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Marking a milestone

Staff from Morden-Winkler high schools hit the streets Monday to deliver yard signs to the graduating class of 2020. Zodiac Linda Funk said she appreciates the fact the schools are working hard to make sure graduates feel special as they mark this milestone during the COVID-19 pandemic. For more, see Pgs. 3-4.

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GVC, NPC shine a spotlight on their grads

By Ashleigh Viveiros

Never let it be said that Winkler's graduating classes of 2020 finished off their time in school without fanfare.

Staff from Garden Valley Collegiate and Northlands Parkway Collegiate stopped by the homes of every one of their grads Monday to deliver yard signs in celebration of the soon-to-be former students' accomplishments.

Driving decorated vehicles and armed with noisemakers and bullhorns, parade participants made sure everyone in the neighbourhoods they rolled through knew they're living next to a Zodiac or Nighthawk graduate.

The grads appreciated their efforts, even if a few had to be roused from sleep to come see what all the fuss was about outside.

"I'm still a little bit tired but it's all right," said a groggy Raiden Wieler after NPC staff coaxed him out of bed and outside for a photo Monday morning.

While yard signs and online ceremonies aren't exactly how he expected to celebrate his high school graduation, he appreciates the school's efforts to mark the occasion while still dealing with COVID-19 restrictions.

"We're doing what we can with what we've got," he said.

"It's unique. Something I won't forget, that's for sure," said fellow Night-

hawk Ethan Peters while posing with his sign. "It's definitely different, but at least they're doing something for us, which I think is really good."

"I really like that they're putting a lot of effort into coming and making us feel as special as possible, especially with everything that's been happening," echoed Linda Funk as the GVC parade stopped by her front door.

"They're doing a really good job to actually make this graduation still feel like a real graduation," she added. "It's not the same, but it's still something that we can talk about it."

Fellow GVC grad Mackenzie Klassen said the past few months are not how the class of 2020 envisioned their senior year ending, but they're learning to make do.

"It's definitely been an interesting year," she said, going on to call the sign delivery parade "a fun gesture. It's something that shows that they care, which is nice."

While she's disappointed the graduation ceremonies have to be conducted virtually thanks to the pandemic, she's hopeful the after grad banquet and dance will go ahead eventually, even if not until fall.

With many colleges and universities moving their courses online, Klassen expects most grads will still be in the area at that time.

"So that makes it easier ... it won't be that hard to come out and get togeth-

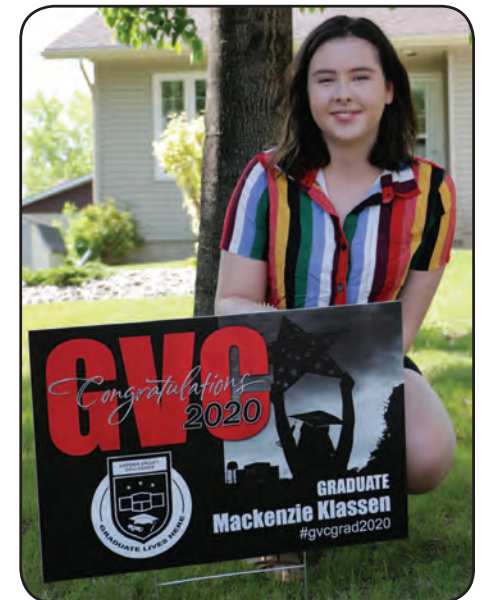


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Nighthawks Steffan Dyck and Raiden Wieler (left) and Zodiac Mackenzie Klassen (right) with the signs school staff dropped off at their homes last week. Above: GVC staff on parade.

er," she said, noting many of her peers are also going to celebrate grad with small get-togethers or camping trips over the next few weeks.

GVC and NPC's online graduation ceremonies will be streamed on June 22. In the days following, grads and their parents will receive appointments to stop by the schools to receive their diplomas and have a formal presentation photo taken.



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Thunder staff roll through town delivering grad packages



Morden Collegiate graduates Tyra Richards (left) and Miguel Ardila (right) receive their grad packages Monday as school staff made the rounds in the community delivering caps, gowns, and yard signs to the class of 2020.



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By Lorne Stelmach

There is obviously disappointment for Morden's class of 2020 with how their senior year has transpired in the midst of the pandemic, but students are still excited about the prospect of graduation, even though it too will be a different kind of celebration from the norm.

And it all started Monday with Morden Collegiate staff preparing graduation packages and fanning out across the city to deliver them to grads.

The packages included a sign for each graduate's yard as well as their gown, cap and tassel so they can take photos with them in the lead-up to the June 25 online ceremony.

The deliveries also gave teachers another opportunity to touch base with their students.

That support has not been lost on the teens as they've worked to adjust to learning remotely in recent months.

"The teachers have been really nice about it," said Miguel Ardila, who noted how one teacher has regularly asked after how things were going and checked in with him if an assignment hadn't come

in on time.

"I found that I sometimes might fall behind with things going on at home ... so they've been really helpful."

Ardila said the transition to learning at home hasn't always been easy.

"It's been weird. It's kind of hard, online schooling, but I guess it's also been kind of fun. I've been doing lots of my homework with my girlfriend, and I guess together we kind of figured it out."

"We're all just doing the best we can right now," said fellow student Jayme Tannous. "It was a little hard at first, but everyone started getting used to it. We started being able to do our stuff online, and we still have the support from our teachers, which is really good. They're all being really supportive. They understand that it's been really hard right now with everything going on."

"It was weird at first; it was strange to figure out how to do it on my computer and with the Teams app that they were making us use," said Tyra Richards, adding, however, that there have been a few perks. "It's been less stressful though than going to school and waking up early."

The pandemic has ruled out the usual large graduation ceremony at the Access Event Centre this year.

Instead, Morden Collegiate grads will be filmed receiving their diplomas over the next few weeks and the school is going to put together a graduation ceremony video to be streamed at the Stardust Drive-In Theatre June 25. The virtual ceremony will also include speeches from the class valedictorian, guest speaker, and others.

The grads are pleased to mark this milestone in some way, but disappointed to miss out on the traditional ceremony and year-end traditions.

