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Horticulture Soc. has big plans for Park St. green space

By Ashleigh Viveiros

The Winkler Horticulture Society has set its sights on the empty piece of green space in front of the Winkler Rec. Complex as their next big beautification project.

Society reps announced last week that plans are in the works to transform the area that houses Winkler's giant hockey stick into a true destination for residents and tourists alike.

"This park will not only offer a variety of recreational features, we also see this as a site that will be a 'must see' and 'must have' photo opportunity; a place people will want to see when they visit Winkler," said Margaret Penner, WHS chair, who notes the society is working on the project alongside the City of Winkler.

The plan is to fill the space with shrubs, trees, and perennials as well as a picnic shelter, fire pit area, and a walking path that can do double-duty as a skate trail in the winter months.

Long-term plans include the addition of sculptures representing different winter sports dotted throughout the garden.

Project lead Jodi Szutu said the ideas came quickly once the garden was first pitched.

"At one of our meetings in fall I just



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The Winkler Horticulture Society is going to transform the empty green space in front of the Winkler Rec. Complex into a beautiful garden this summer, complete with a picnic shelter, fire pit, and a walking path that will hopefully be used as a skating trail in the winter.

asked if there was anything being done around the lonely hockey stick there, and then it just kind of snowballed," she said.

It will become the latest in a long line of projects spearheaded by the horticulture society for the betterment of the community. Its team of volunteers, working with parks and rec. department staff, are responsible for the creation and ongoing upkeep of Parkview Gardens, Bethel Heritage Park, the 15th St. and Grandeur Ave. gazebo, the Parkside Pioneer Patch, and many other floral displays throughout the city.

While some of those other areas shine best in the summer months, Szutu said this new garden is being designed with year-round use in mind.

"We're trying to make it more of a naturalized environment so we can have a lot of shrubs in there and trees," she said, explaining the plants chosen will be ones who keep their leaves and colours in the winter. "And then with the walking path loop, we're really hoping the city can use it as a skating path in the winter," Szutu added, noting its proximity to the arena makes it the perfect location for outdoor skating, as families can pop inside to warm up or use the facilities.

The society has been given free reign to use the entire space, and Szutu said they're going to make the most of it.

"We're hoping to get the bulk of it done this summer," she said, "though certain things we're going to have to wait and see what kind of grants we can get and what kind of support we can get from community businesses."

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MEC soccer pitch a dream come true for local youth

By Ashleigh Viveiros

Four years ago, 10-year-old Jesse Vanden Berg and his teammates appealed to Winkler City Council to consider building an indoor soccer complex in the community.

To show they were serious, their petition came with a \$20 donation to get the fundraising campaign started.

That donation paid off in spades last Thursday, as Vanden Berg, now 14, and his brother William got the chance to kick the ball around on the indoor soccer pitch in Winkler's new Meridian Exhibition Centre.

"I never thought that something like this would come from \$20 from a 10-year-old, but we're here now and it's everything I would have dreamed, me and the soccer community," Vanden Berg said, thanking the City of Winkler and Meridian Industries for making the MEC a reality.

"I can't wait until it actually opens so we can start playing again," added William.

Mayor Martin Harder said it just goes to show that age is no barrier to making a difference.

"It's an inspiration to younger kids to realize that a little bit of effort goes



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Above: Kicking the ball around at the MEC. Right, from left: Meridian Industries director of operations Doug Eidse, brothers Jesse and William Vanden Berg, and Mayor Martin Harder at the grand opening of the indoor soccer pitch.

a long way," he said, recalling Vanden Berg and his friends coming to council that day four years ago, and the impression their passion left. "It got the momentum going."

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"IT FEELS LIKE WE

HANGING ON."

ARE ON THE EDGE.

Businesses cautiously optimistic as restrictions ease

By Lorne Stelmach

The impact of the second COVID-19 shutdown has varied for local businesses.

A sampling of Morden-Winkler businesses expressed varying degrees of cautious optimism now that restrictions are starting to ease, though there are lingering concerns about the long-term impact of the past few months of closures.

"I think it's been a windfall for some

businesses, but for others it's been devastating," said Gina Saban of Saban and Company in Morden. "I don't know that it was completely gone about the right way, making businesses close, but I don't get to make those rules."

"Being able to reopen

now, even at 25 per cent capacity, is a great start to getting back on track. But it feels like we are on the edge, hanging on," said Melissa Doell, owner and operator of Avalon Day Spa in Winkler. "I hope that as we move forward the sacrifices we make now will help us to be able to quickly recover, thrive and grow again."

Kurtis Fox of Rise Athletics and Wellness in Winkler said he's pleased to reopen with limitations, though he's worried what will happen if the COVID-19 numbers start to rise and the province shuts things down once again.

"It's not sustainable to have that yo-yo effect," said Fox, who has been a vocal proponent of the Be Safe Be Fair Open MB campaign. "I think the general feeling of the business community is that if there is a set list of precautions that we can follow there's really no need to close us again."

For the time being, Fox has to settle for self-directed workouts and individual personal training at Rise, as group activities are still restricted.

"We're trying to show and demonstrate to the decision makers that ... whether people are working out on their own or as a group, the same fundamental precautions can be followed. It would be the same amount of people in the building," he stressed.

Having been active and vocal locally with the OpenMB campaign, Fox wel-

comed the feedback he's received in recent weeks, which has been largely positive and encouraging.

"That campaign stands for a safe and fair opening. There's no looking to bypass precautions or things like that," he said. "We

want to work with it and be safe about it

"I think we're headed in the right direction, but after doing this all once before, in the back of your mind you're definitely questioning is it going to happen again and what kind of response are we going to have?"

PICKUP, DELIVERY A LIFELINE

Among the businesses most impacted by the shutdown were restaurants, although most were able to maintain at least some level of business through delivery and curbside pickup. That proved to be a saving grace for many.

"We were actually quite busy with takeouts and deliveries the entire time," said Boston Pizza assistant general manager Jordan Metzger.

She suggested the first shutdown last March had more of an impact.

"That was a little tougher. Not a lot of



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Gina Saban of Saban and Company in Morden is hopeful but uncertain about what the next few months will bring.

people wanted to go out or anything, so we maybe expected this time to be like our first shutdown where it was a little slower," she said. "It did come as a bit of a shock then how busy we actually stayed this time, although it was a day to day thing; every day we didn't know what to expect.

"I feel like the community really came together and they knew that everyone was struggling, so everyone seemed to want to help out," Metzger suggested. "There was never really a time where we were struggling hard. There were always people ordering, which kept a lot of our staff with jobs because they were able to come to work, doing takeouts and doing delivering.

"It was nice that you could see the communities band together to support businesses, and it was very helpful"

Metzger said they welcomed the

chance to reopen earlier this month, even at limited capacity and with all of the extra rules such as limiting customers to people from the same household and getting contact information for patrons.

"We had been booked up almost every day so far with reservations," she said. "It all seems to be working out ... it's nice to see people's faces again."

HOPEFUL BUT UNCERTAIN

Saban and Company initially closed completely in the spring and then again in fall, and then had only been able to sell a limited selection of essential items such as winter jackets.

A difficulty Saban faces is that clothing is ordered perhaps eight months in advance, so it's been hard to judge what things are going to look like down the road.

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RISE ATHLETICS PHOTO

Above: Kurtis Fox at Rise Athletics is excited to see restrictions ease, but concerned what will happen to businesses if COVID numbers rise—will the province shut things down again? Left: Kenton Hoeppner and Sawyer Schmidt ready to welcome customers back at Boston Pizza.

PVHS pickup dinner raises \$2



Local chef Kevin Funk prepared about one hundred meals Friday in support of the Pembina Valley Humane Society. The second annual 'Spayghetti and No Balls' fundraiser brought in about \$2,000 for the organization, which with the tongue in cheek name uses the event to highlight the importance of spaying and neutering one's pets while also supporting the humane society's efforts in that area. Left: Funk with the society's Ashley Wiebe.

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Businesses grateful for community support through lockdown

From Pg. 4

In the meantime, Saban and her daughter have taken on a secondary job to make end's meet. She remains somewhat hopeful but still very much uncertain about the future.

"People aren't that out and about and buying things yet," Saban suggested. "My hours are still less than they were, and I still have staff at home ... basically, we're really not that busy again yet.

"I think people are still somewhat reluctant ... people are still being encouraged to stay home." Janzen's Paint and Decorating is one business that has fared better than others through the lockdown, as their whole range of home improvement products were deemed essential.

"For us, we didn't really actually shut down ... we actually didn't really experience a downfall in business. The hobby side was definitely affected, but we did lots of curbside over Christmas," said manager Mark Janzen. "The paint side actually kind of increased because people were at home doing projects. It was good for us in that respect.

"We've been kind of steady through it all," he said."It's definitely easier now, though, that they allow 25 per cent capacity into the business."

At Avalon Day Spa, Doell said they are "hanging on and hoping that we recover."

She said it has been a struggle "with this second three month closure, extra restrictions and capacity limits. I can't afford to hire back my full-time reception staff, so my time is limited as I'm on reception duties.

"The second closure really hurt us. We were just getting started after reopening under new ownership, a new name, and a new look, only to feel like the carpet had been ripped out from under us," Doell continued. "This is a servicebased industry, so selling a facial cleanser or lotion once or twice a month for curbside pickup doesn't pay the monthly rent.

"We have always had strict sanitization protocols due to the nature of our trade," said Doell, who added being told they are considered a nonessential business "feels as though our chosen trade doesn't count or can't be trusted to provide safe services, and it's hard to not be in-

"This is not just about pretty nails and shiny baubles. This industry is about mental health, self-care and necessity. Some of our guests cannot reach their toes. They rely on us to take care of them"

> MEC, FROM PG. 3

With help from Meridian to the tune of \$1.25 million, the \$19 million exhibition centre is now a reality. In addition to the indoor turf space (which when covered can be used as a massive banquet or convention hall), the facility also includes a rink, indoor walking track, exercise room, a catering kitchen, and public meeting

"This is a community centre and so therefore you need to incorporate as many different functions that you can," Harder said. "By having the soccer field here and having the walking track upstairs, the ice surface, it all comes together.

"I think we hit this ball out of the park." Earlier last week, the ribbon was cut on the facility"s D.A. Loewen Walking Track, which is

open for use by appointment (see Pg. 21).

Harder said they still need to officially open the ice surface and hold a public grand opening for the facility as a whole. That will likely take place later this summer.

Despite the frustration and challenges, Doell noted they appreciate the support that has been shown.

"During the closure, we have felt much love from our regular guests as well as new faces with gift card purchases. The support from the city of Winkler has been incredible," she said. "They know we have no intentions of closing down for good and that this is out of our control. We're so honored to be a part of this community.

"I am thankful people are talking about small business and how this is affecting them."

> GARDENS, FROM PG. 2

The entire project could cost upwards of \$50,000, though in-kind donations will bring the actual amount the society needs to raise down significantly.

To that end, a number of sponsors have already stepped up to pledge labour or goods to the garden, and more are most welcome.

