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Riding in style

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The class of 2021 from both Northlands Parkway Collegiate and Garden Valley Collegiate paraded through the streets of Winkler last week Wednesday to celebrate graduation. The ceremonies themselves were streamed online again this year. Morden Collegiate hosted a similar parade Monday night and then gathered at the Stardust Drive-in to watch the ceremony together on the big screen. We have a few more parade photos on Pg. 4 this week and will have full graduation coverage in our July 8 edition. In the meantime, congrats to the class of 2021!

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Winkler-Stanley wastewater treatment project a go

By Lorne Stelmach

The regional wastewater treatment project is finally a go for Winkler and Stanley, with the federal government officially coming on board last week.

Representatives of the three levels of government confirmed Friday their funding commitments to the new \$73 million wastewater system for the two municipalities.

Left out of it for now is the City of Morden, though officials all noted that this is the first phase of a two stage project (see story on Pg. 4). A possible timeline for Morden's part of it was not available.

"Work continues on certain parts of that project ... it is an application in two phases," said Morden-Winkler MLA Cameron Friesen. "The process is underway in respect of Morden's application for similar wastewater expansion and upgrades, and we anticipate that that project will advance through a separate iteration for projects."

The Winkler-Stanley funding was heralded as investing in vital infrastructure that will enable the continued economic growth of the region in an environmentally sustainable manner.

"We need partners in order to be able to do it productively and to do



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Federal, provincial, and local officials gathered virtually and in person in Winnipeg last week to announce funding for Winkler-Stanley's new regional wastewater treatment facilities.

it effectively," Winkler Mayor Martin Harder said in welcoming the announcement. "There is a significant amount of development momentum in our community. This announcement today will help us put the infrastructure building blocks in place to carry that excitement forward for future generations."

"This will allow an already hot economy and a growing economy to grow, expand and contribute not only to the local economy of the Pembina Valley but also to the province of Manitoba and also to the country."

The Government of Canada is in-

vesting more than \$25.2 million in this project, the Province of Manitoba is contributing over \$21 million, and Winkler and Stanley together are bringing \$27.2 million to the table.

The project includes a new mechanical wastewater treatment facility in Winkler while also retrofitting the first of two existing lagoon cells and adding two lift stations in Stanley.

About 45 kilometres of linear piping will be added to connect the villages of Schanzenfeld and Reinfeld to the wastewater treatment system.

Once completed, the full system will meet both federal and provincial en-

vironmental requirements and provide increased regional capacity for wastewater treatment.

Representing Catherine McKenna, Minister of Infrastructure and Communities, Winnipeg South MP Terry Duguid emphasized the need to make smart investments in shovel-ready projects like this, especially as population growth in this booming area of southern Manitoba has outpaced the capacity of existing infrastructure.

"Building healthy communities starts with investing in essential services," he stressed. "The project will make the system more efficient and cost effective for municipalities and ensure the wastewater system meets both federal and provincial requirements."

"The Winkler-Stanley-Morden region is one of the fastest growing in Manitoba, so it's important that critical infrastructure like this wastewater treatment system can handle community growth and do so in an environmentally sustainable way," Duguid continued. "I'm proud of the strong collaboration between federal, provincial and municipal partner, which has been key to securing this important project."

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Our mistake

A story in the June 24 edition of the Voice about the new Hope Thrift Store in Morden incorrectly stated they were open on Mondays.

In fact, they are not. The store, located at 900 Thornhill St. (the former Home Hardware building), is open Tuesday to Friday from 9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. and Saturdays from 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.

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A time to smile



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The Pay it Forward parade made the rounds last Thursday with participants ranging from local emergency services to classic car owners to horses and riders. Delayed a month due to pandemic restrictions, the parade organized by the Morden Area Foundation celebrated another successful Pay it Forward May campaign. "We were just trying to brighten people's day," said executive director Lynda Lambert (dressed as a pirate above).

