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## Heritage on display

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The parade of vintage tractors and vehicles including the steam engine is always a highlight at the Pembina Threshermen's Museum, which held its annual Heritage Days Friday and Saturday. See inside this edition of the Voice for more highlights.

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## Western fills facilities role

### Voice staff

Western School Division filled one of its key positions last week with the hiring of a new facilities supervisor.

The division announced the hiring of Yuriy Lebedyuk effective June 16 as he takes over the role from Allan Toews, who is retiring after having served for Western School Division as supervisor of operations for many years.

Lebedyuk brings extensive experience in construction and building operation fields to his new role.

Most recently, Lebedyuk has served as maintenance technician for Western School Division, and he is also working on his red seal carpenter and industrial electrical maintenance certificates.

Lebedyuk is a resident of Morden and is married to Alla, and they have two daughters.

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# Morden store still moving on up

By Lorne Stelmach

A grand reopening Saturday marked the next step in the continued success story of Morden Discount Centre.

Having started in February 2016, it is now approaching seven years in business, and it recently made the move to a new space on Seventh Street after having started in a small space on North Railway.

The change of location grew from the impact of the pandemic, said An-

nie Giesbrecht, who owns and operates the business with her husband Henry.

"We wanted to still be able to keep our prices at what we've been able to sell things for ... so we decided to do a little bit of a downsize so that we could keep our prices where are customers are used to having them at," she said.

They love their new location, which

is still in the heart of downtown Morden.

"The community has been super supportive. People just come and drop by to say hi, and that part of it has just been fantastic," she said. "With the local emphasis on shopping local and the chamber talking about that, I feel like it's really hitting home for people ... it's just really heartwarming to see that people care," she said. They care enough to come by and support local. "Business has been exceptionally well," said Giesbrecht.

"There's some days where you go

home, and you just realize that it doesn't always have to be the big sales that make business good," she said. "It's the community and the people that we meet. We just absolutely love what we do and we love meeting the people ... and we just love being part of the community and being downtown where people can find us easily."

You can find them online at [morden-discount.com](http://morden-discount.com) as well as on social media including Facebook.



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Morden Discount Centre held a ribbon cutting Saturday to celebrate its new location in downtown Morden.

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# Thrift Store gives back

By Lorne Stelmach

Twenty community organizations are benefitting from the work of the Morden Community Thrift Store.

They are sharing portions of \$240,000 in grants handed out Monday afternoon.

“This donation goes a long ways towards supplying needed equipment,” said Doug Frost, a council member and chairperson of the Menzies Medical Centre community board, which received \$30,000 towards medical equipment. “I believe we have received in excess of half a million dollars from them now (in recent years).”

John Epp, a board member for the Morden Activity Centre, welcomed the support, which will use the \$15,000 to help address a number of things including computer improvements as well as a walk-in cooler and plans for a patio.

“We think we do a lot of things for seniors. We routinely have all kinds of activities going on there, and we serve approximately 21,000 meals per year five days a week,” said Epp.

“This is a place for seniors to come, meet with others, have pleasurable activities and in general just get out of the house.”

Other grant recipients included the following:

- S.T.A.R.S Air Ambulance - \$50,000.
- City of Morden - spray park recirculation system - \$20,000.
- 500 Stephen Street - playroom equipment - \$10,000.
- Habitat For Humanity - duplex in Morden -



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Twenty community organizations are sharing \$240,000 in grants handed out Monday by the Morden Community Thrift Store.





- \$10,000.
- Many Hands Resource Centre - food supply and vouchers - \$10,000.
- Minnewasta School Parent Association for environmental nature equipment - \$10,000.
- Pembina Counselling Centre - assistance - \$10,000.
- Pembina Threshermen’s Museum - new sewer hookup - \$10,000.
- Pembina Valley Bible Camp - ventilation update - \$10,000.
- Rock Lake United Church Camp - kitchen equipment - \$10,000.
- Youth For Christ - roof and two privacy booths - \$10,000.
- Morden Fire and Rescue - underwater camera

- and training - \$7,500.
  - Darlingford playground committee - play structure - \$5,000.
  - Manitou Culture and Heritage - railway station restoration - \$5,000.
  - Morden Christian Programs Committee - Sunday program at Corn and Apple - \$5,000.
  - Morden Collegiate - five scholarships- \$5,000.
  - South Central Cancer Resource - wigs - 5,000.
  - Ukrainian refugee association - assistance for families - \$2,000.
- “These people go on to support other people in the community,” said thrift shop chairperson Linda Arndt. “We know it’s less than we have in the past, but we’re still pleased to give out what we did, and hopefully it all gets used for very good causes.”



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# A taste of the rural life

By Lorne Stelmach

It may be only one week of working and living in rural Manitoba, but a program aimed at giving new medical students a taste of both continues to have a positive impact.

It provides an opportunity for medical students to get a first-hand experience and exposure to rural and northern medicine and life, and it is also an opportunity for participating communities to showcase themselves and to promote the benefits of living in rural and northern areas.

"What we've found for recruitment to our hospital is having medical students and residents come through our site has been the best recruitment tool for our area," suggested Dr. Kevin Earl, who is the medical site lead for the Boundary Trails clinical teaching unit.

"A majority of physicians who have joined us in the last decade have rotated through our facility and our clinics in some fashion through exposure like this program," he said, noting as well there is the Home for the Summer program which offers an extended experience for first year medical students, while third year students also do a rotation here.

"It's been really successful for recruitment and retention of doctors and piquing students' interests early in medical school for rural practice," said Earl. "It was also a really great week to showcase what the Pembina Valley can offer them for life outside of medicine."

The rural week initiative had Morden and Winkler hosting eight first year students from the University of Manitoba while other students panned out as well to other communities in the Southern Health-Santé Sud health region.

Earl has been involved with the residency teaching program and medical education now since 2011, so he has seen the benefit of the initiative.

The students basically participate in a day in the life of a rural doctor here,

but he sees it as being equally important that the students enjoy a bit of the time in the community, whether it is enjoying a backyard barbecue, dining out or trying some zip lining in the valley.

"It gives them exposure not only to rural medicine but living and interacting in a rural community," said Earl.

"They get to come out and spend a week following around a family doctor to see what rural life is like ... each of them is assigned a family doctor to follow for the week," he explained.

"They were able to gain experience seeing patients with us in the clinic, in the hospital. They had some exposure to our operating rooms, exposure to our emergency department, exposure to obstetrics," he continued.

"We also got them to meet some of our specialists at the hospital ... so rural medicine isn't just for family doctors; as a regional site, we have more specialists and specialities that are working out of this facility now."

Sydney McLaughlin came out for the week already sold on the idea of living and working in rural Manitoba.

"I've always had a real interest in rural medicine ... growing up in Neepawa, I kind of knew this was the way I wanted to go," she said.

"It's a beautiful facility here, so I was super happy to get matched up here ... it's exciting," said McLaughlin.

"I just can't believe how many amenities are in this facility. It's everything that's great about rural life, but there's also so many amenities in the hospital like having a CT scan, MRI, X-ray ... the amenities this provides for people of Southern Health is incredible."

She also heard first hand how this region and facility have been a draw as "some of the residents here mentioned they're from Winnipeg and they ended up here."

Joadi Jacobs, who is originally from South Africa but has been in Winnipeg for about four years, also sounded like she was sold on the idea.



PHOTO BY LORNE STELMACH/VOICE

The rural week initiative had Morden and Winkler hosting eight first year students from the University of Manitoba.

"I really like living rurally. I've always thought that I would end up in a rural place; I wanted to see what it was like here, and it's been amazing," she said.

"My brother's also worked here for a little bit, and he had amazing things to tell me, so I wanted to come see if they were true, and they absolutely are," Jacobs added.

"Seeing what the doctors do everyday, even if they think it's mundane, I loved it so much and being able to talk to the patients," she said. "Literally, every single person I spoke to

just made my day a little bit better.

"It's a pretty big facility. I wouldn't have really expected that," she said. "The fact that they just do everything; even just how quickly something like an EKG was done."

"Most people I spent time with were just family doctors, but they did very different things, which was very cool for me to see," she added.

Jacobs also believes the experience could sway a student's ideas.

"I could see this changing a lot of minds," she suggested.

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## Let me tell you how I really feel

**B**e Grateful. I understand the intent was well meaning but you know what? I don't need a random, impersonal highway sign to tell me to be grateful with its stark and imperious black font overlaid on a sterile white background.

You know the one I mean? Nestled along the side of the highway between Winkler and Morden is the command for passersby to "Be Grateful."

Every time I see the sign I feel less grateful.

It is the oddest thing in the world to me to be driving along and have a sign randomly involve itself in my life and tell me what to do.

Also, it's such a very detached way of trying to communicate how someone should order their personal lives. I mean, you have no idea what the

average driver is going through when they read this.

House just burn down? Be grateful. Basement just flooded for the fifth time this year? Be grateful. Husband just die in conflict overseas? Be grateful.

Seriously?

How about a sign that says, "It's okay to feel sad sometimes" or "Get angry because some things are just stupid."

I would be all about these signs.

Communicating to random strangers with an expensive highway sign that they should be grateful is a little like those especially annoying posts you see from strangers on social media with a sickly sweet background of butterflies and flowers telling you it could be worse, or going to a funeral and telling someone to be glad they still have their other three kids.

Once again, I understand (hope) that the intent was good with the sign. Maybe the anonymous sign patron wanted people to look on the bright side of life, but it comes across a little like a skit in Monty Python's movie *The Life of Brian*—poorly.

The thing about gratitude is that it rises up. It bubbles to the surface when it needs to. But when someone else tells people to be grateful what is really going on is judgement.

Someone thinks that certain people around here are too whiny and complainy and so they are telling you and I to be grateful like some bitter, dried up, sour old uncle or aunt who is always pushing their nose into other people's business.

"Well, if you ask me they should be grateful they're still alive and breathing."

You can almost hear the tone dripping from the words.

Heck, maybe there are people who drive past and think, "You know what? I should be grateful." Maybe I am the bitter, dried up, sour old uncle just reacting here.

I've just never been fond of that person who leans into your suffering and whispers into your ear, "Hey, it could be worse, right?"

As I write this another Colorado Low has swamped our region and farmers are once again having to postpone planting, people are once again seeing their basements flood, trees are once again coming down and damaging property. I just read several articles on the grim state of Ukraine and Palestine—once again—and another mass shooting in the U.S. has taken the lives of 21 people including 19 little grade four children—once again.

So yeah. Be grateful.



**By Peter Cantelon**

## Correction

The article Morden Achievers 4H Club celebrates 40 years, which appeared in the June 2 issue of the

Voice, identified Norma Wood as head leader for 40 years. In fact, while she has served as head lead-

er, it has not been for all of her 40 years of involvement as a leader.

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# Turnover keeps status quo for Altona health care

By Lorne Stelmach

Hopes for a return to 24 hour emergency care and boosting clinic services in Altona have been dashed for at least the time being with the coming departures of three physicians.

Two doctors have been recruited to fill the void, so it at least allows the health care facilities in the community to maintain the status quo, which includes 12 hour emergency service.

"At this time, we'll maintain a 12 hour emergency department, and we'll keep the hours at 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.," said Kevin Hamilton, site lead at the Altona Community Memorial Health Centre.

"We still are committed to reopening to a 24 hour emergency department. The provincial clinical preventive service plan does indicate that Altona should be a 24 hour emergency department ... so we are still working toward that goal."

"We were certainly hoping prior to the departure of these physicians that we would slowly resume that in a step-wise fashion, but with now one less physician, we don't want to put too much strain on these brand new physicians either."

The setback comes with the departures of Dr. Wasan Sulaiman as well as now Moheb Basta and Meriam Basta in the coming months.

