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# Fun on the lake

Janice Reimer tries her hand at crokicurl on Lake Minnewasta, which has certainly been a busy place this winter. See Pg. 4 for more.

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# “Together we faced insurmountable odds in 2020”

Mayor’s state of the city address filled with pride, hope for the future

By Ashleigh Viveiros

Mayor Martin Harder’s pride at how our community has weathered the COVID-19 storm was evident as he delivered his state of the city address last week.

Speaking from the Bernhard Thiesen Hall & Fieldhouse at the newly finished Meridian Exhibition Centre to a virtual audience at the Winkler chamber’s AGM, Harder began by reflecting on the obstacles and successes of the past tumultuous year.

“Together we faced insurmountable odds in 2020, yet I believe we survived fairly well,” he said.

In fact, data from Employment and Social Development Canada on the Canada Emergency Response Benefit (CERB) put Winkler as the city with the lowest CERB payments per capita in all of Canada. Just 3.84 per cent of Winklerites applied for the federal support program, Harder said.

“It makes me proud and I want you to be proud of being the last on this list because it means that we truly are a community wanting to work and not depend on others to carry us. It means our businesses have done an awesome job providing jobs in a year



Winkler Mayor Martin Harder delivered his state of the city address last week at the Winkler and District Chamber of Commerce’s annual general meeting, which was held virtually. The full speech has been posted online on the City of Winkler’s social media pages.

when all seemed but lost.

“Our business community did not sit back in fear of the future. They stepped up to the plate and pivoted their operations and expanded their operations” Harder continued, pointing to the many companies who created new products or found new markets in order to keep their doors open and their staff employed.

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Above: Gerry Van Laar takes in some ice fishing on Lake Minnewasta. Right: The skating rink and trail have proven a popular pastime this winter.

## Warding off cabin fever out on the lake

By Lorne Stelmach

Lake Minnewasta has proven to be a tremendous asset for Morden-Winkler this winter as people search for ways to get out of the house amidst ongoing pandemic restrictions.

It has been a vital hub of activity and recreation at a time when so much else has been shut down, and the potential for even more was evident with the addition of the recent ice sculpture workshop put on by the Pembina Hills Arts Council.

"It's great that we have the ability to have an open enough area for larger groups to gather and still do it safely and enjoy the outdoors," said Brian Thiessen, City of Morden campground host.

"As we move through this COVID season and come out on the other side of it, this is an indication that the area can support more events, more attractions," he suggested. "It can give people in the area something more to take in and maybe bring other people in as well.

"We want to encourage people to remain active but yet to do that safely within the parameters that are safe for everyone. It's such a wide area ... the spacing makes it well-suited to having different things being done at

the same time."

In addition to the general oversight of the facilities and amenities at the lake area, the City of Morden also offers services like snowshoe rentals, which are handled through Morden Drugstore, and this winter added a crokicurl area on the lake alongside the skating rink and trail.

And, of course, the lake this year has been dotted with perhaps the most ice fishing shacks, trailers, and trucks that there has been in a long time.

"We were here one time a couple years ago. We came from Stephenfield Lake and thought we would do a tour through here before we head back home," said Gerry Van Laar, a Carman area resident trying his luck here recently.

"It's a very nice place here and how they have it set up. It's a nice lake. Summertime we usually come here for a swim," he noted. "What all else can you be doing right now? This is what Manitobans should be doing.

"There's not much reason to get too bored coming to this area," he added, agreeing that the lake is a great ame-

nity for Morden. "Maybe this will be my future retirement home.

"With less things to do during COVID, it's great that there's a lot of activities happening out here on the lake," said Mordenite Tim Reimer, who was trying out the crokicurl. "I've never seen so many ice fishing shacks out here. It's unbelievable ... it's really good to see.

"This is a nice way to get out of the house and actually just get out and see people," he added. "It is really good because there is so much room out here. There's so much area here and so many different things that you can do."

Living near the golf course and in Morden for about six years, Deb Zacharias has her grandchildren visit regularly from Winnipeg, and the lake figures into a lot of their plans year-round.

"There's so much for them to do when they come down here to Morden. I use the lake a lot, doing some walking, using the trail," she said. "Once a month they come out here, and Grandma has to find entertainment, but it's not hard to do.

"COVID did a lot of damage, but not for the lake. It has brought everybody out. It's busy almost every day ... it's spectacular. Nobody knows what we have down here," Zacharias suggested.

"Other things may suffer, but things like this prosper," she added. "Our golf course and our lake are everything and so important. People talk about it all over the place."

Thiessen was especially pleased to see the additional activity on the lake on the weekend of the ice sculpture workshop.

"It brought a lot of interest and interaction from people who normally go down but also some who typically don't come out, and the weather was super nice for it. It brought a lot of people out, and that is good to see.

"When we're limited to outside activity, it's great to have this, and it's nice when the weather co-operates like it did. We were very pleased with the turnout," he said. "The last number of weeks, the activity at the lake has been good. We could have used more snow, but we're taking advantage of what we have.

"People are out and about ... it kind of helps make the winter feel a little shorter."

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# Bergen connects with constituents in online town hall

By Lorne Stelmach

Questions and concerns around COVID-19 vaccinations and restrictions dominated as Portage-Lisgar MP and deputy Conservative leader Candice Bergen held a virtual town hall last week.

Joining Bergen for the online forum were Michelle Rempel Garner, shadow minister for health, and James Cumming, shadow minister for innovation, science, and industry.

"A third lockdown just can't happen," Bergen said following the Feb. 24 session, which went for one hour.

"I wasn't surprised when I got questions around what about treatments for COVID, do you think everybody should be vaccinated, what about some of the other solutions rather than just lockdowns?" said Bergen. "Frankly, I agree with them."

"We want to make sure that we're not just locking down and that's the only answer to COVID. They want to see treatments. They want to see governments providing information, making decisions on real data."

"There's so much information out there, and I think for people, they hear conflicting reports," she continued. "There's so much conflicting information and inconsistency, and I think that's what makes it hard for

many people.

"There's no excuse for a federal government to not be getting information and showing leadership at the national level," Bergen added. "Trudeau is, as much as he can, trying to wash his hands and putting it all on the provinces."

Bergen said she has also been hearing a lot about economic recovery. The concern particularly for a rural riding like Portage-Lisgar is the impact on small business.

"I learned very quickly [when first elected in 2008] how resilient our area is," she noted. "Where other businesses were really struggling through the recession ... some of the most resilient small businesses in the country are right here in our riding."

"They want to reopen; they don't want to be getting handouts from the government. They want to reopen and get back to work, and I feel the same way, that that's the answer. Let's get Canadians back to work," Bergen said. "Until we end the lockdown, there's no economic recovery."

Another issue that was raised and which Bergen highlighted is Bill C-7, which is seen as extending access to medically assisted dying to people who are suffering from incurable mental illness.

"They're proposing they should be able to have assistance in killing them-

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Portage-Lisgar MP Candice Bergen hosted a virtual town hall meeting last week to hear from constituents on a variety of matters.

selves," said Bergen. "We've been saying for the last many years let's help people with depression. Suicide is not the answer."

"I think people in the riding should be very, very concerned about that," she stressed. "It's a slippery slope."

Bergen was grateful to have the opportunity to connect to at least some degree with constituents at a time when it has not been possible otherwise.

"A lot of the questions we got in were similar themed, so we could group them together

and hopefully provide some answers and get some people some input they were looking for.

"This definitely feels like a second best, but everyone's adjusting and has adjusted," Bergen said. "I wanted to be able to have an opportunity where I could meet with a large group of constituents, so this is a good format."

"It was good, and I think we'll probably do some more of them ... we'll see what the feedback is."

## Virtual Winterfest a go for March 13

By Lorne Stelmach

Plans are falling into place for Morden's Multicultural Winterfest to continue on as an online celebration this year.

Pandemic restrictions prevented the annual event from happening in person for its 13th year last month. Instead, organizers appealed to the community to submit videos for a virtual showcase, and they are quite pleased with the response.

"I think we're going to have a show, and it looks like it's going to be really good," committee member Robyn Wiebe said of the celebration slated to be posted online March 13.

Winterfest is not only a celebration of the winter season but also the growing diversity of Morden. The video presentation will follow the same theme.

"The community responded in terms of tapping some shoulders for cultural performances and cultural explanations of the different countries that are represented here in the area," said Wiebe. "We've had some from several new busi-

nesses open up that are owned by newcomers ... and we also opened it up to our regular sponsors to share with us as well what they have to offer."

"We have also had a lot of winter activities going on now that the restrictions are easing. People have been able to start doing things a little more," she said. "So it's a good mix of winter activities and people sharing their multicultural communities."

Wiebe said they are all anxious to see the finished product and recognize how much of a draw this could potentially be for Morden.

"This could go around the world ... people in our community have ties around the world and will share it with pride ... the audience potential with this is huge," she said. "This gives us a different way to share it. Although it's not ideal ... the chance for people to see what is available in our community is huge."

The plan is for the presentation to be shown at 2 p.m. Saturday, March 13 via YouTube. Links and other details are available on the Morden Multicultural Winterfest Facebook page.



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## Food, glorious food

**T**he great Irish writer Oscar Wilde once said "After a good dinner one can forgive anybody, even one's own relatives."

One cannot overestimate the importance of food. Obviously without it we wouldn't make it a week before death overtook us, but I mean at a more thoughtful level: Food is life.

We live in an agricultural region and so we understand this perhaps better than some. Food is everything. Food and the scents of a great meal or soup cooking in the stove remind us of things and people. That turkey roasting in the oven triggers memories of Christmases and Thanksgivings past perhaps and maybe thoughts and images of Mum and Grandma.

The sizzle and scents of the BBQ might remind people of Dad or Uncle or Grandpa (or all three) standing around the primal flame, drinking beer and making burgers.



**By Peter Cantelon**

Even ritual and belief is steeped in food and meals. Christians celebrate their Lord's Supper, Muslims break the fast of Ramadan with the celebration of Eid al-Fitr and some pretty spectacular meals, and Jews bind cultural memory and meal at Passover. In Japan followers of Shinto leave food offerings of rice cakes, fish, meat, fruit and vegetables at alters to various gods while in Iceland there is a tradition of leaving food for elves, the Huldufólk, on Christmas Eve.

Whether you sit around a large table with family and friends or you can relate to the famous director Orson Welles who once related, "My doctor told me to stop having intimate dinners for four. Unless there are three other people" we can all understand a love for food.

My wife and I try to cook together as much as possible and this definitely helps strengthen and maintain our bond.

