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From left: Karen Klassen, Carol Sawatzky, Nettie Dyck, Cathleen Bergen, Lisa Penner, and Joanne Greer at the Winkler Senior Centre have been busy pulling together the goodies for 500 care bags being distributed to Winkler seniors all this week. The project—which made a point to source the gifts from local businesses—was made possible thanks to a sizeable Safe at Home grant from the provincial government. For the full story, see Pg. 8.

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# Police board honours Chief Brad Neduzak

By Lorne Stelmach

The community last week honoured the longest serving police chief in the history of Morden.

A special plaque and service pin was presented March 10 to Brad Neduzak to mark his 35 years as a Morden officer.

Having held the role of chief for 20 years since his promotion in 2000,

Neduzak earned high praise at the surprise ceremony from police board chair Rich Harries.

"We're very fortunate to have the quality of policing that we do, and that can be attributed to the leadership that Brad has provided," Harries said afterwards.

"When I look at some of the problems other police services face ... we don't experience those things in Mor-

den," he said. "We have a very high level of satisfaction with our stakeholders and the citizens of Morden, and Brad continues to set really high standards within the police service."

"It's such an honour to have started here almost 36 years ago," said Neduzak. "It's extremely humbling and an honour to see people take the time to acknowledge my time here in Morden and with the police service."

Neduzak said he has been grateful for the opportunities presented to him in Morden and has never felt any need to look elsewhere since starting here as a constable in 1985.

"Back in that day, myself included, like many others, you started in small-

er communities like this in hopes of moving on to bigger and greener pastures, so to speak. That wasn't uncommon.

"I have been so fortunate and lucky that I chose to remain here in Morden. I was married the year after I started here and started a family shortly after," Neduzak noted. "When you look around at our community, what better place to raise a family? And an organization like the City of Morden to work for was a phenomenal opportunity, so why look any further?"

Neduzak reflected on how much has changed over more than three

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Morden Police Service Chief Brad Neduzak with police board chair Rich Harries. The board surprised Neduzak with a gift last week in recognition of his 35 years of service to the community.

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# Grandeur Housing up for a builders "Oscar"

By Ashleigh Viveiros

A local building company is in the national spotlight thanks to its innovative Net Zero modular home.

Winkler's Grandeur Housing has been named a finalist for the Canadian Home Builders Association (CHBA) National Awards for Housing Excellence in the Modular Innovation category.

The Housing Excellence awards are considered the "Oscars" for Canadian home builders, designers, and renovators, and Grandeur is honoured to have made the cut.

"For us as a builder that prides it-

self on being locally owned and really family focused, to get recognized on this stage is a testament to the staff and the team that's here," said general manager Derek Hiebert. "Everything that we've done over the years, it just kind of affirms where we've been going with what we want to do with this company and what we want to produce."

Grandeur put together a 1,584 sq. ft. house in Winkler that used common building materials, innovative modular construction techniques, and Net Zero requirements to create an incredibly energy-efficient building. The project was dubbed "Humble

Perfection."

"It's our first Net Zero home and we're really excited about it," said Hiebert, explaining that the Net Zero designation means the amount of energy produced on site by renewable energy sources is equal to the amount of energy used by the building.

The house isn't off-grid, he says, but rather is able to actually send energy back into the grid to offset the power it draws from it.

It does this through the use of solar panels, but the design of the house itself is equally as important.

"The first step in that process is to actually upgrade the standards of the home construction from the traditional construction specs," Hiebert said, explaining that includes using higher wall and roof insulation values, energy-efficient windows, LED light fixtures, and a high-efficiency heating and cooling system. "A Net Zero home probably produces as much as it consumes, but it's about 80 per cent less than a traditionally built home."

The company is monitoring how the building performs in the hopes of improving future projects.

Hiebert expects we'll see more and more Net Zero homes in the years ahead as costs to build them come

down.

"It's still a little bit pricey for most consumers," he said, adding, however, that this house was designed to show that these measures aren't exclusively for the mega-rich. "We call it Humble Perfection because it is nothing that is extreme in the sense that just about any homeowner could have a home like this, but it does take a certain amount of investment to get to that point."

"It does pay for itself over time ... it's an investment in the future."

Natasha Rombough, who heads up the awards for the CHBA, says Grandeur and the other three finalists in the Modular Innovation category are being judged on innovation, exterior and interior design, functionality of the home's floor plan, and special features.

"For this category, innovation is really the element that stands out for the judges," she said. "A lot of innovation and advanced building science goes into creating a Net Zero home with modular construction, and Grandeur's home is a great example of what that can look like."

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This home in Winkler has made Grandeur Housing a finalist in the Canadian Home Builders Association's National Awards for Housing Excellence. The house is a Net Zero building, which means it produces as much energy as it takes out of the grid.



## MB Chambers makes appeal to gov't on reopening plans

By Ashleigh Viveiros

With the potential further relaxing of Manitoba's COVID-19 public health orders coming down the pike next week, the Manitoba Chambers of Commerce is asking the government to keep three issues in mind.

"We understand the approach the province is taking is a very cautious approach to reopening," MCC president and CEO Chuck Davidson said last week. "At the same time, we just

want to make sure when they're looking for that next stage of reopening that there's a couple things that we're hoping they'll take into consideration."

Chief among them is a return to a regional approach to restrictions.

"They had initially begun with that approach back in August," Davidson pointed out. "Each of the various health regions was under different protocols and they could make adjustments that way, which we felt

was smart because cases in Northern Manitoba or the Westman area shouldn't necessarily impact businesses in the Interlake or in Southern Health."

Manitoba's five health regions have been seeing a vastly different number of cases in recent weeks. Southern Health-Santé Sud, for example, was at just 35 cases at press time while the Northern health region had 511 and Winnipeg was at 304.

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# Locals getting creative with at-home Polar Plunge

By Lorne Stelmach

A local youth is leading the way as the top fundraiser in an event supporting Special Olympics Manitoba.

Tyson Mullin, 12, had raised over \$1,900 going into this week for the annual Polar Plunge, which went virtual this year.

The top four fundraisers were all from the central region, which was first with over \$12,300 brought in for a total that was easily outpacing Winnipeg at about \$4,200 with a couple weeks still to go.

The Polar Plunge overall is nearing \$19,000 of its \$50,000 goal, but organizer Scott Edwards of the Morden Police Service was satisfied with the response, given the uncertainty going in about how people would respond to being asked to take the plunge at home this year in place of the public event normally held in conjunction with Morden's Multicultural Winter-fest.

"So far, so good," said Edwards, who was fourth among fundraisers with almost \$900 in pledges.

"Our central region has really got behind the event, so that's great to see," he said. "We're on our way, as a whole. It's gone about as well as we had hoped."

People have been getting pretty creative when it comes to finding ways to do the plunge at home.

Edwards and a few of his fellow officers enlisted the help of the Morden fire department to get hosed down, while Mullin plunged into an inflatable pool on what had been his family's backyard rink.

"I wanted to get involved because my mom has been doing it for the past couple years and it looked like a lot of fun," said Mullin. "When I did it, it was

a lot of fun ... it felt pretty cold, but in the end, it was worth it for raising the money for Special Olympics. It was definitely an interesting experience."

Mullin asked a lot of family and friends for support and sought donations via Facebook as well. He was surprised by how much he's been able to collect.

"If you ask people to donate, they're usually willing to donate for a good cause," he observed. "This was my first time, and I was just expecting to get \$600 ... when I hit that goal I said I wanted to go up to a thousand."

"I got pretty high, so I'm pretty happy. It makes me feel good because all of the money is going to a good cause."

Mullin says he'll be back at it again next year and he hopes others will take the plunge as well.

It's supporters like Mullin who make this event such a success, said Edwards.

"He's been raising a lot of money and awareness, so we're really proud of him and happy that he's jumped on board with this event," he said, noting they had hoped the online component

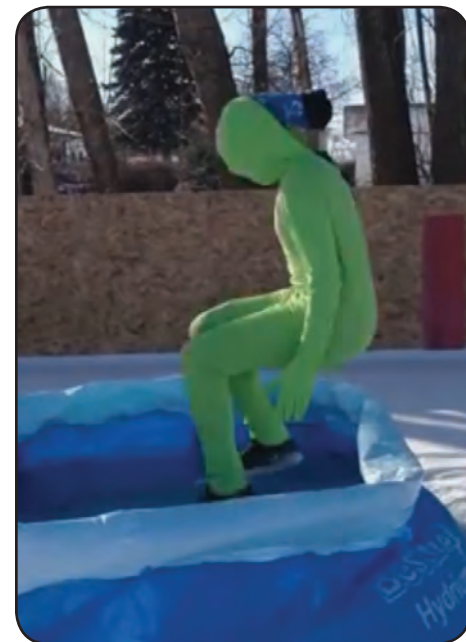


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Above: Morden police officers got some help from local firefighters to take part in the Polar Plunge in support of Special Olympics. Right: Twelve-year-old Tyson Mullin is leading the way in fundraising, having collected \$1,900 for the cause thus far. Mullin took the plunge at home in a pool on his family's backyard rink.

this year would open the plunge up to more participants than ever. "That's kind of the positive side of it going virtual this year: that we can reach people from all over the province."

To learn more about the Polar Plunge and Special Olympics Manitoba, head to [plungemanitoba.com](http://plungemanitoba.com).



## COVID-19 enforcement tickets on the decline

By Voice staff

Efforts to enforce the COVID-19 public health orders across Manitoba continue, though officials noted last week that the numbers of tickets being issued continues to decline.

