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## Crepe master

Winkler Mayor Martin Harder and wife Valerie served up homemade crepes to city staff Friday and Monday in thanks for the work they do. Workers came out in ones and twos to grab lunch and ensure physical distancing restrictions were followed. Harder said he's proud of how the community has pulled together during the pandemic to help those in need, find new ways to stay connected, and, for more than a few local companies, explore new product avenues.

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# Winkler company creating new products to keep afloat

By Ashleigh Viveiros

A Winkler manufacturer has found a way to not just keep its staff on the payroll during the COVID-19 economic downturn, but hire new

employees to boot.

Ironmen Industries unveiled its new Hot Hand Wash Mobile Sanitation unit at an event at city hall last Friday.

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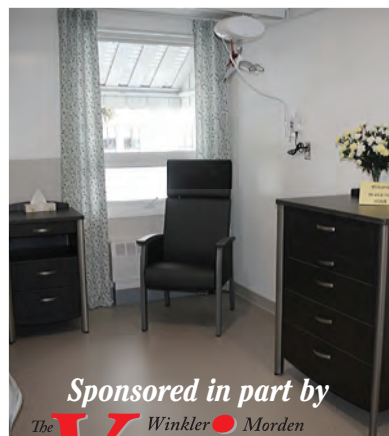
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Ironmen Industries CEO David Krahn demonstrates the company's new Hot Hand Wash Mobile Sanitation unit. Adding it to their product list has allowed the Winkler company to avoid layoffs.

tancing-friendly outdoor lunch for city staff, Ironmen's newest product was set up to ensure everyone was able to wash up before chowing down.

CEO and general manager David Krahn says the hand washing station came about after they heard from people in the construction industry facing site shutdowns due to their inability to provide proper wash facilities for their crews.

"The health and safety sanitary rules that were coming out, they weren't able to comply with them with the current facilities that they had," he says. "We, at that point, started looking into what can we do."

After a fair bit of research, the Hot Hand Wash Mobile Sanitation unit was born.

The portable handwashing station carries 100 gallons of fresh water—enough for about 650 washes of 20 seconds each.

"The big thing is it self-sufficient ... it heats the water itself and it has a waste capacity of 120 gallons," Krahn says, adding it can be plugged into any outlet.

The stations can also be used year-round, even in the most frigid winter temperatures.

"We've come up with some really neat ideas as to how to keep those faucets heated so that the lid can be open in, say, -15, -20 weather and still not freeze up," Krahn says.

The current units are "built tough," he adds, to withstand being moved around construction sites by forklift. Future versions could be adapted to allow them to be lifted up by cranes for use on multi-storey construction projects.

While the product was inspired by the construction industry, it has a much wider market.

"It turned into something that not only construction workers can use but something that retail stores ... recreational facilities can use as well in summer and winter," Krahn says.

Requests for information about the hot hand washes have poured in from across North America over the past week. Ironmen Industries currently has 20 units in production and plans to get started on dozens more.

"This is not just a local market," Krahn says. "This is real-

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Donations for the Furniture Fund will be received until May 29, 2020  
Tax receipt will be issued for donations of \$20.00 or more

# Morden fire trucks roll out for 'Fire Friday' deliveries

By Lorne Stelmach

Mordenites got extra special deliveries of pizza and pasta Friday night courtesy of the Morden fire department.

In the first of what will be a regular event dubbed Fire Friday, the fire trucks rolled out to make deliveries on behalf of a local restaurant. This time out it was for Boston Pizza.

Instead of tipping the delivery drivers, customers were encouraged to make a donation of non-perishable food for The Hub Community Centre food bank. As a result, firefighters collected 200 pounds of food for those in need.

The community was certainly on board with the idea of Fire Friday, says Chief Andy Thiessen.

"Some people were putting in orders three days ahead of time ... that kind of gave us a heads up that we were going to be busier than we thought," he said.

Boston Pizza manager Kenton Hildebrand thought the unique delivery method was a fun idea and a helpful hand up for local restaurants navigating COVID-19 restrictions.

**"WE WANTED TO DO SOMETHING A LITTLE DIFFERENT FOR THE COMMUNITY ..."**

"We're happy to see a boost in our sales," he said. "We really appreciated the fire department reaching out and coming up with this great idea."

Thiessen said the evening offered a good opportunity for firefighters to participate in something at a time when they, like everyone else, can't come together for their usual routines, including regular training nights.

"We wanted to do something a little different for the community, even just to let them know we're around and we're caring about what people's mental health is like these days," Thiessen said. "If we could do something a little more exciting and dif-

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Morden Fire and Rescue made nearly 60 deliveries for Boston Pizza during its first Fire Friday last week. Firefighters collected 200 pounds of food for The Hub food bank in exchange for their services as delivery drivers. They'll be on the road again in partnership with another local restaurant next month.



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# Jeanne to the rescue (again)

**J**eanne, my sister, was almost a year old when I was born.

She became a playmate, a mentor, and a protector soon after my birth. At a young age, she learned to bring Mom needed items for my bath, rocked me in my cradle, and helped in many other ways.

When Mom was about to get angry at two-year-old me for telling her to “shut up,” Jeanne quietly said, “Mom, she wants syrup.”

When I rebelled against the clothesline I was tied to so Mom could garden in peace, Jeanne stayed by my side and brought toys for us to play with. She did not like to see me punished, even though Mom needed to know I was safe when the trains on their nearby tracks thundered by. According to our mother, Jeanne listened when told to stay on the yard. I did not.

In 1948, we lived in South Thames, close to Horndean. I started school there at the age of five years. Our immense snowfall that year created snowbanks as high as our house. We delighted in sliding down this hill.

Then came the spring thaw. Water everywhere! One Saturday morning, we begged to be allowed out to play. Mom agreed but warned us of the hidden dangers of water under the snow. She told us not to play in the deep, snow-covered ditch beside our home.

After playing in the yard for a time, I started walking toward the ditch.

“Remember what Mom said,” Jeanne reminded me.

“I know. I’m just going to look,” I called back. My looking became testing! When nothing happened after a few hesitant steps, I ventured further. Suddenly, I broke through the snow and was immediately plunged into icy water. I tried to cling to the edges but the snow broke under my weight.