The society is also planning to hold a few community fundraisers in the months ahead. The first one is the sale of hoodies, crewnecks, and T-shirts through townsapparelco.com featuring a map of Winkler on them. E-mail winklerhorticulture@gmail.com to place your

That's also the email to reach the society at if you'd like to volunteer with spring planting or make a donation to the project. The society can also be found on Facebook.



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When our heroes fail us

incinnati Reds player and coach Pete Rose, who played between 1963-1986, is the all-time Major League Baseball leader in hits, games played, at-bats, singles, and outs.

He won three World Series rings, three batting titles, one Most Valuable Player Award, two Gold Gloves, the Rookie of the Year Award, and made 17 All-Star appearances playing five positions.

For all of his a chievements, Rose is permanently ineligible for Baseball Hall of Fame recognition because he bet on his team as a player and coach. These days such a sin seems almost



By Peter Cantelon

quaint. Betting. Not steroids, not sexual harassment, not racism or intolerance ... gambling.

I find it mildly annoying. His betting aside, the achievements Rose made in baseball make him one of the greatest in the game and it seems ridiculous he will never be in the Baseball Hall of Fame, but these things happen.

Heroes rise up in history and popular culture and then we learn they are human and find ourselves shocked,

conflicted, disappointed, and wondering if we can accept their body of work anymore.

Martin Luther was an anti-Semite. He wrote a 65,000 word treatise called "On the Jews and their Lies" (do we even need to read further?) in which he argued Jewish synagogues, schools, and homes be set on fire. He called Jews "poisonous envenomed worms" and stated "we are at fault for not slaying them."

I can forgive Pete Rose and advocate for his admission to the Baseball Hall of Fame, however after learning of Luther's anti-Semitism I can never again read his writings, regardless of his contributions to Christian Protestantism or silly, witless statements like, "That's just how things were back then."

For the same reasons I cannot enjoy Wagner's music or read *The Merchant* of *Venice* without an uncritical eye.

How do we respond when our heroes fail? When *Harry Potter* author J.K. Rowling revealed a strong bias against transgender people many of her fans called for a boycott on her books and even the actors from the *Harry Potter* movies spoke out against her.

It begs the question: To what degree does the work of an artist, hero, or pop culture icon reflect their intolerance or failings?

I suppose it depends. I mean, I clearly believe Pete Rose should be in the Baseball Hall of Fame and I really don't care that he bet on his own team, however I have obvious issues with Martin Luther. I don't think supporting Rose and recognizing his re-

cords is going to influence me and others to become gamblers, however reading Luther's writing about Jews could (and did) affect people's opinions and engender racist attitudes.

During the Second World War, Nazi scientist and former SS member Wernher von Braun developed the Nazi's V-2 rocket, which was built in factories staffed by concentration camp slaves (many of whom died in the factories). Heck, the American government forgave him and had him help build their space program, so who am I to be critical?

So it depends.

I am wildly disappointed in J.K. Rowling but I still love her books. That being said, I don't want to give her any more of my money while she clings to her intolerance.

It is said"ignorance is bliss" and that "you should never meet your heroes" because the more you get to know someone the more flaws you will see. Still, I would rather know about the cracks in the bridge than to pretend they don't exist and walk blindly

I can forgive Pete Rose his gambling ... who did it hurt? I can even continue to read J.K. Rowling with an eye open toward her bias against the transgender community (and the overweight, but that's another story). Luther ... that door is forever closed to me now, but he was never really one of my heroes anyhow.

I will say this: Pete Rose may not be the writer Luther was (although far less harmful) but I bet Luther couldn't play baseball for nothing.

letters

COVID-19 QUESTIONS

Is it just me or is it difficult to figure out who we can trust since this CO-VID-19 pandemic began? It seems we live in a world of fake news, deep fakes and false flags. Who can provide trustworthy answers about the news of the day? And who is asking the right questions?

With this in mind, in response to Peter Cantelon's column regarding

the Government of Canada's CO-VID-19 vaccine distribution policy (When the going gets tough, Feb. 11), I have more questions!

For starters, why is the Govern-

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Being grateful people in unusual times

the challenges of the past year have pushed and pulled at our sense of what is normal and what helps us find peace in our hearts and contentment in our circumstances.

For many of us we thought we knew what we liked and we had a comfort level, or at least a predictability, in our

A pandemic and Public Health orders in response have given us an unexpected need to review what we personally believe is really important. To be sure, it is not an opportunity we wanted, but it is where we are. There

may be people reading this column who have experienced significant loss in the past year. For that grief we are

In our North American context, we are fortunate to enjoy a high level of affluence in our personal lives. If you

don't think so compare your situation with the average income in many other countries. We tend to take for granted the access and availability of many items for our comfort. Significant efforts have been



By Randy Smart

made in our country to provide economic safety nets. I am not qualified to evaluate the strengths and weaknesses of those programs.

In December of 2020 it was reported that, "Nine months on from the start of the pandemic, as many as 2.7 billion people—equivalent to over a third of the world's population—have no publicly funded safety nets to fall back on to cope with its effects, new Oxfam research with Development Pathways has found.

"While wealthy countries have pumped \$9.8 trillion (£7.4 trillion) into their economies, including significant measures to support workers and the general population, the majority of low- and middle-income countries have not been able to deploy the same 'whatever it takes approach' to protecting their people and economies." (Source: reliefweb.int/report/world/ oxfam-over-third-population-without-safety-net-cope-covid-19-economic-crisis)

In the past I have had opportunity to travel and briefly observe how others live and what "normal" looked like (at least through my lenses). I always come home realizing again how much we take for granted in daily life here.

I had a memorable conversation

with the captain of a catamaran which was transporting tourists like me. The food that we did not eat on that craft was to be delivered to a home for unwed mothers and their children. He also told me about the minimum income that waiters received in restaurants where I ate. He had hope that his people would take responsibility for their situations. My question was: How can I make a constructive differ-

I would like to encourage us all to be grateful for what we do have, to ask questions about how we choose to live, and consider the attitude with which we handle the blessings and privileges God has allowed us to enjoy. We also need to model for and teach to our children a wholesome response to adverse and uncomfortable times. What helpful lessons will our children remember in the days to

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ment of Canada urgently pushing the

Did Mark Zuckerberg really say in

If face masks are effective why can

For example, why has YouTube censored Dr. Pierre Kory's U.S. Senate testimony to Sen. Ron Johnson regarding the use of ivermectin to fight and even prevent COVID-19 infection? Dr. Kory called it a "wonder drug."

Why did Facebook and others censor Dr. Simone Gold of America's Frontline Doctors after she touted hydroxychloroquine?

What is the Zelenko Protocol and why has Dr. Zev Zelenko been suspended from Twitter?

What does Dr. Lee Merritt have to say about experimental COVID-19 vaccines?

So many questions. So few answers.

Travis Fehr, Morden

* Ed. note: Medical experts have been very clear that the COVID-19 vaccines do not modify a person's DNA. The Voice implores readers to ensure they're consulting legitimate news and science sources when researching the questions put forth in this letter (and in similar posts circulating on social media) and consider whether there is verified scientific evidence for any of the medical claims being made.

Grab a Broom and Sweep

My daughter was busy working on the living room floor, laying out fabric and cutting patterns. By the end of the day, the floor was littered with fabric cuttings and loose threads. As my grandson was watching her work, the doorbell suddenly rang. His mouth drops, and his eyes widen, and then with a look of panic, he runs into the kitchen and yells, "HURRY DADDY, GRAB A BROOM AND SWEEP." Nobody likes that kind of surprise, and the thought of opening the door to that mess horrified him. One day, perhaps very soon, there will be a sound, and it will not be a doorbell. The Bible describes it as a SHOUT, THE TRUMP OF GOD, and not everyone will recognize it. With no prior announcement, it will be the next great event in God's prophetic calendar – The Rapture of the Church. This will be an earth-shattering event, when all true believers will hear that call and be "caught up" to meet Christ in the clouds and then to be forever with the Lord. Read 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18. It will be an event so sudden we will not have time to do any sweeping, arranging, or preparing. Some might ask the logical question, "When will the Rapture occur? If we look carefully at our world today, we see, in a remarkable way, the setting for the world stage of events that come after the Rapture. We might conclude then that the Rapture could be at any moment. When a person puts their faith and trust in Jesus Christ, they are transferred from the road that leads to Armageddon to the road that leads to Glory. It's a wonderful truth that Christ has promised to come, perhaps very soon, and call His Church to Heaven before Armageddon comes to its finale and the world is judged for its sin and unbelief. The preparation for this event is now. At that moment, will you be ready? Unless you are born again, you will not be prepared. Sadly, many claiming to be Christians and sometimes even church members live an outwardly Christian life but do not recognize their need to put their trust in Jesus Christ as their Lord and Saviour. Are you saved? The Bible admonishes us to live in the anticipation that the call could be today. This call is for those who have acknowledged Him as their Lord and Saviour. Romans 10:9 "For if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in thine heart that God raised

Him from the dead, thou shalt be saved." John 3:16 "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever

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believeth in him, shall not perish but have everlasting life."

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rapid distribution and use of experimental COVID-19 vaccines? Yes, I did say experimental. Are these vaccines safe? Why is Bill Gates in the vaccine business (Moderna)? Is Gates popular among the recipients of his vaccines in India?

a Project Veritas undercover whistleblower video that "We just don't know the long-term side effects of basically modifying people's DNA and RNA"?* Why is Zuckerberg interested in this subject anyway?

we not reopen all businesses to 100 per cent capacity right now? Why is there media censorship of knowledge about therapeutic treatments and prophylactics for COVID-19?

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WSD's welding, piping programs to get a new home



PHOTO BY LORNE STELMACH/VOICE

Western School Division has purchased land on the east end of North Railway St. to build a new facility for its welding and piping trades programs.

By Lorne Stelmach

The two vocational programs in Morden can look forward to having a new home sometime in the future.

Western School Division trustees recently approved the purchase of a property on the east end of North Railway St. that will eventually be the location of a new building to house both the welding and piping trades programs.

The timeline for construction at the site adjacent to the existing welding shop is uncertain given it will still need provincial approval, but this is a welcome step regardless, said board chair Brian Fransen.

"It's kind of exciting for us. We have approval to design a new building there that will encompass both our piping trades program and our welding program under one roof.

"Right now we are simply at the design stage, so we are hoping we will get approval to build next," said Fransen, noting the scope and cost of the project are still to be determined.

It is a project which the division has had in mind for some time.

"We knew when we started the piping trades program that we wanted to have everything under one roof as much as possible," Fransen said. "The piping trades program right now is in a temporary space in the incubator mall. That was always intended to be just a temporary space.

"It's good to be getting it to this stage," he said, adding that both programs have been successful components of the Red River Technical Vocational Area. "It's good for the students, and I think it's good for the community."

WSD releasing results of online budget survey this week

By Lorne Stelmach

Local officials were in a better position than most of their provincial counterparts as Western School Division sought feedback recently in advance of releasing its next budget.

