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## Bowl for Kids raises \$27K

Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Pembina Valley's Jenelle Neufeld (left) and Danielle Crossman were all smiles last week as Bowl For Kids' Sake raised \$27,000 for local mentoring matches. For the full story, see Pg. 2.

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# Bowl for Kids a success

By Ashleigh Viveiros

Bowl for Kids' Sake 2024 was a big hit for Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Pembina Valley last week.

The mentoring agency took over VB's Entertainment Centre in Winkler Thursday afternoon and evening to welcome over 100 people for a couple hours of bowling in support of their work with local youth.

Including in-kind donations from businesses, the event raised about \$27,000.

"I think it's a good number considering we didn't sell out the teams," said executive director Jenelle Neufeld. "I'm happy with it. And I think everyone had fun. The feeling in the bowling alley was really positive, so it was a good day."

Big Bros tried something new this year with the annual event, moving it from the usual Saturday to a weekday. Neufeld said the change was pretty well-received, but they'll be sending out a survey in the weeks ahead to see which day people prefer for next year.

"It's going to be open to everybody—people who have participated in the past, people who participated

this year, and people who hope to participate in the future—just to see what they're thinking."

The money raised at Bowl for Kids goes to support Big Brothers Big Sisters' mentoring matches.

"All of our fundraisers go to our general programming fund, so that includes our traditional community matches, our Go Girls program, which is our group programming, and then we also started teen in-school mentoring this year," Neufeld said, adding they're also looking at developing an after-school mentoring program in the near future.

Neufeld sends out thanks to everyone who took part in Bowl for Kids this year.

"I would like to send a special shout out and thank you to Access Credit Union for being our event sponsor this year," she said. "And to the community and all the businesses that came on as lane sponsors or prize sponsors—the endless support that we get from our community is so appreciated."

"We're a pretty small agency, but the impact in the community is huge," Neufeld added. "The match itself is



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Over 100 bowlers came out last week Thursday for Bowl for Kids' Sake at the Winkler bowling lanes in support of Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Pembina Valley, which offers mentoring programming in Winkler, Morden, and Carman.

between the child or youth and the volunteer, but that match also impacts the family of that child or youth. It reaches a lot farther than people realize.

"All these kids are going to grow up and they are going to be the next

generation that's going to contribute to our society and our community. I think it's really important that we take time to invest in them and make sure they're getting all the support they need to thrive and be the best version of themselves."

## Winkler Senior Centre hosting scam and fraud presentation

By Ashleigh Viveiros

In light of the influx of scams making the rounds lately, the Winkler Senior Centre's Services for Seniors are holding an information session next month aimed at helping people avoid becoming victimized.

The centre, located in the Buhler Active Living Centre on South Railway Ave., is hosting members of the Winkler Police Service on Friday, April 12 at 1:30 p.m. for a Frauds & Scams Prevention presentation.

"You're constantly hearing about these frauds and scams in the news lately, and we hear about it from some of the individuals we work with too," says resource coordinator Cathleen Bergen. "It's a concern."

Anyone can fall prey to convincing scammers, notes fellow resource coordinator Denise Enns, but seniors are often targeted.

"You get these calls and because of the generation that they grew up in, they trust people, and it's just so hard for them sometimes to say no," she says. "They're compassionate and they want to help someone in trouble."

"And then there's a lot more seniors who have smartphones, so they're get-

ting these [fraudulent] texts or they're getting these emails and they're maybe not familiar enough with the technology to know sometimes that this is a scam," adds Bergen, stressing that even tech-savvy people can be tricked. "You hear people saying they're constantly getting texts that they've got a parcel, and they've maybe actually ordered something, so you're not sure if it's a legit thing."

"The bottom line, what I tell people is if you did not make that phone call, do not give any personal information to whoever is calling you," stresses Enns.

"It's not rude to just hang up," adds Bergen.

The April 12 presentation will cover such topics as the grandparent scam (in which fraudsters pretend to be a grandchild in trouble needing cash), tax/rebate scams, phone and social media frauds, warning signs and how best to protect yourself.

Advance registration is not required, and all are welcome.

"It's even a good idea for seniors to bring their children," Bergen says. "It's not just for seniors—it's for everybody, because people of all ages are getting scammed."

A colorful advertisement for fitness programs in Morden. It features three people in athletic wear: a woman in a black top and leggings, a woman in a purple top and leggings, and a man in a red shirt and black shorts. The text "LET'S GET ACTIVE!" is prominently displayed in a stylized font, with "Morden" written in a script font below it. At the bottom, it says "FITNESS PROGRAMS" and "SIGN UP TODAY" with the website "mymorden.ca/fitness" in a red box.



# Morden skate park shelter taking shape

By Lorne Stelmach

A project in memory of a young woman who passed away from skin cancer is taking shape at the Morden skate park.

A shelter now under construction at the BSI Skate Plaza is a tribute to Annika Ginther spearheaded by her family, including mother Centennial Ginther and aunts Anna Treichel and Sunday Ginther.

Annika often used to hang out at the skate park, shares Treichel. She was 14 when she was first diagnosed with melanoma.

"When the cancer returned when she was 18, my son was then 14 and hanging out at the skate park," Treichel recalled last week as she checked out the progress on the shelter. "There was no shade there ... and Tanner sometimes would be hiding at the end of one of the railings to get shade."

Tanner and his friend Sam Hildebrand thought they should raise

some money for cancer care, but it was suggested they raise money for a shelter instead, given how much Annika loved spend time at the park and because she died of skin cancer, explained Treichel.

"We started fundraising, and we had a huge donation from the Morden thrift store and another big one from the Elks," she said, adding support also came from Annika's doctor, Aly Dhala. "COVID hit then, and that kind of stopped our project ... then prices all went up."

"Some stuff was ridiculous, almost six times higher. It's come down since," said Albert Unrau of Moonlight Construction, which has taken on the project.

The estimate for the shelter had been close to \$30,000. Now that they've raised over \$32,000, they felt it was time to get it completed.

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Albert Unrau of Moonlight Construction with Anna Treichel and Sunday Ginther, aunts to the late Annika Ginther. A shelter is going up in the BSI Skate Plaza in Annika's memory.

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# Stanley Soil Management Assoc. reports on a successful year

By Lorne Stelmach

Tree sales and shelterbelt planting continue to be popular programs for the Stanley Soil Management Association.