When Jeanne and Jimmy heard me screaming and saw me thrashing, they came running. They both tugged at my arms and struggled to pull me out without falling in themselves. I was now too heavy for them with my wet jacket, snow pants, and boots. Several times I almost crawled out before the snow broke again and I was back in the water.

Finally, together, they managed to pull me to safety. We all sat on the bank and rested awhile before heading for home. I knew I was in big trouble for being disobedient! A wet and bedraggled threesome somberly entered the house. When Mom saw our soggy state, she gasped, “What on

earth happened?”

Jeanne merely said, “We fell in a puddle.” Jimmy said nothing. Mom accepted her explanation and I appreciated Jeanne’s abbreviated version of the truth that day.

The next year we lived on a small acreage in the North Thames school district. I was now in Grade 2 and Jeanne was in Grade 3. Here, we had an indifferent teacher and mean classmates. This was an abrupt change from our wonderful year in South Thames.

Jeanne stuck up for me when I got into trouble with the older girls. She knew I had lied when I said I had not torn the leg of a paper doll belonging to the teacher’s daughter. But she also knew that the older sister would harm me if I admitted to it. That girl had already banged my head against a coat hook several times for some injustice she felt I had committed against her younger sister.

Mr. Buck, our Grade 1-8 teacher, often put me in the cloakroom for talking or being disruptive in some way. He gave the lower grades so little attention, it was difficult for active six-year-olds to sit quietly.

One day Dad came to pick us up with our horse and buggy. He noticed Mr. Buck walking to his home on the schoolyard. Jeanne came to the buggy



**By Florence Dyck**

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## > IRONMEN, FROM PG. 2

ly about hitting the market globally.”

The success of the product has meant the company has been able to keep all of its employees working.

“We’ve actually been able to avoid [layoffs] and right now we’re hiring,” says Krahn. “It’s quite a turnaround and something we’re very thankful for.”

They’re also thankful to be able to share the wealth with other local companies from whom they’ve been purchasing the components needed to build the hand washing stations.

“We’ve got a bit of a circle of people

that are getting together and getting this done,” Krahn says, pointing to orders placed with Steel Tech and ICON Technologies, among others.

“That’s one thing I really love about the manufacturing community here in Winkler,” he says. “We’re not always looking at ourselves as competitors but we can actually look at each other as someone we can team up with and work together. That creates a lot of joy and excitement.”

The COVID-19 pandemic has stirred up a lot of fear and uncertainty for many businesses. Krahn

says he’s worked hard to look past that and, instead, get creative so that his company can adapt and reinvent itself to survive.

“At the end of the day, we really had to focus on the good things that are going on around us, rather than what could happen,” he says. “We really wanted to keep the momentum of the economy moving and also as a company keep that spirit of excitement and energy that we need to have.”

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# Agassiz clinic campaign nearing its goal

By Lorne Stelmach

The fundraising campaign for the expansion of the Agassiz Medical Centre is closing in on its goal.

The community board recently announced it has reached nearly \$438,000 of its \$500,000 target. The entire project is pegged at \$1.25 million.

"We actually had a really good month as far as the last period," said fundraising chairperson Bob Wahl, estimating over \$41,000 has come in the last little while despite the promotion of the campaign having slowed down a bit of late. "So I think that's a pretty good jump.

"We'll do another little push ... but right now, it's been working on its own," said Wahl.

"Maybe people's perspectives have changed from where they were maybe six months ago," he said, suggesting there might be some heightened awareness right now with the ongoing pandemic.

"I think people are also starting to realize the necessity for health care in the community. I think with the perspective that everybody's got

right now as far as the virus, health care is probably the most important thing right now on anybody's agenda."

Meanwhile, construction work continues at the clinic, transforming space into new administrative offices and 10 examination rooms.

When all is said and done, the project will add 2,500 square feet to the facility. The clinic will remain open throughout the renovations.

"It's still progressing. Nothing has basically slowed down too much given the situation," said Wahl, although he noted moving ahead into the second phase will bring some temporary changes. "That's going to be more of a major impact on entrances and where people can go and such."

The hope is to use the extra and reworked space to add at least five more health care practitioners to meet the current need and 10 more to meet succession planning.

Once the renovation is complete, the clinic will be renamed the Menzies Medical Centre in honour of the three generations of Menzies doctors to have served the community.



AGASSIZ MEDICAL CENTRE PHOTO

# Pallister extends state of emergency until mid-May

By Lorne Stelmach

The province extended its state of emergency for another month as part of its continued fight against the COVID-19 pandemic.

"Extending the state of emergency will ensure we are able to provide the necessary resources to the front line of our health care system," Premier Brian Pallister said at the daily COVID-19 briefing on Monday.

Pallister likened the battle to slow the spread of the novel coronavirus to being in a marathon.

"The danger is that people will stop exercising the fundamentals that got us in the lead in the first place," he said after announcing the state of emergency will continue until mid-May. "If you're ahead in a marathon

half way, you don't stop doing what you're doing—you keep doing it.

"While Manitoba's case numbers do appear to be low, I caution ... that this does not mean the risk of COVID-19 is low ... rather this is a reflection of the necessary social distancing protocols and practices that you as Manitobans have put into place."

The province announced one new case of COVID-19 Monday, bringing the total number of lab-confirmed positive and probable positive cases in Manitoba to 254.

A sixth person, a woman in her 80s, has died. Eight people are currently hospitalized with the illness, five in intensive care.

Overall, at the start of the week there were 105 active cases and 144 people who have recovered from COVID-19.

"I think that the numbers that we've currently been seeing are a reflection of Manitobans' hard work and dedication to protecting themselves, the people around them and our entire community," said Dr. Brent Roussin, chief public health officer.

"We still need caution. This virus is still here; we still see this virus being transmitted in our communities, so we should be cautiously optimistic, but we cannot now loosen up our ef-

forts."

The province is looking to expand its testing criteria, which could allow them to test up to 2,000 people a day.