The Manitoba government reported that its agents had issued a total of 89 warnings and 19 tickets for the first week of March, including 15

\$1,296 tickets to individuals for various offences (10 related to gatherings in private residences or outdoors), three \$298 tickets to individuals for failure to wear a mask in indoor public places, and one \$5,000 ticket to a business.

Officials note that most Manitobans are doing their part to reduce the spread of COVID-19, but education and enforcement remain necessary

in some instances.

Since enforcement efforts began in April 2020, a total of 3,391 warnings and 1,028 tickets have been issued, resulting in more than \$1.4 million in fines to businesses and individuals.

Manitobans are urged to continue reporting compliance and enforcement issues by visiting [www.manitoba.ca/COVID19](http://www.manitoba.ca/COVID19) or by calling toll-free 1-866-626-4862.

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# Letters

## DO YOUR PART TO SAVE OUR PLANET

My name is Orie Plett. I am 13 years old and I live outside of Morden.

For years I have been concerned for the health of the planet, and I want to thank everyone who is already helping slow the climate change crisis—whether you have donated time or money to an organization to help the planet, turned down a plastic bag, or made an effort to reduce your fossil fuel consumption.

To those of you who have wanted to help but not known how, or thought, "I'll never make a difference," **YOU WILL!** I cannot stress this enough. Every bit helps!

A popular "save the planet" approach is to use reusable shopping bags. I urge you to do this but, and this may be a surprise, bear in mind that in order to actually reduce overall waste and energy consumption, **EACH** reusable bag must be used many times.

For example, to offset the environmental impact of a single-use plastic bag (assuming you only use it once) paper bags must be used at least four times, polypropylene bags 14 times, and new cotton a whopping 173

times! (plastic.education/reusable-vs-disposable-bags-whats-better-for-the-environment).

Here are some ideas to reduce bag waste: Sew new bags out of repurposed fabric (using new fabric would be missing the point), use bags that you already have (repair them if you tear them), or carry your groceries in your pants (don't).

Often, if offered a brand-new reusable bag instead of a plastic bag, people will choose the reusable bag. Though this choice is made with good intentions, it is always better to use a reusable bag you **ALREADY OWN**.

Sometimes you may not have a reusable bag with you. Before you take a

plastic bag, ask yourself: Can I carry it **WITHOUT** a bag? Do I have a bag in my car or backpack?

If you must take a plastic bag try to only take one. Squeeze the items in, but don't break the bag, as that creates more waste.

Always have several bags in your car/backpack, and bring them into the store with you.

I know that if we work together as a community, we can make a difference!

And I really was kidding about carrying food in your pants.

Orie Plett,  
RM of Stanley

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## > CHIEF NEDUZAK, FROM PG. 4

decades of service, such as the level of training required of officers as well as the advances in terms of the equipment and technology.

"It's interesting to think of where we started with the staffing and the equipment and the training that we had to what we have today," he said.

"When we started, we were just investigating a lot of smaller files, things like minor traffic incidents. Now we have specialized services like the canine unit and our regional support tactical team and the regional crisis negotiating unit.

"All these things, not just for our region but our service, just offer that much higher level of police service and expertise to our community and the area," Neduzak continued. "I'm extremely proud of our staff that we have built here and the service that we are able to offer our community. That's what it is all about when you work at building on something and improving on things every day. That's what it's for; it's for our citizens in our community."

Neduzak said credit is also due to the leadership of Morden for its commitment to the police service.

"I have to offer my thanks to the councils along the way and the administration who have believed in me and trusted in my judgement when I requested training and equipment and growth within the service for staffing.

"They trusted that I knew what I required to provide a certain level of service to our community," he reiterated. "I've always been extremely fortunate to have councils that were very co-operative and understood the need."

Harries suggested that commitment arises from the recognition that "the culture that has been built within the police service and the level of service provided to the commu-

nity in Morden has been fantastic.

"It's not often in these roles and in this industry that you get that kind of continuity," he said. "I couldn't be

prouder of Brad and the police service. As a community and as a police service, we're extremely fortunate to have had somebody of Brad's character leading the organization."

As for future milestones, Neduzak said he has no plans to call it a career just yet.

"It's always in the back of your mind, but there's

still so many other things that we want to accomplish and that I want to be part of here," he said. "I hope to be here for the next several years to help continue to grow this service."

**"I'M EXTREMELY PROUD OF OUR STAFF THAT WE HAVE BUILT HERE AND THE SERVICE THAT WE ARE ABLE TO OFFER OUR COMMUNITY."**



# Morden Police add inspector position to the roster

By Lorne Stelmach

The Morden Police Service is promoting from within its ranks to fill a new position.

Sgt. Sean Aune will take on the role of inspector, which is seen as providing a much needed additional layer of administrative support as well as boosting the overall effectiveness of the department.

Announcing the promotion last week, Chief Brad Neduzak said Aune's experience, leadership skills, and administrative knowledge of policing operations made him an excellent candidate for the position and that he brings a level of management experience that will help ensure the continued growth of the service.

"This has been in the works for probably four years now. It's a level of management that we were missing and that we recognized was needed," he said.

"Everybody has had to take on more responsibilities and new roles, so this position will help," Neduzak added, noting the inspector role had been a recommendation of former Winnipeg

Police Chief Devon Clunis, who did an independent review of local policing in 2017. "With the new Police Services Act, coming up here there are going to be a lot of changes that need to be implemented."

"We think it's just one more thing that will help us continue to be successful," said Rich Harries, chairperson of the Morden police board.

He added that succession planning for the service is also an important piece that this position will address along with promotional opportunities and a level of enhanced professionalism.

"It's great that it provides some more management expertise, but really it balances that administrative workload that the chief has really taken on himself."

"He's been doing the job by himself ... his workload keeps building, so there was definitely a need to be helping out in that area to help with those responsibilities," agreed Aune. "It's also taking some relief off the sergeants, who are also needing to do some management work."

"I'm very grateful for the oppor-

tunity," he added. "This is a first for our police service, and it's the kinds of things we have been striving for to keep our police service current and keep it meeting the standards provincially and for police across Canada."

Aune started as a Morden constable in 2000 and was promoted in 2010 to sergeant to provide operational leadership through the supervision of officers as well as review and direction on various major investigations and projects.

In 2014 he became a member of the newly created regional support tactical team. Four years later he attended the Canadian Police College in Ottawa to complete its senior police administration course.

Aune welcomed the role while acknowledging it will mean more time in the office.

"When you get into these kinds of positions, it's less time for the 'real' police work ... it will probably be more of a desk job," he said. "It's important for the city's sake and the police service's sake."

"It's easy to see how policing has changed over the last 20 years," he



PHOTO BY LORNE STELMACH/VOICE

Sgt. Sean Aune is the Morden Police Service's first inspector.

concluded. "For us to keep up with all of it and meet the expectations, we did realize that we needed to take this step."

## > MB CHAMBERS, FROM PG. 4

Davidson feels it's time the health orders reflect the actual risk level in a given area.

"Let's not punish every single region and keep them under the same protocols," he said. "We think that's prudent to make that change."

While he acknowledges there is a concern that people might travel outside their region to avoid restrictions, Davidson doesn't feel that's enough of a risk to keep the entire province on lockdown.

"I don't see a whole lot of Winnipeggers driving outside the perimeter because they want to go to a grocery store or a hardware store," he said.

MCC would also like to see Manitoba restaurants be allowed to seat customers from different households together.

Without that ability, being able to reopen even at 50 per cent capacity does most eateries little good.

"If it's still only households-only gatherings it doesn't make a difference, the numbers aren't going up," Davidson stressed. "So what we're suggesting on that is let's relax that rule."

"We can still do the contact tracing. Most restaurants are taking the names and numbers of people that are in the restaurant and keeping track of that anyway, so if there are any challenges you're going to have that information."

Finally, Manitoba business owners want the government to share, step-by-step, their plans for future phases of reopening, especially as more and more people become eligible for vaccination. The province has said it hopes to provide the first shot of the vaccine to anyone

who wants it by May or June.

"What does that mean for businesses?" Davidson asked. "Is it wide open again? What does it mean for gatherings? What does it mean for capacity within businesses? What does it mean for masks?"

"We think we need to start having some of those discussion right now with Public Health so that businesses can start preparing," he said. "We're hoping we can have a real fulsome discussion of what that looks like so that Manitobans can get a good sense as to what the summer's going to look like for them."

### "BUSINESS IS RESILIENT"

The past year has certainly been one of unprecedented challenges for Manitoba businesses, but Davidson says that most, thanks to the support of their communities and various government programs, have been able to keep their heads above water.

"That's the one thing about business: business is resilient."

"Businesses will figure out a way to continue to operate and they'll make sure they're taking the necessary precautions to make sure that not only their customers but their employees are being able to operate in a safe manner," Davidson added, calling consumer confidence on that front a key factor in Manitoba's long-term economic recovery.

If there's a silver lining to the pandemic it's that it will likely leave behind a few positive practices.

Many businesses will likely give serious thought to putting "some dollars away for situations like this, if this were to ever happen again," Davidson said, adding the restrictions of the past year have also forced many companies to embrace technology in a way they might not have before. "[They recognize] that they do need to have an online presence or a digital presence ... the days of just having a brick and mortar store don't work."



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# Local projects benefit from Safe at Home funding

By Ashleigh Viveiros

A good chunk of the \$5 million the provincial government made available for Safe at Home Manitoba programming has found its way to Morden-Winkler for a variety of projects.