Sixty-one new COVID cases Monday, no deaths

By Ashleigh Viveiros

Public health officials announced 61 new cases of COVID-19 and no deaths on Monday—the lowest daily case number in months and the first time in weeks there have been no new deaths attributed to the virus.

The current five-day COVID-19 test positivity rate was 6.2 per cent provincially and 5.8 per cent in Winnipeg.

There were 1,454 active cases and 53,443 recoveries from COVID-19 at press time. The death count remained at 1,139.

A total of 194 Manitobans were hospitalized with the virus in Manitoba and neighbouring provinces, including 61 in intensive care.

Locally, Red River South leads the way in active case counts with 50, followed by 17 in Lorne/Louise/Pem-

bina, 14 in Winkler, five cases in Morden, four in Grey and the Altona area, three in Carman, and one in Roland/Thompson.

The Pembina Valley has lost 53 people to the virus since the pandemic began, including 18 deaths in Winkler alone (the most of any community in the region).

At Monday's briefing, Dr. Brent Roussin, chief provincial public health officer, continued to sound a note of caution even as restrictions begin to slowly ease.

"We're certainly not out of the woods. We still see the virus here, we still the effects of the virus in Manitoba," he stressed, adding, however, that the plan is to dial back on restrictions in the months ahead as more Manitobans get vaccinated and the stress on

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Class of '21 hits the streets

Morden-Winkler residents got the chance to cheer on the class of 2021 at GVC/ NPC and Morden Collegiate's grad parades this and last week. We'll have full coverage of this year's graduation ceremonies in our July 8 edition.

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Morden still working on its funding application

By Lorne Stelmach

The City of Morden was conspicuous by its absence last week when the federal government announced its long-awaited commitment to fund regional wastewater treatment.

The announcement only confirmed funding for the City of Winkler and RM of Stanley portion of the project, including a new regional wastewater treatment facility in Winkler, raising questions about Morden's plans for the future.

A statement released by the City of Morden Monday alluded to a treatment plant for the community being the second phase of the larger regional project and expressed confidence there is a commitment for it to proceed at an unspecified future date.

"Due to timelines around review requirements imposed as a condition of funding by the Province of Manitoba, Morden is operationally on a different timeline from the Winkler-Stanley plant, and so the strategic decision was made to separate the project into two phases," the statement explained.

"The question arose whether the announcement of federal funding for Phase 1 meant that the City of Morden has missed a funding opportunity. We can assure you that the City of Morden is working closely with the Province of Manitoba and the Government of Canada through the Green Infrastructure Stream of the Investing in Canada Infrastructure

Program."

Mayor Brandon Burley could not be reached for comment at press time.

A source familiar with the situation speaking to the *Voice* on the condition of anonymity last week explained that Morden ending up on a different timeline can be traced back to decisions made by previous city management.

They started moving away from working with Winkler and Stanley, they said, suggesting there was a belief when the regional project was first being developed that a local wastewater plant could be built cheaper by

Morden on its own.

It was a treatment system, however, that had never been tried and tested in Manitoba, and the Manitoba Conservation and Climate department ultimately determined the plan was unworkable in our climate.

The result was that Morden was left behind, the source said, suggesting there are certainly implications to this delay, including potentially rising project costs in the years ahead and constraints on the community's growth in the meantime.

The City's statement on the matter offered assurances that planning for

the local plant as the second phase of the larger regional project is moving along.

"The City of Morden is confident that as we work through the final stages of our funding application, along with the support of the provincial and federal governments, the full regional scope of the Winkler-Stanley-Morden wastewater treatment project will be realized.

"City council and staff have prioritized the issue of wastewater and are committed to a timely solution that is cost effective and environmentally responsible."

> WASTEWATER FUNDING, FROM PG. 2

"The Manitoba government continues to deliver strategic investments in community infrastructure to help facilitate growth and improve quality of life in the province," said Reg Helwer, Manitoba Minister of Central Services. "By improving wastewater management, the region can continue to expand and grow knowing that its new facilities will meet both federal and provincial environmental regulations, have increased treatment capacity and provide a cleaner environment for the area's rapidly growing population."