"We are preparing to continue to ramp up those efforts," said Pallister. "We're doing roughly double what we were a couple weeks ago, and we expect that we'll have the capacity to double up on that over the next couple weeks again."

## > JEANNE SAVES THE DAY, FROM PG. 4

immediately but I was not with her. Our father was an impatient man so, finally, Jeanne had to tell him, "Florence is in the cloakroom. She was talking. Mr. Buck must have forgotten! But don't be cross at her," she pleaded. "She wasn't that bad!"

Dad stomped into the totally empty school, told me to get my things and come. Then he marched over to Mr. Buck's home. When he came to the door, Dad told him in no uncertain terms such an incident should never again happen. I can't remember if I

was treated better or worse after that confrontation but I know for a fact it was the one and only time my dad ever came to school and spoke to a teacher on behalf of one of his children.

Jeanne died last year on Jan. 4, 2019 at the age of 76. I had not needed her as a protector for years but always as a mentor and a friend. I miss her every day.

*Florence Dyck is a former Mordenite now living in the Okanagan*

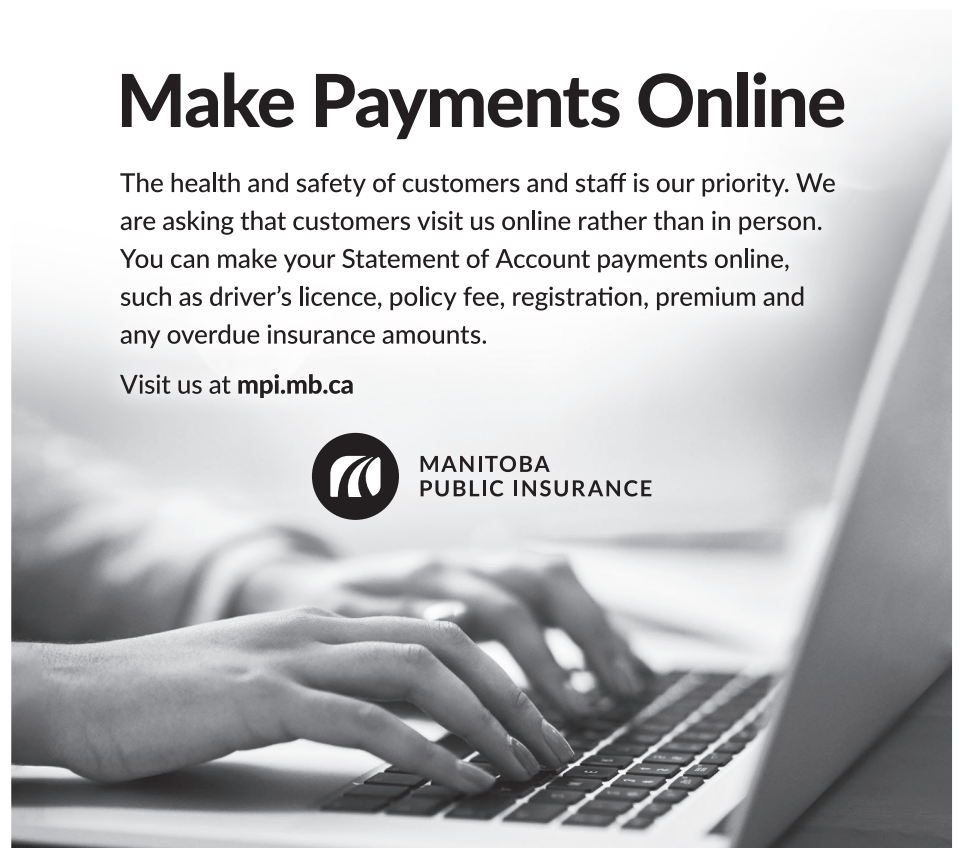
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# 3D printer doing their part

## EXTRUD3D making face mask extenders for those who need them

By Lorne Stelmach

A local resident who operates a 3D printing business from home is doing his part to help the front line workers in the midst of the pandemic.

Tyler Moran, who runs EXTRUD3D with wife Brittany, has been employing their printing equipment to make face mask extenders for those who need them.

"It seems like a small thing to me, someone who doesn't need one, but to all the people who need them apparently it's a pretty good thing to have," Moran said last week. "Having those things hooked around the back of your ears for hours, it starts to wear them down."

EXTRUD3D is a sideline for Moran, who works at SolutionsIT and is also well-known locally his distinctive Ghostbusters car.

"A lot of the parts on top of that car I made with my 3D printers," said Moran, who saw the interest and demand for 3D printing grow from there.

"There's lots of stuff I can make you ... it takes a long time to make stuff, so I just slowly acquired more printers over time. I've got nine of them sitting downstairs there now."

When the COVID-19 pandemic be-

gan, Moran saw an opportunity to put those printers to use to help out.

"I see all these people that wear these masks all the time and what it's doing to their ears ... I thought I could help with that, if [the printers] are not doing anything at any given moment, then they might as well be doing something."

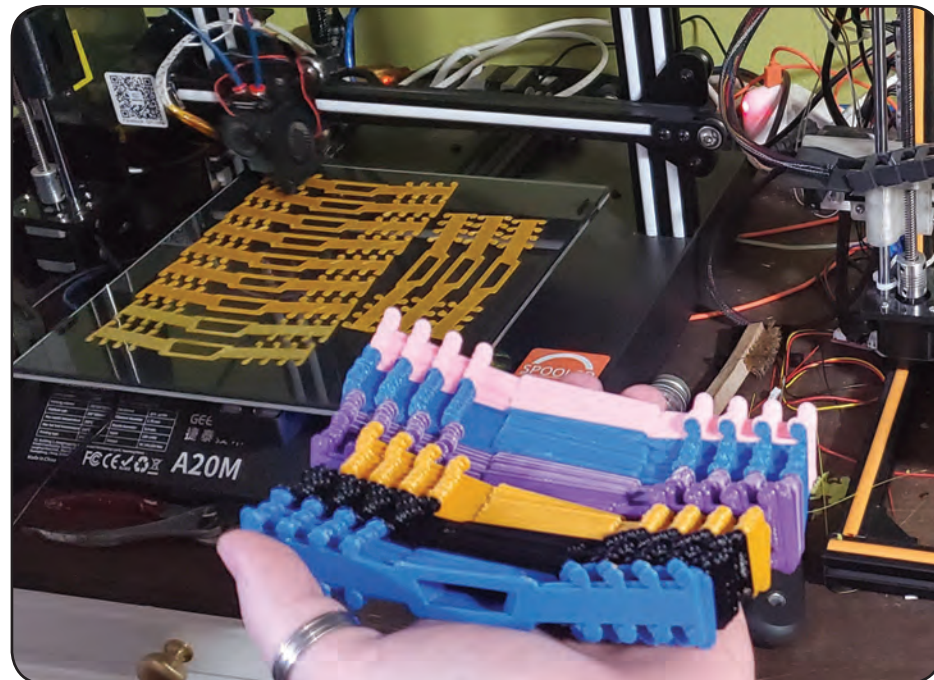
He is now about two weeks into making the extenders. Moran estimated he had handed out about 350 as of last Wednesday, with another 350 or so printed and available.