My first experience with flavours beyond a plain boiled potato or Italian food (staples growing up) was going to a Malaysian restaurant with friends while I was in university. After the first bite I was hooked. So many flavours and spices to experience I had not thought possible.

Since then I have answered the age old question of "if you were trapped

on a desert island for the rest of your life and could only it one food what would it be" with Indian food. I like nothing more than sitting down to a blisteringly spicy hot vindaloo with too much naan to soak it up (hungry yet?).

This is why I am thrilled with the explosion of food options in the Pembina Valley in the past few years. On any given evening we can leave our house and pick up Indian, Brazilian, Chinese (Szechuan or otherwise), Mexican, Middle Eastern, Filipino and a host of other dishes. If you want to make it yourself not only do our local grocery stores stock a wide range of options but we now have separate Indian, African, and European grocery store options.

Heck, we can even stop at the region's first brew pub and bring home some craft beer to wash it all down with if we want.

Yes, when it comes to options I think this renaissance explosion of options is just beginning. With more than 130 countries represented in the region who knows what new food options are in our future.

What I can tell you is there is definitely a relationship between the growth of food options in the region and my waistline.

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## SUGGESTIONS FOR STANLEY PARK

I was encouraged by the *Voice* article in which the Municipality of Stanley committed recreation funds to the towns of Morden and Winkler and included mention of improvements to be made at Stanley Park [Feb. 11, Pg. 9].

Stanley Park has been an important site of cultural, recreation, and natural heritage to the municipality and I was pleased to have camped there

for the first time last summer.

There were, however, several hiccups in our camping experience.

When my wife and I arrived at the park to meet my parents they informed us that the site they originally had reserved at the municipal office had been occupied and, as such, they had chosen an adjacent site.

The occupant of the reserved site soon returned and said that he had actually called the municipal office and knew the site had been reserved

(but had moved there anyway!). He was also clearly upset that he had been obliged to move from a different site that a church group had reserved but had not shown up for. Through conversation the man revealed that he had, in fact, been camping at the park for at least several weeks as a result of a contract falling through, likely COVID related.

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# Winkler chamber reports on a challenging year

By Ashleigh Viveiros

As it was for everyone else, 2020 proved a challenging year for the Winkler and District Chamber of Commerce.

But just like the community they serve, determination and adaptation helped get them through it, said outgoing board president Darren Heide as the chamber hosted its annual general meeting via Zoom last Thursday.

"This past year had been one of uncertainty and challenge" for the both the chamber and the Winkler business community thanks to the global pandemic and the resulting health restrictions, Heide said in his report.

"It's also been a year of perseverance and hope as we adapted our businesses to the new realities, experienced tremendous support through support-local initiatives, and at the end of the year saw the outlook of restrictions easing."

Many of the chamber's usual recognition, appreciation, and networking events had to be cancelled or scaled back significantly in 2020.

Still, the chamber didn't sit back on its heels, Heide said, instead finding new ways to reach out and provide value to members.

That included things like hosting virtual lunch and learns, stepping up as the voice of the business community in advocacy efforts, hosting modified versions of the annual Women and Business and Small Business Week celebrations, and orchestrating such supportive initiatives as a Bingo card campaign and a Shop Local Guide.

The chamber also launched a series of "Celebrating our Members" videos on social media to promote local businesses and teamed up with the City of Winkler and local businesses to create

a Support Local Small Business gift card program to help companies stay afloat as code red restrictions forced them to shut their doors.

Heide noted the organization also covered the registration fees for all Winkler restaurants who took part in Explore Morden Winkler's Pizza Week promotion at the end of January.

"It was great to be able to help give back and to help support that initiative," he said.

While his time as president is now at an end, Heide will remain as a board member and he's looking forward to seeing what the future brings for the chamber.

"While short-term challenges remain, the long-term outlook for our resilient and innovative business community is strong," he said.

Stepping in to fill the president role on the chamber board is Keith Gislason.

"I'm looking forward to this next couple of years," Gislason said after Mayor Martin Harder handed him the ceremonial gavel in a video filmed at the Meridian Exhibition Centre. "I thank the City for everything that they do for our business community and I'm looking forward to working with them on behalf of the business community to address some of the opportunities that we have coming up given the situation that we're in."

## BY THE NUMBERS

Financially, the chamber did pretty well this past year, all things considered.

"2020 obviously was a year like no other and the financial statements reflect that," explained treasurer Matt Penner, who noted government loans and subsidies helped them keep the

both from Somerset, were involved in an altercation where one youth was stabbed with a knife by the other.

The injured youth was transported to hospital in Winnipeg and is currently in stable condition.

The other youth was arrested for aggravated assault.

RCMP continue to investigate.



In a pre-recorded segment, Winkler Mayor Martin Harder (left) handed over the ceremonial gavel to incoming Winkler chamber president Keith Gislason at the agency's virtual AGM last week.

financials similar to the year before despite not being able to host many of their usual fundraising events. In fact, the organization was able to finish 2020 with a surplus of just over \$12,600.

"There were a lot of events that we weren't able to hold or host due to COVID, and so the financial statements look a little different than they have in the past," Penner said. "At the end of the year, though, we were able to stay on budget and not run a deficit in 2020 with the help of some of the subsidies from the government."

With a lot of uncertainty in the year ahead, the chamber's 2021 operating budget is a cautious one when it comes to revenue.

"The budgeted revenue is down significantly because we aren't planning on hosting events until we've had more certainty that things are going

to open up," Penner said.

Projected revenue is limited to stable sources like membership fees and City of Winkler funding, totaling just over \$138,000.

The chamber is also budgeting just under \$177,000 in expenses for the year, which will create a deficit of \$38,730.

"The board felt that with the cash position of the chamber and the tough times that everyone's been going through that we wanted to make sure that we're entering some new initiatives, doing some new things that will help the business community," Penner explained. "And so we're spending some money to be able to do that."

To that end, the chamber plans to spend \$20,000 on member promotion and another \$2,000 on special projects/strategic objectives in 2021.

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It's possible that conflicts such as this could be circumvented through simple administrative procedure such as charging nominal fees for registration and camping as at provincial campsites. This would have the added benefit of generating funds for the park and open the possibility for further infrastructure and

staffing without moving directly to policing options.

A first step, however, would be to make sure that we are respecting others at the park and following through with one's own commitments.

Marlin Rempel,  
Morden

# RCMP investigating high school stabbing in Somerset

One teenager is in custody after Pembina Valley RCMP responded to a stabbing at Prairie Mountain High School in Somerset last week.

Police were called to a fight in progress at the school the morning of Feb. 24.

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Courtney Peters and Linda Menzies of Morden Massage Therapy Centre display an example of a nighttime compression garment and an intermittent pneumatic compression device that is used to treat lymphedema.

# Spotlight on World Lymphedema Day

By Lorne Stelmach

A Morden therapist is spreading the word about a disease that many people have but even more do not know about or understand.

Linda Menzies of the Morden Massage Therapy Centre is helping to raise awareness in conjunction with March 6 being World Lymphedema Day.

A certified lymphedema therapist and fitter for breast prosthesis and compression garments, Menzies noted it's estimated around 40,000 Manitobans could be dealing with lymphedema, which is a chronic inflammatory condition caused by a protein-rich fluid accumulation as a result of damage or malformation of the lymph vessels or nodes.

"It's actually a very under diagnosed disease. Many people including medical professionals don't understand

lymphedema. It's a very small component of physicians' and medical doctors' training," suggested Menzies.

"There's a significant cost to the taxpayers for people who have the disease because it is not getting diagnosed and it is not getting treated," she continued. "We still have lots of work to do to help educate people about lymphedema."

The lymphatic system is our immune system. When it is compromised, side effects such as lymphedema may show up.

Symptoms can vary depending on the severity of the lymphedema. They can include swelling in an arm or leg; feeling of fullness, puffiness or heaviness in the arm, leg or genital area; aching or burning feeling in the limb; tight or warm feeling in the skin of the arm, leg or genital area; trouble mov-

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## Several major projects in the works for 2021: Harder

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There have also been brand new businesses created to seek out opportunities created by the pandemic.

"We have a new business in our incubator mall that developed a UV-C medically suited disinfection chamber that I believe will put Winkler on the map again," Harder said of Aperon UV, noting the company is working to get national approval for its product, which is already being used at Salem Home to disinfect items coming into the care home.

"We are a community that works together," Harder continued, pointing to the Support Local gift card campaign supported by the city, the chamber, and several larger businesses to help smaller companies struggling to keep their heads above water during the code red lockdown.

"We're not looking for handouts—we're looking to give a hand up," he said. "That's what we do in Winkler."

On the whole, Harder said that the community came through the challenges of 2020 in pretty good shape.

"Winkler as a city has in fact not been significantly affected by COVID-19," he said. "We have reached over \$40 million in new building permits,

we have seen manufacturing expansions, and two new residential subdivisions have started for the future growth of the city.

"We have had the biggest year ever in project completion—from the new golf course clubhouse restaurant to the Meridian Exhibition Centre, the new accessible playground ... to the biggest victory of all: Hwy. 32 [four-laning] completion through Winkler.

"Yes Winkler!" Harder went on, quoting the community's slogan. "Creating an environment where people want to invest and followed by the most generous community that cares for each other. Together great things are accomplished and we have demonstrated that we will not be trampled down but we will rise up and be better and better."

Turning his attention then to the future, Harder noted that headway has been made on the regional wastewater treatment plant project with the recent annexation of land in the RM of Stanley for it and government approval expected soon.

"This is a joint \$49 million investment between Winkler, Stanley, the Province, and federal support," he said. "Our portion amounts to about 27 per cent of that total investment.

"We are preparing for growth and to accommodate every opportunity," Harder said.

When it comes to Winkler's financial outlook, there too the community is in good shape.

The Meridian Exhibition Centre did come in over budget, costing \$2 million more than the initially projected \$20 million due in part to the addition of various energy efficiency systems.

But the city was able to dip into its reserves, 2020 surplus funds, and COVID-19 government support to cover the difference rather than take on more debt.

Council is currently working on the 2021 budget. After a year of belt-tightening in 2020, Harder said they are looking at some increases for the year ahead.

There are several major projects in the works right now, including the wastewater treatment facility, com-

pletion of the sidewalks alongside Hwy. 32, the extension of Roblin Blvd. East further into the industrial park, and a makeover of 15th St. to install the city's first roundabout at the Roblin Blvd. West intersection.