Thanks to \$25,000 received by the Winkler Senior Centre, 500 Winkler seniors over the next few days will receive Stay Safe Activity Kits packed full of fun things to do as they ride out the rest of the pandemic.

"We wanted to say we are thinking of you, we care," said WSC executive director Nettie Dyck. "Here's something fun to do. Let's get through this. Things are going to get better."

There are five different kits being delivered this week, including those catered to readers, puzzler-lovers, gardeners, sewers, and artists.

"It's about mental health as well as

mind health," noted resource coordinator Cathleen Bergen. "As people age they need something to keep their mind active, so these kinds of things are good for that."

The centre also included their latest newsletter and a brochure outlining their support services in each of the care packages.

"We want people to know that we're still here for them," Bergen said.

The short timeline for the grant program—projects must be completed by March 31—means the senior centre wasn't able to ask interested seniors to sign up for kits. Instead, they'll be making the rounds at the various Winkler seniors housing complexes and have also reached out to Gateway Resources and the Alzheimer Society to distribute kits to their participants.

"We're trying to hit as many parts of the community as we can," said Dyck.

Also reaching out to the community thanks to Safe at Home funding is the South Central Regional Library, which increased the number of videos it's been posting on its YouTube page dramatically in recent weeks.

The library received \$6,600 to cover costs for a Safe Inside Their Walls series of author interviews, book readings, tips for newcomers, and how-to videos that run the gamut from crafts and cooking to ukulele playing and dog grooming.

"It's something we've talked about doing for years and this really launched us into it," said director of library services Cathy Ching, noting they hope to continue to have a lively online presence moving forward. "Now it's just how we think: how can we do this and if we do it how can we tape it to post? So when we eventually get to in-person programming we can tape it for people who cannot attend."

The positive response to the dozens of new videos has been quick (SCRL's page doubled its subscribers in the first few days) and Ching expects they'll see more and more views as word gets out about the diverse offerings.

Ching said library staff have been having a blast with this project and they're already making plans for a summer video series that will take viewers to interesting places in each branch's community.

Other agencies receiving funding for projects previously outlined here in the *Voice* include the Canadian Fossil Discovery Centre, which got \$41,000 to upgrade its collections database

and create an interactive website, the City of Morden, which received \$6,400 for snowshoe rentals and virtual recreation programs, and the Winkler Family Resource Centre, which received \$9,000 for its new lending library of board games and activity kits.

Morden-Winkler MLA Cameron Friesen is thrilled to see his riding making the most of this program.

"I'm very pleased that we had a number of organizations from Morden and Winkler apply and very, very pleased now to see that almost \$90,000 was received right here in Morden-Winkler," he said in highlighting a few of the selected projects last week.

"We all know that COVID-19 has had a real impact right here in our community," Friesen continued, noting that impact is most certainly being felt by the community groups and programs the Safe at Home Manitoba grant was created to support.

Many such organizations have had to find new ways of serving the community.

"They had to be able to address their audiences, serve their members, meet their mandates often virtually instead of in person," Friesen said. "That costs money and that takes resources, including human resources."

"It's been really neat to see how all of these groups have been using the funds," he said. "I think that they are energized and they're really making sure that they get maximum return on this investment."

"That return is felt in our community."



Morden-Winkler MLA Cameron Friesen with Cathy Ching from the South Central Regional Library, which is using its Safe at Home Manitoba grant to produce dozens of online videos featuring cooking and craft demonstrations, author interviews, book readings, and more.

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## Tories unveil plans for education system overhaul

### Local school boards to be eliminated

By Lorne Stelmach

The education system in Manitoba is getting a major overhaul that will include the elimination of local school boards and cut the number of divisions by more than half through mergers.

The long awaited results of the Manitoba government's Kindergarten to Grade 12 review puts a focus on putting students first, Education Minister Cliff Cullen maintained in announcing the Better Education Starts Today (BEST) strategy Monday.

His message was that the province will shift resources to the classroom

and give parents and guardians more input as it rebuilds Manitoba's education system by cutting what he noted was the highest number of school divisions and elected trustees across all provinces per capita.

Manitoba is one of the highest spending provinces on education but sees some of the country's lowest student achievement results, Cullen noted in addressing the plan, which will include merging the Garden Valley and Western school divisions into a new region overseen by a new provincial agency.

"We know this looks like a lot of change ... making the changes our system needs is not a quick fix," Cullen said of Bill 64, which will introduce the new provincial education authority, which will include parent

representation on the board as well as a provincial advisory council on education and a school community council in each school.

The bill comes after a year-long delay in acting on the Manitoba Commission on Kindergarten to Grade 12 Education, and Cullen suggested COVID-19 revealed some of the shortcomings and the disparities of the system in the intervening months.

"It became evident that 37 different administrative bodies made it difficult in a pandemic to act like one for the benefit of all. We needed to shift resources to where they were most needed and to do it quickly," he said.

"The current system is based on an unfair, inequitable and unsustainable funding formula dependent on a community's ability to raise property

taxes," he continued. "The formula creates huge disparities across our province. It is a system that has ballooned over the years and it is past its prime."

"What we do need is a system that is efficient, consistent and student focused and one that works with others to ensure we are improving student outcomes ... one that puts parents' voices front and centre and one that shifts resources from the board room to the classroom," Cullen maintained.

"This will enable us to unify our education system and create a new governance structure that will allow educators to focus on what they do best: educate our students. It will allow our system to run efficiently and ensure

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resources deployed where they are genuinely needed.

"This new model will see up to \$40 million redirected to our classrooms where students need it most," the minister said. "We are enhancing authentic local voice by creating school community councils to ensure that parents have the opportunity to shape their children's future."

The plan creates one provincial education authority while also maintaining the French school division Division Scolaire franco-manitobaine. The authority will deliver K-12 education, and the current 37 divisions will be reduced to 15 regions.

Cullen stressed that parents will have involvement that is more meaningful in local decision-making through new school community councils, and he noted there will be public consultations on a variety of areas as it this new system is rolled out.

"Our education system needs to change," Cullen said. "We know our students are falling behind, and we need to do better. We need a system focused on student outcomes and a system that puts students first."

CRITICS SPEAK OUT

Local school board chairs Laurie Dyck of Gar-

den Valley and Brian Fransen of Western were not able to comment at press time, but some critics were quick to speak out against the government's plan.

The Manitoba School Boards Association have been campaigning for months to keep elected school boards, saying they are essential to keeping the school system connected to communities.

Meanwhile, a group that represents about 6,000 K-12 education workers spoke out on Monday.

"The Pallister Conservatives are driving their ideological agenda with an unprecedented attack on our local democracy, and this time it will affect our children," said Lee McLeod, regional director for the Canadian Union of Public Employees.

"School support staff are worried that such a major overhaul will result in cuts to education, will leave our most vulnerable students and parents with fewer resources and even less ability to raise their concerns and needs.

"If Pallister's health care reforms taught us anything it's that they hurt our health care system and left it vulnerable when the pandemic struck," McLeod said. "Now Pallister is using a pre-pandemic report to upend our education system, ignoring all the critical lessons we learned over the past 12 months."

"OUR EDUCATION SYSTEM NEEDS TO CHANGE."



Education Minister Cliff Cullen.

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# PTM hoping for better days ahead in 2021

By Lorne Stelmach

The Pembina Threshermen's Museum has survived the challenges of the pandemic and is hoping for better days ahead in 2021.

That was the message from board chair Bill Fehr as the heritage museum held its annual meeting last Thursday.

The impact of COVID-19 included the shutdown of the pioneer village museum for a large portion of the year and the loss of its manager, but the organization weathered the storm.

"We had a budget for 2020 which obviously didn't happen the way it would have," said Fehr, who was pleased to see that the museum nonetheless recorded a small surplus of about \$9,000.

While revenues were down, so too were the expenses, but it was a couple other sources of revenue aside from things like gate admissions that especially made the difference.

"With all of the donations and the grants that we received, our finances are actually in good shape right now," Fehr said. "It feels good that the com-



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One of the highlights for the PTM in 2020 was the addition of the Siemens house from Winkler to the pioneer village.

munity supported us. They were fantastic."

While the museum was unable to hold the majority of its events, there were periods earlier in the year and in fall when restrictions eased enough to hold a few fundraisers.

"It's just too bad we couldn't do our events like the Reunion Days or the Heritage Days and also a lot of other things that we usually do through the summer," said Fehr.

It didn't mean the museum was quiet, though, as it gave volunteers more

time to work on a variety of other miscellaneous projects and tasks.

"We inherited the Siemens house ... and we did put up a digital sign," Fehr noted. "We also built a new shed with material we had in the yard here."

"Even just taking care of the grounds is also actually a big part of things too," he added. "We did a lot of catch-up. Things like tires get fixed, tractors get fixed, and the buildings got maintained a little more."

There will likely be more of the same this year with one project in the works being an idea to set up a tractor and machinery dealership building.

"We did get an offer of potentially getting a bunch of tractors and toy tractors as well, so we thought that would be suitable to put in that dealership," said Fehr.

"It has also been in the dreams for quite a while already to build a large outdoor shelter for the ladies to serve food for picnics and stuff like that through the summer."

"We have things in the making that we are thinking about that will come in the future. We have dreams of some

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# Morden, Coulee FD benefit from gov't grant

By Lorne Stelmach

Two local fire departments are benefiting from a major infusion of provincial funding.

About \$260,000 is coming to Morden Fire and Rescue for a water tanker, while the Plum Coulee fire department is getting \$20,000 for equipment.

The Manitoba government created the Fire Protection Grant as a one-time fund to support fire protection and emergency response across the province, and it was so greatly received that additional funding was recently invested.