The majority of the people making use of them work in health care, including at the clinics in Winkler and Morden and facilities like Salem Home, Gateway Resources, and the Eden Mental Health Centre.

"I saw a few people at Boundary Trails [Health Centre] had a couple that they were testing out to see if they want some more ... home care workers ... anyone who needs to have a mask on for long periods of time."

The Morans are providing the extenders to anyone who needs them free of charge.

"I'm not trying to make any money off this stuff. I just give them away," Moran said, noting, however, that some people have wanted to give



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EXTRUD3D has printed hundreds of plastic face mask extenders, which protect the ears of front line workers who find themselves wearing masks for long periods of time.

something in thanks. "If we get any donations, that's all going directly to our church [Morden Alliance Church]. They're using that for the people who can't get out to the stores and people that need necessities."

He is pleased that the early feedback he's received from people has been very positive.

"People are very happy with saving their ears. I didn't know ear fatigue was a thing that happened ... we've



had a lot of people come back for more."

You can connect with EXTRUD3D through Facebook or by emailing sales@extrud3d.xyz.

# Police keeping an eye out for large public gatherings

## Winkler chief says education, warnings are their go-tos before ticketing

By Ashleigh Viveiros

Despite rumours flying around to the contrary, Winkler Police say they have not yet issued any tickets related to violations of Manitoba's COVID-19 Public Health Order.

Chief Ryan Hunt said last week that officers are keeping an eye out for public gatherings of more than 10 people, but their first step when they find one is education, not a fine.

"We're taking stepped enforcement approach on this," he said. "First educating and giving verbal warnings before we issue any tickets."

Hunt explained that police have limited authority when it comes to ticketing for non-compliance.

"The only enforcement action we'll be taking is groups of greater than 10 people," he said, going on to further note that, if directed to by public

health officials, police could also fine non-critical businesses for remaining open when they should be closed.

Businesses that are allowed to be open but are not following the rules regarding physical distancing and public safety could also be penalized. Again, that would be at the request of public health officials.

Individuals in violation of the emergency orders could be fined \$486, while businesses face tickets of \$2,542.

There have been recent reports on social media of people claiming to know someone who was fined in the Winkler area for simply walking with a friend with a different physical address from them.

While the Manitoba government continues to stress the importance of staying home and avoiding prolonged, close contact with people with whom you do not live, as of press

time Tuesday morning, failing to follow those suggestions are not fineable offenses.

Likewise, Manitoba police do not currently have the authority to fine people for failing to follow physical distancing guidelines (remaining two meters/six feet away from others in public).

## WINKLERITES HAVE BEEN STEPPING UP

In the first week after the province set fines for non-compliance, Hunt said police encountered very few large public gatherings. Winklerites seem to be doing their best to follow the rules.

"For the most part, I think they are," Hunt said, noting he was pleased to see most people took pleas to avoid Easter weekend gatherings to heart,

judging by the empty streets and driveways police saw while on patrol over the holiday weekend. "I was impressed at that."

If you see a large group of people gathering in a public place or are concerned that a business is not complying with provincial restrictions, Hunt stressed that you should not call the local police line.

All calls regarding non-compliance should go to the Manitoba Government Inquiry line at 1-866-626-4862. You can also email [mgi@gov.mb.ca](mailto:mgi@gov.mb.ca).

Reports are assessed to determine if they need to be passed along to law enforcement for follow up.

Hunt wasn't sure how quickly those tips will be passed on to local police, but he points out that officers are out in the community regularly. So if you



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# Got art? Morden woman invites you to share it on her fence



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Three-year-old Lincoln Krahn in front of the Art on the Fence project his mom, Kat Thiessen, has launched at the family's home on Nelson St. in Morden. Thiessen invites everyone to come clip a piece of art to their fence.

By Lorne Stelmach

People are finding myriad ways to help brighten each other's days, and Kat Thiessen found her inspiration through her young son Lincoln Krahn.

The Morden resident started what she is calling Art on the Fence at her home at 355 Nelson St. as her small response amidst the pandemic.

"I have a three-year-old and he is very bored at home with no day care and nothing to do," explained Thiessen.

"He likes to express himself with art, and I think a lot of other kids and people like to do that as well. So I thought this could be a way for people to be able to do something and have something positive to look at while they are out there."

She invites people to bring their piece of art in a plastic bag and clip it to her fence for the community to enjoy. Clips are available for use on-site.

She's not sure how many people will

take her up on her offer of a blank canvas of sorts, but she's looking forward to finding out.

"Whatever happens ... it's fun for whoever puts something up, and it's fun for us to look at," said Thiessen.

"There's no rules," she said. "It's mostly kids so far, but absolutely anyone ... is more than welcome to add something to the fence."

Thiessen said she would be happy if this little idea would brighten someone's day, even if just for a moment.

"We just want to put out something positive for everyone as we all try to adjust to our new normal. Everything seems pretty focused on one thing right now and it's nice to look at something else," she said.

"We'll see where this goes. I was thinking if there was quite a bit that happens to come together, if people don't come get them, I might just put them into a scrapbook and bring it to the Morden Library or some place so people could see it."

