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Parkhill St. was one of several roads in Morden awash in water from Dead Horse Creek last Saturday. Public works staff had to dismantle the guardrails to keep them from trapping debris. For the full story, see Pg. 3.

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Left: Several local businesses supplied the heavy machinery needed to lower water levels in Winkler's south dike and get the culverts damaged by fast-moving water out to avoid major flooding in the southern part of the city. Above: The remains of the culverts that run under Hwy. 32, which were twisted out of position and ended up creating a blockage that backed water up.

Community rallies to avert dike disaster

By Ashleigh Viveiros

Twisted hunks of metal could be seen on the side of Hwy. 32 in Winkler all last week—a stark reminder of just how close the city came to having to declare a state of emergency due to flooding.

The culvert that runs under the highway at the south dike buckled under the strain of rushing waters late in the day on Monday, April 25.

So fast was the flow that the culvert was flipped up across the path of the water, causing the dike that protects the southern edge of Winkler to reach alarming heights.

Mayor Martin Harder said public works staff had been keeping an eye on the rising waters throughout the day.

When the culvert failed, the response was swift. A call went out for tractors, excavators, and pumps and the community quickly responded, numerous local businesses sending

equipment and manpower to help.

“They got some big backhoes in there and they actually tore the end of the culvert off and took it out ... that didn’t solve the problem yet—obviously we still had all the tractors there and the pumps going to keep the water moving,” Harder said, noting the collective efforts of countless people helped open the flow back up and bring the dike levels down before water could flood the nearby residential area.

The fact the community so readily mobilized to avert disaster doesn’t surprise Harder in the least.

“That is what this region is known for. It was so good to see and we’re so thankful. It really exemplifies exactly what we do in this community.”

Had the worst case scenario played out, the overwhelmed dike and potentially compromised lift station nearby would have sent water through much of south Winkler.

“With that volume of water it wouldn’t have taken very long to fill basements,” Harder observed.

An emergency alert went out to everyone who lives in the affected area and has signed up to receive such notifications (you can do so online at cityofwinkler.ca).

It warned of the risk of overland flooding and advised people to prepare for evacuation and standby for further instruction. A second alert was issued a few hours later when the situation was resolved.

Southern Emergency Response Committee coordinator Darin Driedger says they don’t send out such alerts lightly.

“It would have been a significant amount of people that would have had to get out of that area” had the dike failed, he said, explaining the alerts went out only to those living in the southern part of the city. “We weren’t exactly sure [how far the water would reach] but obviously you want to be cautious and cast a big net in that kind of situation. We would have been looking at lots of homes being evacuated.”

In addition to the emergency alerts going out, SERC and city staff were posting updates on the situation on

their social media pages.

It’s a balancing act between keeping people informed and not alarming them unnecessarily, Driedger reflected.

“We’re always trying to strike that balance between properly accessing the risk and making sure people are aware of what the potential is for how serious it is while also looking at, at this stage, what is too much and what is reasonably required,” he said. “That was the struggle that night was finding that balance. I thought we did a reasonably good job of trying to balance those issues.”

Residents of south Winkler who are signed up to receive emergency alerts on their phone but didn’t receive one or both of the notifications that night are urged contact the City of Winkler so they can look into why that may have happened.

Driedger also encourages everyone to sign up for community notifications on their cell phones or landlines and to check local news media and social media pages (both SERC and the City of Winkler) for updates during unfolding emergencies.



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While Winkler was lucky enough to avoid flooding when the dike threatened to overflow April 25, nearly a week later, on May 1, Pembina Ave. by the cemetery had to be closed due to rising waters.

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Dead Horse Creek floods Morden streets

By Lorne Stelmach

The flash flooding over the weekend may have subsided, but the cleanup and recovery will continue for some time in Morden.

The third straight weekend of severe weather saw the city declare a state of emergency Saturday as the Dead Horse Creek spilled its banks in several locations.

There were homes put on standby for evacuation, and a few roads were closed for most of the day as some streets particularly in the area of the Parkhill and Alvey bridges were impassable, with the latter having already been damaged previously.

"The water levels obviously just rose so fast and to the point that we clearly had an emergency situation ... we were dealing with really high water levels," said city manager Nicole Reidle.

"Into Saturday evening we noticed they were starting to recede a bit," she noted. "And then by Sunday morning things had quieted down, not back to normal levels, obviously, but we were out of that emergency state by then at least."

The Southern Emergency Response

Committee (SERC) came in to help, setting up an emergency response centre at the Access Event Centre and helping to coordinate sandbagging volunteers.

"Having SERC definitely helped our operations move along more smoothly," said Reidle. "It's a valuable organization to have in our region, absolutely."

Morden public works staff worked around the clock to battle the rising waters, getting help from their counterparts in Winkler as well. Contractors were also on hand through the weekend providing heavy equipment to remove debris, haul sand, and transport sandbags and firefighters through the deep water.

Morden Fire and Rescue members assisted with filling sandbags and protecting properties that were most at risk of flooding. They conducted property protection for nearly 10 hours, the department reported, while also responding to two emergency calls for assistance due to the flooding.

Morden police were also out helping to monitor closed roadways. During the worst of it Saturday, Mountain was closed from Gilmour north and



PHOTOS BY LORNE STELMACH/VOICE

Ninth St. at South Railway Ave. was one of several streets covered with water in Morden Saturday as Dead Horse Creek jumped its banks throughout the city. Below: Cochlan Dr. was completely submerged.

then Parkhill east to the bridge. The area around Alvey and Maple was also closed off.

Reidle praised the community in general for how people rallied to help out as things clearly worsened overnight Friday and then through the day Saturday.

"We received a few phone calls about neighbours helping neighbours, and it was nice to see such a sense of community with this ... it was nice to see how people came together," she said. "When the call for volunteers went out, we were actually overwhelmed with how many people called in to offer their services."

Meanwhile, as if all this wasn't enough to deal with, the city also faced a boil water advisory that came into effect as a result of routine monitoring of the water supply indicating a failure in the treatment process meant poorly treated water was entering the system.

The advisory remained in place at press time Monday, requiring residents to bring all water to a rolling boil for at least one minute before drinking it or using it to wash or prepare food or brush one's teeth.

LESSONS LEARNED

Reached for comment late Monday, Mayor Bran-

don Burley reflected on how fast flooding conditions evolved from Friday evening through to Saturday.

"There's a bit of a learning curve and some lessons to be learned. We probably need to develop a better emergency response policy as to defined roles and things like that," he said.

"Overall, it went well enough. We did have a lot of folks get out to help, and we had help from the City of Winkler," Burley noted. "So there's a lot of reasons to be thankful. There was a lot of community spirit shown for sure."

"By Sunday morning, it almost appeared that nothing had happened ... I'm thankful that it wasn't worse than it actually was," said Burley, who clarified that very few people had to actually leave their homes due to flooding. "There were 50 who were under notice [for evacuation] but the actual number [who left] wasn't nearly that high."

And he explained that the state of emergency declaration allowed the city to bypass some usual protocols, such as, for example, allowing the city manager to make some immediate decisions without requiring council approval. An example of that was directing city staff to dismantle some of the bridge apparatus at Parkhill.

"The guardrails there were taken off because the guardrails were acting as a dam and diverting that that top 10 or 12 inches of water and pushing it east and west rather than downstream," said Burley.



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"There were lots of people wanting to help"

By Ashleigh Viveiros

Last weekend proved a stressful one for residents across the Pembina Valley as overland flooding spilled out of the ditches, washed out rural and urban roads alike, and flooded basements.

The Southern Emergency Response Committee (SERC) activated an emergency operations centre in Morden as Dead Horse Creek flooded large swaths of the city and a local state of

emergency was declared. Fast-moving waters swept into the RM of Stanley as well, making travel in some areas impossible.

Emergencies like this have a way of bringing a community together, and that certainly held true here, with people across Morden-Winkler-Stanley stepping up to do what they could for their neighbours as the waters rose, said SERC emergency coordinator Darin Driedger on Monday.

"There were lots of people wanting

to help," he said. "One of the challenges is we don't want to just turn people loose on the scene. It can come dangerous and unhelpful and even hurt some of the response. So SERC took on a pretty big role in managing those volunteer requests."

About 50 people turned out last Friday to prepare sandbags for the expected weekend flooding. Many more volunteers helped get those sandbags where they were needed across the areas of Stanley and Morden hardest hit.

There were countless businesses who did their part as well, Driedger said, singling out Giesbrecht Excavating and Elias Trucking in particular for doing everything in their power to assist with the sandbagging efforts.

"They were hauling sand in the middle of the night sometimes for people to use. And they let us prepare sandbags in their shops. When I called them up, whatever request I had they made sure it happened, no question ... they really made a difference here this weekend for us."

Likewise, public works staff across the region are to be commended.

"One of the things that I really want to get out there is how hard the local public works crews in all three communities worked these last few

weeks," Driedger said, noting they were out there around the clock keeping an eye on and then responding to the rising flood waters. "The work they did really, really saved the day. It could have been a lot worse if it wasn't for those crews."

RESPECT THE WATER

The region hasn't seen flooding to this level in some time, Driedger noted.

"I think we've all leaned that we have to have a really good respect for the water. It can be dangerous and it can be unpredictable," he said, urging people to remain cautious in the days ahead.

"Water levels will still be high likely for awhile. Really, really be mindful of children if they're outside playing as the water warms up. That is always one of our bigger fears in spring with children playing in full ditches. It can get very dangerous very quickly and it really only takes a moment."

Residents are also asked to respect road closures and, should further flooding happen, avoid travelling to potentially dangerous areas to gawk at the damage.

"If there's barricades or signage saying please don't enter or use this road, please follow that," stressed Driedger. "That is a frustration for some of our public works and fire and emergency personnel is that sometimes people think they can go into an area that's been cordoned off and that can cause problems."



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Volunteers came out in droves to help fill and distribute sandbags across to waterlogged neighbourhoods in Morden and Stanley last weekend.







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And as far as lessons to be learned, Burley expressed a concern about the sightseers.

"A large part of the additional property damage was being caused by trucks who were just out having fun ... we kept trying to message people to stay off the roads.

"We also need to look at our response from the top down and review it and make sure that we're ready for the next thing that happens," he said, also touching on the new reality of climate change.

"I'm of the mind to think this will become more of the norm than the exception. We're seeing these kind of extreme weather events become more prevalent. We're going to become more subject to extreme weather, and we have to be prepared when they happen."



Stanley Park turned into Stanley Lake over the weekend.
SUBMITTED PHOTO BY JEWEL MIRALLES WHITE.

High water across Stanley

By Voice staff

High water flowed through the RM of Stanley over the weekend.

“With the high flows from the west and the very unwelcomed rain, we have had a few areas where water has breached over top of the dikes and overwhelmed drainage systems—however have been able to avoid major issues,” the RM said in its update to the community Sunday night.

Numerous pumping sites were set up across the municipality to try and minimize damage to homes and buildings.

Water levels were receding by Sunday and Monday, but many gravel roads remained in poor condition.

“While some roads are being temporarily patched up to allow for traffic, a number of other crossings will remain closed for quite some time while damages are being assessed and repair



PHOTO BY ASHLEIGH VIVEIROS/VOICE

Fast-moving water rushed through Schanzenfeld over the weekend, closing some roads and flooding properties.

work planned,” the RM said Monday afternoon.

Over 100 roads were damaged to varying degrees due to wash overs. At press time, 10 were still impassable and remain closed to traffic. A full and regularly updated list is available at

rmofstanley.ca.

“We will begin the repair effort immediately with a number of additional resources to assist us to get our roads fixed up as quick as we can,” the RM said. “There is a lot of damage and this will take some time.”

Local police get funding to keep officers on the streets more

By Lorne Stelmach

A new initiative is aiming to equip police services across the province with the technology to collect and manage evidence digitally.

Dubbed the Connected Officer Program (COP), it started on a trial basis in Winnipeg, and funding of \$750,000 will now connect up to 300 police officers across the province with cell-phones equipped with a range of encrypted applications.

The police services in Morden, Winkler, and Altona are among those chosen to be part of the pilot project that provincial officials say will improve police service and effectiveness.

The technology will let officers take statements, upload video, picture, and audio evidence and record notes digitally via typing or talk-to-text and then send the information to police databases through cloud-computing software.

The initiative gets a thumbs up from local police chiefs.

“It should help our officers to do their jobs better in the field, to be more effective and efficient and provide a better service for our community, and to keep the police on the street,” said Morden Chief Brad Neduzak. “It’s so nice to have all the information you

need at your fingertips when you are out in the field.”

“It means less trips to the office and more time on the street,” noted Altona Chief Perry Batchelor. “You’ll have access to a lot of information without having to come back to the office ... and less time in the office is always a good thing.”

“This is a big step toward modernizing law enforcement in Manitoba and within our community,” Winkler Chief Ryan Hunt said.

“Over the last several years, the job of a police officer has changed dramatically, just requiring an increasing amount of time spent on administrative tasks. This should definitely help to alleviate that,” he added. “I think we’ll see a lot of benefits once we get rolling with it.”

Manitoba Justice Minister Kelvin Goertzen said the advancement of digital technology provides police agencies with an opportunity to realize significant operational efficiencies, which will enhance service across Manitoba.

Police will also be able to use the devices to access national databases while on the go. As well, the ability to utilize connected officer technology will support the work of the Manitoba Criminal Intelligence Centre to work

collaboratively with police agencies and promote and co-ordinate the sharing of criminal intelligence and analytics to better target all levels of crime.

“Giving officers the ability to perform work-related tasks digitally, such as inter-officer communication, taking statements or recording evi-

dence, helps modernize policing responsibilities and better serve our communities,” Goertzen said.

“Our government is committed to alleviating extraneous demands on police resources, allowing our police officers to better focus on addressing serious crimes in our communities.”

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I love music. This is not a unique attribute. Many people love music. We live in a region filled with people who love and can even perform music particularly our Mennonite brethren (and sistren? cisterns?).

When it comes to music I think I was a late bloomer. My mum listened primarily to eight track cassettes of OLD country music (not the cool stuff the kids listen to today) like Johnny Cash, Eddie Albert, and Loretta Lynn.

