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Hundreds of 2SLGBTQIANB+ community members and allies came out to march in the Pembina Valley Pride Parade in Morden on Saturday. For the full story, see Pg. 6.

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Winkler Horticulture Soc. bids core four farewell

By Ashleigh Viveiros

Winkler Horticulture Society volunteers and city staff gathered at the Meridian Exhibition Centre in Winkler last week to celebrate the end of an era.

The gathering, held as volunteers were wrapping up several days of planting throughout the city, marked the retirement of the society's executive board.

Margaret Penner, Betty Klassen, Carol Neufeld, and Valerie Harder all hung up their garden shovels in the wake of this spring's planting blitz.

"It's a very big commitment, all the designing and planning and overseeing the budget and the planting," says Penner, who was involved with the society's creation 23 years ago and has had a leadership role ever since. "We didn't know it would come to

this moment so soon. It's been a really wonderful journey."

This core foursome have led the charge together for many years and decided it was time to step back, together.

"We felt strongly that as we are aging, we just don't have the energy anymore," Penner says. "The interest we have, but not the ability to follow through with it anymore."

The Winkler Horticulture Society got its start with a lone flower bed installed at the corner of Grandeur Avenue and 15 Street in 2000.

"From there, the rest is just history. Every year new projects came about and we had enthusiasm from the group, from the City to support us," Penner says. "And today, when we look back, more than 30 projects have been undertaken and about 20 of them are still being planted, kept up every year."

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From left: Carol Neufeld, Betty Klassen, Margaret Penner, and Valerie Harder have been the engines behind the Winkler Horticulture Society's work for years. The four have decided it's time to step back from that role in favour of the next generation hopefully picking up the torch and running with it.

community as Bethel Heritage Park, the Parkview Gardens on Grandeur, and the Greg Ens Memorial Park, not to mention smaller projects like the flower pots on Main St. downtown and countless other garden beds at places like the cemetery or City Hall.

"It is fantastic to look back at that and know it all really came together through the efforts of people who volunteered their time, who were creative, who had a lot to offer and were enthusiastic and had a passion for what we were doing," Penner says, thanking every single person who ever came out to help get flowers in the ground or keep the gardens maintained. "It's really very much a joint effort."

And while it's always an awful lot of work, the benefits have been worth it.

"When I'm at Parkview Gardens in the evening and I see all these people walking through there—a man pushing his wife in a wheelchair or a family walking down the path—so many people stop and say how much they love it," Penner says "That feedback is really kind of the fuel that drives the engine."

Penner is hopeful the younger volunteers involved with the society, working with city staff and workers from the New Leaf Garden Centre, which has taken care of growing all the flowers for the society in recent

years, will pick up the torch and run with it moving forward.

Mayor Henry Siemens, on hand last week to thank the ladies for their dedication and service to the community, says the details of the future of the horticulture society in Winkler are still being worked out, but the City remains committed to continuing to support beautification efforts.

"The horticulture committee will continue. There will be a group of volunteers that will continue," he says. "These four ringleaders who built it over the years, they have earned their rest and they're taking it now."

"As we move forward, it will likely have more City involvement; we don't know exactly what that will look like, but our community services department will drive some of that, will help support and work with the horticulture committee."

Siemens thanked Penner, Neufeld, Klassen, and Harder for the countless hours they've poured into Winkler over the years.

"We have a more beautiful community because of the work that they've put in," he says. "It doesn't matter where we go, we always get compliments of how beautiful Winkler is."

"They were a passionate, driven, dedicated group of volunteers, and Winkler as a community is blessed for what they've done."

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Junior fire chief takes the reins

By Lorne Stelmach

A Grade 1 student from Maple Leaf School got to have a special job last week Monday.

Six-year-old Madelyn Chawrun earned the honour to be junior fire chief for a day through a fire safety contest offered to local schools by Morden Fire and Rescue.

"She was excited when she heard about it, and she was pretty excited then to know that she won the contest," said her father Cameron as the family was treated to a pizza party at Boston Pizza at the end of the day.

"She was always talking about fire safety at home after she did the fire safety map for school ... and it had us thinking safety, for sure," Chawrun added.

It is always a fun and worthwhile initiative for the fire department, noted Captain Jonathan Baumgart.

"Madelyn got on the job in the afternoon, and we did some home fire escape trivia quizzes at the school,

did some turnout gear races, and did tours of the fire truck," he said.

"From there, we brought Madelyn from school to the fire hall. We did a hall tour. She did a few activities at the fire hall, a few jobs like rolling up hose, helping fill the truck up with water and that sort of thing."

The initiative plays an important outreach role, Baumgart added.

"This gives us another opportunity to get into the schools to discuss fire safety, and it gives us another avenue to promote fire safety," he said. "It's a reason for the family to also talk about it. We can go to the school and talk about home fire safety, but that doesn't mean the message is going to go home. You can see that families know about it and are discussing it."

"It also gives us an opportunity to interact with the community in a non-emergency way."

Baumgart noted they are grateful for the support of Boston Pizza as well as the classroom teachers who get in-



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Captain Jonathan Baumgart of Morden Fire & Rescue with six-year-old Madelyn Chawrun, who got to be the junior fire chief for the day last week.

involved in the program every year.

"This event would not be possible at all were it not for Boston Pizza and their sponsorship. We thank them for their continued support," he said.

"It's also the teachers who are willing to bring the program into the schools ... having that support from local teachers also gets the program growing."

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WSD shares catchment plans for new school

By Lorne Stelmach

Western School Division is moving along with the planning process for when the new Discovery Trails School opens in Morden.

With the new K-8 school slated to open in September 2024, the next step presented at a public meeting last Wednesday was setting out the catchment areas for the facility.

Superintendent Stephen Ross said they wanted to provide parents with as much information as possible to help address their questions and concerns.

"It's quite a detailed process to go through," he said. "We're changing things that are really comfortable and familiar with people. They love their schools, and they're really familiar with where they are, and we're coming into an unknown ... so the more predictability we can give people, the better."

Ross said the division has made informed decisions based on solid data

and real-time modelling that included a number of options for when Discovery Trails opens.

The catchment area for all K-6 French Immersion students as of September 2024 will be Discovery Trails School, while the catchment area for all Grade 7-8 French Immersion students will be École Morden Middle School. The catchment area for Grades 9-12 French Immersion students is Morden Collegiate Institute.

The transition of French Immersion from École Morden Middle School to Discovery Trails will be complete in September of 2026 when all K-8 French Immersion students will attend Discovery Trails School.

For September of 2024, all K-6 English program students within the catchment area will attend Discovery Trails School, while Grade 7-8 English students will remain at École Morden Middle School.

For September of 2025, Discovery Trails' configuration will expand to include Grade 7, while Grade 8 will



PHOTO AT RIGHT BY LORNE STELMACH/VOICE

WSD superintendent Stephen Ross addresses last week's public meeting about the new Discovery Trails School.



remain at ÉMMS. Grade 8 will be included at Discovery Trails in September of 2026.

For the first two years that the new school is open (2024-25, 2025-26), the division is restricting school of choice into Discovery Trails. Families who reside in the Discovery Trails catchment may continue to exercise school of choice to other schools in the division.

"The only thing with school of choice that we are going to put a brake on for two years is at Discovery Trails," Ross explained. "So if you're an English student in Discovery Trails, you can go to Maple Leaf or Minnewasta or you can choose to go to your catchment area school at Discovery Trails ... but if you're catchment area school is Maple Leaf or Minnewasta in the English program for the first two years, Discovery Trails is not going to accept school of choice ... that's just going to allow us to make sure we can grow that school in the right way and make sure all the other schools are viable too."

"It will be K-8 dual track and basically that northwest corner of the city for the English program, so if you live east of Mountain or south of Highway 3, then you're in either the Minnewasta catchment area, the Maple Leaf catchment area, or ÉMMS for middle school."

The presentation noted that school catchments are not permanent, as each school has a limited capacity and the neighborhoods they serve often change over time.

A number of factors are considered when making a decision on catchment areas: capacity of schools; projected enrolments; future growth; student transitions; future residential development; safe walkability to

school; transportation; staffing; programming options (French Immersion, RRTVA); schools of choice; student transfers; ability to keep siblings of children with exceptional needs in the same school.

"We really tried to find what we thought was the best model for kids," Ross stressed. "We really vetted every one of those models because we have to find the best option for all of our kids long term."

There will be a number of challenges for the division as they continue to move towards the opening of the new school, he noted, with what the enrolment growth will look like being a significant factor.

Currently, enrolment projections for September 2024 has Minnewasta with a population of 233 students, Maple Leaf with 251, Discovery Trails with 564, ÉMMS with 619, and MCI with 697.

"We have a lot of work to do in the fall with parents and families in confirming where their catchment area is, having them think about whether they're going to wherever their new catchment school is or if they're staying where they are," Ross said. "Then there's the whole staff component of that which we really have to do a lot of work on next year."

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Two community organizations benefited recently from the Barnswallows Quilters' 2023 exhibition. Representatives of the guild last week presented proceeds from its annual May show, with \$2,000 going to both South Central Cancer Resource (right) and the Boundary Trails Health Centre Foundation (above). It was the first full show in three years for the Barnswallows, who marked 35 years with a large display of all manner of fabric work by artisans from around the province.



Worker killed in Rhineland construction site accident

By Voice staff

A 19-year-old man was killed in a workplace accident in the RM of Rhineland last week.

Pembina Valley RCMP were called to a construction site on Highway 306 just before 1:30 p.m on Thursday.

Police said in a news release Friday that a packer was loaded on a flat deck trailer when it unexpectedly rolled off and struck an employee.

The worker was taken to hospital, where he died from his injuries.

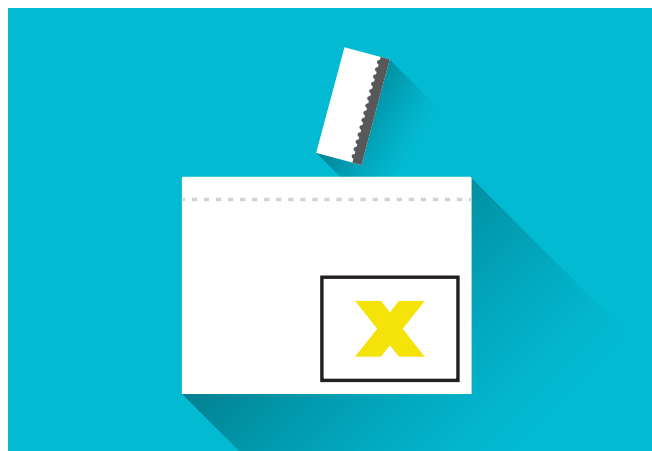
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Big show of support for Pembina Valley Pride

By Lorne Stelmach

A huge show of support turned out Saturday in Morden for the rainbow community.

The Pembina Valley Pride parade brought together hundreds of community members and allies.

For organizers, the support sent a strong message in the wake of recent incidents that have included numerous acts of vandalism against Pride displays and the theft of rainbow flags in both Morden and Winkler.

"It means a lot, considering the amount of backlash we have received in the past couple of weeks," said Monica Lambrecht, who served as parade marshal.

"It's not surprising to me the number of people who showed up, but also, at the same time, considering the area that we're in ... the numbers are hopeful, especially for our mental health and us kind of feeling suffocat-

ed in this community at times.

"People were worried about security and whether or not we needed to be worried about any kind of protesting or backlash," Lambrecht noted.

Following a parade that went from the park and through downtown Morden and back, the day's events included a drag show as well as a number of speeches.

Among the performers was Peachy Keen, who was raised in Morden and touched on the hate that they face on a regular basis.

"It's a constant thing we see every day ... I think growing up in that sort of fear from people who really don't care to educate themselves on such an easy topic to learn about is pathetic.

"We deserve every right to be who we are without feeling like we can have a relationship ruined," said Keen, who also noted how they have come to "realize how many will take you in and love you."

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Hundreds of people walked in this year's Pembina Valley Pride Parade in Morden on Saturday, many carrying signs of love and support.

"I am a proud ally here today," said Mike Macareg, a teacher at Morden Collegiate and a member of the Pembina Valley Pride board.