# Morden Fire & Rescue looking for firefighters

By Lorne Stelmach

Morden Fire and Rescue are beginning the recruitment process to fill a few vacancies in the department.

It comes after they bid farewell to two firefighters, one who retired and another who moved out of the area.

"We lost a couple a number of years ago for the same reasons," said Chief Andy Thiessen, who noted they wait to recruit until they're able to bring several new people on board at once for training.

"We'll hopefully go through the process this spring, once the COVID thing clears up a bit," he added. "I know that we have the four empty spots, and I might be anticipating one more retirement this year."

"Our limit is 36, and that's where I would like to get us again."

Thiessen explained the process of hiring and then training rookie firefighters takes some time.

"It takes maybe a good year, year and a half to get a new recruit really up to speed on how we do things," he said. "The first little while ... you're learning a lot of new stuff and procedures, but it all needs to be done."

An advantage is that the level one training can all be done locally before the final testing is done in Brandon.

"The actual course we can do right on-site," Thiessen said. "And with our

training site getting more developed as we go along, we can do a lot of the skills there."

As to what they look for in their recruits, Thiessen touched on a few basic requirements.

"They can't be claustrophobic; heights can't be an issue," he said. "Most importantly, we look for some-

one who can work in a team situation, someone who is willing to take direction."

"And then we look for the obvious physical requirements. We go through a physical process to make sure they have the strength to do what we're asking them to do."

Most everything else can be taught.

"They can come green as grass as long as they have a willingness to learn and want to be here," Thiessen said.

The deadline for applications is May 1. Anyone interested can contact Morden Fire and Rescue at 204-822-3888 for more information.

# Fire truck parade set for April 22

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ferent from the norm, we wanted to take part.

"The other thing was to help some local businesses in any way we could to help spur some business for them."

Thiessen noted driving around the community actually served as training of sorts for the firefighters.

"Now that we can't do some physical training, we still wanted to have the guys thinking about it in some way," he said. "I use to call it a fire hydrant drill ... a location drill ... this gives the guys an opportunity to think about where certain streets are in the city."

"But it's also just having some fun

with it at the same time," he added, citing the camaraderie of it all. "We're not feeling like we're totally disconnected, but one guy came in here [to the fire hall] the other day, and it said it feels like it's been a year since we've been doing anything in here."

"So if there's something that we can do together, even if it's just half of us, at least there's some action happening," said Thiessen, who noted their hope for the next Fire Friday is to hook up with Chicken Chef for deliveries. A date has yet to be determined.

Morden's fire trucks were also slated to roll out through town this Wednesday starting at 6 p.m. for a special parade.

"It's trying to do something special for the kids mainly," said Thiessen, who added they plan to go through numerous neighbourhoods throughout the city.

"What we were going to try to do was follow the school bus route and try to reach the large majority of kids," the chief said. "You can be socially distancing but have something to come and look at along the way."

Kids are invited to draw a poster of the parade and drop it off at the fire hall.

"I hope we can put all of the posters on our windows here at the fire hall," said Thiessen. "Hopefully I can plaster every window full ... that would be awesome."



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# Salem Fdn. launches first 'Armchair Fundraiser'



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Funds from the Salem Foundation allowed Salem Home to replace 30-year-old old furniture (left) in 40 Maple North resident rooms with new, more durable pieces (above). Now the foundation is hoping to raise approximately \$146,000 to purchase furniture for 56 rooms in the care home's Evergreen and Maple South units.

By Ashleigh Viveiros

Forty residents at Salem Home are enjoying new furniture in their rooms thanks to the generosity of the community.

The Winkler personal care home recently installed new bedside tables and dressers in its Maple North suites. Funds for the project came from last fall's Building for Tomorrow banquet.

The pieces replaced furniture that was over 30 years old and, in many cases, pretty banged up, says Charmaine Harder, Salem Foundation executive coordinator.

"The furniture's been well loved and well used for 30 years and it shows," she says. "It was time for an upgrade."

These new pieces not only provide a fresh, modern look but are also much more durable, built to withstand the constant cleaning required in a care home.

"It's made the cleaning a lot easier," says Karin Oliveira, director of resident care services. "It's a little bit higher off the ground, so for house-keeping to go under it is a lot easier."

Also, each part of the furniture is replaceable if it becomes broken or damaged without having to replace the entire unit.

These first 40 pieces were just phase one of Salem's overall furniture replacement project.

They now hope to raise approximately \$146,000 to purchase night stands and dressers for 56 rooms in

their Evergreen and Maple South units.

The Salem Foundation had planned to get started raising those funds at its spring fellowship and song fasha celebration this weekend, but COVID-19 forced them to cancel that event.

Instead, supporters are invited to take part in Salem's very first "Armchair Fundraiser."

"We came up with the idea of the Armchair Fundraiser because it's still important for us to raise funds for the new furniture, so we're trying to be creative with this," says Harder, explaining the idea behind it is you can make a donation without having to leave the comfort of your home or even your favourite chair.

The campaign runs from April 23 to May 29. You can donate online at salemhome.ca, by credit card by calling 204-325-4316, or by mailing in a cheque payable to the Salem Foundation to 165 15th Street, Winkler MB, R6W 1T8.

"I know this is a difficult time for many people in the community, for businesses and families," says Harder. "Any support that we can get will be greatly appreciated, but we also understand that these are challenging times."

"We've always appreciated everything that the community has done to support the Salem Foundation and our residents and we're hopeful that we can still move forward with this [project]."

## CBSA introduces reduced border crossing hours

The Canada Border Services Agency (CBSA) is temporarily reducing its service hours at several low-traffic ports of entry along the Canada-

United States border.

The border has been closed to non-essential travel for weeks now in a bid to slow the spread of the novel coronavirus. Commercial traffic remains allowed.

To further those efforts, as of April 15, 27 border checkpoints across the country moved to modified hours, including six in Manitoba.

In our area, the Winkler crossing is now open seven days a week from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m., Greta is open from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., and Windygates is open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The CBSA says this temporary reduction of service hours will be reviewed on an ongoing basis as the public health situation evolves.

