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Students from Garden Valley Collegiate and Northlands Parkway Collegiate hit the streets of Winkler last Thursday night to show off their grad finery and vintage wheels in the annual Grad Parade. For more photos, see Pg.13

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## "The Education Man" makes a stop in Morden-Winkler

By Lorne Stelmach

A summer internship has been providing the opportunity of a lifetime for a university student from Latvia.

Ilja Skopincevs is entering his last year studying to be a gym teacher and handball coach at the Latvia Academy of Sport Education. For the last six years he has spent his summers going door-to-door selling educational materials for Southwestern Advantage, an educational publisher and direct selling company.

The job has taken the 26-year-old to numerous places around the world, including this season in Manitoba, where he recently found himself working in the Morden-Winkler area.

"While my friends back home in Latvia are drinking beer, I'm over here hustling and working my way," said Skopincevs.

A former member of the Latvian national U18 and U21 handball teams, Skropincevs doesn't have any plans to necessarily be a salesman after he finishes university, but the opportunity to fund his education while also visiting foreign countries was too good to pass up.

"I did a few summers in the U.S.A. and I did one summer in the United Kingdom. This is my first summer in Canada."

He knocks on doors for up to 13 hours a day, six days a week, and sees the experience as being an educational one.

"For me, English is my third language, so when I first came I had just started to learn English ... at first it was challenging," he said. "I started to pick it up quite quickly, and now I believe my English is pretty good."

"It's one of the bonuses of the program and getting the chance to travel," said Skopincevs, who arrived in Morden-Winkler after stops in Carberry, Minnedosa, Brandon, Thompson, Flin Flon, and The Pas.

"I just love the idea behind it. I get a chance to not just sit in an office all day [but] talk to people, learn about the Canadian culture ... it's a fun way to help earn some money to help pay for college back home in Latvia."

He says he's come away from the experience with a deep appreciation for Canada.

"I would say that the people are really friendly and really kind and polite," Skopincevs said. "I've been to different places working ... there are some people who can just shoo you away from the door, but I haven't had that in Canada, so I guess it's a different brand of people here."

"People really care about their kids' education. There are a lot of families who really seem to want the best for their kids," he added. "And you can't go wrong with ed-



PHOTO BY LORNE STELMACH/VOICE

Ilja Skopincevs, a.k.a. Ilja The Education Man, is seeing the world while saving money for his post-secondary studies.

educational materials for kids."

Skopincevs plans to remain in Manitoba until his work permit runs out in September and it's time for him to return for the last year of his bachelor's degree studies.

"I think there's a few pathways for me," he said in reflecting on next steps after that. "I think getting this experience of kind of running my own business here in Canada on my own ... is giving me some confidence to maybe start

my own business back home in Latvia.

"I think in general it's giving me different life skills. It's skills that schools don't really teach you so much," he said. "I think this program helps me with those things ... how to be independent, how to communicate as people."

You can find more information about Skopincevs on social media by searching for Ilja The Education Man.

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# Two local families get their keys to Habitat duplex

By Lorne Stelmach

It was a special day for two local families Saturday as they were presented the keys to their new homes.

The ceremony marked the completion of construction on a Morden duplex that was the most recent project of the Winkler and Morden chapter of Habitat for Humanity.

The two families, who wished to only use their first names, both spoke of looking forward to making memories here.

"A lot of barbecues ... a lot of cooking ... just to have fun in the backyards, to actually be able to have a yard to play in," said Peter, who was there with wife Rosella and children Monique, Viola, Penelope, and Juniper. "Just making memories with family and friends, just a place to call our own."

"This is a beautiful neighbourhood. I like the houses, the people that I've talked to seem nice ... it will be awesome," said Zephyr, who was there with wife Dayna and children Mekai, Azalia, and Mila. "I don't doubt that we will be here longer than the 15 years ... I put my blood, sweat and

tears into this place ... we saw it come from nothing."

Both families said they found it rewarding to provide the 500 hours of "sweat equity" Habitat asks of its families.

"From going to an empty lot to what we're looking at now, it's a big change ... super excited; can't wait to get inside," said Peter. "It was a lot of work, but it's all worth it now. I did a lot of the painting inside, and it just feels good to actually have done a lot of the work. It's extra special ... this way, it's I actually built this house."

"I think it's very special to be able to raise a family in a home that is constant and not having to move around," said Rosella. "Also knowing that we are helping other people out in the future."

"It's just crazy to think where this started and where we're at now. It looks fantastic. I'm super excited to just get in here and have all our stuff in here ... start my first day living here. It's almost surreal actually," noted Zephyr. "I learned a lot. I was very out of my element in the building process except for maybe the painting ...



PHOTO BY LORNE STELMACH/VOICE

Winkler/Morden Habitat for Humanity chapter building committee project managers James and Lois Hildebrand hand over the keys to Peter and Monique and their kids, who were one of two local families who are moving into a Habitat-built duplex in Morden.

it was quite the learning experience."

The two recent projects benefitted from a special contribution with the anonymous donation of the two lots. Habitat was also able to get going on the duplex sooner thanks to additional funding from the province and the City of Morden as part of an afford-

able housing strategy.

"We were really excited when we got this piece of land because of the possibility of doing a duplex here," said Christina Falk, who handles public relations and fundraising for

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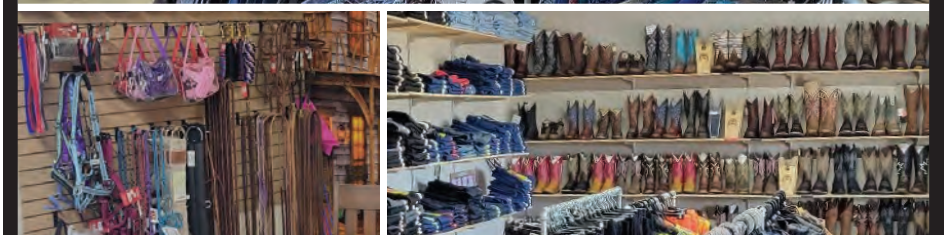


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# RRC Polytech Winkler celebrates its grads

By Ashleigh Viveiros

Red River College Polytech's Winkler campus celebrated the achievements of local graduates with a ceremony at the P.W. Enns Centennial Concert Hall last week.

The June 21 convocation saw students from the business administration, early childhood education, education assistant, health care aide, and mature student high school diploma and certificate programs walk across the stage.

"Graduation is truly a milestone achievement," reflected college president and CEO Fred Meier in his remarks. He commended the former students on their "drive and determination to achieve your academic goals.

"As a graduate of Manitoba's only polytechnic, you've also developed much more than just tangible, work-related skills in your time with us, giving you an important advantage in a very competitive world,"

he continued. "Your ability to adapt quickly and to embrace different approaches and procedures and changing technology, positions you as uniquely qualified and inherently valuable as you enter, or even as you reenter, the workforce."

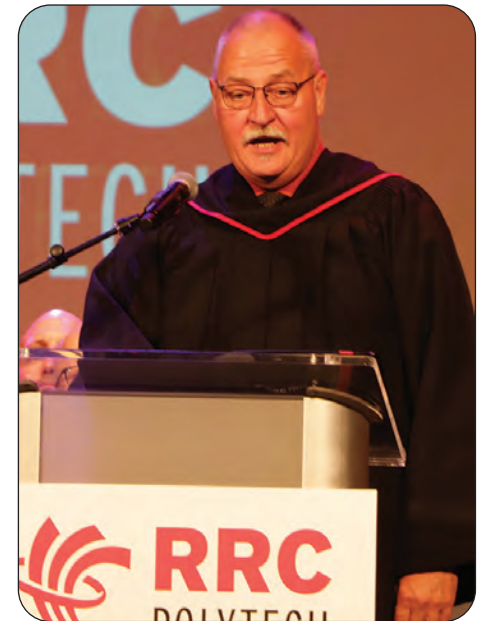
"Today you join a rich community of changemakers, as across every sector, every industry inside of our province, RRC Polytech alumni are helping shape Manitoba's bright future. You now join that group. And I'm confident it won't be very long before we hear about the great things that you're achieving."