"It kind of sucks. It is sad. We had our last day and everybody had different times," noted Ardila.

"It is what it is," he added. "I don't know that it's been done like this before ... we're going to be the class that graduated online. I don't know exactly how that's going to work ... I don't really know what's going to happen ... but it will be interesting."

"It's sad that we can't all be together for it physically," agreed Tannous. "It's understandable, though,

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Morden council okays \$15.3M financial plan

By Lorne Stelmach

The City of Morden's new financial plan offers several key capital investments while holding the line in some areas and cutting back in others.

The \$15.3 million budget approved last Thursday represents a 2.6 per cent increase in overall spending. It decreases the mill rate by 5.2 per cent, although property reassessment means a majority of residential and commercial properties will see increases in municipal taxes between 2.6 and 3.5 per cent.

Council targeted a number of capital projects that include about a million dollars each towards wastewater treatment, new water meters, and the Access Event Centre compressor room.

Spending is rising in a few areas including waste collection, road work and maintenance, and protective and community services while decreasing in areas such as economic development and government services.

Municipal funding to a number of organizations including the Pembina Hills Arts Council, Canadian Fossil Discovery Centre, and tourism is also getting substantially decreased, although Mayor Brandon Burley stressed those steps were taken based on a promise from the province that it would be helping with non-profit organizations.

"We are confident that is coming," he said. "In early iterations of the budget we had focused more heavily on ensuring the survival of our non-profits. We think they're essential to our identity. But with assurances from the provincial government that there would be funding as part of a COVID response, we felt fairly confident [to make these cuts]."

Burley highlighted the need for some major investments that are necessary to support the city's continued growth.

"We did prioritize key components and projects that would lead to increased cost next year if they were deferred again, and at the end of the day, we just couldn't justify any more cuts.

"We're in a fairly serious position where we have to start looking at our asset management and ensuring that we're not bottlenecking down the road," he continued. "We have very significant projects coming and we have to be financially prepared for it.

"I think this really lays the foundation in that we could not hold to zero ... no increase on taxes. We focused on capital projects that we knew would put people back to work."

In addition to capital investments in a water treatment plant, water meter upgrades, and the event centre compressor room, the budget also includes a \$425,000 contribution towards fiber optic infrastructure in Morden.

Other significant projects and priorities for the year include reconstruction of Ninth Street South, airport runway repairs, street lighting, and a range of equipment purchases including a heavy rescue fire truck, a police vehicle, and a number of other trucks.

The financial plan includes almost \$774,000 in grants to a range of community organizations. The largest contribution is \$179,000 to the CFDC, which is about an \$18,000 reduction for them, followed by \$149,000 for the Agassiz Medical Centre and \$119,000 to South Central Regional Library. The \$49,250 to PHAC is a cut of about \$40,000 from the year before, while the \$37,000 earmarked for tourism is a 54 per cent cut.

The budget is largely backed by revenue through net municipal taxes, which rises by 3.9 per cent to \$8.7 million. The city is also taking 9.5 per cent more from its reserve funds at just under \$1.5 million.

Other revenue sources increase by just 1.2 per cent to \$5.1 million. That includes provincial municipal tax sharing, which holds steady at \$1.6 million.

Other significant sources of revenue comes through recreation at \$825,000, an estimated \$266,500 from Colert Beach use, and just under \$200,000 from protective services.

The largest portion of spending falls under fiscal services, which represents 22.7 per cent of spending. It is seeing a decrease of 2.2 per cent to just under \$3.5 million. The biggest chunk is over \$2.8 million going towards capital projects.

Another 20.8 per cent of the budget is for community services, which sees a 4.9 per cent increase to \$3.2 million. The recreation department is getting a 12 per cent boost to over \$1.7 million, while the beach is getting seven per cent more at \$290,000.

Protective services makes up 19 per cent of spending with a 4.7 per cent increase to \$2.9 million, the majority of which is salaries and benefits.

General government services comes in at 11.5 per cent of the budget with an 8.9 per cent decrease to \$1.7 million. Most of that is staffing costs, which have increased, while office costs have decreased.

Representing 10.7 per cent of spend-

ing is transportation services, which is receiving a 19.8 per cent increase at \$1.6 million. That includes increased spending to areas such as road and equipment maintenance, sidewalks, and snow removal.

Environmental health services represent 4.8 per cent of the budget. It has the sharpest increase at 33 per cent to \$736,000, with garbage collection and recycling costs going up a third.

Economic development services come in at four per cent with a 15.8 per cent decrease to \$613,000. Public health and welfare services will receive \$177,000, a 4.1 per cent increase.

"We worked really hard on this budget," Burley stressed. "We knew fairly early on it wouldn't be possible to hold the line and still be financially prudent. Capital projects were heavily prioritized as soon as we knew that there's no way we could deliver a no increase budget."



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Morden Mayor Brandon Burley said the city must prepare for several major financial projects in the years ahead.

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Manitoba starts week with 10 COVID-19 cases

Recent trio of new cases all linked to travel: Roussin

By Ashleigh Viveiros

The number of active cases of COVID-19 in Manitoba was down to 10 at the start of the week.

Public health officials announced no new cases of the illness at their Monday afternoon press briefing. One new case was announced on Sunday.

A total of 278 people have recovered from COVID-19. Seven people have died. At press time, no one was hospitalized with the illness.

At the briefing, chief public health officer Dr. Brent Roussin provided further details about last week's only new cases.

"We can confirm that those two cases were in truck drivers that had multiple routes through a number of the U.S. states," he said. "Certainly it's important to know that these individuals took all the right action. They became symptomatic soon after returning, were self-isolated, were tested, and there is unlikely to be any significant contacts in the community in this regard."

"Because of Manitoba's numbers being favourable, we know that our major risk is in importing this virus from outside Manitoba," Roussin said, noting that the opening up of testing means truck drivers who may be at risk of COVID-19 are welcome to be tested to confirm, even if they are asymptomatic.

"It's certainly voluntary ... but certainly an option to be able to reduce our risk of that," he said. "We've been working with the Manitoba Trucking Association in that regard and have had great collaboration on this step."