The division fared better than many other divisions with a 7.6 per cent increase to \$12.9 million in base funding, but that news only arrived after an online survey by the division to give the community the chance to have its say on the budget, which was unveiled through a virtual meeting this Wednesday.

Board chair Brian Fransen said it was vital for WSD to provide a forum for people to weigh-in on the budget, especially since pandemic restrictions prevented the division from holding its normal public forum.

"It's difficult to get the public to come out at the best of times, and especially this year it is even harder to get feedback on the budget," he said. "So we thought to send something out and be a little proactive with it and do something different. This year is kind of a time for us to shake off how we we're used to doing things."

People may have more specific questions about certain areas of the budget which perhaps they may be more comfortable addressing in this virtual way, he added.

"Most people don't live in dealing with millions of dollars in a budget line ... so understanding the impact of all of it and what can be done with all of that is a challenge." The budget for the 2021-22 school year at least comes with a more favorable base in terms of the provincial funding.

Manitoba's public schools system overall will see an increase of only 1.56 per cent or \$20.8 million more to a total of \$1.35 billion. The increase includes \$6.7 million or 0.5 per cent more to base funding, while there is also an additional \$5.5 million for special needs, and the province is providing a property tax offset grant equivalent to a two per cent property tax while telling school divisions to

freeze their education property taxes.

In addition to the increase in base funding, Western is also receiving \$200,000 in the additional offset funding. Western gains an increase in both special needs and equalization funding, while other divisions—such as GardenValley— not only received a minimal increase in funding but may have also seen offset by equalization.

The equalization funding assists school divisions with lower assessment per pupil to help cover costs over and above the level of provincial funding, and that was a welcome boost for Western.

"We are definitely on the higher end of the budget dollars coming down from the province this year. We are very fortunate in that respect," said Fransen, while noting there are still challenges that come with the level of growth here. "There's still lots of growth happening ... and this year, the pandemic has thrown in a lot of wrenches. We are working to balance everything within our means."

People can find more information about WSD's budget plans at www. westernsd.mb.ca.

Province tightens contact, self-isolation guidelines

By Ashleigh Viveiros

Manitoba's confirmed cases of the B117 COVID-19 variant remained at four on Monday as public health officials announced 97 new cases of the virus.

Chief Provincial Public Health Officer Dr. Brent Roussin said variants are to be expected. Some of these may be more contagious or cause more severe illness.

"Our goal is to slow the introduction of the variants of concern into Manitoba," he said, explaining that as the province rolls back some public health restrictions it needs to amp up its contact tracing and management efforts to try and stay ahead of the spread of the virus.

To that end, they're introducing

new guidelines for determining who is a close contact of known COV-ID-19 cases, including lowering the threshold of prolonged contact from 15 minutes to 10 minutes.

"This is a guide. If there is high-risk contacts where we feel somebody was absolutely exposed to droplets, then that could be as low as just a few seconds or minutes," Roussin noted.

"By that way we'll have more people identified as close contacts, so more people being required to self-isolate," he said, adding that if someone in a household tests positive for COVID-19 all members of that household will be considered close contacts and must self-isolate.

As well, if a close contact of a confirmed case lives in a different house-

hold, all members of their household must self-isolate as well until the contact has received a negative test result.

"Close contacts will be required to self-isolate for a minimum of 14 days, and that's regardless of testing results," Roussin said. "That's because the incubation period of this virus is 14 days."

The 97 new cases of the virus announced on Monday brought Manitoba's tally to 31,483.

At press time there were 1,219 active cases and 29,378 recoveries, 886 deaths, and 206 people hospitalized with COVID-19 (78 still infectious), 32 in ICU (14 infectious).

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Red Hawk Trail closed to traffic indefinitely

By Ashleigh Viveiros

Barricades went up on Redhawk Trail at P.R. 428 in Winkler on Monday at the direction of the Province of Manitoba.

Manitoba Infrastructure (MI) ordered the City of Winkler to block vehicular access to the road because it is too close to the intersection at Northlands Parkway and does not meet provincial access spacing requirements.

It's something the city has known might happen for some time now but had hoped to find a solution to, explained Scott Toews, director of planning and engineering.

"Back in 2008 when that Red Hawk/ Orion development was approved, it was approved subject to the closure of the Red Hawk Trail access at 428 once Northlands Parkway was connected," he said. "The city opened up Northlands Parkway last year and MI has now required that we meet those obligations that were agreed to.

"We were hoping to be able to work with MI to keep it open going forward, and we still are working with MI to try and get that access reopened."

Toews noted that the development agreement only affected Red Hawk Trail—Firefox Trail, which is about the same distance south from Northlands Parkway, did not have a similar closure requirement.

Right now, the MI staff are standing pretty firm about enforcing the agree-

"What the city's next steps are is to complete a traffic impact study for if that access were to be opened,"Toews explained. "Are there any safety measures we could incorporate to make that intersection safer considering there is now an additional access at Northlands Parkway?"

The plan is to get that study done as soon as possible.

"We'll continue to work with the province to see if there are any options for us to have that opened up sooner rather than later,"Toews said.

Mayor Martin Harder voiced his frustration at the province's insistence that Red Hawk Trail be closed after years of use.

He noted the city had put off opening up the final section of Northlands Parkway in the hopes a solution to this problem could be found.

"We had that one piece that wasn't done and it was deliberately not done because we thought we would be able to negotiate with the province to leave Red Hawk open," he said. "We didn't



want to take Red Hawk out because it serves that piece of the community ... lots of traffic uses Red Hawk to get onto the highway."

The original agreement to close the road was made at a time when the speeds on that stretch of P.R. 428 were 100 km/hr.

"We could understand the justification [then] where you wouldn't want to have those turnoffs so close together. But that piece is now 50 km/ hr," Harder said, stressing he feels the province needs to take that into consideration when weighing the current safety levels of the two intersections. "This agreement by the developer in regards to Red Hawk, that thing is over 10 years old. Life has changed."

He also pointed out there are many other areas where intersections are less than 400 metres apart, especially within city limits.

Harder has reached out to Sarah Thiele, deputy minister at Manitoba Infrastructure, to discuss the matter further but has not yet heard back.

Vaccination super site opening in Morden-Winkler

By Ashleigh Viveiros

The province is opening up two new immunization super sites next week, including one in Morden-Winkler.

Public health officials announced last week that our area, along with Selkirk, will see vaccination centres opening on March 5. Further site details were not available at press time.

"Manitoba committed to establishing a super site in every regional health authority," said Johanu Botha, co-lead of Manitoba's Vaccine Implementation Task Force, explaining these new sites were selected for reasons that include geography, population density, and logistics. "Yes, they will be used to provide immunizations, but they will also serve as hubs for our Focused Immunization Teams, and pop-up clinics."

With the opening of the Morden-Winkler and Selkirk super sites, Manitoba will have six immunization centres up and running across the province. The plan is to have as many as 13 by April.

Once the vaccine supply chain stabilizes, health officials are aiming to be able to administer 1.5 million doses in the second quarter of the year. That will require giving 20,000 vaccines a day starting in April.

Currently, Manitoba has the ability to give over 10,000 doses a day, were vaccine supply not an issue.

"With our super sites, Focused Immunization Teams, and pop-up clinics we are already well on our way to reaching that target," Botha said, noting they have also reached out to pharmacies and doctor offices about

administering the vaccine in the future, which will further increase capacity. "When you consider all of the locations where Manitobans will ultimately be able to be immunized in the weeks and months ahead ... we're talking about hundreds of locations provincewide."

The province continues to expand its eligibility criteria for vaccination. Most recently, individuals working in congregate living facilities born before Dec. 31, 1955 were added to the list. The updated list is available online at https://www.gov.mb.ca/covid19/vaccine/eligibility-criteria.html.

Dr. Joss Reimer, medical lead of the

vaccine task force, urges Manitobans eligible for vaccinations to call 1-844-626-8222 (1-844-MAN-VACC) for an appointment.

"We have spaces available and I would encourage you to be immunized when it's your turn," she said. "To the other Manitobans out there who aren't eligible yet, please be patient ... only people who meet our criteria will be able to book an appoint-

"I am asking Manitobans please do not call until you are eligible so that eligible Manitobans are able to get through and book appointments.'

> COVID-19, FROM PG. 8

Southern Health-Santé Sud had a total of 32 active cases on Monday, 29 total hospitalizations (eight still considered contagious), four patients in ICU (three contagious), and 141 deaths.

In the Pembina Valley, there were three active cases in Winkler, one in Morden, two in the Altona area (which includes the RM of Rhineland), two in Carman, three in the Morris area, three in Red River

South, and two in MacDonald.

The Stanley, Roland/Thompson, Grey, and Lorne/Louise/Pembina areas were all at zero active cases at the start of the week.

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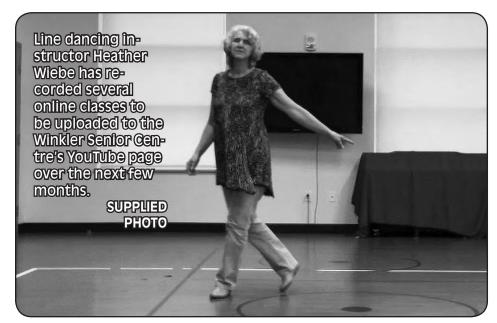
Line dancing classes offered online

By Ashleigh Viveiros

In-person dance classes are still a no-go thanks to COVID-19, and so the Winkler Senior Centre is taking its popular line dancing classes online starting this week.

"We've been trying to find ways to continue to connect with the seniors in our community and this is something that fits a whole bunch of boxes in keeping people active but allowing them to stay safe at home," says Joanne Greer, WSC volunteer coordinator.

Instructor Heather Wiebe has recorded several weeks worth of instructional videos to be released on the Winkler Senior Centre YouTube



channel for anyone who would like to dance along.

"We're really excited about it," Greer said, explaining longer dance class

videos will be posted every other week starting this Thursday at 9 a.m. In the off weeks, shorter instructional videos will be made available. "So we'll have new content every week for good while."

Teaching line dancing virtually is something new for Wiebe, but she was game to give it a go.

She said the classes will have something for the experienced toe tapper and the beginner alike. Videos will range from basic line dancing steps to more advanced dances.

"I'll walk through the whole dance, explaining what the steps are," Wiebe said. "We'll walk through it and then go again with some music."

There's no need to sign up to take part—simply lace up your dance shoes and tune into the Winkler Senior Centre on YouTube each week.

Morden-Winkler residents among healthiest in RHA

By Lorne Stelmach

Residents of the Winkler and Morden area are generally among the healthiest in both the region and province, although that's not to say that there are not some concerns.

That is the overall takeaway from the recently released 2019 community health assessment report from Southern Health-Sante Sud.

"A lot of the indicators that we study and look at show Southern Health overall does very well ... it's very healthy," said Ales Morga, regional director for planning and evaluation.

"Overall, we have one of the healthiest populations, but once you kind of look within the region, because it is a large region ... you start to see that it's not the same all across," she noted. "There's some areas within our region that are not so healthy. And even once we look at some of what we would think of as healthier districts, there's still some areas that kind of stand out for us.