"I joined the Pembina Valley Pride board because quite simply our students need allies ... visible and vocal allies who are willing to put themselves out there and advocate for them.

"Our students need to know that there are adults in the building who have their backs and will provide a safe space for them to be who they are," Macareg stressed. "Simple things go a long way."

Storm Letkeman expressed thanks for all of the allies who showed their support and called for patience and understanding.

"You don't have to understand the lifestyle. You don't have to agree with it. The least you can do is be supportive," said Letkeman. "My mom has been my biggest supporter ... I thank her every single day for being there for me.

"Coming out is never easy and accepting it is also not always very easy," Letkeman added. "If you're struggling to accept someone or the community in general, take your time ... if you're trying to understand something, ask. If you're confused about someone's pronouns, ask."

Ryan Schroeder, who is also a member of the Pride board, touched on having worked as a school counsellor in Winkler and coming out in his thirties.

"I remember feeling incredibly scared and unsafe," said Schroeder, who touched on experiencing many instances of hate. "There are some people that I've had to separate myself from because they couldn't accept this part of me.

"The people in opposition to our lives often paint a picture that the rainbow community is something separate from their community. They ignore the facts that we are their neighbours, co-workers, friends and family. The truth is that rainbow folks are just as much a part of the community as everyone else.

"I truly believe that it's hard to hate and distance yourself from someone when you know them," Schroeder continued. "All of these challenges this year led me to feeling unsafe in my own community and even my own home ... despite this year's challenges, I've also seen what love in the

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The festivities after the walk included speeches (right, Storm Letkeman shares their gratitude to the allies who came out to show support) and drag queen performances (left).

Sunflower Festival announces its headliners

By Ashleigh Viveiros

The Manitoba Sunflower Festival is looking to both the past and the future with its entertainment lineup this year.

Organizers have announced that the headliners for the July 28-30 community celebration in Altona will be Revenge of the 80s for the festival Friday



and Emma Peterson on the Saturday. Donning Coke bottle glasses, classic shorts, suspenders and knee-high socks, the nerds from Revenge of the 80s pay homage to the biggest hits of the decade.

"They sounded like such a fun group to have for the festival," says festival entertainment coordinator Nadean Mullenix, noting they'll be playing music from a host of '80s hit-makers, including Duran Duran, Cyndi Lauper, Corey Hart, Survivor, and many more. "I look forward to seeing the community getting up and dancing and clapping to these songs."

Emma Peterson, meanwhile, is an up and coming country music star who took home the award for Interactive Artist of the Year and Album of the Year at the Manitoba Country Music Association Awards in 2022 for her debut album *Just for the Record*.

The singer/songwriter's music focuses on true stories of growing up country proud.



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Revenge of the 80s (above) and country crooner Emma Peterson (left) will perform at next month's Manitoba Sunflower Festival in Altona.

"She's from Winnipegosis, so she's a country girl, and that's cool to see," says Mullenix, noting it's always exciting to be able to showcase rising Manitoba music scene stars at the fes-

tival.

You can stay on top of what's going on with this year's Sunflower Festival online at manitobasunflowerfestival.ca.

Winkler grad parade hits the streets June 22

By Ashleigh Viveiros

You have the chance to cheer on Winkler's Class of 2023 at the fourth annual grad parade next week.

Garden Valley Collegiate and Northlands Parkway Collegiate are once again joining forces to host a joint parade through town on Thursday, June 22 starting at 7 p.m.

The event got started at the height of the pandemic when traditional grad-

uation celebrations were on hold. It was such a hit, a new tradition was born.

"We definitely noticed that it appealed to many of the grads," says NPC aftergrad chairperson Tina Unrau, noting it's a chance for them to wear their formal attire, decorate their vehicles, and be celebrated by friends and family lining the parade route.

Graduates will gather at the Meridian Exhibition Centre parking lot

before setting out on a route that will take them down Park St., South Railway Ave., 8th St., Pembina Avenue, 15th St., and Grandeur Ave., ending up back at the MEC. The grads will then enjoy a fireworks show together later that evening.

"It's kind of an informal parade," notes Unrau, explaining the roads won't be officially shut down but the drivers will be trying to stick close to one another along the route.

"We hope to see the streets lined with people," she says. "Come see the grads and cheer them on. This is about the community and witnessing this achievement for all these young people."

The parade happens just a few days before Winkler's two graduation ceremonies on June 26 (NPC) and June 27 (GVC).



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community truly looks like ... love is an encouragement to keep going despite the hate around us.

"I long for the day when a Pride parade is no longer necessary, but as long as we have bigotry and hate on our doorstep, we need to stand together."

Rev. Carrie Martens spoke not only as a minister for the Pembina Parish, a local affirming church, but also as a member of the rainbow community.

"I know the pain and suffering that Christian religious institutions and their members have had and continue to have on the queer community, said Martens, who aimed to "offer a word of hope to those who long to find a way to be both a person of faith and queer."

"Hate, exclusion and shame are nev-

er God's last word and they most certainly weren't the first," Martens continued. "The Bible should not be used as a tool to destroy people. It should not be a weapon to cause harm, and I lament every time it is used that way."

Lambrecht concluded that the day meant a lot to the local 2SLGBTQIANB+ community.

"It means that we can be ourselves for the most part safely and celebrate who we are with the support of the city and all of the people showing up here as allies," said Lambrecht.

"PRIDE is all year-round and we can openly celebrate who we are and safely ... we should just be allowed to be ... and I want us to be able to go home and not just all of sudden be back in our cells again. I want this kind of vibe to continue."

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• DON'T MIND THE MESS

The guy who hated yellow flowers

My dad was a farmer to the core. He was more comfortable perched high upon a tractor seat than on a couch, a lawn chair or even a church pew.

While he was a church-going man, I think his most spiritual moments happened out there on the back forty, when it was just him and his maker beneath the big blue prairie sky.

Growing up in a traditional Mennonite home, we learned it was just plain wrong to work on Sunday. God rested that day, so we had to, too.

But it wasn't always easy figuring out what exactly defined work. Could my mom bake a cake for unexpected company? Could we go out and pick a few strawberries to go with that cake? Were we allowed to make a quick trip to town to pick up a bag of buns or a can of pop, thereby supporting the retailer working on the Sabbath?

Observing that weekly day of rest was sometimes a tough thing for my dad. On a beautiful sunny Sunday, with rain forecasted for Monday, it was hard to leave that old Farmall tractor standing idle while there was a field of ripe golden wheat rippling in the wind, begging to be harvested.

I'd see him sometimes, standing

there at the end of our long driveway still wearing his church clothes, silently watching the neighbour across the road work his field.

I knew there was no judgment or bitterness—only confusion.

If he was obedient enough to leave a perfectly good crop to the mercy of the elements to honour the Lord, couldn't the Lord reward him by holding back the rain for just one more day? Sometimes, my dad got his wish. But many times, he didn't.

To pass the time and maybe drive himself even more crazy, my dad would often spend those long, lazy afternoons driving past his own crops.

While his old pick-up truck rumbled down those bumpy gravel roads, he'd be shifting gears, the perpetual stub of an Export A cigarette clamped between his lips.

He'd pull over to the side of the road, climb out of the truck and stare out at his sugar beets, a frown crossing his sunburnt face.

Yellow flowers. Even after weeks of hoeing and spraying, the field would be speckled with the tenacious yellow mustard weeds that my dad hated so much.

It didn't matter if the beets were world record size, those glaring gold-

en blooms stood out like neon lights, brazenly declaring to the whole world that my dad had somehow allowed nature to defeat him again.

And yet, in spite of the stress and the strain, the unpredictable weather and the constant battle with market prices that rose and fell like my mom's angel food cake, dad still loved farming.

Now, so many years later, I walk across a different kind of field to spend time with my dad. I crouch down beside the stone that surrealistically bears his name and I tenderly pull the grass from around the spot where he rests.

And then I spot it. A yellow rose lying at the base of the stone. It must have blown over from another grave.

I smile, knowing that dad no longer has to worry about what the other farmers think or whether Monday morning will bring rain.

The fields he tends now never need chemicals and the tractor he drives now never needs a new part.

I lean over and pluck the yellow flower from the ground. To leave it there would have been an insult. Removing it was a favour. A strange Father's Day gift maybe, but a gift nonetheless.



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We and our children are (or become) that which we surround ourselves with.

We know this deep inside. This is one of the foundational unspoken rules of culture. I want more of me around me. I want my children and my children's children to be like me. I want my neighbours to be like me, etc.

I mean, on the surface I don't. I like diversity and difference. I like a range of cultures and foods; I like to hear different languages, music and poetry around me; I have a live-and-let-live philosophy and a do no harm approach to life etc.

But all of this is still really surface



By Peter Cantelon

... deep down I want everybody to follow these same rules and, in this sense, I am as tribal as my neighbour who may want the opposite. This is the tiny sliver of common ground held between those who think like us and those who think exactly the opposite – we both want the people around us to hold the same ideals.

Culture is like a great protective wall we build around our community and these ideals reinforcing and building itself generation after generation. The sameness of it makes us feel safe and protected from the strange and frightening ideas of the outside world. Over time when these walls are threatened our community will often respond aggressively and sometimes even violently. Occasionally people will lash out with mocking and derisive humour.

How do we engage with one-another across cultural barriers without hurting and attacking? How do we reach into another's culture to rescue someone who is being hurt and attacked by the culture they were born into because they are different?

Historically people seeking power often hunt out cultures and groups who are already feeling alienated and attacked and there they stoke fires of xenophobia and blame, pointing fingers to other cultures as a threat, the source of their struggle and a target for their hate and pain.

Hitler and the Nazis did this with the Jews. They weaponized a people's hardships and turned it to a platform to rise to power leading to the ultimate murder of six million Jews and countless others.

It is no secret to anyone that the fault lines between growing and established cultures in the Pembina Valley have been getting wider. We can see it and hear it in the demonization that is being employed by lots of people. We see it in the theft of Pride flags from private property and the vandalizing of people's personal vehicles because someone finds the symbolism and messaging being employed frightening and threatening to their own perceived way of life.

I am convinced that the humanizing effects of a genuine relationship that includes dialogue are the keys to at least moving from violence and hate to a listening and attentive neutrality.

We know this to be effective by the amount it is resisted; people do not want to humanize "the enemy" because it becomes harder to hate them, harder to fight them.

I'm not talking about the kind of relationship where you both intentionally evangelize your cultures to each other in hopes of a conversion. I'm talking about the kind of relationship neighbours have. The kind of relationship that sees a neighbour there to assist another with food and clothing after their house has burned down. These acts of normal human kindness that might cause a person to realize that their neighbour may not be as "evil" as they thought.

It's the kind of neighborliness that brings a cold glass of water to the man protesting your ideals out front of your clinic not because you want him to think you are weak and might agree with him but because it's 35 degrees out and it is natural for us to want to ease another's suffering no matter who they are.

When you are faced with anger, mockery, violence and hate recognize them for what they often are:

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Letters

LANGUAGE MATTERS

As a high school English teacher for more than twenty years, I feel compelled to address some of the allegations that have been circulating recently about how students are being brainwashed and indoctrinated by teachers in the public school system.

Using words like "brainwashed" and "indoctrinated" is inflammatory and is clearly politically motivated. The manner in which they are being invoked is an egregious generalization, one of the most common logical fallacies.

Here's an example of what teachers are actually doing: we are helping students understand proper defini-

tions and connotations of words. Let's try that here. At dictionary.com, "brainwashing" is defined as:

1. A method for systematically changing attitudes or altering beliefs, originated in totalitarian countries, especially through the use of torture, drugs, or psychological-stress techniques.

2. Any method of controlled systematic indoctrination, especially one based on repetition or confusion.

The same source defines "indoctrinating" as:

1. To instruct in a doctrine, principle, ideology, etc., especially to imbue with a specific partisan or biased belief or point of view.

Teachers work daily with the re-

sponsibility to challenge students to think critically. You have perhaps heard someone say that we need our young people to think for themselves. In one sense I can quickly agree, but there are steps needed to get to the point where our young people are thinking for themselves in healthy ways. Do we really want all of our young people thinking for themselves —full stop? If you are a parent, is that what you want your kids to do? Does that not diminish all of your hard work to shape your kids' identities?