Those two initiatives annually attract strong interest, and it shows technician Richard Warkentin that people seem to recognize how it can

have a far-reaching positive impact. "It is encouraging that more people are planting trees," Warkentin said following the association's annual meeting March 19. Some of the data presented at the meeting showed how shelterbelt planting and maintenance as well as the tree sales continue to be a major service.

In the past year, there was just under nine miles of new shelterbelts planted using over 5,400 trees and 18 different varieties of trees, and another 660 trees were hand planted in gaps over 6.5 miles.

Over 19.5 miles were maintained for weed control, with 6.4 miles covered with plastic mulch for weed control.

Tree seedling sales meanwhile saw the biggest increase with over 34,000 trees ordered for planting in 2024. Most of the trees are ordered in fall for spring planting.

Warkentin said it all receives a big boost through their partnerships with three watershed districts: Redboine, Seine Rat Roseau, and Pembina Valley.

Most of the projects are in the Pembina Valley district, with most of the R.M. of Stanley in that region except for the top northwest corner, which is in the Redboine Watershed District.

The Pembina Valley Watershed District area goes all the way from Boissevain in the west to the Red River in the east.

"Our partnerships, especially with the watershed districts, are an important thing for us," said Warkentin.

"We're really partnering with the watershed districts ... and the tree sales have gone up exponentially. We're up to 34,000 trees that we were ordering for this coming year for planting," he said. "The biggest single source that has really served us well is the tree sales. That's probably the biggest thing - the tree planting as well."

The association has also continued to undertake and offer a num-

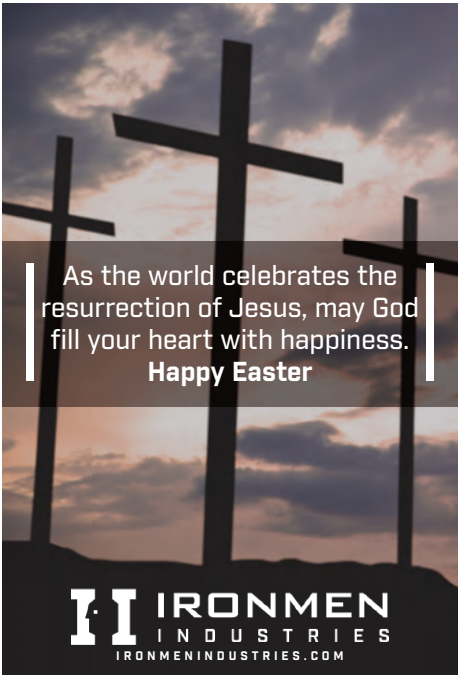


SSMA workers apply a plastic mulch cover, one of the many weed control initiatives the agency undertook in 2023.

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ber of other programs and services. Well sealing is done through the watershed districts program. It sealed three wells in the area in 2023 with a cost of \$150 to the landowners. As well, the association did some scouting for diffuse knapweed, which is a tier one noxious weed in Manitoba.

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# United Way hands out \$150,000 in grants, scholarships

By Lorne Stelmach

The generosity of the region means United Way Pembina Valley is able to put \$150,000 back into its local communities.

There are 31 local non-profit organizations receiving a portion of \$142,500 in United Way grants this spring. The agency will also distribute \$7,500 in scholarships and bursaries to graduates of Garden Valley Collegiate, Northlands Parkway Collegiate, and Morden Collegiate in June.

Presenting the grants last Thursday at Central Station Community Centre in Winkler, United Way Pembina Valley president Levi Taylor expressed his gratitude for every person and business who made a donation to this year's campaign. He stressed how the generosity has allowed them to support more local programs, services, and projects than ever.

"It's going to be far reaching," said Taylor, emphasizing that "\$150,000 into the community is going to have a significant impact on those who need it."

He described their campaign target as having been a lofty goal for the organization such a short time after the merger of the old Winkler and Morden United Way organizations.

"We're excited and absolutely thrilled to announce that we have met that goal ... a very exciting year for the United Way," he said.

There were challenges that came with the merger, but Taylor now feels like the new agency is well established and moving forward.

"We feel like we've really found our stride as the United Way Pembina Valley," said Taylor. "Most importantly, the community has rallied behind the group. We've received generous donations from individuals and businesses."

"We receive a lot of [grant] applications," he noted. "We go through a review process to see if those recipients meet the United Way's objectives. We try to diversify who we're granting to ... with 31 different organizations assisted through these grants, we were able to diversify fairly well."

Receiving funding this year are:

- Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Pembina Valley - \$10,500 for mentoring programs.



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United Way Pembina Valley board members with representatives of the 31 organizations receiving grant funding this year. Last fall's campaign raised \$150,000—the most since the Winkler and Morden United Ways merged a few years ago.

- Central Station Community Centre - \$8,150 for the Café 545 community meal program.
- Many Hands Resource Centre - \$8,100 towards the purchase of a vehicle for food bank deliveries.
- 500 Stephen Street Community Centre - \$7,900 for on-going programming.
- Scholarships and bursaries - \$7,500 to graduating students of GVC, NPC and Morden Collegiate.
- Youth for Christ Morden - \$7,100 toward backyard improvements.
- Salem Home - \$6,850 to support the director of community engagement position.
- Morden school aged programming committee - \$6,650 for after-school programming.
- Boundary Trails Health Centre Foundation - \$6,600 for specialized pediatrics equipment.
- The Bunker - \$6,400 for the Industrial Eats restaurant project.
- Eden Health Care Services - \$6,250 in support of the volunteer program.
- Genesis House - \$6,150 ongoing programming for the victims of domestic violence.
- Morden Christmas Cheer Board - \$6,150 towards the Christmas hamper program.
- South Central Cancer Resource - \$6,150 towards the transportation program.
- Gateway Resources - \$5,600 towards the purchase of a wheelchair accessible swing for day program participants.
- Winkler Senior Centre - \$5,350 for the volunteer coordinator position.
- Pembina Valley Pregnancy Care Centre - \$4,800 for pregnancy support services.
- Morden Community Handi-van - \$4,100 towards a new vehicle.
- Pembina Valley counselling services - \$4,000 in support of the sliding fee scale to make counselling accessible to all.
- Morden Activity Centre - \$3,650 towards a marketing

campaign to raise awareness about the centre's programming for seniors.