The level of interest showed there was a need to assist more communi-

ties with fire protection and help improve service across the province, officials suggested.

"We received over 200 applications requesting support for various projects, and we were able to invest nearly double to support over \$9 million from the original plan of \$5 million," noted Municipal Relations Minister Derek Johnson, who is also responsible for the Office of the Fire Commissioner. "Our government is committed to the protection of Manitobans and this additional funding will ensure effective fire prevention services are available to all communities."

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Morden Fire and Rescue Chief Andy Thiessen says the \$260,000 the city is receiving from the Manitoba government's Fire Protection Grant program will help them buy a new water tanker.

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stuff that will cost a bit of money," he continued. "We don't know what's going to happen this year. It makes it difficult for us, but we have been surviving pretty good so far, and we are thankful."

Fehr concluded by noting that the museum always welcomes more volunteers, including board mem-

bers.

"We could have more board members," he said. "There's lots of work here if people want to get involved."

"The volunteers have been doing a marvellous job of keeping up the museum ... we are very thankful for them."

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# March is Pharmacist Awareness Month

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## Pharmacists: doing more for you

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As indispensable members of our medical system, pharmacists provide Canadians with timely, safe and cost-effective solutions to their health-care needs. For example, did you know that most neighbourhood pharmacists can now adjust your drug dosage for you?

Pharmacy's scope of practice has greatly diversified over the past 12 years, and Canadians are taking note! A 2016 national survey released by Abacus Data found that Canadians are increasingly aware and supportive of the expanded role that pharmacists play in delivering needed health-care services to the community. Some of these services, as outlined by the Canadian Pharmacists Association, include:

- Renewing existing prescriptions
- Administering a drug by injection
- Prescribing for minor ailments
- Making therapeutic substitutions

Two-thirds of Canadians surveyed ranked pharmacists among their top three sources of information for health-related issues. Your local pharmacist is committed to working with you to achieve your health goals by promoting safe ways to use medication, providing advice on combatting poor health and reducing unnecessary hospital visits.

This month, let's not forget to thank our pharmacists for their dedication and professionalism in keeping Canadians safe and healthy. Even if they are not on the frontlines of medical care, pharmacists empower patients with the information they need to take charge of their own well-being.

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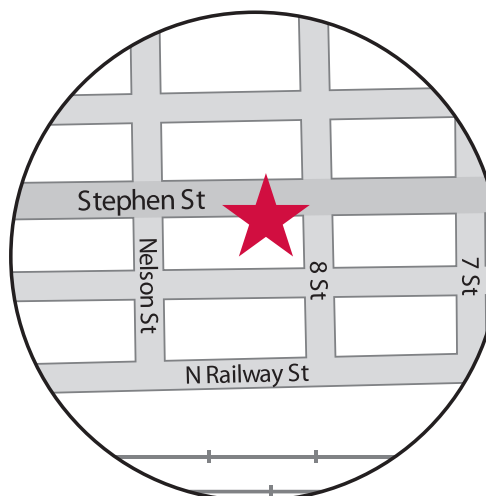
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# Your FARM



## Brad Reykdal, a fifth-generation farmer

### Thoughts on legacy farms and Manitoba's agricultural industry

By Evan Matthews

Though technological advancements have drastically changed Canadian farming methods over the last 153 years, remnants of a simpler time remain on Lake Manitoba's Birch Island, where Brad Reykdal's family has farmed for five generations.

But as much as things change, they stay the same, as the 35-year-old Reykdal said he and his family have been preparing for the annual calving season on the farm. The Reykdals' commercial cow-calf operation totals about 600 head of cattle.

"Going back five generations, our descendants immigrated from Iceland in the late 1800s. My great-great-grandfather was named Havardur Gudmundson," said Reykdal, making note that his family first started the farm where it is today—"Hayland"—in 1907.

The farm is located roughly 30 minutes west of Ashern, between Lake Manitoba Narrows and Vogar.

"My grandfather, David, would tell stories about growing up, when he lived on Birch Island. We still farm the island today. We take cattle out to pasture on a barge, and in the context of some of his memories out there, he was four years old. Some of the equipment they used is still out there.

"Our family has a lot of history on that island. The lineage and the history, it definitely adds value for me when I'm spending time out there," he said, noting the island itself is technically considered Crown land.

Reykdal returned to the farm full-time after the passing of his grandfather. He said the family intends to spread his grandfather's ashes at Birch Island. While growing up, the farm belonged to Reykdal's grandparents, but the entire family had a hand in having things run smoothly.

Whereas many kids growing up would leave the farm for summer to find other employment experience, Reykdal said he never did work off the farm.



Brad Reykdal, right, with his son Thorian and his uncle Calvin Reykdal whom he farms with.

Some of his fondest memories growing up are those summer days and nights, he said.

"All summer, those times were spent in the hay-fields," said Reykdal. "The farm has always been really important to me. I've spent a lot of time here."

The notion has been passed down to his own kids, according to Reykdal. He said one of his kids is in school now, but the other often goes to spend time with grandma while dad goes to work on the farm.

It's something both grandma and Reykdal's son enjoy, but he said also enjoys seeing the history continue.

"Right now, I'm farming with my mom, my uncle, and my grandma, so we have three active generations," said Reykdal, noting his children are five and eight years old, respectively.

"My kids are starting to get involved and they would be the fourth (active) generation. I kind of hope they grow up and go to college, maybe go do something else for a while, then come back and take over the farm. It's a lot of hard work, but it's a great lifestyle," he said.

On the side, Reykdal has started a business in which he sells state of the art video equipment, specifically designed for cow-calf operations. The technology makes it easier for farmers to monitor their herds from afar, he said.

Calling his side business Reykdal Ag and Security, Reykdal said it has become quite successful. For in-



VOICE PHOTOS BY BRAD REYKDAL

Brad Reykdal said though his children are young, he sees both Thorian and Stannis taking an interest in the family farm.

quiries, Reykdal said to call 204-302-1402.

### The future of Manitoba's agriculture industry

Year over year, Reykdal said it seems there are fewer and fewer family farms.

For a young person interested in the agricultural industry, it's an uphill battle, to put it mildly.

"A lot of the current programs don't really cater to cow-calf operations," said Reykdal, referring to AgriStability, agricultural insurance, and even recent changes to the Agricultural Crown Lands Leasing Program.

He said larger corporate farms are outbidding smaller operations for Crown land leases, which acts as a difficult barrier to entry for young farmers. However, legacy farms such as the Reykdal's always have priority on lease renewals.

"It would be extremely tough to start from nothing. If you don't have generational farm ties, I can't imagine it," he said, emphasizing how lucky he and his family are to have the lineage and history they do.

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## Keeping an eye out for Canadian Canola

By Katelyn Boulanger

The Canola Council of Canada is celebrating its 15th year of connecting to canola growers, processors, and exporters to make sure that the canola grown and processed in Canada meets all the needs of international buyers.

"The [Keep It Clean] program is about sharing that information with growers across Canada, and now it actually includes cereals as well as pulses in addition to canola," said Brian Innes, VP public affairs for the Canola Council of Canada.

For the canola part of the program, the council wants to make sure that farmers only grow registered varieties of the crop.

"We have a registration system for all varieties that are grown for a number of crops. And, for canola, there's a very specific process to get varieties registered and as part of our quality assurance system," said Innes.

The reason that they maintain this list of varieties is to ensure consistent and reliable products for customers who buy canola oil all around the world as well as making sure that it follows all of the varying guidelines necessary to be sold in all of those countries.

"Really, that means that when that variety is growing, that it's going to keep the canola reputation and the canola brand around the world for consistency in things like oil quality, disease resistance, and also in just the characteristics of canola and what it is for our customers," said Innes.

The companies that hold the patent for varieties need to keep them in good registration standing with the Canadian Food Inspection Agency, which is part of the Canadian government, and if for some reason the company elects not to that variety becomes a de-registered variety which the Canadian Canola Council needs farmers to keep track of so that they don't accidentally grow the wrong type of canola.

"The case of canola oil, actually, is the risk is that some of the older varieties contain biotech traits that are no longer approved for export markets. So, in each country, each jurisdiction has its own biotech regulatory



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The Keep It Clean program includes cereals as well as pulses in addition to canola.

requirements. In the case of the [European Union], as an example, they're only approved for ten years, then after which time, they have to be re-approved, essentially but it's not always the case that variety of traits are re-approved because technology genetics change quickly and those traits may no longer be relevant for farmers," said Innes.

The Keep It Clean program's website [keepitclean.ca](http://keepitclean.ca) is the best place to find information about canola growing and resources to the correct pages on the Canadian governments website about which varieties are registered according to

Innes.

"The Keep It Clean program [also] covers a number of practices that farmers do, including how they use pesticides, how they store their crop, how they manage disease in their crop, as well. You can [find] all of those aspects that farmers [may need] covered in the program across multiple commodities on the website."

Farmers, processors, and exporters all working together is how Innes says everyone can get the most out of their hard work.

"This is about preventing risk in our exports and for canola, we export 90% of what we produce in one form or another. So, keeping our reputation for a high-quality product is something that everybody in the value chain has a role in doing. The keep it clean program is really about helping our farmers be part of keeping our canola brand strong with our customers and preventing risk related to market access issues that occur when we don't meet

our customer requirements," said Innes.

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## March into Nutrition Month with a free virtual bake-along

Submitted by Canola Eat Well

March is Nutrition Month. How will you be celebrating? This year's theme centers on the idea that healthy eating looks different for everyone. It is important to eat nutritious foods that meet individual cultural and food traditions while adjusting eating habits to address nutritional needs of all stages of life.