## RCMP receive 64 calls in first week of COVID-19 enforcement

Manitoba RCMP released statistics on its first few days of COVID-19 enforcement last week.

Between April 8-13, RCMP received 64 calls related to COVID-19.

The majority of those calls were reports of 10 or more people gathering at a location and not respecting the orders in place under The Public Health Act.

Enforcement was not required for 46 of the calls as they either did not fall under the purview of the RCMP or were resolved through education

and/or guidance given by responding officers.

In 18 instances, officers attended the location of the complaint and issued a verbal warning.

There were no fines issued or arrests made during this time period.

Manitobans living outside of Winnipeg are reminded not to call 911 for COVID-19 related issues. Reports of non-compliance can be made to the Manitoba Government Inquiry line at 204-945-3744.

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see a large public gathering happening, it won't be long before a police cruiser encounters it as well.

"We're actively patrolling the community and keeping an eye out for large groups that are gathering in public areas," he said, reiterating

that if they do find one, "we'll approach them and try to educate them that what they're doing is technically an offense."

"We don't really want to give them a ticket. We would prefer that they would just comply."

# 'Carry on and stay strong'

A parade of emergency vehicles from Winkler and Morden drove past Boundary Trails Health Centre last Wednesday with their sirens blaring to pay tribute and say thanks to the staff at the hospital. The parade of vehicles also made stops at places like Salem Home and the Co-op grocery store to thank workers there as well. Morden Fire Chief Andy Thiessen, who spearheaded the parade, said it was their way of encouraging frontline workers of all stripes to "carry on and stay strong."

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## Rural Manitobans not impressed with cell, internet services

### KAP survey shows high rates of dropped calls, internet outages

Almost two-thirds of Manitobans who responded to a survey conducted by Keystone Agricultural Producers this spring expressed dissatisfaction with their mobile phone and internet coverage.

"Farm operations require strong internet and cell coverage to conduct business and ensure that food continues to make its way to market," said Jill Verwey, KAP vice-president and chair of the rural policy committee. "We have heard deep-seated frustration from both farm families and non-farmers about the state of connectivity in rural Manitoba, and providers cannot continue to ask us to pay for a service that is subpar at best."

Many of the comments on the survey reflected an inability to be in touch in emergency situations and with farm employees, a hindered ability to fully participate in business operations, or incurring additional costs to add a booster that

works sporadically.

There are also broad impacts for education, with respondents noting that they are unable to conduct schoolwork, access course materials, or participate in distance learning like webinars.

"With thousands of Manitobans stuck in their homes and relying on internet connections to accomplish important tasks like educating their children, we are all aware that present service levels are unacceptable with daily disruptions," said Verwey. "The best time to fix these gaps was five years ago. The second-best time is now."

Over 1,500 Manitobans representing 113 municipalities from all parts of the province took the survey.

Responses were split nearly in half between farmers (48.9 per cent) and non-farmers (51.1 per cent).

Over 50 per cent of respondents reported ex-

periencing internet service disruptions at least daily, if not multiple times a day.

Meanwhile, more than 66 per cent of respondents said they experience mobile phone service disruptions at least daily or multiple times a day.

In the comment section of the survey, many respondents expressed frustration at paying either the same rates or more than urban residents and yet receiving poorer service.

One respondent noted, "This is the biggest issue holding rural Manitobans back."

KAP says a full report of the survey's results will be shared with both the federal and provincial governments as well as major service providers later this year.

## RHA launches Well Wishes program

By Ashleigh Viveiros

Southern Health-Santé Sud is taking steps to help keep hospital patients and residents of long-term care facilities connected with their friends and loved ones.

The health authority recently launched its Well Wishes program, which allows people to log on and send some virtual love to a person receiving care.

"Right now we're in a unique situation where, for the safety of our patients and residents, we're restricting families and friends from visiting," says CEO Jane Curtis.

It's a blow to patients and family members alike, she said, citing the huge emotional benefits that come from a visit when you're sick or away from your family.

"It is so important. It's an emotional feeling for people in hospital and care homes to know someone is thinking of them," Curtis said.

On the other side of the coin, people are also very much missing the chance to see that their loved ones in care are okay in person.

"It's difficult on both sides and so this is just a way for people to tell their loved ones that they're thinking of them and they miss them and they wish them well," said Curtis.

To send a message, simply head to southernhealth.ca and click on the Well Wishes link.

You'll be asked to include the name and facility of the person you're trying to reach, your name and email, and the brief message you'd like health care workers to pass along. Well Wishes will be printed out for or read aloud to patients, as they prefer.

The email account is checked daily, except on weekends and holidays.

The program saw a number of Well Wishes pour in over the first few days.

"We're seeing some pretty good uptake on it," Curtis said.

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# sports & recreation

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## Wiebe named Brandon U's Female Athlete of the Year

By Lorne Stelmach

A university athlete from Morden earned more accolades this past season for her play on the volleyball court.

Rayvn Wiebe's fourth year with the Brandon University Bobcats recently brought her the school's outstanding female athlete of the year honour.

It was a solid season for Wiebe, who was female athlete of the month for November and led the team in kills, kills per set, service aces and total points this year.

Wiebe's outstanding season came with a heavy workload as she played in every match in the regular season and set a new program record with 28 kills in a single match November 7 against Winnipeg.

"We didn't qualify for the playoffs, so for our team as a whole, it wasn't the most successful ... but it was cool to be honoured with this award," said Wiebe, who is the daughter of Merley and Ken Wiebe.

She feels her game has continued to develop since her years in Morden, where she was a AAA tournament

all-star in her senior year.

Before committing to the Bobcats, she played three years with Team Manitoba and captained the 15U team before playing 16U and with the 17U team that competed at the Western Canada Summer Games in 2015.

Coming into this past season with three years of university level experience behind her further advanced her game, and the November game against the University of Winnipeg became a highlight.

"That was a long game against U of W," noted Wiebe, who acknowledged there is a rush in making the kills. "It's a huge part of my role on the team ... volleyball goes beyond kills, but kills certainly are a focus of the game. You couldn't do that without the digs or the sets."