Dr. Moheb Basta will provide intermittent care until July 31, while Dr. Meriam Basta will continue to provide care until August 31.

Southern Health Sante Sud emphasized in a news release that it remains committed to maintaining access to health services for the community and to resuming 24-hour emergency department services in Altona as soon as possible.

With that in mind, it was announced that two new physicians will join the team this fall.

On September 12, they will welcome Dr. Mehwish Rahman, who is relocat-

ing to Altona from Notre Dame, and they have also recruited Rabia Haq, who will also start between mid-August to early September.

In the meantime, officials offered assurances that they are working to minimize the disruption of current services while also looking to future with ongoing recruitment efforts.

"We are reaching out to gain some additional physician support," said Hamilton.

"We really wanted to do our best as a region and come together in keeping with our commitment to reopen a 24 hour emergency department in Altona."

## Charges laid for stabbing at Patterson Pit

A Winkler man was taken to hospital in Winnipeg last Sunday after a stabbing at Patterson Pit.

Three people were arrested and are facing charges as a result of the May 29 incident at the gravel pit in the RM of Roland.

Pembina Valley RCMP say they were called to the site just before 10 p.m., and they learned an 18-year-old male from Winkler had been stabbed several times. He was taken to hospital with serious injuries and later transported to Winnipeg for further treatment.

The RCMP investigation found the

victim was there with friends when an altercation took place with another group of people.

Three suspects were identified and arrested later that same night. As a result, two 17-year-old males from Winkler are facing a charge of assault with a weapon while an 18-year-old male from Reinfeld is facing a charge of aggravated assault. They were released from custody and are scheduled to appear in court in August in Morden.

Pembina Valley RCMP continue to investigate the incident further.

## Driver dies in rollover

Voice staff

A Winkler man died in a single vehicle rollover last week.

RCMP say they were called June 2 shortly after 5:15 p.m. to the scene of a single-vehicle collision on Road 19 North in the RM of Roland.

The vehicle was on its roof in the spillway and submerged in water, and the local fire department was able to get the 20-year-old male from

Winkler out of the vehicle, but he was pronounced deceased on scene.

Initial investigation has found the vehicle was travelling east on Road 19 North when it travelled on an angle into the ditch, where it struck a spillway drain and flipped.

The male was wearing his seatbelt and alcohol does not appear to be a factor in the collision, but the investigation is continuing.

## Sale supports Habitat



PHOTO BY ASHLEIGH VIVIEROS/VOICE

A garage sale in Winkler Saturday raised over \$3,600 for the Winkler Morden chapter of Habitat for Humanity. Organizers were pleased with the support for the event, which also had The Bunker food truck selling lunches to help its ministry, and they also partnered with a ministry that is working with Ukrainian families who have just arrived in Winkler.



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# COVID hospitalizations increase at end of May; backlogged medical procedures decrease

By Patricia Barrett

COVID-19 hospitalizations increased in late May, according to the province's weekly COVID surveillance data.

There were 120 new hospital admissions, of which nine required intensive care, and 15 more Manitobans died from the virus, according to the May 22 – May 28 report. There were also 416 new COVID infections, based on restricted PCR testing. The total number of Manitobans who've lost their lives to the virus is currently 1,980.

The province doesn't track rapid antigen tests.

The report also states that wastewater surveillance data for the city of Winnipeg indicated "ongoing activity" for COVID.

Other health news:

-Doctors Manitoba, a physician-advocacy organization, provided a new estimate on May 31 of the number of backlogged medical procedures in the province. There are now 166,903 procedures in the queue, a decrease of 2,295 from last month

-Canada's chief public health officer Theresa Tam reported 77 cases of monkeypox in the country as of last Friday, with five cases in Ontario, 71 in Quebec and one in Alberta.

## DOCTORS MANITOBA

Doctors Manitoba's May 31 update shows a decrease since last month in the number of backlogged medical procedures. There are now almost 167,000 procedures in the queue.

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## Overall Backlog

The impact of the pandemic response on Manitoba's hospitals has resulted in a massive backlog of surgery and diagnostic procedures. Doctors Manitoba has been advocating on behalf of patients and their physicians for a plan to clear the backlog. As part of our work, we have created a dashboard to monitor the size of the backlog.



# Meridian Agriculture Scholarship up for grabs

Staff

There's a new scholarship available for high school students in Manitoba and Saskatchewan.

The Thanks for Farming Tour has teamed up with Meridian Manufacturing Inc. to offer two \$1,000 awards for students in grades 11 and 12.

The Meridian Agriculture Scholarship is meant to connect students with their communities to understand and recognize the importance of agriculture and the role it plays, organizers say.

Prospective applicants are asked to submit a one-minute video answering the question: How is agriculture important in your community?

"Agriculture is a community in itself. The industry is constantly working together, but many people don't understand or see how important and involved agriculture is within communities," said Meridian's Sid Lockhart. "We're looking forward to hearing the views on this topic from our next generation."

eration."

The top finalists for the scholarship will present at the Thanks for Farming Tour events in their respective provinces in July.

"We are excited to be offering the Meridian Scholarships in conjunction with the Thanks for Farming Tour events this summer," said tour organizer Jeremy Matuszewski. "We cannot say enough about the next generation of farmers and we want to ensure they are supported in their journeys to be the next leaders in agriculture."

The deadline for applications is July 1 for Saskatchewan residents and July 15 for Manitoba residents.

Full application details are available online at [thanksforfarmingtour.com/scholarship](https://thanksforfarmingtour.com/scholarship).

The Thanks for Farming Tour will be in Swift Current, SK July 12-13 and in Winkler, MB July 27-28.

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# MP makes the rounds



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Portage Lisgar MP Candice Bergen spent time in her riding recently, visiting a number of schools and local businesses including speaking to a Grade 4 class at Maple Leaf School in Morden, where she was a student herself and now has a granddaughter in class there. "It was wonderful to spend time touring the riding after a busy month in Ottawa. Being in my constituency, although for a short time, and meeting with constituents is always the best part of my duties as a Member of Parliament."



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# Incident leads to weapons charges

## Voice staff

A Winkler woman is facing weapons charges after an incident involving a young child last week in a local business.

Police were called to the business on Roblin Boulevard East around 12:30 p.m. May 30 in response to a report about a woman having pulled out a knife and waving it around inside the store.

They learned that another female shopper in the store had encountered the suspect holding the knife, at which time the suspect grabbed hold

of one of the shopper's young children.

The mother grabbed the suspect's arm that was holding the knife and was able to get the knife away, and the suspect then fled from the store.

With the assistance of the Morden Police Service, the suspect was quickly located in Winkler and arrested.

The 31 year old Winkler resident has been charged with two counts of assault with a weapon as well as possession of a weapon for a dangerous purpose, and she was remanded into custody.

## 2022 Spring Flooding

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# Roland Pumpkin Fair planning event for October

By Becca Myskiw

The Roland Pumpkin Fair is back on for 2022.

After a short hiatus, the annual celebration of all things pumpkin has been confirmed for Saturday, Oct. 1.

The event will be complete with the famous pumpkin weigh off at the rink, children's entertainment, craft tables, beer gardens, food trucks, bouncy castles, the pumpkin patch tearoom, the harvest supper, and more.

Roland Pumpkin Fair board member Jodi-Laine Gaultier also said because the 30th anniversary would have been two years ago, they're planning something special to celebrate it this

year.

"It's a great time," she said. "We're looking forward to it. We're really hoping to put on a good show for people this year. Everyone needs some celebration I think."

To make this year's fair the best one yet, though, the board needs more volunteers. They're without six committee members now after two years without an event, and Gaultier said the more people helping, the more things the fair can offer.

Volunteers would help prepare for the fair, planning everything ahead of time. That includes getting vendor permits, confirming with people coming to sell their goods at the craft

market, setting up entertainment, ordering food, and more.

On the day of the fair, volunteers are needed to help with every individual event—running children's games, working facilities, loading pumpkins for the weigh off, maneuvering them onto the scale, taking them off the scale, and more.

Gaultier, for example, does most of her volunteering on the day of the fair. She does help with preparation and planning, of course, but she's busiest in the children's centre during the event. The night before she sets up and on the day, she helps with face painting, pumpkin painting, button painting, pumpkin-themed crafts,

and generally watching the children.

Due to the lack of volunteers, the jam taste-off in the pumpkin patch tearoom has been cancelled for this year.

"If we can get some more volunteers, we can definitely plan more activities," said Gaultier.

She's also hoping that with restrictions being gone, pumpkin growers from the USA will be able to get back to compete in the weigh-off alongside the Manitoba entries.

To learn more about volunteering with Roland Pumpkin Fair, contact [rolandpumpkinfair@hotmail.com](mailto:rolandpumpkinfair@hotmail.com).



## ABBY board arrives

Salem Home personal care home in Winkler welcomed the installation of its third ABBY board recently, purchased through the funds raised by the Salem Ladies Auxiliary's Fasma in a Box fundraiser held earlier this year. The device provides a calming but interactive set of activities for residents to enjoy. This unit is being tested out as a mobile one so more residents can use it, says Salem CEO Sherry Janzen. She notes they're considering purchasing one more and have also included an ABBY board in the plans for each household section in the proposal for the 30-unit Behavioural Support and Care Environment the care home is hoping to build.

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## 'Nacho' average fundraiser

By Ty Dilello

Genesis House in Winkler is holding what it has dubbed your "Nacho Average Man" fundraiser for Father's Day.

You can purchase a 'Nacho Average Man' gift basket with a minimum \$20 donation, and all funds raised will support its men's intervention program.

Pre-order the gift baskets by contacting Kari Kauenhofen at 204-362-0082 or [resource@genesis-house.ca](mailto:resource@genesis-house.ca), or you can visit them at The Potato Store in Winkler on Fri., June 17 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Sat., June 18 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Angela Braun, executive director of Genesis House, said the aim is to increase awareness as well as raise some funds.

"The program accepts self-referrals as well as referrals from other agencies," said Braun, who explained the program is providing one on one counselling services as well as group therapy, and they just wrapped up its first Caring Dads group - a 17-week intervention program.

"We recognize that fathers can and want to be a positive influence in the lives of their children, and when they are positively involved, fathers enhance their children's academic personal and social development," said Braun.

"Unfortunately, fathers can also have a negative impact on their children. This occurs when fathers do not understand the feelings and needs of their children, harshly discipline their children, argue frequently with their children's mothers, and use abusive and controlling behaviour."

The program will see those that identify as wanting to change their behaviour or those that may be victims of abuse.

There is no charge for the service, as the program has been funded by private donations as well as a grant through the provincial victim's fund.

For those who would like to reach out, please contact George Nickel at 431-775-1331 or email [men@genesis-house.ca](mailto:men@genesis-house.ca).



• A LOOK BACK

# Triplets in Plum Coulee

**O**n May 8, 1923, triplets were born to Elizabeth and Bernard Penner (nee Ginter). They were delivered at home with the help of a midwife.

These identical twin boys and a girl were born without publicity and fanfare. After swaddling each tiny baby, the midwife opened the door of the woodstove and placed them in bread pans on the door. The heat from the stove kept them warm in their drafty old farmhouse.

Elizabeth and Bernard were my husband Ron's maternal grandparents. His mother, Dorothy (Dora), was the girl and the two boys were his uncles: Edwin (Ed) and Jacob (Jake). They had four older siblings ranging in age from three years to eight. An unmarried aunt, Tina, still lived with her parents and moved in to help.

Elizabeth visited the doctor once and he made no mention of a possible multiple birth.

"But I knew," she said. "I could feel three small bumps."

Apparently, only one in about 8,100 natural births results in triplets. For these three to grow up healthy and strong without medical intervention

was nothing short of miraculous!