As it relates to education, it would be disingenuous for a teacher to claim that they just want their students to think for themselves. Speaking per-

sonally, I do want my students to think like me, at least on some level. Why else would I teach? What I do not mean is that teachers expect their students to think only the thoughts that we have as educators. Rather, we seek to challenge our students as they are developing strategies, and their character, to engage the world around them.

Over the years, I have told students that I take them seriously and that we are in the business of engaging each other in respectful dialogue. I tell them that the invitation in my classroom is for us to be moving in the same direction. We do so togeth-

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Princesses enjoy a spot of tea



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Young princesses gathered at Bella's Castle in Morden last Thursday for a tea party. The celebration featured a meet and greet with fairytale princesses, entertainment, games, refreshments, and makeovers from the Pure Anada staff.

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er as an authentic learning community that seeks belonging for each person in the room.

To my understanding, the philosophy I have articulated does not align with the definitions provided above. To the people weaponizing language to make unfair accusations, you are being irresponsible and I challenge you to be and do better.

**Mick Friesen,
Gretna**

IT'S A SLIPPERY SLOPE

I would like to respond to Cornie Woelk's letter regarding the Reign of Terror he referenced to as in the French Revolution [*Voice*, June 8, Pg. 7]. The atrocities he mentioned did occur together with the beheading of the French rulers. But where exactly are we heading with our current government under Justin Trudeau? He wants to disarm law abiding hunters which is exactly what dictators of the past did such as Hitler, Joseph Stalin and Chairman Mao. This resulted in many millions of lives lost at the hands of such dictators.

What about the mandatory vaccinations imposed by our current Prime Minister? As a result of those choosing not to be vaccinated, they lost their charter rights and freedoms. They were not allowed to travel and had all around losses all

over. They were considered as non citizen in what was supposed to be a free country. History has shown to remain unvaccinated was correct, but I will not elaborate. There is enough information out there on that subject.

Next Mr. Woelk appears to support the current government re: climate change. I learned in Grade 5 many years ago that much of Ontario and Quebec were covered by glaciers which receded only to leave many lakes and loss of topsoil. Was this climate change? Yes there is climate change! Genesis 8:22. While the earth remains, seed time and harvest, cold and heat, summer and winter and day and night shall not cease.

In today's world the so called climate changers can't seem to get it right. First it was global warming and when that didn't work they next went to climate change and didn't know if it was cooling.

The changes imposed by our current Prime Minister mostly likely need not be classified as a reign of terror but there appears to be a slow movement toward ever more government control over the average citizen till we may have lost all our current freedoms. He did make a move to make himself a virtual dictator by teaming up with the NDP. History has shown that there have been evil governments in the past. There is something very sinister in

the current government under Justin Trudeau and we do not want to go there. We just need to be reminded how the truckers protest was treated to get a taste of what might come.

**Cornelius Fehr,
Winkler**

A NEW LOW

A big thank you to Cornie Woelk for his thoughtful letter in last week's *Voice*. He cautions that the comparison of any current Canadian political activity to the "Reign of Terror" is "either a sign of ignorance or a deliberate attempt to create support from those who don't understand history."

Politics in Portage-Lisgar has reached a new low. There is no place for this inflammatory, anti-science, conspiracy-driven rhetoric. We are now considered to be the most right-wing constituency in the country, and based on the number of signs and past voting patterns, there is a choice between a local extreme right-wing candidate or an extreme right-wing candidate from Quebec. Our constituents deserve better.

**Barb Toews,
Morden**

A HEARTFELT THANK-YOU

On last Friday (June 2) my wife and

I were setting up to camp at Lake Minnewasta when I succumbed to a seizure and needed medical help.

Our neighbours in the area sprang to help my wife by calling 911 and guiding the ambulance to our trailer.

I would like to thank all of those folks who helped us out at the campground plus the paramedics and medical staff at Boundry Trails Health Centre. Your expertise and dedication helped me through a very scary time in our lives.

A special thank-you goes to my ER physician Dr Roberts—you are the very best.

**Darrell & Brenda Appelt,
Brandon**

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the responses of a frightened animal backed into a corner. They perceive (rightly or wrongly) themselves and their culture as being attacked and are lashing out in the only ways they know how.

This awareness will not temper the damage that may be done but knowing where it comes from may temper your own response and generate some level of empathy, and in the end isn't this who we should want to be: a community known for its empathy and compassion?

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Indigenous Peoples Day Celebration set for June 24

By Lorne Stelmach

The Pembina Valley will be coming together this month to celebrate Indigenous cultural heritage, traditions, and contributions.

The Indigenous Peoples Day Celebration will take place Saturday, June 24 in the Morden Park from 1-5 p.m.

Organizers see it as an important event that recognizes the history and culture of Indigenous peoples in Canada, celebrates the resilience and strength of Indigenous communities, and acknowledges the ongoing journey towards reconciliation.

"I think the easiest way to get people involved when it comes to learning about other cultures is the more celebratory things," suggested Courtney Thiessen, who is part of the local Truth and Action Working Group organizing the day. "So we're hoping that not only will you appreciate the culture that Indigenous people in Canada have but you'll also learn why the jingle dress is so important or what the meaning of the drum is, for example."

The Indigenous Peoples Day Celebration was originally a City of Morden event that was held previously at Lake Minnewasta in conjunction with Paddlefest, but Thiessen said there was interest in making it more of a celebration on its own.

"I think some of us realized it should be its own event and it should be given a little bit more work and things put into it to make it bigger and better and more of a celebration of Indigenous people," she said. "By putting it at the park, we're hoping that more of the community gets involved."

"We haven't had a bigger event like this," said Nikki Nelson, who has treaty status from Roseau River but has mostly lived in Morden.

"We thought it really needed its own day," she said. "And I wanted to help



VOICE FILE PHOTO

An Indigenous Peoples Day celebration takes place in Morden Park on Saturday, June 24. It will feature cultural entertainment, educational displays, and food.

with bringing more people so we can teach and help make connections with the reserves around here."

"I hope people just learn a bit more about things ... it's to help educate people, and I think a lot of people could benefit. We're hoping we can include more people from the surrounding areas."

The day will include The Indigenous Kitchen serving food as well as educational booths where you can learn more about Indigenous history and culture.

There will also be traditional drumming and dancing, storytelling, Metis fiddle playing, and Indigenous artisan creations. Performers include Metis fiddle player Jason Lepine, grass and jingle dancers Dallas and Gracie Paishk and Ellora and Liam Nelson as well as the Joe Creek Drum Group and Roseau River traditional dancers.

"We invited some child dancers ... they will be coming out from Roseau and showing what they have learned so far ... they are beginners," noted Nelson.

Thiessen noted they specifically sought out performers from across south central Manitoba.

"We tried to reach out to local performers, so a large portion of the dancers and even our drum group all come from Roseau River," she said. "It really was just a push for us to have local performers ... so we can showcase some of the talent we have here in southern Manitoba."

RCMP negotiator called to Elm Creek incident

By Voice staff

A Headingley man was taken into custody peacefully after a two-hour standoff with police in Elm Creek earlier this month.

In the early evening of Friday, June 2, Pembina Valley RCMP received a complaint of an unwanted person at a Main Street address.

Officers met with the landlord of the property who advised that the suspect, later identified as a 41-year-old man, had barricaded himself in the upstairs bedroom and was believed to be intoxicated and possibly armed with a weapon.

Police made contact with the man, who made

indirect threats to harm any officers who approached him.

Officers weren't able to confirm whether he had a weapon or not, so contact was established through the second storey window of the building.

Over the span of a couple of hours, and with assistance of an RCMP negotiator, the suspect was arrested without incident. No one was injured.

The man was taken into custody and released the next morning. He will be in Morden Court in August to answer to a charge of mischief.

Golf with Us!

The Carman Golf and Curling Club (CGCC) is located in Carman, Manitoba. The club was originally established on May 12, 1924 as a five hole club. In the spring of 1930 land was purchased and nine holes were opened on the "old side". On August 28, 1953 the first tournament was held. The course began production on the "new 11 holes" in 1982 and opened the 18 Hole Golf Course in the spring of 1984. On August 17, 1990 the new clubhouse officially opened and is enjoyed today! Carman Golf and Curling Club is known as a select destination for golf in the summer and curling in the winter months. Formerly two clubs, the CGCC amalgamated its executive and combined all operations to be a year round facility managed by a general manager and offering something for everyone. CGCC features a beautiful restaurant with an attached patio, a 200 capacity banquet facility, a five sheet curling arena, and an 18 hole golf course. Both the golf course and curling club have been recognized as top-notch clubs hosting many prestigious provincial and local events.



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New logo will help Gretna Hot Spot Festival shine



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Grade 8 student Lily Giesbrecht with the new logo she designed for the Gretna Hot Spot Festival.

Festival runs July 14-15

By Lori Penner

The Gretna Hot Spot Festival has a new logo thanks to the creativity of a local student.

Festival committee member Faye Dyck says after years of using a smiling, waving sun as the face of the festival, it was time for an update.

"We thought it was time for some changes to our branding."

Last February, the committee reached out to the town's younger residents for some fresh ideas by sponsoring a drawing contest to design a new logo.

Dyck says they received 30 entries.

"These were from students ages five to 18. We got all kinds of designs, and it was really a lot of fun to go through them. There was everything from someone growing tulips in their garden, to hammocks between two palm trees. There was one with an exploding thermometer. Someone drew a Ninja Turtle. There was another one with a barbecue that had gone up in smoke. All the entries will be displayed at the Hot Spot Festival for others to enjoy."

Ultimately, Gretna's Lily Giesbrecht was named the winner.

"What stood out about her design was that we felt it really represented Gretna," Dyck says. "There is a sun, to represent its status as the Hot Spot of Canada. And then it features grain elevators, because that's what we have right in the center of town.

It's very recognizable and familiar.

"Everyone we talked to picked that one as their favourite, along with one other one. But Lilly's design was the most popular. So, when I brought it before the committee, everyone chose it as their favourite, as well.

The 13-year-old artist went home with a cash prize of \$50, and her design is now featured on the town's Facebook page and on other promotional material for the festival.

Giesbrecht says she heard about the competition from her mother.

"She really encouraged me to enter. I love drawing and sketching, so this sounded like it could be fun."

She explains that she included the elevator in the center of the logo because it's a well-known landmark.

Sketching on a piece of paper, the design came together quickly, Giesbrecht says.

Gretna will host its annual Hot Spot Festival July 14-15. The weekend usually includes a pancake breakfast and parade, bingo and raffle draws, a potluck, bouncers, children's entertainment, live music from local artists, a big supper, and fireworks.

Dyck says so far the planning is going well.

"We've got a lot of things already lined up. Our donations are coming in nicely. And we're getting events booked," she says. "I think everyone will love it. We've got a lot of great things in store."

Registration opens for Decor Charity Classic

By Lorne Stelmach

Organizers of the annual Decor Charity Classic would love to have this year's fundraising golf tournament be another record breaker.

It bounced back in a big way last year, free of any pandemic restrictions, with tournament proceeds and a 50 per cent matching amount from Decor Cabinets totalling over \$113,000 divided up among four charities.

"It's hard to expect it to grow every year, but it's nice if it would ... we're really happy with the support that we've received," said tournament co-chairperson Dave Schellenberg.

The Decor Charity Classic has raised over \$1.4 million since its inception in 2004. Every year, proceeds go to three local charities—Youth for Christ, Pembina Counselling Centre, and Pembina Valley Pregnancy Care Centre—along with a fourth charity that changes annually.

This year the fundraiser will support Opportunity International, which provides access to savings, small business loans, insurance, and training to people working their way out of poverty in the developing world.

Founded in 1997 by David Stiller, Opportunity International Canada acts within a global network with roots dating back to 1971. It aims to empower families to leave poverty behind for good by providing financial products, services and training along their paths toward new lives filled with strength, hope, resilience and the power to achieve their dreams.

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"Opportunity International is an organization we have supported as

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RM of Rhineland supports Gardens on Tenth renos

By Lori Penner

The Municipality of Rhineland has supported the major upgrades at The Manor at Gardens on Tenth in Altona with a \$50,000 donation.