She was quick to pass on the credit to her teammates and coaches.

"Certainly my success is attributed to the help from my teammates. I'm only one player out of the six on the floor. It really is such a group effort," said Wiebe, who now looks forward to her fifth and final season this fall while she completes her science de-



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Mordenite Rayvn Wiebe had a stellar season with the Brandon University Bobcats.

gree.

"Developing the chemistry with your teammates is a really cool aspect of the game," said Wiebe. "I love to be out there with my teammates and be along the same side of the net with them ... even the interaction with my opponents as well."

"It's been a journey, and my coaches and teammates have certainly helped me get to where I am today."



## Female Hawks hand out year-end awards

By Lorne Stelmach

The female Pembina Valley Hawks officially closed the books on their season by handing out their year-end awards recently.

Team veterans Cora Fijala and Quinn McLaren share the most valuable player honours, while goaltender Tria Enns earned the MVP award for the Hawks' short playoff run.

The season came to an end for Pembina Valley against Yellowhead as they dropped three straight in their best-of-five quarter-final.

Also named as a league first team all-star on defense, McLaren finished the regular season with 12 goals and eight assists for 20 points, while Fijala had a goal and 19 assists for 20 points.

Enns, meanwhile, kept the three

playoff games close for the Hawks in stopping 110 of the 121 shots she faced against the Chiefs.

Another veteran in Tessa Odell earned honours as the top scorer with a campaign that saw her record

12 goals and 14 assists for 26 points.

Other year-end awards include Enns as the most improved, Abbi Conrad with the coaches award, Janik Grenier as the most sportsmanlike and Abbey Bourdeaud'hui as rookie

of the year after a season that saw her lead the team in goals with 13 and 20 points overall.

The season's end also marked a final farewell for three graduating players in Fijala, Odell and Erica Pouteau.

## Isaak picks up trio of team honours

Daniel Isaak picked up a few honours as the male Pembina Valley Hawks recently announced their year-end team awards.

The forward from Lowe Farm earned the most valuable player and top scorer awards while also sharing the coaches award with Rylan Thomas.

Isaak led the team in scoring in the regular season with 33 goals and 65

points, which had him fifth overall in the league. He chipped in another two goals and four points in six playoff games until play was halted as a result of the pandemic.

The top goal scorer was Justin Keck with 34. He was second overall with 64 points and also picked up three goals in the playoffs.

The playoff MVP honours went to

Roux Bazin, who had six goals and 11 points.

Thomas was also named the most improved player, while the best defenceman was William Irvine. Andrew Boucher was selected as the best defensive forward, rookie of the year was goaltender Reid Dyck, and the unsung hero award went to Tyler Park.

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Sudoku Answer


Crossword Answer

# CROSSWORD

### CLUES ACROSS

- Revolutions per minute
- Hymns
- Brew
- Did not acknowledge
- Atomic #77
- Partly digested food
- Not one
- Lesotho capital
- Copyreading
- Living organism that feeds on organic matter
- One's biological father
- An aggregate of molecules
- Equally
- Khoikhoi people
- Jump in figure skating
- Lantern
- TV network
- Georges \_\_, French philosopher
- Sharp, shrill bark
- Albanian monetary units
- Launched Apollo
- One who graduated
- Exist
- Passed by
- Very unpleasant smell
- Graduates
- Seedless raisin
- Self-protection
- Clue
- Life-savers
- Ingest too much
- Misrepresented
- Small Eurasian deer
- Most mocking
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### CLUES DOWN

- Flower cluster
- A form
- Inner organ regions
- Local law enforcement
- A citizen of Senegal
- Positively charged electrodes
- Connects granules
- Business practice
- The Mount Rushmore State
- Leader
- Hindu queen
- Proofreading mark
- European country
- Greek mythological nymph
- Grandfather
- Clears
- Amount of time
- Mollusks
- German municipality
- Body part
- City of Angels hoopsters
- Suffocate
- Pleasing to the eye
- Poplar trees (Spanish)
- Ship officer
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Beverley, Shirley, Alan  
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In death we love you still.  
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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

On the date and at the time and locations shown below, a PUBLIC HEARING will be held to receive representations from any person(s) who wish to make them in respect to the following matter:

**R.M. OF ROLAND BY-LAW 5-2020  
BEING AN AMENDMENT TO THE R.M. OF ROLAND  
ZONING BY-LAW 6-2001, AS AMENDED.**

**HEARING LOCATION:** R.M. of Roland Council Chambers, 45-3rd Street, Roland, Manitoba.

**DATE & TIME:** May 12, 2020 at 9:00a.m.

**GENERAL INTENT OF BY-LAW 06-2019:** To amend Table 4-5 to allow for residential uses to be considered as conditional uses in the Commercial/Industrial zones.

**FOR INFORMATION CONTACT:**  
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**OBITUARY**



**Abraham (Jim) Wall  
1972 - 2020**

Jim Wall passed away suddenly on Sunday, April 12, 2020 in his garage next to his beloved Jeep and our dog, Lou.

Jim was born on September 5, 1972 and was raised in Mexico, Morden and Reinfeld. Being raised in a family of nine kids, Jim was always surrounded by siblings and with many other kids from the village. Jim was quiet, shy and had a quirky sense of humour. He got a kick out of tormenting others but was always known as the nice guy who would help anyone out if they needed. He had a very kind heart.

On June 8, 2000 Jim became a dad to Shaelynn. Shae had a special place in Jim's heart. No matter the distance between them, Jim always wondered and worried what she was up to or how she

was doing. He always enjoyed their time together and learning new ways to connect.

Jim loved Jeeps! And it drove him nuts if a new Jeep was in town and he hadn't met the owner yet, especially if it had modifications. Summer of 2002, Amanda had bought a modified Jeep, and soon after, Jim knew the owner and on September 17, 2005 Jim and Amanda were married. On January 24, 2006 they welcomed Little Miss Madisyn. As if a new baby wasn't busy enough, Jim and Amanda started fostering children in which they made a home for several little ones over two years.