Ron's grandparents were poor. They had recently moved back to Manitoba from Saskatchewan where they had owned some land and grew grain and raised cattle. Bernard began having mental health problems and was hospitalized in North Battleford for six months. They moved to be closer to family.



By Florence Dyck

Bernard's health deteriorated to the extent where one of his brothers brought him to the mental hospital in Selkirk. While there, Bernard escaped and began working as a labourer for farmers. He died when the triplets were two years old without ever having contact with the family.

Elizabeth wrote several letters to Selkirk pleading with the authorities to give her information about her husband. But all they could tell her was that he had escaped and they didn't know where he was. Meanwhile, their land in Saskatchewan was sold and Elizabeth struggled to support her growing family alone.

Elizabeth received a small allowance from the government. Her parents and her siblings helped with groceries. She had a cow and chickens for milk, cream, and eggs. Aunt Tina took the infant Dora home and raised her for two years.

The male twins, along with their four older siblings could be a handful. Elizabeth told of tying them to

the kitchen table when she went to the barn to do chores. She could not safely take them with her, and she could not leave them with their older siblings. No twin strollers with child proof safety belts available to that generation.

When Dora rejoined the family two years later, her brothers could make her life miserable. They resented this newcomer and became skilful at tormenting her.

An uncle came into the barn one day to find Dora tied to a post. The boys thought this hilarious! Their uncle administered an old-fashioned spanking and told the boys if they ever did something like that again he would take their sister away forever. Fortunately, that did not happen, as the three of them learned to get along and even appreciate one another under their mother's gentle guidance.

After school, Ed and Jake both moved to B.C. to look for work. An older brother was already living and working there. Even after marrying, they remained close and visited regularly.

Dora married Isaac C. Dyck from Winkler and they raised their three children on a farm outside of Winkler. Dora was the best mother-in-law anyone could have. She was an amazing seamstress, cook, and homemaker. She taught me everything I know about baking and sewing.

She was the most patient grandparent ever. She spent hours playing Skippo with six boisterous grandsons

and later their only granddaughter. When our oldest son got married, nothing would do but Grandma's homemade buns for his wedding fasp.

Dora had an artistic side to her but was too busy to pursue many hobbies. Her early married years were spent helping with the farm and her later years were spent working in her husband's real estate office. All three of her children, though, inherited her artistic abilities. Ron designed and built homes in three developments in Summerland and Penticton. Diana and Pauline are both artists. Pauline's paintings hang in many galleries on Vancouver Island.

Dora did develop an extreme interest in sports. She knew the statistics for all the hockey, football and baseball players. She watched everything from wrestling to boxing to equestrians to curling. She especially enjoyed the Olympics! Her husband teased her that her favourite chair was worn out from her exuberance during wrestling matches! Her daughters and I teased her that she even ironed sheets and underwear while absorbed in watching sports.

We lost our dear mother, Dora, from cancer too soon, in April 1995 at the age of 71. But she was happy to join her husband, Ike, who had died a month earlier.

Her twin brothers, Jacob and Ed, both died in their eighties.

# Bergen visits constituency in May

By Becca Myskiw

MP for Portage-Lisgar, Candice Bergen, spent the last week of May touring local businesses and schools.

In a news release on May 30, Bergen's team said she visited J.A. Cuddy School in Sanford, Maple Leaf School in Morden, and various businesses in Brunkild and Carman.

"Despite the pandemic and recent flooding, Carman is continuing to grow," they said. "She visited Syl's

Restaurant, which now includes a mini-putt course. Bergen visited the ESSO station in Brunkild, which is seeing an increase in traffic due to the closure of Highway 75."

At Maple Leaf School, Bergen spoke with Grade 4 students, telling them how she was once a student there and now her granddaughter is. At J.A. Cuddy School, she talked to the Grade 7 and 8 class about her role as an MP and as leader of the opposition.

Her team said students were well prepared for all questions, including the economy and firearms.

"It was wonderful to spend time touring the riding after a busy month in Ottawa," said Bergen. "Being in my constituency, although for a short time, and meeting with constituents is always the best part of my duties as a Member of Parliament. I look forward to seeing more constituents as we head into the summer."



Candice Bergen  
MP Portage-Lisgar

Check out the Voice online at [www.winklermordenvoice.ca](http://www.winklermordenvoice.ca) or [altonavoice.ca](http://altonavoice.ca)



# Mordenites help with planting blitz

By Lorne Stelmach

Volunteer help lent a hand last week to help beautify Morden. Members of the community as well as the Morden and District Horticultural Society pitched in to do planting in a number of locations throughout the downtown area.

They helped plant flowers at a number of locations last Wednesday including the main downtown intersection of Eighth and Stephen Street as well as Confederation Park and the Morden Civic Centre.

Heather Fehr, who is lead hand for Morden parks and urban forestry, welcomed the involvement of the community in this annual effort.

"I think it's important to involve community volunteers so then we can have that sense of community with this," said Fehr.

"It's great to make the connection between the city and the volunteers and especially the horticulture society to work together on future projects and plans," she added. "We're really excited to start making that connection a lot stronger."

Among the volunteers was Val Bissett, who sim-



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Members of the community as well as the Morden and District Horticultural Society pitched in to do planting in a number of locations throughout the downtown area.

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ply wanted to give back a bit of her time for something she enjoys and appreciates about Morden.

"I've lived in Morden for over 40 years, and I've always enjoyed the beautiful flowers," she said.

"I love gardening myself, so I thought I would try to help out a little bit here," said Bissett. "It's a nice way for me to contribute to the community."

It was nice to have people involved and contributing a few hours of labour, said Fehr.

"We're enjoying the sunshine and working to make it beautiful here in downtown Morden."



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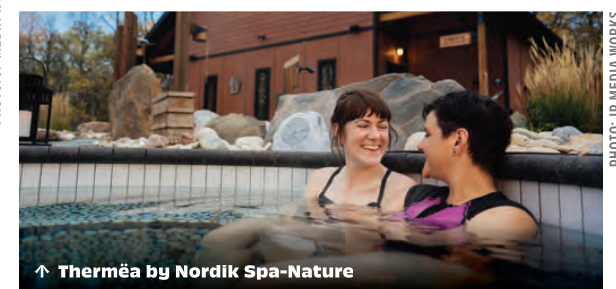
Be sure to spend some time at **Qaumajuq**, the Winnipeg Art Gallery's stunning Inuit art museum. The architecture was inspired by Canada's northern landscape and it is home to more than 14,000 pieces of Inuit art, many of which are on display in the visible vault. The first of its kind in the world, Qaumajuq offers a space where Inuit voices are front and centre. This accessible gallery combines art and technology to create direct connections to the land, people and culture of the north.

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### 1 PASSION & HISTOIRE

When you visit Winnipeg's **St. Boniface** neighbourhood, you'll find its Francophone history, architecture and culture line the streets. Cross the striking **Esplanade Riel** pedestrian bridge that links The Forks and downtown Winnipeg to St. Boniface.

Start at the information centre inside the former **St. Boniface City Hall** building on Provencher Boulevard. Here you can book a walking tour, get information or watch a documentary about the history and passion of Manitoba's Francophone community. Visit the **La maison des artistes visuels francophones**—the only French-run gallery in western Canada.

Next, check out le **Musée de Saint Boniface Museum**, the oldest building in Manitoba. Built more than 170 years ago, the building was originally a convent. Today, it is full of Francophone history and art,

including a permanent exhibit on Louis Riel, the founder of Manitoba. A block away is the **Saint Boniface Cathedral**. The current church was built in 1971 after a fire burned the majority of the previous church. The old facade from 1894 still stands tall in front of the modern building, making for stunning photographs. Louis Riel's tombstone sits in the cemetery in front of the cathedral, where a plaque informs visitors about his life and legacy.

Another St. Boniface treasure is **Fort Gibraltar**. This replica of a 19th century North West Company fur trading fort features costumed interpreters who bring the fur trade period alive. You can also visit **la Maison Gabrielle Roy**, the original home of the renowned Franco-Manitoban author. Her hometown and the house itself are featured throughout much of her work.

### 2 A WALK IN THE PARK & A NIGHT WELL SPENT

A day spent at the **Assiniboine Park Zoo** is an absolute must. The Journey to Churchill exhibit features the Sea Ice Passage, an underwater viewing tunnel to watch swimming polar bears and playful seals. See Arctic fox, caribou and wolves, along with tigers, gibbons and other exotic animals. Check out Aunt Sally's Farm, where colourful bridges give safe passage to goats and kids can play next to the animals. Another playground option in **Assiniboine Park** is the wide

open space in the **Nature Playground** or spend some time in the tranquil **Leo Mol Sculpture Garden**.

Winnipeg boasts a variety of hotel options to suit any need, from trendy boutique hotels in the heart of downtown, to family-friendly hotels with pools and water slides close to your favourite attractions. Many hotels offer special packages, so now is a great time to stay overnight in Winnipeg. (Find unique accommodations at [travelmanitoba.com/stay](http://travelmanitoba.com/stay).)



↑ Nature Playground



# Busy seasons ahead for camps

By Lorne Stelmach

After two seasons of facing pandemic restrictions, the region's two main camps are gearing up for busy summers.

It is a welcome challenge for both the Pembina Valley Bible Camp and Winkler Bible Camp to get up to speed again with their programs and staffing.

"You've almost got to start going back to the drawing board," said Chris Harms, executive director of the Pembina Valley Bible Camp. "Some of the things that were easy to do just repetitiously for all these years, we've now got to kind of recall and see if there's ways we want to tweak it or modify it since we're doing it all again for the first time for a lot of the kids."

"We're looking forward to it, and there's been a very positive response from the community, so it's fantastic to know that people want to get back out here," said Dale Wiebe, executive director of the Winkler Bible Camp.

"But with the mix of programming - day camps and overnight - how do you make it work for all the kids so that everybody gets a full program as much as we can ... so there are programming challenges."

Harms felt the transition was going as well as possible at Pembina Valley Bible Camp.

"We've run two summers of day camps and modified ways of doing things," he said. "So this year, we will be able to run overnights again and run most of our regular programs ... we can do canoe trips and stuff like that again, so we're really excited about it."

The challenge comes with being prepared with the staffing and the volunteers.

"Even for us, after not running some of the programs for a couple years, because camp relies on so many young staff, we have a lot of staff come through and they usually stick around for a couple or a few years," he noted. "So we have a lot of staff who haven't actually run some of our programs because they've only been here for the last couple of years."

"We're really focussing on the how and the why of what we do with some of the programs then," said Harms, who noted it all starts in the spring season in May and June when they move on site and help staff get ready for the summer.

"They're kind of our leadership team then for once we hit the summer season," he said. "Then we'll have a week to get geared up for the season, and the following weeks we run a discipleship program, a two week program, where we train our future staff."

"It's always just an incredible time of them all getting to know each other and then again also laying out the how and why of what we do," Harms continued.

They then close out July with a week of family camps.

"It's something we started last year. It was new to us ... and we had a really positive response, so we're going to try that again," he said. "It's just an opportunity for families to come and experience what their kids experience, but they get to do it together as a family."

"Then we jump into August, and



WEB SITE PHOTOS

The Pembina Valley Bible Camp offers specific targetting programs such as biking while Winkler Bible Camp offers programs featuring a range of activities.

every week is loaded," said Harms, who noted the first week is for ages 10 to 12 before the remainder of the month is open to the entire range of speciality camps that cover an array of themes from bikes and sports to wilderness and horse riding.

"We don't have a lot of weeks where everybody does the same thing. We are a speciality camp, so people come for a very specific activity," he explained. "It's neat; it allows us to push a little harder and go a little more intense on those programs because the people who sign up usually have a passion for it."