Lynn Weaver, Canola Eat Well Registered Dietitian says there is no one-size fits all approach to healthy eating. There is, however, good, better, best options when it comes to cooking and baking. For instance, choosing to use canola oil instead of butter can reduce total saturated fat. Canola oil is a healthy choice as it is low in saturated fat, high in plant-based omega-3 polyunsaturated fat and rich in monounsaturated fat. Weaver commented, "Choosing foods that contain

mostly healthy fats instead of foods that contain mostly saturated fats can help lower your risk of heart disease."

Emily Richards, Professional Home Economist, cookbook author, and a past contributor to Canada's Food Guide says cooking and baking with canola oil give you tasty results with a tender texture everyone loves. Richards emphasized, "It's also low in saturated fats. With canola's neutral flavour whatever you add to the dough shines through, and the moist crumb helps create an addictive consistency."

Canola Eat Well is embracing Nutrition Month and Professional Home Economists Day by inviting all Canadians to join in a free virtual bake-along with Emily Richards on Sunday, March 21, 2021 at 2pm EST/1pm CST.

Ellen Pruden, Eat Well Director said social media is awash in people sharing how their lives are changing due

to the pandemic. Efforts to flatten the curve have meant people are spending more time at home and many have turned to baking. Pruden remarked, "What a great way to bond with your children and spend an afternoon learning how to bake from one of Canada's most well-respected cookbook authors. This workshop is free to Canadians of all ages and we love to see kids in the kitchen. They especially will love watching Emily Richards bake alongside them as she makes Savoury Pizza Swirl Buns."

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## > FIFTH-GENERATION, FROM PG. 14

### Flood Outlet Channels Project

Farmers in the region are still recovering from the floods of 2011 and 2014, according to Reykdal.

The Province of Manitoba has responded by initiating the Lake Manitoba and Lake St. Martin Outlet Channels project, both designed to enhance flood protection the respective lakes, and help to strengthen Manitoba's existing flood mitigation network.

Reykdal said while the project has been controversial in some ways—including the expropriation of farmers

near Moosehorn, as well as environmental concerns raised by First Nations—farmers he's spoken with in the region are supportive of the projects.

"The land still hasn't come back the way it was before the floods. Birch Island even, we couldn't use it for a couple years and had to find pasture elsewhere," said Reykdal.

"The outlet channels are going to be a good thing, and reduce the risk of major floods, which set the farm back many, many years. I'm all for it."



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# Winterfest goes virtual

Morden's 13th annual Multicultural Winterfest took place as an on-line celebration this year. Organizers appealed to the community to submit entertainment and educational videos, which were streamed live online last Saturday afternoon. Clockwise from left: Rosemary Zahn proudly displayed some pieces representing her homeland of Kenya; Brian Thiessen, who manages the beach and campground at Lake Minnewas-



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ta, touched on some key things to know about being properly dressed and prepared for outdoor winter activities; among the displays featuring countries represented in the Morden area was this exhibit on Bangladesh; a dancer had on display a traditional outfit from Mexico.



## > FIRE DEPT. FUNDING, FROM PG. 11

The funding was certainly welcome news for the local departments.

"It was a pleasant surprise ... it worked out very well for us," said Morden Chief Andy Thiessen.

The new tanker will cost close to \$350,000. With provincial funding taking a significant bite out of that cost, the rest will be covered by the City of Morden and the RM of Stanley.

"Between the two municipalities, both were putting some money into

this project, and now we are able to retract some of it," said Thiessen.

"It's something we've been looking at for quite some years," he said, noting the tanker will improve the level of service for areas that don't have access to water.

"The main benefit is for the rural municipality where there isn't a water source ... we knew we had to do something because there's acreages popping up all over the place now," said Thiessen. "It also benefits the

city somewhat where now we have good fire suppression for at the airport and a couple outlying areas that do not have water supply."

Meanwhile, Plum Coulee is receiving \$12,000 towards water rescue equipment and another \$8,000 for a turnout gear washer.

"Without the grant, we have to make things work with our small budget, so it would have been a long time in the works," said Chief Tony Fehr.

"With this grant, we were able to get a good start outfitting our fire hall with the proper equipment for water rescue, and then we have about eight members who right away volunteered for the training," he continued.

"It is a huge asset for our community, considering we have three bodies of water here in our town," said Fehr. "We felt it was necessary to have the safety measures in place."



# Too soon to start thinking about Christmas?

Local greenhouse puts out a call for ideas for 2021 Christmas market

By Ashleigh Viveiros

Winter officially comes to an end this weekend, but a few locals are already looking ahead to next winter—specifically next Christmas.

While perusing the holiday offerings of New Leaf Garden Center in Winkler last December (which was open for the first time that month for curbside pickup), Shirley Janzen started thinking it would be the perfect place for a community Christmas market.

"I've always loved the idea of Christmas markets," Janzen said, noting this past Christmas, being so restrictive thanks to the pandemic, she "had a lot of time to research different Christmas markets around the world ... and I just thought what a neat thing to have here."

She approached New Leaf owner Lucy Janzen with the idea of them playing host and got the green light to start planning for next year.

"We personally love the idea of something that involves community," said Lucy. "Somewhere that has that community vibe where people can walk through and enjoy something local in the winter, somewhere that's not freezing cold."

"And it's not that you have to even buy anything, but it's something you



PHOTO BY ASHLEIGH VIVEIROS/VOICE

New Leaf Garden Center's Lucy Janzen (left) with Shirley Janzen, who is planning a Christmas market for the greenhouse this year. They're asking the community to let them know what they'd like to see at it.

can see and do together as a family."

Shirley envisions the market as a bustling place operating every Thursday, Friday, and Saturday in December before Christmas.

"We'd like to get local artisans into one part of the greenhouse so they can sell their Christmas stuff," she explained. "And then the other side we thought it would be neat to have an opportunity for musicians, choirs, bands to play Christmas music and then have some tables set up there too and find some vendors to sell coffee and treats."

They're also considering hosting

holiday cooking or craft workshops and demos. Santa Claus will likely make an appearance for photos.

"It will be a place for people to come celebrate Christmas together as a community," Shirley said.

Vendors will be charged a small fee per table to help cover any costs associated with the event (including heating the greenhouse). Performers are invited to take part for free.

This market will be unique in that it's not a one-time event, but something running all month long with new performers and activities each week.

"I don't think there's anything like this in southern Manitoba, not even in Winnipeg," said Shirley. "We hope it will become an annual Christmas market/family fun fest event for the community."

Though Christmas is admittedly a

long ways off, Shirley wants to get the word out now so artisans have plenty of time to work on their wares and performers can pencil the market into their schedules.

She also hopes to hear from people about what they might like to see at such a market.

"We have a few ideas of what we would like to do but we want to hear from the community about what they want," Shirley said. "I'd really like to get some feedback."

New Leaf has a Christmas Market suggestion box up at the till. You can also connect with the market by searching for Winkler Christmas Market on Facebook or Instagram or emailing shirleyjanzen@icloud.com.

Finalized details for the event—including vendor registration—will be released in fall.

## New ECS principal this fall

By Voice staff

A familiar face will be taking over the reins from retiring Emerado Centennial School principal Garth Doerksen this fall.

Garden Valley School Division announced last week that the school's current vice-principal/resource teacher Jacqui Kusnick will step into the 100 per cent permanent principal position in September.

Kusnick has been with GVSD for nine years, serving as a resource, EAL,

and guidance teacher in that time.

In a statement on the appointment, the division noted that Kusnick's educational philosophy belief, in part, states that "students need to be engaged in their learning. Teachers and leaders should nurture strong learning relationships. We can do this by engaging students in their learning through choice, voice and agency."

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## CCI hosting second online fundraising auction

By Lorne Stelmach

Children's Camps International is holding a second online auction in support of its efforts to send kids to camp around the world.

The Christian ministry is again working with Bill Klassen Auctions to hold the Auctions for Kids online fundraiser on Thursday, April 8.

"We plan on sending half a million kids again this year. Over 500,000 kids attended Bible camp in India. That probably had a lot to do with COVID because the kids weren't in school," said Greg Wood, vice president of creative engagement for CCI. "It was great that we were able to do that last year, so we would like to do the same again."

The first auction held last December raised around \$22,000 for the organization. They're hoping for a similar amount this time around.

The idea grew from a discussion about what more could be done to help create awareness and dollars to-



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Children's Camps International is selling all manner of goodies at its second online auction April 8.

wards the ministry of sending kids to camp.

"It all started with the idea that when you see a farmer's field, there's always equipment there ... it could

perhaps be of some value to someone else," said Wood.

It grew from that initial thought of auctioning off unused farm machinery to also include tools, vehicles, and

much more.

This time they are promoting the idea of auctioning off skills, with Wood himself putting up a Zoom magic class, for example.

Also on the auction block this spring is everything from bicycles and massage treatments to golf packages and accommodations for a number of travel destinations.

"There were all kinds of different things last time, and I've been continually looking to find other interesting things to put in there," said Wood. "There's a lot of other things that people can do and give ... we've got different things this time that fall into that idea of a skills auction."

Donation receipts will be issued if requested for the final sale price of the item in the auction. The deadline for donations is April 1.

If interested in making a donation, you can call 204-331-4003 or email [auction@harvestforkids.com](mailto:auction@harvestforkids.com).

You can also check out what's on the auction block at [auctionforkids.ca](http://auctionforkids.ca).