Jim and Amanda spent many years a part of the Manitoba Mud Racers group going from mud bogs to mud bogs, Jim loved meeting new people and making lifelong friends along the way. As Madisyn got older, it was time to change the pace, the mud truck was sold; and a camper was bought. Camping became a highlight for Jim, he loved fishing, being out on the boat, sitting around the fire, and a good long camper nap. Homemade Camping Peanut Buster Parfaits and Peach Pie Frys were always a favourite. You could always count on Jim for having the coffee on before the sun was up. He enjoyed camping with friends, and hearing about others day as he often missed activities due to naps, but he would always say those were the best weekends spent. Madisyn, Amanda and Jeeps were Jim's World. No matter what Madisyn was doing, what sport she was playing or what her mark was in school, he was proud. Travelling from rink to rink all winter long, he knew which one had the best fries and of course, it was Manitou. They spent many hours in the yard playing catch, practicing batting and pitching...until she hit him in the eye. They shared many passions together, fishing, archery, animals especially cats, driving quads and they share that same quirky sense of humour and of course that 'Need for Speed'.

Jim always had a project on the go, sometimes he was told 'this one ya gotta sell' and he usually agreed, but that followed quickly with a new project. 'The Velocity Tank' was his most recent project. Its been a labour of love, he has enjoyed researching, watching the progress, tinkering, and changing things to always make it better and faster. Of course, no project is ever completely done.

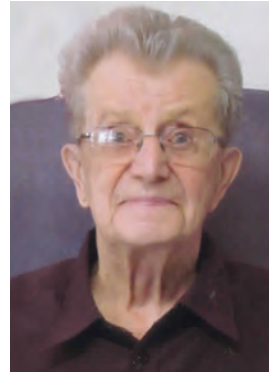
Jim will be deeply missed by his wife, Amanda; daughters, Madisyn and Shaelynn; parents, Abe and Elizabeth Wall; siblings, Mary and Pete Hildebrandt, Pete Wall, John and Lori Wall, Liz and John Wall, Tina and Al Derksen, Sadie and Mark Enns, Cornie and Mary Wall and Bob Wall and Sabrina; and 25 special nieces and nephews along with their spouses and children. Jim will also be missed by Amanda's family, Brad MacDonald, Ruth and Ray Windsor, Melissa and Garrett, Colton, Cali, Cyson and Cynlee Graham, Hugh and Rose Morrow and several extended family members and friends who are as special as family.

A private graveside service was held on Monday, April 20, 2020 at the Manitou Cemetery. Donations may be made in Jim's memory to the Manitou Community Arena.

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**OBITUARY**



**Peter Peters  
1925 - 2020**

On Monday, April 13, 2020 Peter Peters, 94 passed away at Tabor Home in Morden, MB.

He is survived by three sons, Ken, Alvin and Roger and their families. He was predeceased by his wife, Mary, son, Barry and daughter-in-law, Paulette.

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**OBITUARY**



**Margaret Helen Dyck  
1952 - 2020**

On Thursday, April 9, 2020 at the Boundary Trails Health Centre, Margaret Helen Dyck, aged 67 years, of Morden, MB, formerly of Stephenfield, MB, went to be with Jesus, her Lord and Savior.

Margaret was born September 12, 1952 to Jacob and Margaret Dyck. She was baptized upon the confession of her faith on May 28, 1972. Because of her faith, she had a great desire for others to know the Lord; her nieces and nephews, the Sunday School, Lamplighters and DVBS children she taught over the years. She loved the children and they loved her. Margaret also enjoyed farming - the field work and the baby calves! She enjoyed gardening, starting and growing her own plants. She loved wiener roasts and always enjoyed good watermelon and rainbows - they

reminded her of God's goodness and promises and that He would care for her no matter what came into her life.

Margaret was predeceased by her father, Jacob in 2004. She is survived by her mother, Margaret; five sisters, Anna and Arnold Wiebe, Susan, Elizabeth and John Lemky, Mary and Don Ginter and Jessie and Cliff Harms; her nieces and nephews: Candice, Byron (Destiny), Michael, Matthew (Mikaela), Brian (fiancée, Thoa), Janice (Thomas), Adam (friend, Annie), Jerusha, Ryan, Travis (fiancée, Krystalyn), Merlin and Shauna and by many friends.

A private family burial took place at the Rosenbach Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Margaret's memory to Samaritan's Purse Canada 20 Hopewell Way NE Calgary, AB T3J 9Z9 designated to "The Greatest Journey".

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**OBITUARY**



**Jacob Dyck  
1932 - 2020**

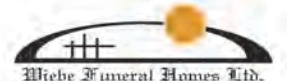
After a year of struggling with the last stages of prostate cancer, Jacob (Jake) Dyck, age 87 formerly of Eyebrow, SK, passed away early morning Easter Monday, April 13, 2020, at Boundary Trails Health Centre.

Dad was born on May 21, 1932 in Neuhorst, Ukraine; then called Russia. He was the second of seven children. During the war, Dad's family fled from Russia to Germany, and then to Canada in 1948. After a few years in Saskatchewan, the family moved to Alberta. There he married Anne Klassen on July 20, 1958. Dad worked in the dam construction industry, driving truck and heavy equipment. This job eventually took him back to Saskatchewan to help build the Gardiner Dam. Dad always wanted to farm, and he got his chance in 1965. Together with Anne, they farmed for the next 29 years in the Eyebrow area. Upon retirement in 1994, he enjoyed golfing, and many trips with Anne, visiting family, friends and seeing some of the world. They moved to Winkler in 2014 to be close to family. Here, they enjoyed meeting new friends, getting involved in the Mennonite Berghthaler Church, and going to concerts. Dad had a strong faith, which was evident in the way he lived and in the choices he made in his life.

He is survived by his wife, Anne (nee Klassen); daughter, Connie (Gord) and their children Lynette, Jeremy, and Alyssa; and sons, Marvin (Dorothy) and their children Christy and Joey; Tim (Tatyana) and their child Sasha, and Larry (Lana). He was predeceased by his parents, one sister, four brothers-in-law and two sisters-in-law.

A private graveside service was held on Thursday, April 16, 2020 at the Reinfeld Cemetery. A memorial service will take place at a later date.

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