"We thought it was a worthwhile project," said Reeve Don Wiebe, recalling how he recently joined a number of tenants at the Gardens for breakfast and realized how many of the people around the table had connections to the municipality.

"So I think we have to look at this from a wider perspective, as a community, and we're part of that," he said. "So I think it's fitting for us to support ventures like this."

The Manor has 18 suites in total. To date, six suites have been made fully accessible, with another upgraded by the family of a tenant a number of years ago.

Wiebe got a firsthand look at the improvements at a cheque presentation on Friday.

"I think they're great. I think it lends

itself to flexibility," he said. "I looked at the care people need and, looking at the renovations to the washrooms, that's fantastic. It's a really good step in terms of giving people a place where they can take care of their needs with dignity."

Gardens on Tenth executive director Lisa Smiley said the intent of the renovations was to make the living spaces at The Manor more accessible by opening them up, removing the old pony walls, upgrading the bathrooms and kitchens, and allowing tenants the freedom and safety to age in place as long as they can.

"Aging in place doesn't necessarily mean staying in your home," noted Gardens on Tenth board chair John Falk said. "It means staying in a place where you feel comfortable."

"For a lot of these tenants, it's having a sense of community as well. They're not at home alone anymore. They are here together with a lot of other people, a lot of friends and even people that they've known through



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Municipality of Rhineland Reeve Don Wiebe (far left) presents a cheque to Gardens director Lisa Smiley and board chair John Falk.

their lives. It just makes it that much more welcoming for them."

Once renovations are complete at The Manor, the intent is to expand Gardens' Pathways program, a self- and family managed home care option for residents, into that building. As well, crews will begin upgrading suites in The Units, another apartment complex on the campus, built in 1965.

So far, \$329,800 of the required \$500,000 has been raised since the fundraising campaign launched last September at the original facility's 60th anniversary celebration.

"We are very grateful to the Municipality of Rhineland for their support," said Falk. "We're still waiting for a few more donations. We're hoping we'll hit our target soon."

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Celebrating Arbor Day



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Morden marked Arbor Day Sunday afternoon with activities in Morden Park. Clockwise from left: Mayor Brandon Burley helped with a tree planting; a popular attraction was the bucket rides into the tree canopy; Yasmin Hartelt Cavalheiro was the first-place winner of the Arbor Day art contest and got to see her art on the Arbor Day T-shirts; other activities included wood carving and a saw mill demonstration.



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a business for many years, and it's been near and dear to our heart," said Schellenberg.

"They provide micro-finance for mostly third world countries to help people get out of poverty," he explained. "The money that is donated kind of builds on itself because it gives them the initial financing ... it's really helped a lot of people.

"It's helping people get on their feet and get them started before they can become self sustaining then on

their own," said Schellenberg, who noted the dinner following the tournament will feature a speaker from Opportunity International.

The tournament itself always fills up with about 140 golfers. The 2023 edition takes place Thursday, Aug. 10 at the Minnewasta Golf and Country Club with a shotgun start at 11 a.m.

For registration information, head to golf.decorcabinets.com.

Winkler Elementary YIP give back to Salem, Gateway

By Ashleigh Viveiros

Winkler Elementary School's Youth in Philanthropy gave back in a big way to two local non-profits last week.

YIP members Callie Penner, Gr. 8, Carlie Hamm, Gr. 7, and Samuel Janzen, Gr. 7, handed over \$490 each to representatives from Gateway Resources and Salem Home on Wednesday.

It represents \$490 in donations the

YIP exploratory course students—32 members strong over two semesters—raised themselves throughout the school year, with the Winkler Community Foundation then matching that total for the full amount.

"We did a chocolate candy train, called it the Choo-Choo Train," says Janzen, explaining they took the decorated candy cart around the school to sell treats. "And we did a bake sale, and a few other things."

Hamm says they went all-out on decorating the train.

"Me and my two other friends, we did all of the designing, head to toe. We tied [the two carts] together, we added the jingle bells, painted everything."

The fundraiser was a highlight for the group, but so too, shares Penner, was getting to visit Salem Home.

"We played games with some of the people there," she says. "Card games."

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WES YIP teacher Jason Grant and students Carlie Hamm, Samuel Janzen, and Callie Penner presented Km Nelson (above) from Gateway Resources and Alana Thiessen (left) of Salem Home with the proceeds of their fundraising efforts this year.

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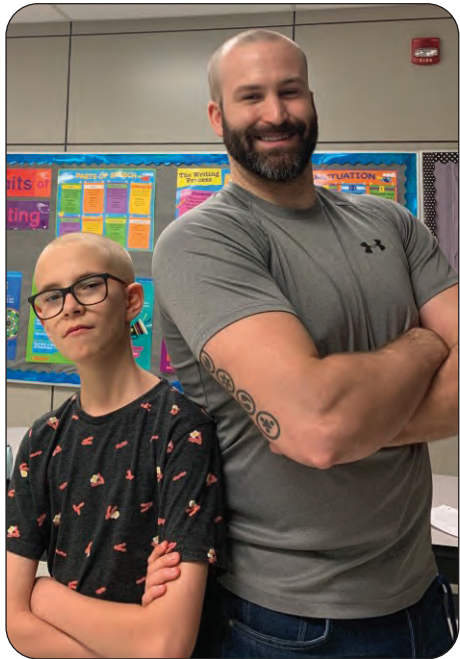
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We also coloured."

"That was fun," agrees Janzen. "We got to meet a lot of people. And we did make paintings for the seniors before we went, so that was fun too."



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Teacher Jason Grant and student Samuel Janzen shaved their heads once the YIP fundraising goal was met.

The WES YIP program is one of the school's exploratory courses, meant to introduce kids to the idea of philanthropy, explains teacher Jason Grant.

"I think the biggest thing is just being able to help other people and do some good for the community without expecting anything in return," he says on what they hope the kids walk away from the course having learned. "Realizing the benefit in that ... and that it feels good to do."

In addition to the fundraisers, the kids also organized an appreciation day for the school's education assistants and delivered donuts to local businesses.

The kids had an extra incentive to raise as much as they could—Grant and Janzen both promised to shave their heads if the group raised at least \$300 by year's end.

"[Mr. Grant] did it last year," Janzen noted "So I immediately threw out the idea: why don't we just buzz your head at a certain dollar amount? He said, 'Only if you do it too.' And I said, 'Okay.' I immediately agreed to it because why not?"

The pair went under the razor in front of the school a few weeks ago—

just in time for the recent heat wave.

It was worth it, Janzen says, adding, however, "My mom's not happy."

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Grant says he brainstormed with the students where the grant money could go to do the most good in the community, and Salem and Gateway came out on top.

Gateway CEO Kim Nelson says the funds will go towards extra resources for their Life Skills program. The agency works with adults with intellectual disabilities.

"This we're going to put towards some therapy resources: yoga bands, yoga mats, strength training for occupational therapy," she explains.

It's always a blessing to be on the receiving end of a donation, Nelson notes, but it's extra special when it's coming from the hard work of kids passionate about giving back.

"Having this opportunity to just expand and enhance our services and seeing that the school promotes those opportunities within the community ... it is really great," she says.

Salem Home will be using its grant

to help purchase wheelchair-accessible garden beds for the residents.

"We have some already at Salem ... and the residents absolutely love them," says Alana Thiessen, director of community engagement for Salem.

The planters are built so residents can pull their chair right up to them while still being able to reach inside easily.

"They are so excited because they can go an pick whenever they want, they can go and weed," Thiessen says. "It has given them such a sense of independence back for gardening.

"It is just so incredibly humbling," she adds of the YIP donation. "It's heartwarming and we all just can't believe how much support we have from every generation in this community. We really appreciate it."

For the kids, Youth in Philanthropy is an elective they're pleased they picked.

"It's felt good to help people out and do other stuff like that," Janzen says.

"At the end of it all you get to give some people money and make their day," adds Hamm.

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Cartoons on display at WA+C

By Ashleigh Viveiros

The 'toons have taken over Winkler Arts and Culture.

The Park St. gallery last week launched its animation exhibition, which will remain on display until the end of the month.

It features the cartooning work of several local artists, including a trio of giant caricatures by Art Friesen.

You're likely familiar with Friesen's work around town every Christmas when he paints many of the art displays that pop up on the windows of local businesses.

It's a gig he's done for three decades now, though his love of cartooning goes back even further.

"Caricatures, cartooning is something I've done since I was little," Friesen shares. "From watching Bugs Bunny to reading old comics, it's always been something I enjoy."

That's why he jumped at the chance to take part in the show at the WA+C, which also includes work from artists such as Scott Bell, Nathan Fehr, Garrison Doell, and Olga Krahn.

For the exhibition, Friesen was tasked with painting on giant pieces of plexiglass.

He's done cartoon versions of two celebrities recently in the news—Donald Trump and the late Tina Turner—and a third piece featuring not just one but two Winkler leaders (exactly who they are is a bit of a secret, though you can make your guess by checking out the photo at right).

One of those leaders he got permission from, Friesen notes. The other he painted in on the spur of the moment.

"I just thought, 'Hey, why not?'" he says, adding he hopes the person in question takes the image in fun. Friesen notes his intent with his caricatures is to simply capture a subject in a cartoony way. "You don't want to insult people, but you do exaggerate features."

It takes a couple of hours to do one of these pieces and, because it's on a window, Friesen paints it on the rear side of the glass, backwards.

"It's like anything else: you do it enough times and it makes sense to



PHOTO BY ASHLEIGH VIVEIROS/VOICE

The cartoon work of artists like Art Friesen are on display at Winkler Arts and Culture. Can you tell what local leaders Friesen caricatured in this piece?

you," he says. "It's a lot of fun. I love that it's freehand; you're not limited. It's whatever your imagination brings."

The paints, being water-based, are also pretty forgiving—if he makes a

mistake he just wipes it off and starts over.

The show is on for a few more weeks. For gallery hours, head to winklerarts.com.

Pembina Hills Arts Council show celebrates Pride Month

By Lorne Stelmach

One thing that stands out in viewing the art on display this month at the Pembina Hills Gallery is the vibrant colour.

It is perhaps not a coincidence with the June show being the annual Pride exhibition, suggested Tye Dandridge-Evancio, programs and outreach co-ordinator for the Pembina Hills Arts Council.

"The symbol of Pride is the rainbow flag, so obviously colour is very important," he said. "Life without Pride

is like life without colour; it's bland and boring."

The exhibit, which is on display until June 30, features a vibrant selection of works by artists from across the region.

"It's to celebrate the fantastic queer and LGBTQIA+ artists that we have living in and around here," Dandridge-Evancio said. "We just want to showcase their art and give them a platform to share their voice with the world and to show people that we exist."

He suggested it is important to give

members of the rainbow community an opportunity like this because they can often can feel quite isolated.

"Where there's no representation, there's no connection, there's no way to know other people like you sometimes. I think if you don't have a knowledge of what that feels like then you're in a great position ... it can be hard not seeing people like you, not seeing people who are also pursuing some of the things that you're interested in," he said. "That's really what my goal here is ... that there is a place here for you if you are a queer artist."

There are both returning artists from last year's exhibition as well as new artists.

"Autumn Dyck exhibited with us last year ... and her abstract works are always very colourful and expressive and really beautiful," Dandridge-Evancio said. "Nix Calma is a new artist that is exhibiting with us, and they come from Winnipeg ... the work is quite phenomenal; quite unique and different ... expressive as well but very thoughtfully executed."

"There's quite a few really beautiful works," said Dandridge-Evancio,

who added viewing the exhibit makes him "feel Pride just in my community being able to see that there are other artists, other queer artists ... just being able to see the community is alive and creating and is participating in things like this ... it does make me proud to be able to offer this and for there to be an audience and have people participating in it."

"I'm grateful as well because there was a time in which I don't think I would have been as comfortable or felt as safe," he added. "The ultimate takeaway is that we exist ... we are human beings and we are deserving."



PHAC's June show features work from local 2SLGBTQIANB+ artists, including Emma Unger (left, with a piece called "Pressure Resignation") and Nix Clama (right, "Alex").