- Winkler Family Resource Centre - \$3,100 toward the lending library and the Stay & Play program.
- Katie Cares - \$3,100 to change existing space at the respite home into a work/storage area.
- Regional Connections - \$3,000 in support of Winterfest programming.
- Morden Parent and Child Resource Centre - \$2,750 towards operational costs.
- Winkler Day Care Centre - \$2,500 to purchase outdoor musical playground instruments.
- The Gardens on Tenth - \$1,900 towards facility renovations.
- Cerebral Palsy Association of Manitoba - \$1,250 in support of the local sledge hockey program.
- Winkler Arts and Culture - \$1,150 for the after-school art program.
- Miami recreation and play spaces - \$1,000 in support of free community paint nights.
- Manitoba Choral Association - \$900 in support of the Central Manitoba youth choir program.
- Pembina Hills Arts Council - \$850 for art materials.
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Later that same day, I called a pizza place to order a specialty pizza, and the person at the other end told me that the last time I ordered that flavor of pizza, (about two months earlier) I had ordered it with no mushrooms or onions. I thanked him profusely for

reminding me, for that made the pizza that I was about to pick up edible, which it would otherwise, in my eyes, not have been!

In both cases, it seemed to me that their job may not have required them to do that. And the people I dealt with were strangers to me, but hopefully not for long, because I will be visiting those places of business again.

I am hoping other business owners

and managers will read this and encourage their staff to not let “customer service” die, as I believe there are more shoppers in the area that would not mind walking out of a store with their purchase, and leave with a smile on their face, (even if they did not buy it at half price).

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### > SKATE PARK, FROM PG. 3

The efforts were boosted by such initiatives as a bottle drive.

“The community was very supportive. We felt the love for sure with all the stuff that was dropped off, but other local businesses have also contributed, and we will get a sign at the skate park for all who gave us donations for it,” said Treichel, who also added thanks for the Codilan family for doing the “Always for Annika” birthday cake fundraiser.

“And Albert was all gung-ho to be all on board with this,” she added, noting Unrau already had the main structure up this past week, with metal cladding to come soon. They expect the shelter will be

complete sometime next month.

“It’s very nice to be involved in this,” said Unrau. “I’m totally enjoying being part of it ... this one definitely has a special spot.”

“We will get a nice picture of her put up here,” said Treichel. “We just want to keep Annika’s memory alive, and

### > STANLEY SOIL, FROM PG. 4

Other initiatives include educational projects such as the R.M. of Stanley school tree program, Arbor Day in Morden, and the two billion tree capacity building project.

The association showed a surplus of \$39,000 for the year, and Derek Trinke, Lorne Warkentine, and Peter Penner were all acclaimed as board members for another two-year term.

Also at the meeting, representatives

I know her mom always drives past here and thinks of her.

“I’m happy to see all the kids here,” she added. “I think all of the parents who come here with their kids will really appreciate it. We can’t thank the community enough for all of their support.”

of the Redboine and Pembina Valley watershed districts made presentations on the watershed projects and funding available to landowners through various programs. Upon approval, funding is available for shelterbelts, wetland conservation, water retention, fence and watering systems, cover cropping, nitrogen management and rotational grazing. Contact your local watershed district for details.

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# Tour provides a glimpse inside local ag industry opportunities

By Lorne Stelmach

A two-day tour in the Morden and Winkler area last week highlighted agricultural and food industry workplaces and employment opportunities in the region.

Co-ordinated through Manitoba Agriculture, the visits and information sessions provided a chance for people in the local education and newcomer sectors to connect with professionals on local farms, research centres, and food processing facilities.

Organizers saw it as a good way to strengthen ties to Manitoba's agriculture and food industry and raise awareness of the opportunities that are available. It showed there are many career options beyond primary production, suggested Leanne Sprung, a leadership and youth development specialist with Manitoba Agriculture.

"We just try to help people make connections and understand that it is so varied, and there are really wide opportunities," said Sprung.

"Our food is produced by people just like them and who want the best food and who are looking after the land, the animals and all of the resources," she said. "We want all of these companies to be successful and to have the labour that they need, and we want individuals to have good jobs."

The event included a number of sessions including tours at locations such as Farm King and the Morden research and development centre, where associate director Scott Duguid told some of the story of the centre and what it does in terms of scientific research on cereals, oil seeds, and pulse crops.

"It also provided the opportunity to talk about where people can work in the community and the opportunities, whether you're a scientist, a technician or if you have administrative skills in terms of finances or human resources, facilities management," said Duguid.

"There are all sorts of skills that we need to have the work that we do here occur," he said. "Without all those people, it wouldn't happen."

Duguid also noted how the work done at the centre is very important and has really evolved since it started in 1915.

The facility today is focused on looking at the genetics of crops and how they can modify them so that they have disease resistance and new quality attributes to make them better suited for here.

"It's also about knowing how to best manage those crops when we put them out on the fields. We have a group that works on agronomy and looks at how the plant interacts with the soil but also with water and trying to keep the nutrients on the soil rather than having it come off the soil," said Duguid.

He said the work done here means people can have a significant impact on agriculture.

"The productivity that producers see today is built upon research that was done 10 or 12 years ago. Those varieties that farmers are growing on their fields start off maybe as a single cross maybe ten years ago," Duguid said. "The work that we're seeing today ... the farmer will see those down the road and be able to take advantage of those opportunities of new varieties and increase their productivity."

"WE JUST TRY TO HELP PEOPLE MAKE CONNECTIONS AND UNDERSTAND THAT IT IS SO VARIED AND THERE ARE REALLY WIDE OPPORTUNITIES."



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Manitoba Agriculture hosted a two-day tour of agricultural and food industry workplaces in Morden-Winkler last week, including the Morden Research Centre (above, below).



Sprung felt the tours so far have been very well received by participants.

"We were not sure about the interest, but we promoted it to people who were either career teachers in schools or career counsellors ... as well as people involved in newcomer organizations," she said.

"It really is for the benefit of

anyone who is a job seeker.

"We attempt to present the whole spectrum of opportunities, and they look different on each tour," she concluded. "We do try to have something related to primary production, whether we visit a farm [or not]."

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## Elks host Jam Can bonspiel

By Lorne Stelmach

The annual Jam Can bonspiel, now run here for almost six decades, is a tradition that is still going strong in Morden, as evidenced by the 2024 event this past Saturday.