Winkler Mayor Henry Siemens applauded the grads for making the decision to pursue further education.

"Today is a life moment. You made the decision that brought you here. This decision on education was yours to make," he said. "This decision here puts you in a select group of people who have decided to invest in your future. That decision changed the course of your life. That decision



PHOTOS BY ASHLEIGH VIVEIROS/VOICE  
RRC Polytech president and CEO Fred Meier presents Monika Saam with her business administration diploma at last week's Winkler campus graduation ceremony. Right: Alumnus and local instructor Fred Thiessen told the grads how proud the community is of them.



changes the course of a community.

"We're so proud of the fact that you've chosen to do that, that you've invested into yourself like that," Siemens said. "We are extremely proud as a city of Winkler to have people like that in our community. People who want more. People who reach for more. It's what all of Winkler is built on, which is the desire to reach for more."

Welcoming the students to the ranks of RRC Polytech alumni was Fred Thiessen, who studied business administration at the college and teaches there today.

"Everyone present is incredibly proud of you today—your parents, grandparents, siblings, spouses, children, friends, your instructors and your peers," he said. "When we see you, we see the future. And it looks like a bright one for all of us. We know that great things are in store for you."

Thiessen shared that his education opened up so many doors for him.

"Almost three decades after graduating from RRC, I've had a diverse and, most importantly, fun career that I've loved," he said. "I've been able to get out and travel and see this great country, meeting the most fascinating people in each of us corners, directly resulting from opportunities that came into my life after graduation."

RRC Polytech grads serve as am-

bassadors for the school all over the world, Thiessen said.

"They are leaders in their community and mentors in the workplace. Who knows, an alum may be the one to offer you your first job after graduation. And you yourself may be in a position one day to hire our next generation of RRC graduates.

"Our alumni maintain a tight-knit community, and our demanding, grueling, and rewarding programs ensure we recognize and respect a fellow graduate every time we meet one."

He left the grads with a few thoughts from the book *The Four Agreements: A Practical Guide to Personal Freedom* by Don Miguel Ruiz.

"Under any circumstance, always do your best—no more and no less. When you have balance in your life, your career becomes an entirely different and amazing experience.

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# Bernier plans to run again in Portage-Lisgar

By Ashleigh Viveiros

People's Party of Canada leader Maxime Bernier has promised he'll be back running for the Portage-Lisgar seat in two years.

Bernier lost his bid last week to be the riding's Member of Parliament, earning 17.2 per cent of the vote (5,352 votes)—a far cry from the 64.9 per cent (20,250 votes) Conservative Branden Leslie received to win the election.

It's also a drop in overall support for the PPC, who earned about 22 per cent of the vote in the 2021 federal election.

Nonetheless, Bernier said in a video posted to his social media pages on election night that he's not going anywhere.

"I will be your PPC candidate in

Portage-Lisgar at the next general election," he told supporters, who he thanked for their hard work over the past few months.

Bernier characterized the PPC campaign as a "common sense revolution" and noted it may take time for them to gain a foothold.

"I must admit the result is not the one we would have preferred," he said. "But don't forget: this riding has been a Conservative stronghold for many years.

"We reached out to thousands of people and built a larger support base in this riding," he continued.

"We gained hundreds of new members. We recruited and trained many new volunteers. Our ideas are better known and better understood.

"When the general election comes, we will be better prepared than ever

before, because I can tell you already we are not going anywhere, and I'm not going anywhere. I will be with you to do that fight in 2025.

"It takes time to convince Canadians that we need a drastic change of course to reverse years of bad Liberal policies and weak Conservative opposition," Bernier said. "But we are here for the long run and we believe we will win.

"We will keep promoting our principles and policies, and convincing more people, until we get PPC MPs in the House of Commons."

The party, which was founded by Bernier, a former Conservative MP, has not successfully had one of its candidates elected to office since its creation in 2018.



SCREENSHOT

PPC candidate Maxime Bernier plans to run again in Portage-Lisgar in the 2025 election.

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## Morden Activity Centre had their 10th Annual Golf Tournament on Monday, June 12th. It was a scorching hot day, but the course was full.

Morden Activity Centre offers recreational activities for all ages, supports for seniors through the department of Services for Seniors, bus tours, monthly clinics, speakers, and workshops. The Centre provides approximately 18,000 meals to seniors in Morden at a low cost through their Meal Congregate Program, with three locations. Delivery is available for those who are unable to leave their homes.

Wendi Dyck, Centre Manager "We are very thankful for our amazing volunteers, who help keep these programs going. The more support we receive from our community, the more people we can help. Thank you to the generous businesses that helped us break last years record for our major fundraiser of the year. We hope to see you back next year. Thank you to the Golf Committee: Graham Corlett, Gloria Penner, Eric Thompson, Albert Janzen, Cheryl Fedorchuk, Darlene Letkeman, and Rhonda Plett.

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# Amazing grace

**E**very song has a story. Some songs are remembered for a generation. What would you say about a song that has been known and sung for 250 years? The hymn, *Amazing Grace*, was penned in 1772.

It has been estimated that this song has been performed over ten million times and included in many recordings worldwide. Country stars, clas-

sical music performers, and even a president of the United States have been known to sing this song in public events. It continues to be played and sung in churches, in military tattoos with bagpipes and drums, and in a great variety of settings.



**By Randy Smart**

The author, John Newton, did not seem to be a likely prospect to write the song. His father was a sailor and away from home often. His mother died just before his seventh birthday. At age

eleven he went to sea with his father. When his father retired, John signed on with a merchant ship. A year later he was taken against his will to work in the British Navy. The crew of one ship disliked him so much he was left to be a slave in West Africa at age twenty.

In time he was rescued by a sea captain sent by his father. He became a sailor on slaving ships involved in the unsavoury "business" of transporting people in chains against their will to be slaves in plantations far away from their homes and treated as property and not as people of worth created by

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# Letters

## LET'S ALL HELP

Our city has developed some great park and recreation spaces for our enjoyment. The Winkler Whips have invested in a beautiful upgraded diamond. The recreation department faithfully maintains our parks, fields and diamonds. The horticultural committee and their many volunteers provide beautiful floral spaces. My plea is that we truly appreciate their work and these spaces by doing our part. How? There is one simple way we all can help: stop littering!

I've always believed actions speak louder than words and so I made a commitment to act before writing this letter. For the past six weeks, on each of my daily walks with our

dog around the ball diamonds, I've picked up bits of garbage and placed them in one of the many bins provided. Each day for six weeks I've picked up at least 25 pieces of trash, often many more. I know I'm not the only one who does this; personally I was inspired by witnessing others do the same.

What is disappointing is that even though I take a similar route most days, there is always more to pick up. It seems that far too many people don't see a problem with littering. I'm especially surprised with the amount of garbage within five feet of a garbage can. Is it that hard to take two steps and place it where it belongs? Or are we as a society so

self-entitled that we don't care?