"For a lot of things overall as a region we're doing very well. We're above the province in terms of life expectancy ... and with a lot of the chronic diseases we are doing better than average," Morga noted. "One area of concern "WE'RE ABOVE THE PROVINCE IN TERMS OF LIFE EXPECTANCY ... AND WITH A LOT OF THE CHRONIC DISEASES WE ARE DOING BETTER THAN AVERAGE."

that we have is around end-stage kidney disease. Our region is projected to experience the highest increase in the province by 2024."

There will also continue to be challenges particularly in this area that come with projected population growth of over 3,000 in a year and overall 25 per cent growth by 2030.

"We have one of the fastest growing populations in Manitoba," Morga noted. "It's increased by about nine per cent, so that's very different from what the other regions look like, and we're also projecting the largest growth in the province."

Conversely, there are some significant disparities particularly with the Seven Regions district in the northwestern corner of Southern Health, and there is a parallel evident there with not only poorer health outcomes but also the lowest incomes in the region.

"It really puts a picture together

when you start to see a bit of a story emerge," said Morga.

"So we know there's a lot of work to be done, and we also know that it's more than just what the health care system can do alone. We need to work with our communities on addressing some of the gaps that we're starting to see across the region."

The community health assessments delve into the demographics as well as key indicators ranging from life expectancy to specific statistics on a range of chronic conditions.

Life expectancy here is among the highest in the province. Winkler is at 78.8 years for males and 84.1 for females, while Morden is at 84.1 for males and 86.8 for females and the RM of Stanley is at 79.5 for males and 87.1 for females.

"Life expectancy is one of those things that really kind of shows how healthy a population is," Morga said. "But, again, there's so many factors that affect our health ... it all fits together."

The RM of Stanley had the lowest rates in the entire region in a number of areas including respiratory illness (3.2 per cent), child asthma (6.2 per cent), hypertension (17.5 per cent), diabetes (4.5 per cent), mood and anxiety disorders (10 per cent), and substance abuse disorders (2.6 per cent).

One statistic that stood out for this area was that Winkler had the highest rate of dementia in the region, but Morga noted a factor to consider here is the availability and accessibility of services.

"It could also be that we have the highest access to some of these services too," she said. "We are seeing increased dementia in our region though just as our population ages, and it is getting picked up more."

Other factors to consider when looking at something like the incidences of diabetes is that more people are living longer with the condition.

In the case of diabetes, Winkler is at 5.7 per cent, which is lower than both the regional rate of 7.3 per cent and the provincial rate of 8.6 per cent.

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Bistro Brazil open for business

By Lorne Stelmach

It seemed inevitable that Adriano and Gil Salibi would eventually go into the restaurant business in Mor-

They brought the flavours of their homeland to southern Manitoba with the opening of Bistro Brazil last weekend.

"Back in Brazil, we used to have a restaurant for many years," Adriano explained after a ribbon cutting ceremony Saturday at their 622 Thornhill Street location.

"About four years ago we came here through the Morden immigration program, and since I first came here I had been working at Decor Cabinets, and last year we started doing some food and started thinking about open-

ing a restaurant."
"I have been working in restaurants a long time," added Gil. "My father and my mother owned a restaurant in Brazil for 40 years, so I was raised inside a restaurant. This is what I know what to do."

Their initial offerings at Bistro Brazil include signature meat dishes such as Brazilian skewers and pork ribs alongside soups and sandwiches.

"I think Brazilian food is most famous for the meat and barbecue," suggested Adriano. "We also have many people from everywhere, so we have a lot of Italian food too and some

"It's very different from south to north as far as the cuisine in Brazil, so it's very diverse," agreed Gil. "Right now, we are trying to work with things



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Local dignitaries joined Bistro Brazil owners Adriano and Gil Salibi in cutting the ribbon on the new Morden eatery on Saturday.

we know are going to fit in everyone's

"It's for everybody; I hope every-

body is going to like it."

You can find out more online at www.bistrobrazil.ca.

Power of the Purse moves online this year

By Lorne Stelmach

The Morden Area Foundation is going online next month for one of its major annual fundraising efforts.

The Power of the Purse event through the foundation's Women's Giving Circle will be held virtually via Zoom on Saturday, March 6 starting at

"We were toying with not doing it at all or pushing it to the fall; we were toying with all sorts of options," explained executive director Lynda

"So this [moving online] is how so many things are going these days," she said, noting it will likely be some time yet before any larger gathering is possible. "We decided that, even if things did open up, would a hundred women be comfortable with it enough to do something like this right away?"

The Power of the Purse began six years ago with the aim to raise and grant out \$10,000 from 100 women each contributing \$100.

Last year there were 115 women involved, and three organizations made a pitch for at least a portion of the

The organizations vary each year, but the money in 2020 was shared by Youth for Christ in Morden, the South

Central Regional Library, and the foundation itself for the Power of the Purse endowment fund.

The format will remain the same this time around, with the plan being to have the program shown live online that morning. The event will also include a catered lunch by chef Owen Klippenstein—participants have to advise when registering if they want to pick it up or have it delivered.

"Nobody will have to get out of their car because we will have a couple volunteers there [at the Access Event Centre], or we will be delivering it to your door," Lambert explained.

"So we're still trying to have it so it will look and feel like it normally would be done," she added, noting they also hope to have it set up so that people can connect with other participants online. "We're wanting to try

something new with Zoom where we can have these breakout rooms and ladies can visit ... you might get more of that feeling like you're gathering with people."

For more information about the event and how to register, contact Lambert at 204-822-5614 or 204-823-4521 or by e-mail to info@mordenfoundation.ca.

> HEALTH ASSESSMENT, FROM PG. 10

Morden, meanwhile, is at 6.1 per

Another example is respiratory illness, where Winkler is at 4.5 per cent, which is lower than the regional rate of 7.3 per cent and provincial rate of 10.3 per cent, although it has been increasing. Morden is at 6.6 per cent and has also seen its incidences increasing.

The rate of mood and anxiety disorders in Winkler is 15.4 per cent, which is also lower than the regional rate of 17.7 per cent and provincial rate of 23.2 per cent. Morden is at 15.3 per cent.

In the area of substance abuse disorders, Winkler is at 3.1 per cent and is lower than regional rate of 4.4 per cent and provincial rate of 5.9 per cent, while Morden is at 4.7 per cent.

The reports delve into a number other areas, such as noting Winkler has lower but rising rates of child asthma. For Morden, the report notes decreasing rates of conditions such as heart attacks, hypertension, and osteoporosis, while it also has seen child asthma increasing.

The complete report for the region as well as breakdowns by district are available through the Southern Health-Santé Sud website. Morga encouraged residents to peruse them as they represent important data that will help guide future decisions about programs and services in the region.

"[The growth] does put a strain on some of our resources, but that's where we're always trying to adapt," said Morga.

"We'll use some of this information in terms of planning for services. We can't deliver services in a vacuum. We need to be able to consider what is the health and the health needs of the population and look at that through this kind of lens ... look at that at the community level and what does the community need in terms of delivering those services."



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Getting into character

Local schools wrap up I Love to Read Month this week. The past four weeks have been filled with activities designed to celebrate the love of a good book. At Emerado Centennial School in Winkler, Fridays have been themed dress-up days. Here, students and staff dressed as their favourite book characters. Left: Madelyn Toews, Gr. 7, knocked it out of the park with her Mary Poppins costume. Right, top: Gr. 4 students.came as everything from Red Riding Hood to Rudolph. Right: Gr. 7 students Gabe Falk, Eshaal Zehri, Arielle Banman, and Ashlynn Buhler strike a pose in character.





Province seeking input from parents on child care

By Voice staff

The provincial government is asking parents to share their thoughts on child care in Manitoba.

"Parents deserve to have their voices heard as we work toward a renewed early learning and child-care system that offers more choices for Manitoba families," said Families Minister Rochelle Squires last week as she announced the launch of a survey for parents to fill out on those topics. "I look forward to the feedback from parents and guardians, and to their guidance as we work together to ensure that child care is affordable, sustainable and meeting the needs of under-served communities."

Last year, the province announced the establishment of a parent advisory committee to provide advice to the government on ways to ensure childcare services meet the diverse needs of parents and families. The committee is now seeking feedback from parents and guardians of children age 12 and under.

"Access to a strong early learning and child-care system is critical to Manitoba families, so we want to hear from parents about the best ways to move forward," said Squires. "We will share the results of this survey in the coming months and I look forward to announcing more key initiatives to support a stronger system in the future."

To take the survey go to https://engagemb.ca/childcare-modernization. The deadline for completing the survey is March 1.

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Clockwise from top left: Heather Francis carving on her family's Leaning Tower of Pisa ice sculpture at a workshop held on Lake Minnewasta last weekend; instructor Peter Hargreaves lends participant Tiffany Krahn a hand with the chainsaw; Gideon Francis chips away at a smaller piece; two of the finished products; Hargreaves at work cutting out slabs of ice from the lake.





Icy creations

By Lorne Stelmach

A unique art project took shape on Lake Minnewasta in Morden last

Pembina Hills Arts Council worked with Winnipeg's Sputnik Architecture to host a two-day ice sculpture work-

About two dozen people were led through how to harvest ice blocks from the lake and fashion them into everything from a mosasaur and a buffalo to the Leaning Tower of Pisa.

The workshop was sponsored by Coop, Decor Cabinets, Wolfe Enterprises, Canadian Fossil Discovery Centre, Hive Development Group, Crocus Realty, and BSI Insurance, with each sponsoring a team of participants.

Peter Hargreaves, principal architect at Sputnik and the producer of what he called winter activation events, came away impressed with everyone's efforts.

"I've been amazed. They've all been amazing and adaptable to working with something like ice. Even with the weather today [Sunday], realizing some of the ice is going to deteriorate in the sun, everyone's been undeterred.

"The creativity, the skill level ... I would say this is the best ice harvest I've seen at this scale," he said, noting the assistance of Elite Crushing and the City of Morden on that front. "Then to have seven big sculptures going up a day later is awesome."

Sputnik Architecture has been involved with the river trail warming huts project in Winnipeg for over a decade. Today, in the midst of COVID, they recognized an opportunity to get involved outside the city.





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Morden students pen books for teacher's tot

By Lorne Stelmach

A Morden teacher's young daughter was the lucky beneficiary of a school project tackled by his students.

Grade 8 teacher James Elias had his École Morden Middle School remote class learning about literary devices like similes and metaphors recently.

And how better to get them to understand how they work in stories than to have the students craft some tales of their own? The results of their efforts were books that have greatly entertained his daughter Olivia.

"She was really excited about it," said Elias. "She was pretty pumped." Elias said the idea came about as he

was introducing the students to the various literary devices through such things as poetry

"I needed to find a way for the students to have a reason for what they were doing, and it's a little harder when you're teaching students remotely," he said.

While reading a book to Olivia before bed, Elias realized that could be the perfect assignment for his pupils to really sink their teeth into.