The expanded testing helps health professionals better track the spread of COVID-19, Roussin explained.

Roussin also elaborated on the new case announced on Sunday, which was also travel related.

"This took place in a temporary

foreign worker," he said, adding that all the necessary precautions were quickly taken by this individual and so it's expected there should be limited contacts as a result.

Roussin said there were about 18 other people working alongside this person, none of whom are showing symptoms. They are all being tested and monitored.

"Everything was followed appropriately and from the public health investigation there is no risk to the public," Roussin said.

"It just further solidifies the need for the precautions that we have in place," he said, urging people once again to stay home if they're sick, maintain physical distancing whenever possible, and make sure they're practicing good hand hygiene.

People at high risk for severe outcomes with COVID-19—those over age 65 or with underlying medical conditions—should be sure to take extra precautions, including avoiding large groups and crowded public places.

"Do what you can to reduce the chances of being exposed," stressed Roussin.

PHASE 2 BEGINS

Monday marked the rollout of phase two of the government's plan to reopen Manitoba's economy.

As of June 1, most businesses that were forced to close in March due to the pandemic were allowed to reopen.

That included gyms, senior centres, spas, indoor restaurant spaces, bars, pools, community centres, nail salons and tattoo parlours, all with strict protocols in place to ensure proper physi-

cal distancing and other COVID-19 safety measures are followed.

Sports, arts, and cultural activities for adults and children were also given the green light to resume, and child care centre occupancy levels were upped to 24 kids plus staff.

Occupancy limits on outdoor recreational facilities and golf courses were also lifted, though physical distancing must still be maintained.

The province also okayed limited access to schools, allowing for students to come in for one-on-one learning, assessments, and specific programming.

"WE DO NOT WANT A COVID COMEBACK IN THIS PROVINCE."

"While we can take pride in the progress we've made and the extra steps we're taking today, I emphasize that we must remain vigilant,"

Premier Brian Pallister said in announcing the finalized phase two plan last week. "We do not want a COVID comeback in this province. There is no room for complacency."

The premier said the government will continue to rely on the advice of public health officials and urged Manitobans to "please, stick to the fundamentals. Wash your hands regularly, stay home if you are sick, and if you exhibit symptoms please go and get tested."

"We're encouraging everyone to remember that this is a marathon, this is not a sprint. But I'm confident we'll continue to be successful on this track we're on, this course we're on, if we continue to work together as a team."

"Together we will beat this thing."

A detailed rundown of phase two of reopening is available online at manitoba.ca/restoringsafeservices.

ACU reschedules merger vote

Access Credit Union members will get the chance to weigh in on the proposed merger with Winnipeg's Crosstown Civic Credit Union this month.

The vote originally planned for March but postponed due to the pandemic is now scheduled to take place June 23-25.

Last month, the provincial government introduced new orders under The Emergency Measures Act that

temporarily provides businesses with the ability to hold member meetings and conduct voting via telephone, electronic, or other communication means.

Access and Crosstown Civic will be following these provisions for the vote to ensure members and staff are kept safe, the financial institutions said in a joint statement last week.

"When we postponed our original

vote on March 19th, it was to take reasonable action while fully supporting our members' well-being, knowing that we would reschedule the vote when it was appropriate to do so," said ACU board chair Curt Letkeman. "These new measures demonstrate support for moving ahead to a vote with our respective memberships."

More information about the voting process will be released soon.

Police donate unclaimed bikes to Teen Challenge

By Ashleigh Viveiros

Years worth of unclaimed lost and stolen bicycles have found a new home at the Adult and Teen Challenge Super Thrift.

After COVID-19 threw a wrench into their plans for a spring bike auction, the Winkler Police Service decided instead to donate the approximately 60 bicycles they've had in storage since their last auction two years ago to the thrift store.

Officers dropped off a couple trailers full of bikes at the 1st St. store on Friday.

"It's super exciting because we were praying already for awhile for donations and getting bikes especially," said store manager Nettie Harder. "It's coming to summertime and people are starting asking if we have bikes."

When police contacted the store to see if they'd be interested in taking their entire stock, Harder was blown away.

"I was just shocked and couldn't even say for a little while how happy I was and how thankful I am ... that they thought of us," she said.

Luckily, the store has plenty of storage space for the bikes, but Harder suspects they'll go pretty quickly now



Winkler Police officers stopped by the Adult and Teen Challenge Super Thrift last week to donate about 60 unclaimed bicycles.

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that warm weather is here to stay.

Police Chief Ryan Hunt said the department was happy to help.

"When this year came around and the whole social distancing was happening, we were trying to figure out how we were going to have an auction," he said.

After a couple of cancelled dates, they decided it made more sense to just donate the bikes somewhere, as

partial proceeds from the auction goes to charity anyway.

"Out of the blue we realized maybe we could check with Teen Challenge and see if they could use them, and they were gracious enough to take them off our hands," Hunt said.

"We just think it's a great organization," he added. "They do a lot of good things for people in the community and within the province."

"There's so many success stories from people that have needed help through Teen Challenge within our community here, that have gone through the program and have just so improved their lives. I just think it's a great opportunity to help them out so that they can do more stuff in that regard."

City pulls plug on free, round-the-clock MWM site drop offs

By Lorne Stelmach

The City of Morden says abuse of the privilege is what has led to the discontinuation of 24-hour access for residents to dump waste at MWM Environmental.

As of June 1, the MWM location at 456 Jefferson Street is no longer open to the public for round-the-clock access, and there will now be a fee for drop-offs during restricted daytime hours.

The city says the change came about as a result of the service, which was intended only for use by Morden residential customers, being illegally used by others and the resulting rising costs charged back to the city.

"IT WAS A MATTER OF BECOMING UNTENABLE FINANCIALLY."

"It was a matter of becoming untenable financially," suggested Mayor Brandon Burley, noting usage costs jumped from \$22,442.38 in 2018 to \$73,125.02 in 2019.

"It's been used by commercial users as well as by non-resident users," he said, citing how some contractors who could charge a disposal fee as part of a contract "are then finding a windfall through free dumping ... but at the cost of resident taxpayers."