"These are huge expenses," Harder said. "Since we had a zero tax increase in 2020 and in order to accomplish those huge projects, building for the future, we plan to introduce a tax rate increase of 4.86 per cent for the 2021 budget."

The municipal property tax rate will increase 0.598 mills to 12.925. That means a home with an assessed value of \$230,000 can expect to pay about \$62 more dollars per year in municipal taxes.

Harder closed his address by once again emphasizing that no matter how difficult circumstances may seem, there is always a way through it and brighter things to come.

"Adversity brings opportunity," he stressed.

"In Winkler, our goal is to create an environment where we have the freedom to dream, the freedom to build, and the freedom to live. This is the most important aspect of creating a positive future for our businesses, our families ... and our city."

**"OUR BUSINESS COMMUNITY DID NOT SIT BACK IN FEAR OF THE FUTURE."**



# PVHS saw record-breaking adoptions in 2020

By Lorne Stelmach

The Pembina Valley Humane Society looked back on an unexpectedly positive year at its recent virtual annual general meeting.

Despite having its shelter closed to the public and volunteers on hold for much of the year due to the pandemic, the organization not only came through 2020 in good shape but also had record adoptions.

"The community support that we have had has been fantastic," said acting chairperson Selena Ducharme. "It's been a crazy whirlwind but fantastic year. This year really showed us how much the community will rally behind us and help us continue to grow the shelter.

"Even with all the shutdowns and having to suspend volunteer interactions, we still have a great group of core volunteers who are always willing and ready to come back," she noted, adding the organization gained a number of new board members as well. "We managed to fill many of our empty positions, which will help us greatly in the long run."

With volunteers kept away thanks to COVID-19, it left an extra workload for shelter manager Alesha Unrau and assistant Chelsey Lincoln.

The organization also had to reevaluate how its fundraisers were handled, as restrictions forced them to cancel, postpone, or restructure numerous events.

As well, visitation numbers decreased significantly compared to other years. Local visitors account for the majority of the numbers, with Morden residents totaling 40 per cent

and Winkler second with 18 per cent.

On the upside, the community stepped up in many ways, including children asking for donations instead of birthday presents or people hosting garage sales and donating the proceeds to the shelter.

And one big benefit to having the shelter closed was that it allowed for a myriad of improvements, including cat room renovations and replacement of dog kennel doors.

What stands out the most in 2020 is the record-breaking amount of adoptions.

The year saw 169 total animal intakes and 164 animal adoptions. When broken down, the average adoption number per month was 14, which was up from 12 in 2019.

On top of a great turnover rate, the length of stay for animals also greatly decreased to 20 weeks for a dog and 25 weeks for a cat. In previous years, those numbers had been upwards of 12 months.

"Our stay times have decreased substantially," said Ducharme, who suggested more people were home thanks to the pandemic and ready to add pets to their families, which resulted in quicker turnover rates.

"We found it hard to keep dogs for longer than a few weeks, and it was great to see them having to spend as little time in the shelter as possible. Cat adoptions were also very consistent throughout 2020, which was a good change to see," she said. "It's always fantastic when animals are not needing to stay in our care for an extended period of time and we are able to get them into homes."

The PVHS foster program was an-



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Acting PVHS chair Selena Ducharme and public relations chair Holly Thorne with a few of the feline in the shelter's care.

other success story, with a total of 97 animals placed in 2020, including 65 cats and 32 dogs. Eighty-nine of these animals were adopted before year-end.

On the financial front, the society saw annual revenue exceed the budget goal by 10.8 per cent. While fundraising and retail revenue were under budget, it was compensated by strong donations that came in 19 per cent over budget and revenue from adoptions that was 26 per cent over budget. The bottom line was net income of \$14,265.

Ducharme sees the organization well positioned to move forward this year.

Their main hope has been to be able to bring back the army of volunteers who make such a difference for the humane society. Their most urgent

needs in terms of volunteers include chore shift leaders, volunteers to work with the fundraising committee and help at events, and people willing to help with maintenance and a future shelter expansion project, which Ducharme said remains a top priority.

"We decided to put it on hold for the time being, but once everything starts to pick up we will revisit this project," she said.

"The best part of 2020 was finding new forever homes for a record-breaking number of animals and working towards the completion of long-term projects," Ducharme said. "We built on a strong foundation and tried new things that not only helped in finding homes for the animals in our care, but also helped improve their time in the shelter."

## Province weighing potential changes to public health restrictions

By Ashleigh Viveiros

Manitobans will find out this week what the next month and a half of COVID-19 public health restrictions will look like.

Last week, the government put out a call for public feedback on proposed changes to restrictions, including increasing capacity limits for gatherings in households and outdoor spaces as well as in churches, restaurants, and other businesses. Numerous public spaces currently closed could also potentially reopen with restrictions.

The plan is to implement the changes in two phases over the next six weeks, first as early as Friday and then again on March 26.

The reopening process must be a

cautious one, stressed Dr. Brent Rousin, Manitoba's chief public health officer.

"As we continue to battle this pandemic and monitor for variants of concern, it's crucial we continue to avoid the activities that are known to cause the most risk," he said. "These are those closed spaces, crowded places, close contact settings."

"We know we can't open everything right away. We're taking a slow and measured approach so case numbers don't increase in the weeks ahead."

On Monday, health officials reported 35 new cases of the virus and one death.

Manitoba's number of active cases was at 1,171 at press time, including five cases of the B117 variant.

There were 68 people in hospital with active COVID-19 and another 116 patients no longer considered contagious but still requiring care. A total of 25 ICU beds were filled with COVID-19 patients, 12 of whom are still considered infectious.

Manitoba's death tally was at 896 people on Monday. There have been 29,827 recoveries from COVID-19 over the past year.

In the Southern Health-Santé Sud health region there were 34 active cases of the virus and 21 hospitalizations (one in ICU). The region has seen 142 deaths.

Breaking it down in our area, Winkler had seven active cases on Monday, Morris five, Red River South four, MacDonald four, Carman two, and

Lorne/Louise/Pembina one case.

Morden, Stanley, the Altona region, Roland/Thompson, and Grey were all reporting zero active cases.

In related news, the province has announced that the new vaccination super site in Morden-Winkler will be located in the community hall at the Access Event Centre in Morden. It's scheduled to open next week, subject to vaccine availability.

The eligibility criteria continues to expand, most recently to include Manitobans born on or before Dec. 31, 1930 and First Nations people born on or before Dec. 31, 1950.

Up-to-date eligibility details are available online at [www.gov.mb.ca/covid19/vaccine/eligibility-criteria.html](http://www.gov.mb.ca/covid19/vaccine/eligibility-criteria.html).

# DKSM hosting its first online music festival

## Cadenza Spring Music Festival runs April 6-16

By Ashleigh Viveiros

Douglas Kuhl School of Music is intent on keeping the music going in spite of the global pandemic.

DKSM has announced that it is hosting the first Cadenza Spring Music Festival online next month.

From April 6-16, strings, piano, and voice students of all ages are invited to take in a variety of classes and events led by accomplished clinicians from across the country and right here at home.

"Because we can't offer our Cadenza Summer Music Week this year we were looking for another way to reach the students that would otherwise potentially participate in that and also broaden our reach to a much larger group of students," said DKSM administrator Kayla Drudge.

DKSM has partnered with the Southern Manitoba Registered Music Teachers' Association to host this event, which is being sponsored by the Kuhl Foundation alongside the



DKSM PHOTO

Strings, piano, and voice students of all ages and abilities are invited to take part in the Douglas Kuhl School of Music's first virtual spring music festival next month.

Winkler, Morden, and Red River Valley festivals of the arts (all of which have had to cancel their 2021 sessions).

The 10-day festival will feature 11 different events, most of them workshops on a variety of musical genres and topics.

"We'll be inviting students to submit

video performances," Drudge said, explaining the festival is non-competitive and so works-in-progress are welcome.

Professional clinicians will provide valuable feedback to students about their performance. Workshop leaders include Kelli Trottier, Chris Anstey, Cristina Zacharias, Andrew Goodlett,

Janna Larsen, Loren Hiebert, Leanne Zacharias, Jimmie Kilpatrick, Jennifer Johnson, Everett Hopfner, Leanne Regehr Lee, and Josias Sanchez.

"It's really neat to be able to connect with people from across the country," Drudge said, noting as well that participation is open to all, regardless of whether they live in the Morden-Winkler area.

Also unique to the festival is the fact many of the sessions are open to performers of all levels.

"They're organized by genre and so we'll have students of any age and any level participating in a class, say, on baroque or jazz or gospel/sacred," Drudge said, adding that most of the classes are not limited by instrument either. "Almost all of these classes are open to all strings, piano, and voice students."

The full list of workshops and registration information is available online at [dougaskuhlschoolofmusic.com](http://dougaskuhlschoolofmusic.com). Deadline to register is March 12. It's \$5 per workshop.

Not a musician? You can still take part by tuning into nearly all of the events as an observer free of charge, including the Grandparent's Recital on April 15 or the festival's Finale Concert April 16. Head to the website for details.

# Morden creates year-round lake manager position

By Lorne Stelmach

The City of Morden will have someone devoting themselves full-time to overseeing the beach and campground at Lake Minnewasta.

Council voted at its Feb. 22 meeting to create a beach campground manager position.

Its duties formerly fell under the responsibilities of the event co-ordinator on a seasonal basis, but the growing importance of the lake led council to want to have someone to take it on full-time and year round.

"It has been a temporary position for a number of years. Really, that role has expanded as a result of increased usage and programming," said Mayor Brandon Burley.

As part of the change, the event co-ordinator position then will also be able to focus more wholly now on just the Access Event Centre and its various events, functions, and programs, but the key for Burley is that council is really looking to invest more into further enhancing the lake as a key amenity for the City of Morden.

"It allows us to focus more squarely on the campground in particular and the beach and allows us to continue to enhance that destination for the city," he said.

"Some of the investments we're

making in this year's budget involve exactly that," he continued. "We're looking at increasing the year round usage and recreational value of that location. With that comes more users, and we want to continue to grow it.

"We know it's one of the best destinations in the region, and we want to continue to compound the value of that with investments," Burley concluded. "As we continue to grow it, it's got to be appropriately managed."

## > LYMPHEDEMA DAY, FROM PG. 8

ing a joint in the arm or leg; hardening or thickening of the skin; feeling that jewelry or clothes are tight.

Treatment of lymphedema depends on the cause, but it is important to stop the condition from getting worse, even when you have some permanent damage to the lymph system.