I'd like to offer the following encouragements. First and most importantly, stop littering. Second, when you are walking, take a moment to bend down and pick up a few pieces of litter; if we all do a little, it will make a difference. Third, if you are a fellow dog owner, please, please clean up after your dog.

We are fortunate to have the beautiful parks, flower displays, and recreation facilities we have. Let's all help to keep them clean and enjoyable for everyone.

**John P. Klassen,  
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# Cutting the ribbon on Dead Horse Sales & Rentals

By Lorne Stelmach

Dead Horse Sales and Rentals is ready to cater to the diverse needs of the construction, do-it-yourself, and lawn and garden sectors in the area.

A ribbon cutting last Thursday marked their official opening on Jefferson Street in the Morden industrial park. Company representatives said

they want to offer the perfect equipment to support all your projects, no matter your need.

"Everybody's going to Winkler to rent, so why not start a place here where we can provide for the community and just add to all of the different things that Morden has going on," said manager Joe Hildebrandt.

"We've got a little bit of everything,"

he said. "We even expanded then into automotive repair ... any type of automotive work ... we even do custom engine building.

"We've also got two guys designated for doing the equipment side of repairs," Hildebrandt shared. "We can take on any of that kind of stuff right here in our shop."

For the construction industry, Dead Horse Sales and Rentals offers an impressive range of equipment including scissor lifts, boom lifts, forklifts, skid steers and utility trailers.

If you're tackling a DIY project, it also has you covered from hand tools and cutting equipment to trenchers, air compressors, and portable generators.

They also recognize the importance of maintaining beautiful outdoor spaces, so there is a selection of lawn care equipment including tillers, yard sprayers, lawn sweepers and mowers.

There is a wide range of equipment rentals and equipment repairs and maintenance, including hydraulic repairs, trailer repairs, repairing of scissor lifts, boom lifts and telehandlers as well as small engine repair.

"We're very optimistic about it," Hildebrandt said of the business. "We're getting more and more contractors coming through ... it's surprising how many local people are coming in; they're hearing about us. Things are booming."

## > HABITAT, FROM PG. 3

the local chapter. "We got some extra grant funding last year that was unexpected, and because of that, we were able to do this duplex and a house in Morden all in one year, which was just a huge, crazy miracle."

She added it is also a nice bonus to be setting two families up in a home at the same time.

"It's kind of nice when you can have that camaraderie starting right off. You have the support system kind of built in ... that's a really neat thing."

"These guys worked so hard on their houses and the families and friends they got to help them out. You guys did just an amazing job. You really epitomize what Habitat is supposed to be ... you guys really came together," said Duane Falk, chapter chairperson.

"This is such a special day ... it truly takes a village in order to build a Habitat home," added Steve Krahn of Habitat Manitoba. "There's so many people who are just really

wanting to make a difference and make this world a more positive place."

The Morden-Winkler chapter has now completed five homes in five years. Next up will be another build in Winkler.

"We do have a family chosen already for our next build," noted Christina Falk. "We have almost all the funds to build the house, but we still need to raise the funds for buying the lot. We would really like to build that house in 2024, get started on it as soon as we can."

Three main criteria are used in selecting families: their ability to repay an interest-free mortgage with no down payment, their need for better housing, and their willingness to participate in the build.

Habitat uses the mortgage payments to fund future house builds.

For more information, you can find the Winkler Morden Habitat for Humanity Facebook page or head to [www.habitat.m.ca](http://www.habitat.m.ca).

## > SMART, FROM PG. 6

God. He also became a captain of a slaving ship.

When the seas are rough and the end is in sight we ask questions we may have previously ignored. Several factors contributed to Newton's conversion. He nearly drowned in 1748. He had a friend, Mary Catlett, who was a genuine Christian. They married in 1750. He was also challenged by reading the book *Imitation of Christ* by Thomas à Kempis.

His conversion did not immediately impact his work on slaving ships but God was at work challenging his conscience and his responsibility. In 1754, health required him to stay home and he met men who helped guide him to a greater understanding of faith in Jesus Christ. The former atheist prepared to become a pastor of a church, sharing the Bible message of salvation and transformation for all who believe.

John grew in amazement at the graciousness (undeserved kindness) of God and he wrote these words: "Amazing grace, how sweet the sound, that saved a wretch like me. I once was lost but now am found, was blind but now I see." In total, John wrote six stanzas. He promoted the singing of plain songs which expressed Bible truth in simple and memorable ways.

We have considered briefly a small part of John Newton's story. What is your story? Have you experienced God's amazing grace? God's grace is needed in each one of our lives, and the persons we may become through him can be a humble lighthouse to others around us who have not yet heard of or seen God's amazing grace.

Randy Smart has been a pastor in Southern Manitoba since 1979.

Dead Horse Sales and Rentals cut the ribbon on their facility on Jefferson St. in Morden last week.



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# Morden Senior Centre looks to better days ahead

By Lorne Stelmach

There was cautious optimism at the annual meeting of the Morden Activity Centre last Friday while also acknowledging some of the major challenges faced by the organization.

The centre has faced significant turnover with both staffing and the board of directors, but chairperson Graham Corlett remained hopeful

better days are ahead.

"I'm optimistic ... though it certainly was a challenging year," he said. "As of now, we have a few more board members, which is going to take a lot of load off everybody. It's going to help make the centre more congenial, and I think it will all run a lot smoother with less workload on everybody.

"Stabilizing the staff was key to the operation

of the centre ... and over the last six to eight months, we've seen great improvement, so it's onward and upward from here," Corlett continued. "We've got some great staff here and some great programs coming, so we're looking forward to the next year. We're working with a largely new board, but I think it will be good."

He noted that stabilizing these things is vital for the Morden Activity Centre financially as well.

"The RHA funds the board of directors, and we need a board of directors to keep this place operating the way it is ... if there's no board, there's no funding,

so that's the bottom line. I'm glad people have realized that and stepped up so we can move forward from here.

"It's important to have the funding in place and the numbers in place so that we can plan properly," he added. "Membership is very important."

The past year was a good one financially for the centre, with revenues increasing to \$536,738. While expenses also rose, the total of \$524,465 left them with a surplus of \$12,273.

The largest area of revenue is grants totalling \$158,700, including a significant contribution of about \$129,000 through the regional health authority.

Food sales also provided revenue of just over \$150,000. The centre as well benefited from a generous donation from the Sandercock estate and from an endowment fund set up under the umbrella of the Morden Area Foundation by the Bill and Colleen Lyne family.

Wages and benefits are the largest expense at just over \$243,000, while cost of food for the meal programs came in at about \$113,000.

The annual meeting also highlighted some of the valuable programs and services offered through the centre.

For example, the meal program averaged 782 meals per month and 9,381 meals overall in the past fiscal year, including meal services at the centre as well as Legion House and Oakwest.

And the Services for Seniors program saw the services provided increase from 3,800 to 4,004 while the volunteer hours dropped from 758.95 to 638.5, so they were somehow doing more with less.

Manager Wendi Dyck also reflected on some of the positives and negatives from the past year.

"Unfortunately, with our limited board, we risk staff and board members burning out. We need a group of individuals who can help with fundraisers, and we desperately need a vice chair, treasurer, and secretary ... this is crucial



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At the Morden Activity Centre AGM last week, chair Graham Corlett reflected on what was a challenging year for the agency.