"It was not part of the original waste agreement with the city that MWM holds. It was just kind of a nice offering at first," Burley said, adding they had to re-evaluate if it was going to be getting to the point of being "al-

most as expensive as our entire garbage contract annually."

"We did widen our scope on this a little bit to look at whether or not it would be tenable to put staff in place or for MWM themselves to have staff in place ... it was not," he said. "There just weren't enough mitigating components to make it attractive for us."

"The program just from so many perspectives didn't make sense," the mayor said, noting as well that there were some safety and environmental considerations. "There was a lot of hazardous material just being disposed of freely."

By shifting to a model where you only pay for how much you use it, the city stresses the site will no longer cost taxpayers additional money to make up for use by non-residents and commercial users.

Morden residents are still welcome to use the site Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Reloadable usage cards are available for purchase from MWM.

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that we can't ... but as long as we're still able to do something."

"It's been really hard, and I just wish that we could all graduate together," said Richards.

"It's really disappointing. I've been waiting for this for 13 years ... it's something you look forward to, and I have this over \$300 dress in my room that I probably won't even get to wear."

"It sucks, but there isn't much you can do about it," she added. "I think everyone will remember it at least. It will be interesting."

"My grandparents are planning to do something for me and my boyfriend ... and I'm getting my hair done and we're going to do a photo shoot in our backyard. It will be fun."

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South Central Regional Library branches reopening

By Lorne Stelmach

It's been a long road, but the South Central Regional Library branches are working to restore services to patrons in the wake of the COVID-19 pandemic.

The Winkler, Morden, Altona, and Miami libraries were all opening their doors with limited hours and services this week, while Manitou reopens June 9.

"It will be good to be able to have the doors open again," said Win-



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SCRL's Cathy Ching and Randall Klassen with some of the book orders patrons have placed in recent weeks. Library branches across the region reopened their doors this week.

kler branch librarian Randall Klassen. "We're happy we can begin to give the community what they want again ... it's nice that we will be able to provide this service to people."

Manitoba libraries were given the green light by the province to reopen in May, but SCRL held off a few extra weeks to ensure all the necessary safety measures could be put in place.

"We had all staff working for April and then some of them took a layoff temporarily just because we were kind of caught up on what to do ... and we weren't doing any holds at that point," noted director of library services Cathy Ching.

Once the staff were back in place, branches began offering hold pickups in the lead-up to opening this week.

"That's our first phase of getting books out to people ... then we're going to do a gradual reopening where we will bring people into the building, a certain number according to the size," Ching said. "People will still be able to do curbside pickup for holds, so that's a contactless pickup. If they don't want to come into our buildings, we're going to continue that service all summer for people who are concerned."

Ching said there was a very good initial response as soon as the libraries starting offering holds for pick up.

"When we had the catalogue re-opened again, I think in Winkler one day they had 180 books come off the shelves," she said.

"Each branch has a different setup as far as how they are going to do the pickups. Some they come into the foyer, some might be in a bin ... people are called, so they know what time they need to come pick up.

"And everybody's really good, everyone understands the social distancing. So if they see someone there, they stand back and let them clear the area," Ching continued. "We're thinking we're coming into it

at a pretty good time because people understand how it works now. It's not like we have to do a lot of policing when we do open."

Ching noted the staff have prepared well for the extra disinfection procedures that are required when handling materials.

"They had a lot of time to get things sorted out. They've done lots of cleaning ... all of the books have been kept in quarantine so that nothing has been touched by anyone," she said. "When the book drop is emptied, they go straight into the meeting room, they sit for 72 hours, then they are returned."

Plexiglas shields and gloves are also being used to help keep staff and patrons safe.

"We're also trying to figure out an easy way to do self checkout," Ching added. "It's something we've talked about for a long time, but now I think it's where we are going to be moving to eventually anyway."

Public computers will be available, but branches may enforce time limits if the space is busy.

The popular summer reading program is scheduled to take place as usual, though with a lot more virtual and remote activities than in the past.

"We're hiring summer reading students," Ching said. "They're going to be working on virtual stuff. For children who don't have online access whenever, we're going to have package pickups."

As well, the Morden branch will soon have eight tablets available for seniors to borrow. The devices were purchased thanks to funding from the Morden Area Foundation.

"They can request a tablet, we'll load it up with books and get them delivered to them," Ching said.

Winkler Park inclusive playground a go for this summer

By Ashleigh Viveiros

The Winkler Park inclusive playground project is moving ahead this summer.

The COVID-19 pandemic initially caused sponsors to push construction back to 2021.

But recent changes in circumstances has allowed Canadian Tire Jumpstart Charities to reinstate the 2020 timeline. The charity is teaming up with the City of Winkler and the Toews family to build the \$750,000 accessible playground at the north end of the park.

"It was very much a surprise," said Mayor Martin Harder, who noted the city's portion of the funds comes from its Community Enhancement Reserves and so were good to go for this year or the next. "We were content with having to leave this for next year, if we had to, and all of the sudden they came back and said they were ready if we were. Very exciting."

Work is expected to begin within the next month and will not require the uprooting of any established trees in the park.

"There isn't a single big tree that we have to remove," Harder said.

"It's all little ones that were planted in the last couple of years, so they'll just be moved and away we go."

The playground will include a variety of

features designed to be accessible for kids of all physical abilities to play on together.

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Fire hound now on duty

By Lorne Stelmach

Morden Fire and Rescue's latest recruit will be playing a special role in the department's public education efforts.

Ophelia the Dalmatian also represents things coming full circle for her owner Sean Christensen, a paramedic and six year member of the local firefighting force.

Having the 10-week-old pup from HeartSpot Dalmatians in Ste. Anne takes Christensen back to his early days in Morden, where he recalls his Kindergarten class visiting the Morden fire hall perhaps 20 years ago.

"The fire hall had everything from the story books, from the trucks, ladders, hoses, the smell of many fires ... all the racks, helmets, boots, turnout gear all lined up ready to go ... but it was missing one thing I couldn't wrap my head around at that age ... where do you keep the Dalmatian?"