Lymphedema in your arm or leg can lead to serious complications such as a bacterial infection of the skin (called cellulitis) or an infection of the lymphatic vessels (called lymphangitis).

Treatments for lymphedema are based on how severe it is, and they aim to lessen the swelling, relieve pain, stop lymphedema from getting

worse, prevent infection, and improve movement and use of the arm or leg.

Menzies serves as an advocate for Manitobans living with the condition as the president of the Lymphedema Association of Manitoba and the Canadian representative of the Lymphology Association of North America.

She recognizes the need to help more people understand this disease and what can be done to treat or control it.

"There's not a cure for it, but there is help for them," stressed Menzies, who noted there is a lot of informa-

tion and resources available through the lymphedema association as well as other supports from various organizations, though people aren't

always aware of it. "People don't know where they can go for help.

"South Central Cancer Resource is absolutely incredible in our

area for helping patients who have cancer," she said, going on to cite Helping Hands for Manitobans with Breast Cancer as another valuable resource for people.

**"THERE'S NOT A CURE FOR IT, BUT THERE IS HELP . . ."**



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The Winkler/Morden Habitat for Humanity chapter had the support of four teams and 25 participants at the Coldest Night of the Year walk last month, including Chix from the Stix (above) and Barb and Myron Derksen (right).



# Coldest Night of the Year walk raises \$4K for Habitat

By Ashleigh Viveiros

Four teams of walkers bundled up and headed out into the cold last month in support of Winkler/Morden Habitat for Humanity.

The local chapter joined non-profit agencies across the nation in taking part in the Coldest Night of the Year walk.

Participants were asked to pick a cold day in February for a long walk to raise both funds and awareness of the plight of Canadians experiencing homelessness.

The official Habitat Winkler Morden team (made up mainly of chapter board members and their families and friends) were

thrilled to be joined by three other community teams: Chix from the Stix, the Camino Halsteads, and The Three Bears.

Altogether they raised \$4,460 for the chapter's first build in Morden, which is slated to hopefully get underway later this year.

**"IT'S ABSOLUTELY WONDERFUL ... WE WANT PEOPLE TO BE INVESTED IN WHAT HABITAT'S DOING."**

"We didn't really know what to expect with this. It's an unusual time and I had hoped it would be something that families could maybe pick up," said fundraising chair Sue Nelson. "We had 25 walkers, four teams, so I think that was awesome."

While the group included many longtime Habitat volunteers, Nelson

was thrilled to learn there were plenty of new faces out there walking in support of the chapter.

Among them was Marty Penner, who put together the Chix from the Stix team with 11 of her walking buddies.

"My walking group has been walking together for 20 years, probably more ... so when I heard about this walk I thought, 'We have a group, why don't we go walking for Habitat?'" she

said, noting lack of snow and mild temperatures has allowed the group to be more active than usual this winter. "Almost everybody jumped on the bandwagon and was willing to go."

Most of the ladies spent a few hours walking together on the Morden golf course path the morning of Feb. 20, though a few opted to go later in the day.

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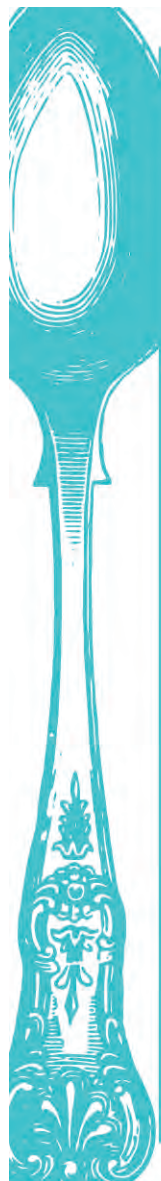
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# Open Mic Night goes virtual



Morden hosted a free virtual open mic night Feb. 25, inviting local performers to submit videos to be streamed on the City of Morden's social media pages. The hour-long show included a variety of performances, including those from dancer Tristan Klassen

(left), singer Julie Myers (right, top), and guitarist Ken Hiebert, among many others. The concert is available to be viewed at the Morden Manitoba YouTube page.



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# Huge Federal Debt – Are Major Tax Changes Looming?

Farm advisors are worried: government spending is up, and revenues are down. The COVID-related massive income supports, and broad-based emergency relief have brought the Federal debt to \$1.2 trillion. This is expected to climb to far in excess of \$1.5 trillion by the end of 2021.

Kevin Bolt of PKF Lawyers says, “we can expect more government programs to be announced to assist Canadians who are unemployed (9.4%) or losing money due to government lockdowns to try to curb the spread of COVID.” In addition, experts agree that more money will be spent on the vaccination program and in the quest to make Canada more self-sufficient in the microbiology field going forward.

Meanwhile, revenues will decline significantly



Kevin Bolt

due to business losses and reduced income of regular taxpayers. Big industries will require huge government bailouts.

The debt-to-GDP ratio is projected to soar beyond 72%, much higher than the 60% debt-to-GDP ratio we experienced in the early 90’s when the Federal government increased capital gains tax to 75% and eliminated the capital gains exemption for all but farmers. There is speculation that we might reach the 106% debt-to-GDP ratio that Canada experienced immediately after World War II.

Economists suggest that stabilizing the economy after COVID-19 will require the government to increase taxes and decrease benefits and programs.

Statistics Canada’s 2016 census reports that only 8% of farm families have succession planned. Given these anticipated new rules and higher tax rates, it is more important than ever to plan the succession or sale of your farm.

Mona Brown of PKF Lawyers, who has been helping farm clients plan for 42 years says “The current preferential rules for farmers are likely to change. Farmers would be well advised to plan now to use the farm rollover and capital gains exemption prior to these anticipated post-pandemic changes.”

BDO and PKF Lawyers want to share options that are available to the agricultural industry in a March 9 Webinar.

Shawn Friesen, Tax Partner with BDO, will review ways to utilize tax rates and plan for possible changes, as well as how to navigate the Federal Government subsidy programs. These options



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# Creating welcoming, inclusive communities



Pembina Valley Local Immigration Partnership held a virtual Connecting Cultures and Communities celebration last week to bring participants up to speed on the work they're doing across the region. The night included musical performances from Mariel Zuniga (above).

## PVLIP updates the community on its work, celebrates the region's cultural diversity

By Ashleigh Viveiros

About 50 people gathered via Zoom last Thursday evening for what the Pembina Valley Local Immigration Partnership (PVLIP) hopes will be the first of many Connecting Cultures & Communities celebrations.

The virtual get-together included people from across southern Manitoba, some of whom have been involved with local settlement services for years while others came specifically to learn more about the work being done to welcome and integrate newcomers in our communities.

"One of the reasons we wanted to host this event, regardless of COVID restrictions, is to highlight the people behind the program," explained PVLIP coordinator Elaine Burton Saindon.

She's very often the public face of the organization, but it is in fact made up of dozens of community members from 13 municipalities across the Pembina Valley.

"We have at this time about 54 people currently involved in one or more of the [working] groups. These are volunteers," Burton Saindon said, adding the past year has seen another 20 or so people involved in the various outreach projects PVLIP has undertaken.

After introducing many of those behind-the-scenes people, the evening's program got underway and included live and recorded cultural music, videos of dances from around the world, interactive cultural trivia, and even a chance for participants to break off into smaller groups to share their backgrounds and discuss the evening's topics at hand, much as they would have had this been the in-person banquet it was originally planned to be.

Interspersed among the fun and games were presentations and reports on what PVLIP's been up to since its creation four years ago.

Regional Connections executive director Steve Reynolds explained that the organization was created to further facilitate connections in the community when it came to immigration matters.

"[At Regional Connections] our focus was working directly with clients, with newcomers, but we could see all the ways that immigration impacted everybody," he said. "It impacts workplaces, schools, and local clinics and hospitals, neighbourhoods ... everybody is impacted and needs to be a part of it for it to be successful."

Enter PVLIP, which brings together community stakeholders of all stripes

to identify needs and develop initiatives to improve immigrant integration.

"Here's a resource to focus on connecting everybody, bringing everybody together ... and look at how we can be more welcoming altogether as a community," Reynolds said.

To that end, PVLIP consists of a Local Partnership Council made up of representatives with a variety of backgrounds from the community at large and an Immigrant Advisory Table featuring newcomers who can speak to their experiences and needs.

These volunteers, in consultation with other stakeholders, have developed a five-year action plan that can be broken down into three categories: welcoming and inclusive communities, communication, and mental health.

Each of these areas of focus has a working group overseeing the implementation of related projects. The leaders of each of the groups presented on some of the work they've accomplished in recent years.

The welcoming and inclusive communities group, explained rep. Karina Bueckert, has been sharing the stories of newcomers with the community in a variety of ways, developing welcoming and inclusive policies it hopes will be adopted by governments and businesses across the region, and are also working on creating a centralized information sharing network for newcomers to help them more easily access the wealth of services available to them across the region.

"Our main goal is to ensure and find opportunities where we can assist the communities to ensure they are welcoming and inclusive," Bueckert said. "We want to ensure that the transition for newcomers ... is as easy a transition as possible."

Speaking on behalf of the communication working group, Shepherd Chiwandire shared that they've been focusing on the fact many people are simply not aware of the resources available to them.

"Newcomers, regardless of where they come from, often find it challenging to locate common information about their community services and resources," he said.

To that end, the group has conducted a communications study with an eye to helping service organizations develop a more effective communications plan and address any barriers to access, including language. They also hosted a knowledge sharing fair to get

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the word out about a variety of programs and are working on a new podcast series to further engage people and share information.

Finally, mental health group rep. Trevor Siemens explained they've held focus groups and round tables to discuss some of the mental health challenges newcomers face and are working with service providers on fill-

ing some of the identified gaps.

"When people have equal access to care and organizational support they feel connected to their community," Siemens said. "By promoting mental well-being our communities can be proactive in supporting newcomers through the challenge of transition.

"Our ongoing efforts include working with local community organiza-

tions to plan the Health Communities conference in April," he said, noting they'll have a newcomer session at that event.

The group's future plans include ongoing development of partnerships to support research into newcomer mental health needs in the region and to host a community forum on the resources available.

It is through working together that headway will be made on all these fronts, Burton Saindon said in closing out the night.

"All the pieces of a local immigration partnership—the LPC who are the decision makers and leaders of

our region, the Immigration Advisory Table members who are the newcomers with lived experience, the working groups who are helping to put ideas in motion, and the variety of communities and additional volunteers—we all bring a piece of ourselves to the big picture. Each piece fits uniquely together to make the Pembina Valley welcoming and inclusive.