I was not a fan. It always seemed depressing. In fact later in life Mum gave up on country music for that reason. "It just depressed me so I stopped listening" she told me once.

In terms of my own choices I was limited. When I was 11 I received The Smurfs All Star Show album for Christmas (can you imagine an 11-year-old getting a Smurfs album today). I was VERY happy with this (which tells you the state of my musical awakening at the time). I would put it on my small record player and discovered that if I turned the speed down it sounded like a British pop group.

The first music I ever bought was Culture Club's Karma Chameleon on a 45. Listening to Boy George and his amazing voice belt out the lyrics was

fantastic. I actually had the pleasure of seeing him in concert a few years ago in Winnipeg where I was pleased to hear strong Motown and R&B influences I could not hear when I was younger.

After this I bought what might be considered my first "real" album when I was 16: The Beatles' red album two record collection. I bought it from a friend for \$2 because he needed money for cigarettes.

Wow. This album opened my eyes to the power of music in ways Bugs Bunny never could. I mention Bugs Bunny and Looney Tunes in reverence because they introduced me to the classical music of Wagner, Rossini, and others.

By the time I went to university I had bought The Beatles' blue album and Sgt. Pepper's Lonely Hearts Club Band and music became eminently more important to me.

Speaking of university, if you want to broaden your musical horizons I recommend living on a co-ed floor in residence listening to 50 other people's music blaring all the time at the same time. My musical horizons exploded and I gravitated to a wide variety of stuff.

There was Bruce Springsteen, The Smiths, The Cure, Talking Heads, The Sex Pistols, The Clash, The Doors, The Stranglers, Iron Maiden, New Order, Depeche Mode, The Velvet Underground, Pink Floyd, early dance and EDM and soooooo much more. Incredible. Mind expanding. All thanks to friends and what they brought with them.

As a liberal arts student I could take practically any course I wanted and so of course The History of Rock Mu-

sic became one of them along with our text book published by Rolling Stone Magazine.

University was also a great place to see up and coming bands. I got to be security at a Blue Rodeo concert in the pub that could only hold about 100 people. I saw Sarah McLachlan open for The Grapes of Wrath and then there was the time I saw Lenny Kravitz at Barrymores in Ottawa. Who could forget the Billy Idol concert at Lansdown Park? Crazy. I once heard Pink Floyd playing half the city away from my residence. Nuts.

Music has been the...uh...music of my life.

I am not one to lock into a particular decade or genre like most (for me it would be the '80s alternative scene if I did). I like to keep up if I can. These days I focus on smaller, indie types from all over the world like Wet Leg, Bloodywood, The Regrettes, Grimes, Katie Wood or Claire Rosenkrantz and this has been great although I still enjoy the likes of Billie Eilish and Taylor Swift.

For fun (and free beer) I have been playing records once and a while at Rendezvous Tap Room in Morden where I might focus on a decade, a theme, or an artist. It's enjoyable. I'm hoping my wife and I can get to Coachella and some of the other music festivals soon as well.

Yes, music has been influential and evocative in my life (and I bet yours too). If I could recommend anything it would be to expose yourself to new music. Sure you might say "it's not like the old stuff" but you might be surprised—it might even be better.



By Peter Cantelon

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United Way '21 campaign raises \$121K for grants, scholarships

By Lorne Stelmach

Despite the challenges posed by the pandemic, United Way Pembina Valley sees its most recent campaign as a success.

The organization announced this week that it was able to distribute nearly \$114,000 in grant funding this spring to 20 local non-profits.

The 2021-2022 campaign brought in a total of \$121,600 in donations, and \$113,800 will go to support Morden-Winkler charities.

United Way is also distributing \$7,500 in scholarships and bursaries for graduates of Garden Valley Collegiate, Northlands Parkway Collegiate, and Morden Collegiate this June. The remaining \$300 raised will go toward the organization's Skate with Santa public skating events this

Christmas.

Board president Kim Nelson said they thank the residents of the Pembina Valley for their continued support of the United Way.

"Their generosity allows us to provide vital funding to so many worthy projects and programs making a difference in our community. We couldn't do this without you," she said.

"It's nice to know for the local non-profits we were able to disburse the grants to that it's so helpful to be able to give this money and know that the programs or services or whatever

they might need, we are able to contribute to it."

The United Way board had gone into the campaign uncertain what to expect in terms of the level of support after what's been a tough couple of years for everyone. But the commu-

"WE COULDN'T DO THIS WITHOUT YOU."



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From left: United Way Pembina Valley board members Alex Fedorchuk, Kim Nelson, Chris Willsey, Audrey Armstrong, and Liz Reimer with the \$121,600 the community donated in support of local non-profits this past year.

nities stepped up, as they always do.

"As a board, we are very happy ... not being able to host some of the community events or be as involved, this was a great success for us," Nelson said. "This year we did not even have a goal because we just weren't sure ... so this was a nice surprise for us."

With the 2021 campaign dollars distributed, United Way Pembina Valley is now turning its attention to its 2022-

2023 campaign, which will launch this fall. The organization is looking for a few more volunteer board members to make this annual fundraising drive a success. Anyone with a passion for making a difference in their community is invited to reach out to them to learn more about getting involved.

For more information, you can go to www.unitedwaypembina.com or email unitedwaypembina@gmail.com.

2021-2022 United Way grant recipients

- 500 Stephen Community Centre: \$8,500 for staffing expenses.
- Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Pembina Valley: \$9,100 for ongoing mentoring programming.
- Boundary Trails Health Centre Foundation: \$6,800 for hospital equipment.
- Central Station Community Centre: \$7,800 for the Café 545 Community Meal program.
- Cerebral Palsy Association of Manitoba: \$700 for local sledge hockey programming.
- Eden Health Care Services: \$8,900 for its volunteer programming.
- Gateway Resources: \$8,900 for a new sprinkler system for its recycling facility.
- Genesis House: \$6,300 for ongoing programming for the victims of domestic violence.
- Kidney Foundation of Canada (MB): \$2,900 for the launch of a local peer support group.
- Many Hands Resource Centre: \$7,500 for its food bank, drop-in centre, and community meal programs.
- Morden Community Han-

di-van: \$4,600 towards a new handi-van vehicle.

- Morden Parent and Child Resource Centre: \$2,200 for supplies and equipment.
- Morden Youth for Christ: \$8,700 towards a passenger van to provide youth with transportation to YFC programming.
- Pembina Valley Humane Society: \$2,500 towards a new animal transport vehicle.
- Pembina Valley Pregnancy Care Centre: \$5,800 for pregnancy support programming and the Steps in HOPE support group.
- Salem Home: \$7,900 towards its volunteer coordinator position.
- The Bunker: \$4,400 for a restaurant project to teach employment and life skills to at-risk youth.
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Above: Tim and Melissa Hodge, along with children Sophia and Jackson, pose with Winnipeg Blue Bombers snapper Mike Benson (far left) and the Grey Cup, which made a few stops in Morden-Winkler last week.

Grey Cup makes stops in Morden-Winkler

By Lorne Stelmach

Tim Hodge and his family were not going to pass up the chance to join in on a celebration of the second straight Grey Cup championship win for the Winnipeg Blue Bombers.

It's been a long time coming, so the chance to see the trophy in person and pose for a photo at Boston Pizza last Tuesday was a special opportunity for Tim and his wife Melissa and their children Sophia and Jackson.

"Melissa and I have been fans pretty much since we could walk and talk ...

but we had to wait quite a while to get a championship. The fact that it's now been back-to-back is amazing," said Hodge.

"It's so exciting that the Bombers brought the Grey Cup out to Morden," he added. "It's so great for the kids to get photos with the cup."

"It's awesome what the Bombers have been doing, taking it all over the province yet again after winning it ... a couple times in a row."

The Bombers' long snapper Mike Benson spent the day touring the region with the cup including stops in

Morris and Winkler before ending in Morden.

It was also special for Benson, who hails from St. Paul's High School in Winnipeg and played for the Winnipeg Rifles junior team before attending Acadia University.

His first year with his hometown team was a memorable one, as he played an integral role in a dominant season capped by victory in the 108th Grey Cup. Benson played in all 14 regular-season games and both the western final and Grey Cup final.

"They have been travelling all over the place. I know they were in Dauphin, they were in Portage, they've been in Brandon ... and they're going

to all of the communities that they can in the short period of time that we have the cup here to say thanks," said Benson.

"I love it," he said. "For a fan, it makes their day, it makes their year. I'm lucky and I'm happy to be able to go and help, spread our love and show our appreciation to the fans ... anything for the best fans in the CFL."

It is important for the team to do all that they can to make connections with communities all over the province, Benson noted.

"We go to a lot of schools and the kids love it ... it's just a great time overall. Everyone enjoys it."

Access CU rises above pandemic challenges

Financial institution reports on a strong year of growth at its annual general meeting

By Lorne Stelmach

Amidst the ongoing challenges of the past year came continued growth for the Access Credit Union.

The completion of one merger and then the approval of another that will come this year were among the highlights noted as the financial institution held its annual meeting online last Thursday.

"The unity between Access and Crosstown Civic on Jan-

uary 1 resulted in us becoming a stronger credit union, not only in our financials but also in our resources, operations and people," said outgoing board chair Ingrid Loewen.

"Throughout the year, we were able to deliver on the merger promises of a new and improved product and service lineup, a new brand, an expanded branch network and a healthy patronage program that shared our success with members."

"Our focus remains on sustainable growth and efficiency, growing our membership, enhancing our community involvement, helping our personal and business members thrive and expanding our product and service offerings," said CEO Larry Davey, who also highlighted the upcoming merger effective July 1 with the Noventis and Sunova credit unions.

"Throughout the merger process, we have promised minimal impact to our members as we decided to maintain our existing core banking

system and online banking platform," he said. "Although integration will take time to implement and there may be some bumps along the way, our commitment to member service will remain our highest priority."

And while further mergers may be considered, there is nothing on the horizon right now, Davey said.

"We're in an environment where the system is definitely looking to collaborate more and more, so would we expect that other credit unions will reach out to us because we've created something here? I think we would, but there's nothing coming today."

The credit union enjoyed asset growth of 5.4 per cent to just under \$6.2 billion, and there was net income of over \$23.5 million.

The loan portfolio had a strong year and grew 11.18 per cent to almost \$5.1 billion, while there

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Altona hospital working to restore 24-hour ER

By Ty Dilello

The Altona Community Memorial Health Centre has been slowly working on resuming its 24-hour emergency services.

Southern Health-Santé Sud reports that since January they have been able to increase the hospital's nursing capacity and resume Emergency Department Services for 12 hours a day, from 9 am to 9 p.m.

"For Altona, it's been a really successful story," said health centre manager Kevin Hamilton. "Our emergency department was closed for close to nine months after a year of significant service disruptions. These were primarily due to nursing shortages. Once we teamed up with some of the local stakeholders, they were able to put together an incentive package to really make the recruitment and retention more desirable for nurses that

were living locally but working elsewhere."

With this, Altona Memorial was able to rebuild its emergency department by taking a slow progression, ensuring patient safety first each step of the way.

"Step one was opening our emergency services for 12 hours a day which we've done," Hamilton said. "Things were progressing great until a speed bump came when Dr. Wasan Sulaiman decided to close her practice as of June 30 this year. So with that, there's a little bit of uncertainty with position transition, and we decided to hold at the current level, 12 hours, for the time being. Our service delivery isn't changing, but we wanted to inform the community of why we were staying where we are for now."

Altona Memorial is still committed to getting back to 24-hour services, but it needs to stabilize its workforce



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before it can take those next steps.

"We're currently trying to attract physicians and working toward it, and we have some positive leads going forward," Hamilton said. "Regionally and collaboratively with the province, we continue to advocate and explore options to build service capacity for Altona."

With National Nursing Week coming up May 9-15, Hamilton reflected on the important role nurses play at the hospital.

"Our nurses are an extremely valu-

able resource, and this is exactly what we found once we were quite short with nurses," he said. "Because of our nurses, we're able to provide our services to the community."

"Nurses are the ones who develop those relationships and provide the day-to-day care that so many people and families really need. Our nurses sometimes go underappreciated, so it's nice to highlight how valuable they are to our whole healthcare system."

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was deposit growth of 3.83 per cent to over \$5.5 billion.

Now with around 92,000 members and 26 branches with about 400 employees, Access Credit Union also distributed over \$8.2 million in profits backed to its members. Last year also saw the credit union donate over \$1.07 million to 279 local charitable organizations, while employees raised over \$102,000 for community projects with donations to the Jeans for Charity Program.

"Our financials continue to demonstrate a strong, stable credit union," said Davey, who reflected on 2021 being another year of immense change.

"The COVID-19 pandemic has forever altered the way we do business and serve our members, and Access Credit Union has risen to the challenge to provide the best service possible."

The merger between Access and Crosstown Civic, effective Jan. 1, 2021, included the requirement to integrate the operations and core banking systems.

"This integration was a massive undertaking and it was our priority to minimize impact to our members throughout the pro-

cess," Davey said. "We successfully completed this integration over the second weekend in May, with minimal service disruption to members."

He also noted that "in today's changing landscape, it remains important to continue to invest in technology so we can offer our members the access and options they want and need, when they need them."

Loewen also commented on the dedication and commitment of their staff throughout all of the changes.

"No matter the adversity they have faced, no matter the storm, they have weathered it all. They have continued to put our members first, innovating to find new ways to provide superior service during some unprecedented times," she said. "Our teams were able to deliver a full banking systems integration in May, a new online banking experience in June, amongst many other behind-the-scenes initiatives that helped see growth for Access."

"The successes of 2021 reflect an organization that is committed to excellence in every facet of our operation, whether that's offering best-in-class products and services to our members, developing our staff through

investment in education or building our communities through vital infrastructure investment and partnerships," she concluded. "Our efforts in these areas reflect our three primary priorities of members, people and culture and future outlook - priorities that guide the daily decisions of all staff."

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Community foundations kick off Pay It Forward May

Create a chain of kindness this month

By Ashleigh Viveiros

Hundreds of doughnuts made their way to businesses across Morden-Winkler Monday morning as a kick-off to Pay It Forward May.