Joe Wiwchar honoured for a lifetime of service to baseball

By Lorne Stelmach

The baseball community came together Sunday afternoon to pay tribute to one of only five Manitobans inducted into the Canadian Baseball Hall of Fame.

A ceremony before the Border Baseball League game between the Morden Mud Hens and Winkler Whips honoured Joe Wiwchar, who threw the first pitch.

Fittingly, that pitch was to grandson Torin at bat and fellow grandson Tyler catching, with a third grandson, Carter, on deck. It very much represented what has always been most important to Wiwchar: the people rather than the game itself.

"Baseball was nice. It gave me a chance to improve ... but it's the after things, meeting guys again and so forth. That's the whole thing," said Wiwchar. "I'm going to go through the crowd here. I probably know every one of them ... for them to take time out today on a nice day ... that means so much for me."

Wiwchar recalled having coached three generations from a local family, for example.

"I started when I was 17. I started coaching girl's ball, and I've gone up and down the ladder. I coached little league kids up to senior and back down," he said. "It's not so much winning. I've won a few; I lost quite a bit too."

"I've seen three guys here from Southland Sioux. That's like 50 years ago. And they still would come out here to recognize me? That is something else," he continued. "I've gone to a couple of weddings, seeing them on the street ... a couple of kids that just played for me a couple of years ago came over from the school lunch-time and we just talked. It didn't have to be about baseball."

"That makes everything so very worthwhile for me."

Wiwchar has devoted seven decades to baseball in Manitoba as a player, coach, volunteer, executive, and administrator.

His coaching career spanned from



PHOTOS BY LORNE STELMACH/VOICE

Joe Wiwchar threw the first pitch at the Morden Mud Hens versus Winkler Whips game Sunday as part of a ceremony celebrating his induction into the Canadian Baseball Hall of Fame.

1953 to 2013, during which time he regularly coached two or more teams in a season.

One of his most successful years was 1971 when he coached the South Central Beavers peewee squad to a provincial title and a silver medal at the Western Canada Championship.

That same year, he started a 28-year tenure as head coach of the Morden Mohawks of the Border League. During one stretch with the Mohawks, he piloted the senior club to 12 league championships in 18 years.

Along the way he helped lead Team Manitoba to a silver medal at the 1977 Canada Summer Games as an assistant coach, and he was the head coach of the provincial juvenile team that captured the 1977 Western Canada championship.

On the executive level, Wiwchar was a member of the committee that formed the Manitoba Baseball Association in 1968, and he has served in many key capacities for the organization, including as president from 1976-1977.

On a national level, he served on the Baseball Canada executive and planning committee in 1974 and 1975. In 2004, he was recognized for his more than 50 years in baseball with Baseball Canada's Volunteer of the Year Award.

Wiwchar has also helped on the international scene. He served as a chaperone for five Canadian kids at the World Children's Baseball Fair in Japan in 1994, and the following year he worked as the head coach for four children's teams in France.

In 1998 he became the first administrative manager of the Manitoba



Baseball Hall of Fame, a position he held until 2022.

For his efforts, Wiwchar was inducted into the Manitoba Baseball Association honour society in 1989 and was named a life member by the Western Canada Baseball Association.

He was also inducted into the Manitoba Baseball Hall of Fame in 1999 and

won the Sport Manitoba order of sports excellence volunteer service sward seven years later. In 2011, he was inducted into the Manitoba Sports Hall of Fame and the Town of Morden renamed a baseball field in his honour.

Wiwchar was appreciative of the organizers of last weekend's

ceremony and the City of Morden for honouring him, but he again emphasized what he felt has been the ultimate reward.

"It's a game where you can excel, but you don't have to be the best guy on the team to play," he said. "Baseball has been really good to me ... I've had so many opportunities ... I got more out of it than what I gave."

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Your FARM



Check out Cluck and Quack Fun Poultry show at Carman Fair

Runs at the Carman Country Fair July 15

By Ty Dilello

The 2023 Cluck and Quack Fun Poultry Show will be held during the Carman Country Fair on July 15 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Agriculture Education Arena (Carman B Arena).

This fun show is being put on by the Cluck and Quack Poultry Club in Manitoba, which is a club that aims to connect people with the same interests of raising poultry, waterfowl, pigeons and other exotic and domestic animals and birds to exchange information, provide contacts and promote accepted standards.

Because this is a fun event, it is open to all ages, all types of poultry (mixed or heritage breeds), and all poultry lovers, whether you have shown before or not. Some classes include Funky Bird Class, which is the weirder, the better; a costume class, where you dress up your favourite bird; and an obstacle course.

The other classes are Best Bantam, Best Standard, Little Britches, Best Duckie, Fancy Feather Class, 4-H Class, and Rainbow Egg Class. Prizes will be awarded for first, second and third place in each event.

The Carman Fair is a free admission event, so viewing the show will be free. In the same building, a petting zoo will be put on by RuddNeck Ranch, various agriculture activities, holding a chick, photo opportunities and more.

"This is the first Fun Show that Cluck and Quack will be hosting, and we hope to see many more entries," said organizer Jacqueline Rudd. "We have secured a judge that has been showing poultry for many years and has extensive knowledge of all the breeds.

If you want to enter your poultry (chickens or ducks) in the show, please contact Jacqueline Rudd at agricultreed@dufferinagsociety.com or 204-312-0542 for the registration form and instructions. The entry fee is \$2 per bird or class. Registration papers can also be found here at the link here:

https://carmancountryfair.ca/agriculture/#ag_register.

"Join us at the 2023 Fun Poultry show at the Carman Country Fair," said Rudd. "Registration is open to anyone, even if you have never shown your birds or you have mixed breeds. It's all for fun, and we hope that everyone has a very good time."



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The 2023 Cluck and Quack Fun Poultry Show will be held during the Carman Country Fair on July 15.

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Stop kochia from setting seed

By Shawn Senko

Kochia that survived pre-seed burn-off needs to be taken out before it drops seed later in the season. The big weeds can produce at least 15,000 seeds per plant—often many more—so letting them set seed and then spreading that seed with the combine can move a herbicide-resistant population across a field very quickly.

Kochia with resistance to both Group 2 and Group 9 herbicides is found all across the Prairies in big numbers. Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada weed scientists have also confirmed kochia populations with resistance to Group 4 and Group 14 herbicides.

The best practice is to control small kochia plants in the pre-seed window with a tank mix of effective herbicides. If kochia is still alive after crop

emergence, growers have fewer options in canola fields.

The only in-crop herbicide option that works on Group-2 and Group-9 resistant kochia is an early application of Liberty on Liberty Link canola cultivars. Group-10 glufosinate in Liberty will control all resistant kochia populations as long as plants are not too large to kill at the time of spraying.

Roundup Ready, TruFlex and Clearfield systems based on Group-9 and Group-2 weed control are no longer effective on most Prairies kochia across the Prairies.

In all cases, scout after spraying. If kochia plants survived pre-seed burnoff and the first in-crop spray, use these other measures to stop them:

Physically remove kochia plants

Options include mowing areas where kochia is the dominant species and crop yield expectations are low. Hand weeding could be worthwhile in areas where individual resistant (or likely resistant) plants are present.

Use combine seed destroyers

Combine weed seed destroyers, the mechanical hammer mills that pulverize all seeds in the chaff, can effectively destroy at least 90 per cent of kochia seeds – as long as harvest is not delayed to the point where major seed drop has begun.

Apply Edge in the fall

This won't stop seed set this year, but could be part of the solution in fields with a lot of resistant kochia. Group-3 ethalfluralin (Edge) applied in the fall on fields planned for canola the following year can help manage kochia resistant to glyphosate and

other herbicides. Canola growers with herbicide-resistant kochia may want to look at other long-term management strategies.

They could seed kochia-infested areas to salt-tolerant perennial forage rather than continue to throw inputs at acres with no hope of profitability.

They could diversify the crop rotation with early- and late-seeded crops, including winter cereals and forages that provide early season competition.

If poor drainage is at the root of salinity problems, localized tile drainage may remediate low productivity areas where kochia tends to thrive.

Farms that prefer Roundup Ready or TruFlex canola may want to consider cultivars with stacked systems – TruFlex and Liberty Link – to give them flexibility to manage herbicide-resistant kochia.

Shawn Senko is an agronomy specialist with the Canola Council of Canada.



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Eric Dueck is a third-generation turkey farmer and operates Frontier Turkey Farm in the Bifrost-Riverton area.

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June is Turkey Month

By Emma McGill

Having inherited a turkey farm that's been running for about 70 years, Eric Dueck of Frontier Turkey Farm appreciates Turkey Month for the sake of advertising turkey. His is a breeder farm; they produce eggs that are sent to Charison's Turkey Farm to hatch.

Dueck's farm started in the 1950s and was one of the first turkey producers in the Bifrost-Riverton area. His grandparents, Leonard and Linda Dueck, bought undeveloped land with a cousin, Delmer, and his wife, Linda's sister Betty. Between the two of them, they worked to clear the land and moved there from Morris, where the Mennonites had settled after coming over from Ukraine in 1874; Leonard's grandpa moved from the Ukraine to Canada when he was 9 years old.

Leonard and Linda settled in the Interlake because the land was cheap and, according to Dueck, the government wanted Mennonites to work the land because of their farming skills.

"They were one of the first six families to start this community north of Riverton," says Dueck. "They built tiny little houses and started working the land. They got into turkeys because my grandpa's father-in-law had extras one year. I've always been proud of being a third generation turkey farmer here in the Interlake."

When they get new turkeys, they come at about a day old and are put into a heated, insulated barn. They have to be watched almost 24 hours a day for the first few days to make sure the birds are getting feed and water and not piling up on each other.

As the turkeys grow, they're moved from barn to barn. They start in the heated barn, then are moved to an open-sided barn at about four weeks old. They start laying eggs at about 30 weeks old, and the work becomes more intense: egg collecting begins. Shifts are taken from 4 a.m. to 6 p.m. "As long as your feeding systems and your waters are working properly, it's smooth," says Dueck.

An insemination crew comes in once a week to inseminate every turkey, which can be up to 9,500 birds. The

most eggs Dueck's farm has ever gotten in one day has been close to 7,000. They started with almost 12,000 birds this year.

Their farm got automated nests in 2001 to help with collecting the eggs; the birds go in them all on their own and eggs are pulled onto a belt that moves into the egg room once an hour. The eggs are cleaned and disinfected then stacked in racks to be ready for pick-up.

Biosecurity is a huge concern for turkey farms all over as the avian flu is on the rise. Despite precautions, Dueck's entire flock was lost just last year. For almost 30 years they have been a shower-in facility to help protect the flock.

Avian influenza, known as "bird flu," is a viral infection that spreads easily and quickly among birds.

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

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Thompson council fires CAO; councillor removal is in court

By Lorne Stelmach

The upheavals continue in the RM of Thompson, which last week fired its chief administrative officer.

Council moved at a special meeting June 5 to dismiss CAO Dallas Braun.

The resolution simply stated that “whereas council has concerns about CAO ... be it resolved that Dallas Braun be terminated as CAO effective immediately.”

Councillors then appointed administrative assistant Melissa Brunel as acting CAO. No further information or comment was made available by council.

It's unknown if this dismissal is connected at all to the ongoing matter of the Thompson council attempting to

remove Donna Cox from office as a Ward 2 councillor.

That situation came before council once again in the form of a petition last week Thursday signed by 60 Ward 2 residents.

It asked the RM to allow Cox to continue to serve and for the proceedings to disqualify her be dropped.

Petitioners also asked that council commit to having a portion of its regular meetings in the evenings—a reflection of one of the key issues for Cox.

Cox could not be reached for comment at press time, but she has maintained she was wrongfully disqualified from serving on council and is fighting the decision, which was heard in provincial court June 1 (a de-

cision was not available at press time).

On this matter, Reeve Brian Calum last week would only say via e-mail that “the municipality has commenced an application before the Court of King’s Bench pursuant to its requirements under the Municipal Act, and the matter is now being dealt with through the court process.”

Cox has raised concerns not only about how council handled this situation but how some of their actions and decisions about scheduling meetings, for example, make it difficult for many working people to participate in the democratic process.