## "We're really in that race to get Manitobans vaccinated"

By Ashleigh Viveiros

Manitoba began the work week with no new COVID-19 deaths but 50 new cases, including 18 new cases of the more contagious B117 variant.

One of those variant cases was found in the Interlake-Eastern health region while the rest were in Winnipeg. That brings the total number of variant cases to 41 (30 of B117 and 11 of B1351).

At press time, Manitoba had 908 active cases of COVID-19 and 30,968 recoveries. A total of 151 people were in hospital due to the virus, 23 in intensive care.

Our province's death toll due to COVID-19 since last spring is 917.

The province's test positivity rate is on the rise once again, hitting 4.8 per cent provincially and 3.5 per cent in Winnipeg.

Those are numbers Manitoba's top doctor wants to see moving in the other direction.

"We're really in that race to get Manitobans vaccinated, but it's going to really impair our ability to vaccinate Manitobans if we start to see high test

positivity rates again," said chief public health officer Dr. Brent Roussin at Monday's press briefing.

The restrictions of the past few months have had an impact on the spread of the virus, Roussin said, and so we're in better shape than we were in November or December.

That said, as restrictions continue to ease the risk for transmission increases, so it's important people continue to follow the fundamentals: physically distance from non-household members, wear your mask, avoid crowded spaces, and stay home if you're ill.

"I do feel overall we're in an optimistic place, but we still have to be quite cautious right now for these next many, many weeks as the vaccine rolls out," Roussin stressed.

In our region on Monday, Winkler had six active cases, Morden eight, the areas of Altona, Carman, MacDonald, and Red River South each had two active cases, and Morris and Lorne/Louise/Pembina both had one. Reporting no active cases were Stanley, Roland/Thompson, and Grey. The Pembina Valley has had 27 deaths due to COVID-19.

Southern Health-Santé Sud as a whole had 35 active COVID-19 cases and seven hospitalizations (three in ICU) at the start of the week.

### PUBLIC HEALTH ORDER CHANGES

Public health officials have announced a few changes to the public health orders in effect until March 25.

Church-goers are now allowed to take off their masks while seated in household groups at a service, assuming they are appropriately distanced from other groups and are not singing.

Restaurants are also now allowed to seat up to six people from different households at their outdoor patios.

The province also announced on Friday that indoor singing and playing instruments, including wind instruments, are once again allowed in K-12 schools as long as COVID-19 precautions are taken. Concerts and public performances are not yet permitted.

Meanwhile, Manitoba over the weekend marked a milestone when it

comes to its vaccination program.

Health and Seniors Care Minister Heather Stefanson announced Saturday that 100,000 doses of the COVID-19 vaccination have been administered thus far.

"We know we still have much work to do so that we can return to our new normal with COVID-19," she said. "But it's also important to acknowledge hard work, commitment and dedication from those on the front lines and on our Vaccination Implementation Task Force who have made this possible."

The province is aiming to be able to give 20,000 doses of the vaccine a day at its super sites and pop-up clinics throughout Manitoba. Southern Health-Santé Sud's first super site opens in Morden-Winkler next week.

The age eligibility for vaccination continues to drop—on Monday it was expanded to include anyone aged 77 or older and First Nations people aged 57 or older.

Visit [www.gov.mb.ca/covid19/vaccine/eligibility-criteria.html](http://www.gov.mb.ca/covid19/vaccine/eligibility-criteria.html) for up-to-date criteria before calling to book an appointment.



# Winkler council approves \$10M loan for wastewater plant

By Ashleigh Viveiros

The City of Winkler took another step forward on its mechanical wastewater treatment facility last week.

City council March 9 unanimously approved first reading of a bylaw that will authorize the borrowing of just under \$10.6 million for the project.

It's estimated the facility will cost over \$48.7 million. Winkler is banking on about \$19.2 million in federal funding, \$16 million from the province, and \$2.8 from the RM of Stanley.

Known as Local Improvement Plan No. 41, the expectation is for the city to pay back the loan over the next 15 years at a rate of \$986,318 a year.

For the average taxpayer who owns a home valued at \$250,000, that would mean an increase of about \$120 on their taxes for the project, though Mayor Martin Harder notes this amount will go down year after year as the loan is paid off.

"You also have to remember that the

debt load is not something that is going to be borne only by the community that exists today," he adds. "When you look at the developments that are happening and are coming up, you quickly realize that our growth will continue to be fairly aggressive and so therefore the debt gets spread over a broader perspective."

Harder also stresses this project and its related costs are not something the city can avoid if it wants to accommodate future growth.

The facility is expected to serve both Winkler and Stanley to a combined population of 28,800.

"This is a necessary project that we've known was coming for years already," Harder says, adding that the expectation is this will meet the region's needs for 20-25 years. "And the design is built in such a way that it is expandable in the future."

Council hopes to have shovels in the ground on the facility—slated to go in on city-owned land adjacent to the ex-

isting lagoon system in the north part of the city—in 2021, but much will depend on whether the upper levels of government come on board with funding and final approval.

Getting the city's portion of the funding lined up is a necessary step towards getting those approvals.

"Part of the conditions of making any application for funding federally or provincially means we have to have financing in place in order for them to contribute," Harder says.

Council also gave the city's planning department the green light to ask the Manitoba Water Services Board for assistance in the planning, tendering, and construction of this project.

"The Water Services Board has the expertise from many other communities where they've managed these kinds of projects," Harder explains. "We would rather lean on the ones that have done it before than try and reinvent the wheel ourselves."

## DOWNTOWN CONDOS APPROVED

Also at last week's meeting, council okayed plans for two condo complexes to go in on 7th St. after a public hearing drew no concerns.

Located on a pair of lots north of Mountain Ave., behind the existing three-storey apartment complex, this new facility necessitates rezoning the land to multi-family use and the closure of a public lane running from 7th St. to the P.W. Enns Centennial Concert Hall parking lot.

The mayor notes this is a valuable infill project for the city's core.

"One of the concerns, obviously, was the service capacity, and sewer is certainly a part of it," Harder says. "This will be the first project in Winkler that will actually use grey water as a secondary water supply for flushing toilets. It's going to be energy-efficient, water-efficient ... it's going to be a test site as to how it actually works."

# Morden-Winkler MLA looking forward to a busy session

By Ashleigh Viveiros

Cameron Friesen is glad to be back at work at the Manitoba Legislature, which began its spring session earlier this month.

The Morden-Winkler MLA expects it to be a busy session not just for the Conservative government, which has a packed-full agenda for the weeks ahead, but himself as well in his role as justice minister.

"I'm energized by this new role and we are working hard on my responsibilities," Friesen said last week, noting his department alone has 14 bills up for debate.

Among them are changes to Legal Aid Manitoba, legislation that aims to prevent organized crime from disposing of suspected criminal property before court proceedings, and various amendments to the Petty Trespasses, Animal Diseases, and Occupiers Liability acts in connection to rural crime.

Proposed amendments to the Police Services Act are on hold for now in favour of further consultation, Friesen noted.

An independent review of the act last fall generated 70 recommendations for greater transparency and oversight.

"I feel like those amendments need to go further and they need to be collaborative in their design," Friesen said. "And so I've reached out to Manitoba's grand chiefs and I've been

incredibly encouraged about the conversations we've been having about the mandate of the Independent Investigation Unit and the fact that we need to make sure that the IIU reflects our province, reflects the communities it is trying to serve, and that the voices of Indigenous people are heard in these matters.

"Right now we're hard at work working together to understand what changes are necessary in order to make sure that people have confidence and trust in those processes and that they believe with sincerity that that agency is working on all of our behalf."

Looking beyond his new portfolio, Friesen noted that addressing the ongoing pandemic remains a priority for the government, but there is also much other work that needs to get done.

"We are not out of the woods yet. [The pandemic] is the focus of our work but clearly we also have a legislative agenda we believe is important and is moving Manitoba forward."

To that end, the government has over 50 pieces of legislation on the docket from now until June.

The Conservatives have taken criticism for the fact 19 of those bills were introduced late last year without any details, leaving opposition parties and Manitobans in the dark about their contents until the full texts are released.

While the move doesn't break any legislative rules, critics have said it stifles debate and sets a dangerous precedent.

Friesen takes issue with that characterization.

"I got into this business of being a legislator because I believe in the enterprise. I believe in the work of the provincial legislature and I believe

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## The Funnies

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# Morden hosting virtual Healthy Communities Conference

By Lorne Stelmach

A conference next month is centred around the idea that the health of our population is directly related to our ability to be connected.

The 22nd annual Healthy Communities Conference April 28 features the theme of Wired for Connection: The Pathway to Resilience.

Hosted by the City of Morden as a kickoff to Mental Health Week in May, the event is an initiative of Southern Health-Santé Sud, which hopes the conference will offer ways to withstand the inevitable struggles of life, find meaningful help, and gain the connections we all desire and need.

"Our relationships to others go hand-in-hand with our experiences in community," said Jane Curtis, CEO of Southern Health-Santé Sud.

"The theme for this year's virtual healthy communities conference is a great way for us to relate to each other and find out what matters to you," she said, "and in doing so together, our connectedness is an opportunity to make a difference for the health of our communities."

The conference runs online Wednesday, April 28 from 9 a.m. to 3:45 p.m.

A keynote address on the day's theme will be presented by therapist Carolyn Klassen.

Klassen speaks widely about the healing power of connection including a weekly interview on CJOB with Hal Anderson. She has authored several books such as one about the pandemic entitled *What is Mentionable is Manageable*.