Volunteers from the Winkler Community Foundation (WCF) and the Morden Area Foundation (MAF) delivered 20 dozen boxes of treats in each community with a simple request to all recipients: pass the kindness on.

"The idea is just to get the community to start thinking about how they can pay it forward during May with random acts of kindness," said Cadie Crampton from MAF.

Those acts are no rare sight in Morden-Winkler all through the year, but it's nice to take some time each spring to really shine a spotlight on just how important they are to the fabric of our community, says WCF executive director Myra Peters.

"We focus on it each May to encourage people to take some time to really look for it and see it, because when you do than it starts to pop up all around you and you realize we really do have a generous community. If we don't stop to recognize it, sometimes it passes us by.

"By taking the time to recognize the kindness around us it sparks the generosity and the gratitude that kind of go hand in hand," Peters continues. "It causes us to look beyond our own

needs and to help someone else. And in that we are bettering our community."

Crampton notes they hope everyone who enjoyed a free doughnut on Monday will do what they can to keep the chain of kindness going. And if your workplace wasn't on the list of recipients? Then start your own kindness chain and see how far it goes.

"When you look at the sheer joy people get from it, it's amazing," Crampton says. "It does reach people and they do pay it forward. Even just buying a coffee for the person behind you in line—everyone loves being treated every once in a while."

"They're not always big things, but we hear so many stories of businesses, community groups, and individuals doing things that really make an impact," says Peters. "Sometimes it's really as simple as that smile, that holding the door, that purchased coffee that's not expected—how that simple act changes someone's day."

If you're the recipient of a kind deed this month, considering sharing the story with the community by reaching out the WCF (scholarships@winklercommunityfoundation.com) or MAF (info@mordenfoundation.ca) or putting it out on social media under #PIFMay and tagging the foundations with the post.

"It really is inspiring and motivating when you hear some of those stories," Peters says.

You can also follow the foundations on social media to stay up to date on upcoming Pay It Forward May events.



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From left: Winkler Community Foundation reps Barb Neufeld, Corey Hildebrand, Myra Peters, Pete Derksen, and Rob Unruh delivered 20 dozen boxes of doughnuts to local businesses to kick off Pay It Forward May on Monday. Below: Peters with staff from Icon Technologies.



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Morden Area Foundation volunteers did the same in Morden, visiting local businesses (like the Morden Vet Clinic, right) to encourage them to pay the kindness forward.

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Free dental day puts smiles on people's faces

By Lorne Stelmach

Boundary Trails Dental Centre in Morden participated in a nationwide effort last week to help provide basic dental care to local people in need.

From B.C. to Newfoundland practices across the dentalcorp network help children and adults who have limited access to dental care receive treatment for free through the Give Back Smile Back initiative, which in 2021 saw practices all over Canada donate over \$250,000 in time and services.

"It's in its eight year across our network. This is our second time participating," said Nicole Walske, practice manager for Boundary Trails Dental Centre. "Last year, approximately 500 patients were taken care of on this program across Canada, and we anticipated looking after 15 to 20 people this evening."

"We had a two year break during COVID," noted Dr. Randy Warkentin, who saw this as an ideal way of marking April as Dental Health Month.

"What we've been trying to do for the last number of years is do something to give back to our community," he said. "We do have other programs, and we do help needy people, but this is a specific program that we do one day a year."

"We know that dental care is expen-



PHOTO BY LORNE STELMACH/VOICE

The staff at Boundary Trails Dental took part in Give Back Smile Back last week, offering free dental services to people in need.

sive, and so it's not easy for everybody. It's a small thing we can do to help out."

Participating practices are encouraged to partner with a local charity, and they are provided oral health kits to hand out to patients that include a brush, toothpaste, floss, and a brochure about oral health.

"We partnered with Many Hands Resource Centre to try to resource some patients who were in need ... just to bring awareness to the campaign, and then we did some on social media to have people self-identify," Walske explained. "Our staff donate all their time, and the practice donates the resources."

"It's nice because the staff can give something back too. It's not just the office doing something, each staff member is participating and giving of their time," she noted. "And usually, the stories that our staff have from it are very meaningful ... it's nice to hear those stories."

Plum Coulee townwide garage sale returns

Dozens of sales planned throughout the community this Saturday

By Ty Dilello

The annual Plum Coulee garage sale has been going on for 13 years and will be returning to the town on the morning of Saturday, May 7, from 9 a.m.-3 p.m.

"I selfishly started it so people would come to my garage sale, and it has always been a huge success from the first year," said organizer Vicki Hildebrand. "The town gets beautifully full with plenty of vehicles and people."

The annual sale had to be postponed for the last two years due to the COVID-19 pandemic, so this year's

event plans to be extra special to make up for lost time.

This year's sale features a fundraising lunch at The Centre on Main, with proceeds going towards the Plum Coulee Plum Fest.

Hildebrand has rounded up a list of addresses where the garage sales will be held so that people know where to start their adventure. You can find it online at garagesalejunkie.ca or the event's Facebook page: Plum Coulee Town Wide garage sale.

"I hope everyone enjoys their time in Plum Coulee treasure hunting and walking around," Hildebrand said. "It is lovely to see old friends

and people visiting and connecting at this event. Usually I have over 30 garage sales registered for the event, and more pop up too that I don't even have listed."

If you want to be added to the sale address list, contact Hildebrand at 204-332-0112 or victoriaejordan@hotmail.com.

"If you don't have access to the list, then choose a street and work your way around the town," she advises bargain hunters. "It is quite often that I have at least one garage sale per street. Often Sunset Bay has a few, and you can park and walk around to them all."

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Local senior warns others to take care when filling out insurance forms

By Ty Dilello

Donna Connor of Altona is very unhappy with her major national life insurance provider.

Connor's husband, Grant, passed away earlier this year after a lengthy battle with chronic renal disease.

The couple enjoyed a 25-year marriage, making their home in Gretna before Grant was admitted to the Altona Community Memorial Health Centre due to his illness. Connor



PHOTO BY TY DILELLO/VOICE
Altona's Donna Connor hopes that others don't fall into the same insurance problems as she did after her late husband made an error on his life insurance forms.

moved to Altona herself last year to be close to him in his final days.

The loss of a loved one is always a difficult time, but for Connor it's been made all the more so upon the realization after Grant's death that the life insurance policy the couple had been faithfully paying into for years is null and void.

Connor says her husband filled out the paperwork without her and apparently checked the box that said he was a non-smoker.

Grant had quit smoking some years earlier, but he should still have checked the "smoker" box on the insurance form.

As a result, the insurance company has notified Connor she won't receive a life insurance cheque for her husband.

Connor has been in touch with a

lawyer to see what, if any, recourse she may have.

"I would have liked to at least get my money back, because that's a lot of cash to just be throwing out the window and not seeing a return on it for something like this," she said. "I'm sick and tired of arguing with them. I just want to get this over with so I can move on. It's hard enough to lose your husband, then to also have to deal with this ..."

She fears it may be a losing battle, though. Technically, the insurance provider is in the right that incorrectly filling out the form is grounds for voiding the insurance policy.

For Connor, that means she's stuck with finding a way to pay for her husband's funeral bills and has no insurance money to rely on moving forward, all because of one box checked

"I DON'T WANT ANYONE TO GET STUNG LIKE THIS GOING FORWARD."

out wrong on a form.

She wants to put the warning out to fellow seniors that this could happen to them and how important it is to ensure that you're filling out the paperwork correctly so that your loved ones don't get caught up in this type of mess after you're gone.

"I don't want anyone to get stung like this going forward, as it's horrible," said Connor. "I just hope my story will be able to help someone not fall down this same trap as I did."

Genesis House welcomes funding model changes

By Ashleigh Viveiros

Genesis House executive director Ang Braun was all smiles last week as the provincial government announced a major change to how family violence shelters across Manitoba will be funded moving forward.

"I was a bit emotional, actually ... when the notice came. I just couldn't believe it," she says. "It might be actually the biggest change ever since the shelter started."

Families Minister Rochelle Squires, minister responsible for status of women, announced April 25 that the new model will include increased funding for additional staff at all of Manitoba's shelters.

"Over the last several years, it has become increasingly apparent the current funding model for shelter agencies has become inadequate and inequitable," she said. "This new model will help align funding equity, ensure ac-

countability, and better protect vulnerable Manitobans."

The current funding model for shelters, first established in 1987, is based on the number of overnight stays in the shelter.

The new model specifically focuses on supporting staffing capacity to ensure quality services for those staying in a shelter and following the shelter stay in transitional housing options.

The changes also include the incorporation of gender and diversity analysis, easy modification and future application in bringing on new agencies, enhanced funding for crisis line operation, and increased funding for salaries to support staff recruitment and retention.

It all boils down to more funding, Braun says, which is something she and other shelter leaders have spent decades advocating for.

"We have been letting the province know for ages the complex needs of the women we're seeing and that we just aren't able to properly meet them. This will help so much."

The crisis line funding specifically means Genesis House will be able to hire another staff member. Currently, they usually have just one staff member not only manning the 24/7 line but also assisting guests at the shelter.

"When staff are working on shift by themselves they are responsible for everything: the crisis line, the front

door, the people staying with us," Braun says, noting enhanced cleaning protocols during the pandemic has made that job harder than ever.

"This means now that they are actually going to fund our crisis line, at least partially, which is fantastic. So we'll have an extra staff person here and there will be two people on the majority of the time ... so there will be timely services available for people that are either coming through the front door or who are already with us."

Money to pay staff better is a welcome commitment, though Braun notes there's also a lot of *meaning* behind that funding.

"For sure, the new dollars are welcome, the extra support will be welcome, but I think it's actually the recognition that this is hard work and has been hard work forever," she says.

"The biggest change is actually the recognition that it was impossible for us to do what they wanted us to do with the funding that we had."

Manitoba's 30 shelters will be meeting with provincial leaders this week to learn more about the funding change and Braun is eager to dive into the details.

"I'm feeling very confident at this point, having reviewed the service purchase agreement, that this is going to be a move-ahead moment for us and it's extremely significant."

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Sixteen13 leading community efforts to aid Ukrainian refugees

By Ashleigh Viveiros

Sixteen13 Ministry has taken a leadership role in helping refugees from the war in Ukraine find safe haven in Winkler.

Winkler welcomed its first three such refugee families to town last month and have four more slated to come over the next couple of weeks, says Crystal Heinrichs, who has been heading up efforts to help these families get settled.

The community has really pulled together to roll out the welcome mat, offering up housing for them to stay in rent-free for a few months and outfitting those spaces with furniture, clothing, and food.

"A lot of them are coming with a suitcase of whatever they could grab when they left, which is usually just some clothes. Some didn't even grab a toothbrush," Heinrichs says. "So, yeah, they need clothes, they need dishes, they need furniture. They need housing—we definitely need housing."

Heinrichs has been reaching out to local landlords to try to secure a few more spaces for the families still en route to Winkler.

The ministry and its supporters have

also been buying plane tickets for the refugees, many of whom don't have easy access to their savings in Ukraine as the Russian invasion continues.

It has truly been a community-wide effort, stresses Alvin Thiessen, who is involved with Sixteen13 in an advisory capacity, with Winkler area landlords, businesses, churches, and charitable organizations all stepping up to help in a myriad of ways—everything from offering the newcomers free rides from the airport to helping them begin to find jobs.

"The community has responded by offering places [to stay] and continues to," he says. "The church community has offered and paid for some of these flights. They've adopted families and are walking with them."

"Sixteen13 is the hands and feet," he observes. "The resources the community needs to supply."

"That's our whole purpose at Sixteen13 is that we are here to help and just love people," notes Heinrichs. "It's amazing how much our community has pulled together on this."

"I think the community needs this togetherness ... it's great healing after all the craziness of the last couple of years."

While a few of the newcomers



had been looking to emigrate from Ukraine before the war, none of them were expecting to wind up in Canada so quickly. It's been a stressful experience for everyone, Heinrichs says, but they're happy to be here.

"They're very, very grateful to the community. Overwhelmingly so," she says. "A lot of them have told me they would like to stay. Some of them I think when they first came they were unsure, but I think Winkler has definitely grown on them. They've really enjoyed the community."

Sixteen13 is accepting monetary donations towards the local Ukraine refugee fund. They're also happy to accept donations of clothing, furniture, food—anything a family might need to get started in a new home.

"This is not something you can do as one person," says Heinrichs. "This is something you need the whole com-

munity to help with and we're very lucky to have such a wonderful community that has been providing."

You can donate online at <https://www.canadahelps.org/en/dn/m/71407> or by contacting Heinrichs at 204-384-6962.

The ministry is also hosting a waffle brunch fundraiser this Saturday at the Winkler Curling Club featuring six-time Olympic medalist Cindy Klassen as guest speaker. The event will also include a presentation from Steve Reynolds from Regional Connections Immigrant Services and music from Just Passing Through.

Tickets are free and can be booked online at winkler-leaderimpact-forum-cindyk.eventbrite.ca or by calling 204-325-4725. Donations will be accepted at the event in support of the Ukrainian settlement fund.

Regional Connections playing its part in Ukrainian refugee settlement

By Ashleigh Viveiros

Families fleeing the war in Ukraine have begun to arrive in the Pembina Valley, and Regional Connections Immigrant Services is trying to get the word out about the help they offer newcomers.

Executive director Steve Reynolds says the non-profit settlement agency has been working closely with the various community groups that have been welcoming these families to the area over the past few weeks.

He estimates there have been about five families so far, with another 16 or so making plans to arrive in the months ahead.

"What we want to do is try to stay up to date on how many families are coming," Reynolds says, explaining they're trying to ensure they have the capacity to help every newcomer settle into the community when they arrive.

"It seems manageable so far," he says, but adds they encourage any local groups or churches aiding Ukrainians in relocating to the Pembina

Valley to reach out to Regional Connections to give them the heads-up on how many are coming. Groups looking to assist newcomers once they arrive should also contact the agency so they can make sure word gets out about those added supports.

"If people are offering housing or donations or whatever then we want to make sure that anybody who's at our office who needs that is connected to that," Reynolds says.