Harms estimated they will end up with around 250 campers and perhaps 50 staff overall, and he noted they will be drawing kids from a wider region again as they would not have been coming from a further distance for day camps.

"I would imagine we will exceed a typical year now that we're going back to overnights again," he suggested. "The numbers have bounced back and bounced back quicker in the sense that we opened camp registration later this year ... but by early March, we were already filling up some of our programs."

Wiebe also sees the Winkler Bible Camp numbers as really bouncing back strongly this year.

"We had a partial season last year. We were just under 50 per cent capacity in 2021. It was strictly day camp, and it worked really, really well. It was something new for us, but it worked great," he noted.

"This year, however, we've doubled it, so we're almost up to 2,000 campers, and we're over 90 per cent full already, and we will be running a day camp along with an overnight camp," he continued. "So it will be new again with a number of programming challenges with people, traffic, timing, programs, but we are very confident it's going to work well."



A newer feature he highlighted is the day camps geared to older youth, but their camps otherwise will cover all activities and levels.

"We make sure that all of our activities are done at a level that everybody can engage it," he said, noting he welcomes having a place like the Pembina Valley Bible Camp to offer the focussed camps. "I'm glad there's different avenues for children ... in our world, everybody gets an opportunity at whatever we do with every activity ... that's worked well for us."

Wiebe also noted youth will be able to see and enjoy some of their new features and improvements to the facility.

"We took advantage of the COVID break ... it wasn't a good thing, and we had to refund camper fees in 2020," he said. "But we took advantage of that time without campers on site, and we made some significant changes to our ropes and our obstacle courses."

"We felt that was a real blessing because we normally don't have the time to do that ... it's a lot of work, and you always have people on site."

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# Timberline Farms celebrating Turkey Lovers Month

## June is Turkey Month, support local farms

By Autumn Fehr

Turkeys are more like people than many would think.

When you open the door of a turkey barn, at any time of day, you are met with thousands of turkey heads popping up to look at you.

Then the turkeys usually come running towards you, from the far end of the barn, greeting and welcoming you into their space – excited to see you.

And if you make any noise, they will respond like they are answering back.

Quentin Wiebe, owner of Timberline Farms Inc. looks forward to that greeting every day as part of his work as a turkey farmer.

“When you walk into a barn, it’s like you have 7, 8, 10 thousand friends happy to see you,” said Wiebe.

For 27 years, Wiebe and his wife Theresa Wiebe, have been looking after the turkeys on their farm in Gunton.

“My wife is an integral part of the farming process. It’s very much a team effort,” he said.

Wiebe starts his typical day at seven in the morning with his daily tasks to upkeep the farm, starting with a walk-through of all the barns.

“You wake up in the morning, and immediately your mind goes to the birds and what’s happening in the barn,” said Wiebe.

As a turkey farmer, checking on your birds is an integral part of your day and is done multiple times a day to ensure all is well with the turkeys.

“I think most farmers would feel this way; when the birds are doing well, then life is good,” Wiebe.

Checking on the birds is both the first and the last thing done in a turkey farmer’s daily routine.

“That’s always the first thing to make sure all is well in the barn,” said Wiebe.

Other daily duties include giving the birds food and water and ensuring all equipment is working.

Depending on the bird’s age, they may require some extra attention. When the birds are young, some more manual labour is involved, like filling the feeders by hand.

“You have to babysit the



Wiebe’s turkeys have access to fresh air.

young ones,” said Wiebe.

Wiebe says they are always getting ready for the next flock of turkeys.

Timberline Farms could have up to four different flocks at a time.

The farm raises four different flocks at a time, raising seven flocks a year.

Timberline Farms ships their turkeys through Exceldor Cooperative, located in Blumenort, formerly known as Granny’s Poultry, which is the only turkey processor in Manitoba.

“Excledor’s process is all very highly controlled and very closely monitored,” said Wiebe.

Timberline Farms Inc. turkeys that the farm prepares are Butterball turkeys; turkeys raised without antibiotics that are fed a mixed, natural grain diet of soybeans, grains, and other vitamins and minerals.

Once they ship a flock of turkeys, the work of hauling out the manure and cleaning and disinfecting the barn happens in preparation for their next incoming flock.

Wiebe says they receive the first



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The day in the life of turkey farmer, Quentin Wiebe, at Timberline Farms Inc. in Gunton. June is Turkey Lovers Month.

flock around mid to end of February and the last flock of the year between mid to end of November. The flocks vary in size. The smallest they receive is 7,000 birds, and the largest is 10,000 birds.

This means that from December to January, and most of February, the barns are empty, but Wiebe says during this time there is a lot of maintenance, cleaning, upgrades of equipment and disinfecting equipment that needs to be done.

“Life is a little bit easier. There’s still a lot of work, but it’s just not so pressing,” said Wiebe.

The farm’s busiest season is spring and fall, between shipping and receiving birds. During the summer, the farm is steady with added

yard work to get done on the land.

Although his work is busy and at times pressing, Wiebe loves the lifestyle, especially the ease of having his work in his own backyard, and the flexibility of being his boss.

“It’s very rewarding when all the birds are doing well and happy. It can be a lot of fun,” said Wiebe.

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# Teddy Bear Picnic is back

Event supports family centres in Winkler and Morden

By Lorne Stelmach

A popular family event is back this year with the return of the teddy bear picnic.

The initiative originally of the Morden Parent and Child Resource Centre is now being done in jointly with the Winkler Family Resource Centre, and they welcome the chance to revive it after having it cancelled during the pandemic.

"It is definitely really exciting. We haven't had it for the last two years, so it kind of feels like we're starting fresh," said executive director Sarah Peters, who sees it as a great opportunity for the Morden and Winkler centres to work together. "That's the direction we're going ... so hopefully we pull out all the stops and put on a great day for everyone from Winkler and Morden."

Children are invited to bring their special stuffed toys to the Winkler

Parkland this Saturday from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. for fun and games including the chance for their teddy bears to have full check ups with a variety of health care professionals.

There will be a wide array of medical and health care professionals participating as well as the local police and fire departments.

Even more important than the demonstrations of care is the chance though for interaction with the children. It is not only a way for kids to see the people like the doctors and others in a way that's welcoming but also an opportunity for families to be aware of the different services that are in the community for them.

"The big draw is the teddy bear clinic which will have doctors, public health nurse, dentist, physiotherapist, pharmacist and optometrist. They will be there to help out the teddy bears, fix them up and get them ready to go," said Peters, who sees it as a fun time but also playing an important role. "It brings them out of their buildings, which sometimes can be scary for the kids, and it gives it a fun vibe for them to meet and show that they are there to help them out."



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There will be a wide array of medical and health care professionals participating as well as the local police and fire departments.

They will also be giving away a free book for toddlers and pre-school children, and there will be games and activities as well as a fundraising barbecue and entertainment including a Paw Patrol Show, music by LuLu and The TomCat and a performance by Danceworks dancers.

In addition to promoting the health and well being of children, the centre also uses this as a fundraiser to help the two centres be able to continue to

offer free programs, Peters noted.

"In order to provide our programs to the communities, this is a big part of what we do rely on," she said. "The teddy bear clinic also brings awareness to people who aren't aware of what we offer or even that we are in the community for younger families."

"So this is a big fundraiser but also just an awareness event ... and we can give back to the community."

## Agricultural and Food Sciences alumni honoured for community service

Submitted by University of Manitoba

Three Faculty of Agricultural and Food Sciences alumni were honoured for their outstanding professional contributions and public service at a June 2 celebration held at the University of Manitoba.

The Certificate of Merit is presented in recognition of leadership with agricultural organizations and outstanding service to the community at large. The 2022 recipients are Curtis Evenson and Laura and Henry Holtmann.

Curtis Evenson was raised on a farm south of Morden, and attended the University of Manitoba where he graduated with a Bachelor of Science in Agriculture degree in Agricultural Economics in 1972.

After graduation he worked for Northern Sales, a special crop company in Winnipeg where he contracted farmers for mustard seed in Manitoba and Saskatchewan and canola in North Dakota.

In 1975, Curtis and wife Pat moved south of Morris to farm with Pat's brother Robert and after five years, they began to farm on their own. Pat and Curtis raised four children, all of

whom attended UM: son Craig (currently operating the farm) – Diploma in Agriculture, daughters Nancy – Bachelor of Education & Masters in Library & Information Studies, Leanne – B.Sc. in Agroecology and M.Sc. in Plant Science, and Shelley – Bachelor of Nursing.

Curtis taught grain marketing at Assiniboine Community College and for several years, ran a grain elevator for Allstate Grain at Emerson. Pat and Curtis started and operated Valley Seed Laboratory from 1986 to 2010 – a federally approved and audited seed testing laboratory. He has been a long-time member of the Manitoba Institute of Agrologists and served a term on the board. Curtis (along with Pat) became Honorary Life Members of the Manitoba Seed Growers Association in 2011.

Curtis joined the Valley Agricultural Society (VAS), host of the Manitoba Stampede (the Big M). He served on the dairy committee of the Big M, then joined the board and served as president. He was a founding member of the Manitoba Association of Agricultural Societies (MAAS) and

served as president for two years, and as administrator from 1990 to today.

On behalf of MAAS, Curtis administered many federal and provincial programs over the years including the Federal Fairs & Exhibition Program, the Canadian Farm Business Management Program, the Canadian Farm Safety Program and the Agri-food Research & Development Initiative (ARDI) of the Canadian Ag Policy Framework. Curtis developed and administered over 800 agreements, and paid – on behalf of the governments – approximately \$85 million dollars to recipients while interacting with hundreds of potential and successful applicants of research projects as small as \$500 and up to \$3 million.

A strong supporter of his home community of Morris, Curtis has been a dedicated volunteer including as Cub Leader, Sunday School Youth Leader, and Church Board member, chair and trustee. He is a Red Hat recipient for his long involvement with the Big M. He has also been board member of the Morris Community Development Corporation and Morris & District Handi Van, and is currently vice-chair



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Curtis Evenson received the Certificate of Merit from the Faculty of Agricultural and Food Sciences last Thursday.

of the Morris Area Foundation.

Today Curtis and Pat spend their time with their four grandchildren, continue to help on the farm and hope to do more traveling.



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of iron, strengthens your immune system with zinc, and provides potassium which is healthy for the heart.

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When using turkey as part of a meal, there are many options of how to use it, whether you bake the whole bird, use parts of it in a soup or sandwich, barbeque or smoke it.

“I think a lot of people when they think turkey, they think we have to make this whole bird. A lot of people don’t even know what to do with those leftovers. There are so many options – sandwiches, soup, curry turkey,” said Wiebe.

Like any poultry, it is important to cook turkey to the right temperate. Whole turkey and roasts are cooked when a meat thermometer reads 170°F (77°C) for unstuffed turkey, or 180°F (82°C) for turkey stuffed with a dressing. Turkey cuts such as breasts, thighs, drumsticks and wings are cooked when it registers 165°F (74°C). Always insert your thermometer into the thickest part of the meat, away



Turkeys are curious and will come up to greet you.

from any bones.

To ensure proper handling, those preparing a turkey can follow the set guidelines listed on the Manitoba Turkey Producers website [turkey.mb.ca](http://turkey.mb.ca), such as properly handling, cooking, and defrosting a turkey.

The Manitoba Turkey Producers website also has turkey recipes for ideas on what to make the next time



Turkeys are fed a mixed, natural grain diet of soybeans, grains, and other vitamins and minerals, for healthy growth and development.

you cook a turkey, whether using the whole bird or the leftovers after a big dinner with friends and family.

After 27 years of running a turkey farm, it becomes a lifestyle and a routine way to make a living.