"If you think of a bridge connecting each side, one group to the other ... we are able to work together to create successful strategies in our region to make everyone feel like they belong."

To learn more about the work of PVLIP, head to [pvlip.ca](http://pvlip.ca).



PVLIP communication working group rep. Shepherd Chiwandire reported on the work they've undertaken over the past couple of years as well as their plans for the future.

## > HABITAT, FROM PG. 11

The group raised \$1,400—far more than the \$200 goal they initially set for themselves on the event's online donation page.

"I didn't really think about how much money we would raise, but it was for a good cause," Penner said. "Food and shelter—there's nothing more important in Manitoba than food and shelter, and so when I contacted people [for donations] the response I kept getting was, 'This is a good cause' ... people

wanted to support it."

It's a sentiment Nelson and the rest of the local Habitat chapter certainly appreciate.

"It's absolutely wonderful," she said. "That's what we want to have happen in the communities: we want people to be invested in what Habitat's doing. It's not about us just getting a huge donation from one or two big places. We want it to be a grassroots kind of thing."

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# March is Pharmacist Awareness Month



## Your pharmacist: a trusted health ally

Every year in March, Pharmacist Awareness Month helps educate Canadians about the contributions that pharmacists make to the delivery of health care. The theme for this event is Rethink Pharmacists. To help you better understand the duties and responsibilities of these professionals, here are a few things you should know.

### Primary role

Your pharmacist's main job is to dispense the medications prescribed to you. However, before giving you your treatment, they'll ensure that:

- The dose is appropriate

- The drug won't interact with other medication you're taking
- There's no risk of an allergic reaction
- You're not taking a medication you no longer need

Once your pharmacist has completed their checks, they'll inform you about your treatment and explain how to take the medication so that it's safe and effective.

### Other duties

Depending on your needs, your pharmacist can provide other services, such as:

- Answering questions about your health
- Advising you about over-the-counter medications
- Administering vaccines
- Prescribing medications for simple health problems (eczema, seasonal allergies, etc.)

If you have a question about your health or a medication you're taking, your pharmacist can help. You can reach out to them for advice either at the pharmacy or over the phone.

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Many people take a number of different medications, and getting all those refills can require several trips to the pharmacy each month. Now, through our Simpl Sync program, our pharmacy team can work to meet patients' individual needs and with their insurance

plans so that all of their refills are available for pickup on the same date.

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This program is the first of its kind in western Canada. Pharmasave is pleased to be offering Simpl Sync to any person on three or more regularly-scheduled medications. There is no extra cost to joining our Simpl Sync program.

People's top reasons for not taking their medications include running out, being away from home, trying to save money, and experiencing side effects. Whatever your reason, Pharmasave's Simpl Sync program can help you take your medications properly and with less worry and hassle. Please stop by Pharmasave in Morden and ask any staff member about the Simpl Sync program.



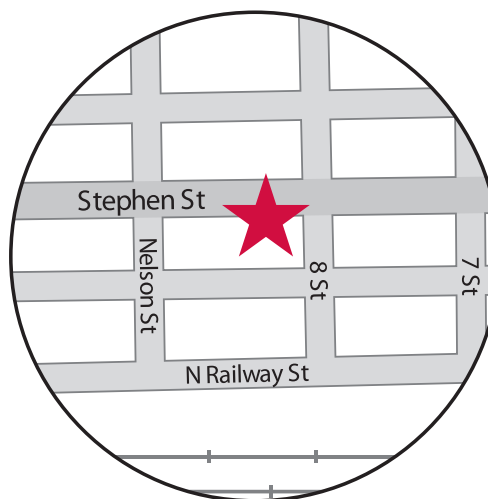
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Above: Minnewasta School students pose alongside the school's I Love to Read Month outdoor story walk. Right: WSD literacy coach Darlene Keith, in her PJs for a special reading event, next to one of the trees that helped keep track of students' reading minutes.



# Morden students wrap up I Love to Read Month

By Lorne Stelmach

I Love To Read Month carried on through February in Morden even though, like everything, it had to be done differently than usual.

School staff really got creative with how to engage their students this year, noted Darlene Keith, literacy coach for Western School Division.

"We still want to be promoting reading. We don't stop reading just because of COVID. We just make some changes, and the importance of reading has to be pursued and instilled as we go forward. It's just a new normal right now," said Keith.

"They are maybe involved in less extra curricular activities outside of school, so we're hoping that they have been spending more time reading at home as well as the families and parents. It's a chance to work on literacy skills when you perhaps don't have as busy of a schedule in life."

At Minnewasta School, the students worked around the theme of how reading can take you places when you have to stay where you are.

They had reading passports to keep track while reading books that took them to different places or on different adventures.

It led up to last Thursday with a story walk outside where pages and artwork from a book were posted along the playground fence for kids to peruse.

"The story walk promoted reading, promoted being outside, being physically active, and even spending time with family and friends," said Keith. "Rather than reading a story inside, when the kids are outside for recess ... they can come out with their classroom and the teachers to read a story outside."

"It allowed for something different and unique on our playground as well as for the community to come and enjoy it," said teacher Rhonda Thompson.

"I've got a very eager, kind of self-motivated group of classes here," she noted. "So the kids were really excited about it. They were excited to be part of putting it out on the playground to increase literacy and get kids outside."

At École Morden Middle School, students took part in a learning game called Kahoot and were engaged using book trivia as well as a goose chase online game as part of their reading challenges.

At Maple Leaf School, the theme was about building community. The entire

student body read a book called *Wish Tree* and the school created a story walk called All Are Welcome with a message about inclusivity and diversity. Maple Leaf wrapped up their reading month celebrations Friday afternoon with cuddle up and read time.

"Because of COVID, we couldn't have it in the gym like we've had other years, so we were just having it in the classrooms for that time, and they could do some read-alongs or some silent reading, and they were wearing their pajamas just to celebrate the end of I Love to Read Month," said Keith.

"We couldn't have guest readers coming into the schools as much as we have in other years, so we did some virtual guest readers where they would do a video and then the classes could watch the videos, or they could Zoom or through Teams we could have guest readers."

The students also worked with the *Wish Tree* theme by writing out wishes on ribbons which were then tied to trees outside.

"We set up our own wish tree out front. It's based on an Irish tradition ... where people tie their wishes on and hope that they come true," explained teacher Cassandra Newman.

She was very pleased to see how the students not only adjusted to the circumstances but fully embraced it all.

"They've been really resilient. You could walk around the school, and you wouldn't think there was anything different going on," Newman said. "They've bounced back, and they are going with the flow, and we're doing a good job of just letting them be kids."

"They were very excited about tying on their wishes. We even invited them to come with their families to kind of bridge that community connection that we're missing this year."

"We've tried to really encourage the kids to keep reading," agreed vice-principal Michael Ward, who noted they tracked the reading with a prize up for grabs for the cohort with the most minutes spent reading.

"I think the kids have had a lot of fun with it, and in the classroom, it was really nice to see the kids just spending that extra time with it," said Ward.

Seeing the students enjoying it while learning was the real reward, agreed Keith.

"We want them to be loving reading, not seeing it as a chore. It's something that's a lifelong skill, but it should also be something that you enjoy."

# Morden thrift shop accepting grant applications

By Lorne Stelmach

The Morden Community Thrift Store is hoping to reach out further into the community with its funding this spring.

The thrift shop is taking applications for its next round of grants, and directors are hoping they might hear from organizations which maybe don't typically apply for funding.

"We want to make sure that we reach

out to everyone. There are lots of organizations that could probably use some funds, and we're in a position to provide it," said board president Normand Poirier. "We happen to be in the fortunate position where what we do provides us with funds which we can redistribute to the community. At the thrift store, we are all about community and helping community."

The thrift shop usually hands out grants twice a year. Last fall it was

able to distribute upwards of \$320,000 and the board believes they'll be donating a similar amount this spring.

The grants are open to any non-profit organization for projects large or small.

"The only criteria that we do have is that we do not fund salaries," noted Poirier.

"It doesn't have to be big ticket items. It's also for all those little guys who could maybe use a couple thou-

sand dollars for a project," he added. "If you're a non-profit organization doing good for the community then by all means make an application."

Applications will be accepted until March 19. Organizations should address their spring gift giving letters to the Morden Community Thrift Store, attention treasurer, to 220 North Railway St., Morden, MB, R6M 1S7.

# PVWC tackling major projects in 2021

By Ashleigh Viveiros

The Pembina Valley Water Co-op (PVWC) made major strides in growing and strengthening its water delivery system throughout the region in 2020, and 2021 is poised to see more of the same.

While the pandemic did cause some shuffling when it came to staffing the plants that dot the Pembina Valley to ensure the taps never turned off, it didn't slow down the myriad of expansions, upgrades, and capital projects PVWC undertook throughout the year.

"We're really trying to stay ahead of the municipalities' needs," explained CEO Greg Archibald following the organization's virtual annual general meeting last Friday. "We don't want to have to tell any municipality that you can't have new development because we don't have enough water. So we're working hard to get the plants to the right capacity, to get the pipelines in."

**"WE'RE REALLY TRYING TO STAY AHEAD OF THE MUNICIPALITIES' NEEDS."**

PVWC's \$4 million Stephenfield Upgrade Project got underway last January and is poised to be completed this summer.

It increases capacity at the plant from 40 to 60 liters per second and also includes a new chemical building and an intake line from Stephenfield Lake.

When it's up and running, Carman will be able to shut down its aging water plant and get all its water from the co-op moving forward. A new water reservoir in the community is slated to be completed this spring.

"So if we can get everything happening through the ice here on the intake line, and

our equipment is supposed to be delivered—these are big filters that are supposed to be coming in from the States—in the middle of March, we're hoping May/June we'll be making water with the upgraded system," Archibald said.

Down the road in Morris, work began in December on an expansion to



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The Pembina Valley Water Co-op kept busy in 2020 with numerous improvement projects, including a new chemical building (above) at the Stephenfield plant.

the existing plant to make room for a fourth micro-filter skid. As in Stephenfield, this upgrade will increase the plant's capacity significantly. That project, pegged at upwards of \$2 million, is expected to wrap up this summer.

One major project that remains on hold for now is the \$9.3 million plan for a new four million liter reservoir and pipeline from the Red River to the raw water supply pond adjacent to the Letellier Plant.

"Letellier is the main line, the workhorse that feeds right across the southern part—from Altona, Winkler, over to Morden—so being able to get that upgraded" will significantly impact capacity throughout the PVWC

system, Archibald said, explaining they've applied for funding from the provincial and federal governments and are still waiting to hear back before they get started.