The bonspiel, which has served as a fun introduction to curling for generations of youth, started in 1967 as a Centennial project by the Elks service club. Club member Henry Penner, who was among the first participants when he was in Grade 7, said it continues to feel like a worthwhile venture for the community.

"It never gets old. I've done this for a lot of years now ... it's so much fun to see all the little kids out there, and their faces just light up," said Penner, who has long been involved but now credits Dave Hartry for taking on a lot of the event's organization.

Named for the jam cans that back in the day were filled up with water and frozen with a stick that could then serve as the handle for throwing, the bonspiel was originally held at the old downtown skating rink.

It obviously evolved over the years, with concrete eventually being used to make the rocks

more sturdy and durable, Penner noted.

Today's event draws over 100 youth of varying ages, up to Gr. 6. Teams play three games, using a scoring format where a point is awarded for each end won.

"It's always been an integrated team where you wouldn't have all older kids [on a team]," Penner explained. "We would make it so that there would be at least a Gr. 1 or 2 or 3 ... it would be a balanced team. It's still kind of neat to see the skips take their little Gr. 1 kids under their wings.

"It was a three-day bonspiel ... but taking up a full weekend now is kind of hard to do," he said. "At one point in time, we had maybe 700 kids playing in this thing. It was massive. It's shrunk down now to a one-day format. It makes it easier to get kids to sign up."

Penner likes the idea that it is a tradition that has been passed down for many local families.

"We're already three generations into this thing now," he said. "What really makes me kind of smile ... is because we have so many newcomers from various countries, it's a new experience for them.



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Youth took to the ice at the Morden Curling Club Saturday for the Elks' annual Jam Can bonspiel, which has been introducing kids to the sport of curling for nearly 60 years.

"It's just a fun little bit of exposure to curling, and it's a pretty big sport here," Penner added. "Jam can curling is a really nice to give an introduction to a sport that seems to be gaining in popularity.

"It does become a lot of work, but it's fun. It's something the Elks like doing ... it's become a spring break ritual."

## Evan Thomas Memorial Trust Fund formed at WCF

By Lorne Stelmach

A trust fund in memory of a junior hockey player who was among the 16 people killed in the April 2016 bus accident in Saskatchewan will help ensure local youth have the opportunity to play hockey here.

A signing ceremony Monday afternoon formally established the Evan Thomas Memorial Trust Fund in partnership with Winkler Minor Hockey and under the umbrella of the Winkler Community Foundation.

The fund was started six years ago following the accident, but the family, which has some roots and connections to Winkler, may not have anticipated it growing to this extent.

"Initially, it was overwhelming ... we got thoughts and wishes from around the world," said Evan's grandfather Frank Thomas, who was on hand with his wife Betty at the ceremony. "This idea of turning it into something that can be perpetual is huge

... we're hoping we get some people from within this community come along and come for the ride and help kids. We're proud to represent Evan this way.

"Evan liked hockey. He loved the people," said Thomas, who recalled a family conversation with Evan when there were thoughts about having to leave for university. "He said, 'Dad, I can't leave these guys. I can't leave my team' ... hockey was a conduit to all the other things that make sports worthwhile."

The idea can be traced back to 2022 when the Winkler Flyers alumni were celebrating the 25th anniversary of their MJHL championship, and the proceeds of a 50/50 draw were donated to the Evan Thomas Memorial Trust Fund.

"I think that partly came about because one of our son's was actually on that team," said Thomas, who has two sons who played in Winkler and graduated to the Flyers as well



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From left: Cory Hildebrand, Ryan Friesen, Frank and Betty Thomas, and Myra Peters make the Evan Thomas Memorial Trust Fund official at the Winkler Community Foundation.

as three grandsons who played here. Thomas also coached here and still has friends in Winkler.

He recalled there was about \$3,400 that the family boosted to \$5,000 to give back to the community, but Ryan Friesen of Winkler Minor Hockey had the idea of creating something longer lasting.

"The whole intent was to make differences in the community and kids in Evan's name," said Thomas. "We hope through this initiative we can put together a few tens of thousands of dollars that we can at least cover registration for one male and one female every year to play hockey.

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Rolling out the red carpet



PHOTOS BY RICK HIEBERT/VOICE

The Morden Figure Skating Club wrapped up its season with the Roll Out the Red Carpet Ice Show featuring solo and team performances from its skaters. Clockwise from above: The Adult Pembina Pizazz synchronized team; Chloe McMahon in a solo performance; Kaiden Friesen; Tessa Dyck; Ky-Lynn Jenner skating with the senior group in a performance called Flashdance—What a Feeling.

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# Sharing stories, advice across the generations

By Ashleigh Viveiros

The Gr. 1/2 class at Blumenfeld School welcomed three very special guests last week.

In honour of the 100th day of school (which, technically, was a few weeks before, but health issues had thrown a wrench in earlier plans), Salem Home residents Mary Dyck, Katherine Klassen, and Sara Neufeld stopped by the class to share stories from their long lives with the kids.

Fitting in with the theme of 100, all three ladies are either nearing, at, or well past the 100-year-old milestone—Klassen is 94 years old, Dyck is an even 100, and Neufeld is 102.

"We were lucky enough to have one of our students' parents work at Salem in the therapeutic recreation department," explained teacher Sher-ry Ehnes. That parent was Shannon Krahn, who suggested the outing. Ehnes said she jumped at the opportunity.

"I said, 'Fantastic!' What school has

a chance to bring in seniors to them like this?" Ehnes said. "A hundred years ago was 1924—it's hard for me to even imagine it, never mind the kids."

In preparation for the visit, the class learned about how the world was different a century ago and came up with some important questions to ask their guests.

Those questions included things like what the ladies did for work, how they got to school each day as a child, what sorts of recreational activities they enjoyed, and where they grew up.

Klassen and Neufeld, who fielded all the questions from the kids, painted a picture of how things used to be.

Klassen was a teacher at Winkler Elementary School for many years.

"I was a teacher, and they were nice children, just like these kids here," she said, sharing memories of writing lessons on the blackboard, reading poetry to her students, and the time



PHOTOS BY ASHLEIGH VIVEIROS/VOICE

The Gr. 1/2 class at Blumenfeld School welcomed seniors Mary Dyck, Katherine Klassen, and Sara Neufeld from Winkler's Salem Home last week to share stories and answer questions about life way back when.

a mouse had the entire class in an uproar.