“I’m the only municipal councillor who works full-time, and they refuse to have meetings after five o’clock or any time after five o’clock ... so they’re

always excluding me,” she explained in an earlier interview. “I’ve been transparent about my availability though right from the beginning.”

Cox has acknowledged she did miss three local urban district of Miami committee meetings, but again noted they were scheduled during inaccessible hours.

“They scheduled meetings when I could not attend, and they’re trying to punish me for not attending.”

Missing meetings is grounds under the Municipal Act for disqualifying a council member, though the act also encourages municipalities to strive to make meetings accessible to all members, as well as to the general public.

'You may end up disincentivizing people from running'

By Lorne Stelmach

An expert on urban politics and public policy in Manitoba is raising some questions and concerns around the RM of Thompson council’s disqualification of one of its elected members.

At the very least, the issues that led to the effort to remove Ward 2 councillor Donna Cox needed to be approached and handled differently, suggested Aaron Moore.

“It certainly seems the way that council has approached this has not been in the best interests of the public,” said Moore, who is an assistant professor in the department of political science at the University of Winnipeg. “They may very well have legitimate concerns with this councillor not attending meetings, but the way they have gone about it has not been appropriate ... it seems problematic to me.”

Controversy has ensued following the move by RM of Thompson council to remove Cox, who has maintained she was wrongfully disqualified from serving on council. Cox is raising concerns not only about how council has handled this matter but how some of their actions and decisions about scheduling meetings, for example, make it difficult for many working people to participate in the democratic process.

Moore emphasized that there are a number of important things to consider in this case.

“Some of the things she raises are really important because there’s this

concern about getting more people involved in municipal politics, particularly in smaller municipalities,” he noted. “If you are having all of your council meetings early in the morning or at times when someone who has a full-time job isn’t available then they can’t be councillors, and you’re basically excluding a significant portion of the public.”

Moore also cited one reported comment that Cox simply didn’t fit in as being a cause for concern.

“That’s not the point. The public elects people. It doesn’t matter if you don’t like a certain councillor because their views are different. That’s irrelevant.”

“It does seem that the whole issue with her missing committee meetings may be just a convenient way to get rid of her,” Moore suggested. “If she did miss them, and she did have the knowledge that she was supposed to be there, then they do have a case ... but it certainly seems like what’s really generating that movement is they’re just not happy with her being on council ... that’s unfortunate.”

“We’re starting to see a bit more of this ... and unfortunately it often tends to be something like a woman councillor or woman mayor who is seen as being attacked by a mostly male council ... the optics of that obviously isn’t great.”

“You’re getting people who are challenging how things have been done, and that’s upsetting the people who are traditionalists,” said Moore, who observed that “working women who

bring a very different perspective about how things should be done ... [it] often brings tension with the old guard.”

He added there is a bigger concern to consider though in terms of getting people engaged in the system.

“If you’re creating an environment where younger people aren’t willing to participate because they’re either unwelcome or they don’t really have the capacity to participate because of the times of council meetings and such ... that’s a concern.”

“The reality for smaller municipalities is they don’t tend to get the same scrutiny,” Moore continued. “You get people who are sort of embedded, and they don’t like change, and they don’t like people who don’t fit into that ... it is a problem both I think as a question of representation of different people and also ensuring that we continue to have functional councils.”

“I think a lot of times, this kind of stuff happens and, because it is in a smaller, more remote community, nobody notices,” said Moore. “I think people need to be aware of this because, even if it’s not a billion dollar budget, it is taxpayers’ money that is being used, and you want to make sure that there is proper oversight of that, and you want to make sure that the people you elect are the ones that are actually representing you.”

The provincial government may likely have had something to say about this matter, but Moore noted it would be rare for it to intervene further.



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Aaron Moore is a professor of political studies at the University of Winnipeg.

“Usually the province doesn’t like to step in at the municipal level because they don’t want any potential blow back ... they will but usually very reluctantly. Usually, for smaller municipalities, when they really step in it’s because there’s financial issues or something like that,” he suggested.

“I think it’s really going to be awhile before everything is really settled here,” said Moore, who noted this could go any number of ways, including a byelection. “They’re not necessarily going to get somebody else that they like any better ... and the reality is that going this route you may end up just really disincentivizing people from running.”

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Rough week for Orioles, Bisons

By Lorne Stelmach

The Pembina Valley Orioles and Altona Bisons both had rough goes of it in Manitoba Junior Baseball League action this past week.

The Orioles picked up one win out of their four games, while the Bisons dropped all four of their matches.

The Orioles fell 8-4 to Winnipeg South last Wednesday and then lost 6-4 Friday to St. Boniface.

A Sunday doubleheader then saw them edge Interlake 5-3 in game one before falling 4-0 in game two.

The Bisons, meanwhile, posted losses of 7-1 to St. James and 3-1 to Elmwood Wednesday and Friday before dropping both games of Sunday's doubleheader against Carillon 11-2 and 8-5.

It leaves the Orioles tied for fifth



PHOTO BY RICK HIEBERT/VOICE

The Pembina Valley Orioles fell to the visiting Winnipeg South 8-4 Wednesday night in Winkler.

place with Interlake at 6-7 for the summer so far. The Bisons follow in a tie for seventh place with Winnipeg South at 5-9.

St. Boniface and St. James lead the standings at 10-5 followed by Carillon and Elmwood at 7-7.

Pembina Valley hosts Elmwood Fri-

day and then welcomes Carillon for a Sunday afternoon doubleheader. The Bisons visit St. James Friday before hosting Winnipeg South Sunday.

Winkler, Altona post Border Baseball League wins

By Ashleigh Viveiros

The Morden Mud Hens and the Winkler Whips went head to head twice in Border Baseball League action last week.

A Tuesday night game saw the two rivals battle to a 6-6 standstill in Winkler.

In the rematch Sunday in Morden, the Whips broke the deadlock with a 7-2 win.

Also last Tuesday, the Altona Bisons defeated the visiting Carman Cardinals 4-3.

That puts Winkler in first place in the East Division standings with a

3-0-2 record. Right behind them are the Mud Hens at 3-1-1, the Bisons at 2-1, and then the Cardinals at 1-3-1.

The West Division has Cartwright in first (2-1), Pilot Mound in second (2-2), Baldur in third place (1-3), and Clearwater in last (1-4).

This week Tuesday the Bisons host-

ed the Mud Hens and the Whips hosted the Cardinals. Results were not available at press time.

Coming up, the Mud Hens hit the road to play in Pilot Mound Friday night while the Whips head to Clearwater. Next week Tuesday sees Morden in Carman and Altona in Winkler.

Morden Eagles taking on NAIG U19 team Saturday in Winkler

By Ashleigh Viveiros

A soccer team that's slated to compete in a national competition in a few weeks will be making a stop in Winkler this weekend.

The North American Indigenous Games Manitoba U19 female team will square off against the Morden Eagles U17s in a friendly match at the 15th St. soccer field on Saturday.

The Eagles have had the chance

to scrimmage with Team Manitoba over the last few months, pre-season, shares team rep. Jennifer Kroetsch.

"[Team Manitoba] didn't have their full team yet—it was just to help a bit with their training," she says, noting the Eagles managed to hold their own. "We didn't lose by much."

The Eagles, which feature girls ranging in age from 14 to 16, have been proving their mettle this season in the Winnipeg Youth Soccer Association—

they've only lost one game thus far.

"All the teams we play are out of Winnipeg ... we have players from Morden, Winkler, and Altona, all around here," Kroetsch says, noting a good half of the players are in the Gr. 10 age range, even though they're playing against mainly U17 and U18 teams.

To now play a U19 team, especially one who will be competing on the national stage, is a great opportunity for

the kids.

"We've got a young group of girls, so to have the chance to play against this U19 team is just an incredible experience for them to be able to go out and play against girls at that level."

It gives the younger players a glimpse at what the future might hold for them.

Storm 1 falls to Lions, Storm 2 beats Mobb Utd

By Ashleigh Viveiros

The Winkler Storm 1 found themselves up against a tough Winnipeg team in their home opener Sunday.

They fell 6-2 to the FC Winnipeg Lions, with Thomas Giesbrecht and Humayun Omar scoring for the home team.

The Storm are 0-4 in the Manitoba Major Soccer League's Premier Division, putting them in second-last place.

This week the team travels to play

the Bonivital Flames Thursday night. Their next home game is Sunday, June 25 against Lucania FC.

Winkler Storm 2, meanwhile, won their 3rd Division game Friday. They defeated Mobb United 2-1. Matthew Wolfe and Mosi William scored for Winkler.

Storm 2 are 2-1 so far this summer, which has them in fourth place in the standings.

They play the Scorpions FC on the road this Friday and then host the YFC Saints June 25.



PHOTO BY ASHLEIGH VIVEIROS/VOICE

Storm 1 lost to the visiting FC Winnipeg Lions 6-2 Sunday in Winkler.

Team Pembina Valley off to 55+ Games next week

By Ashleigh Viveiros

A team of active older adults hope to do our community proud at the 2023 Manitoba Liquor & Lotteries 55+ Games in Portage la Prairie June 20-22.

Team Pembina Valley is 54 members strong, shares rep. Lois Dudgeon, and they'll be joining over 900 athletes from across the province in celebrating the Games' 40th anniversary.

"These Games are our 'Olympics,'" she says, noting our area is sending athletes to compete in golf, cribbage, bowling, pickleball, and slo-pitch.

Our region has sent a team to the event for years, Dudgeon notes, and has hosted it four times: in Carman in 1988 and 1999, Winkler in 1995, and Morden in 2002. The Games are organized by Active Aging in Manitoba (AAIM).

Dudgeon got involved herself over two decades ago, competing for the first time at the Morden Games. She represents Pembina Valley in the pickleball competition this year.

What keeps her coming back? "For me, it's the fun," she says. "The fun of the Games, the fun in the Games. The people you meet. Yes,

people are competitive, but they're also there to have a good time, to participate."

The Games have come a long way from their first year in 1983; that one drew about 350 participants. Some years as many as 1,500 people have competed.

Spectators are welcome to come and cheer on their favourite athlete or team. There is no admission fee. For a schedule of events, head to activeagingmb.ca/55games/.

Team Pembina Valley 2023 includes:

- Carman/Roland/Sperling: Lawrence Dyck, Randy McFarlane, Jac-

quie Russell, Laurie Wiebe, and Bob Wilson.

- Manitou/Notre Dame: Manitou Rock Lakers (17 players) and Andre Dacquay.

- Morden/Stanley/Winkler: the Morden Dinosaurs (13 players), Martha Bergen, Lois Dudgeon, David Dyck, Kathy Forness, Kathleen Friesen, Dave Goertzen, Peter Hildebrand, Albert Janzen, Jerry Kelner, Paul and Cheryl Link, Mary Anne Plett, Dale Ready, Cherly Reimer, Neal Rempel, Len Victor, Lorne Warkentine, Laverne Wiebe, and Tim Wiebe.

Local athletes medal at track & field provincials

By Voice staff

Pembina Valley athletes shone at the Dairy Farmers of Manitoba High School Track & Field Championships in Brandon over the weekend.

In addition to numerous top-10 finishes, students from the area brought home several medals.

Reaching the podium was:

- Piet Mierau, Pilot Mound Collegiate, silver in the JV boys 800m run, bronze in the JV boys outdoor pentathlon, and silver in the JV boys long jump.
- Bella Peters, WC Miller Collegiate, bronze in the JV girls 200m dash.
- Ava Dalebozik, Morden Collegiate, silver in the varsity girls 3000m run and bronze in the varsity girls 800m run.
- Mekdes Wall, Garden Valley Collegiate, bronze in the JV girls 800m run.
- Kieran Reid, Nellie McClung Col-

legiate, silver in the varsity boys 100m hurdles.