Meanwhile, here in Morden-Winkler, PVWC is hashing out the details for a \$4.254 million pipeline from Roland to Winkler.

This project will expand the existing line from six inches to 12, increasing capacity and allowing for future development in Morden-Stanley-Winkler.

The long-term plan calls for a booster station just north of Winkler to bring the water west into the highway

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# WSD unveils \$23.6M budget for 2021-2022

## Mill rate, school taxes going down

By Lorne Stelmach

Western School Division will be able to maintain programs and services while also delivering a cut in school taxes for the 2021-22 year.

The gift of a significant increase in provincial funding was largely behind the positive news as the division unveiled a \$23.6 million budget last week via an online presentation.

It represents about a five per cent increase in expenditures, but such factors as the funding hike and increased assessment made it possible without requiring more of ratepayers.

"It is a good news budget for taxpayers. The mill rate will be going down ... and we're expecting all the tax rates will be going down," said board chair Brian Fransen.

"We cannot take for granted the fact that with the population growth we have seen over the last number

of years that we saw a significant increase in the funding from the province when many other divisions are seeing decreases or holding flat," he said.

"We want to maintain programming as much as possible. We are not looking at any cuts to programming at this point. We are lucky that we don't need to have those conversations."

The impact of the budget means a residential property assessed at \$300,000 will see its school taxes decrease by \$56.70 to \$1,838.70.

On a quarter section of farmland valued at \$1 million, school taxes will drop by \$109.20 to \$2,832.96, while a commercial property assessed at \$500,000 will get a school tax reduc-

tion of \$136.50 to \$7,601.75.

Provincial funding makes up 66.71 per cent of the total revenue at \$15,961,387, and that funding overall rises about eight per cent. The local taxation represents 32.29 per cent or revenue, and it rises about 2.5 per cent to \$7,728,532. It is a 3.3 per cent increase in assessments that allows for the drop in the tax bills. Another one per cent of revenue or \$235,800 comes through other sources.

The budget calls for funding for adult education to drop 10 per cent to just under \$400,000, but that is just more reflective of maintaining the status quo, explained WSD secretary-treasurer Carl Pedersen.

"We realize that due to pressures, a whole bunch of provincial financial pressures, it wasn't the time to make

a wish list and ask for more, so we just want to maintain what we have now," he said.

The only other significant change is a 25 per cent decrease in revenue from private organizations and individuals.

"That is due strictly to the hiatus of our international education program," noted Pedersen. "We won't be running an international education program next year, and it was simply due to space issues within our schools."

On the expenditure side, over 84 per cent is spent on salaries and benefits. Total salary costs alone rise five per cent to over \$18.5 million, while benefits jump seven per cent to over \$1.3 million.

Another 6.5 per cent of expenditures fall under instructional support and 5.9 per cent on transportation and operations with other minimal amounts on such areas as administration and adult and community education.

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**"IT IS A GOOD NEWS BUDGET FOR TAXPAYERS."**



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A major expansion to the Morris water treatment plant is underway.

## > WATER CO-OP, FROM PG. 19

corridor all the way to a new reservoir beside the Boundary Trails Health Centre.

"We're working on the details," Archibald said, noting they're waiting to hear back on funding from the Water Services Board and Treasury Board approval for the pipeline specifically. "We're optimistic. We don't have it yet but we're doing the engineering for it anyway."

They're also in talks with the RM of Stanley about the proposed corridor reservoir and the funding options there.

"Whether Stanley gets the funding on the reservoir right now or it happens in a year or two at least we'll have good connections with the [Roland

to Winkler] pipeline," he said. "We'll be able to bring Morris water all the way over to Roland, down through to Winkler, and into Boundary Trails ... it gives us more flexibility."

All these upgrades do come with one downside: the occasional boil water advisory as work is being done. Archibald asks the public for their patience on that front.

"If we're sending a diver down into a reservoir to connect pipes, they're [the provincial government] going to make us tell everybody to boil their water for 24 or 48 hours," he said. "It's not that we've got a major problem—it's that we're taking steps to get a much better system in place for the future."

# Genesis House celebrating International Women's Day

Will share the stories of local women on its social media pages all through the month

By Ashleigh Viveiros

Genesis House is celebrating the March 8 International Women's Day all month long by showcasing the life stories of local women.

"What we've done is we've reached out to a variety of different women—different ethnic backgrounds, different ages, stay-at-home moms, working moms, all different walks of life—trying to get their take on what has inspired them to bring them to where they are today," explained Ang Braun, executive director of the regional shelter for the victims of domestic violence. "We asked them what does equality look like to them? What does strength in a woman look like?"

They're fitting questions to ask for a day designed to celebrate the contribution women make to society while acknowledging the lengths there are still to go for true equality.

"Women are still not receiving equal pay for equal work," Braun said, noting that the topic of female empowerment is one the shelter deals with every day, but that's not necessarily the case everywhere else. "So for our agency to be able to bring that forward and get people thinking about that in a different way, that's worthwhile to us."

The women interviewed certainly have some powerful and varied stories to share.

"We really see the different ways that women are resilient, especially through this pandemic," Braun said, adding that many women also reflected on the impact other women have had on their lives, both personally and professionally. "Another

thing that seemed to be a resounding thread over and over again was going back to your mother, going back to your grandmother ... where you actually started and what you learned from those women and where that's taken you today."

Genesis House will be sharing these video interviews on its social media pages all through the month.

Braun is hopeful this virtual platform will help them reach out to new audiences in a way past in-person events perhaps couldn't.

"And I think the other thing we're quite excited about is putting some other faces forward," she said. "These are the everyday faces of women in

our community. We know them as our neighbours, as the person who works at the store—we've seen them before and now we get to know them a little bit more, a little differently."

The campaign was undertaken in partnership with the Winkler and District Chamber of Commerce. Executive director Tanya Chateaufeuf is eager to see the results.

"We are grateful to work with Genesis House to highlight what strength means to women in our community," she said. "As we know, Winkler has many strong, successful businesswomen, and we want to thank them for their leadership and contributions to the business community, and to the

community as a whole."

## PUT YOUR TRIVIA SMARTS TO THE TEST

In addition to the story campaign, Genesis House is also planning to host a scaled-back virtual version of its popular annual quiz night.

"We're really trying to find ways to engage with people," Braun said. "What we have noticed through our work with the families that we work with is people are looking for ways to connect right now."

Check out its Instagram page on Thursday, March 11 for trivia questions and a chance to win prizes.

## > WSD BUDGET, FROM PG. 19

The largest increase comes under regular instructional costs with an eight per cent rise to over \$1.2 million.

"That's reflective of the greater student population that we're forecasting. That drives what the school budgets are," said Pedersen. "Those are increasing because of the higher student numbers."

"We are in the business of people ... a big part of what we do requires staffing increases," said Fransen. "It is a cascading effect ... so eight per cent may look like a really large number, but when you're growing ... that number isn't as big as you think it is."

The increased expenditures include two more full-time teachers as well as increased support time,

while other areas where the division is spending more include school transportation, technology, fuel and utilities, and costs associated with outfitting additional temporary classrooms.

There are a number of other items not in the budget but which were under consideration such as fitness equipment for Morden Collegiate, air conditioning improvements, playground enhancements, and money for outdoor education.

Aside from the future new school, projects on the horizon for Western School Division include a stacked classroom addition on the northwest corner of Morden Collegiate as well as the addition of space for the piping trades program to be connected to the existing welding shop.

The budget overall is a balancing act, and Fransen suggested they did well to meet the increasing need that comes with the growth of the division.

"There's always inflationary expenditures on the operational side of things," he said.

"The school division is a business, and we do focus on growth of people, and we are in the business of people, but we still need to have the bricks and mortar, we have to have the equipment and buses ... it all costs money, and those costs go up every year.

"There's always balancing going on, but we do have the opportunity now before the end of March where we have to finalize details of the budget."

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## Living with diabetes

By Lorne Stelmach

Sherry Nield has been living with diabetes for over 60 years now, so it has long been a fact of life for her, but the Morden resident recognizes how coping day to day could still be much easier for herself and others.

That is why she has been lending her voice to a campaign that is seeking politicians and public figures to bleed for diabetes awareness by testing their blood sugars for a day in the Great Manitoban Fingerprick Challenge.

It is tied into the lobbying effort to have continuous glucose monitors (CGMs) be made available to all Manitobans who need to continuously monitor their blood sugars. These devices are currently not covered by the province, so patients have to pay out of pocket.

"I think they should do it for a month, then they would get a really good idea," suggested Nield, who said many people don't fully appreciate the impact of being diabetic.

"People just don't get it. They think you take a needle and that's all there is to your day. It's a very misunderstood disease and I think that's kind of why it's been ignored."

When a patient's pancreas stops secreting insulin, whether from Type 1 diabetes or another reason, replacement synthetic insulin must be injected multiple times per day.

It is dangerous and precarious, as small under doses or excesses can quickly lead to low or high blood sugar emergencies. A patient or adult caregiver must take a blood sample and test it multiple times per day to remain safe—an often painful and disruptive activity.

Manitoba Health will currently cover up to 10 fingerprick tests for insulin-dependent diabetics at a cost of about \$3,300 per year. A CGM just costs about seven per cent more, but

Manitoba Pharmacare refuses to fund them.

CGMs are small, wearable monitors that take real-time blood sugar readings every five minutes, sending the results to the wearer's phone or other device. The devices warn of dangerous low blood sugars, helping to prevent seizures.

CGMs can help diabetic patients and their caregivers more accurately and consistently control blood sugars. Automatic alarms and online connectivity can help support patients who live alone or in a remote location.

It is estimated that approximately 600 Type 1 diabetes patients are hospitalized due to a diabetes emergency in Manitoba each year. Studies have shown that CGM use among insulin-dependent diabetics reduces the incidence of hospitalizations for diabetic ketoacidosis (DKA) by about 50 per cent.

With an average hospital stay in Canada costing \$7,000, CGM devices could create an immediate net savings for Manitoba Health by preventing hospitalizations, advocates say. Ontario, Quebec, and Yukon already offer coverage for CGMs, and Saskatchewan has announced they are adding coverage.

### "IT'S BEEN A REAL CHALLENGE"

Nield has lived with diabetes since she was 12, so she has seen a lot change over her lifetime.

"Back then, there wasn't much knowledge out there. It was just a few years before that when insulin was even discovered," she noted.