"If I could get them writing for my daughter then there's more meaning behind it," he said. "She likes being read to so often, and sometimes the same book multiple times over; it gets to the point that she memorizes some

of them."

He was pleased that most of the students got quite engaged in the project.

"The majority of them bought into it pretty good," he said. "Some of them went so far as laminating everything.

"It was pretty cool. Some even kind of put in life lessons," said Elias, who noted it led the students to "think back to what they liked at the time, so one wrote a story about unicorns because that's what she liked at the time. I had one that figured that food fights were fun.

"They could show me that they knew those literary devices, so it was nice in that respect," he added. "I think for them having that purpose helped a lot, and a majority of them I think they enjoyed being able to think about their audience."

For the students, knowing their work was being read and enjoyed by Olivia brought something special to the assignment.

"It was fun writing a story to a threeyear-old," said Tyler Fehr, while Mitch Walske noted that he "really enjoyed writing a book for Olivia, and I feel it helped elevate my writing talents."

"I like writing stories and was excited to write to Olivia. I hope she reads mine a bunch of times," added Evan Hesom.

Spotlight on the stained glass artwork of Louis Tiffany



Stained glass artist Brian McMillan showcased the work of Louis Tiffany in his Art Talk for the Pembina Hills Arts Council last week.

By Lorne Stelmach

The name Louis Tiffany is synonymous with stained glass, and his contributions and achievements were the focus of the Third Thursday Art Talk of the Pembina Hills Arts Council.

The American artist and designer worked in a variety of decorative arts, but he is best known for his work in stained glass, and Manitoba stained glass expert Brian McMillan went through a wide array of Tiffany's work as part of the Zoom presentation last week.

It followed up on an earlier art talk where McMillan, who has run a number of workshops for the arts council and spearheaded Prairie Studio Glass studio in Winnipeg, covered the origins of stained glass as well as some basics of how it is done and notable practitioners.

Foremost among them was Tiffany, who McMillan suggested left behind stained glass windows that were stunning and remain prominent in such places as the historic Chartres Cathedral in France.

McMillan touched on some ways in which Tiffany revolutionized stained glass windows at a time when they were made in a traditional way and generally came from England, France, or Germany.

"He took a look at where all the glass was coming from ... in the 1850s to the 1900s, which was kind of the heyday of the Tiffany windows, pretty much all of the church windows were being

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What to do, who to call WHEN YOUR CAR GOES

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Five major causes of car accidents

Risky behaviour increases the number of traffic accidents on our roads. To get you thinking, here are the top five human-related causes of vehicle collisions.

1. Fatigue

Statistics show that an unfathomable number of car crashes - many of which are deadly — happen because drivers fall asleep. Remember that taking a 15 to 30-minute nap before you hit the road could save your life!

2. Distractions

It's dangerous to make calls, watch videos, send text messages or apply makeup while driving, and in some cases, it's also illegal. Stay focused: always remember that you're operating a machine that can kill.

3. Alcohol and drugs

A driver who has been drink-

ing or is under the influence of psychotropic drugs will have slowed reflexes and blurred vision. In these circumstances, the chances of missing a curve or colliding with another vehicle — or even hitting a person — are greatly increased.

4. Reckless driving

If you floor the gas, zigzag sharply or pass in a no-passing zone, you're increasing your risk of a traffic collision. Reckless driving is better left to stuntpeople on movie sets!

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Towing services

Even if your car isn't a total loss, it may be damaged to the point that it can't be driven. A tow truck will bring it to a safe place for storage until it can be repaired.

As soon as you can, call your insurance provider, who will send someone to assess the damages and estimate how much repairs will cost. Here's a tip: take pictures of the collision scene before your vehicle is towed. This can help your insurer determine what happened.

Auto glass repairers

Glass that's only chipped or cracked can usually be repaired with resin filler, but shattered windows will need to be completely replaced. In any case, it's a delicate job, so trust the pros at your local auto glass repair shop to get it done right.

Motor vehicle body repairers

Motor vehicle body repairers make a living by fixing crumpled metal, dented doors and damaged paint. Their work consists in using perfected tools and processes to erase all visible traces of a crash.









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Enjoy a 'Big Night In' with Big Bros Big Sis

By Ashleigh Viveiros

With Bowl for Kids out of the question thanks to the pandemic, Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Pembina Valley is thinking out of the box for its biggest fundraiser of the year.

Instead of asking people to venture out in support of local mentoring matches, the agency is inviting you to enjoy a "Big Night In" on Saturday, March 20.

Participants will get a box filled with everything they need to prepare a meal for two in the comfort of their own homes under the guidance of an accomplished local chef. On the menu is fettuccine alfredo, salad, dessert, and a bottle of wine.

"We've partnered with chef Kevin Funk, who will be recording a video of himself preparing the meal for reference," explains executive director Jenelle Neufeld, who hopes people will see this as a fun date night option or something to do with the whole family.

They went for the DIY meal route instead of offering a prepared pick-up dinner because they "wanted it to be more interactive," Neufeld explained. "You can do it with your kids, your spouse, or maybe invite your two designated people over for a joint date

night."

Tickets are \$100, which comes with a \$20 tax receipt. They go on sale Monday, March 1. Book yours online at pembinavalley.bigbrothersbigsisters. ca or call 204-325-9707.

The food kits will be available for pickup at Winkler's Central Station that Saturday. There will be multiple pickup time slots to cut down on the traffic flow.

"A LOT OF US ARE STRUGGLING"

It's definitely been a different year than usual for Big Brothers, whose 2020 Bowl for Kids was one of the early causalities of the first wave of pandemic restrictions last spring.

"Within the area that we live in there's a lot of non-profit organizations and a lot of us are struggling. We don't know what the year to come is going to look like," Neufeld said, adding it has made it difficult not only to plan fundraising events but simply to keep programming going. Big Bros. has 14 traditional and inschool mentoring matches right now, none of whom are able to meet inperson.

"Everyone's been meeting virtually," Neufeld said, noting they also have several kids and volunteers on the waiting list, but they're holding off starting any new matches for the time being.

"We want to be able to give them the best shot that they have, and that means doing it in-person versus trying to build a new relationships over virtual means," she said.

These are challenging times, but they've also created some new opportunities when it comes to finding ways to engage the community, Neufeld said.

"It's an opportunity for us to be creative with fundraising and view things from a different perspective and really be appreciative even more so of the people who are willing to support our organization through these really hard times. It does not go unnoticed and it is definitely appreciated."



"It's been so much fun ... it's kind of addicting"

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"We knew that winter projects were going to be essential because you can do these kinds of things outdoors safely," said Hargreaves. "We started thinking about what kinds of projects we could do with community groups, and we put out a call in late spring.

"We've learned over the last six or seven years in Winnipeg how to harvest ice and work with ice, so we thought ice would be a good medium to work with, and Pembina Hills Arts Council responded," he said. "I was thrilled ... I grew up in Winkler, so I was happy to do a project out here."

They began with sculptures on a smaller scale Saturday to get a feel for the tools.

"Saturday we focused on harvesting and teaching some basic techniques in ice sculpting," Hargreaves explained. "We pulled a few blocks out, and the folks immediately got into it and started some chiselling and carving and sculpting.

"The various groups then all decided what they wanted to do, and I'm just helping them today to achieve their goals," he said as chainsaws roared in the background on Sunday.

"The end goal is to create some degree of self sufficiency, so hopefully whoever was here knows then that if they can test the ice and it's thick enough, they can start harvesting ice as soon as its safe and start making things on their own."

People taking part in the workshop enjoyed the opportunity to be outside on a nicer winter weekend and also found it very interesting to work with the ice.

"We were just really excited. We've seen stuff they've done at the Forks," said James Francis of Hive. "We thought we could express some of the artistic side of what Hive does, so we chose buildings as our theme."

Their creations included the Arc de Triomphe and Eiffel Tower as practice runs followed by the Leaning Tower of Pisa.

"It's harder to do than you might think ... just little strokes can create big changes," said Fran-

cis, who added "we can't wait to teach our kids how to do some of this stuff. We're having a great time."

"What surprises me is how much the sun is starting to melt the ice already," noted his wife Heather. "It's been so much fun ... it's kind of addicting. You just keep chipping away at it."

"We just so pice to get outside," said Mark Fri

"It's just so nice to get outside," said Mark Friesen, who was working with his mother Margie and a couple friends on a buffalo sculpture.

"I think it's a little warm today; it's getting a little slushy," he noted of working with the ice. "It cuts pretty easy, and you can make any shape that you want."

"I wanted to see how a chainsaw cut through ice ... and I love doing stuff outside," said Steve Douglas, who was creating crocus flowers with Earl Dyck and James Friesen. "I'm amazed how easily the ice shapes. This is just a Home Hardware chisel, and it just slides through the ice."

Hargreaves said he would be glad to come back and do this again and has high hopes of where this could potentially go in the future.

"This is the kind of project we would love to come back and do again next year, maybe on a bigger scale and bring in some professional sculptors," he said.

"Ideally, we would see communities all over Manitoba embracing their local environments and working with materials that are readily available ... it would be awesome if every community could have their own ice festival."



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imported from Europe," he said.

"Tiffany looked at that and he said well, I don't want to compete with these guys making the same product that they were, I want to do something unique.'

Tiffany moved away from the traditional cathedral or clear glass, which had no opacity so the light would travel right through it.

"The traditional way of making glass was by blowing it, so they basically took molten glass, put it on the end of a hollow pipe and blew a large balloon, and then they cut it and flattened it so that they would be able to cut it into pieces for stained glass.

"As the light passes through these windows, you get a shadow cast on to either a wall or a floor," McMillan continued. "Tiffany decided that what he wanted to do was he wanted to make a painting on the windows. He wanted the light to stop at that window.

"To do that, he did a lot of experimenting," he said, noting that if you wanted to add colour, you would add in different ingredients such as cobalt for blue and non-radioactive uranium

"Because he wanted to be able to have a lot of character in the glass, he started to create different types of glass," said McMillan.

"They would take glass that was blown into really large huge bubbles, the size of a man, and these bubbles would be super thin ... if you've ever broken a light bulb, you know how thin that glass is.

"They're snapped into all these little pieces. The pieces are laid out on the metal surface, and then as the opalescent glass comes through the roller, they lift it up and they drop it down on top of all these fractures. They become embedded on one side of the glass.

"Tiffany did that with many different colours," said McMillan. "If they put a texture in one of the rollers, and it rolls through, it takes the texture of whatever that roller was, and they had hundreds of different textures."

The results ranged from rippled glass to another called drapery glass, which recreates the look of a gown with the folds in it.

"It adds so much character," said McMillan, explaining how it could incorporate nice subtle shading into the windows."And he never did anything the easy way ... it was very challenging to work with this glass."

Tiffany's achievements were many, but McMillan noted one particular aspect that stands out for him.