- Grace Bueckert, Northlands Parkway Collegiate, bronze in varsity girls 100m hurdles.
- Mia Sawatzky, W.C. Miller, gold in the varsity girls 3000m run.
- Amery Roberts, Northlands Parkway Collegiate, bronze in the JV boys discus 1.5kg.
- Angela Gundrum, Prairie Mountain, bronze in the JV girls outdoor pentathlon, silver in the JV girls triple jump, gold in the JV girls high jump, bronze in the JV girls long jump.
- Tori Mangin, Prairie Mountain, bronze in the JV girls triple jump.
- Xenia Warkentin, GVC, silver in the JV girls 1kg discus.
- Logan Krahn, NPC, gold in the JV boys triple jump.
- Terrance Keeper, GVC, bronze in the varsity boys 1.5kg discus throw.

• Tori Mangin, Prairie Mountain, silver in the JV girls long jump.

- Leah Pouteau, Prairie Mountain, bronze in the varsity girls long jump and gold in the varsity girls high jump.
- Karli Toews, GVC, bronze in the JV girls 4kg shot put.
- Brady Hiebert, NPC, bronze in the varsity boys 700g javelin throw.
- Ashley Morrow, Pilot Mound Collegiate, gold in the varsity girls 4kg shot put.
- Zenith Vanstone, Miami School, bronze in the varsity girls 600g javelin throw.
- Miles Gordon, Pilot Mound Collegiate, gold in the varsity boys shot put and bronze in the varsity boys 100 m dash.
- Kasen Mateychuk, Roseau Valley School, gold in the JV boys shot put.
- Kieran Reid, Nellie McClung Col-

legiate, bronze in the varsity boys 100 meter hurdles.

- Pilot Mound Collegiate, third in the boys distance medley variety

> EAGLES, FROM PG. 22

"To see the skills development over the years; girls that are 19, their skill level and their ball handling is just that much better," Kroetsch says. "So they can kind of see what they have to look forward to and the progression that they can make over the years of playing soccer."

Team Manitoba will represent the province at the NAIG in Halifax July 15-23.

Saturday's exhibition match begins at noon. All are welcome.

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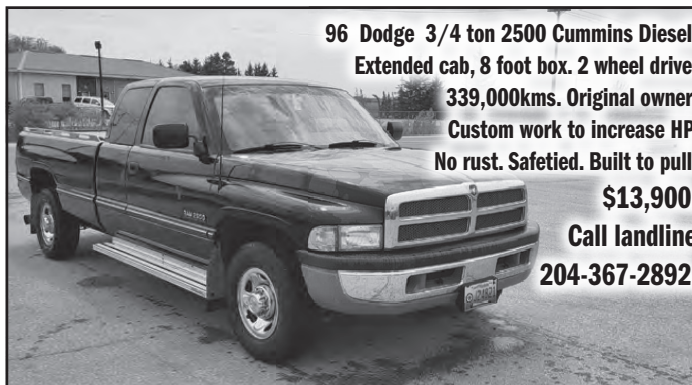
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**Town of Altona
PUBLIC NOTICE
Industrial Park Expansion Phase 1
Development Costs for \$3,600,000
PROPOSED BY-LAW NO. 1812-2023**

The Council of the Town of Altona at its regular meeting at the Altona Civic Centre located at 111 Centre Avenue East Altona, MB on the 27th day of June, 2023 at 5:30 p.m. will consider the following general borrowing proposal:

- (a) At the Council meeting on June 27th, 2023 at 5:30 pm at the Altona Civic Centre, the borrowing by-law will be read for the first time; and
- (b) include
 - (i) Industrial Park Expansion Phase 1 Development Costs,
 - (ii) the total estimated cost of the project is \$4,500,000,
 - (iii) the total estimated amount to be borrowed is \$3,600,000,
 - (iv) other sources of funding include a \$340,000 Grant from the Altona Community Development Corporation and a transfer of \$560,000 from the Economic Development Reserve Fund,
 - (v) the anticipated maximum rate of interest is 8% with annual payments of \$366,667.95 to be paid December 31st, 2024 to December 31st, 2043,
 - (vi) payments shall be raised annually by a special mill rate on all the rateable property within the Town of Altona, an amount sufficient to meet the requirement for principal and interest. Based on the 2023 Assessment Roll (\$366,667.95 / \$240,948,010) an estimated mill rate of 1.53 mills will be required.

At this time, Council will consider this by-law for **First reading**.

Further information/inquiries/copies of the proposal are available at the Town of Altona Civic Centre located at 111 Centre Avenue East, Altona, Manitoba.

Dated at the Town of Altona this 8th day of June, 2023, and issued pursuant to Section 174.1 (1) of The Municipal Act.

**Terry Fehr, CMMA
Manager of Finance
Town of Altona**

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PUBLIC NOTICE



NOTICE OF APPLICATION RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF STANLEY REVISED WATER RATES STANLEY WATER UTILITY

June 5, 2023

The Rural Municipality of Stanley (RM) has applied to the Public Utilities Board (Board) for revised water rates for Stanley Water Utility (Utility) as set out in By-Law No. 08-23, read the first time on May 11, 2023. Rates were last approved in 2021 in Board Order No. 78/21.

The current and proposed rates are as follows:

	Current Rates	Proposed Rates
Quarterly Service Charge	\$ 11.33	\$ 11.33
Water - Massey (per 1,000 gallons)	\$ 6.15	\$ 6.55
Water - Other (per 1,000 gallons)*	\$ 12.79	\$ 13.58
Minimum Quarterly Charge - Massey**	\$ 29.78	\$ 30.98
Minimum Quarterly Charge - Other**	\$ 49.70	\$ 52.07

*Includes purchased water costs of \$9.91

**Based on 3,000 gallons

Details of the RM's application are available for review at the RM's office or the Public Utilities Board's office. Any questions concerning the application for revised rates, or the operation of the Utility, should be sent directly to the RM.

If you have concerns/comments regarding the RM's application for water rates please go to www.pubmanitoba.ca and provide your comment. Please note all comments will be forwarded to the RM.

Questions or comments should be sent on or before **July 21, 2023**.

The Public Utilities Board is the provincial regulatory agency that reviews and approves rates for water and wastewater utilities in Manitoba, with the exception of the City of Winnipeg. The Board's review process involves:

- the Utility filing a rate application to the Board,
- a public notification of proposed rate changes,
- the Board's review of the application through a public hearing or paper review process, and
- the issuance of an Order which outlines the Board's decision on the rate application and the rates to be charged.

The Manitoba Ombudsman has privacy guidelines for administrative tribunals. The Board is mindful of its obligations under those guidelines. Its decisions in respect of the application being considered will be sensitive to the guidelines. Personal information will not be disclosed unless it is appropriate and necessary to do so. However, the Board advises participants that these proceedings are public and that as a result, personal information protections are reduced.

The Board will then decide whether any further notice is required and whether to proceed with a public hearing or paper review process. All concerns received by the Board will be considered in the Board's decision on rates to be charged.

PLEASE BE ADVISED THAT IN CONSIDERING THIS APPLICATION, THE PUBLIC UTILITIES BOARD MAY OR MAY NOT FIND IT NECESSARY TO DETERMINE RATES DIFFERENT FROM THOSE APPLIED FOR BY THE APPLICANT.

Note: All proceedings will be conducted in accordance with the Board's Rules of Practice and Procedure, which the Board may vary in order to constrain regulatory costs. The Rules are available at www.pubmanitoba.ca.

Jennifer Dubois, CPA, CMA

Assistant Associate Secretary
Manitoba Public Utilities Board

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

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IN THE MATTER of the ESTATE of
Wilhelm Zacharias, late of the City of
Winkler, in Manitoba, deceased.

All claims against the above Estate duly
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be filed with the undersigned at their
offices, 7-282 Loren Drive, Morden,
Manitoba R6M 0G2, on or before July
17, 2023.

DATED at Morden, Manitoba, this 5th
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- In a place to sleep
 - Chemical compound (abbr.)
 - A way to fish
 - Classic Linklater film "___ and Confused"
 - Legume
 - Indonesian island
 - Smooth, creamy substance
 - Arctic
 - Wood sorrels
 - Defied
 - Cattle
 - Tableland
 - Honorably retired and retaining one's title
 - Repossession
 - Danced
 - Adult males
 - A type of section
 - Type of Japanese animation
 - Satisfaction
 - Fit
 - "Ain't No Sunshine" singer
 - Failure
 - Israeli city
 - French river
 - Cavalry-sword
 - Nocturnal S. American rodent
 - Liquefied natural gas
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 - Electronic counter-countermeasures
 - Popular HBO fantasy series (abbr.)
 - Spiritual leader of a Jewish congregation
 - Large body of water
 - ___kosh, near Lake Winnebago
 - Impudence
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- Payroll firm
 - Unit of transmission
 - Rockers Better Than ___
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 - Highest parts of something
 - Correct behavior
 - Batty
 - Cyprinid fishes
 - Expression of sorrow or pity
 - Site of the famous Leaning Tower
 - American rocker Snider
 - W. African language
 - Symbol to mark for removal
 - ___ Squad
 - Resident
 - Federal savings bank
 - Paddle
 - Returned material authorization (abbr.)
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 - Winter melon
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 - Anger
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 - First responders
 - Spanish noble
 - Persons with absence of skin pigment
 - Defunct airline
 - Small island (British)
 - The extent of something from beginning to end
 - Capital of Bangladesh
 - Dutch cheese
 - Imitates
 - A contest of speed
 - Swiss river
 - Prejudice
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 - Criticize

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June 20 @ 7:00 p.m.
Gateway Resources Dining Hall**

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UNDER THE AUTHORITY OF THE PLANNING ACT
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING FOR RE-ZONING By-Law # 1813/2023
On the date and at the time and location shown below, a PUBLIC HEARING will be held to receive representations from any person(s) who wish to make them in respect to the following matter:

TRUSTEES OF THE BERGTHALER MENNONITE CHURCH OF ALTONA, (applicant) of mailing address 117 2ND ST NW, ALTONA, MB, ALTONA, has made an application to amend the Town of Altona Zoning By-Law 1792/2021 and Re-Zone the easterly portion of the land legally described as Lot 13-17 Block 4 Plan 60 in the SE/SW 8-2-1W, civic address 46-5TH AVE NW, roll # 11500 from "5:11" EI - Educational & Institutional" to "5:4" RLD - Residential Low Density"

HEARING LOCATION: Town of Altona Council Chambers
111 Centre Avenue East, Altona
June 27, 2023 at 6:00 PM

DATE AND TIME:

GENERAL INTENT:

The applicant is applying to rezone the property to "5:4" RLD - Residential Low Density from "5:11" EI - Educational & Institutional on the property described above. A Public Hearing is required for this purpose. Notices were sent out within 100 Metres.

Please see attached Schedule "A" for reference. (Proposed Lot 2)

FOR INFORMATION CONTACT:

Susan Stein, Community Development Officer
109 - 3rd Ave NE, Box 270 Altona, MB R0G 0B0
Phone: (204) 324-5357 Email: manager@rpgamb.ca
Please see attached Schedule "A" for reference.

SCHEDULE "A"



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Planning & Permitting Department

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING UNDER THE PLANNING ACT

The City of Winkler, under the authority of The Planning Act, will hold a hearing at which time and place the council of the City of Winkler will receive representation from the applicants and any other persons who wish to make representations in respect of the Rezoning Application No. RZ2023-004 and By-law No. 2306-23, being an amendment to Winkler Zoning By-law 2271-21 of the City of Winkler.

The general intent of the above By-Law No. 2306-23, is to zone the land described below, Namely:

1885 and 1825 Diamond Dr, legally described as Lots 1 & 2 Plan 60716 MLTO, as shown outlined in a heavy solid line on the map attached hereto as Schedule "A", and forming part of this by-law, be rezoned

FROM: "CH" COMMERCIAL HIGHWAY ZONE
TO: "CG" COMMERCIAL GENERAL ZONE
"PI" PUBLIC INFRASTRUCTURE ZONE, &
"R3" RESIDENTIAL HIGHER DENSITY ZONE

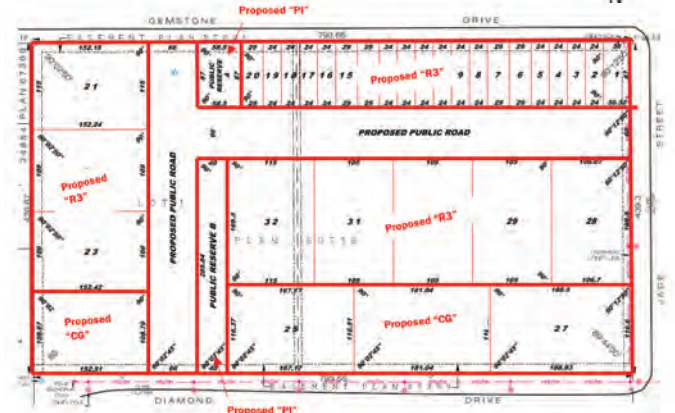
A copy of the above By-Law No. 2306-23 and supporting material may be inspected by any persons between the hours of 9:00 AM and 5:00 PM, Monday to Thursday and 9:00 AM and 4:30 PM, Friday, in the City Office.