"It was such a tiny little creature ... why were we so scared?" Klassen said, chuckling, recalling viewing it from the top of a chair.

Neufeld was born in Manitoba but recalled her family's move to Paraguay when she was a child.

"We went on a big ship. It took 23 days of sailing," she said. "After two years, my parents didn't think it was for them ... so we came back."

"We had a terrible storm and we all had to get out of our basement room and put on life jackets," Klassen recalled. "And one night we had a fire on the ship, but they didn't tell us and we all slept through it!"

The family made it safely back to Manitoba where Neufeld spent the rest of her childhood on a farm not far from Blumenfeld.

Life when they were children was very different from what kids today experience, the pair shared.

Laundry was done with a tub of water and a scrub board, Klassen said, and there was no running water in their home, which meant hauling water for baths that would then be

shared by the entire family. Both Klassen and Neufeld shared a bed with their sister until they left home.

Klassen recalled using the outhouse or, on cold winter days, the cash-and-carry toilet system—a bucket that most often the youngest in the family got stuck dumping out when it was full.

"I didn't do it," laughed Neufeld, the second-eldest child.

Everyone got up very early every day to do their farm chores.

"It was no problem getting up early because we went to bed early every night," Neufeld said. "There was no TV."

When the chores were done, they entertained themselves with books and songs and games.

"We used to play Ring around the Rosie. Do you know how to play that?" Neufeld asked the kids, to an enthusiastic response.

"We played baseball and we played soccer and we played tag a lot," added Klassen, adding Duck Duck Goose and Annie-Annie Over were also favourites.

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## Access CU named top employer for 10th year

By Voice staff

Access Credit Union has made the cut once again for Manitoba's Top

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The list is compiled annually by the editors of Canada's Top 100 Employers to recognize Manitoba employers that lead their industries in offering exceptional places to work. Access CU has been on the list for 10 years now.

"At Access Credit Union we have a passion for what we do and want to make a positive difference," Access president and CEO Larry Davey said in a statement announcing the

honour. "Our success is tied to the strength of our organizational values and leveraging the talent of our employees. We are delighted to be a Top Employer for the tenth year in a row."

The company says it prides itself on creating a culture to maintain a healthy work-life balance and offering benefits that include paid training and continuing education subsidies, flexible hours and work locations, matched pension plans, competitive salaries, robust health plans, and the

opportunity to give back to the community.

Access has also been selected by as one of Canada's best employers for recent grads by The Career Directory, Canada's longest-running employment guide for new graduates.

Highlights in Access' winning submission, the company shared, include the development and engagement of staff as well as a continued focus on member service and innovative technologies.



# Health expo offers a varied lineup of speakers, displays

By Lorne Stelmach

The Womens Health Expo Saturday in Morden offered a day of informative presentations aimed to both enlighten and educate participants.

The annual event organized by Genesis House came just a couple weeks after International Women's Day and featured a variety of speakers and displays.

Executive director Ang Braun felt the lineup was stellar and—perhaps most importantly—engaging.

"It was relatively full for all of the speakers, and it was such a range of topics, but all of them were very interesting," she said. "The topics were bold topics because they can be hard to talk about. But people were asking questions in the room, so I think that was really interesting to see ... and some of the questions are personal, so clearly they are being impacted personally by whatever the topic has been ... and they are getting answers from people who are front line in service delivery."

The idea behind the expo, Braun explained, is that supporting women in the community to be the healthiest, best versions of themselves betters our community as a whole.

The schedule included presentations from local experts on a wide variety

of physical and mental health topics. Among them was Catherine Wreford, whose talk focused on empowerment.

She touched on the variety of adventures and challenges she has faced, such as being on *Amazing Race Canada*, performing on Rainbow Stage, and being a cancer survivor.

Wreford recalled being diagnosed two days before her 33rd birthday and being given two to six years to live. She is now almost 44 years old.

"Those challenges are what make me happy, and when I'm happy, I do good stuff," she said. "I can make a difference for those I love and those I may never even know."

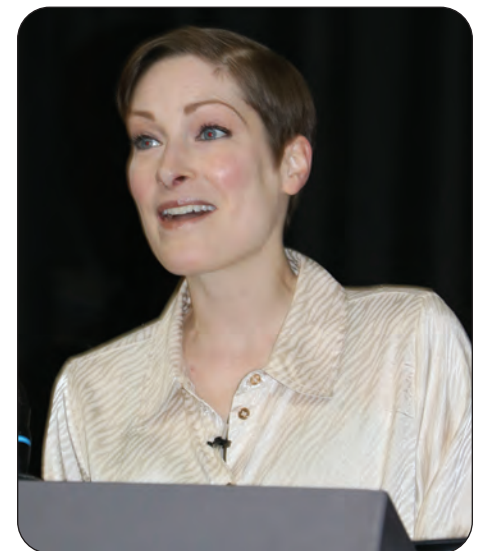
"I want to advocate for myself and others. I want to push barriers and challenge the impossible," Wreford continued. "Every day feels like a bonus, however every day still feels like a challenge ... how do I make the most impact? How do I lead the way for others in my circumstances?"

"How do I have hope for my future? I have to believe that something I do might not help me but will help others down the road," Wreford concluded. "This platform is my legacy ... to be able to stand behind people and help them ask the right questions or be there to understand what they're going through and to raise money to help find a cure."



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Genesis House hosted its annual Womens Health Expo at the Access Event Centre in Morden last weekend, providing space for community groups like Central Station (above) to connect with people about their programs and a platform for speakers like Catherine Wreford (right) to present on topics of mental and physical health.



Braun said she feels the response and level of engagement shows there is a real need for an event like this in the community.

"I think one of the things I've taken out of this day is an ounce of prevention really is worth a pound of cure," she said, adding how each thing can have a ripple effect on overall health and wellness.

"All of it seems to connect to everything in some way ... all of the differ-

ent topics really tie in together," noted Braun. "Yes, you can be impacted by something terrible, but there is help out there ... I can have all this education to help me have the best journey possible."

# Morden sign lit up red for World TB Day

By Lorne Stelmach

The City of Morden highway sign was lit up in red Sunday evening as a symbolic gesture to help raise awareness about tuberculosis.

It was part of a cross-Canada campaign in observance of World TB Day to help bring attention to one of the world's deadliest infectious disease and to the urgent need for global action to combat this persistent health threat.