Another main session will be Rethinking Self-Care to Foster Connection and Build Resilience from the Inside Out by Jeanette Bronée, who is described as a rethinker and culture strategist. Bronée is a two-time TEDx speaker as well as an author and CEO



Jeanette Bronée (left) and Carolyn Klassen are among the speakers at the virtual Healthy Communities Conference next month.

and founder of Path for Life Inc.

Bronée helps companies and their people bridge the wellness gap by rethinking performance, engagement and culture so they can prevent burnout and create better results. She



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speaks, coaches and consults about how to create better relationships and engagement in the work-culture.

Other presentations that day include:

- Community Connections: Man-

aging Loneliness in the UK by Olivia Field, who works for the British Red Cross as the head of health and resilience policy.

- Grieving and Loneliness: Connecting During Times of Grief by Mike Goldberg of Palliative Care Manitoba. He has been the community outreach and education coordinator at Palliative Manitoba since July 2015.

- When Our Wires for Connection Get Disrupted: A Focus on Immigration and the Added Impact of COVID-19 by Heather Robertson, who works at Aurora Family Therapy Centre coordinating mental health services and supports to newcomers.

- When our Wires for Connection get Disrupted: A Focus on Life Transitions and the Added Impact of COVID-19 by Dr. Maxine Holmgvist and Dr. Amanda Lints-Martindale, who are both associate professors in the department of clinical health psychology at the University of Manitoba.

For more details and registration information, head to [www.mymorden.ca/wired-for-connection](http://www.mymorden.ca/wired-for-connection). The deadline to reserve your virtual seat is April 14.

## ManSEA offering online workshops

By Lorne Stelmach

An organization that is working to move Manitoba towards a more sustainable energy future is aiming to further promote that mission with a series of upcoming online workshops.

The sessions planned for three consecutive Tuesday evenings starting March 23 are in place of the

Manitoba Sustainable Energy Association's annual conference, which was cancelled last year in Morden thanks to the pandemic.

"What we're hoping to do is to educate people on the potential for using more renewable energy in Manitoba and to show how it can fit into their particular situations," said board chair Randy Baldwin.

win.

"I think it's particularly of benefit for rural and northern Manitoba even as the talk about carbon taxes becomes more prominent," he added, noting how that may impact costs for everything from drying grain to heating livestock facilities, for example.

Biomass is an increasingly viable alternative for heating and will be among the areas covered by the online sessions.

"Biomass could potentially be used as a very fast source of electricity," Baldwin said, noting companies like Triple Green Products of Rosenort are helping to make it more accessible.

"They're very well established and are commercially selling systems now," he noted. "Certainly, solar as well is widely available, so there's lots of capacity for installation of solar power generation, and there's more and more being done all the time on battery storage."

"It's exciting that we're looking at local sources for this type of technology," Baldwin added, noting they would be highlighting some local Manitoba companies like Powertec Solar and Evolve Green.

Each of the virtual sessions will run from 7-8:30 p.m. The first evening March 23 will touch on overcoming barriers to a growing solar market, innovations in power storage and best options to add electrical capacity as well as public perceptions of energy strategy development.

"Our first night provides a deep dive into the enormous potential of solar power and energy storage in Manitoba, plus a summary of recent research into public attitudes towards energy issues in our province," Baldwin said.

"Our second night March 30 will focus on biomass energy including the role it can play in heating buildings and drying grain," he continued, noting it will touch on ways clean sustainable biomass energy can be a solution to many of our challenges. "Anyone in rural Manitoba looking for a heat source alternative to electricity, natural gas or propane, this is for you."

The third and final session April 6 explores the future of electric farm equipment, the job-creation potential of sustainable energy projects and concludes with the organization's annual

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## Morden Mohawks are now the Mudhens

New name more inclusive, says Border Baseball League team

By Lorne Stelmach

The former Morden Mohawks senior baseball team is set to move ahead this year with a new name.

The Border Baseball League club announced Monday that it will now be the Morden Mudhens after a process that saw the team go through a list of about 70 possibilities for a new name.

"It somehow just stuck around to the end ... and it was the majority winner," said team representative Chris Moffatt. "Everyone's happy with it."

"There were so many ideas," he added. "A lot of the guys are pretty involved with baseball, and they follow baseball ... a lot of the names ac-

tually came from minor league teams because they had a lot of different names."

The team had announced last summer that it would be adopting a new name that would be more respectful and inclusive.

In a news release announcing the name and revealing the new jersey and logo, the team stressed their desire to represent positive, community-minded principles.

A logo and colour scheme has been finalized. Olympic Source for Sports is set to complete the rebrand for the franchise and a number of other local businesses have also stepped up to support the transition.

Moffatt noted the team has a long, proud history in Morden and all of their players are very involved with community. They very much want to continue that tradition.

"We try to represent Morden as a



city ... we are going to continue to try to do that the best we can, but we're just really excited to have the change. We knew it was necessary."

They are now anxious to look ahead and are hoping to be able to have a full regular season after the league

ended up being shut down last year as a result of the pandemic.

"Everyone's very excited, and we are planning for a season unless we're told otherwise," said Moffatt. "We hope that the community will support us and follow us."

## Cdn. Wrestling Elite push shows back to May

By Voice staff

Ongoing public health restrictions have forced Canadian Wrestling Elite to push back their tour dates in Manitoba and Alberta this spring.

CWE had planned eight events across the Prairies throughout March, including one in Morden.

Now they're looking at hosting those events in May, assuming COVID-19 restrictions allow it.

The Morden wrestling match is now scheduled for May 8.

"Canadian Wrestling's Elite is eager to return to producing what this company is all about and that is the best professional wrestling in all of Canada and are prepared and ready to do so when given the green light to proceed," the company said in announcing the postponement.

For updates as they become available visit [www.cwecanada.ca](http://www.cwecanada.ca)

### > SPRING SESSION, FROM PG. 21

very much in the very serious role that I have to represent Morden-Winkler in that place."

He laid the blame at the feet of the other parties including the NDP, who last spring used procedural tactics to stall bills and delay the introduction of the 2020 budget.

"Those tactics, while cynical in my opinion and not actually reflecting the priorities of Manitobans, they

did delay the passage of bills," Friesen said.

In a bid to prevent that from happening again, Friesen explained that the government opted to lay out its agenda late last fall, far earlier than they would normally.

"Now we are actively at work to distribute the contents of those bills," he said, stressing he believes there is lots of time left in this session to de-

bate these proposed policy changes.

"I would tell Manitobans there is plenty of time on the clock for debate and consideration on these bills and now it is up to all legislators to use this time effectively, to not ring the bells and hold the house, in order to make sure that Manitobans get to know these bills and that people can have their say on this legislation."

### > MANSEA, FROM PG. 22

nual general meeting.

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## PUBLIC NOTICE



### RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF STANLEY PUBLIC NOTICE REGARDING BY-LAW NO. 3-21 FOR A CAPITAL CONTRIBUTION TOWARDS THE CONSTRUCTION OF CITY OF WINKLER'S NEW WASTEWATER TREATMENT FACILITY AND CONSTRUCTION OF A WASTEWATER CONVEYANCE SYSTEM (force main and lift stations) IN THE RM OF STANLEY

The Council of the Rural Municipality of Stanley has scheduled a public hearing in the Council Chambers on the **1st day of April 2021 at 10:00 a.m.** to present the following borrowing proposal:

*The City of Winkler is proposing to construct a new Mechanical Wastewater Treatment Facility (WWTF), which is required in order to meet current wastewater treatment standards. The new WWTF will serve both the City of Winkler and the Rural Municipality (RM) of Stanley for a total future population of 28,800. The RM of Stanley intends to purchase capacity in the new WWTF as well as construct a new wastewater conveyance system (force main and lift stations) to accommodate future growth within the RM of Stanley.*

*The estimated total cost of the WWTF project is \$49,310,766, less funding of \$35,346,667, Federal (\$19,280,000) and Provincial (\$16,066,667) Funding under the Infrastructure Canada's (INFC) New Building Canada Fund - Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program - Green Infrastructure Stream - Environmental Quality Program, and the City of Winkler will also contribute \$10,592,613. As part of a wastewater treatment capacity Agreement with the City of Winkler, the Rural Municipality of Stanley will provide \$3,371,486.00 as contribution towards the project.*

*The estimated total cost of the Wastewater Conveyance System project is \$7,429,437, less funding of \$5,423,488, Federal (\$2,971,774) and Provincial (\$2,451,714) Funding under the Infrastructure Canada's (INFC) New Building Canada Fund - Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program - Green Infrastructure Stream - Environmental Quality Program. The RM of Stanley will provide \$2,005,949.00 as a contribution towards the project.*

*The Rural Municipality of Stanley intends to receive borrowing approval in the amount \$5,377,435.00 (This includes the balance of \$3,371,486 for capital contribution to WWTF and \$2,005,949 for wastewater conveyance system) to be borrowed over a 20-year period at an estimated interest rate of 5.0% per year. The debt payment of \$431,499.30 will be recovered through a mill rate on all taxable and grant-in-lieu properties within the Rural Municipality of Stanley. Based on the latest assessment roll, an estimated mill rate of 0.667 mills will be required.*

*The RM of Stanley will not proceed with this project unless funding as outlined above is received.*

*This borrowing application does not include the extension of a wastewater conveyance system within the existing communities of Reinfeld and Schanzenfeld. A decision on whether to extend a wastewater conveyance system into the existing communities of Reinfeld and Schanzenfeld will be made at a later date after consultations with those communities.*

A written objection may be filed with the Chief Administrative Officer, at 23111 PTH 14 in the RM of Stanley prior to the commencement of the hearing. At the hearing, Council will hear any potential taxpayer who wishes to make a presentation, ask questions, or register an objection to the by-law.

