone who received CERB from the CRA as part of the COVID emergency payments in 2020 will receive a T4A slip.

As tax was not taken off at source from these payments, people may end up owing some tax to the CRA.

To help ease this burden, these people will not be required to pay interest on any outstanding tax debt for the 2020 tax year until April 30, 2022.

As I discussed in a previous e-newsletter, the CRA is offering a simplified method of claiming home office expenses this year, a flat rate of \$2/day. The more detailed method is also available.

It is essential to file your taxes on time to ensure benefits like Canada Child Benefit and GIS continue uninterrupted.