The message was that Canada could help lead the way in working to eradicate this deadly disease at home and around the world, said representatives of Results Canada, a grassroots advocacy organization involved in

the awareness campaign.

"The inequitable burden of TB in Canada and around the world highlights the deep rooted social and political determinants that allow TB to thrive among certain populations," noted senior policy and advocacy officer Leigh Raithby. "It disproportionately affects communities that are the most marginalized. In Canada, this includes Indigenous and newcomer communities."

"We know that ending TB is both a matter of reconciliation and health equity. Meaningful progress towards TB elimination will require not only medical interventions, but also thoughtful actions to address the broader determinants of health that are putting



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The Morden entrance sign was aglow in red in honour of World TB Day Sunday.

people at risk of disease."

The Morden sign joined over 40 monuments and landmarks from coast to coast in lighting up that night, and people were encouraged to go to the sign and take a picture to post on their social media.

TB is estimated to have claimed 1.3 million lives and affected 10.6 million people in 2022 alone. TB incidence in

Canada has remained stagnant for the last two decades. Over 1,800 people in Canada fall ill with TB every year.

The COVID-19 pandemic had a devastating impact on TB programs and care, Results Canada shares. In fact, global TB deaths increased for the first time in two decades during the pandemic, but the number came back down to pre-pandemic levels.





**PHOTOS BY LORNE STELMACH/VOICE**  
There was a belated St. Patrick's Day celebration Friday at the Kenmor Theatre in Morden as the Danceworks Irish dance students performed for a traditional céili. The evening featured music by the "Irish Cowboy" Tom McDermott (far left) and also served as a fundraiser to bring in some money towards a new floor for the dance school.



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> **BLUMENFELD SCHOOL, FROM PG. 10**

They walked to school most often, Neufeld shared, though during stormy days in winter they might arrive by horse-drawn sleigh.

These days the ladies keep busy puzzling, reading their Bibles, watching TV, and enjoying the musical groups who stop by Salem to perform.

Klassen is an avid royal family watcher—she's sent the royals a Christmas card every year for decades and even met the late Queen Elizabeth during a royal visit to Winnipeg years ago—while Neufeld is often on her tablet checking the news and enjoying the messages and photos her family sends her.

So what advice do a pair of elders have for kids just starting out in life? "Obey the Golden Rule," urged Neufeld—treat others the way you want to be treated.

"Don't let your friends be mean to you," added Klassen. "Be kind to them. And if they don't want to be kind, stay away from them if they're trouble-makers."

"But these children are not trouble-makers, I can see. They're beautiful children."

The kids thanked the ladies for their visit by sharing with them a few songs they've been learning in music class.

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"We are really pleased to be able to do this ... we think it certainly fits the mandate for the trust. We believe it will help the community of Winkler, and we hope there are people out there who think enough of the minor hockey system."

"That tragedy in Tisdale really left a lasting mark for everybody," said Friesen, who noted how the Thomas family has been a part of the community in Winkler. "I could really see the heart for what they were trying to do, and I thought it was an amazing gesture."

"I really believe strongly in kids being able to participate in sports for the life lessons that come from it," he added. "Not every child has the ability to participate."

Foundation executive director

Myra Peters noted how this gift will be "impacting our young people in our community who want to play hockey for years to come. We really appreciate working with Frank and Betty ... definitely their passion for impacting community is evident."

Some local businesspeople have already made commitments to donate to the fund, and the foundation and the family would welcome others who might be interested in supporting children who might not be able to afford the costs of minor hockey.

Donations can be made directly to the Winkler Community Foundation, and they can be made online at [www.winklercommunityfoundation.com](http://www.winklercommunityfoundation.com) or by mail to 2-880L 15th Street Winkler, MB R6W 0H5.



## Experience the excitement of your neighborhood Bud's grand reopening!

By Lana Meier

Rural Buds Cannabis Shops dispensary in Carman (9 Centre Ave West) is having their Grand Reopening on Thursday, March 28, after undergoing renovations that started in late October.

In May 2021, the Carman Rural Buds Store opened its doors, following the success of their original location in Morris at 654 Main St. South in January of 2021. Since then, they have opened a store in July of 2021 at 530 Rue Sabourin in St. Pierre-Jolys and a fourth store in April of 2022 at 511 Main St. in St. Adolphe.

District Manager Stacie Rasmussen and her crew have been very busy increasing the square footage of the Carman store to provide a wider selection of product and services.

"The revamped space redefines the cannabis experience with a clean, upscale atmosphere that is simultaneously approachable and comfortable, aiming to dispel stereotypes associated with cannabis," said store manager Tianna Wanders.

Rural Buds Cannabis took over the retail space next door which was Big Willy's Pizza.

"Although it's sad not to have Chad visiting from next door, we are super excited to be getting bigger and much better!" said district manager Rasmussen.

The wall between the two spaces was removed to open the floor plan and doubled the retail space. New lighting and flooring have been added and the size of the vault has increased, which increases the selection of cannabis products too! The new

display cabinets, new window decals and painted walls add a nice bright green to liven the space up.

"We are so proud to be a part of this beautiful community and happy to be able to invest in it," said Rasmussen.

The newly renovated space carries cannabis products and cannabis accessories and most recently an abundant influx of nicotine products like juices, disposables, and hardware.

"Before, our little shop was, well little. Now, there's more room to have more accessories like candles, bong, games, stickers, lifestyle products including incense, books, apparel and much more. The atmosphere is bright, airy, and colourful!" said store manager Tiffany Robertson.

"Our Budtenders (employees) are a great resource for information on all of the products we carry," said Rasmussen. All the Rural Bud stores are pet friendly and welcome anything from exotic reptiles to grandma's Kitty. "The most exotic animal to accompany their owner into one of our stores was a Patagonian mara, look that one up!" said Kieran Fowler, store manager.

You can place online orders through the Rural Buds website or through Leafly. Rural Buds also has social media accounts on Facebook and Instagram.

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## Winkler Flyers win game one

By Ashleigh Viveiros

The Winkler Flyers took game one of their MJHL first-round playoff series against the Portage Terriers over the weekend, but then dropped game two.

The opening salvo Friday night in Winkler saw the home team dominate thanks to two goals from Mike Svenson and singles from Jayce Legaarden and Zach Nicolas along with the net-minding skills of Malachi Klassen, who denied all but one of Portage's 26 shots on goal. Winkler, meanwhile, had 35 shots on net in the 4-1 victory.