All objections, written or verbal, must be filed prior to the adjournment of the hearing and must include the name, address and property description of the person filing the objection and the grounds of their objection. We ask that you consider submitting your comments in writing to our office by email or mail (drop off box located at the office). If you wish to be present at the hearing, we will require you to contact our office a minimum of 2 business days prior to the scheduled hearing so that we can ensure we can meet the physical distancing requirements. Anyone attending the office will be required to wear a face mask. If you wish to participate in the hearing electronically, please contact mgroening@rmofstanley.ca or call 204-325-4101. Thank you for your understanding and patience.

Copies of the proposed borrowing are available at the municipal office at 23111 PTH 14 and on the municipal website at [www.rmofstanley.ca](http://www.rmofstanley.ca). Feel free to call the RM Office for additional information at 204-325-4101.

Dated at the RM of Stanley this 5th day of March 2021 and issued pursuant to Section 169(6) of The Municipal Act.

Dale Toews, Chief Administrative Officer  
Rural Municipality of Stanley

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ADDRESS: WIENS DOELL LAW OFFICE

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564 Mountain Ave., Winkler, MB R6W 4B2

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To the attention of Christopher G. Doell

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	5	4						6
1				7				9
						8	5	
			8					2
		7	2					
	9		5		1	4		
8	1							
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1	6	7	8	5	9	2	3	4
4	2	5	6	3	7	9	1	8
7	8	4	1	9	5	3	6	2
5	1	6	3	4	7	2	8	9
2	3	9	7	6	8	1	4	5
3	5	8	9	1	4	6	2	7
6	4	2	5	7	3	8	9	1
9	7	1	2	8	6	4	5	3

**Sudoku Answer**

Q	E	W	O	H	R	H	S	
E	S	U	O	D	V	E	M	E
A	A	O	H	O	N	V	E	I
T	E	T	I	N	V	O	E	T
N	V	T	I	N	I	R	O	N
N	E	W	E	S	V	B	S	N
H	V	W					I	D
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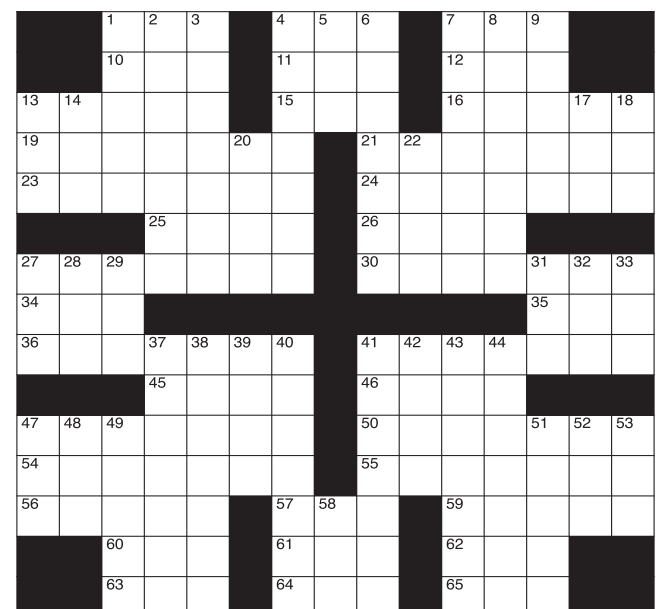
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### CLUES ACROSS

1. \_\_\_ fi: popular genre
4. Curved shape
7. Defunct airline
10. Beverage receptacle
11. Corporate bigwig
12. Belong to he
13. They cover cuts
15. Cost per mille
16. Walk into
19. Power-producing machine
21. Part of one's character perceived by others
23. Emotionally appealed to
24. Protected
25. Wrestling icon Okerlund
26. Thailand's former name
27. Muscle weaknesses
30. Chooses
34. American film studio
35. Expression of satisfaction
36. Mythical winged horse
41. Ballplayers
45. Edible seaweed
46. Chinese politician
47. Tested for fertility
50. Glove worn with medieval armor
54. Basaltic lavas
55. Small shoaling fish
56. Surrendered
57. Taxi
59. Potato part
60. Female sheep
61. Trouble or difficulty
62. Put into service
63. Soviet Socialist Republic
64. 17th letter of Greek alphabet
65. Type of student

### CLUES DOWN

1. Frighten
2. Partner to corned beef



3. Parts
4. Agrees to a demand
5. Elected official
6. Navigator's tool
7. Relating to heat
8. Attractive
9. Wealthy US merchant
13. Engine additive
14. A passage with access only at one end
17. Midway between northeast and east
18. Cool!
20. Brazilian NBAer
22. NW Pennsylvania city
27. Young dog
28. Mimic
29. Large truck
31. The NFL's Newton
32. One and only

33. Diego, Francisco, Anselmo
37. Julie \_\_, actress
38. More nourishing
39. Compound
40. A small carrier attached to the side of a motorcycle
41. Object of fear or alarm
42. \_\_\_ Ladd, actor
43. Sacred place
44. A way to express enjoyment
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Being an AMENDMENT to the R.M. OF STANLEY  
ZONING BY-LAW 8-18, AS AMENDED.

**HEARING**

R.M. of Stanley Council Chambers

**LOCATION:**

1-23111 PTH14, SW 7-3-4W

**DATE & TIME:**

**April 1, 2021 at 9:30 a.m.**

**GENERAL INTENT:**

TO RE-ZONE PARCELS OF LAND IN THE RM OF STANLEY

**FROM:**

"AG" AGRICULTURAL GENERAL

**TO:**

"GD" GENERAL DEVELOPMENT

**AREA:**

PART OF NE 8-3-6W, VILLAGE OF THORNHILL



#### FOR INFORMATION CONTACT:

Melissa Groening, Planning and Development Officer

Rural Municipality of Stanley, 1-23111 PTH14

Phone: (204) 325-4101

Email: [mgroening@rmofstanley.ca](mailto:mgroening@rmofstanley.ca)

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**AREA:**

PART OF LOT 2, PLAN 45492;

PART OF LOT 6, PLAN 2255; AND

ALL OF LOT 2, PLAN 64173

BOTH WITHIN SE 24-2-4W

WITHIN THE VILLAGE OF FRIEDENSRUH



#### FOR INFORMATION CONTACT:

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-Sincerely,  
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### Elizabeth June "Betty" Hildebrand



It is with great sadness we announce the passing of Elizabeth June "Betty" Hildebrand at age 88 on March 3rd, 2021. She was in her own home in Powell River, B.C. with her husband of 67 years, Jim, at her side.

She was born Betty Wiebe in Morden, Manitoba on August 13, 1932. She enjoyed singing with her friends Ruthie Krushle and Lena Buhler. She met Jim there and they married in 1953. She and Jim moved to

Powell River in 1955 with their first-born son Rodney (deceased January 8, 1977) and they had two more sons Jerry (Adrienne) and Cary. Betty also leaves three grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

She played piano for the local Salvation Army for over 50 years and blessed all who heard her play. She was an outstanding cook and had an amazing gift of hospitality. Always gracious and gentle, the Lord was her strength and the centre of her life.

Betty will be greatly missed.

"Away from the body and at home with the Lord" 2 Corinthians 5:8

## OBITUARY

### Arthur Warkentine 1927 - 2021



It is with great sadness and yet with rejoicing that our Lord and Savior has taken a beloved husband, father, grandfather and great-grandfather home.

Arthur John Warkentine was born August 6, 1927 at Morden Hospital to Jacob C. and Susannah Warkentine (nee Zacharias). He spent his early childhood in Glencross. Being an only child and having a father with vision difficulty made the realities of going to high school difficult for Art. At 15 years of age Art and his parents moved to an open 80 acres east of Osterwick and this signaled the start of a new beginning. It was a mixed farm, but cows were always the focus which eventually led to Maple Creek Dairy. The two sons and their families are now the 3rd and 4th generations to

continue the Warkentine dairy. It was Dad's pride and joy for the farm to stay in the family. Dad had many other interests besides farming. Early success at Provincial 4H speech competitions would sow the seeds to a short radio broadcasting career in Portage la Prairie, but for Dad his concern for his parents and the family farm weighed heavily on him to become a full-time farmer. At this time Dad married Mary Bueckert on August 18, 1957. They were blessed with five children: Ella May, Randy, Lorne, Carol and Kevin. Dad grew up in the Berghaler Church, first in Morden, and then in Winkler. He was baptized at the Winkler Berghaler Church in 1956 by Rev. JM Pauls. Mom and Dad were founding members of Bethel Berghaler Mennonite Church. Dad taught Sunday School, served as a deacon and a member of church council for many years. Dad was humble and patient in how he interacted with people. Dad was a good listener and tried not to pass judgement but understand others. Being community minded, Dad entered municipal politics as Reeve of the Stanley Municipality as well as serving on various boards like Manitoba Pool Elevators, Winkler Creamery, Winkler Coop, M.C.C, Salem Home and the Stanley Agricultural Society.

Art is survived by his wife, Mary; children, Ella May, Randy (Nancy), Lorne (Kathy), Carol Bergman (Richard), Kevin (Colleen); grandchildren, Stacy Friesen (Brenden), Joelle Fehr (Jon), Melanie, Darin (Kristen), Levi, Tessa, Aaron, Cole, Raena and great-grandchild Addison Friesen. We will miss Dad and look forward to seeing him again.

Private graveside service was held at the Osterwick Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers donations may be made in Art's memory to MCC Canada.

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