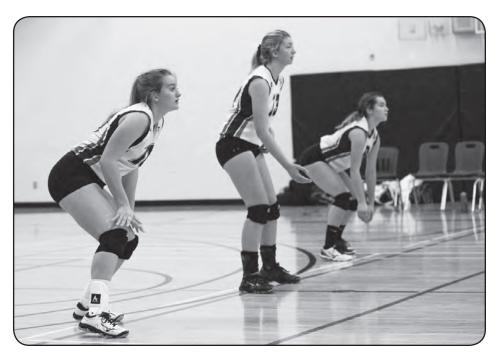
"Tiffany managed to get everybody away from having to have Biblical scene to just say this is nature, which God created, and everything God cre-

ated is beautiful and deserves to be represented in the windows rather than just Biblical scenes."

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NPC's Cerulean Wolfe will play for the CMU Blazers next season.



By Ashleigh Viveiros

A graduating Nighthawk athlete is bound for CMU this fall.

Northlands Parkway Collegiate Gr. 12 student Cerulean Wolfe has been recruited to the Canadian Mennonite University Blazers volleyball team for the 2021-22 season.

Wolfe has been offered a redshirt position on the team, which means she'll practise with the Blazers but won't see much court time in her first

"I have less experience than girls in Winnipeg that have been playing a lot longer than me, so it will help me get my skills up and then I can hopefully play on the team the next year," she says. "I'm very excited for the opportunity."

Wolfe has been steadily building up her skills since playing for the Aztecs volleyball club in 2017 before her age group was cancelled due to lack of players the following season.

In her first year at NPC, she helped lead the junior varsity team to a zone championship—a feat she repeated as team captain in her sophomore year, earning MVP honours along the way.

In 2019, Wolfe earned a regular spot on the varsity team's starting lineup.

Having lost her senior year on the court to the pandemic has left Wolfe eager to shake the rust off.

"It's definitely been a challenge," she said. "You're so used to being in that routine of practising every day and then having games every other day ... it's been tough not having that."

Wolfe plans to become either an athletic therapist or a physiotherapist, so

at CMU she'll be studying pre-kinesiology to prepare her for future studies at the University of Manitoba.

"CMU is a smaller school. I think it's a good bridge between high school and a huge university like U of M," Wolfe said, adding she's hopeful she'll be able to attend in-person classes come fall, pandemic restrictions allowing.

CMU will enter its first season as full members of the Canadian Collegiate Athletic Association in 2021, which means they will have the opportunity to compete at national champion-



Flyers players looking for temporary berths as league cancels season

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STILL HOLDING

By Ashleigh Viveiros

After months of hoping circumstances would improve, the Winkler Flyers are now dealing with the reality of the 2020-2021 season being officially cancelled.

The MJHL made the announcement Feb. 12, citing ongoing public health restrictions and the uncertainty of when they might be lifted as reasons why they finally decided to call it quits.

While the decision wasn't a huge surprise to Flyers head coach Kelvin Cech, it's still disappointing.

"I expected it, but until they actually say the words ... you can't really

few days after the announcement had some time to sink in. "So it's expected, that's gone on."

I guess, but we were still holding out some hope."

The Flyers coaching staff spent the past week reaching out virtually to players to officially wrap up the season.

"We're having exit meetings with all the guys," Cech said. "I've had a few pretty powerful meetings already. Everyone is upset and

prepare for how you'll feel," he said a season the excitement starts to creep back in a little bit, despite everything

> In a lot of ways, it's harder this time around than it was when the league was forced to pull the plug on the 2019-2020 season last spring.

> "Last year at least we were all together when we got shut down and we got to have a little awards ceremony in the

pretty depressed, pretty down, but as dressing room," Cech said. "This year soon as you start talking about next I had to give the news over Zoom."

Perhaps hardest hit by the decision are the veteran Flyers who are aging out of junior hockey.

"We have five 20-year-olds: Tanner Andrew, Drake Burgin, Sulivan Shortreed, Kaeden Tenkoppel, and Ian Tookenay," Cech said, adding those were especially difficult calls to make. "All five of them are special people and fortunately it looks like some of them have got somewhere to go play, at least for a month."

Some leagues in eastern Canada are playing games once again, while leagues to the west of Manitoba have not yet cancelled their seasons.

Capitalizing on this are Tookenay,

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Huron Window Arena getting a major overhaul

By Lorne Stelmach

Having fallen silent amidst the pandemic restrictions, the Huron Window Arena in Morden is getting a substantial overhaul.

With the Access Event Centre remained closed to events, the opportunity presented itself to take on a project that has been needed for some time now

Needing to replace the brine line system means replacing the floor entirely, so the City of Morden is taking it a step further and putting up all new boards as well.

"We knew it would be a tight timeline with all the different events that usually happen in this facility, so with COVID, it certainly gave us a bit of extra leeway to make sure we're back up and running well for September and not having to cancel events," said director of community services Clare

"We've been looking at the brine line situation for a number of years, knowing we're a little bit on borrowed time. With that, the one thing led to the other that it would be the whole inside of the Huron Window arena."

"This has given us more time to work on it," agreed facilities manager Tim Harsant, who noted they have had increasing problems with the arena floor, which goes back to 1973.

"We've had some trouble with it,



and we also just thought it was time for some new boards. We have to do that every few years just to keep it up," he said. "We have to keep on maintaining it ... but now, with the new boards, there will be aluminum framing, and it will last a lot longer. I don't think we'll have to touch the boards or rink for 20 years."

"The brine lines have these small holes after all these years, so we were going to have to replace those lines," Harsant said. "We're replacing the floor because the concrete is cracking and heaving in areas.

"We also want seamless glass," he added. "So now we were able to look at other options."

The cost of the project was still being finalized with the new floor being tendered, but the preliminary work is able to be done by city staff who are freed up from other duties right now as a result of the restrictions and clo-

"So far, the City of Morden staff have been available to do the demolition," said Agnew. "They've been able to

help us with that part of the work."

The timeline for completion of the work remains somewhat uncertain, though Harsant suggested"the end of July, but hopefully sooner."

"I think it is exciting for us," said Agnew. "It will be nice to have it all looking fixed up, and for us, the relief is more that the brine line is replaced and that part of the rink will be a lot more reliable and not cause us the grief that it has in the past."

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who has been traded to the Ottawa Junior Senators, Shortreed, who is headed to the Maritimes to play for the South Shore Kings, and Andrew and Burgin, who will suit up for the BCHL's Chilliwack Chiefs and the Cranbrook Bucks.

A few younger players have also found other temporary berths: Kolton Shindle is joining Tookenay in Ottawa, Jayden McCarthy will play for the Yarmouth Mariners in the Maritimes, and Dylan Meilun is going to the Lloydminster Bobcats in Alberta.

Cech explained Shindle, McCarthy, and Meilun's trades are really just loans, as all will return to the Flyers next season.

With the COVID-plagued 2020-2021 season now behind them, the team turn their attention to preparing for 2021-2022.

They have their training camps and summer hockey school all on the books already.

"We're planning as if we're going to be able to do everything we usually do,"Cech said."And then if we have to cancel stuff, so be it."

Pandemic restrictions allowing, the Flyers will host two spring camps in May and June, hockey school in August, and the usual fall camp heading into September.

"I've got it all plotted out and hopefully by summer we can play," said Cech. "I know there's going to be a lot of kids that are chomping at the bit for some hockey and hopefully we can provide something."

The shortened hockey season has made things somewhat more challenging for scouts when it comes to seeing firsthand what up-and-coming players can do, but Cech is still feeling pretty good about what's coming down the pike in terms of talent.

"Our head scout, Mike McAulay, he's been on the phone a lot more than he'd like to be-he'd prefer to be out there watching games—but he and all our scouts have done a great job over the last year and a half," he said. "We've got some good players coming up that we're expecting to really push for spots next year."



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The City of Winkler officially opened the D.A. Loewen Walking Track at the Meridian Exhibition Centre for use last week. Joining Mayor Martin Harder at the ribbon cutting were D.A. Loewen's Chris and Crystal Loewen with their kids Ruby, Greta, and Judah and (right) Darrell and Janice Berg. Track users can book a time slot by calling 204-325-8333 or going to winkler.ca/p/winkler-reservations.

Roland 4-H Museum in need of community donations



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The Canadian 4-H Museum in Roland is asking the community for donations.

By Becca Myskiw

The Canadian 4-H Museum in Roland is calling on the community for help in raising funds.

The museum researches, collects, and preserves 4-H history from the time it began in 1913. It has in its care artifacts, exhibits, old uniforms, banners, past projects, past prize ribbons, and everything else that tells the story of the clubs.

Leslie Whitehead, secretary of the museum board, said the museum is \$5,000 short of their expenses from last year. They receive a small provincial operating grant each year, but the most they can get from it is \$3,150.

Because of the ongoing pandemic, the museum wasn't able to host their annual meal before the Roland 4-H

achievement. They also saw a significant decrease in museum traffic because there was no Roland Pumpkin Fair, fewer summer travellers, and no regular guided tours, which resulted in way fewer donations in the box.

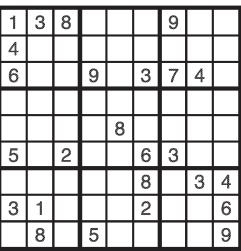
The museum is now calling on the community to help them pay the bills. In just over a week, they raised \$2,500, but that's only half of what they need.

"The more we can spread the word, the better," said Whitehead. "You just got to get the word out."

The museum is going to be open this summer but details on what's allowed will come as restrictions do.

To make a donation to the museum, mail a cheque to the Historical Society of the R.M. of Roland, Box 238, Roland, MB, R0G 1T0. Tax receipts will be provided for all donations.