As for Regional Connections, its services include helping newcomers with things like getting a health card or driver's license, community orientation, English classes, job skills training, and connecting newcomers to other community services and contacts to aid in their searches for jobs and housing, among other short-term and long-term settlement needs.

"Newcomers should come to Regional Connections as soon as they arrive so we can make sure they're connected to all the supports that are here and ready to go for them already," Reynolds stresses, "and then



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- Choose some jewelry with special meaning: a "mother-and-child" or heart-shaped pendant; a ring; earrings or a bracelet in gold or silver. Have it engraved with a loving word, your initials or an important date.

- Invite her to a fancy restaurant with just you or with the kids. It's a great opportunity for her to discover local specialties or flavours from around the world. Or, find out about gourmet hotel packages that will let her prolong the relaxation. She's sure to remember this

Mother's Day after enjoying a feast fit for a queen and a romantic night with you.

- Invite your sweetheart to a spa or beauty clinic so she can relax and be pampered. Afterwards, be sure to tell her how beautiful she is.

Whatever the gift, be considerate and attentive. Give her a day she'll remember with pleasure. Perhaps this Mother's Day will be the start of a renewed relationship, closer and more loving than ever before.

A day to make Grandma happy

This Mother's Day, don't forget Grandma. Regardless of her age and state of health, your grandmother deserves special attention too, and there are thousands of ways you can give her some. Just remember that it's usually the simplest treats that make her happy.

Whether or not you can organize a family get-together, take advantage of Mother's Day to share quality time with your grandmother. Have a meal at your house or at a restaurant, or picnic together at a park. Take a walk or an outing in the car; visit a museum or go to a concert. These are all activities that your grandmother will remember for years to come.

Is your grandmother housebound? Bring her a small cake or other dessert she really

likes and take a moment to enjoy it with her. Make her laugh, and talk about things that are close to her heart. Ask for her advice, and make sure she knows that you love and care for her.

A photo can be another way to please your grandmother. Give her a recent photo of yourself or the whole family or a souvenir photo that will remind her of a wonderful time. If it's framed, offer to help her hang it on a wall. Other great gift ideas are a soft cashmere shawl to keep her warm, a personalized mug that she can use to enjoy her favourite drink or a nice cushion to support her back. Above all, don't miss this opportunity to visit her; on Mother's Day, your presence will be her most beautiful gift.



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Gift ideas for your tech-savvy mom

Is your mom "addicted" to her smartphone or tablet? On Mother's Day, think outside the box and give her a high-tech gift that will surprise her. Here are some accessories that are easy to find and always appreciated.

- A protective case. She'll be able to take her device everywhere she goes and it will always be protected from bangs and scratches. You can find any number of elegant and feminine protective cases in genuine leather, polyurethane or silicone. Some cases can even be personalized.
- An activity tracker bracelet. If your mom is physically active, she'll love to receive a bracelet that calculates the number of steps she takes, the distance she walks or jogs, her heart rate and calories burned. Some of these wristbands can be synchronized with a smartphone or tablet.
- A stylus pen. For moms who hate seeing fingerprints all over their screens, a stylus is a great gift. Choose a drawing stylus for the mom who loves to create virtual art, or for a business woman, buy a universal stylus that works with all touch screens.
- A combo clock radio and USB charging dock. Give your mother the chance to wake up to her favourite music every morning with an alarm clock that also charges her smartphone or tablet.

A portable keyboard, SIM card, earphones and Bluetooth speakers are some other ideas for the techie mom. You still don't know what to choose? Take her shopping and make a memorable day out of it.



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Like a canary in a coal mine DUC launches Project Dragonfly

By Nicole Brownlee

Dragonflies flitting over softly rippling lakes and ripening golden fields are a sign of summer hitting the prairies, but their presence also indicates the health of wetlands.

Ducks Unlimited Canada highlights dragonflies' integral role in the environment through Project Dragonfly.

Dragonflies are sensitive to changes in the environment, and their welfare



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Ducks Unlimited Canada launched Project Dragonfly to preserve Canada's wetlands, which are home to thousands of species.

is an indicator of the overall health of wetland ecosystems where they live and breed, said Larry Kaumeyer, CEO of DUC, in a news release.

"These amazing insects are sending us a clear message about the fate that could potentially befall hundreds of other species that depend on wetlands during their life cycles."

Wetlands store carbon, protect from floods and are habitats for up to 40 per cent of the world's known species. Around a quarter of the world's wetlands are in Canada.

"Dragonflies are more fortunate than some species because they migrate," said Janine Massey, DUC's chief marketing and communications officer.

"We could be seeing species from the U.S. coming to Canada that usually haven't... Just like we've seen the patterns changing with migratory birds as a result of changes in climate and warming temperatures."

While Canada's dragonfly populations are seemingly unchanged, Europe, South America, South Asia and Southeast Asia are noting declines because of habitat loss, water quality decline and climate change.

Wetlands globally are disappearing three times faster than forests,

said Dr. Bruno Oberle, International Union for Conservation of Nature's director general, in a news release in December 2021.

It's hard to tell how Canada is truly impacted by wetland loss because there is no comprehensive wetland inventory and monitoring system in Canada. Most industrialized nations, including the U.S., have a full wetland inventory to track changes.

DUC warns that if Canada continues to lose wetlands and doesn't effectively monitor habitat loss, the world might lose more than dragonflies.

The Green Budget Coalition, which consists of 23 of Canada's leading environmental organizations, has appealed to the federal government to commit to creating an inventory and monitoring system.

"We need to be investing in watching our at-risk species and ensuring that their populations are in a healthy state," said Massey.

In addition to donating to DUC and signing up for a monthly newsletter about the organization's conservation

efforts, DUC is offering the public a chance to help track dragonfly populations.

DUC is hosting a webinar in May to kick off the citizen science project on iNaturalist, a social network that maps and shares biodiversity observations.

Participants can join the team on Biodiversity Day on May 22 to document dragonfly sightings in Canada.

To add information to iNaturalist about dragonfly populations, participants can add the free iNaturalist application to their phone, take a photo of a dragonfly and share it through the app.

"This also gets people interested and engaged with nature, which is really quite important for all of us," said Massey.

"Hopefully people will be much more motivated to help conserve natural spaces once they understand the beauty and intricacy of our wildlife that exists there."

For more information, visit ducks.ca/project-dragonfly.

> REGIONAL CONNECTIONS, FROM PG. 13

we'll work together with the community and the family to fill in the gaps for them."

PERSONAL CONNECTIONS

Morden-Winkler is where most of these arriving Ukrainian families are bound for.

"There's been a fair bit of recent, within the last six or seven years, Ukrainian immigration in particular to the Morden area," Reynolds says. "So some of those people have family or friends that they know and so some people are arriving with personal connections like that."

Some were already in the midst of planning a move to Canada and so are arriving with permanent residency status.

"One of the first things the government did was prioritize applications that were already in the system and process them ASAP," Reynolds explains. "Three of those [first few] families are coming with permanent residency already, which means they were already in the queue to immigrate to Canada. So they were a little prepared, they were planning to come."

But most are coming with the new emergency travel visa and work permit created for Ukrainian refugees. For these families, their move overseas was unexpected and abrupt.

The uncertain situation in Ukraine has made it difficult for some newcomers to access their finances back home, further complicating their journey and settlement.

"In some cases they have access to nothing and they're trying to get here with no cash at all," Reynolds says. "That's where a lot of the community involvement comes in—airport pickups and offering housing and donations to help them get on their feet."

Some newcomers may ultimately chose to apply to stay in Canada once the war with Russia is over. Others are planning this to be a temporary stop until its safe to return to Ukraine.

"Several of the families, there's just one parent here because the dad can't leave the country right now," Reynolds says. Ukrainian men of fighting age have been tasked with defending the country from the Russian invasion. "So Dad might join them later when they can or the family might go back there if things work out."

Anyone interested in learning more about the work of Regional Connections, what it's doing to prepare to welcome arriving newcomers, and how you might be able to help, is invited to sign up for the "Welcome to Regional Connections" information event via Zoom on May 10 at 7 p.m. Email info@regionalconnections.ca or call 204-325-4059 to register.

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Nighthawk takes second at Skills Manitoba

By Ashleigh Viveiros

Northlands Parkway Collegiate Gr. 10 student Carson Friesen's photography skills earned him a second-place finish at the Skills Manitoba competition last month.

The four photos Friesen submitted netted him the silver medal in the event's photography competition for high school students.

"I didn't expect it but it's nice," Friesen said of the win, noting he's been honing his skills with a camera since starting high school. He says he loves "the freedom, the creative aspect" that comes with trying to capture the world around him.

For the provincial competition, participants were tasked with shooting two advertisement photos and two self-portraits.

For the ads, Friesen used his lens to capture a pair of Benjamin Moore

paint buckets and a Spalding basket.

"I like to keep it simple," he said of his style.

When it came to the self-portraits, Friesen got a bit more creative.

One depicts him in silhouette from behind as he surveys the goodies contained inside a fridge. It fit the bill for the assignment's request for an "everyday" themed shot.

The other photo, which was supposed to tell a story, shows him doing something he had lots of practice with during his photographer class last semester: setting up a shot, providing a behind-the-scenes glimpse of a photographer at work.

NPC photography teacher Bryan Matthews said Friesen's work truly stands out.

"I'm really proud of Carson. He's a great student and super creative and I think it showed with his finish [at



Skills Manitoba]," he said, noting the annual event is a great way for students to demonstrate what they've learned and go head-to-head with

other talented students. "It gives them a good opportunity to show their skills."

Friesen new VP at Parkland

By Voice staff

Winkler's Parkland Elementary School will have a new vice-principal next school year.

Garden Valley School Division announced last month that Mandy Friesen, who currently serves as the vice-principal at Northlands Parkway Collegiate, will be moving over to Parkland this September to fill the 100 per cent permanent vice-principal/resource teacher role there.

Friesen has over 20 years experience in education and with GVSD, working at NPC, Garden Valley Collegiate,

and J.R. Walkof School.

In a statement announcing the appointment, the division noted that Friesen's educational philosophy stresses the importance of "supporting and nurturing our students by developing a relationship of trust and respect.

"There needs to be guidance without judgment," she says. "Students need a place of stability and consistency, offering structure and routine that has expectations and forgiveness.

"Our students need a safe place to learn, be challenged, create, transform, and feel empowered."



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arts & culture

Van Vogt had a legendary science fiction career

Author called southern Manitoba home as a youth

By Ty Dilello

Alfred Elton (A.E.) van Vogt was one of the most popular and influential authors of science fiction in the mid-twentieth century, the genre's so-called Golden Age, and one of the most complex.

Alfred Vogt (both "Elton" and "van" were added much later) was born on April 26, 1912, on his grandparents' farm in Edenburg, a tiny Russian Mennonite community just east of Gretna in the Mennonite West Reserve.

He was the third of six children born to Heinrich "Henry" Vogt and Aganetha "Agnes" Vogt (née Buhr). Until he was about four, van Vogt and his family spoke only Plautdietsch at home.



SUBMITTED PHOTOS

Hailing from the now ghost town of Edenburg near Gretna, A.E. van Vogt became one of the most influential science fiction authors of the twentieth century.

For the first dozen or so years of his life, van Vogt's father, a lawyer, moved his family several times within western Canada, moving to Neville, Saskatchewan, Morden, and finally

Winnipeg.

Van Vogt found these moves difficult.

"Childhood was a terrible period for me. I was like a ship without an anchor being swept along through darkness in a storm," he once said in an interview. "Again and again, I sought shelter, only to be forced out of it by something new."

Van Vogt began his writing career with stories in the true confession style of pulp magazines such as *True Story*. Most of these stories were

published anonymously, with the first-person narratives allegedly being written by people (often women) in extraordinary, emotional, and life-changing circumstances.

Van Vogt first dabbled in the science fiction genre in the late 1930s, and he had his first science fiction story published professionally in July of 1939. He and his wife moved to California in 1944, where he wrote for the magazine *Astounding Science Fiction*.

Over the course of a long career, van Vogt wrote 85 novels and collections of short stories, including the classics *Slan*, *The Voyage of the Space Beagle*, and *Weapon Shops of Isher*.

In 1995, he was awarded the Damon Knight Memorial Grand Master Award by the Science Fiction Writers of America, the only Canadian to be so recognized.

"A.E. van Vogt helped define science fiction by taking it from the Flash Gordon and bug-eyed monster genre it was in the 1930s to the more profound level it is today, where it considers and debates such issues as the meaning of life," Paul Levinson, president of the writers' organization, said at the time.

Van Vogt died in Los Angeles from Alzheimer's disease in 2000 at the age of 87. He is still commemorated today by the A. E. Van Vogt Award from the Winnipeg Science Fiction Association.

Lt-Gov. Community Leadership Awards looking for nominations

By Voice staff

Know a volunteer who works tirelessly on behalf of their community?

Lieutenant-Governor Janice C. Filmon wants to hear from you.

Filmon has put a call out for nominations for the Lieutenant Governor's Community Leadership Awards, which will be presented to three deserving individuals from across the province as part of the 39th Annual Volunteer Awards this fall.

These awards recognize individuals who embody the spirit of volunteerism by identifying a need in the community, initiating creative and meaningful ways to fill that need, and

by motivating others to join them in service for the greater good.

"Our province is blessed to be rich with the spirit of volunteerism. In every community large and small, Manitobans give so much of their time, talent and creativity to impact and enrich the lives of others, and make a difference in their communities and around the world," said Filmon. "I encourage you to recognize a worthy volunteer by nominating them for this award."

To nominate an outstanding volunteer go to www.volunteermanitoba.ca/awards. Nominations must be received by Monday, May 30.



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An annual fundraiser in support of the Pembina Hills Arts Council offered a fun evening out Friday at the downtown Morden gallery. People enjoyed some delicious chili and got to keep their handmade pottery bowl made by a local artist. A final tally was not available, but there were 34 tickets sold, and the fundraiser has often brought in around \$1,000 for the arts council.

CMHA Mental Health Week

May 2-8, 2022

This is empathy.

This Mental Health Week is all about empathy.

Empathy. It's the capacity we share as human beings to step into each other's shoes. To understand where they're coming from and what they're feeling. To listen hard and refuse to judge. It's also one way to reduce and resolve conflict.