Portage then tied the series with a 3-2 win two nights later.

The Terriers were up 3-0 before Connor Jensen got Winkler up on the board midway through the final period. Trent Penner scored a few minutes later, but the Flyers failed to close the gap any further.

Klassen and Liam Ernst both got time between the posts, with Klassen making 18 saves off 21 shots in his 40 minutes in net, while Ernst stopped



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Winkler's Trent Penner escapes the defensive efforts of Portage's Decker Mujcin in game one of the MJHL playoff series last week, which the Flyers took 4-1. Below: Forward Dalton Andrew received the Mike Ridley Trophy as the league's top scorer for the regular season. Andrew had 43 goals in 54 games, along with 39 assists and an average of 1.52 points per game.



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all five he faced in the remainder.

The two teams meet back in Winkler Wednesday night for the tie-breaker. Game four is then in Portage Friday evening followed by game five in Winkler Saturday.

If needed, game six is in Portage Monday night, April 1, followed by game seven in Winkler on Wednesday, April 3.

The Terriers finished in third place behind the second-place Flyers in the regular season standings.

The two teams faced off against each other five times this season, with Portage coming out ahead in four of those, though three were close, with the Terriers victorious by just one goal.

In the league's other playoff series, the Steinbach Pistons lead the Niverville Nighthawks two games to zero, as do the Dauphin Kings against the Winnipeg Blizzard. The Virden Oil Capitals versus the Neepawa Knights series was tied at 1-1 at press time.



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### PUBLIC NOTICE



## PUBLIC NOTICE

### REGARDING LOCAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN NO. 46 - BY-LAW NO. 2307-23 FOR THE REDEVELOPMENT OF THE CENTENNIAL ARENA

The Council of the City of Winkler has scheduled a public hearing at Winkler City Hall, 185 Main Street, Winkler, MB on the 9th day of April, 2024 at 6:30 p.m. to present the following local improvement proposal:

#### GENERAL DESCRIPTION OF LOCAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN NO. 46

*The proposed design concept for the redevelopment of the Winkler Arena is to demolish much of the interior of the existing arena and redevelop it into an approx. 1300 seat arena. Entrance into the redeveloped arena would be from the Meridian Centre at the Southwest corner. The proposed general scope of the renovation is to redevelop and modernize the existing arena by implementing energy efficient systems, constructing extensive code upgrades, and providing safe spectator viewing and inclusive public amenities. The recently constructed link connecting the Meridian Centre to the Centennial Arena would be expanded to enlarge the concessions, concession seating, and staff room.*

*The building envelope walls and roof will be upgraded to improve energy performance for a deep energy retrofit to meet the requirement for funding incentive programs including the Infrastructure Canada Green and Inclusive Community Buildings Program Grant (GICB) and the FCM Community Building Retrofit Program (CBR). The existing mechanical and electrical systems are dated and past service life and will require full replacement. As per the Building Condition Assessment Report, a complete electrical distribution system replacement is recommended.*

*The estimated cost of the Local Improvement plan is to a maximum of \$23,750,000.00. The Government of Canada has committed \$7,962,240.00 and the Province of Manitoba has committed \$3,137,500.00 towards the redevelopment of the Arena. The City of Winkler has committed \$5,150,260.00 from the Recreation Reserves towards the project. The balance of up to \$7,500,000.00 is to be funded by borrowing. The term of the proposed borrowing is 15 years at an interest rate estimated for the time being up to 8.00% per year. The annual debt payment of \$876,221.59 is to be raised by a local improvement tax calculated on the basis of the portioned assessed value of all taxable, grant-in-lieu and otherwise exempt properties within the City of Winkler.*

*Based on the 2024 Assessment Roll of \$1,133,555,000 an estimated mill rate of 0.773 mills will be required. Calculated on a residential property valued at \$300,000 (portion valued of \$135,000) a \$104.36 local improvement tax will be levied annually for 15 years.*

*The annual operating and maintenance costs associated with the proposed project will be covered under the City's annual recreation maintenance budget.*

A written objection may be filed with the City Manager, at 185 main Street, Winkler, Manitoba, prior to the commencement of the hearing. At the hearing, Council will hear any potential ratepayer who wishes to make a presentation, ask questions or register an objection to the local improvement proposal.

All objections, written or verbal, must be filed prior to the adjournment of the hearing and must include the name, address and property description of the person filing the objection and the grounds of their objection.

Copies of the Local Improvement Plan No. 46 are available at the City of Winkler office at 185 Main Street, Winkler, MB, and on the municipal website at [www.cityofwinkler.ca](http://www.cityofwinkler.ca).

Dated at the City of Winkler this 14th day of March, 2024, and issued pursuant to Section 318 of The Municipal Act.

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City Manager  
City of Winkler  
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OBITUARY



Lora Hiebert  
1933 – 2024

On Saturday, March 23rd, 2024 Lora Hiebert (nee Neufeld) aged 90 years formerly of Lowe Farm, MB entered her eternal home in heaven.

Lora was predeceased by her husband Harry Hiebert (2013); parents Johann and Anna (nee Wiebe) Neufeld and siblings Clinton, Abe (Helen), Ben (Annie), Anna (Bill), Esther (Jake); brother-in-law Bill; stepmother Aganetha (nee Wiebe) and step-siblings Abe (Sarah), Margaret (Martin); step brother-in-law Cornie.

Left to cherish her memory are children, Rick Hiebert (Roxie) and Arlene Penner (Roy), grandchildren, Brittany Hiebert, Noah Penner (Rylie), Carmyn Penner. She is survived by sister Rose, brother John (Diane), step sisters Helen and Nettie, and many nephews, nieces and their families. She will be deeply missed by her family and friends.

Private family interment will take place prior to the service at the Grossweide Cemetery. Funeral Service to be held at the Christian Faith Church, Reinfeld on Saturday, March 30, 2024 at 2:30 p.m.

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CLUES ACROSS

1. Database management system  
5. Medical procedures  
11. Clapton, musician  
12. Defender  
16. Exert oneself  
17. Indicates position  
18. Quay  
19. Atrocities  
24. A way to address an adult man  
25. Ends  
26. Unable

CLUES DOWN

27. Taxi  
28. Gratuities  
29. A famous train station  
30. Japanese persimmon  
31. Sours  
33. Beneficiary  
34. Baseball official  
38. Confused situation  
39. Unworldly  
40. Yemen capital  
43. Type of soil  
44. Beloved beverage  
45. Lying down

OBITUARY



Betty Lorraine Dunbar Sager  
(nee Murray)

It is with great sadness that we announce the peaceful passing of our Mom, Grandma, Grandma-Great, Betty Lorraine Dunbar Sager (nee Murray).