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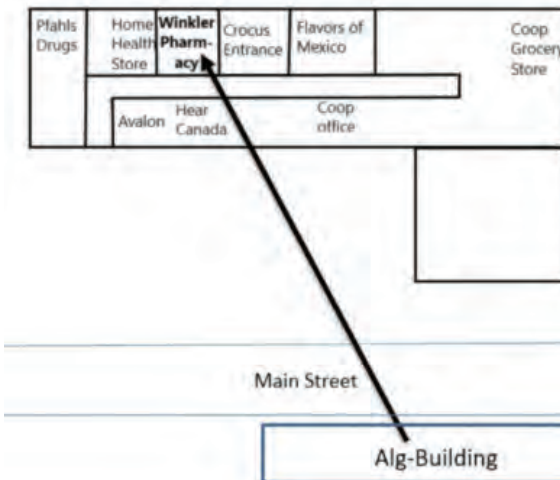


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# Winkler Arts and Culture wants you to “Chalk the City”

By Ashleigh Viveiros

Winkler Arts and Culture is inviting the community to get creative with chalk this summer.

From July 3 to Aug. 11, WA+C is asking residents to transform Winkler’s walking spaces into colourful masterpieces for a campaign dubbed “Chalk the City.”

“It’s a way of engaging community into creating artistic expression on our walkways, on our driveways, all over the community,” explains executive director Alesha Hildebrand. “Hopefully you’ll be able to see diverse artwork from all sorts of people.”

The campaign is open to all ages and skill levels.

“Maybe your kids want to draw something they feel people should see,” Hildebrand says. “Drawings, positive messages—it’s wide open.”

There will be a weekly prize draw for goodies from Country Cycle, Smitty’s Family Restaurant, and Charley B’s Classic Grill & Ice Cream Parlour.

To enter, simply snap a shot of your chalk art and submit it (the link is available on Winkler Arts and Culture’s social media pages, or type this in to your URL: <https://form.jotform.com/231705585911054>). You can enter up to five times through the summer.



WINKLER ARTS AND CULTURE PHOTO

Chalk the City runs July 3 to Aug. 11 with weekly prize draws and slushie coupons for participants.

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for the centre’s survival,” she said. “Due to the management transitions, we missed out on some grant opportunities this year. We plan to be better prepared for the coming year.”

She reflected on some of the successes as well.

“Memberships doubled in 2022-23, which will likely be attributed to everything opening back up from COVID and many people having missed community involvement,” Dyck said. “We have been able to create a team environment where the staff are focused on our members and how we can best support the centre and those in the community.”

“I am very proud to work with such caring people. We care about the mental well-being of the seniors in

our community, and we are focused on finding out what obstacles seniors experience ... we advocate and offer support to help those in need.”

Corlett added they are excited to move ahead, and they still have a future project in mind to have a patio area and raised garden beds developed on the east side of the building.

“We’re still talking about wanting to do a patio project here. It’s been on the books for a couple of years, but unfortunately we haven’t secured the funding for that yet. It’s still on the horizon, and I certainly hope it happens at some point.”

The meeting saw Shirley Mullin and Fred Mayor join the board as new members along with Marina Brown, Larry Gluck, and Carole Schofield,

while continuing on are Corlett, Karon Pentland, and Jerry Dykman.

Departing board members included Evelyn Currie, who was celebrated for having received a volunteer award from Access Credit Union and who had a decade under her belt with

the centre.

“Great thanks to Evelyn; she’s a real trooper, and we appreciate everything she’s done,” said Corlett. “I’m glad she’s still here, and I look forward to working with her behind the scenes.”

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# Winkler Community Fdn. gives back \$120K in grants

By Ashleigh Viveiros

The Winkler Community Foundation (WCF) gave local charitable organizations a helping hand last week.

The foundation distributed a total of \$120,592 in grants to nearly two dozen non-profit agencies and community projects.

Executive director Myra Peters explained they opted to spread the wealth around this year, providing a multitude of smaller grants instead of several larger ones.

"This year's grant requests were more than three times the amount available to grant out from the community and field of interest funds," she noted.

"The WCF board has chosen to impact more charities with partial funding in an effort to show support to the great work that is being done by many in our community," Peters said. "Although the projects are not fully funded by the foundation, we anticipate these projects will be completed within a year thanks to the efforts and collaboration of staff, volunteers, and community."

The grant money comes from the interest generated annually by WCF's various endowment funds.

"We are a long-term strategy," noted Peters. "The gifts made to the foundation are endowed, they are never spent. Each year these gifts grow thanks to the investment strategy of the foundation."

"By growing our endowment funds, we can increase the support to local charitable organizations, today and forever."

A total of \$50,680 in grants was distributed from the community and field of interest funds, with recipients selected from the applications received.

"The WCF selects recipients based on evidence of need in the community and range of impact," Peters explained. "We also look at the community connection to vulnerable populations and specific service areas. We value volunteerism, partnerships, and collaboration."

The remaining \$69,912 came from the various agency, designated, and donor-advised funds, which are directed towards select causes, such as sports, medicine, or specific local charities.

Sara Martens, community support coordinator with Child and Family Services' Chance 2 Grow and Chance 2 Camp programs, says the \$3,000 they received will help a lot of kids in our area.

"This money is going to go a long



**PHOTOS BY ASHLEIGH VIVEIROS/VOICE**  
Dozens of community groups and projects received grants from the Winkler Community Foundation last week. Right: Executive director Myra Peters noted they opted for numerous smaller grants this year instead of fewer larger ones, which allowed them to have a much wider reach.

way," she said. "It helps less fortunate kids participate in camp and recreational programs that they otherwise would not be able to do."

Also receiving \$3,000 was Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Pembina Valley, who will use the funds to update the signage on their building and get some new office furniture. The agency recently added a second staff member to its team.

"We're really excited because this means we can expand our office a little bit more," said executive director Jenelle Neufeld, express-



ing her appreciation for the foundation's work. "It's a really great way to support the community as a whole, because when you support the organizations that support the community, everyone wins."

Leora Hamm, administrative resource coordinator with South Central Cancer Resource, says the \$1,182 grant they received will go to their transportation program.

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## Winkler Community Fdn. 2023 grant recipients

### Community Fund Grants

- Reinfeld Park: Outdoor rink project, \$5,000.
- Central Station: acoustic panels in dining/class area, \$5,000.
- Garden Valley Collegiate: Community greenspace project, \$5,000.
- Segue Career Options: Professional counselling for clients, \$2,000.
- Child & Family Services: For children to attend camps and programs, \$3,000.
- Winkler Day Care: Outdoor equipment, \$1,000.
- The Bunker: Industrial Eats project renovations, \$5,000.
- Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Pembina Valley: Signage and office furniture, \$3,000.
- Pembina Valley Humane Society: IT hardware and volunteer management software, \$1,000.
- Winkler Arts & Culture: Program supplies, \$1,000.

- Winkler Festival of the Arts: Annual festival, \$500.

### Field of Interest Fund Grants

- Darlene Peters Health Fund: \$4,000 to Eden residential care services for two AED units and \$1,455 for a water dispenser at the mental health centre.
- 2014 Manitoba Winter Games Sports Legacy Fund: \$4,200 to Winkler Minor Ball for indoor batting cages.
- Dr. CW Wiebe Medical Fund: \$9,525 for barrier-free exam chairs and beds.

### Designated Fund Grants

- Katie Cares Fund: \$5,124 for Katie Cares operations.
- Winkler Cheerboard Fund: \$2,088 for the annual hamper drive.
- Winkler Minor Ball Fund: \$423 to support teams going to provincials

and/or westerns.

### Agency Fund Grants

- Fire Rescue Fund: \$964 for fire training and education.
- Heritage Museum Fund: \$1,412 for museum operations.
- Gateway Resources Fund: \$55,272 for a used truck for the recycling program and a cooling unit for the wood room.