"That's something that always stuck with me, and now I am a firefighter ... and I often still hear that same question."

Christensen and his fiancé had been on a waiting list for a Dalmatian for some time. Their turn finally came up this spring.

It seemed like a perfect fit, given she has horses and Dalmatians have been his-

torically linked to firefighting and have strong bonds with horses, which would have pulled fire wagons back in the day.

"The Dalmatians were used to calm the horses down when they were going into response ... that's how that came about," explained Chief Andy Thiessen.

He loved the idea of Morden having its very own furry mascot when Christensen showed up at the fire hall recently with Ophelia in tow.

"We could sure use a live mascot," said Thiessen. "I think it will be fun for kids to see ... I think it will be great if we can bring her along to the schools and for our public education."

"Chief Andy still comes to the schools and teaches fire safety, and that was something I always looked forward to because that left such a big impact on me," said Christensen.

"That's something we want to do with Ophelia, get her involved in the fire safety side of it to help get that message out," he said. "It left such an impact, and we just would like to help continue that and be a part of that for the next generation."

He suggested Ophelia will be well suited

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Fibre artists offering 'Threads of Hope'

By Lorne Stelmach

An exhibit that has been years in the making makes its debut here in Morden with a surprisingly timely message.

The artists involved with the Fibre Art Network couldn't have imagined their show entitled Threads of Hope would have such an appropriate theme coming with the world still in the grip of a pandemic.

"We started this two years ago because we have to let the artists know and then they have to create the works and then we have to book venues. It couldn't be more profound actually right now with the coronavirus," said Krista Zeghers, a Treherne artist involved with the exhibit that is on display at the Pembina Hills Gallery until the end of June.

It features around 50 works drawing from over a hundred members of the Fibre Art Network, a cooperative group of fibre artists from across Manitoba, Alberta, Saskatchewan, British Columbia, Yukon, Northwest Territories, and Nunavut.

The group works to promote fibre as

an art form and serves as a forum for a meeting of minds of its membership of textile artists.

"It welcomes any fibre artists, wannabes to professionals, but it's usually people who have been doing fibre arts for quite a while and now want to up their game," suggested Zeghers.

Fibre art is a very broad form that can involve a wide range of materials and styles, although Zeghers noted many might not necessarily understand it as an art form.

"Most people, when I say I'm a fibre artist, they go, 'Well, what's that?' It's just any other kind of art ... except I use fibres instead of watercolour or oil paint or whatever," she explained.

"You'll see a lot of people have used material, as in block material or in some cases it's their own hand-dyed material.

You'll see some that are felted, sometimes it's woven; pretty much anything goes."

For the purposes of the Threads of Hope exhibit, the artists were given a few specific parameters to follow.

"It had to have a piece of red running through it because the topic is threads of hope," said Zeghers, explaining each thread of red had to come in one side of the work and exit out the other.

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to the role once she has had a bit more training.

"She's so kind, smart, and full of energy, and we've already got her working on stop, drop, and roll," noted Christensen. "She even knows to stay low and go when you find yourself caught

in a fire.

"So we've been doing those drills with her already, and I think she's well on her way."

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Artist Krista Zeghers at the Threads of Hope exhibition on display now at the Morden art gallery.

"Then the height of each piece is adjusted so that this red line will keep running all the way through this exhibit.

"The whole idea was to provide some unity ... although everybody's

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Schools on parade

More Morden-Winkler schools got in on the parade fun last week as staff from Morden's Maple Leaf School (left) and Winkler's Parkland School (right) toured their catchment areas to let students know they have been missed. Emerado Centennial School also rolled out decorated school buses on Friday to say hello to their students.



Genesis House receives funding for homelessness project

By Ashleigh Viveiros

Genesis House is embarking on a four-year pilot project aimed at reducing homelessness in our region.

The women's shelter has received a sizeable grant from the federal government's Reaching Home program to launch this new project in Winkler, Morden, Carman, and Altona.

"We're looking to really bridge the gap for the women who are falling through the cracks," said housing and outreach counsellor Taylor Richards.

Richards will be visiting each community on a regular basis to meet with women who have been referred to the program because they're facing obstacles in their lives that make it difficult to maintain successful long-term housing.

"I'll be helping those clients set some goals, do some one-on-one counselling, and then making the connections within the community that they

need to be successful and to maintain successful housing and financial stability," Richards explained, noting the program will also offer group support sessions.

Studies have found that as many as 38 per cent of women find themselves homeless immediately after separating from an abusive partner.

Even when domestic violence isn't a factor, poverty often is.

The Winkler Community Foundation's Vital Signs study a few years ago found the city to have a 19 per cent poverty rate—four per cent higher than the province's rate as a whole.

"This project is in place to engage community and increase awareness of the poverty levels in our region as well as too provide a voice for these marginalized populations," Richards said.

"They're quite an invisible population," she added, pointing out that while we may not see people living on the streets, local women and children being forced to take up temporary

shelter with friends or family is still a form of homelessness.

Genesis House executive director Ang Braun is excited that the regional shelter is able to venture out into this new area of service.

"A lot of times what throws women into homelessness is domestic violence," she said. "And so this is directly connected to our agency in that sense."

"But then there are times when women don't meet our mandate [as victims of domestic violence], and so there is a gap," she said. "And that gap is troublesome to us because we hate saying 'No' and then we have nothing more to offer them. Now we do."

"Adding Taylor and this program to our complement, we're really hoping we'll be able to help even more woman find and stay in housing successfully."

For more information on this program, give Genesis House a call at 204-325-9957.

If you are a victim of domestic violence, the shelter's 24-hour crisis line is reachable at 1-877-977-0007.

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PVPCC launches Get Moving Challenge

The Pembina Valley Pregnancy Care Centre's board of directors are stepping up to help the agency weather the COVID-19 storm.

On Monday, PVPCC launched its Get Moving Challenge. For every \$1 donation the agency receives until June 14, its board members will do one jumping jack. Or, for a \$10 donation, they'll walk or jog one kilometre.

"Supporters in our community have always kept us moving, enabling us to bring hope and help to women and their partners. The Get Moving Challenge is a way for anyone to get involved, and I'll be jumping for joy, literally, for every dollar that is given," said board chair Davis Wieler. "As a board, we are grateful for all support, and we are ready to get some exercise."