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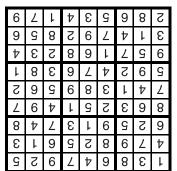


Fun By The Numbers

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



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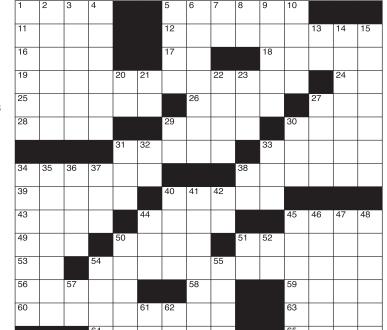


Crossword Answer

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CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Ancient Persian city
- 5. Spindles
- 11. Stake
- 12. Retrain
- 16. Close by
- 17. Commercial
- 18. One who publicly announces
- 19. American ballplayer
- 24. Junior's father
- 25. Go up or climb
- 26. Concern
- 27. When you hope to get there
- 28. lacocca and Oswald are two
- 29. Plant of the lily family
- 30. Male college organization
- 31. National capital
- 33. Raccoonlike animal
- 34. Symbols of fertility
- 38. Astronomy unit
- 39. Series of ridges in anatomy
- 40. Hebrew leader
- 43. A portent of good or evil
- 44. Supreme goddess
- 45. Gelatinous substance
- 49. Engage in a contest 50. Famed ballplayer Ruth
- 51. Pledge
- 53. -___, denotes past
- 54. Revival
- 56. Spanish surname
- 58. Gold
- 59. Elsa's sister
- 60. Workplace
- 63. Large quantity of something
- 64. Engraved
- 65. Discount
- **CLUES DOWN**
- 1. Shoe
- 2. Disquiet
- 3. Posture
- 4. Large nests
- 5. Soviet "Second Symphony" composer



- 6. Joins two pipes of different diameter
- 7. Exist
- 8. Overdose
- 9. Pleat of fabric
- 10. Predict the future
- 13. Burgeoning technology
- 14. Having made a valid will
- 15. Having no fixed course
- 20. __ route
- 21. Lethal dose
- 22. Indian musical pattern of
- 23. Athlete
- 27. Geological times
- 29. Atomic #21
- 30. In support of
- 31. Brew
- 32. Certificate of insurance
- 33. Taxi
- 34. Type of saying

- 35. For cigars
- 36. Phil ___, former CIA
- 37. Local area network
- 38. Gym class
- 40. Philippine Island
- 41. Not great or bad 42. Eastern part of NY state
- 44. Gov't lawyers
- 45. Constructions
- 46. Former British gold coin
- 47. Unkeyed
- 48. Rechristen
- 50. Threaten persistently
- 51. Southeast
- 52. Cools your home
- 54. Removes the leaves
- 55. Regretted
- **57. Thus**
- 61. Relief organization (abbr.)
- 62. Exclamation of surprise

get inspired Tuning into ourselves



Recipe courtesy of Emily Weeks of "Zen and Spice"

Cook time: 50 minutes

Total time: 1 hour, 10 minutes

Servings: 4

Chicken:

8 boneless, skinless chicken thighs

salt, to taste pepper, to taste

6 tablespoons unsalted butter

16 ounces crimini mushrooms, quar-

3 zucchini, sliced in half moons

3 large carrots, thinly sliced

4 sprigs fresh rosemary, leaves removed and roughly chopped

4 cloves garlic, minced

4 cups chicken or vegetable broth

1 tablespoon unsalted butter

1 tablespoon extra-virgin olive oil

1 small yellow onion, diced

2 garlic cloves, minced

16 ounces crimini mushrooms, finely chopped

1 cup uncooked orzo pasta

1/8 teaspoon black pepper

1/3 cup white wine

1/3 cup shredded Parmesan cheese

Roasted Chicken Thighs and Veggies with **Mushroom Orzo Risotto**

To make chicken: Preheat oven to 450

Pat chicken dry. Season with salt and pepper, to taste. In large skillet over medium-high heat, melt butter. Sear chicken until browned, 4-5 minutes on

In large bowl, toss mushrooms, zucchini, carrots, garlic and rosemary. On large baking sheet, spread vegetables. Nestle chicken into vegetables. Drizzle with butter and juices from pan.

Bake 20 minutes until chicken is cooked through and vegetables are ten-

To make orzo: In small pot over medium-low heat, warm broth.

Using skillet from chicken, add butter and olive oil over medium heat. Add onion, garlic and mushrooms. Cook, stirring occasionally, until onions soften, 3-4 minutes.

Add orzo and black pepper. Stir and cook 2 minutes. Add white wine and cook until evaporated, about 1 minute.

Add warm broth to orzo 2/3 cup at a time, stirring until liquid is absorbed. Repeat with remaining broth, waiting until last batch is absorbed before adding more. Remove from heat and stir in Parmesan.

Serve in individual bowls with chicken and roasted vegetables atop mushroom orzo risotto.

Asian Barbecue Sesame Salmon with Noodles and Veggies

12 ounces stir-fry (pad thai) rice noo-

1 tablespoon toasted sesame oil

1 pound white mushrooms, sliced

1 cup sugar snap peas

1 large broccoli head, cut into bite-size

2-3 green onions, thinly sliced, for gar-

sesame seeds, for garnish

Preheat oven to 400 F.

In small saucepan, whisk soy sauce; brown sugar; rice vinegar; garlic; ginger; chili garlic sauce, if desired; sesame oil; and barbecue sauce. Bring to boil over high heat then reduce heat to sim-

In small bowl, whisk water and cornstarch. Pour into pan and cook on low, whisking often, until sauce thickens, 3-5 minutes. Remove from heat and set



By Gwen Randall

The process of tuning into ourselves and getting to know who we really are can sometimes create crises in our external world. We may discover that we do not like our job or our career, or that we no longer have much in common with our friends. We might even question our primary relationship, wondering if this is still the person with whom we want to spend the rest of our lives.

This may seem very unsettling, if not frightening. Sometimes we are tempted to retreat from our path of growth, thinking it safer just to go back to the way we were. Perhaps we are scared of change or feel that we do not want to upset others. It is common to feel like the 'bad guy', who is creating trouble or making things difficult. However, what is really happening is that we are being agents of change.

No living system is ever static, and change is essential to survival and growth. When we become restless or dissatisfied, it means that there is something not working in the system or relationship, not that there is something wrong with us. Our unhappiness is a symptom of the problem, not the problem itself. If we try to suppress the symptom (unhappiness or frustration) it does not solve the problem, and very likely a new symptom will emerge (physical illness, accidents).

The first step to healthy resolution of the situation is to be clear and honest with yourself about how you really feel. This is often the goal of the first phase of the therapy process, because often it is hard to differentiate our own feelings from the feelings and expectations of others.

The second step is to consider your options. Quitting the job or ending the relationship need only be a final resort, as there are often many other options that can be tried first. Other options may either improve the situation or make it even more evident that the situation is not going to

Sometimes we resist change because we do not want to hurt anyone. But staying in a job or relationship that does not allow for growth and happiness for the sake of someone else is dishonoring self. We cannot assume that if we do ultimately decide to move on, that we are creating permanent damage in the lives of others.

The little bird no doubt at first resents being pushed out of the nest, and is likely terrified, but ultimately it learns to fly. There is a purpose to all things, and knowing that may make it easier to begin to acknowledge the truth of how we feel.

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Pour 3 tablespoons sauce into small bowl. Brush salmon filets with reserved sauce and place on baking sheet. Bake 15 minutes, or until salmon is flaky. Discard small bowl sauce if any remains.

Cook stir-fry noodles according to package directions. Drain, rinse and set

Heat large skillet over medium heat.

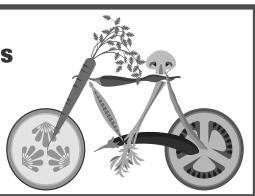
Add sesame oil. Add mushrooms, snap peas and broccoli. Cook, stirring often until veggies are tender-crisp, 7-8 minutes. Add noodles and remaining sauce from pan; toss to combine.

To serve, divide noodles, veggies and salmon between plates.

Top with sliced green onions and sesame seeds.

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Recipe courtesy of Emily Weeks of "Zen and Spice" Cook time: 30 minutes

Total time: 40 minutes Servings: 4

Sauce: 1/2 cup soy sauce

2 tablespoons brown sugar

1 tablespoon rice vinegar

2 cloves garlic, minced

1 teaspoon fresh ginger, minced

1 teaspoon chili garlic sauce (optional)

1 tablespoon toasted sesame oil 2 tablespoons barbecue sauce

2 tablespoons water

2 teaspoons cornstarch

1 1/2 pounds salmon (4 filets)

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Public Notice Regarding a Local Improvement Plan - By-Law No. 2256-20 for the Waste Water Treatment Facility

PUBLIC NOTICE

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 March, 2021 at 6.30 p.m. to present the following local improvement plan:

Local Improvement Plan No. 41:

The City of Winkler is proposing to construct a new Mechanical Wastewater Treatment Facility (WWTF), which is required in order to meet current wastewater treatment standards. The new WWTF will serve both the City of Winkler and the Rural Municipality (RM) of Stanley for a total future population of 28,800.

The estimated total cost of the project is \$48,775,000, less \$38,182,387 in Federal (\$19,280,000) and Provincial (\$16,066,667) Funding under the Infrastructure Canada's (INFC) New Building Canada Fund - Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program - Green Infrastructure Stream - Environmental Quality Program. The RM of Stanley will also contribute \$2,835,720 as part of a wastewater treatment capacity Agreement.

The City of Winkler will not proceed with the construction of the WWTF, unless funding as outlined above is received.

The balance of the Project cost in the amount of \$10,592,613 is to be borrowed by the City of Winkler over a 15-year period at an estimated interest rate of 4.5% per year. The debt payment of \$986,318.53 will be recovered through a mill rate on all taxable, grant-in-lieu and otherwise exempt properties within the City of Winkler. Based on the latest assessment roll, an estimated mill rate of 1.072 mills will be

Calculated on a residential property with a market value of \$250,000 (portioned value of \$112,500), a \$120.60 local improvement tax will be levied annually on property tax bills for 15 years

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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 plan.

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 are available at the City of Winkler office at 185 Main Street, Winkler, MB, and on the municipal website at www.cityofwinkler.ca

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A presentation of the Financial Plan will be made at the Access Event Centre, 111 Gilmour Street, Morden, Manitoba on Thursday, March 4, 2021 at 7:00 P.M. Copies of the Financial Plan will be made available to the public on February 25, 2021.

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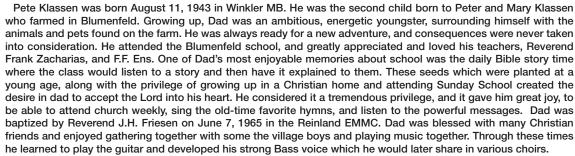
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OBITUARY

Peter A. Klassen 1943 - 2021



Dad grew up working alongside his dad on the farm. He did chores and worked the fields. He also helped with the maintenance on the machinery which he seemed to enjoy. He wasn't blessed with much patience, so if he thought there was a quicker way of fixing something, he was all over it! One of the greatest time wasters in his mind, was his dad always having to leave the yard to go and have something welded. While his dad simply accepted it as the way we did things, Dad couldn't stand it, and promptly went out and bought his own welder. The next time something needed welding, there was no waiting! While Dad enjoyed farm work, he yearned to try other things. He bought a gravel truck and began taking flying lessons. Unbeknownst at the time, the decision to get into trucking would shape his identity and provide him joy, for the majority of his life.