Wiebe says that since he has been taking care of turkeys for so many years, when he is walking through the barn, he can tell just by the way they sound and even by the way they stand, if there is a potential problem,

if they are happy or not and if they are comfortable.

“Bottom line, it’s a fun way to make a living,” said Wiebe.

This month, support turkey farmers like Wiebe by enjoying some turkey. Some great options are a whole turkey, turkey roast, turkey cuts, like a breast, thigh, or a couple of drumsticks, ground turkey, or something quick and easy like frozen turkey burgers, sausages, ham or franks.

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1 Turkey Roast, *frozen*

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1/2 tsp | 2.5 ml fresh parsley, *finely chopped*

1/2 tsp | 2.5 ml fresh cilantro, *finely chopped*

1/4 tsp | 1.25 ml fresh mint, *finely chopped*

1 tbsp | 15 ml oregano

1/4 cup | 60 ml red wine vinegar

1/4 cup | 60 ml olive oil

3 garlic cloves, *finely minced*

Preheat oven or bbq to 325°F (160°C). Cook turkey roast for 2.5 hours, remove and rest for 10 minutes. Slice into 1" (2.5 cm) steaks. Preheat bbq to med-high (375°F | 190°C). Grill steaks for 4-5 minutes per side to achieve golden brown grill marks, set aside. While the turkey steaks rest, combine all other ingredients into a mixing bowl. Season with salt and pepper to taste. Spoon onto steaks and serve with grilled potatoes and salad.

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# Charity Classic set to go

By Lorne Stelmach

Organizers of the Decor Charity Classic are aiming to bounce back big time this year now that the annual fundraising golf tournament is expected to be facing no restrictions.

The event will once again feature a banquet along with the tournament itself after having had to do just a virtual event two years ago and only a tournament last year.

"It's really good to be able to get back into it and get back to what we have been doing," said tournament co-chair Dave Schellenberg.

"We've got lots of sponsors and golfers who have come out in the past registering again, so it's going well so far," he said. "Hopefully, we'll get a full course again and try to beat our record or get close to a record for funds raised."

The Decor Charity Classic has now raised over \$1.34 million since its inception in 2004.

Every year, tournament proceeds go to three local charities - Youth for Christ, Pembina Counselling Centre and Pembina Valley Pregnancy Care Centre.

As well, it is returning this year to having a fourth guest charity with the addition of the Mully Children's

Family. The foundation is a registered Canadian charity committed to supporting the rescue and rehabilitation programs of Mully Children's Family in Kenya, Africa.

The organization enables the rescue of Africa's most vulnerable children including abandoned babies, orphans of HIV/AIDS, boys forced into child labour, young teenaged mothers and little girls forced into the sex trade. Currently, it has around 5,000 children in its family and 23,000 have gone through the program since 1989, and it has plans for a medical mission trip in July 2022.

Lined up to be a guest speaker is cycling philanthropist Arvid Loewen, who's ultra-marathon cycling endeavours have supported the Mully Children's Family.

Among the recent accomplishments was setting a world record for the farthest distance biked in a month with his 2021 journey having beaten the previous record of 11,315.29 km. The goal of his GrandpasCan 2022 cycling platform is to raise \$250,000 and help Charles and Esther Mulli provide 500,000 meals for children from their community schools.

Schellenberg said they are optimistic that the event be a big success.



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In addition to the round of golf, there are usually a number of fun extra challenges along the way.

"It's too bad of course that there isn't a clubhouse at Minnewasta, but I've seen they put up a tent there, and they've been working on cleaning up ... so we're looking forward to being able to get everybody together after the tournament again."

The tournament takes place August 11 at Minnewasta Golf & Country Club with a tee time of 11 a.m. The

entry fee of \$175 includes the green fee, power cart and a \$75 donation receipt, and you can register and find more information online at [decorcharityclassic.com](http://decorcharityclassic.com).

## Devotion

If you do not know Jesus before you die, Heaven will not be your home.



PHOTO BY LORNE STELMACH/VOICE

Laurie Wiebe and her mother Marilyn Wiebe were celebrating Queen Elizabeth and the platinum jubilee of her reign Saturday by serving up tea at the Wee Wool Shoppe in Darlingford, where they make wool products by hand. "We come from a very long line of royal family appreciators, and it's something that we didn't want to miss, to celebrate this amazing day of 70 years on the throne," said Laurie, who noted they were serving the particular variety of tea that the queen prefers.



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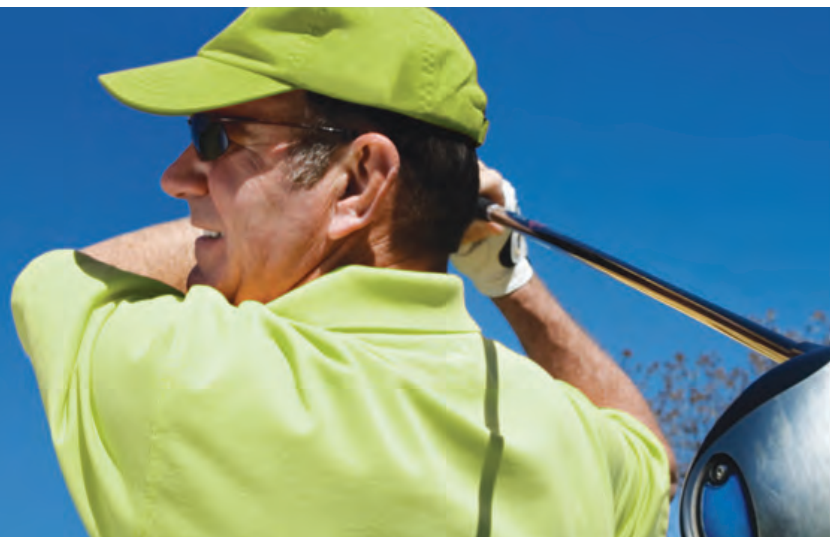


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# BACK 40 IS BACK



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The Back 40 Festival made a welcome return Sunday after pandemic cancellations the last two summers. A beautiful day brought entertainment by such performers as local bluesman JP Lepage and the acclaimed group Leaf Rapids. If you weren't dancing and enjoying the tunes, you could also take in the Pembina Hills Arts Council artisan village, while there were activities in the kids tent.

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# Your pharmacist can help you quit

## • BEHIND THE COUNTER

By Zahid Zehri

In Canada, tobacco remains the leading cause of preventable disease and premature death.

World No Tobacco Day was observed around the world May 31, and it was an opportunity to raise awareness about the harmful impacts of tobacco use.

Nicotine is a chemical found in all tobacco products including cigarettes, and it makes smoking highly addictive and hard to quit.

Because of the addictive nature of tobacco, only five per cent of people successfully quit smoking without the support of smoking cessation medications or the help from a counsellor. So don't feel discouraged if quitting cold turkey isn't working for you. You are

not alone in this, and there are support systems available to you if you'd like to quit.

There are many options for quitting smoking including seeking guidance from health care providers, smoking cessation clinics, medications and following self-help guides.

Research shows the combination of several methods has a higher chance of success than using one alone, but the most important thing to do is to find the approach that works for you.

Quitting tobacco is hard, but with help, you can increase your chances of success.

Health care professionals including pharmacists can help assess your needs, come up with an individualized plan to help you quit and address any concerns you have about quitting.

As your local pharmacist, I'm here to support you as you reclaim your

health. I've put together some tips and resources to help you quit smoking:

- Conquer the cravings – don't get discouraged if you're experiencing cravings. It's normal, especially if you used tobacco regularly. There are many things you can do to manage cravings. Identifying and avoiding triggers, chewing sugarless gum and distracting yourself with physical activity are great starting points.

- Take a breath and destress – stress management is a common reason many people use tobacco. Smoking cigarettes can temporarily decrease anxiety and help you feel calmer.

As you quit, prioritize developing other stress management strategies to avoid turning back to tobacco. Consider adding relaxation techniques like yoga, deep breathing exercises or meditation to your stress toolkit.

- Ask your pharmacist – simply

talking to a health care professional about quitting has been shown to increase a smoker's motivation to quit.

Your pharmacist is an accessible and qualified health care professional who can listen and provide information about smoking cessation and help you develop an individualized plan to quit. Your pharmacist can also recommend products to help you quit that may be available without a prescription.

In Manitoba, pharmacists can prescribe smoking/tobacco cessation medications to help you quit. As with all medications, it is important to find the right one for you based on your needs and health condition.

Speak with your pharmacist to learn more about the importance of quitting smoking and the supports and services available to you.

*Zahid Zehri is a pharmacist and owner of Shoppers Drug Mart in Winkler.*

## • INCREDIBLE CREATURES

# Northern Leopard Frogs

By John Gavloski

In the last Incredible Creatures we looked at a species of frog that overwintered on the forest floor, can freeze and still survive, and becomes active earlier than many other frogs. That was the wood frog. This month we will explore another common and quite interesting species of frog, the northern leopard frog.

### Leopard-like looks

The northern leopard frog, *Lithobates pipiens*, is green or brown, or a mixture of the two. It gets its name from the dark spots surrounded by light borders on its back and sides, which resemble leopard spots. They have a light-coloured ridge on each side of its back, from behind the eyes to the lower back. The underside is whitish. Males get to about 8 cm, and females to about 10 cm, from their snout to the back of their body (not including the legs).

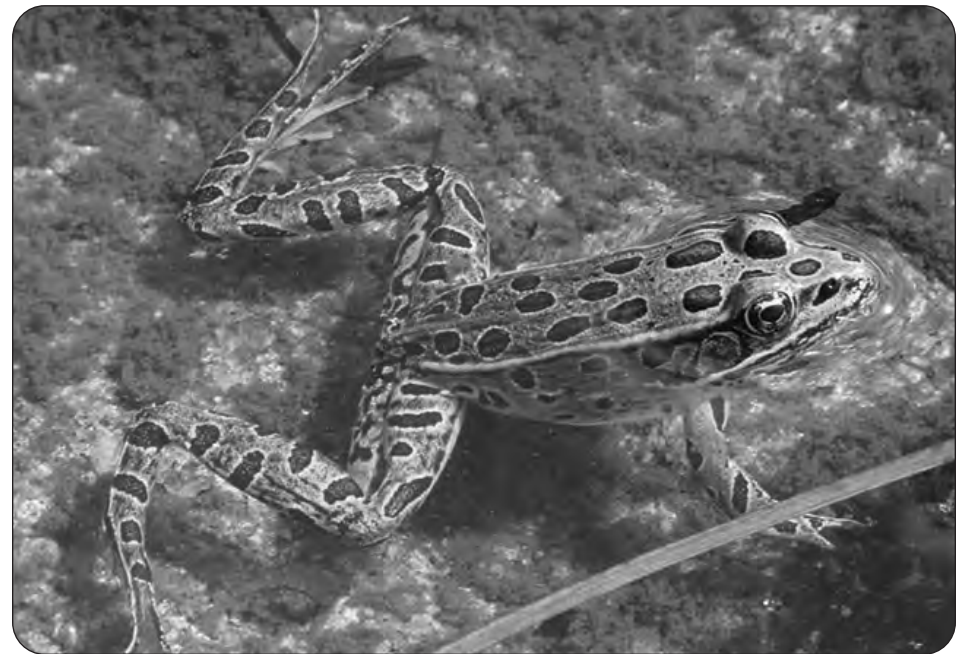
Aside from the northern leopard frog, there are a few other species of leopard frogs in North America, such as the southern leopard frog and the Atlantic Coast leopard frog. But the northern leopard frog is the only species of leopard frog found in Manitoba.

### Where to find a Leopard frog

Northern leopard frogs live in three types of habitats, depending on the season. They use shallow marshes for breeding, moist uplands for summer foraging, and permanent water bodies for wintering. Since there is a limited ability to disperse for this species, having these habitats close to each other is beneficial.