Date of Hearing: June 27, 2023
Time of Hearing: 6:30 p.m.
Location: Winkler Council Chambers,
1 85 Main Street, Winkler, Manitoba

DATED at Winkler, in Manitoba, this 29th day of May 2023

Designated Officer
City of Winkler

Schedule "A"



AUCTION

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**CITY OF MORDEN BY-LAW 06-2023
Being an AMENDMENT to the CITY OF MORDEN ZONING BY-LAW 08-2017.**

HEARING: Morden Civic Centre

LOCATION: 195 Stephen St., Morden, MB

DATE: June 26th, 2023

TIME: 7:00pm

From: "CR" Community Reserve

To: "RS-L" Residential Single Family Large

"RM-M" Residential Multiple Family

"RT" Residential Two Family

AREA:

NE 7-3-5 WPM

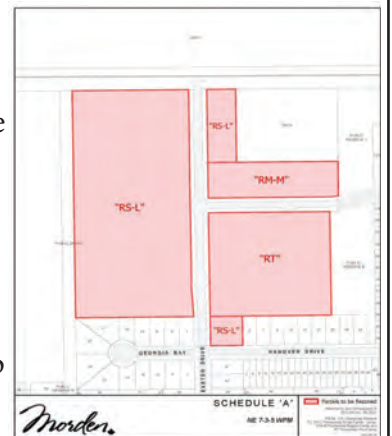
Morden, MB

As shown outlined in red lines on the map attached hereto as Schedule "A", and

INFORMATION CONTACT:

Santokh Randhawa, M. Eng., P. Eng.
133 7th Street, Morden, MB R7M 1V3
Phone: (204) 822-2567

A copy of the above proposal and supporting material may be inspected at the location noted above during office hours, Monday to Friday. Copies may be made, and extracts taken therefrom, upon request.



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Montcalm Heritage Festival celebrates the past and the present

By Lori Penner

The community of St. Joseph celebrated the return of the Montcalm Heritage Festival last weekend with events and activities that honoured its culture and traditions.

Saturday began with a pancake breakfast followed by a huge parade featuring vintage farm equipment and a wide variety of floats.

The day also included demonstrations featuring tractors and stationary engines as well as skills such as leathersmithing and chainsaw sculpting.

There were also tours of the heritage buildings at Musée St. Joseph Museum. Visitors had the unique opportunity to experience first-hand how early pioneer farmers lived and worked in the region more than 100 years ago.

“There was a lot of coming and going from people across the region. I think we’re drawing a little bit further now,” says museum director Camille Fisette-Mulaire. “The entertainment was also a big draw on both days.

“People are always amazed at how much we offer here,” she adds. “It’s like a good old-fashioned small-town event that offers a lot for people of all ages. Also, people really appreciate the good, local food. The pancake breakfast and the barbecue suppers are definitely some of the highlights of the festival.

“Our museum is a treasure on the prairies that more people should know about,” Fisette-Mulaire says, noting they’re open through the summer months. Head to museestjoseph.com for details.

Museum board president Robert Parent says it was great to see the festival back in full swing.

“During COVID, we sold 100 tickets, and everything was held outdoors. Last year was more open, but not a



PHOTO BY LORI PENNER/VOICE

Mago the Magician (Lionel Piche) produced loads of laughter and amazement from visitors of all ages at the Montcalm Heritage Festival last weekend in St. Joseph. The day also included tours of the Musée St. Joseph Museum grounds, vintage tractor displays, and more.



full festival yet. So this was the first year we’re back to a full festival, and the turnout was magnificent.”

They were also pleased to have members of the Roseau River First Nation on hand to present a dance and say a prayer before the opening ceremony.

“We also had about eight bands perform throughout the festival, along with different activities for the whole family,” notes Parent. “It was a great weekend.”

Parent shares the main purpose of the Montcalm Heritage Festival is to highlight French culture and honour their ancestors and all they went through to give them the life they have today.

“We can see how everything went



from very basic manual work, to today, where it’s easier in many ways, but also more complex. Our intent is to take people back to our heritage and to have those who grew up here

come back to their roots. This festival draws people back to St. Joseph. There were many visitors, along with family reunions and gatherings, and we all had a good time.”



Work to begin on Reinfeld Park

Reinfeld kicked off work on its new 15-acre community park with a ribbon cutting last week. Community leaders gathered at the site just west of town Friday to celebrate moving ahead with phase one of the project, which will include an outdoor rink and a warm-up shack. Project rep. Ryan Friesen says they hope to have those features up and running by this winter. “It’s very exciting,” he says, noting the community has been working on getting this project going for years. Future phases will include the installation of playground equipment, a picnic shelter, soccer field, and two baseball diamonds. “And if we have space for more, then we’re open to ideas,” Friesen says, adding that the project has received amazing community support thus far. Fundraising is ongoing. Email reinfeldpark@gmail.com to make a donation or get involved with the project.

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get inspired

> MEAL IDEAS



Pecan Snack Mix with Cranberries and Chocolate

- 1/2 teaspoon kosher salt
- 1/4 teaspoon ground nutmeg
- 1/2 cup dried cranberries
- 1/2 cup dark chocolate chips

In large, microwave-safe bowl, add pecans, rice squares cereal and pretzels. In small, microwave-safe bowl, add butter, brown sugar, maple syrup, salt and nutmeg. Microwave butter mixture 1-2 minutes until melted then pour over dry mix. Toss well to combine.

Microwave snack mix in 45-second intervals, about 4-5 intervals total, until mix is fragrant, golden and toasty.

Cool mix completely then stir in cranberries and dark chocolate chips.

Recipe courtesy of Jess Larson and the American Pecan Promotion Board

Prep time: 10 minutes

Cook time: 5 minutes, plus 10 minutes cooling time

- 1 cup pecan halves
- 1 cup rice squares cereal (wheat or cinnamon)
- 1/2 cup pretzels
- 2 tablespoons unsalted butter
- 1 tablespoon brown sugar
- 1 1/2 tablespoons pure maple syrup



Salty Pecan Snack Mix

- 2 cups chopped pecans
 - 1 cup oyster crackers
- Preheat oven to 350 F.

In bowl, add rice squares cereal, oats and unsweetened coconut.

In small saucepan over medium heat, add honey, coconut oil, cinnamon and salt. Stir until mixture starts to boil then pour over snack mix and stir until well combined.

Transfer to baking sheet and bake 8-10 minutes.

In saucepan over medium heat, add butter. Stir until butter browns then add chopped pecans and oyster crackers. Turn heat to low and stir while pecans roast.

Remove snack mix from oven and add brown butter pecan and cracker mixture; stir to combine.

Recipe courtesy of Mallory Oniki and the American Pecan Promotion Board

Prep time: 10 minutes

Cook time: 20 minutes

Servings: 15

- 2 cups rice squares cereal
- 1 cup rolled oats
- 1 cup unsweetened coconut
- 1/3 cup honey
- 1/4 cup coconut oil
- 1/2 teaspoon cinnamon
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/4 cup butter



Grilled Sweetpotato and Blueberry Salad

- 1 cup fresh blueberries
 - 1/3 cup chopped walnuts
 - 1/4 cup blue cheese crumbles
- lemon wedges, for garnish (optional)

To make lemon honey vinaigrette: In bowl, mix olive oil, lemon juice, Dijon mustard and honey. Season with salt and pepper, to taste. Refrigerate until ready to serve. Preheat grill to medium heat. Drizzle sweetpotatoes with olive oil and season with salt and pepper, to taste. Grill sliced sweetpotatoes on each side about 5 minutes, or until sweetpotatoes are tender and slightly charred. Remove from grill and let cool. To arrange salad, spread spring salad mix onto large platter and top with grilled sweetpotatoes, blueberries, walnuts and blue cheese crumbles. Top with lemon honey vinaigrette and garnish with lemon wedges, if desired.

Recipe courtesy of the North Carolina Sweetpotato Commission and Andrea Mathis (beautiful eats and things.com)

Servings: 4

Lemon Honey Vinaigrette:

- 6 tablespoons olive oil
- 1/4 cup lemon juice
- 2 tablespoons Dijon mustard
- 2 1/2 tablespoons honey
- salt, to taste
- pepper, to taste
- 3 medium sweetpotatoes, peeled and sliced
- 2 tablespoons olive oil
- salt, to taste
- pepper, to taste
- 4 cups spring salad mix

Ask the Money Lady

Dear Money Lady, I'm in my 30's, not married and in a dead-end job. I'm thinking of going back to school but will have to get a school loan. Do you think it is okay to go into debt?

- Jessica.

Dear Jessica – definitely, do it !!!

Jessica I am so proud of you for taking the initiative to go back to school. Competition for good jobs is high and added education, experience, and business networking are necessary today, to gain a competitive advantage. You should be commended for making the concerted effort to get out of our comfort zone and take on a little risk. I wish more people would do the same. Experiencing a little risk could be anything: wearing something completely different to your usual style, reaching out to someone you wouldn't normally call, or maybe something bigger like, going back to school, asking for a promotion, or even starting your own business. The important thing is you must try. If you put yourself out there, you've got a 50-50 shot of being successful, but if you don't try, you've got a zero shot at being successful. The 50% chance of success sounds a lot better than a 0% chance, doesn't it?

Let's talk about debt. Most Canadians feel that debt is a "bad thing," and many feel quite nervous or insecure when thinking about going into debt to make money or to better their situation. Debt that advances a person's ability to purchase assets such as homes, vehicles, or investments; or is used to increase their income through business or education are all good debts. Many advisors would agree that these expenses are inherently appropriate today, and it is important for us to focus on what these borrowed funds will allow a person to achieve and if they will enhance wealth in the long run. Of course, there is a difference in the type of debt you hold, and although it would be great to be wealthy and debt-free you should remember that debt is also a tool to make you wealthy.



Christine Ibbotson

Bad debts on the other hand, are loans that do not advance wealth or income prospects, but instead provide enjoyment and an increased standard of living that cannot be supported by earnings alone. This would include things like balances on unsecured lines of credit, credit cards, or personal and consolidation loans. Some borrowers create a habit of using credit to fill-in the gaps in their earnings, believing that they cannot survive on their income alone and need the credit to increase their standard of living. This type of borrower, whether old or young, has the greatest risk today, especially now in a rising interest rate environment.

For anyone trying to better their situation by going into debt, remember we should never become complacent about our debt – good or bad. You always want to have a strategy to repay each debt in full during the life of the asset or at least by retirement. You always want to be planning. You can't expect to have a future if you don't plan to have one.

*Good Luck & Best Wishes,
ATML - Christine Ibbotson*

Written by Christine Ibbotson, Author, Finance Writer, National Radio Host, and now on CTV Morning Live, and CTV News @6. Send your money questions (answered FREE) through her website at askthemoneylady.ca

Orange Oatmeal

- 1 cup Florida Orange Juice
- 1 1/2 cups water
- 1 cup quick-cooking steel-cut oats
- 1 Florida Orange, peeled and diced
- 1 tablespoon agave nectar or honey
- 1/4 teaspoon cinnamon
- 1/4 teaspoon salt

In medium saucepan over high heat, bring orange juice and water to boil.



Add oats to boiling liquids.

Return to boil then reduce to medium heat and cook, uncovered, 5 minutes, stirring frequently.

Mix in diced orange, agave nectar, cinnamon and salt. Remove pan from heat; let stand 1 minute before serving.