He met and began dating Helen Giesbrecht, who shared his Christian values, and love for music. They were married on November 6, 1966 and moved into a small house in Winkler. Three years later, on the day he flew his first solo in an airplane, his first son was born. This slowed Dad down, but only slightly, and while he was a good helper at home, his desire to be out and about and his love for trucking were too strong a temptation. Life continued on and a year and a month later, there was another addition to the family as his only daughter arrived. Again, not to be dissuaded, Dad believed they were entering the best time of their lives. They bought a mobile home which he could pull with his gravel truck. This allowed him to be able to follow the highway building contracts all over Manitoba, while being able to see and come home to his family every night. Life continued on, and five years later, God blessed Mom and Dad with another son. By this time, life had steered Dad into more of a business role. He, along with one of his brothers, established Klassen Trucking in Winkler. The transition from actively driving trucks every day, to more of an administrative role, proved to be a challenge for Dad and within five years, the partners sold Klassen Trucking and entered into a new business venture. Once again, it was a short-lived endeavour and the partners parted ways. Dad with no shortage of confidence, bought a farmyard and some land outside of Austin, MB and began farming. He quite enjoyed working the land and seeing the crops grow. The family was able to visit on weekends and help take care of the yard and trailer. Farming caused a strain on many fronts and after a few years, it became obvious that it wasn't feasible to continue and the farm had to be sold. Dad turned back to the only occupation which had totally fulfilled him. He purchased a truck and once again began trucking. His desire and delight continued to grow, and he purchased more trucks. In 1998, Mom was diagnosed with cancer and life required Dad to get off the truck and help with Mom's care. After two years of taking Mom to appointments and being by her side, Dad celebrated his birthday in August of 2000 with the passing of his wife. To deal with the loss, Dad turned back to the open road and began trucking fulltime again. As the years wore on, his desire for companionship increased and he began attending some Christian singles activities. It was during this time that he met and started dating Tina Wall who also enjoyed a love of music. Dad and Tina were married on March 21, 2009 and settled in the family home in Winkler. Dad continued to truck until one night he experienced a Miracle. While sleeping in his truck at a truck stop in Calgary, he suffered a heart attack. Were it not for a friend knocking on his door to check on him that night, Dad would probably not have lived to see his family again. He was taken to a hospital in Calgary where after tests were performed it was determined he needed quadruple bypass surgery. After surgery, and a brief recovery, Dad was driven home to Winkler to recover. It was during this time that he realized he wouldn't be able to be healthy enough to hold his trucking licence anymore. With all the effort he put into trucking, Dad hadn't developed any hobbies, so the days were long and the health issues plentiful. Aside from family visiting, going for coffee or the occasional outing, life was mundane. Moving out of the family home and into several different apartments over the next few years, provided additional challenges and required adjustments. With the onset of the virus and deteriorating health it was only a matter of time before things took a turn for the worse. Dad was taken to the hospital by ambulance on January 5, 2021 and diagnosed with COVID. He, as well as the family found it hard not to be able to see each other, and his mind began to falter at a faster rate. Though his body overcame the COVID, his mind wasn't able to adjust and he was scheduled for an assessment. It was during this waiting period that his body began to shut down and he was unable to regain his mobility. Peacefully, on the afternoon of Tuesday, February 9, 2021, with his daughter and wife by his side. God took Dad home.

We as a family feel tremendously blessed for the way God led Dad to be in exactly the right place, surrounded by exactly the right people at exactly the right time. We are incredibly grateful for the doctors and staff at the Boundary Trails Health Centre for their professional and courteous care and to Wiebe Funeral Home for all their help during this difficult time.

Dad is survived by his wife, Tina; son, Wes and wife, Bonnie and their boys, Rylan and Tarin; daughter, Jocelyn and husband, Kevin and their children, Carson and Kiera and his son, Kevin. He was predeceased by his first wife, Helen, his parents, Peter and Mary Klassen and by his older brother, John.

One of Dad's favourite verses was Isaiah 41:10 which says which says, "So do not fear for I am with you, do not be dismayed for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you, I will uphold you with my righteous right hand." We, as a family, have felt God's power and provision over the last few months as Dad battled the virus and progressing dementia. We thank and praise Him for the way he allowed Dad's last few days to be comfortable and relatively pain free. We celebrate that Dad is in heaven reunited with his previously departed loved ones and able to enjoy heaven's music. Rest in peace Dad. We love you!!!

Private family service was held at Wiebe Funeral Home, Winkler with interment at the Winkler Cemetery. Donations may be made in Peter's memory to The Bunker or to Adult and Teen Challenge.

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OBITUARY

Johan (John) Krahn 1954 – 2021

On Saturday, February 6, 2021, John Krahn, 66, of Rosetown, MB passed away peacefully at HSC in Winnipeg with his wife by his side.

He is survived by his wife of 42 years, Tina; two daughters, Marty and John Krahn, Lisa and Pete Guenther; two sons, Ernie and Annie Krahn, Tony and Eva Krahn and 15 grandchildren. He was predeceased by one granddaughter, his parents, Peter and Aganetha Krahn, two sisters, one brother, one sister in-law and one nephew.

Private funeral service was held at Wiebe Funeral Home, Winkler with interment at the Kronsthal Cemetery.

Donations may be made in John's memory to STARS Ambulance.

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OBITUARY

Ed (Jacob Edwin) Penner



Ed (Jacob Edwin) Penner passed away on Wednesday, February 10, 2021, at home in Brandon, MB. at the age of 64.

Ed was born on December 9, 1956, the seventh of eight children to Mary and Frank Penner. Growing up on a dairy farm in the Village of Chortitz, south of Winkler, MB., taught him the value of hard work. Ed attended Grades 1-8 in Chortitz and graduated from high school in Winkler. His career began in 1978 at the Winkler Pea Plant, which turned into 40 years of dedicated service with Cargill. He worked in: Winkler; Sidney; Burdett, AB.; Moosomin, SK; Rivers; Brandon; Nesbitt and Oakner.

Thirty-one years ago Ed married Glenda Bartley of Roland residing in Morden, MB; Moosomin, SK and for the past 21 years in Brandon. Together they raised two children, daughter Ashley and son Dale. Ed was so proud of their accomplishments and he

loved watching them play sports. He was a coach for Dale's minor baseball and hockey teams. Ed was patient, had a quiet manner and a dry wit. Throughout Ed's life, he liked curling, golfing, and skiing. As a family, they took many ski holidays to Colorado, BC, Alberta and Montana. He enjoyed camping trips and boating around Manitoba.

In 2017, Ed was diagnosed with liposarcoma, followed by surgery to remove an abdominal tumour, and then had several rounds of chemotherapy in the following years. To physically recover from his surgery, Ed spent many hours hiking, biking, swimming and playing pickleball. He was able to enjoy road trips to Arizona, California, Chicago and Jasper with family. Ed was proud to see both of his children graduate from university.

Left to cherish his memory are his wife and two children as well as his siblings: John (Marilyn) of Winnipeg; Helen (Francis) Kwan of Whitby ON; Mary (Otto) Zacharias of Winnipeg; Frank of Winnipeg; brother-in-law, Joe Mikolasek of Edmonton AB; Abe of Chortitz, and Irene of Winkler. He is loved by many on both the Penner and Bartley sides of the family.

Ed was predeceased by his parents Frank and Mary; sister, Linda and mother-in-law, Melva. In keeping with Ed's wishes, cremation has taken place. A private family service will be held at a later date

Donations can be made in memory of Ed to the Brandon Regional Health Centre Foundation, "Cancer Services" or "Palliative Care" 150 McTavish Ave. East, Brandon, MB, R7A 2B3 or by supporting the Westman Trail Association "In Memory of Ed Penner", 10 Woodlands Dr., Brandon, MB, R7A 0T1.

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OBITUARY

David H Fehr 1928 - 2021

It is with a mixture of joy and sadness we say goodbye to our wonderful dad, grandpa, and great-grandpa, David H Fehr.

Dad was born in Haskett, MB on July 19, 1928 to Henry H. and

Dad was born in Haskett, MB on July 19, 1928 to Henry H. and Helena (Elias) Fehr. His mom taught him to pray, he still prayed "Werde munter mein Gemute" all verses by memory. He leaned on the Lord to teach him things he did not know and believed anything was possible. He just started doing whatever he chose or needed to do, even when he had never done it before and believed God would help him along the way. He married Tina Friesen on July 15, 1952. They moved into a little house beside the main house on the in-law's farm. His first job outside of farming was as a plumber. While starting to farm with his father-in-law, IPF Friesen he and his

wife built a couple of houses in Winkler, doing everything himself, even the windows. In 1960, they moved north of town to the Friesen farm trading homes with the in-laws. Here they farmed for the next 29 years, starting with a mixed farm, then diversifying to seed cleaning. Even though he no longer farmed he was still keenly interested and loved to go look at the fields. Growing up with Dad was always an adventure, with a bit of comic relief when things didn't work out quite the way we had imagined. He encouraged us to try various things and loved to support us by providing what we needed to get the job done. As married children we often received a phone call or he dropped in to see what we were doing, always being actively interested in our pursuits. We can see him now being our biggest cheerleader in heaven, always the optimist, and believing we are going to succeed.

As we say good-bye, he lives on in each of us, he has lifted us up to continue on broad shoulders of trust and faith in God. We thank you Dad for loving life, persevering and fighting a good fight. We thank you Dad for your example of unwavering devotion and love to our mother and each one of us. We thank you Dad for the many sacrifices you made so we could pursue our interests, your giving nature, revealing the heart of our Father in heaven. We thank you Dad for showing us how to love people, never to compromise righteousness. We thank you Dad for loving music and teaching us to worship with our hearts. We thank you Dad for your many prayers on our behalf, warring for truth according to the Bible, and standing strong against the enemy. We love you Dad and look forward to being reunited with you and Mom when our work here is done. Sons, David Ralph and Julie; John and Linda; Terence; daughter, Karen and Don Friesen and their families.

We bless all of Dad's relatives and acquaintances who walked with him through life, those who took interest in him and were a source of strength and help to him. We bless the residents and staff of the Buhler Active living Centre, the staff at the Villages and the health care workers who took care of him in these last years of declining health. May you each live long fulfilled lives of joy in relationship with your Creator, until you meet our dad again.

A private family graveside service was held at the Rosenbach Cemetery.

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OBITUARY



Bartley, Arlene Anne (Motheral)

It is with peace and sadness that the family of Arlene Bartley announces her passing on Wednesday, February 17, 2021 at Boundary Trails Health Centre.

She will be greatly missed by her daughter Pat Whiteside (Doug), sons Ron Bartley (Cheryl), Doug Bartley (Sylvie) and daughter Marilyn Gitzel (Allan). Also cherishing her memory are her nine grandchildren Chad (Shawna) Whiteside, Melissa (Alan) Ballantyne, Joel (Raelle) Whiteside, Britni (Steve) Godkin, Andrew (Nikki) Bartley, Taylor Bartley (Matt), Duane (Candace) Gitzel, Ryan (Kate) Gitzel, and Raelyn (John) Fox and 21 great-grandchildren. Arlene is also survived by sisters Connie Thompson and Sharon Minkus, and brother Wayne (Jean) Motheral, sister-in-law Agnes Phillips, brothers-in-law Bruce (Elsie) Bartley and Lorne (Ella) Bartley, and numerous nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by her

husband (of 50 years) John Bartley, parents Ralph and Marguerite Motheral, grandson Ronald Drew Bartley, sister-in-law Melva Bartley, Bud and Margaret Graham, brothers-in-law Wesley Phillips, Robert Thompson, and Ron Minkus.

For a more complete obituary please go to doylesfuneralhome.ca

A private family interment took place Saturday, February 20th at Fairview Cemetery; Roland, MB. Viewing took place at Doyle's Funeral Home, Carman, MB on Saturday. A celebration of life service will take place at a later date.

Donations in memory of Arlene may be directed to Roland United Church.

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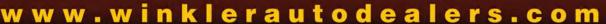
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