From the more permanent water bodies where they spend the winter, adult frogs travel up to 1.6 km (1 mile) to breed, from April to June. These breeding areas include the shallow, warm waters of a variety of wetlands including marshes, springs, flooded ditches, dugouts, beaver ponds, the margins of lakes, and slow-moving waters of streams and rivers. Ideal wetlands for breeding are less likely to contain predatory fish. Emerging vegetation is important for protective cover, and is used to attach egg masses to.

After breeding they may disperse up to 8 km from breeding areas to forage in the summer in areas either next to or away from wetlands. These areas can include meadows, pastures, and drainage or irrigation ditches. Northern leopard frogs usually do not use areas that are heavily wooded, although there can be exceptions. They also avoids area of very sparse veg-



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### Northern Leopard Frog

etation such as heavily grazed pastures or cultivated fields. The return to overwintering sites begins in late summer or early fall.

They hibernate at the bottom of lakes, and perhaps deep ponds, rivers and creeks as well. There have been reports by ice fishermen on Lake Manitoba finding leopard frogs in nets as far as 18 km from the shore and in water as deep as 7 meters, always in areas where the bottom was silty. There are reports of frogs taken in nets in Lake Winnipeg as well.

### Breeding Call is a real Snore

The breeding call of males sounds like a drawn-out snore or croak, lasting 2 to 3 seconds, followed by a series of 2 to 3 rapid grunts at the end.

It is generally late April to mid-May when you would hear the calling males in southern Manitoba. This year the calling period could extend a bit later because of our cool start to the spring. Evening, from dusk to full darkness, is the best time to hear them, but they will call during the day as well.

Keep your eyes and ears open for these leaping leopards. If you don't see one, you just might hear one.



# sports & recreation

## Baseball hall honours the best

### Voice staff

A gala evening this past weekend honoured some of the province's baseball history as well as the man who has kept the legacy alive.

The Manitoba Baseball Hall of Fame Museum held its induction ceremony Saturday in Morden, and a special honour was bestowed on a Mordenite who has played a key role.

Receiving the special award was Joe Wiwchar, who since the museum officially opened here with the 1999 banquet in Morden has been the administrator.

There was perhaps no one more suited to the role, as he also coached baseball continuously from 1953 to the present day.

Now on the cusp of retiring from his illustrious career as a builder of the sport of baseball, he has covered all the bases in serving as a player, coach, umpire, executive administrator and mentor at the local, provincial, national and international levels.

Meanwhile, the museum annually selects outstanding Manitoba athletes, coaches, officials, builders and teams for induction, and it also gathers memories of the past and present associated with the history of baseball in Manitoba.

Delayed because of the pandemic, the latest class of inductees included a number of outstanding players, builders and teams who have left their legacy both on and off the baseball field.

The individuals inducted included the following Ron Arnst, Les Charles, Blaine Fortin, Andrew Halpenny, John Kroeker, Morris Mott and Kalam Paull.

Arnst grew up playing minor ball in Saskatchewan and as an adult he continued his love for baseball by becoming a well known and respected radio play-by-play and in-house game announcer.

As one of the better players in the Souris minor baseball program, Charles was expected to be a leader and his skill along with an unselfish attitude earned him respect at a young age. He went on to an outstanding career in the Manitoba Senior Baseball League.

By the time Fortin completed his 16-year old season in 1994, he had already compiled a resume worthy of Hall of Fame admission. That year alone he played at the midget, junior and senior level and played on the provincial youth team.

Halpenny started his minor ball career in his hometown Selkirk, but soon advanced to represent Manitoba at the national and international level. Manitoba's own field of dreams exists today in Stonewall thanks mainly to the efforts of John Kroeker.

Mott grew up playing both baseball and hockey in rural Saskatchewan. Although now better known for his hockey career, he was good enough on the diamond to be inducted as a player into the Saskatchewan Baseball Hall of Fame in 2002.



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Joe Wiwchar of Morden was honoured this past weekend for his 20 plus years of service to the Manitoba Baseball Hall of Fame and Museum in Morden. Morgan De Pena presented an award to Wiwchar, who was then also joined by Tyler Wiwchar, Arlene Wiwchar, Cater Wiwchar and Torin Wiwchar.



Paull has an outstanding baseball resume, longer than his pitching arm. Starting in 1989, he was a member of the Manitoba youth team and helped pitch the Elmwood Giants to a provincial midget title.

Inducted as well in the team categories were the Carman Goldeyes midgets of 1994-95 and juniors of 1997-2000, Elmwood Giants juniors of 2002-2007,

Cardale Cougars bantams and midgets of 1971-75 and the Portage Athletics midgets of 1991 in the special team category.

An honorary life member honour was bestowed on Jack Callum. The first honorary life member selected by the Manitoba Baseball Hall of Fame, Callum is an individual who has shown outstanding dedication and service to the organization.



# Prairie Fire Racing off to a hot start

By Ty Dilello

Prairie Fire Racing is Country Cycle's sponsored race team based out of Winkler, and it is getting some attention on the racing circuit.

It's 2022 members include Peter Loewen, John Paul Peters, Mia Sawatzky, Logan Wiebe, Jamie Falk, Russell Thiessen and Sasa Ivetic.

"Prairie Fire Racing is meant for those who have a passion for both cycling and competing in the sport," said team leader Peter Loewen.

"Members who understand the human mind and body are capable of so much more than what is ever expected of it. Members who have the mental fortitude to overcome the adversity that comes with competition. And members who feed off the reward potential that comes with overcoming adversity."

Prairie Fire members all follow training programs provided to them by personal coaches.

Team members will compete in 20-30 races a season, which includes races held both in Manitoba and races held out of province including the United States.

The cycling disciplines they compete in include mountain biking, gravel and road events, fat biking and cyclocross, and these race events can go anywhere from an hour to 24 hours.

Sasa Ivetic, who is the newest member of the Prairie Fire team, officially joined two months ago but started riding about three years ago. He had done a couple years of running but kept getting sidelined and frustrated with ongoing injuries, so he decided to pick up a road bike on a whim and loved it.

"Peter approached me towards the end of the winter, and I did not hesitate to accept the invite," said Ivetic. "I appreciate Peter's commitment and love for the sport of cycling and what he continues to do for the community, so joining was a no-brainer."

Ivetic was born in Bosnia Herzegov-

ina and moved to Winnipeg in the fall of 1996 when he was 14.

"It was quite the year to move here with the infamous winter, the April blizzard and the Flood of the Century that followed!"

Ivetic and his family left Bosnia Herzegovina right at the end of the notorious Bosnian War that lasted from 1992 to 1995.

"We made the decision to leave and applied to come to Canada while the war was still raging and got our papers and flights a few months after it ended. It was definitely difficult to live through, though I was too young back then to understand much of the politics and business behind the War," said Ivetic.

"We were fortunate, if you can call anything related to war as fortunate, in that the situation in the city I lived in stabilized quickly after an initial assault," he continued.

"We were primarily spared the indiscriminate shelling and destruction, though everyone lived in fear and uncertainty. Unfortunately, even in our city, not everyone would make it through unscathed; as with every war, the minority was hassled, mistreated and worse. In the end, it was like all other wars – the innocent bystanders are the ones that were affected the most."

Ivetic recently finished third at the Maah Daah Hey (Badlands) Gravel Battle - a bike race that entails 120 miles and over 10,500 feet of elevation gain on the fast and rugged red scoria roads that crosshatch the badlands of western North Dakota.

"The race was very tough. Conditions for the Saturday pre-ride were perfect, as the gravel was dry and packed down, and I expected a very fast race. But then the rain started coming down Saturday afternoon and did not stop until sometime during the night. So the roads were turned into a sticky, soupy mess of gravel and



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Sasa Ivetic of Country Cycle's Prairie Fire Racing Team recently finished third at the Maah Daah Hey (Badlands) Gravel Battle in western North Dakota.

mud. We had a strong headwind for the first half, which actually worked well as it dried the course and provided a good tailwind on the way back.

"I flatted 10 kilometres into the race and spent the second half battling a tire that continually lost air. I still managed to hold on to my rapidly shrinking lead though and rolled in on the rim to take third place."

This was Ivetic's second race of 2022, having warmed up with the Belgian Waffle Ride - a 225 km race in South

California. Next up for him is the Purgatory, which Country Cycle is putting on at the end of June.

"The fall months will be busy with the cyclocross season kicking off in early September. I will be travelling to British Columbia to race the RBC Whistler Gran Fondo on Sept. 10. I have yet to decide on whether to race the Canada CX Nationals as that will probably be a last-minute commitment depending on how I feel that late in the season."

# Mud Hens unbeaten through three

The Morden Mud Hens are unbeaten through three games of the Border Baseball League season.

They maintained their unblemished record Friday with a 5-3 win over the Cartwright Twins.

Pitcher Branden Hatley struck out the side in the bottom of the seventh inning to close out the game. He went

seven strong innings once again on the mound, striking out 11, although he did surrender his first runs of the season, but only two of which were earned.

The victory has them atop the east division early on, while the Winkler Whips are still just 1 & 0 after having their Friday game with Clearwater

postponed.

The Altona Bisons meanwhile saw their record slip to 1 & 2 as they split a Saturday doubleheader with Saturday with Baldur. The Regals took game one 7-1 but the Bisons rebounded for a 10-0 shutout in game two.

Morden was scheduled to head to Winkler to take on the Whips Tues-

day. The result was not available at press time.

Winkler is set to visit Pilot Mound this Friday, while Morden is hosting Baldur. Altona was to host Carman Tuesday with the result not available at press time, then the Bisons were to visit Cartwright Friday.



# A decade of pickleball in Winkler

## Voice staff

There's been 10 years of pickleball in Winkler, and local aficionados have extra reason to celebrate the milestone.

The spring has seen the courts at Lions Park updated with the addition of four pickleball nets which can be rolled out for pickleball and then rolled back for tennis.

It comes as the Winkler Senior Centre along with the Winkler recreation department and Winkler Pickleball Association mark 10 years of playing the game here, and there are some upcoming activities planned to help raise awareness of and participation in the game.

The partnership began a decade ago with the aim to provide recreational play for seniors, but it has expanded to other ages with even students being taught the game in school now.

This past year, over 80 people participated in regular organized pickleball indoors using facilities

such as school gyms, and year round play is available now with the improved facilities at Lions Park.

The beauty of the game is that it can be played by all ages, and people will have a chance to try it out next week as part of a Winkler ParticipACTION Community Better Challenge event June 14 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at the Lions Park courts. The equipment will be provided as well as some instruction, so just show up ready to play.

Family night pickleball is held every Tuesday from 7 to 9 p.m. at the Lions Park courts from July 5 to Aug. 24. If interested, you can register throughout June online at [winkler.ca](http://winkler.ca) under community services and programs and events.

In addition, there will be drop-in recreational adult pickleball every Wednesday from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at the Lions Park courts. Starting in September, pickleball will move back indoors for the winter.



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Lions Park in Winkler has been updated with the addition of four pickleball nets which can be rolled out for pickleball and then rolled back for tennis.

For more information, you can go to [winklerpickleball@gmail.com](mailto:winklerpickleball@gmail.com), [winklerpickleball.weebly.com](http://winklerpickleball.weebly.com) or email

## Perfect week for Bisons

By Ty Dilello

The Altona Bisons picked up three wins over the last week to move into first place in the MJBL standings with a 4-1 record.

On Friday night, the Bisons were in Winnipeg, where they took down the St. Boniface Legionnaires 7-5 in extra innings.

"St. Boniface was a tough game, as they're a good young team, and the game went to extra innings," said Bisons' manager Curt Letkeman.