### Donor Advised Fund Grants

- Kalansky Family Fund: \$1,000 towards the BTHC Foundation expansion project.
- MAP Family Fund, \$1,182 to South Central Cancer Resource for its transportation program.
- Mend the Gap Fund: \$1,747 to Central Station for a play structure near a newly renovated housing complex.



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Morden celebrated Indigenous cultural heritage, traditions, and contributions with the Indigenous Peoples Day Celebration Saturday at the Morden Park Bowl. The event included a few educational booths, including a display by the Pembina Valley Redress Project. The various activities included traditional drumming and dancing, storytelling and Métis fiddle playing by Jason Lepine (left) as well as the Joe Creek Drum Group, and comments from Louis Young (right), a knowledge keeper from Bloodvein First Nation.



# Indigenous People's Day

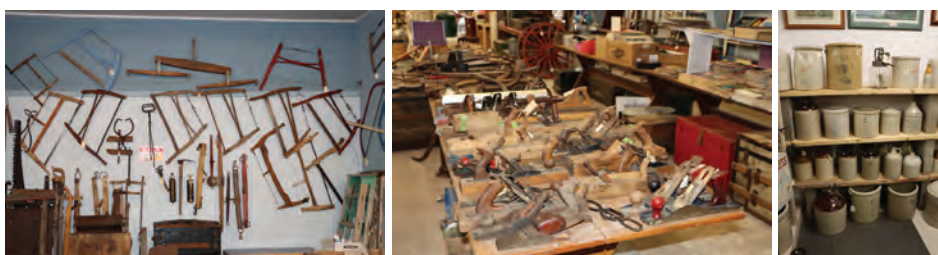



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# Ken Friesen to run as NDP candidate this fall

By Lorne Stelmach

Ken Friesen ultimately cites a key factor in his decision to run for the New Democratic Party of Manitoba in the Morden-Winkler riding in the next provincial election.

The Morden resident sees the roots of the NDP as being with the farmers and the working class and especially helping the poor and less fortunate in society.



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Ken Friesen is Morden-Winkler's NDP candidate for this fall's election.

"The NDP is grassroots. It looks to the working class. It's focusing on the people first and then everything else comes after that," said Friesen, whose nomination was confirmed last week. "It's looking to work with people for people every single day. It seems to me that is their entire focus."

"I also see the damage conservatism in our province has created," added Friesen, citing the example of the Conservative government's controversial education reform plan which was widely criticized for taking away local autonomy in the education system.

Born and raised in Winkler, Friesen spent time in Winnipeg before he and his wife made the decision in 2019 to move back to the area and settle in Morden.

Friesen attended Providence Bible College and then the University of Manitoba, where he earned a degree in political science. He works in the IT field and is involved in the community including serving on the board of the Pembina Hills Arts Council.

He previously let his name stand for

the NDP in the Portage-Lisgar riding federally and most recently unsuccessfully ran for city council in Morden.

"I've always had an interest in politics and helping get things done and the whole process of being involved ... shaping how the party itself is moving and what the priorities of the party itself are ... that was always more of my interest," Friesen said.

"But I want to be the change I want to see in the world, so I needed to stick my neck out and take an extra step to stand up for the people around me," he said in explaining his motivation to step out from the background. "I have considerable privilege, and I need to use that privilege for good, and that's why I'm putting my name forward."

He started by identifying one key issue right now with the recent spate of vandalism and threats directed at Pride displays.

"Obviously that's really top of mind right now because it's something that is happening right now with the violence and fear being driven into the LGBTQ+ community and their allies,"

Friesen said. "I want elected officials, leaders and people in positions of influence to just call out the violence ... you just have to agree that violence is always wrong."

He also emphasized the NDP plan to particularly address rural health care with a plan that addresses such things as more doctors, fairer wages for paramedics, more staff and specialists and better care for seniors including more home care services.

"Access to education, access to food and access to health care. Those are three things that help absolutely everyone," said Friesen.

"Another thing is making sure that our communities have a say in what is going on," he concluded. "It's basically making sure that everyone has access to the public services and that the public services are accessible. Autonomy and access to services are my two key things."

The provincial election takes place this October. Also on the ballot so far is Winkler's Carrie Hiebert as the Conservative candidate.

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# Grads celebrate

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In what's become a new annual tradition, the graduating classes of GVC and NPC, many decked out in their grad gowns and suits, toured the streets of Winkler for the 2023 Grad Parade Thursday, June 22. After the drive, the grads

gathered at NPC for a celebration that included fireworks at dusk. Both high schools held their graduation ceremonies earlier this week.



# Busy year for Winkler Arts and Culture

By Ashleigh Viveiros

Winkler Arts and Culture had an increasingly busy year of activities and outreach, the board heard at the agency's annual general meeting last week.

"The community engagement has increased a lot," noted executive director Alesha Hildebrand, who stepped into the role in December.

Since taking on the position, Hildebrand has set her sights on getting more people into the gallery and raising the overall awareness of what WA+C has to offer.

Part of that comes from a ramped up social media presence coupled with

an increase in events and workshops.

The gallery hosted 13 workshops over the past year, attracting 130 students.

"Our classes are filling up much faster than we have in other years," Hildebrand shared. "That could be a result of people's post-COVID wants and needs to get in back into community activities ... but it also could be based on the quality programming we're offering. We're doing much more skills-based classes ... for a wide variety of skill levels."

They also opened up the facility to numerous rentals that drew in still more people, including the ever-popular Back 40 Coffeehouse, the Bloom

still life floral exhibit, Eden Mental Health Week activities, and even a salsa class and dance.

Thanks in part to these increased rentals compared to the past few years, financially the gallery ended the fiscal year with a surplus of \$6,213, with operating expenses of \$47,251 and revenue of nearly \$53,464.

On the membership front, WA+C has been holding steady at 40 members. They also have 15 active volunteers who help out in a variety of capacities.

Hildebrand hopes to grow both those numbers in the years ahead.

"We're trying to find some more evening and weekend gallery volun-

teers," she said. "It would allow us to add more programming into the evenings and weekends."

Moving forward, Hildebrand intends to keep the focus on growing community engagement.

"I really want to make sure that we're bringing arts back into the community itself," she said, noting that includes working on outreach programs with agencies like Gateway Resources and Eden Health Care Services, as well as more workshops and community events. "Integrating art into the community is a big piece of what the next six months or even the

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# Morden council hosts meet & greets in Suncatch Plaza

By Lorne Stelmach

A Morden resident took advantage of the opportunity to have the undivided attention of city council members for an hour last Friday.

Councillors gathered in the Suncatch plaza downtown for the fourth in their series of meet and greet sessions being held through the month of June, and Pat Gibson was there to present a wide range of questions.

She covered a lot of ground from the big projects like wastewater treatment or a YMCA indoor pool/recreation facility to why the Stephen Street sidewalk isn't finished right to the curb at the intersection with First Street.

"Every one that I asked about, I got an answer," she noted later. "What I tried to impress upon them is we need to hear what is going on at your different meetings ... we need to hear about what's happening with the dinosaur museum ... why didn't you get [Manitoba Highways] to put up a turning light at First Street?"

"So I really appreciated their time, and I'm glad I made the effort to go,"

said Gibson.

Council members who were on hand all agreed it was a worthwhile initiative for them to try out.

"I think we were hoping for a little better turnout," said Garry Hiebert. "We wanted residents to have the opportunity to ask questions ... very often people say well, we're not really sure what's happening. This was an opportunity for them to ask.