Test "I can relate."

It's a familiar expression and one you've likely used countless times throughout the pandemic. When someone has been sick or stressed, felt lonely or lost their job. You say it without having to think: "I get it. I've been there. I can relate."

But did you know that, hiding in these very simple sentences, is a sophisticated skill you may not even realize you have? Psychologists and researchers call it empathy. And it's not just for therapists or counsellors. Empathy is the ability to share someone else's feelings or experiences by imagining what it would be like to be in their situation. It's a simple concept, but it may be the very thing we humans need most.

As human beings, we share an ability to imagine what life is like for someone else. To see the world as others see it. To look through someone else's eyes. To climb inside and walk around in their skin.

When someone is struggling, they don't always need someone to swoop in and fix things for them. First, they need someone to understand where they're coming from.

During his time as president, Barack Obama suggested the biggest deficit in the world was an empathy deficit. He defined it as the ability to see the world through the eyes of those who are different from us.

But maybe that's shifted these past two years, as our world has faced a common problem: we've lived together through a long and grueling pandemic. The virus came for all of us. No exception. And while it left its mark on some more than others, it is clearer now that we're as much the same as we are different. Empathy might, in fact, be the silver lining to all of this: whatever our circumstances, it's clear that we all need to feel seen and heard.

If empathy doesn't come easily to you, the good news is that it can be learned and practiced. Empathy can help us know ourselves and our own feelings. It can help us lead, help us communicate and help us support and connect with others. At home. At work and at school.

For Mental Health Week this year – May 2-8, 2022 – #GetReal about how to help. We may be different, but that doesn't make us rivals. Let's stop polarizing and start empathizing. Be there for each other when times are hard and be ready to listen. You don't have to agree to understand, and you don't have to fix it to help.

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Your Community NEWSPAPER

FTC brings The Day the Earth Stood Still to the stage

By Ashleigh Viveiros

Flatlands Theatre Company returns to the Winkler concert hall stage this weekend with performances of *The Day the Earth Stood Still*.

The 1950s sci-fi classic is the latest radio play performance from the theatre troupe, though this time around they're doing things a little differently.

"We've done a lot of experimentation with Flatlands with different breeds of comedies, a mystery here or two, all radio-based, taking you back to that golden age of people sitting around the radio and listening to entertaining spectacles," says actor Scott Derksen. "This time we're taking it a layer deeper and we're pulling back the curtain on what that would have been like in the studio for the actors present while that was on the air."

"There's a lot going on on stage," adds castmate Keith Friesen, decked-out in '50s attire at last weekend's dress rehearsal. "The audience is the radio station live audience and so they're seeing the full radio station goings-on with the voice actors and everything. So it's not just us doing lines at the microphone."

The PW Enns Centennial Concert Hall stage has been transformed into a vintage radio studio, complete with "On the Air" signs and a makeshift greenroom.

The story, meanwhile, revolves around a UFO landing in Washington, D.C., bearing a man from outer space with a message for Earth's leaders.

While the show isn't quite a full-scale theatrical production akin to FTC's pre-pandemic offerings, it serves as a nice transition for the actors, who are enjoying finally being able to rehearse together in-person and begin dipping their toes back into stage directions that take them beyond just standing in front of a mic.

"We have so much fun and I think it really shows," says Jacinda Young. "I think we've all really enjoyed each other and working together again, especially since there was a bit of a break for COVID."



PHOTO BY ASHLEIGH VIVEIROS/VOICE
FTC's performance of the radio drama *The Day the Earth Stood Still* will give audiences a behind-the-scene glimpse into the makings of a radio show circa the 1950s.

The Day the Earth Stood Still has 7 p.m. shows this week Thursday, Friday, and Saturday and a 3 p.m. matinee on Sunday.

Tickets information is available at winklerconcerthall.ca.

Cutting the ribbon on Clay Owl

From left: Tim Hamp, Esther Lakot, Arienne Morissette, Kelsey Dyck, Amanda Thiessen, and Mike Klassen cut the ribbon on Clay Owl Studio & Boutique's new home at 586 Main St. in Winkler



last week. A social enterprise run by Gateway Resources, the business offers customers a fun place to come paint a variety of pottery creations while also giving people with intellectual disabilities a chance to hone their job skills. You can learn more at clayowl.com.

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Morden Festival of the Arts returns

By Lorne Stelmach

Being able to hold the Morden Festival of the Arts again this spring, even if on a smaller scale, has been reason enough for organizers to celebrate.

The annual celebration of the arts had been cancelled the last two years due to the pandemic, but it was in a position to be able to resume in 2022 for its 47th season, although it has looked a little different this year.

Spokesperson Erika Dyck said they had anticipated the numbers overall would be lower than usual under the circumstances, which at the time of registration included everyone being required to be fully vaccinated.

"It brought our numbers down significantly from the average year, but it was great. The kids had a really good experience, and the adjudicators were really good," said Dyck. "It's small in comparison to what we're used to, but I think it was a good way for us to ease back into it. We just really wanted to provide those kids an experience again, and we were able to do it."

The festival is a non-profit, volun-



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Adjudicator Millie Hildebrand working with one of the choirs during the Morden Festival of the Arts last Thursday.

teer-run organization that provides a venue for student and adult performance, instruction, and adjudication in the arts. The aim is to foster and promote continued interest, growth and development of talent within the arts.

The 2022 festival got underway in March with its piano and strings sessions.

"Those went really, really well," said Dyck, who noted last Thursday then

featured the vocal and choral sessions followed by a band session Friday at Morden Collegiate.

"We were not having any audience at that [vocal/choral] session just because we wanted to keep the numbers down," she noted. "But it's been going really good. It's nice to get back into the swing of things again ... we've had a lot of positive feedback from the participants and their parents."

The festival is planning to present

the Loreena McKennitt Award later this spring. It was created to honour McKennitt, who began her performing career by participating in the Morden Festival of the Arts. It is presented to a student participating in their festival who is judged to have reached a high level of excellence in their musical studies.

You can find more information on the Morden Festival of the Arts at mordenfestivalofthearts.cfsites.org.

Home Yard & Garden



When to prune your trees and shrubs

Although trees and shrubs can grow very well without intervention, occasional pruning helps promote optimal health. Here's what you need to know.

FLOWERING

Shrubs like rhododendrons and lilacs bloom from last year's stems, whereas others, like roses and hydrangeas, bloom from new growth. It's best to prune

shrubs that flower from old wood immediately after blooming. However, shrubs that bloom on new growth should be trimmed in the spring.

DORMANCY

In general, shrubs and trees go dormant in the spring before their buds open. This is the best time for pruning because the plants heal faster. Late fall is also appropriate.

However, pruning in the winter should be avoided.

Furthermore, mid-summer is ideal for pruning trees that produce a lot of sap in the spring, like maple, birch and willow.

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CFDC makes the most of a quiet year to get things done

By Lorne Stelmach

The past year again posed many challenges for the Canadian Fossil Discovery Centre, but there were also successes to celebrate amidst the forced closures and pandemic restrictions.

There was additional government support to help sustain the museum, and it also had the time and resources to accomplish a lot behind the scenes when the doors were closed to the public.

"This has been an interesting and somewhat challenging first go-around," said Allison Halstead, a newer board member who has stepped in as acting president.

"It has been a privilege and an honour to step into this role," Halstead said as the museum held its annual meeting online last Thursday. "There has been a lot of work done, and I've been incredibly impressed with what has happened ... in a situation where the museum was closed most of the time."

CFDC came through the past year in good shape financially due to a range of additional federal and provincial

support such as the emergency wage subsidy of around \$40,000 and Building Sustainable Communities grant of over \$28,000, among others.

Overall, there was revenue of \$559,833 and expenses of \$515,142, leaving a surplus of \$44,691.

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Despite being closed for a good chunk of the year due to the pandemic, the Canadian Fossil Discovery Centre came out of the 2021 fiscal year in pretty good shape, directors reported at the museum's AGM last week.

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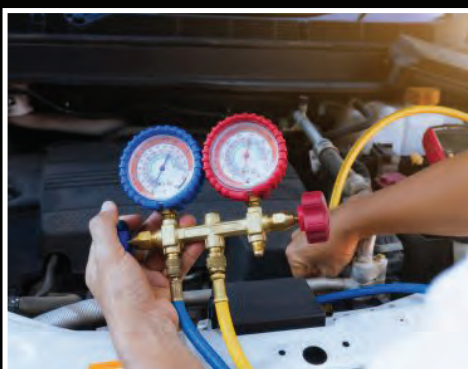
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• INCREDIBLE CREATURES

The wonders of wood frogs

By John Gavloski

Very soon we will be hearing a symphony of sounds as overwintering amphibians start emerging. There are eight species of frogs in Manitoba, and four species of toads, each with their own call. Some of these frogs also have some quite fascinating attributes to help them survive. This month's Incredible Creatures will explore the wonderful world of wood frogs.

Where to find a wood frog

The wood frog is appropriately named. It's a frog that is found mainly in wooded areas. But it can also live in meadows, or even urban areas. They can get to about 8 cm long, and females tend to be larger than males. Colour can vary, but they are usually a mottled brown (the same colour of dead leaves on the forest floor). Wood Frogs can change colour rapidly from very dark to very light. They will darken when cold to absorb more heat. They have a black marking across the eyes, that resembles a mask, and white jaw stripe. Some may have a white stripe down the back.

Built-In Antifreeze

Many frogs survive northern winters by hibernating deep under water, in ponds, lakes and streams. They are cold and dormant, but their body temperature never falls below freezing. Wood frogs have a

different strategy. Wood frogs hibernate on land. They can lie frozen under a log, leaf litter, or moss, partially insulated from a deep freeze by a layer of snow. Wood frog's cells concentrate glucose and urea before they hibernate, which act as antifreeze, lowering the freezing point of water. Crystals form in the fluid outside the cells, where they cause minimal damage. Its amazing adaptations to cold are why wood frogs can live at higher latitudes than other amphibians. It occurs throughout Canada, as far north as the tree line (the edge of the Arctic tundra). It is absent from the island of Newfoundland (but found in Labrador).

Oh give me a home, where the fish do not roam

Wood frogs prefer to breed in small, temporary ponds arising from the spring snow melt. Any pond that holds water until the end of June can be used for rearing their young. They will sometimes breed in larger bodies of water, including lakes and slow flowing streams, but prefer temporary ponds which do not have fish and other predators that would eat eggs and tadpoles.

The forest floor where they lie dormant for the winter warms quicker in the spring than do large ponds, marshes or lakes, allowing the wood frog to start its breeding cycle much earlier. The temporary ponds that the wood frog uses for breeding also warm faster and stay warmer than larger water bodies, allowing for rapid growth of tadpoles in an



Wood Frog

environment largely free from aquatic predators.

Meet your Frog Choir

The earliest frogs calling in Manitoba are the boreal chorus frogs, which can often be heard by early-April. The call of boreal chorus frogs resembles the sound of drawing your finger down the teeth of a comb. By mid-April the wood frogs may be calling as well. Wood frogs have a call that sounds like short clacking or barking sounds, often compared to the quacking of a duck. From late-April until mid-May you may hear the call of the northern leopard frog. Their call sounds like a long snore followed by a few grunts.

Enjoy this spring's frog symphony, and when you hear a clacking of wood frogs, appreciate that not long ago they were frozen frogs on the forest floor.

> CFDC, FROM PG. 23

"We've had another good year of income, not so much from the museum as from grants and COVID funds that we won't probably get next year," Henry Penner said in presenting the financial report. "We've done amazingly well for the last two years in building up our reserves."

"Most of the money we are getting is from grants for specific projects," noted executive director Adolfo Cuetara, pointing to grant money increasing from \$77,941 in 2019 to \$150,993 in 2020 and \$276,910 in 2021.

"The success in obtaining new grants for specific projects lies not only in the continuous research for available grants but also and more important in the design of attractive projects, since the competitiveness to get the funds is high, and the resources limited."

Much was happening in the museum even throughout the period that it was closed, Halstead emphasized in her report, including having the whole layout of the facility change due to the Access Event Centre becoming a COVID vaccination site.

She also outlined some of the ways Cuetara and a few volunteers got a significant amount accomplished:

- Cabinets designed by Décor to house the original Bruce were finished and installed.
- The long-awaited feasibility study by Sputnik Group for a new standalone building was finally finished.
- Grant money from the Thomas Sill Foundation

many years ago for an exhibit housing the filter feeding shark now known as Dave in honour of Dave Lumgair was unveiled in the main hall across from Bruce.

- Signature Museums grant money was placed in the Winnipeg Foundation CFDC account. The facility now has two accounts in the foundation to be used under certain parameters.

- A significant grant may be in the works to be used towards constructing a field station on CFDC's property in the RM of Thompson.

- A five year strategic plan has been proposed and the new board will be directed to work on the specifics of this plan.

- Discussions are underway on a new CFDC building on the south end of the current Access Event Centre. This would give CFDC space needed to display the exhibits in a more favourable environment, the laboratory much needed space to conduct its ongoing work and further research plus the possibility to develop enhanced technological visitor experiences.

In his report, Cuetara noted the museum was closed 133 days during 2021 due to COVID-19 restrictions and the fact the Access Event Centre was transformed into a regional vaccination site.

The impact on visitation was partially offset by the significant increase in revenue from the gift shop, but the imposed restrictions due to the pandemic forced them to cancel almost every event or program.

"Visitation was less than half of normal ... Au-

gust was a good month ... but the rest of the year was a disaster for visitation ... we had very low visitation when we were open," said Cuetara.

"We took advantage of that closure to make a lot of changes in the museum," he continued. "Of the improvements that we made, the most significant and impressive is the installation of 23 custom made glass cabinets for the mosasaur hall ... Decor custom-designed these cabinets for us."

Cuetara also noted the successes they are seeing with their marketing strategy, which has focussed on Winnipeg as well as a campaign with Travel Manitoba and growing their presence on social media.