"Alex Krykewich pitched a great game for them, and fortunately, we were able to capitalize on a couple of key errors. Connor Cory struck out 13 for us in seven innings, while Maddux Mateychuk had a key hit in the 8th inning that drove in two runs."

The Bisons were also on the road Sunday to take on the Interlake Blue Jays in Stonewall for a doubleheader. Both games went the Bisons' way, as they blitzed the Blue Jays by 9-3 and 11-4 scores.

"Interlake is also a little young, and unfortunately for them, they don't have much for pitch-

ing. Ethan Giesbrecht pitched game one and also struck out 13, while Trent Peters homered and drove in three, and Keyan Grimard had three hits and two RBIs," said Letkeman.

"In the second game, their pitcher walked six guys in the first inning, and we built a 10-0 lead after three and a half innings. Dillan Thiessen and Trent Peters pitched that game for us."

The Bisons are at home this week with games Wednesday against the Carillon Sultans and a double header Sunday vs the Elmwood Giants.

"The guys are starting to get a bit more comfortable at the plate or in the field. Some of our players hadn't even picked up a bat prior to our first game and even now have only had 15 or so at-bats."

Meanwhile, the Pembina Valley Orioles are currently in second place in the MJBL standings with a 3-1 record.

They have home games this week Wednesday vs Winnipeg South, Friday vs Carillon Sultans and a double header Sunday vs Interlake.

## Oakview opens up in Gretna



SUBMITTED PHOTO

The Oakview Golf and Country Club just outside of Gretna is open for golfers this summer to come test it out.

By Ty Dilello

The Oakview Golf and Country Club just outside of Gretna is up and running for what it hopes will be a long summer.

The restaurant is also opening this week, and the club has a new patio open as well while currently building another one on the west side of the clubhouse.

"The course is in great shape," said course manager Delwyn Doerksen. "We're also in the process of finishing our hole nine tee box, which will look great."

This summer, memberships for adults

are \$491, while juniors are \$125, and there is also a new member rate for anyone who was not previously a member in 2021 available for \$309.

Doerksen is also a top local amateur golfer and has plans on competing a little bit this summer.

"The plan now is to play the Am and a few prairie scratch events, but we'll see how many I play. The goal would be to win the Am, and I think I have a pretty good shot this year. Hopefully my game can come around in time."



### Storm's Tom Prazak slides to knock the ball from Hellas's Dylan Sacramento



**take a break**  
 > GAMES

# SUDOKU

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9			4		3			
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		3		2			5	
5			3				1	7

Like puzzles? Then you'll love sudoku. This mind-bending puzzle will have you hooked from the moment you square off, so sharpen your pencil and put your sudoku savvy to the test!

Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken down into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numeric clues already provided in the boxes. The more numbers you name, the easier it gets to solve the puzzle!

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

[illegible]

### Crossword Answer

# CROSSWORD

1. Slovenian mountain
5. Growl
9. Where things stand
11. Made a sharp sound
13. Female spirit in Irish folklore
15. Deteriorate with age
16. A way to save for retirement
17. The Big Apple
19. Intestinal pouches
21. City in New Hampshire
22. Giving a bad impression
23. Samsung laptops
25. Without (French)
26. Scientist's tool (abbr.)
27. System of one more computers
29. Captures
31. Authentic
33. Female mammal's nipple
34. Pandemonium
36. Satisfy
38. Arrived extinct
39. Shipborne radar (abbr.)
41. Network of nerves
43. Monetary unit
44. Showed old TV show
46. They help you hear
48. One who eliminates
52. Congress' investigative arm
53. Parties
54. Most supernatural
56. Takes illegally
57. Breathes while asleep
58. Sea eagles
59. German surname

**CLUES DOWN**

1. Looks at for a long time
2. Solution for diseases

	1	2	3	4						5	6	7	8		
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3. Belonging to a thing  
4. Former Packers fullback  
5. Contemptible person  
6. One billionth of a second (abbr.)  
7. Helps  
8. Final section of the large intestine  
9. Invests in little enterprises  
10. Look for  
11. Unbeliefs  
12. Susan and Tom are two  
14. Female sheep  
15. A poet writes it  
18. Affirmatives  
20. "Full House" actress Barber  
24. Traveled rapidly  
26. Long upholstered seat  
28. Set wages  
30. Peter Gabriel song  
32. Sides of a jacket  
34. More beautiful  
35. Actress Kate  
37. Furniture with open shelves  
38. Indicate  
40. The cost of a room  
42. Gets rid of something  
43. Impudence  
45. No No No  
47. Drunkards  
49. Middle eastern country  
50. High energy lasers (abbr.)  
51. Primary component of ribosomes  
55. An informal debt instrument



# get inspired

> MEAL IDEAS



## Endless Summer Grass-Fed Lamb Burgers

2 tablespoons lemon juice  
1 teaspoon lemon zest  
2 teaspoons olive oil

To make burgers: Gently divide lamb into four equal parts and shape into rounds slightly larger than buns. Cover and refrigerate at least 1 hour.

To make spread: In small bowl, mix yogurt, garlic, mayonnaise and mustard; refrigerate until ready to assemble burgers.

To make salad: In medium bowl, mix cucumber, onions, parsley, mint leaves, dill, micro greens, lemon juice, lemon zest and olive oil; refrigerate until ready to assemble burgers.

Preheat grill to medium-high heat, creating hot and cool zones. Salt patties then grill about 6 minutes on each side until internal temperature reaches 150 F. As patties near 150 F or start to brown, move to cool zone to regulate doneness. Transfer to plate and let rest about 5 minutes.

To assemble burgers, add dollop of spread to bottom buns. Top each with one tomato slice, one lamb burger, salad and top bun.

Prep time: 1 hour, 20 minutes  
Cook time: 1 hour  
Servings: 4  
Burgers:  
1 1/2 pounds Atkins Ranch grass-fed Ground Lamb  
1/4 teaspoon kosher salt  
4 brioche buns  
1 medium tomato, sliced into rounds  
Spread:  
2/3 cup full-fat Greek yogurt  
1 clove garlic, grated  
1/3 cup mayonnaise  
1 tablespoon Dijon mustard  
Salad:  
1 small English cucumber, thinly sliced  
2 green onions, thinly sliced into rounds  
2 tablespoons flat leaf parsley, chopped  
2 tablespoons fresh mint leaves, chopped  
1 tablespoon fresh dill, chopped  
1/4 cup micro greens



## Grass-Fed Lamb Meatball and Veggie Skewers with Herb Sauce

1 lemon, juice only  
2 cloves garlic  
1/4 cup extra-virgin olive oil  
Italian bread, grilled

To make lamb meatballs: Soak wooden skewers in water 10 minutes. In large bowl, break apart ground lamb then add whisked eggs and breadcrumbs. In small saute pan, add olive oil and saute yellow onion and garlic with coriander seeds, red pepper flakes, salt and pepper, to taste, about 5 minutes until onion is translucent and spices are fragrant. Add to bowl with lamb. Mix until combined and form into roughly 1 1/2-ounce balls.

To make veggies: Cut onion and bell peppers into 1-inch stacks.

Add ground lamb meatballs to skewers, alternating with peppers and onions. Cover and refrigerate at least 1 hour.

To make herb sauce: In immersion blender, blend parsley, rosemary, capers, lemon juice, garlic and olive oil until smooth. Refrigerate until ready to serve.

Preheat grill to medium-high heat. Grill skewers about 3 minutes on each side, or until meatballs reach internal temperature of 150 F. Rest 5 minutes. Serve with dipping sauce and grilled Italian bread.

Prep time: 1 hour, 30 minutes  
Cook time: 30 minutes  
Yield: 6 skewers  
Lamb Meatballs:  
6 wooden skewers  
1 pound Atkins Ranch grass-fed Ground Lamb  
2 large eggs, whisked  
2/3 cup Italian breadcrumbs  
1 teaspoon olive oil  
1/2 cup yellow onion, finely minced  
1 clove garlic, minced  
1/4 teaspoon coriander seeds, crushed  
1/4 teaspoon red pepper flakes  
1/2 teaspoon kosher salt  
freshly ground black pepper, to taste  
Veggies:  
1 medium red onion  
1 medium green bell pepper  
1 medium red bell pepper  
Herb Sauce:  
1 cup flat leaf parsley leaves  
2 teaspoons fresh rosemary leaves, minced  
2 tablespoons capers

## AsktheMoneyLady.ca

Dear Money Lady: One of my friends put all their retirement savings into an annuity and said we should too. What exactly is an Annuity? Janice

Janice, I am often asked about annuities, so let's discuss this strategy that is often recommended as a way to create a lifelong income in retirement. Life annuities are designed for clients who have insufficient savings and/or a very low risk tolerance to investing in the market. There are four main types of annuities: straight life, joint life, term-certain and deferred. We will discuss each one plus some of the added features you can opt for.

Straight life annuities are the simplest. This annuity guarantees a periodic income for life with payments starting immediately minus a premium. Be careful with this one. This annuity does pay the highest amount for life, but when you die the payments stop and there is no payout to the estate. The benefit from this plan is if you live longer than your life expectancy, you will benefit from the funds left in the pool by those who died earlier. One thing I am not a fan of with this product is that the payments are fixed over time and do not compensate for inflation. Because of this you can add an income protection option called an increasing life annuity. The plan will then increase by a defined pre-set percentage each year. You can also choose an indexed annuity (often less expensive) that will increase the payments each year in line with inflation (measured only by the Canadian Consumer Price Index).

Joint life annuities last as long as either partner is alive. There are a couple of options with this one. You can buy an income-reducing annuity which is less costly, whereby the payment from the joint annuity declines when the first spouse dies. There is also an option in this plan to guarantee the payout of the premium if you choose a cash payment provision. When the annuitants die, the difference between the premium and the payout can then be paid to the beneficiaries.

Term-certain annuities are usually the one I prefer. In this annuity, payments are made for a specific period whether or not the annuitant dies. If you are using funds from your RRSP/RRIF in a term-certain annuity, payments usually only last until age 90. You can manipulate your term from 3 to 40 years and most are highly flexible. A cashable option is only available with this type of annuity since the convertible value can be easily calculated at any time. If needed, you could cash in your plan in the event of a serious medical condition or financial emergency.

The last type of annuity is called a deferred annuity and often purchased long before the income from the product is required in retirement. With this plan clients can take advantage of a slightly higher



Christine Ibbotson

rate of interest by purchasing the annuity years earlier than actually required. You will be encouraged to pay a higher premium during the deferral period, allowing interest to accumulate in the product and therefore increasing the overall value at the agreed upon conversion date when it switches to a paying annuity. With this product, it is best to opt for a return of premium guarantee in the event that you die prematurely before the payments start. One thing to remember with this one: interest earned during the accumulation phase is taxable, so it is best to fund this product with your registered investments.

All annuities are insurance products and vary widely based on the provider. Some insurance companies offer variable pay annuities which can be linked in part to the return of a specified stock market index. These plans offer something for everyone. Clients can choose an index tailored to specific profiles, such as conservative, moderate, growth or aggressive. Depending on the insurance provider, you may even be able to choose a combination of indexes with variable payments. Basically, a person chooses an annuity product because they don't want to be concerned with the ups and downs of the stock market, and they want a "set-it and leave-it" strategy with a guaranteed monthly income for life. Now before you all run out to purchase an annuity, let me just go over some of the disadvantages. Most annuities cannot be cashed or altered after income payments have commenced. Payments often cannot be adjusted to reflect changing needs, and the funds cannot be accessed in an emergency. Remember, you are giving up ownership of your investments and control of your capital to the annuity. It cannot ever be used as a loan guarantee or reassigned. Annuities are great to help diversify a retirement portfolio, but it is always a good idea to use them with other investments that offer more flexibility, such as RRIFs and TFSAs.