"We can't give them all the answers obviously, but we can at least maybe update them on some stuff," he said. "It's a good thing ... there's some questions we couldn't answer, but this is good because it's bringing concerns to us that we maybe haven't heard before now."

"I think the goal for this is also to have a little bit more of a relaxed social atmosphere compared to the council chamber. It's a different atmosphere," added Florian Lassnig.

"Most importantly, it's to engage in the conversation, to give everybody a chance to bring forward their voice ... not behind the veil of social media but having a conversation and an



PHOTO BY LORNE STELMACH/VOICE

Every Friday morning this month, Morden city councillors met with the public in Suncatch Plaza to chat.

open dialogue," said Sheldon Friesen. "We're not here to mandate anything. We want to do what is best in the interest of the community.

"The timing of Friday at 10 may be difficult, so we've looked at different ideas ... Saturdays perhaps ... we just want to engage the community, give them an opportunity to engage with council in a meaningful way," he continued. "We'll be meeting as council and have a conversation about how to move it forward. Perhaps we do need to look at a different day and a different time or make it more frequently and divvy up the councillors.

"It's been a good opportunity to be

available to the public," he concluded. "We recognize the need to be more accessible to our electorate. Not everybody does social media, not everybody does the internet, so we're looking for different ways to connect with the community."

"I do see value in them offering their time for community members to come and interact with them," noted Gibson. "There are so many people who, over coffee or just any socialization time, say I wish they would do this and why don't they do that? They had the opportunity to ask those questions."



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next year looks like.

"And we really want to enhance the cultural end of Winkler Arts and Culture," she continued, sharing plans are in the works to start hosting regular newcomer meet and greet nights as well as themed culture nights. "Those will be a way to celebrate the different cultures that live in this community. Every month is going to be a different country with music and food and celebration."

#### SUMMER CAMP

A little closer at hand, WA+C has its weeklong summer art camps starting up soon.

"We're about half full right now, so we're still accepting registrations," Hildebrand said.

There are morning sessions for ages 5-7 and afternoon sessions for 8-12-year-olds, all featuring a variety of fun arts and crafts.

"It's a mix of a ton of different mediums, so even if kids register for one week and they come back for a second week, it's going to be very different each time," said Hildebrand.

Camps start July 10 and run weekly until late August.

To register, head to [www.eventbrite.ca](http://www.eventbrite.ca) and search for Winkler Arts and Culture.

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# "It shapes every part of how we live our lives"

## Historian talks myths and facts about Canada's colonialism

By Lorne Stelmach

The return of the Diversitas speaker series last week featured a talk by Dr. Shelisa Klassen, who hoped to give people a better understanding of the history and reality of settlement in Manitoba.

The June 20 presentation entitled *Violence, Race and Settler Colonialism in Late 19th Century Manitoba* touched on the impact of settlement on Indigenous populations and how it connects to issues that are still very much in the public consciousness.

She challenged the myth that the land was empty and that settlement in Canada was a peaceful process.

"I think it shapes every part of how we live our lives every day," Klassen noted while addressing the audience at the 500 Stephen Community Centre.

"Whether we are aware of it or not, I think a lot of us have sort of been brought up with this myth of peaceful Canadian settlement, of land that was just here. We just took it and we improved it," she said. "That I think shapes everything about how we go about our lives with the assumption the land I have is mine."

"I think that's a huge privilege that I think most of us just get to walk around with because we don't recognize the history. Knowing that history, I think, hopefully should give us a little more gratitude and hopefully a little more understanding."

Klassen's presentation revolved around settler colonialism, which she explained as the process by which people from one society intended to permanently occupy Indigenous lands and create the systems and institutions that would uphold their own claim to that land while eliminating all challenges to it.

It is a level of domination that did not happen accidentally or by coincidence.

"It involved creating systems of race

and race-based violence to ensure that land and power ended up in our hands," Klassen said. "It is a violent process, and it often, but not always, results in the elimination of people from power, if not altogether."

Klassen highlighted a number of newspaper accounts from the time that reflect what she termed as a reign of terror that included Métis women being assaulted and the perpetrators avoiding any real punishment.

There were numerous examples throughout the period of Indigenous people and their interests being put aside and ignored, she continued.

"First Nations and Metis people wanted to be part of the new agricultural economy of Manitoba, but they did not fit into the vision of Manitoba as a white, English-speaking settler state," Klassen said. "So despite the promises of the Manitoba Act and treaties, their access to agriculture was denied."

"The racial power dynamics were not yet set in stone ... colonialism doesn't just fall from the sky fully formed; it has to be developed and enforced," she continued. "Control of the settler state was still being developed, but the state could exert control in some areas, like Winnipeg, but not in all areas."

Eventually, Louis Riel and the Métis were violently deposed, an act that was further cemented when the military showed up and occupied Fort Garry.

"It's essentially a coup. But when settlers do it it's just called government," Klassen said.

Klassen went on to talk about the desire to remove the Métis before settlers—including the Mennonites—arrived in Manitoba, and she observed how there was this colonial violence "which the Mennonites entered into. Perhaps not as direct actors but certainly as strategic tools in establishing colonialism in Manitoba."

"Mennonites are always seen as peo-

ple who are allies in the fight to hold land in the face of challenges to sovereignty," she continued. "Mennonites were not repressed in the same way because the government was never concerned that Mennonites were going to hand over their land to the Métis and First Nations."

"There certainly was the idea that Mennonites should be assimilating faster than they are ... but that is always quickly followed up by, 'But they're good farmers,'" Klassen said. "The arrival of the Mennonites, which

began in 1874, transformed rural Manitoba. They quickly became a significant demographic and economic power, especially of course in this region."

Mennonites also quickly became more prosperous, and Klassen suggested other settlers then basically became jealous and it came to be a source of conflict with other settlers.

"There's a lot of law breaking happening here," said Klassen, who suggested the pacifism of the Mennonites however was held up as the reason to increase law enforcement and the militia forces, and that of course was largely targeted at the Métis and In-

igenous people.

Klassen also did offer a more hopeful message as part of her presentation.

"I would hope we would walk through society more like that ... how I think it functionally works is that most people, because they are so removed from the violence, get to just walk around believing everything is just fine," she said. "It doesn't have to be this way. There's a lot of intentional choices that were made by early settlers, by early governments, to make things this way, which means they can be unmade."



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Dr. Shelisa Klassen spoke on colonialism in Manitoba at last week's Diversitas presentation.

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"It supports local cancer patients by giving them fuel money, helping them with accommodations, and basically just all around supporting them if there's emergency help that's needed," she said.

Hamm noted the foundation's reach with these grants each year is impressive.

"I think we would all be shocked

at the sheer number of local charities that have benefited from their support over the years," she said. "And the interesting part is, yes, the charities are benefitting, but at the end of the day, it's the people in your communities that are ultimately the beneficiaries. They're really getting the dollars out to the people that need it within their communities."

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Left: Team Pembina Valley at the opening ceremonies June 20, led by banner carriers Kathy Forness (cribbage) and Andre Dacquay (golf). Right, from left: Bob Wilson, Laurie Wiebe, Randy McFarlane, Jacquie Russell, and David Dyck won gold in five-pin bowling.



SUBMITTED PHOTOS

## Team Pembina Valley brings home 20 medals from 55+ Games

By Ashleigh Viveiros

Team Pembina Valley did our region proud at the 2023 Manitoba Liquor & Lotteries 55+ Games in Portage la Prairie last week.

The 40th annual Games drew nearly 1,000 athletes from across the province for three days of competition.