"It's been a real challenge for me because we had no way of knowing where our sugars were at," Nield said. "I've had some organ damage because of it, because of not knowing where my sugars were at ... it's really important for diabetics to keep their

## Manitobans urging gov't to cover the cost of continuous glucose monitors

sugar levels at the same level.

"It's an auto-immune disease. It's not because of anything we have done ... if you have one auto immune disease, you're going to get more of that," she said, noting she also deals with rheumatoid arthritis and heart disease and has also undergone bypass surgeries.

She does have a lot of insulin reactions, so she recognizes how beneficial CGMs could be to someone like her.

"With a CGM, you can be checking it often, and it tells you whether it's going up or down. So you can respond to that before you get into a dangerous situation," Nield explained.

"I tend to go low closer to supper time, and sometimes my sugar is so low that I know that something is wrong with me," she said. "Your brain doesn't function properly when your sugar is really low."

"I have been very vigilant pretty much all my life to try to look after myself ... but some people don't live very long with diabetes. So it's about the freedom that it would give a person."

Emergency Diabetes Support for Manitobans wants insulin, pumps, pump supplies, and CGMs made readily available to all insulin-dependent patients in Manitoba.

As part of that effort, they issued the Great Manitoban Fingerprick Challenge, and it had so far seen 10 Manitoba MLAs participate, though not Health Minister Heather Stefanson.

Her counterpart Minister of Families Rochelle Squires noted the tests were painful as she struggled to produce enough blood each time.

Opposition NDP Leader Wab Kinew and Liberal Leader Dougald Lamont both took up the challenge and have called on the government to fully fund CGMs as well as an all-ages insulin pump program and insulin.

"All Manitobans living with diabetes, including those in First Nations communities, deserve to have CGMs and insulin pumps covered so they can manage their diabetes without financial stress," said Kinew. "That's why I wrote to Premier Pallister to ask him to form an all-party committee to work on expanding coverage of these



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Mordenite Sherry Nield has lived with Type 1 diabetes for over 60 years. She's thrown her support behind the Great Manitoban Fingerprick Challenge.

life-saving and life-improving drugs. We need to work together to address treatment and prevention and ensure that every Manitoban can live a healthy life."

"There is no question that insulin pumps and CGMs should be covered under Pharmacare for those living with diabetes," said Lamont. "Not only would these measures help with health care costs in the long term, it is also the right thing to do to properly support individuals and families."

Emergency Diabetes Support for Manitobans has said Manitoba Health has not addressed potential cost savings to the health system as well as the life-saving, life-changing benefits of CGMs.

A spokesperson for Manitoba Health told the advocacy group that the department is constantly reviewing new drugs and devices but must balance their incremental clinical value with cost.

In 2019, the Progressive Conservative platform had promised a new diabetes strategy, but a government spokesperson told the group "the pandemic has caused it to take longer than had originally been planned."

"IT'S A VERY MISUNDERSTOOD DISEASE AND I THINK THAT'S KIND OF WHY IT'S BEEN IGNORED."

# sports & recreation

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## Einarson captures back-to-back Scotties

By Ty Di Lello

Back-to-back Scotties champs—that sure has a nice ring to it for Gimli’s Kerri Einarson and her team of Val Sweeting, Shannon Birchard, and Briane Meilleur.

Kerri Einarson (Team Canada) will hang onto the championship trophy for another year after defeating Team Ontario (Rachel Homan) on Sunday night by a nail-biting 9-7 scoreline at Calgary’s Olympic Park.

“It means the absolute world to be able to repeat,” said Einarson. “It’s hard to do, and hasn’t been done since 2014 [by Homan]. So to do it again, playing against all these amazing teams, is really hard. I’m just so proud and honoured to be able to wear the Maple Leaf again.”

“We were definitely determined to repeat; we missed out on going to worlds [cancelled by the COVID-19 pandemic], and we were just so happy to be able to have this event under these circumstances. For Curling Canada to make it happen was amazing, and we’re just absolutely honoured to be here right now.”

In the championship final, Einarson led the way after cracking a big three on Team Homan in the fifth end to take a 5-3 lead. Homan fought back by stealing two in the ninth end to level the game, but in the final end, Einarson didn’t have to throw her last rock to capture the National Championship for a second straight year.

“We just really had fun,” said Einarson. “We didn’t put any pressure on



CURLING CANADA PHOTO BY ANDREW KLAVER

Gimli’s Kerri Einarson captured the 2021 Scotties Tournament of Hearts at Calgary’s Olympic Park on Sunday night. From left: Kerri Einarson, Val Sweeting, Shannon Birchard, and Briane Meilleur.

ourselves; we just went to go out, relax, do our thing and not worry about anything else happening around us, or feeling the pressure of being Team Canada. And I think we did an absolutely amazing job of not putting pressure on ourselves to feel that we had to repeat. We just enjoyed every moment.”

It’s fitting that a Manitoba team won the event. After all, there were five teams from the keystone province competing at the championships.

Altona’s Mackenzie Zacharias was one of the week’s big stories, mak-

ing their highly anticipated women’s debut after winning last year’s World Junior Championships. The Altona foursome finished with a 3-5 record and just missed out on the championship pool.

Despite not advancing, Zacharias was pleased with her team’s performance in their inaugural Scotties.

“We want to come back for more,” said Zacharias. “We didn’t accomplish everything that we wanted to this week, so we’re going to be hungry to get back here next year.”

“We learned a lot this week. We

pushed ourselves right from the beginning, had a couple of tough games, and learned from them, and then tried to get some wins later in the week.”

One of the other stories of the week was the play of Assiniboine Memorial’s Beth Peterson, with Morden’s Katherine Doerksen throwing second stones. The Peterson rink upset some of the top rinks and advanced to the championship pool. They wound up finishing fifth in the event with a 7-5 record and narrowly missed out on the playoffs.

St. Vital’s Jennifer Jones finished with a 9-3 record. They lost out to Alberta’s Laura Walker in a tiebreaker on Sunday morning. Closing out the Manitoba teams was East St. Paul’s Tracy Fleury, skipped by Chelsea Carrey, who finished their week with a 6-6 record.

Unfortunately, Einarson won’t get to represent Canada on the international stage this spring at the World Championships as for the second straight year, the event has been cancelled. However, Team Einarson will return to the 2022 Scotties Tournament of Hearts in Thunder Bay, Ontario, as Team Canada and will be looking to three-peat.

There’s good news for fans looking for more curling to watch as the Tim Hortons Brier will begin this Friday night with 18 teams across Canada competing in the Calgary bubble. Representing Manitoba will be Morris’ Jason Gunnlaugson and West St. Paul’s Mike McEwen.

“IT MEANS THE ABSOLUTE WORLD TO BE ABLE TO REPEAT.”

## MJHL reworks its draft, announces prospect camp

By Voice staff

The Manitoba Junior Hockey League draft will look a little different moving forward.

The league announced last month that they are moving from a U16 Draft (formerly the Bantam Draft) to a U17 Draft highlighting players who are going into their 16-year-old season.

As a result, there will be no MJHL Draft in 2021. Instead, the current 2006-born draft eligible age group will be carried forward into the inau-

gural U17 MJHL Draft to be held in the spring of 2022.

“Moving the draft eligible age group to a year older will give MJHL organizations the ability to watch players develop for an additional season to allow for a better understanding of that player’s continued development and potential to play elite junior hockey,” said MJHL commissioner Kevin Saurette in a statement.

In other news, the league last week announced that its fifth annual Prospect Development Camp will take

place in Winnipeg at the Seven Oaks Arena Complex from July 14-18, public health orders allowing.

The Prospect Development Camp is by invite only, geared towards current MJHL prospects born in 2004 and 2005 who are eligible to play in the MJHL for the upcoming 2021-22 season.

“The MJHL Prospect Development Camp provides the next generation of MJHL players with the knowledge and resources to be successful both on and off the ice, an experience of what playing in the MJHL is all about, and

the platform to showcase themselves to coaches and scouts from all levels of hockey,” said Saurette. “This event continues to grow in stature, both on and off the ice, and we are excited to host this important league event once again this summer.”

In addition to MJHL coaches and scouts, each year the camp is highly attended (in-person or virtually) by scouts from higher levels of hockey including the WHL, USHL, NCAA, U Sports, and the NHL.

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## PUBLIC HEARING 2021 Financial Plan

Public notice is hereby given pursuant to subsection 162(2) of The Municipal Act that the Council of the City of Winkler will present its 2021 Financial Plan at a public hearing to be held on:

**March 23, 2021 at 6:30 p.m.**  
City of Winkler Council Chambers,  
185 Main Street, Winkler, MB

**SPECIAL COVID-19 PRE-REGISTRATION REQUIREMENT:** Members of the public must confirm if they plan to attend the Public Hearing within 2 Days of the hearing date by contacting admin@cityofwinkler.ca or calling the City Office at 204-325-9524. This pre-registration process will ensure that staff have time to ensure physical distancing is achieved.

Council will hear any person who wishes to make a representation, ask questions, or register an objection to the financial plan.

Copies of the City's 2021 Financial Plan will be available at the Reception Desk at the City Hall for anyone wishing to get a copy prior to the meeting.



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**ACCESS CREDIT UNION LIMITED ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF MEMBERS**



**TO: ALL MEMBERS OF ACCESS CREDIT UNION LIMITED (the "Credit Union")**

**TAKE NOTICE THAT** the Annual General Meeting of the Members of the Credit Union will be held at 7:00 P.M. CDT on **Monday, the 22nd day of March**, via virtual means, for the following purposes:

- 2020 Financial Statements
- Board of Directors Report
- Appointment of Auditors
- Announcement of Patronage Allocation, Share Allocation, and Cash Redemptions

All eligible members wishing to participate in the General Meeting are required to register online at www.accesscu.ca prior to March 19, 2021 at 5:00 P.M. CDT.

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- Train fellow lifeguards and instructors
- Maintain adequate public relation skills and handle any complaints/ concerns.

**Required Qualifications**

- 17 years of age or older
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- Comfortable taking money
- Current National Lifeguard Certification
- Current Standard First Aid with CPR-C Certification
- Current Water Safety Instruction Certification
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- Available to start in May 2021

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**Required Qualifications**

- At least 16 years of age
- Evening & Weekend availability
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Join this year's online meeting at [www.midwives.mb.ca/site/events](http://www.midwives.mb.ca/site/events)

For more information email [admin@midwives.mb.ca](mailto:admin@midwives.mb.ca)

### PUBLIC NOTICE

## CITY OF MORDEN PUBLIC NOTICE

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that the audited Financial Report of the City of Morden for the year ending December 31st, 2018, together with the related financial statements have been deposited in the office of the Director of Finance & Administration and are available for inspection by any person or his/her agent during regular business hours of Monday to Friday 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., and that any person or his/her agent at their own expense may make a copy thereof or extracts therefrom.