Wieler is joined on the board by Andy Schmidt, Glenda Schwarz, and Hugh Froese.

The unique fundraiser comes at a time when the centre has had to cancel many events thanks to pandemic restrictions.

"We ended last year with a deficit, so had already tightened up our 2020 budget. Within a

few weeks the pandemic hit and everything has changed," said executive director Linda Marek. "People have still been supporting us, which we so appreciate, but the needs are higher than what has been coming in, so any donation is a huge blessing."

You can make a donation online at pvpcc.com or mail one in to PVPCC, Box 2504, Winkler, MB, R6W 4C2.

The centre's offices in Morden and Winkler have reopened for in-person visits one day a week. Appointments can also be made on other days as required.

"Pregnancy and parenting decisions remain our focus because women, men, couples, students and families are still impacted by unplanned pregnancy, regardless of the pandemic situation," Marek said. "Each person has unique circumstances, fears and pressures. They need support to get all the information and we are glad to be a safe, caring place to come to, no matter what is happening."

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With Pay It Forward in May coming to a close, the Morden Area Foundation went out in grand style with a community parade last Thursday. Making an initial stop at Tabor Home were a wide variety of participants, including clowns, riders on horseback, and a few masked familiar faces who all came together to thank the community's heroes and support local businesses.

Paying it forward



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Pembina Counselling Centre reaching out to local seniors

By Ashleigh Viveiros

Thanks to funds from the federal government's New Horizons for Seniors Program, the Pembina Counselling Centre is able to reach out to help seniors living in Homestead South this month.

The \$3,500 grant, distribution of which was facilitated by the Morden United Way, is allowing the regional counselling centre to send its counsellors in for one-on-one sessions with residents of the assisted living facility over the next couple of weeks.

"It's about connecting with the most vulnerable in our community," said executive director Chris Derksen. "We're glad to be a part of that and very proud and thankful to the federal government for recognizing that there is a need here."

"We will be there to provide assistance in any way that we can to residents," he continued, adding that even though COVID-19 restrictions are starting to ease, the isolation of the past couple of months has hit many seniors quite hard.

"Many are struggling with loneliness and isolation because they've been cut off in many ways," Derksen said, pointing out that since older Manitobans are in a high-risk category when it comes to COVID-19, many have been staying home as much as possible and avoiding unnecessary interaction with people outside their households.

Counsellors will be visiting with se-

niors in a private space at Homestead to help them deal with some of those emotions.

"This isn't deep therapy by any stretch," Derksen said. "This is to deal with COVID specifically—isolation depression, anxiety—and give people the tools necessary to deal with those things and also to just be someone to listen to them. I think that's very therapeutic right now."

The grant also covers the cost of two iPads for Homestead residents to

use to reach out to their families and counsellors both now and in future waves of the pandemic.

"That will enable us to do video appointments if need be," Derksen said. "It will also allow them to be in contact with their loved ones or other service providers if they don't otherwise have the technology to do so."

"Some residents have the technology, but there are many that don't, so this will be a big help to them."

Building manager Betty Froese ex-

pects the program will be quite popular with the facility's 96 residents, many of whom have been separated from their families for months.

"We're very excited," she said. "I think there's a lot of residents here who will benefit from this and may not realize it."

"I think what a lot of them are really missing is someone to talk to. Someone to share their feelings and anxieties with."

3rd Wave pulls plug on 2020 Morden Triathlon

The Morden Triathlon has become the latest event cancelled thanks to the COVID-19 pandemic.

The 3rd Wave Triathlon Club has announced the July 11-12 competition is officially cancelled.

"While here in Manitoba we see great promise of a return to a 'new normal,' we feel that in the interests of ensuring we do not contribute to the spread of COVID-19 through athlete interaction and travel, the best decision is to cancel our event," they said in a statement announcing their decision last month. "We thank everyone for their interest in the Morden Triathlon and hope to return to triathlon racing next year."



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Athletes who had already registered for the weekend's various races will be reimbursed their entry fees.

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Thrift shop donates another \$50K to clinic reno project

By Lorne Stelmach

The campaign to raise half a million dollars towards the expansion and renovation of the Agassiz Medical Centre is near its goal thanks to another contribution from the Morden Community Thrift Shop.

The thrift shop recently chipped in another \$50,000 to the project on top of the \$150,000 it has already donated.

"That's a good chunk of the \$500,000 that we're looking for, so this puts us just a little under where we want to be ... it's great news," said Bob Wahl, fundraising chairperson with the medical centre's community board.

Thrift Shop board president Jean Hildebrand said that while the fall-out of COVID-19 closures and restrictions has meant the store has had to scale back on some of its community donations this spring, it still wanted to make sure the clinic project was supported.

"Because this is so valuable, we decided we had to support it," she said. "It's a project that we really believe in."

"It's something that we think is very important for the community. We were hoping it would keep them on track, keep them going ... last thing you want to see is them to stall out."

The fundraising campaign is now just shy of having raised its \$500,000 goal towards what is estimated to be a \$1.25 million construction project overall.

Once that goal is reached, the fundraising will begin for another \$200,000 for equipment and furnishings.

Wahl said that construction continues to progress well, with workers finished on phase one and now moving to phase two.

With work now moving more to the east and south side of the building, that means some changes for patient access.

"The east entrance now is closed off,



PHOTO BY LORNE STELMACH/VOICE

As construction moves into the second phase at the Agassiz Medical Centre, the eastern entrance is now closed off. Patients can access the building from the west side.

so it is only available for patients to come in on the west side," Wahl said.

The project will add about 2,500

square feet to the clinic, including 10 new examination rooms.

Morden council hires outside help to get financial house in order

By Lorne Stelmach

The City of Morden is enlisting some outside help to finish getting its financial house in order.

Council voted at its May 25 meeting to contract Way To Go Consulting at a cost of nearly \$60,000 to get the city caught up with its financial reporting.