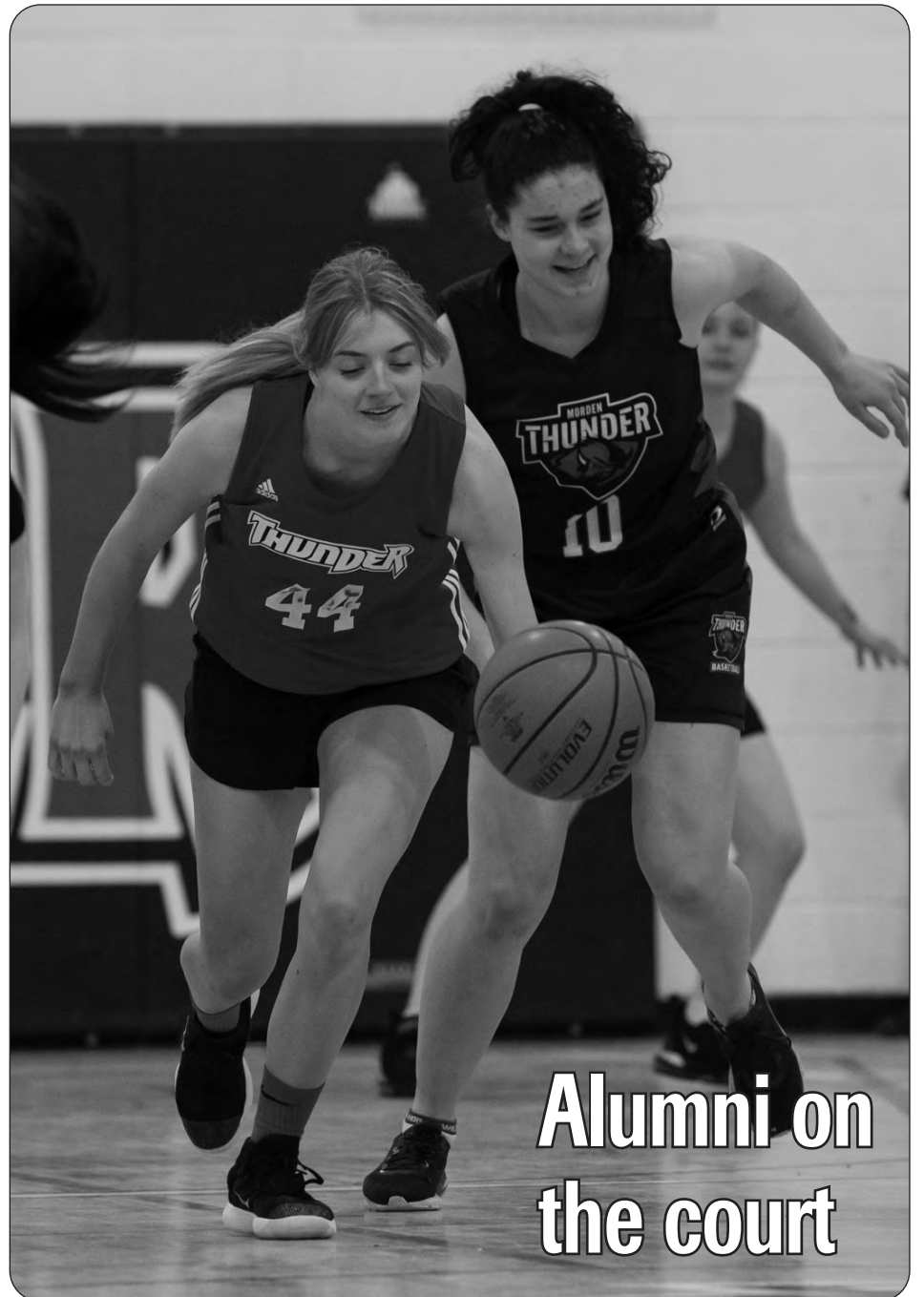
"All the marketing efforts during 2021 have started to be felt, and the first quarter of 2022 has broken the record in visitation," he said. "We are starting to feel the results of these efforts in marketing."

In addition, their field work has also continued to progress, with Cuetara highlighting 43 new specimens excavated and incorporated into the collection.

Finally, he added that he sees even more getting accomplished with the extensive work being done at the museum's property in the escarpment, including improving the accessibility and road access.

"We were able to work a lot in the field. We are preparing the property ... now we can access with our truck any of the dig sites that we have on our property that was impossible before."

sports & recreation



Alumni on
the court

PHOTOS BY RICK HIEBERT/VOICE

Morden Collegiate celebrated the return of its alumni basketball game last Friday night. The high school pitted members of the current varsity girls and boys basketball teams against former students. Clockwise from above: Team Alumni's Maddie Meilun breaks away from Team Varsity's Sarah Kagan; Chloe Meilun escapes the defensive efforts of Alumni player Natalya Wyton; and Nathan Payne drives the baseline around Team Varsity's Levi Ward.

Hawks close out the season at Wpg. tournament

By Lorne Stelmach

The female U18 Pembina Valley Hawks closed out their hockey season this past weekend competing against some elite teams at a major tournament in Winnipeg.

The Hawks managed one win out of their four games in the Female World Sport School Challenge, which is an

annual tournament initiated by Hockey Canada and hosted by St. Mary's Academy in Winnipeg.

Top female hockey teams from across North America are invited to participate in the tournament, which is in its eighth season and is a showcase event that draws hockey scouts.

It didn't start off well for the Hawks

as they suffered a big 12-1 loss to Balmoral Hall Thursday.

Two games Friday were closer affairs, but Pembina Valley still came up short in a 4-2 loss to Southern Alberta Hockey Academy and a 6-2 defeat by St. Mary's Hockey Academy. It came together then Saturday as the Hawks earned a 4-1 win over the Pilot

Mound Buffaloes.

Things came apart in the second period against Balmoral as the Blazers broke open a 1-1 game with seven unanswered goals. Abbey Bourdeaud'hui scored the lone goal for the Hawks, who gave up three powerplay goals.

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Morden honours its sports volunteers

By Lorne Stelmach

Morden honoured three more residents last week for their dedication to sport in the community.

The new inductees on the sports volunteer recognition wall at the Access Event Centre were celebrated at a ceremony last Wednesday.

Morden director of community services Clare Agnew cited Bert Dow, Brent Meleck, and Morgan Mullin as great examples of the many people who work behind the scenes out of a commitment to the sports community in Morden.

"We're not looking for the coach who has won the most banners or the most games or the most championships. It's more about the commitment to sport and to youth in our community," said Agnew.

Dow was cited for being passionate about all things hockey and being instrumental in developing female hockey in the Pembina Valley.

He was involved as a coach and organizer when his children were young and continues to be dedicated as a builder of the sport including currently being the Hockey Manitoba president.

"When you decide to become a volunteer, it's not in regards to recognition; it's in regards to the pride for your community, the friendships that you make and the feeling that you get from being a volunteer," said Dow.

"You don't volunteer to get awards;

you just do it because it makes you feel good," he said. "There's fewer and fewer volunteers all the time, so you really try and encourage people ... sometimes, you spread out ... that's how you kind of keep things going."

Meleck has been involved in sports for many years in various roles as a coach, referee, mentor and organizer—often overlapping. With his quiet demeanor, he often prefers to be in the background getting things done, but his dedication and commitment to the betterment of sport in Morden could never be questioned.

"There's been a lot of different things I've been involved with ... still having fun coaching and managing and being involved in the game still ... even at 44, it's still fun to come to the rink and go to the ball diamonds," said Meleck.

"It's still fun to me ... seeing the kids develop, seeing them smile, seeing them having a good time."

Mullin was cited particularly for her commitment to female sports and fitness and especially about developing female hockey.

She is an advocate for the sport and tries to grow the female game whenever possible, and she is player focused and emphasizes the importance of the team.

"When I decide to go all in on volunteering, I go all in," said Mullin.

"The girls ... they make it easy; they make it easy to go to the rink every day," she said. "I'm a big advocate for



PHOTOS BY LORNE STELMACH/VOICE

Morden Deputy Mayor Doug Frost inducted Morgan Mullin (above), Bert Dow (below, left), and Brent Meleck (below) into the city's sports volunteer recognition wall at the Access Event Centre last week.

girls hockey in the region, so I spend as much time as I can with the girls.

"I didn't have the female role models that we now see today, so it's important for me to kind of make sure that's happening for these girls."

Morden Mayor Brandon Burley also

saluted not only the three inductees but all volunteers involved in sport and recreation in the community.

"As a father of four children, I have deeply benefitted from all of your commitment to sport and recreation in this community."



> HAWKS, FROM PG. 25

The Hawks fell behind 2-0 and 3-0 at the intermissions against Southern Alberta but made it close with a pair of third period goals by Caitlin Anderson and Quinn McLaren.

The Hawks and St. Mary's each fired a pair of second period goals, but the Flames sealed the deal with four third period markers. Anderson scored both goals for Pembina

Valley.

The Hawks then fired home three second period goals to take control over Pilot Mound. Scoring for Pembina Valley were Annika Braun with a pair and Janik Grenier and Bourdeaud'hui with single markers.

The Hawks were planning to hold a season windup event for the players this Wednesday in Roland.

A force to be reckoned with

By Lorne Stelmach

A local program is providing kids in the Morden and Winkler area the chance to extend their hockey seasons.

Manitoba Force is a spring hockey development program for various ages centered in Pembina Valley designed to further develop a player's hockey skills and give them the chance to compete in spring hockey tournaments while meeting new friends and having fun along the way.

"It's just giving a little more of a place for kids to keep playing hockey ... if they want to play at another level for five or six more weeks," said organizer Kevin Perrin. "This is the next level of kids who want to spend a little more time and work harder. It gives them a little more ice time, and it's local."

The program started three years ago, so there has been three programs for players born in 2010, 2012 and 2014, and it has involved around 40 players overall so far.

Manitoba Force was shutdown in the first year due to the pandemic and then had a limited amount of activity in the second year before again being

halted, noted Perrin.

"This is the first year we've actually been able to take these kids out and play some games," he said.

Perrin recalled having to drive his own kids back and forth to Winnipeg a lot to participate in similar programs, and there were many other hockey families in the same boat.

"After I did that with all three of my kids, I kind of got a bunch of guys together and we started the Manitoba Force.

"It gives them a chance to practice with sometimes kids they play against; it might be other kids that are in the same mindset," Perrin said, noting the minor hockey system ends in March but some players who have that drive would like to continue practicing and playing a bit longer. "I think if it can help 10 kids in minor hockey be better then it makes the whole minor hockey better."

The 2012 Manitoba Force included 10 Morden players—Ryler Perrin, Jett Edwards, Blake Gavigan, Brady Winslow, Diego Sheldon, Dublin Fehr, Holden Andrews, Graydon Funk, Levi Lulashnyk and Rhett Fleming—along with Carter Livingstone from Manitou and Nathan Simon from No-



SUPPLIED PHOTO

Manitoba Force won gold at the North American Hockey Classic in Winnipeg this spring.

tre Dame.

The team has competed in three recent tournaments. They placed third in the Portage Cup, took home silver in the Brandon Triple AAA Challenge, and then brought home gold in the North American Hockey Classic in Winnipeg.

"It's a remarkable achievement for these talented young hockey players, all from a 45-mile radius," noted Perrin. "Teams these young players compete against are chosen from very large areas and in some cases across provinces."

Boundary Trails Nordic produces top skiers

By Ty Dilello

The Boundary Trails Nordic Centre (BTNC) is a wonderful ski community that exists in southern Manitoba.

"BTNC has been around for as long as I can remember," said coach An-

drew Vanden Berg. "It's a staple to our area and is a very well-loved local ski club. Typically our membership is between 200-300 members, but the pandemic has hurt our membership slightly, so we're hoping to get that back up."



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Representing the Boundary Trails Nordic Centre, William Vanden Berg (second from left) picked up a silver medal at the Canadian Ski Championships in Whistler, B.C. this March.

Some of its junior members reached new heights this season, competing on the western and national stage.

BTNC sent five athletes to the West-erns held in Red Deer, Alberta in late January.

William Vanden Berg won a gold in the 10km classic race and a bronze in the skate sprint race and 7.5km skate race.

Mia Sawatzky placed in the top seven all weekend with a fourth place finish, just missing out on the podium.

Kate Sawatzky brought home a silver in the 3.75km classic race, a silver in the skate sprints, and a gold in the 5km skate race.

Also competing were Nelson Faur-schou and Naomi Wiens, who didn't medal but had solid debuts for their first time competing outside Manitoba.

BTNC then sent five athletes to Canadian Ski Championships in Whistler, British Columbia in March.

William Vander Berg scored a silver medal in the 10km classic race and also won an aggregate silver medal for his year of birth for the championships. The silver is a historic medal for Team Manitoba, as no other Manito-

ba athlete in cross country skiing has finished on the podium before at the nationals.

Meanwhile, Mia Sawatzky raced inside the top 20 all weekend.

Also competing from the Pembina Valley were Naomi Wiens, Hezekiah Hoepfner, and Ben Wiens.

The snow now gone, BTNC's summer training program gets underway this week, with members meeting two or three times a week to run.

They welcome newcomers year-round, noted Coach Vanden Berg.

"BTNC has a great membership base, and younger athletes that want to race are encouraged to join 'JD' [Junior Development]. This group of athletes I get to coach two to three times a week is focused on racing both provincially and out of the province. We trail out of two locations, Burwalde Woods Trails and Shannondale, near Thornhill."

If athletes are looking to join the Junior Development race team, they can get in touch with Vanden Berg at andrew@641homes.com or 204-362-6849. You can also find BTNC on Facebook and Instagram.

S.E.M.H.L. celebrates 70 years

By Dennis Young

This past season marked 70 years the South Eastern Manitoba Hockey League has been icing teams. The oldest continuously Senior league in Manitoba was formed in 1951 consisting of teams from Altona, Letellier, Emerson, Winkler and Morris. Over the years 31 different clubs have joined and offered their locals entertaining hockey.

Altona 70, Carman 60, Morden 58, Winkler 48, Portage 26, Pilot Mound 25, Notre Dame 24, Warren 16, Miami 15, Morris 12, Oakville 13, Plum Coulee 11 and Stonewall 10, to name the double-digit entries.