Fifty-four athletes from our area competed in everything from cribbage to pickleball to golf, and they came home with 20 medals in tow:

seven gold, eight silver, and five bronze.

Medal winners include:

- Andre Dacquay, Notre Dame, bronze in 18-hole golf.
- Lois Dudgeon and Len Victor, Morden, silver in pickleball.
- David Dyck, Morden, silver in singles bowling.
- David Dyck, Randy McFarlane, Jacquie Russel, Laurie Wiebe, and Bob Wilson, Carman/Morden/Sper-

ling, gold in five-pin bowling.

- Lawrence Dyck, Roland, bronze in 18-hole golf.
- Kathleen Friesen and Peter Hildebrand, Morden, bronze in pickleball.
- Dave Goertzen, Winkler, silver in pickleball.
- Peter Hildebrand and Len Victor, Morden, gold in pickleball.
- Albert Janzen and Jerry Kelner, Morden, silver in cribbage.
- Mel Johnson, Manitou, two gold

medals in track.

- Randy McFarlane, Carman, gold in bowling singles.
- Mary Anne Plett, Winkler, gold in horseshoes.
- Agnes Thiessen, Winkler, bronze in horseshoes.
- Lorne Warkentin and Tim Wiebe, Stanley, silver in pickleball.

It was announced at the Games that the 2024 competition will be held in Brandon.

## Winkler Storm 1 fall 2-1 to visiting Lucania FC

By Ashleigh Viveiros

Winkler Storm 1 lost their Sunday game 2-1 to Lucania FC in front of a hometown crowd.

Tobias Morasch scored the Storm's lone goal on a penalty kick.

With that, the team's record for the summer thus far is 1-5, with a few games in hand over some of the other teams in the league. They're currently in second-last place in the Manitoba Junior Soccer League's Premier Division.

Storm 2 was slated to play a 3rd Division home game Sunday afternoon as well, but a shortage of referees

forced a cancellation.

YFC Saints were already in town, though, so the two teams played a scrimmage, which the visitors won

4-0.

Storm 2 are currently in fifth place in their division with a record of 2-2.

This week, Storm 1 play the World

Soccer Academy in Winnipeg Wednesday night while Storm 2 take on Bandits FC Thursday, also in Winnipeg.

## Border Baseball League report

By Ashleigh Viveiros

In Border Baseball League action this past week, the Morden Mud Hens decimated the Cardinals 17-0 Tuesday night in Carman.

That same night, the Winkler Whips beat the Bisons in Altona 5-1.

The Bisons shook off the loss to blank the Pilot Mound Pilot 6-0 Friday night on the road.

Winkler, meanwhile, went on to fall to Clearwater 5-4 on Sunday.

The Whips are in first place in the league's East Division at 5-1-2, ahead of Morden (5-2-1), Altona (4-2), and

Carman (2-6-1).

This week, on Tuesday Altona plays in Carman and Morden hosts Winkler. Next week's Tuesday night games sees Morden in Altona and Winkler in Carman.

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# Bisons post wins, Orioles continue to struggle

By Lorne Stelmach

It was a better weekend for the Altona Bisons than the Pembina Valley Orioles in MJBL action.

Pembina Valley lost 11-1 and 3-0 to the St. James A's in their Sunday doubleheader and have now lost seven straight.

Altona, meanwhile, had dropped four straight and nine of their last ten but earned a sweep of their Sunday doubleheader by defeating St. Boniface 14-0 and 5-4.

Isaiah Letkeman had as big game in the second half of the doubleheader with three hits and three RBIs.

Seven errors proved costly for the Orioles as they gave up five unearned runs in game one, while St. James pitchers threw a three hitter in game two.



PHOTOS BY EDWARD VINCENT ARCENAL/VOICE

The Altona Bisons fell 6-1 to the visiting Interlake Blue Jays last Wednesday, but then bounced back with a pair of wins against St. Boniface Sunday afternoon.

Last Wednesday, Altona lost 6-1 to Interlake as the Blue Jays held the Bisons to just five hits. Then, on Friday, Letkeman had two hits and two RBIs for the Bisons, but they fell short in a 4-2 loss to St. James.

That same evening saw Pembina Valley hampered by six errors as they lost 9-5 to the Winnipeg South

Wolves, who connected for a six-run fifth inning.

The results now have Altona in seventh place with an 8-13 record while Pembina Valley is in the cellar in eighth place at 6-14.

Altona is set to close out their regular season against the Orioles at home on Monday followed by games



against Elmwood Wednesday and Interlake Friday.

Pembina Valley was also playing St. Boniface this past Wednesday and then face Carillon Friday before wrapping things up with St. Boniface Sunday.

# Deadhorse speedway to host Watermelon Cup

By Lorne Stelmach

Car racing returns to Morden-Winkler next weekend with the first event at the newly christened Deadhorse Creek Speedway.

Organizers with the Valley Motorsports Association believe interest has been building since they formed earlier this year and took over the former ALH Motor Speedway just west of Morden.

The 2023 racing season kicks off with the Watermelon Cup July 7-8 followed by the King of the Corn race Aug. 25-26.

"People seem to be really looking forward to it. There's a lot of excitement and the racers are excited," suggested president Chris Unrau. "We've made some changes to the track that they are looking forward to as well, and we've put together a fabulous payout structure for the drivers for winning.

"We're expecting a pretty big car count ... my target would be 80 to 100 cars, and I think it's quite achievable."

The former ALH track offered weekly races during the summer from 2009-2019 but never reopened after pandemic restrictions eased, and the loss has been keenly felt by racing fans and drivers.

"It had been built up well ... and we have heard from a number of people who were disappointed it didn't reopen after COVID," said Unrau. "A lot of people still have their cars and are getting them tuned up and getting ready to come back out to the speedway."

The Watermelon Cup and King of the Corn will have races starting nightly at 7 p.m. Practice dates for drivers are on July 6 and Aug. 24.

Classes will include Deadhorse stocks (pure stocks, street stocks, super trucks, IMCA hobby stocks), Wisconsin midwest mods, Wisconsin A mods, late model demonstration for the Watermelon Cup and Late models for the King of Corn.

Racing will of course be the focus of the day, but both weekends will also include other activities for the whole

family: food truck concessions, live entertainment, beer gardens, a candy toss and bouncy castle for the kids, fireworks, pit-party cookouts, and more.

Both events will serve as fundraisers in support of the Boundary Trails Health Centre expansion project, so Unrau is hopeful they will attract a large crowd, with the facility having capacity for about 1,500 people.

"We really want to engage the public

... and we want to engage the volunteers; we're still looking for help," he noted.

"The business community has really been supporting us with sponsorships," Unrau added. "Now we just need to get some of the finishing touches done to the facility ... we're set up for a couple really good events this summer."

You can find more information online at [deadhorsecreekspeedway.ca](http://deadhorsecreekspeedway.ca).



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## OBITUARY

### Jacob H Dyck 1930 - 2023

Peacefully with family by his side, Jake passed away on Saturday, June 17, 2023 at Boundary Trails Health Centre.

He will be deeply missed by his loving wife of 70 years, Grace (nee Schultz). He is also survived by his children and grandchildren: daughter Linne, son Glenn (Karen), children Jason (Rebecca), Colby, Tyson, son Kerry (Erika), children Laura (Dean), Ryan (Heather), Jenessa, son Keith (Marny) children Nathan, Konrad, and three great-grandchildren. Also survived by sisters-in-law, Alfreda (Frank, his twin brother) and Loreena (Henry).