Morden is still needing to complete and submit audited financial statements for both 2018 and 2019, and Mayor Brandon Burley defended the move as a way to expedite the matter, which he noted goes back to before the current council was elected.

In the time since then, the city has also been hampered by issues such as staff shortages in a number of key administrative positions.

"We're finding that both digging out of that and continuing to provide the financial services that are required

to allow the city to operate efficiently and to do proper analysis and budgeting just wasn't there," said Burley.

"This will allow us to get right caught up to today, allow us to access funding granted that right now is being withheld because we are behind with the books," he added in reference to government funding such as federal gas tax revenue that has been delayed pending completion of audited financial statements.

"Our focus is to become more efficient and to be able to operate more efficiently," Burley continued. "Some of our operational deficits are certainly attributable to the fact that many times we don't know or departments don't know what they have left in the budget, so it's not a practical state of affairs ... and so this really just moves to remedy that."

The mayor anticipated the financial

statements for 2018 will be ready to be audited within a month. Work will then move on to 2019 in the hopes the entire process can be wrapped up by the end of the summer.

SPEED REDUCTIONS SOUGHT

In other business, council approved formally making a request to the province to adjust the speed zones on the eastern highway entrance to Morden.

If approved, the existing 50 and 70 kph speed zones will be extended out further east of the city.

"The 50 will move out past the residences and the 70 will move past the Boston Pizza intersection," explained Burley.

"We think it's necessary as the com-

munity grows to ensure that people are kept safe, and certainly that is a high impact, high speed intersection," he said. "We think more appropriate speeds through there will keep motorists safe ... until we provide a solution that is more permanent and enduring."

Burley acknowledged more needs to be done yet to address traffic and pedestrian safety in that area.

"We are working with the province on permanent solutions and to address both volume and turning," he said. "We're working on several solutions for speed and traffic volume in that area, and I think it's responsible to only pay for the solutions you need and not continue to spend on things that you're just going to have to take out and do over again."

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Hawks win Esso Cup legacy fund scholarships

A trio of Pembina Valley Hawks are getting some help with their post-secondary educations thanks to the legacy of the Esso Cup National Female Midget Championship, which was hosted by Morden in 2017.

The aftermath of the event included the creation of a legacy fund to support the development of female hockey in our region.

One way the fund does that is by offering scholarships of up to \$2,000 to graduating players from the Pembina Valley Female Hawks AAA Midget team.

Applicants submit their community and school involvements, references, academic transcripts, and an essay outlining the life lessons or benefits hockey has given them.

This year's recipients are Hawks defenceman Erica Pouteau (\$1,000), team captain Cora Fijala (\$500), and assistant captain Tessa Odell (\$500).

Pouteau, who lives in Mariapolis, wrote about how hockey has taught her the importance of sacrifice in being successful.

"The constant sacrifices players, coaches and the player's parents make are what make them great players, great players, and allow dreams to come true," she said.

Pouteau plans to study science at the University of Manitoba.

Odell lives in Glenora and was the Hawks' points leader with 33 points in 50 games.

In her essay, she outlined that hockey has taught her



From left: Cora Fijala, Erica Pouteau, and Tessa Odell have received scholarships from the Esso Cup legacy fund.

how hard work and determination pay off.

Odell intends to attend the University of Manitoba to pursue a bachelor in kinesiology with plans to become a sports medicine doctor or a family physician.

Fijala lives in Manitou and led the Hawks in assists with 21 throughout the season in addition to two goals.

She has been involved in her student council and grad committee and is also an active volunteer in her community.

In her essay, Fijala recognized the importance of commitment and goal setting in being successful not only in hockey but in all areas of life.

She plans to take the practical nursing program at the Assiniboine Community College.



PHOTOS BY ASHLEIGH VIVEIROS/VOICE
Volunteers stepped up on Monday to help the Winkler Horticulture Society with its 2020 beautification efforts. Thousands of flowers were planted in public flower beds and gardens throughout the city.

> PLAYGROUND, FROM PG.8

There will be double wide ramps, a roller slide, a harness swing with a bucket seat, a wheelchair-accessible merry-go-round, and also quiet zones for children with autism and sensory processing disorders.

"We're anticipating it will be completed by the end of August," Harder said, adding it will add a great deal to an already popular area of town. "It will be a destination point, that's for sure."

ANNEXATION APPROVED

City council got more good news last week with word that the prov-

ince has approved its annexation proposal regarding land for the future wastewater treatment plant.

The land is located by the existing lagoon on the edges of Winkler's boundaries.

"It's pretty important that piece of land be within Winkler city limits" in order for the project to move forward, Harder said.

The application has been with the government for several months now, the mayor noted, so he's pleased to finally be able to move ahead with the annexation process.

The land will be annexed from the RM of Stanley.

> THREADS OF HOPE, FROM PG. 15

thread of hope is going to be different.

"I don't know that anybody has seen anything quite like this with the line running through it all," said Zeghers, who added it was a fun process for her to see how it was all going to come together as submissions came her way. "They were wonderful to receive because every time a package came in the mail, it was like Christmas."

"I have been amazed. The quality of the work is phenomenal, very beautiful pieces," she added. "Everybody's style is totally different ...

but because I know so many of the members so well now, I can go, okay, I know whose that is because I'm getting to know their styles."

Zeghers hopes people viewing the exhibit will gain an appreciation for the art form and also perhaps walk away feeling uplifted.

"I'm hoping that it gets them out of the house ... and the other thing I am wishing is that they come out of this with some hope, some positives. Maybe, hopefully, it can trigger some change, some positiveness, some new roads or avenues to positive change."