To honour those over 3,000 players who laced up for games, an All-Time list was recently completed and will be available (top 100) on the league website semhl.net. Here are the top 25 in each category. If one wishes the entire list, please contact me at denjohnyoung@gmail.com

All time points:

Rob Hamm Morden/Carman 918
Marlin Vanrobaeys Morden/Winkler 864
Shane Moffatt Portage/Notre Dame 832
Greg Waldvogel Portage 745
Mike Kehler Altona 729
Ryan Dyck Morden/Carman/Altona 717
Dale Rempel Morris/Morden/Carman 614
Jeremy Matuszewski Morden/Altona/Winkler 572
Mike Mutcheson Morden 564
Jon Froese Altona/Winkler 553
Paul Harland Portage/Notre Dame 553
Pat Owen Carman 247
Troy Ehnes Morden/Winkler 538
Darren Seymour Morden/Swan Lake 535
Bill Sisson Elm Creek/Carman/Starbuck 532
Doug Dyck Winkler/Morden 510
Harry Buechert Altona/Winkler/Morden 509
Brian Miller Elm Creek/Carman/Starbuck 482
Henry Derksen Altona 439
Aaron Lewadniuk Carman 436
Larry Maykut Carman 433

Matt Dyck Altona 426
Dwight Heppner Plum Coulee/Winkler 425
Marcel Pruden Oakville/Portage/Swan Lake 411
Bernie Bergen Altona 404

All time goals scored:

Rob Hamm Morden/Carman 452
Shane Moffatt Portage/Notre Dame 415
Greg Waldvogel Portage 374
Mike Kehler Altona 329
Mike Mutcheson Morden 323
Marlin Vanrobaeys Morden/Winkler 318
Brian Miller Elm Creek/Carman/Starbuck 312
Dale Rempel Morris/Morden/Carman 297
Pat Owen Carman 247
Darren Seymour Morden/Swan Lake 275
Doug Dyck Winkler/Morden 257
Ryan Dyck Morden/Carman/Altona 242
Harry Buechert Altona/Winkler/Morden 239
Bill Sisson Elm Creek/Carman/Starbuck 237
Brian Coates Carman 206
Henry Derksen Altona 202
Wayne Giesbrecht Carman/Altona 195
Jeremy Matuszewski Morden/Altona/Winkler 192
Paul Harland Portage/Notre Dame 184
Jon Froese Altona/Winkler 183
Bernie Bergen Altona 178
Jamie Hickers Notre Dame/Morden 170
Steve Clark Notre Dame 169
Keith Bially Morden/Altona 167
Bob Toews Altona 160

All time assists:

Marlin Vanrobaeys Morden/Winkler 546
Ryan Dyck Morden/Carman/Altona 475
Rob Hamm Morden/Carman 466
Shane Moffatt Portage/Notre Dame 417
Troy Ehnes Morden/Winkler 407
Mike Kehler Altona 400
Jeremy Matuszewski Morden/Altona/Winkler 380
Greg Waldvogel Portage 371

Jon Froese Altona/Winkler 370
Paul Harland Portage/Notre Dame 369
Dale Rempel Morris/Morden/Carman 317
Bill Sisson Elm Creek/Carman/Starbuck 295
Wes Friesen Altona 287
Aaron Lewadniuk Carman 284
Larry Maykut Carman 278
Dwight Heppner Plum Coulee/Winkler 276
Darryl McElroy Morden/Winkler 275
Harry Buechert Altona/Winkler/Morden 270
Marcel Pruden Oakville/Portage/Swan Lake 263
Darren Seymour Morden/Swan Lake 260
Brian Dyck Winkler/Carman 254
Doug Dyck Winkler/Morden 253
Pat Owen Carman 11 247
Randy Rietze Winkler 241
Mike Mutcheson Morden 241

All time penalties

Darren Husak Warren 1484
Mark Heinrichs Altona 1169
Ryan Dyck Morden/Carman/Altona 941
Jeremy Matuszewski Morden/Altona/Winkler 893
Craig Johnston Carman/Morden 878
Brent Toews Altona 862
Cliff McCartney Portage 771
Darren Seymour Morden/Swan Lake 756
Marcel Pruden Oakville/Portage/Swan Lake 710
Phil Letkeman Winkler/Altona 692
Jerry Fehr Morden 670
Doug Dyck Winkler/Morden 669
Mitch Wicklund Warren 662
Brian Dyck Winkler/Carman 659
Trevor Coates Morris 659
Jim Apperley Morden/Altona 212 655
Greg Clayton Morden 649
Jim Ivison Morden 640
Darryl McElroy Morden/Winkler 636
Cam Asham Portage/Notre Dame 635
Dan De Rocquigny Carman 634
Don Braun Altona 616
Bill Sisson Elm Creek/Carman/Starbuck 609



Kevin Ginter Altona 595
Matt Tkachyk Carman 586
Dion Peterson Morden 585
Brad Horning Portage 585
Darcy Ginter Altona 580

All time games played:

Darryl McElroy Morden/Winkler 538
Jeremy Matuszewski Morden/Altona/Winkler 439
Rob Hamm Morden/Carman 435
Ryan Dyck Morden/Carman/Altona 417
Bill Sisson Elm Creek/Carman/Starbuck 410
Darren Husak Warren 403
Craig Johnston Carman/Morden 399
Wes Friesen Altona 398
Scott Corbett Warren 396
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Dion Peterson Morden 340
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The general intent of the above By-Law No. 2284-22, is to zone the land described below, Namely:

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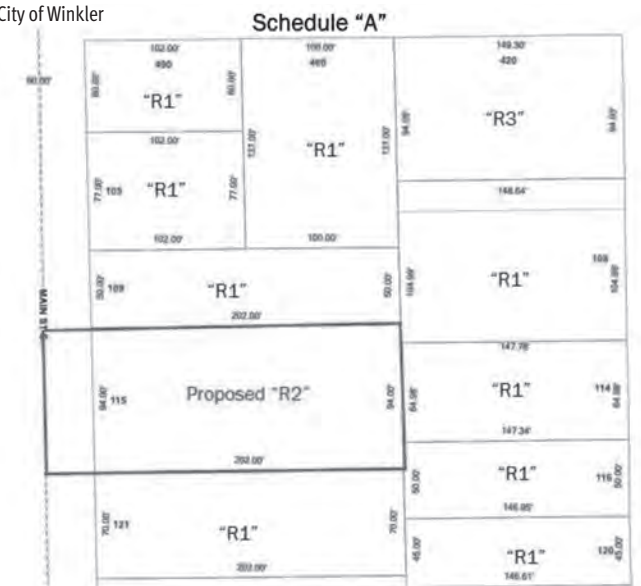
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FROM: "R1" RESIDENTIAL LOWER DENSITY
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Date of Hearing: May 24, 2022
Time of Hearing: 6:45 p.m.
Location: Winkler Council Chambers, 185 Main Street, Winkler, Manitoba

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

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ALL CLAIMS against the above Estate duly verified by Statutory Declaration must be sent to the undersigned at P.O. Box 1150, Unit 1 - 655 Main Street, Winkler Manitoba, R6W 4B2, on or before Friday, June 10, 2022.

DATED at the City of Winkler, in the Province of Manitoba, this 27th day of April, 2022.

DOELL LAW OFFICE
per: Christopher G. Doell
Solicitor for the Executor

PUBLIC NOTICE

LIQUOR LICENCE APPLICATION PUBLIC NOTICE

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PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE OF REGISTRATION OF PROSPECTIVE CANDIDATE FOR GENERAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF ROLAND

Please be advised that a general municipal election will be held on October 26, 2022. Prospective municipal election candidates must register with the Senior Election Official (SEO) during the registration period before they may begin to accept contributions, incur expenses, fundraise or borrow money for their campaign. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that candidate registrations will be received:


For the office of head of council: Between May 1, 2022 and September 20, 2022

For the office of councillor: Between June 30, 2022 and September 20, 2022

at the RM of Roland office, 45 3rd St. in Roland during the regular hours of business.

To obtain a registration form, contact the municipal office at 204-343-2061.

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PUBLIC NOTICE Regarding By-Law No. 2279-22 for Revised Water and Wastewater Rates

The Council of the City of Winkler has scheduled a public hearing at Winkler City Hall, 185 Main Street, Winkler, MB on the 10th day of May, 2022 at 6.30 p.m. to present the Revised Water and Wastewater Rates.

The City of Winkler is responsible for setting the water and sewer rates for their Utility. The utility consists of both old and new infrastructure, with plans for major investments in a new wastewater treatment plant as well as a water treatment plant expansion. The aggressive growth in the community is driving the need to expand and upgrade the utility, this aggressive growth is anticipated to continue into the foreseeable future.

The City produces ~ 70% of its own water supply and purchases the remaining ~30% of the supply from the Pembina Water Cooperative. Therefore, the City is accustomed to passthrough charges as PVWC rates increase.

Although the current rates have been in effect since 2012 and have generally been self sufficient, the pending WWTF and WTP expansion will significantly impact the City's budgets with new debentures, assets, and O&M costs. The main intent of this rate assessment is to provide a gradual rate process over the next 3-4 years as the new plants come online. The City's objective is to show a consistent stepped increase (~ 5% per year) to the projected rates required by 2025 for the new assets; avoiding a large single increase in 2025. The proposed interim rates should also be fair to customers while providing adequate revenue to the utility for operations, maintenance, and reserves for future capital and replacement costs.

Although the proposed interim rates may be approved for a three-year period; a five-year horizon was shown to project the utility into a more stable operating period. The intent is to minimize a drastic rate revision in three to four years when the utility is more stable and has more accurate historical operation costs.

The current rates and proposed rates are provided:

	Current Rate	Proposed 2022	Proposed 2023	Proposed 2024	Proposed 2025
Quarterly service charge	\$18.15	\$27.50	\$27.50	\$27.50	\$27.50
Water per 1,000 Imperial Gallons	\$9.98	\$10.18	\$10.21	\$10.23	\$10.28
Wastewater per 1,000 Imperial Gallons	\$6.42	\$7.13	\$7.84	\$8.54	\$9.25
5/8" Minimum Quarterly Charges	\$67.35	\$79.43	\$81.65	\$83.81	\$86.09
Sewer only for Residential Customers	\$69.51	\$85.54	\$90.22	\$95.82	\$101.50
Bulk Water per 1,000 Imperial Gallons	\$13.73	\$12.84	\$12.84	\$12.84	\$12.84
Reconnection Fee	\$30.00	\$30.00	\$30.00	\$30.00	\$30.00
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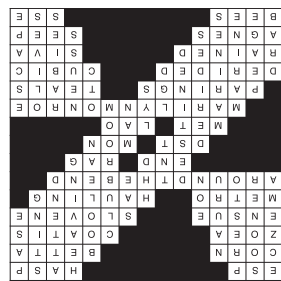
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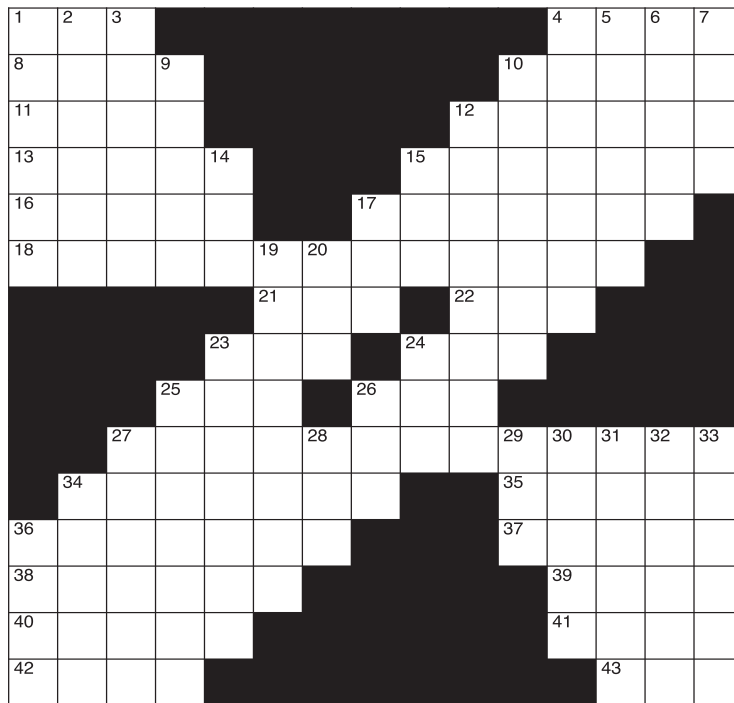
Crossword Answer

CLUES ACROSS

1. A power of perception
4. Slotted hinged metal plate
8. Popular crop
10. Siamese fighting fish
11. Larval crabs
12. South American mammal
13. Occur as a result of
15. Slavic language

16. An electric underground railway

17. Transporting
18. A direction
21. Opposite of start
22. Mock
23. People love and hate it (abbr.)
24. A people of Myanmar
25. A Queens ballplayer
26. Southern Thailand indigenous person
27. Famed actress
34. Thin strips
35. Bluish greens
36. Ridiculed
37. Having the shape of a cube
38. Came down
39. Indian religious god
40. "Bewitched" actress Moorehead
41. Leak through slowly
42. Buzzing insects
43. Midway between south and southeast



CLUES DOWN

1. Skin condition
2. Earlier
3. Right away
4. Vomiting
5. Go to
6. "The Police" frontman
7. Bullfighting maneuver
9. Pacific island
10. A system of algebraic notation
12. A room used for the activities of a group
14. The longest division of geological time
15. Car mechanics group
17. A barrel of liquid (abbr.)
19. Bound to do
20. Explosive
23. Ridicules
24. Adult male
25. Military personnel
26. French and Belgian river
27. Found in the sea
28. A share lost in default (abbr.)
29. Type of medication (abbr.)
30. City on the Rhine
31. Animal disease
32. They're in martinis
33. Get away
34. Wampum
36. Lacking brightness

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- The ability to coordinate multiple scopes of work with sub-trades on a construction site to ensure productivity.
- Successfully supervised a construction workforce.
- Journeyman Certificate or Experience is preferred.
- Ability to demonstrate conflict resolution skills, problem solving abilities, and professional judgment.
- Communicates with the project manager/project coordinator in all aspects of the project to ensure final project completion that is on time and on budget.
- Effectively communicates with all sub-trades on site to ensure that performance, productivity, quality, and safety requirements are being met.
- Basic computer skills

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OBITUARY



Basil Joseph Agnew 1931 - 2022

Basil Joseph Agnew was born at his home in Renfrew County, Ontario on March 30, 1931 and passed away on Tuesday, April 26, 2022. He was 91 years old.