Nicole Enns, CMMA, CMMML  
City Manager

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THE RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF STANLEY BY-LAW 8-21  
Being an AMENDMENT to the R.M. OF STANLEY ZONING BY-LAW 8-18, AS AMENDED.

**HEARING LOCATION:** R.M. of Stanley Council Chambers  
1-23111 PTH14, SW 7-3-4W  
**DATE & TIME:** MARCH 18, 2021 at 9:30 a.m.  
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**TO:** "MG" GENERAL INDUSTRIAL  
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## OBITUARY



### Wendy Grace Follett (nee Watchorn)

**August 14, 1946 - February 19, 2021**

On Friday, February 19, 2021, after a lengthy battle with many illnesses, Wendy passed peacefully with her family by her side.

Wendy leaves to mourn her daughter, Lisa (Danny) Dyck two grandsons, Seth and Zachary, one granddaughter, Paige and two grandsons, her mother, Daisy Watchorn (nee Criddle), brother, Jim (Dagmar) Watchorn, sister, Joyce (Allan) Dawson as well as many nieces, and nephews. Wendy was predeceased by her husband, Reg, father, Norman Watchorn and sister-in-law, Audrey Bruce.

Mom was the oldest of three children. Her early years were spent on the farm in Deerwood. She attended elementary school in

Altamont and high school in Miami. She moved to Winnipeg after graduation to work for CIBC. She returned to Miami with CIBC and in October 1967 married Reg Follett. They adopted two girls. Mom enjoyed time at home before returning to work once the girls were in school. As a young adult, Mom loved to snowmobile, camp and play cards with friends and family. She was always up for fun with friends and was full of fun and laughter. Mom dedicated her summer holidays to fitting as many kids in her car as possible and hauling us all off to Morden Lake for swimming lessons. Mom loved the beach and the sun. She then would come home to a sink full of vegetables Dad had picked and begin canning all night. With her two nieces, Jill and Stacey living just a quarter of a mile down the road, Mom was a huge part of their growing up too. Mom was always up for fun with the girls. From water fights to camping trips mom adored her two little blonde girls. The girls always remember Auntie Wendy for her love of fashion with her jewelry, fancy purses and shoes and always of course with her hair done and makeup on. Mom had endless patience and love for them. Mom worked for CIBC from 1964 until her retirement in 2005. During her retirement she helped raise her grandchildren, Paige and Wyatt. She spent countless hours nurturing them and giving them opportunities for extracurricular activities. Mom had time in these years to enjoy her rose gardens, her pond, her apple orchard, feeding her birds and enjoying her cats and dogs. She loved to finally be home more to enjoy all these things. Mom had many health challenges when she retired. She battled Rheumatoid Arthritis, multiple cancers, lower leg amputation, and open-heart surgery all with determination and resilience. Even with all the setbacks she loved to spend time with her grandkids. Mom could always be found with a baby in her arms. She had a special touch to soothe them to sleep. We called her the baby whisperer. In 2017, Mom moved to Morden Manor 2. She enjoyed her little apartment and her new friends there. Mom was then closer to Dan, Lisa, Seth and Zach and enjoyed times at their baseball and hockey games. Mom made new friends at these events and looked forward to the next game. Mom was very close with her grandsons and they loved to spoil grandma. Mom didn't let her health hold her back from enjoying two amazing adventures with her brother, Jim and sister-in-law, Dagmar. In 2018, they jetted off to the Grand Cayman Islands. Mom soaked up the sun, sand and beautiful flowers. In January 2020, she enjoyed a trip to Maui with Jim, Dagmar, Lisa and Seth. These trips were some of her retirement highlights. She enjoyed the Maui sunsets, the beautiful flowers and an amazing helicopter adventure. In May 2020, Mom's health began to decline. She entered Boundary Trails Health Centre (BTHC) in August 2020 and was never able to come home again. She was bedridden the last six months of her life, but she enjoyed FaceTime and phone calls many times a day with family and friends as visits were restricted with COVID 19. Mom passed at Swan Lake Hospital while waiting for a bed at Tabor Home. And after two months with no visitors, Lisa was finally able to see her the day before she passed. We had one final visit together. Mom held on to her amazing sense of humour and wit till the very end. Mom will always be remembered for her selflessness, kindness, generosity and endless love.

Special thank you to many wonderful compassionate healthcare providers who helped provide mom care over the years. Also thank you to those who comforted mom with calls, letters and cards. Mom was one of a kind and will never be forgotten. Her love was endless for us just as ours is for her.

Donations may be made in Wendy's memory to the BTHC Foundation, South Central Cancer Resource, The Heart and Stoke Foundation or Rheumatoid Arthritis Society.

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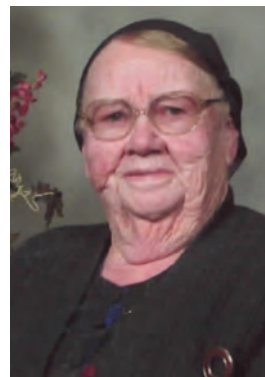


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## OBITUARY



### Susana (Loewen) Rempel (nee Friesen) 1923 - 2021

Susana Rempel, age 98 passed away peacefully on Monday, February 22, 2021 at Salem Home in Winkler, MB.

She was born to Isaac and Susana Friesen in Reinfeld, MB on February 2, 1923. Her family moved to Mexico in 1920's. On August 18, 1942 Susana was united in marriage to Abram Loewen. This union lasted 40 years. They enjoyed farming, did upholstery and were undertakers in their community. In the mid 60's they were entrusted to care for Peter and John Harder after tragically losing their immediate family. Mrs. Susana Loewen moved to Stratton, ON. On July 3, 1983 she married widower, Cornelius D. Rempel the union lasted nine years.

From March 2015 until her passing, Susana Rempel lived in Salem Home Winkler, MB where she got excellent care. Cornelius and Susana Rempel lived in Stratton until the summer of 1985 then moved to Winkler MB. where Susana continued with re-upholstery and started sewing shrouds for Wiebe Funeral Home. She had a competitive and an entrepreneurial spirit and enjoyed sharing the home cooking and delicious baked goods she made, and the many beautiful tea towels she enjoyed hand embroidering to give as gifts. A favourite pass time of Mom's was going for coffee with her lady friends.

Susana was predeceased by her husband, Abram Loewen in 1982, her husband, Cornelius D. Rempel in 1992, parents, Isaac and Susana Friesen, her only sibling, John Friesen, stepsons, Dave Rempel, John Rempel, stepson-in-law, Cornelius Wiebe and grandsons, Benjamin Harder, Heinrich Wiebe and an infant grandson, Jonathan Harder. She is survived by Peter (Judith) Harder, John (Agatha) Harder, Aganetha (the late Cornelius) Wiebe, Margaret (the late Dave) Rempel, Cornelius (Helena) Rempel, Eva (Klaas) Wall, Sara (the late John) Rempel, Elena (Ken) Wiebe, Justina (Phil) Friesen, Marie (Charlie) Morken, Tina (George) Friesen and numerous grandchildren, great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren.

Private funeral service was held on Thursday, February 25, 2021 at Wiebe Funeral Home with interment at the Rosenbach Cemetery in Winkler.

Donations may be made in Susana's memory to the Salem Foundation Inc. or a charity of your choice.

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### George G Fehr 1938 - 2021

George G Fehr, 82 of Winkler, MB passed away at his home on Thursday, February 18, 2021 of natural causes.

He leaves behind his wife of 61 years, Mary (nee Suderman) Fehr; his children, Martha (Jake) Janzen, Vicky (Russell) McCausland, Deb (Frank) Wolfe, Karen (Jake) Froese, Ed (Margaret) Fehr; 13 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren. George was predeceased by his son, Isaac in infancy, another son, Albert in 2019 as well as three brothers, one sister and one brother-in-law.

George was born on October 13, 1938 to George H and Maria (nee Wieler) Fehr. He was the oldest of 15 children. George attended school in Rosengart and helped out on the family farm. He was baptized upon the confession of his faith in 1958 and

married the love of his life, Mary Suderman on July 5, 1959. They started married life off farming east of Rosengart. After that, he worked at Janzen's Pontiac as a mechanic and then drove fuel truck for Co-op for many years. In 1976, the decision was made to move to Killarney to farm there. This move was the turning point in Dad's life. His love for God began to increase and the family became closer. Many, many beautiful and meaningful memories were made. Dad was diagnosed with MS in his later 40's. They still farmed a few more years after that before it became too challenging. They moved off of the farm into Killarney and then back to Winkler.

Two mottos Dad lived by were "Always think of the next person as better than yourself" as well as "Sometimes you need to be the loser to be the winner". He had a very humble spirit and lived his life always giving of himself to others. As the years went by and took more of a toll on his body, his positive attitude and spirit were not crushed. He continued to go shopping; always looking for a deal. He loved his three gardens that he tended so lovingly, his volunteering including the MCC in Morris, the Mennonische Post and the Gospel Echoes Thrift Store. On a funny note, he had been seen pulling Mom home with a tow rope when her scooter battery died. There was no task too big or too small that he did not tackle. He had a can-do drive that was beyond measure. George loved music. In his younger years, he was a song leader in church. He also played with the Pembina Players for many years. His harmonica was his signature choice of instrument. When we had family gatherings, music would always be a part of it. In the last few years, George would get together with his brothers and sisters. They would sing and play all evening, and this was always a highlight for him. He was so waiting for the restrictions to lift so the singing and playing could resume.

Our Dad is now free. Free of pain, sorrow and no more a prisoner of a body so limited by MS. As limited as his body was though, he made up for with a huge spirit that never gave up. Dad's love for others, his caring heart, the integrity he had and the inspiration that he was, will live forever in our hearts.

The private family funeral service was held on Monday, February 22, 2021 at Wiebe Funeral Home in Winkler with interment at the Rosengart Cemetery.

We, the family, would like to thank Kiley and the staff at Wiebe Funeral Home for their support and guidance through the process. We also thank the Winkler Police and the EMT's for their quick response and kindness, as well as Dr. Woelk for his services and kind words. Thanks as well for all your prayers, text messages, phone calls and food.

Donations may be made in George's memory to Children's Camps International.

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