Good Luck & Best Wishes,  
ATML - Christine Ibbotson

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All claims against the above Estate, duly verified by Statutory Declaration, must be filed with the undersigned at 309 Stephen Street, Morden, Manitoba, R6M 1V1 within thirty (30) days of the date of this publication.

**DATED at the City of Morden, in Manitoba, this 2nd day of June, 2022.**

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## IN MEMORIAM



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1952 - 2021

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And be embraced by your big arms.  
Can't hardly wait.  
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We're blessed for the gifts you gave us, and;  
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**THE ALTONA SENIOR CENTRE**  
Will be hosting a  
**Fundraising**  
**MEXICAN DEESKO BUFFET**  
**Thursday, June 16, 2022**  
**at 5:00 pm**  
**Menu includes:**  
**Deesko stew and tortillas,**  
**Re-fried beans, salads,**  
**pie and ice cream.**  
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Thanking the city of Winkler for the tremendous support I have received over the years. To mark this closing of a chapter of my life and celebrate the times we've shared, I'd like to invite all of you to come to the shop for cake, coffee, cheese balls and crackers on Friday June 17th from 10am -2pm. Love to see you all and share memories.  
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## OBITUARY



## John Julius Dyck 1940 - 2021

John Dyck passed away on Saturday, December 4, 2021, at age 81 surrounded by family.

John was born on April 29, 1940 on his family farm near Rosetown to Julius P. Dyck and Katherine (Hiebert) Dyck. He spent his school years in Rudnevide and Edward schools. John started working at a young age helping his Dad on the farm. He tried his hand at a variety of jobs in the workforce from working in construction, unloading train cars, delivering coal and Winkler poultry. John was a fast learner and a hard worker in everything that he did. On September 29, 1959 he married his lifelong companion, friend and soulmate, Elizabeth Enns (Betty). They were baptized in Winkler Berghaler Mennonite Church and lifetime members. They bought their first home in Winkler on First Street. John continued to farm with his dad and started delivering milk from Winkler to Carman. As their family grew to three children, they moved to 7th Street where John purchased several trucks and hauled grain for local farmers. In 1968 the family moved to Greenfarm, a place they would call home for the next 25 years. Here they started a dairy farm, grew sugar beets and grain. John's true passion was horses, he was involved in 4H horse club, trail rides, and rodeos. His love of horses lead him to the world of harness horse racing where he bred, raced and trained his own. John always talked about his racing days as being some of his favourite adventures. John spent many years working with horses, from doing weddings, parades, log pulling, ploughing fields, to sleigh rides. Often working alongside his good friend Stan, this was truly his favourite job. In his retirement years, he cut hay in the summers for Bill Loeppky. John enjoyed this as it brought back the feeling of life on the farm. He also enjoyed delivering motorhomes for Triple E with his shotgun rider by his side every trip was a new adventure, especially loved trips that brought him and Betty to the east coast. John loved to work hard and play harder. He loved sports, from playing to coaching. He enjoyed hockey, baseball, curling, and bowling. Watching his children and grandchildren do all of their activities was very important and he was very proud of everything they have accomplished. He may have complained about Kelly's trumpet and piano lessons but that didn't make him any less proud. The family wasn't always close to home or even in the same country, but John made it a priority to see all of his children and grandchildren whenever he could.

In addition to his parents, he was predeceased by one sister, one brother, two brothers-in-law and two nephews. He leaves to mourn his loving wife, Betty; their children, Jack (Valerie) Dyck, Kelly (John) Dyck, Larry (Catherine) Dyck; his grandchildren, Wyatt, Kaylee, Lindsay, James, Wayne, Brian, Kayla, Trevor, Riley; great-grandchild, Jackson; honorary children, Wayne, Robert, Roland, Frank, Rachelle, Chris S, Jeremy, Chris A, Nolan, Mark, Luke, Mike, Dennis, Mackenzie, Melinda, Fernando and Carolina as well as one brother, Peter (Tina) Dyck and family, one sister, Martha Hildebrand and family, numerous brothers-in-law, sisters-in-law, nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

The family would like to express our deepest gratitude for all of the prayers, support, and encouragement we have received through this trying time. We find peace and comfort in knowing that Grandpa has gone to his heavenly home.

Memorial service will be held at 2:00 p.m. on Sunday, June 12, 2022 at the Miami Community Hall.

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## AUCTION

### UPCOMING AUCTIONS

**June 10 - Friday, closing, William & Karin Thiesen Auction. Excellent yard equipment & wood working tools at Poplar Point, MB**

**June 14 - Tuesday, 5 pm, Live onsite auction for David Friesen, 3rd St, Winkler, next door to MCC parking lot. Wood working tools, lumber & moveable shop, 12 x 16 ft.**

**June 18 - Saturday, 10 am Live on site auction for Irv & Evelyn Enns estate. Lots of quality wood working tools, good yard equipment & house full of furniture.**

**June 21 - Tuesday at 11 am, Live on site, large farm equipment auction for Edith Gowan in Sprague, MB**

**June 25 at 10 am, live onsite, large shop and yard auction with older tractors etc. for Peters family at 86 Reinfeld, MB**

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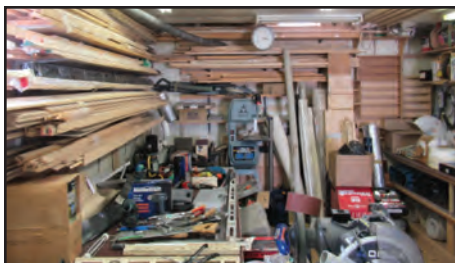
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## OBITUARY



## John Walter Kuhl 1928 - 2022

It is with mixed blessings of sorrow and gratitude that we announce the passing of John W Kuhl, beloved father, grandfather, opa, brother, uncle and friend to many.

John was born on March 28, 1928 to Henry and Maria Kuhl. He was the youngest son in a family of seven children. John attended a private school in Gretna, Manitoba for the majority of his high school years, but for his grade 12 year he attended in Winkler, Manitoba. This is where he met the love of his life, Lillian Faith Kuhl (Warkentin). Following high school Lillian moved to Winnipeg to attend nursing school. When she completed this program of study, John and Lillian were married on September 17, 1949. Together John and Lillian raised six children: two boys and four girls. John

was devoted to his family and encouraged all of his children to pursue post secondary education. His love of music progressed through the years from reel-to-reel tapes, turn table, CD player, to the most recent commonly heard hymns on YouTube played from his iPad. As a family we spent many Sunday afternoons gathered in the living room playing hymns and John and Lillian's favourite folk songs. The ensemble included two violins, cello, piano, clarinet, oboe and John with his accordion. Most Saturdays were busy with a trip to Winnipeg to juggle music lessons and rehearsals for children who were members of the Winnipeg Youth Orchestra.

John's father, Henry, was a farmer in the Gnadenthal area. After high school and a year away at University, John decided to join his father on the farm. After only a few years of working together, in 1950, John and his wife Lillian purchased the farm. This property that he was raised on, continues to be the main yard for current farm operations. John's love of the land was evident in the decisions that he made as a farmer. He quickly recognized that the care of animals was not his first love and moved the farm from a mixed farming operation to crops only. In the early years, he grew grains, corn and sugar beets. In 1960, John joined forces with his brother, Henry and brother-in-law, Dave Bueckert to form Southern Manitoba Potato Co. Together they became one of the largest producers of table and chipping potatoes in the province. John shared his love of the land with his son, Keith, who currently continues to operate the farm with his two sons, Marlon and Jeremy. John spent many years working with industry and church organizations including, Peak of the Market, Canadian Horticultural Council, Winkler Mennonite Brethren Church to list a few. John was currently a member at Covenant Mennonite Church Winkler and as one of the oldest members, he was loved by all.

During the past five months while he was palliative, John was cared for by an amazing group of care givers. The family would like to thank all those who spent time with and cared for John. Special thanks to his granddaughter, Leala Kuhl who organized the team of care givers.

John was preceded in death by his wife, Lillian; son, Douglas; daughter, Juliana; and grandsons, Chad and Tyler. He loved to spend time with family and is lovingly remembered by his four remaining children, their spouses, 10 grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren. He is survived by his youngest sister, Evelyn Dyck.

A Celebration of Life was held at 11:00 a.m. on Thursday, June 2, 2022 at Emmanuel Mennonite Church with interment prior at the Winkler Cemetery.

If friends so desire, the family invites donations to MEDA (Mennonite Economic Development Associates)

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## OBITUARY

## Sylvia Morrison (RN) 1948 - 2022

Passed May 21, 2022, at the age of 72. Sylvia was born in Edmonton, November 19th, 1948. She attended junior and senior high schools in Morden, Manitoba (1960-1966). She graduated from high school in Ottawa, followed by a 3 year Registered Nursing Program in Kingston, Ontario. Sylvia was a compassionate nurse, caring for the very young in The Hospital for Sick Children while living in the cities of Toronto and Montreal, and retired from nursing by attending the very old in nursing homes in British Columbia.

Sylvia will be missed by her sons Adam and Paul Zeliger (Edmonton) and her brother and sister, Malcolm Morrison and Betty Anne Morrison (Ottawa).

Sylvia died in hospital following complications from a hip transplant, followed by other medical issues relating to prolonged hospitalization.



## OBITUARY

## Agatha Groening (nee Heinrichs) 1929 - 2022

On Monday, May 30, 2022, Agatha Groening, 92 of Winkler, MB passed away at her residence.

She leaves to mourn her passing one son, Roderick, three daughters, Lucy, Sharon and Pamela and their families. She was predeceased by her husband Ervin Groening in 2018.

Memorial service was held at Garden Park Estates with interment prior at the Rose Farm Cemetery.

If friends so desire, donations may be made in Agatha's memory to the Faith Evangelical Bible Church in Winkler.

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Now just in its fourth year of operation, it has already expanded both near Roland where they grow the plants and in Morden where the greenhouse is located near the Morden Co-op. "We're always short of room," said Louise Penner, who is co-owner with her sister Barbara Froese. "We're joking that we're continually building; it seems like every year we put up another building.

"It's been good because the demand is there, and people seem to really love our plants. We have a lot about our plants when people come in," said Penner.

It feels like operating a greenhouse some day was their destiny.

"We both grew up on a farm, and we absolutely loved flowers and planting and gardens. It was a dream for us because we really enjoyed doing all that gardening, so we thought why not bring that forward and do a greenhouse because we both had the same idea," said Penner.

"We decided to go into business and realized that Morden didn't have one," she continued. "So I thought it would be a really good place for us to bring our plants and flowers.

"Co-op then had approached us to see whether or not we wanted to do some plants for them because they heard about what we were doing," said Penner. "Then they offered us this property to lease from them, and it has been wonderful. They've been very gracious with us.

"For us, it was a godsend because we had been wanting to do this, and buying land and everything can be so expensive," she said, noting they benefit from the traffic coming to the location. "But now they're also coming specifically to the greenhouse, not just to the Co-op." Expanding on the business just very soon seemed to become a requirement.

"We started off with just the one greenhouse, and we had one production greenhouse, and then it just grew from there. We expanded on

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*Louise Penner is co-owner of Prairie Belle Greenhouse with her sister Barbara Froese.*

the farm, and then we expanded here," said Penner.

"We just wanted to grow too many varieties of plants, and we wanted to make sure that people have an opportunity to put beautiful pots together," she said. "We strive to have different items and that it's all really good quality. That's our mantra here that we want things looking absolutely beautiful."

"We grow it all there in Roland with the sole purpose of bringing it all here," she said. "We had to purchase a trailer so that we could bring all the plants over here ... there's a bit of extra work involved there."

She remains very pleased and grateful for the support they have received here in Morden.

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