Basil was predeceased by his parents, Ambrose in 1977 and Mabel (O'Gorman) in 1994; his brothers, Leo (2019), Urban (2008), and Gerald (2002) and his wife, Georgina (2011); his sister, Clare (2013) and her husband, Len Gervais (2008); father-in-law, Thomas Lane (1996), mother-in-law, Viola (1982), and brother-in-law, Bob (2020).

Basil is survived by his wonderful wife of 65 years, Barbara (Lane); his three sons, Patrick (Renee van Mierlo) of Seven Sisters Falls, Mike of Winnipeg, Bob (Shauna) of Morden; his three daughters,

Theresa (Dave Buchanan) of Edmonton, Joan (Tim Kohut) of Morinville, Alberta and Clare of Morden. As well, he leaves behind his wonderful grandchildren who brought him so much joy: Kim Bellerose and Lisa Kendall (Ryan), Amy Voloshanovskiy (Ivan), Max and Caslan Buchanan, Evan Kohut, and Jenna and Erin Doherty, as well as 17 nieces and nephews and two great-grandchildren. He also leaves to mourn two sisters-in-law, Anita of Renfrew, ON and Mary of Cobden, ON.

Basil attended Pine Valley rural school up to Grade Eight and high school in Eganville. He also took a one-year commercial course in Renfrew. Basil joined the Stedmans Company on June 1, 1950 in Renfrew, ON. On October 2, 1952, he was appointed manager of their store in Paris, ON. That's where he met Barbara Lane, the office girl who changed his life forever. They were married on May 21, 1956. Stedmans transfers took Basil and Barb first to Melfort, Saskatchewan and then to Drumheller and Red Deer, Alberta. In 1965, they purchased their own franchise in Souris, Manitoba, before they settled in Morden in 1970. As a member of the Chamber of Commerce and Morden Retail Merchants Association, Basil organized many town promotions, with some of them continuing to be used after he retired in 1990. He was a "Stedmans man" his entire working life and was always grateful for the opportunities the store provided him and his family.

Although "the store" kept Basil very busy, he always made time for family and community. He coached his kids' baseball teams, took them skating and swimming, watched them play sports in all seasons, and made the occasional trips into Winnipeg for Jets' games. He also visited and helped his neighbours and volunteered on community and church committees. At local socials, his dance card was always full. Every two years or so, he piled the family into the station wagon and went back to Ontario to visit. As soon as the car pulled into the farmyard, he started speaking with an Ottawa Valley accent.

Basil was a lifetime member of the Morden and District Museum, Morden Friendship Centre, and the Knights of Columbus, serving as their treasurer for many years. In 1991, he joined Services for Seniors and played a key role in the purchase and renovation of the present Morden Friendship Centre and was chairperson of the building committee and membership committee for nearly 10 years. In 1998, Basil was honoured to be the only Manitoban to receive the Governor General Caring Canadian Award. In 2013, he received the Outstanding Community Volunteer Award for Morden.

Basil and his family are deeply grateful for the care he received at the Boundary Trails Health Centre, especially in the last weeks of his life.

Memorial mass was held on Monday, May 2, 2022 at St. John the Evangelist Church with private committal prior to the mass.

In lieu of flowers, if friends so desire, donations may be made to St. John the Evangelist Church building fund or to a charity of your choice. Building fund etransfers are accepted at stjohndparishmorden@gmail.com. Cash and cheques are accepted at the church or can be mailed to St. John the Evangelist, 2 Academy Dr. Morden, MB R6M 2E8.

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OBITUARY



Waldo Schulz

Waldo Schulz, age 90 years of Altona, Manitoba passed away on Tuesday, April 26, 2022 at Eastview Place.

He is survived by his wife Helen (nee Fast), their sons Ron Schulz, and Bruce (Josephine) Schulz, as well as four grandchildren, one sister and one brother.

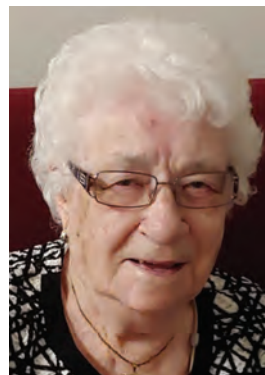
Funeral service was held on Wednesday, May 4, 2022 at the Altona Bergthaler Mennonite Church with burial at the Altona Cemetery.

Donations in memory of Waldo may be made to the Southern Manitoba Choral Society.

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Your memory will live forever Engraved within our hearts

OBITUARY



Margaret Leonore Porter 1926 - 2022

It is with heavy hearts we announce the passing of Margaret Leonore Porter. She slipped away from us peacefully on Saturday April 23, 2022 at the age of 96.

She was predeceased by her first husband, Alex Ramsay, sons, Leonard and Lorne Ramsay, sister, Eileen Russell, brothers, Don and Dick Currie and her husband, Bill Porter. Mom was the oldest child of John and Maude Currie of Thornhill, MB. She spent her childhood on the family farm making memories with her siblings, Eileen, Ruth, Don and Dick. Mom worked various jobs in her early years in Darlingford, Roland and Thornhill. After she left home, she met and married Alex Ramsay and they settled in Darlingford where their family grew. They had four children, Edith, Carol, Leonard and

Lorne. Tragically Alex passed away in a car accident in 1959. In 1963 Leonore and her family married Bill Porter. In 1964 they purchased their dream farm in Kaleida. Mom had married a farmer which she swore she would never do. Like every other farm wife her days were busy and full. In 1968 her fifth child Leanne was born. Never one to have idle hands Mom was always busy sewing, knitting or crocheting. There is no way to know how many afghans she made but if she gave you one you knew you were special. She donated countless afghans to Cancer Care. Later she made hundreds of small, crocheted hats for preemies and kids going through chemo. Mom was also a talented seamstress. She tackled everything from school outfits to the newest styles for Barbie dolls. One of Mom's proudest achievements was being one of the three ladies who organized the very first Darlingford craft sale.

Mom loved to take pictures. Her favourite subjects were her family, her beautiful flower garden and Bill's cows and horses. Bill and Leonore enjoyed many years camping at Mt. Carmel Dam in North Dakota. She often recalled all the laughter shared by their campfire. In 1997 Bill and Leonore retired to Manitou. They spent many enjoyable years there until Bill was moved to Tabor Home in Morden in 2008. In 2010 Mom decided to move to Morden to be closer to Bill. She settled comfortably in her 55 plus community. In 2017 Mom moved to Homestead where she enjoyed socializing. Like most of us Mom struggled with the isolation during the Covid lockdowns. Daily phone calls became the norm. During these often long phone calls she shared memories of her early life with her siblings, her single life and her struggles as a young widow, and of course many stories of her wonderful children. Mom loved spending time with her family. Nothing made her smile like spending time with her children, grandchildren and great grandchildren. She also loved large family gatherings with her siblings and all their families. We all have wonderful memories of these gatherings.

Mom will be missed by her three daughters, Edith (Peter), Carol and Leanne (Jeff), grandchildren, Andrew, Terri (Dave), Dan, Cresta (Jason), Jeff (Lynda), Jesse (Nettie), great grandchildren, Paden, Emmett, Oliver, Joseph, Allie, Clayton, Abby, Emerson, McKenna, and Emily, as well as her sister, Ruth (Gary) and sisters-in-law, Evelyn and Mrylene.

We are eternally grateful for the care Mom has received over many years. The nurses, doctors and other staff that helped her and enabled us to have so many wonderful years with her. We are also grateful to her many friends and relatives that brightened her days with their visits and phone calls. In lieu of flowers we would ask you to donate to Cancer Care, Darlingford Memorial Park or a charity of your choice.

Memorial service will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday May 14, 2022 at Wiebe Funeral Chapel, 1050 Thornhill St. in Morden.

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OBITUARY



**Delmar Andrew Dickey
1928 – 2022**

Delmar Andrew Dickey was born on January 23, 1928 to Andrew and Mable Dickey (nee Purse) in Roland, Manitoba. Delmar was the oldest of six children and spent his life farming the land for 48 years south of Rosebank, Manitoba and then 12 years in Belmont, Manitoba. Delmar met Lola Gibson at the Rose Bowl Dance in Morden in 1947 and later wed on April 2, 1949. On July 17th, 1954 they welcomed their son, Elton who was the treasure of his life. A farmer first and foremost, Delmar also loved horse racing, bingo, visiting on coffee row, tending to his garden and hearing stories about his grandchildren.

Delmar will forever be remembered by his son, Elton Dickey and partner, Lori Mann (Katie and Casey), granddaughter, Shannon Dickey and partner, Dean Spice, grandsons, Tyson Wolf and Andrew Wolf, sisters, Myrna MacKenzie, Debbie Rach and Gerald, sister-in-law, Verna Pattie, brother-in-law, Harold Gibson, Pat Gibson, niece, Brenda Unger and Ike and many other dear family members and great friends.

Delmar was predeceased by his wife, Lola in 2013, his parents, Andrew and Mable Dickey, his sister, Shirley and sister, Barbara.

A Celebration of Life was held at 2:00 p.m. on Friday, April 29, 2022 at the Miami Community Hall.

In lieu of flowers, if friends so desire, donations may be made in Delmar's memory to the Collingwood Apartments in Miami, Manitoba, a place that Delmar spent the last few years of his life with great friends living life to the fullest. Cheques made payable to MSCHA PO Box 315 Miami, MB R0G 1H0.

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OBITUARY



**James Mark Hildebrand
1963 – 2022**

On Tuesday, April 26, 2022 Jim passed away suddenly and unexpectedly at his home Darlingford, MB.

He leaves to mourn his passing his beloved wife, Janet (nee Braun); two sons, Lucas (Tanisha), Zachary (Victoria); one granddaughter, Aria; one sister, four brothers and their families.

He was predeceased by his mother, Margaret (nee Dyck) and his father, Henry Hildebrand.

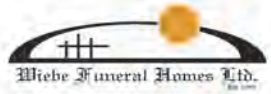
Jim loved extravagantly. His Savior and his family were everything to him and he cherished his relationships with extended family and so many friends. He left a uniquely individual void in each of us because he never stopped giving in whatever way was needed. That void cannot be filled by anyone other than the God

he displayed for us to follow.

A celebration of Jim's life was held on Monday, May 2, 2022 at Christian Life Centre in Morden.

In honor of his memory, we could think of nothing that would please Jim more than knowing his grandkids (present and future) were provided for. We've opened a savings account in trust for them. Please contact Wiebe Funeral Home or either of Jim's sons if you'd like to contribute.

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**Allen Elwood McCulloch
1926 - 2022**

It is with deep sadness that we announce the passing of Allen Elwood McCulloch, age 95, on Thursday, April 21, 2022 at the Brandon Regional Health Centre.

Allen was predeceased by his mother, Mary Ching, his wife, Dorothy (Conner) McCulloch and his younger brothers, Melvin (Cynthia) and Cecil (Arlene).

He is survived by his son, Bob (Nancy), daughter, Judith, granddaughters, Lindsay and Madison (Brian) and great-granddaughter, Maren. It was a blessing that he was able to meet and enjoy his first great-grandchild in the year of his passing.

Dad taught school for over 45 years in McConnell, Morden, Beausejour and Manitou (where he and Mom resided for over 25 years, and he tended to his beautiful rose garden). He enjoyed hearing about (and keeping up with) the accomplishments and exploits of his many students over the years. He was a talented wood carver, handyman, artist and golfer. He lived in Treherne since 2002 in The Villa, where he met many neighbours who became good friends and in the last few years, where he was extremely fortunate to be in the loving care of his daughter, Judith. His body had recently failed him, but his mind remained sharp and engaged (when he felt like wearing his hearing aids). He was kind, gentle, laid back and both respectful and respected. He enjoyed all sports and followed the Winnipeg Blue Bombers, Winnipeg Jets, Toronto Blue Jays and most importantly, the various hockey and other sports teams Lindsay and Madison played on. The best times in his life were spent with his family especially at Christmas time, when he was annually in charge of salvaging bows and ribbons and starring in ultra-competitive card games for over 30 years.

Cremation has taken place. A private family ash interment will be held at the Hillside Cemetery, Morden, MB, presuming there is a spring this year.

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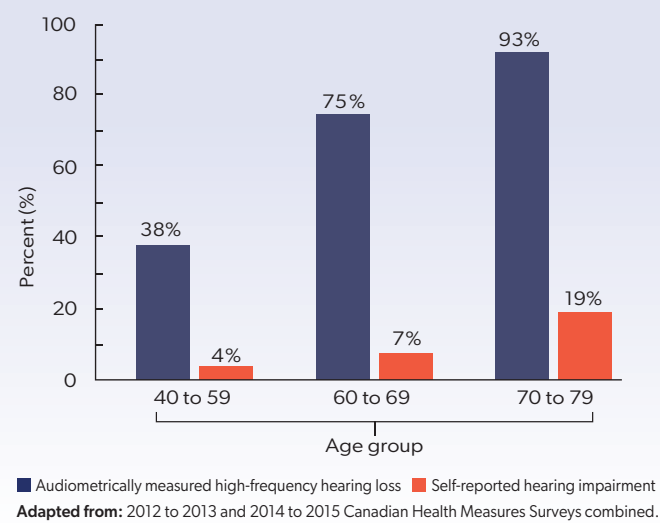


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Measured hearing loss compared to self-reported hearing loss



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- ✓ A discussion about your current symptoms and your overall health history
- ✓ A non-invasive physical examination of your ear with an instrument called an otoscope
- ✓ An audiometric test which is performed in a soundproof booth, during which you wear headphones and listen to sounds and words directed to each ear
- ✓ A speech test asking you to repeat a list of words given at different volumes
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