Dad was passionate about the Lord, hunting, golfing, reading westerns and always his family. There was nothing like Dad's glinting eyes and big broad smile to win anyone over. We will so miss his stories, his incredible positive attitude, his support, sharp humour and mischief!

We celebrated Dad's life with a small family funeral at Wiebe Funeral Chapel in Morden on Sunday, June 25 at 3:00 p.m.

We would like to thank the BTHC staff and especially Dr. K. Martin. Thanks for your care and in making Dad comfortable in his last days. We would also like to thank Wiebe Funeral Home for their compassion and care.

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# Winkler Panthers win gold

By Voice staff

The U11 Winkler Panthers were undefeated at the Softball Manitoba U11 Provincial Championships last weekend.

The ladies dominated in the round

robin, posting wins of 14-0, 17-1, 16-1, and 13-0.

They then blanked Sanford 9-0, Balmoral 10-5, and Brandon 4-3 in extra innings to earn a seat in the gold medal match against Virden, which they won 8-5.

The U11 Winkler Panthers softball team includes coaches Dan Giesbrecht, Brian Driedger and players Addison Driedger, Abigail Nelson, Khloe Wieler, Jadah Wolfe, Brady Wiebe, Alexis Giesbrecht, Taylin Friesen, Claire Thiessen, Chloe McMahon, Tabitha Rempel, and Brielle Friesen.

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# Mordenite to be inducted into hall of fame

## Tiffany Redekop honoured by Minot State

By Lorne Stelmach

A Mordenite is earning special recognition for her stellar university softball career.

Tiffany Redekop (who was Tiffany Friesen in her player days) is being inducted into the Minot State Athletic Hall of Fame this fall.

A four-year starter for the Beavers, she contributed in the circle as a star pitcher, defensively at first and third base, and as a slugger offensively for Minot State University.

"I'm very honoured. I'm very excited," said Redekop. "I really enjoyed my years at Minot, and I worked hard to get to where I was ... but I definitely didn't expect anything like this."

Named to the 2010 All-DAC team as a designated player as a freshman, Redekop helped the Beavers twice get to the NAIA world series, where Minot State went 1-2 in pool play in 2010 and 0-3 in pool play in 2011.

Transitioning to NCAA Division II play, she again helped the Beavers qualify for nationals in the team's first

full-fledged season of NCAA action as Minot State advanced to the central region tournament in the spring of 2013, going 1-2 in the NCAA Tournament.

She was named a Daktronics 3rd team all-American and to the Daktronics all-central region first team and to the All-NSIC second team for her efforts as a senior in 2013, as she set Minot State single-season records with 16 home runs, 62 RBIs and 5 saves in the circle.

In the circle, she compiled a 36-12 overall record with seven saves in her four-year career, striking out 301 opposing batters in 345 2/3 innings and compiling a 2.23 career ERA.

Offensively, she hit .334 for her career with 22 doubles, 24 home runs, 143 RBIs and had a stellar .521 slugging percentage.

"We had some fantastic teams when I was there. We were quite strong the four years that I played ball there, and we were quite successful," Redekop said. "I had fun playing ball there.

I've played ball most of my life ... but to receive this kind of recognition is amazing."

Playing ball had simply always been a part of her life from a young age.

"Both of my sisters played ball, and I always looked up to them when they were playing ball. I always said I wanted to play ball at the university level," she said.

"I've always liked the family atmosphere that you have with your team ... it's not about one player, it's the whole team, and I've always enjoyed being part of the team."

Redekop has now coached for a couple years now and still wants to be involved with the game, though it is harder now while raising young children.

"I still try to go watch them and cheer them on," she said. "In Winkler, I've done pitching clinics as well. Ball will always have a big part of my heart.

"This is a way I can give back to baseball and to the community. I can give back by coaching and helping with the pitchers as well."

The Class of 2023 of Minot State Uni-



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Tiffany Redekop will be inducted into the Minot State Athletic Hall of Fame this fall.

versity will be inducted into the Minot State Athletic Hall of Fame during homecoming weekend Sept. 15-16.



# Musical ministry

The 32nd annual Thousand Oaks Gospel Camp took over the Winkler Parkland last weekend for three days of musical ministry and fellowship. Performers from across North America took to the stage Friday through Sunday, including the Martin Elias Family (left) Sunday afternoon. The weekend also included performances from The Schmidts, Dan and Amanda Esh, Back 40, the David and Laurie Peters Family, Shield of Faith, and many others, as well as nightly youth activities and a special children's ministry tent featuring Uncle Harold Fields and his puppet Willy.

PHOTO BY ASHLEIGH VIVEIROS/VOICE

# Winkler athlete runs his 45th Manitoba Marathon

By Lorne Stelmach

A Winklerite is among a select group of people who can say they have taken part in every Manitoba Marathon to date.

The marathon held June 16 in Winnipeg marked another milestone for Dwight Suderman, who ran his first one 45 years ago and has not missed a single race since, other than when it was not held in 2020 due to the pandemic.

"It's been a nice ride. I've always enjoyed it ... it's a well run race," said Suderman, who nevertheless would have never imagined going 45 years in a row and counting. "I've always just wanted to do the Manitoba Marathon every year. It's just part of my makeup ... and I guess I don't want to break my streak now."

Now 66, Suderman estimated that he has done perhaps about 16 full marathons and maybe 25 half marathons over the years, with the remainder being shorter options such as the 10k race.

He always participated in sports growing up but not specifically running as much. Then he was at the University of Manitoba in 1979 when he heard about a marathon being started up.

"It intrigued me, and I think within a couple days I thought maybe I should try it."

It obviously was tough at first; Suderman recalls some pain in his feet that first year.

"I didn't have too much trouble with injuries in the first few years, being young," he said. "I know I wasn't trained for that because I had to stop numerous times to walk ... I thought, 'This is a lot more difficult than I thought.'"

He finished that first marathon in 3 hours and 37 minutes.

"I would love to run a 3:37 now. There's just no way I can do that," Suderman said. "The times got better. I think in 1980 I ran a 3:12. In 1981 and '82 I was still learning about running. I went out too fast. I ended up walking some of the last quarter of the race."

In 1983 then he had what he said still stands as his best time ever at 2:55.

"I started more conservatively, and that was my best one."

Suderman obviously then got hooked on running and has carried on with it even through various injuries.

"It was something I could do reasonably well and something I didn't



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Dwight Suderman points at his name on the list of 1979 competitors in the Manitoba Marathon. He's taken part in every single one since then.

mind training for," he said. "It wasn't a usual sport ... it was more unique ... and obviously it was good for my health."

"I would think I'm in better shape than the average person," Suderman said, adding it became a lifestyle for him. "It doesn't seem like a chore for me to get out there and run. It's just something that I enjoy doing still."

His love for doing marathons now has taken him all over the place for races.

"I've done the Greece marathon. I did the original path from Marathon back to Athens ... at that time, I was

struggling with one of my injuries," he recalled.

Others have ranged from Chicago in 1984 to Mississippi in 1980 when he happened to be there doing volunteer work. Locally, the Treherne race is one that he has also enjoyed, though Minneapolis is at the top of the list, with 18 races there to date.

"I'm still hoping to run the New York and Boston marathons. Those are bucket list races I would still like to do ... but I would need to run really pretty well to qualify," said Suderman.

He now would like to at least reach 50 years in a row, and he hopes to have at least one more full marathon in him.

"Those are hard to train for now at this age. I used to be able to train for a full marathon in under three months, but now it would be easily four to five that I would need to train for a full marathon."

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