Left to cherish her memory are her children Joe Dunbar (Shannon), Brenda Sloan (Al), Joanne Dunbar; stepchildren Glenda Hemminger (Terry), Janet McCue (Pete), Brian Burnett; grandchildren Tyler Sloan (Allison), Reid Sloan (Cherise), Matt Dunbar (Denise), Mallory Roovers (Sebastiaan), Molly Dunbar (Mohammed), Brenda Burnett, Adam Burnett, Rachel Miller (Sean), Kristen Hemminger (Jamie), Leah McCue (Kelli) Sheridan McCue, Mariah McCue; great-grandchildren Aubree and Olen Sloan, Woody and Joé Dunbar, Dash and Felix Roovers, Dahome and Betty Althikrallah, Hannah and Colin Miller.

Betty was predeceased by her husbands Jack Dunbar and Don Sager, her stepdaughter Barb Burnett, her siblings and their spouses.

Betty was born to Charles and Martha Murray in Graysville and grew up on the farm. After graduating school she went to Success Business College in Winnipeg, then returned to Carman and worked at the Land Titles Office. Those times were filled with evenings at the movies and dances at the Memorial Hall. It was around this time she met Jack and in her words “I kind of liked him”. They were married on June 26, 1954 in the Carman United Church. Joe came along in 1955 and in 1956 they left the farm and moved to Morden where Brenda and Joanne were born.

Always ones for adventure, Jack and Betty started their business in 1965 with three small children at home. Betty got actively involved again when Jack passed away suddenly in 1986. She was a strong and determined woman and jumped right back in even while going through the most trying of times.

Family was important to Betty and there were many visits to Carman to see cousins, aunts and uncles. These visits were filled with great meals, raucous card games and laughter. Betty was a great mother and very involved with her kid’s activities. She never missed sporting events, concerts or plays and this continued with her grandchildren and great-grandchildren. When she married Don in 1990, she added seven more grandchildren to the mix.

Betty was very community minded. She was a lifetime member of the Kinettes, sat on the board of the Morden Community Foundation and volunteered at the hospital. She was very involved with St. Paul’s United Church. She loved to sing and was part of the choir for over 50 years, led the junior choir and was a member of Tapestry, a community choir ensemble.

Betty was instrumental in helping to launch the very first Morden Corn & Apple Festival where Jack was the first Chairperson (yes – they invented Corn & Apple).

Betty loved adventures with Jack and they traveled to many places including China and Spain. Her love of travel continued with Don as they traveled all over the US and Canada, Scotland, Australia and New Zealand. Her last big trip was with her family in 2019 to walk the beaches of Normandy, the trenches of Vimy Ridge and see the lights of Paris.

Betty was active right until the end, walking the stairs to her apartment daily, going to hockey games of her great-grandchildren and never saying no to an invitation out for supper.

She will be remembered for her smile, her adventurous spirit and her style.

Funeral Service will be at 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, April 6, 2024 at St Paul’s United Church in Morden.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Betty’s memory to the Boundary Trails Health Center Foundation, Box 2000, Winkler, MB R6W 1H8 or on-line at BTHCFoundation.com. To the BTHC Expansion fund.

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49. Angeles

50. Fail to amuse

51. Collapsible shelter

53. Commercial

54. Taste property

56. Lordship’s jurisdictions

58. It cools your home

59. Dismounted

60. Charge in a court of law

63. One less than one

64. Spoke

65. Famed garden
- Harris

8. Belonging to me

9. Shoelace tube

10. Takes to civil court

13. Early multimedia

14. Produces anew

15. Horse races

20. Of I

21. Equally

22. Changes color

23. A place to stay

27. Town in Galilee

29. Mathematical figure

30. Klingon character

31. They

32. Atomic #58

33. Showed up extinct

34. Loosen grip

35. Unpleasant smell

36. Innermost membranes enveloping the brain

37. Esteemed college “league”
38. Partner to Pa

40. Small American rail

41. A salt or ester of acetic acid

42. Sodium

44. Military figure (abbr.)

45. Lighted

46. Paid to get out of jail

47. All of something

48. Ohio city

50. More abject

51. A radio band

52. Scientific development (abbr.)

54. Monetary unit

55. Scored perfectly

57. A punch to end a fight

61. The Golden State (abbr.)

62. The Beehive State (abbr.)

Crossword Answer

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The Brick is a business with a long history in Morden.

The building on the west end of downtown Morden had in the past served as a location for a hardware store and a sporting goods business as well as furniture, which became its focus in the early 1980s under the ownership of Andy McCaughan.

It switched over to being a franchise of The Brick in 2001. When McCaughan decided to step aside from the business in 2017, longtime employee Randy Unger and his wife Marlene Lindal took over ownership.

"Business was good, but The Brick is a recognized name," recalled Unger. "We were actually the second franchise in all of Canada at that time."

There are now around 150 The Brick locations across the country, but Unger notes the Morden store is very much a locally operated business with a commitment to the community.

"We are still a privately-owned, community-based operation. It's one of The Brick's policies that the owners of a franchise do actually live in the community. I think it's better for the customer too, that they know there's somebody here who they know and who will care for their needs. Anything we do to promote and support local charity ... it's all local. All the money stays here in this community."

"It's been a well-established landmark here in Morden. We're happy to be here, and we're happy to be part of the community," said Unger, noting there are key advantages that come with being aligned with The Brick.

"The Brick is a reputable company name. It offers a wide assortment and great buying power," he said. "Being a franchise, we try to operate our business as close as possible to the corporate model. We are quite broad in our assortment, and it's getting more broad each and every year."

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*The Brick Morden franchise owners Randy Unger and Marlene Lindal have a commitment to supporting the community.*

"We cater to a relatively broad clientele. We are always looking to bring in new product as much as we can," Unger continued.

"The only thing we wish is that we could increase our footprint," he noted. "We feel that the downtown area is where we want to be though, so we don't intend or wish to be in any other location other than the downtown. We just wish we could expand our footprint so we could offer more for the customers."

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