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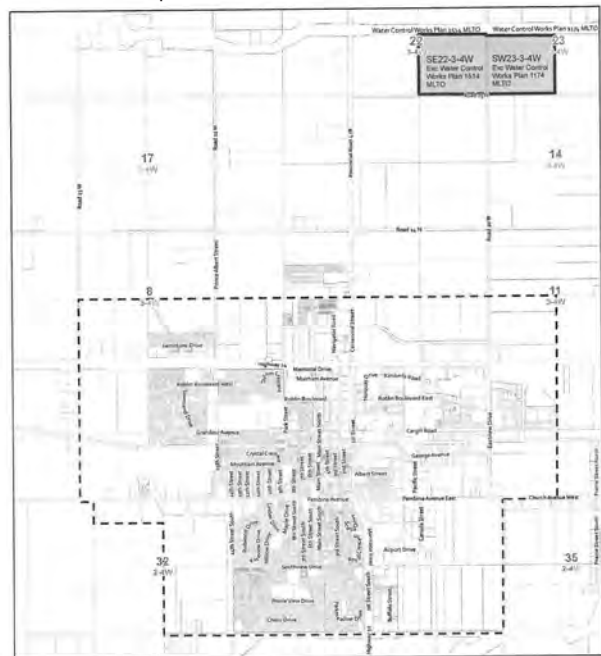
NOTICE BY THE MUNICIPAL BOARD OF MANITOBA
NOTICE OF PROPOSAL TO ANNEX CERTAIN LANDS
FROM THE RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF STANLEY TO
THE CITY OF WINKLER
(BOARD FILE NO. 19E2-0001)

Pursuant to Section 22(2) of *The Municipal Act*, The Municipal Board of
Manitoba gives notice that it has received from the City of Winkler and the
Rural Municipality of Stanley of a proposal to annex certain lands from the
Rural Municipality of Stanley to the City of Winkler.

The lands proposed for annexing are described as follows:

**SE 22-3-4W WPM Exc. Water Control Works Plan 1514 MLTO and
SW 23-3-4W Exc. Water Control Works Plan 1174 MLTO**

as shown on the map below:



City of Winkler
Proposed Annexation

Existing Boundary of the
City of Winkler
Proposed Boundary Expansion

The Municipal Board is satisfied that there is general agreement with the proposal.

Unless objections are filed with The Municipal Board on or before **June 18, 2020**,
by a person to whom the proponent is required to give a copy of the proposal
under section 13, or at least 25 persons who would be voters of the affected
Municipalities, the Board will make its recommendation respecting the proposal to
the Minister of Municipal Relations without holding a public hearing.

Any objection should be filed with The Municipal Board, 1144 - 363 Broadway,
Winnipeg, Manitoba R3C 3N9, Attention: Brenda Loewen, Secretary of the Board.

A copy of the proposal is available for review at the
Municipal Offices and at The Municipal Board Office.

Dated at City of Winkler, Manitoba, this 27th day of May, 2020.

Brenda Loewen
Secretary of the Board
The Municipal Board
of Manitoba
1144 - 363 Broadway
Winnipeg MB

Jody Penner
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City of Winkler
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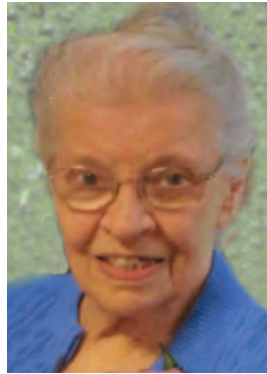
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OBITUARY

Rose Rogers (nee Krul) 1924 - 2020



Rose Rogers passed away on Tuesday, May 26, 2020 at Tabor Home in Morden, MB at the age of 95.

Rose was born on September 13, 1924 in Caliento, MB to Dmytro and Anastasia (Gadomski) Krul. She was the seventh child in a family of 12 children. The family moved to Emerson in 1929.

Rose received her schooling in Emerson then moved to Winnipeg to begin her working career. She worked in various factories throughout her life. She married Frank Rogers in 1946 in Winnipeg. They moved to Minneapolis in 1956 where Frank was employed by the Soo line and Rose continued her factory work. Rose and Frank retired to Morden in 1986. Rose was pleased to be close to her sisters and they enjoyed many shopping trips to Winnipeg.

Rose was a hardworking, kind, gentle and good-hearted soul who also had a sense of humour. Rose was a dog lover and when she could no longer have a dog of her own, Rose made sure the neighbourhood dogs had a steady supply of food and dog biscuits. Rose became a resident of Tabor Home in 2016 and was always grateful and appreciative of the care and attention she received.

Rose was predeceased by her husband, Frank, who she missed dearly; also her parents; two brothers; eight sisters and many in-laws in the Rogers family.

She is survived by her sister, Doris Ross; nieces, Denise Bender and her family, Norma Sanders and her family; sister-in-law, Nancy Turner; friends, Eileen Penner, Lorraine Helps, Derek Helps and many nieces and nephews.

Ash interment will take place at Emerson Cemetery at a later date.



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3	8	2	9	5	4	7	6	1
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Sudoku Answer

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Crossword Answer

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CLUES ACROSS

- Swiss shoe company
- Caesar, comedian
- and flow
- Horsefly
- Egyptian pharaoh
- African nation
- Tony-winning actress Daisy
- Initial public offering
- Long-winding ridge
- Guinea peoples
- Fellow
- About aviation
- Able to make amends
- Easy to perceive
- Cut off
- Northeast Thai language
- Earthy pigment
- Water nymphs
- Returned material authorization (abbr.)
- Those who deal
- Apply a new fabric
- Confusions
- "To ___ his own"
- Lowest point of a ridge between two peaks
- Heavy cavalry sword
- Partner to pain
- A type of savings account
- In a way, felt pain
- Wide-beamed sailing dinghy
- Consume
- Jewish spiritual leader
- Body part
- Midway between south and southeast
- Cheek

CLUES DOWN

- Indicates a certain time (abbr.)
- Expression of sorrow or pity
- Central American lizard
- Muslim military commanders
- One who takes to the seas
- Select jury
- Parts of the small intestine
- Painter's accessory
- Honk
- Ballpoint pen
- Large, dark antelope
- Ancient kingdom near Dead Sea
- Exhausts
- ___-bo: exercise system
- Not written in any key or mode
- Chinese principle underlying the universe
- Corpuscle count (abbr.)
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- NY football player
- A form of be
- Soviet Socialist Republic
- Kindnesses
- Natural electrical phenomenon
- Your
- Diana __, singer
- Upper surface of the mouth
- National capital
- Fluid in Greek mythology
- Renowned jazz trumpeter
- Freedom from difficulty
- Swiss river
- Prejudice
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