Friesen heralded this project as coming to fruition after years of work and collaboration between provincial and municipal partners.

"This region of Manitoba continues to expand rapidly, fueled by good jobs, a strong manufacturing sector, and excellent quality of life. We take a great satisfaction in the official approval of this project and this investment in critical infrastructure provides the foundation for years and years of strong growth," said Friesen.

"We are bullish in Morden, Winkler and Stanley and indeed in southern Manitoba about our growth, about the things that continue to draw people to our area, job prospects, a strong manufacturing sector, a great quality of life," he said. "We've seen great growth over the past number of years, but with great growth comes great responsibility, and part

of that responsibility is to plan for the future."

There were no details offered as to the possible timeline for construction, but all recognized the urgency of getting this going after having taken years to get to this point today.

"There's a saying that says that every project that's worth doing is worth doing well," said Harder.

"This is a very complex project; it's enormous in scope. It takes time to get it right," added Friesen.

"We obviously need to get this built and in the ground as quickly as we can, but it's a challenging time," said Helwer.

City of Morden working on a master parks plan

By Lorne Stelmach

Mordenites are being offered an opportunity to have their say on priorities for green space in the community.

The city is developing a parks and urban forestry master plan, and it now is welcoming input through an online survey.

The information will be used to help shape the plan for all park types and features such as nature space, trails, and amenities.

"We're looking forward to the public feedback on our parks, trees, and open spaces and incorporating that into future planning," said Shawn Dias, Morden's parks and urban forestry manager. "It's a great opportunity for Morden residents to share their opinions."

Dias noted the development of the master plan started at the end of 2020 with stakeholder meetings.

"That was the initial step, to get some information and feedback from our local stakeholder groups. From there, we started developing some content for the plan and some of the policies within the plan."

The plan aims to set out a 25-year strategy for the City of Morden with both short and long-term goals.

A few ideas and initiatives have al-



The City of Morden is asking community members to share their thoughts on parks and green spaces as part of the creation of a parks and urban forestry master plan to act as a guide for the next 25 years of growth and development.

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LORNE STELMACH/
VOICE

ready been put forward, such as development of a park space in the area of Conner Hill Drive—a project which earned funding recently through the provincial Sustainable Communities program.

"Some of the short-term goals in terms of developing new parks can be achieved at the same time as developing the plan," noted Dias.

There are a wide range of ideas overall, such as having a more con-

nected network of trails including completing the loop at the lake, as one example. Another possible priority that has been identified is smaller neighbourhood parks.

"It's important for the community members and it's important for the city as we expand, as we draw more people into Morden," suggested Dias.

"We're trying to address some of those things as they exist now and plan for some of those improvements

and ideas in the future.

"Part of this engagement is to see where the support lies with the public and also give the public an opportunity to provide us with some feedback and give us some ideas in terms of what their thoughts are for the city."

The survey includes a series of short videos and images accompanying each of the 14 questions. You can access it online at mymorden.ca.

Food Currency Program needs your support

By Lorne Stelmach

Morden's returning Food Currency Program aims to provide families with access to healthier food—but that's certainly not the only benefit it offers.

Just as vital as providing food security for these families is how the initiative of the Many Hands Resource Centre can help connect them to the community, say organizers.

"It's a sense of community and a sense of belonging. There's been a lot of loneliness and a sense of separation," suggested Tracey Krause, program co-ordinator for Many Hands. "The idea of the community coming together to support these families ... it gives those families a feeling of being part of the community and being thought of and cared for here."

The program was initiated last year by Direct Farm Manitoba at three pilot sites, including Morden, where it was taken on by the resource centre.

It represents a collaboration between farmers, markets, and community organizations that aims to empower families who may experience barriers

to accessing healthy whole foods.

The 2020 program was supported by COVID assistance funding. This year it's up to the community to help keep it going by providing donations for vouchers to buy food from the Morden Farmers' Market.

A donation of \$250 will provide market vouchers for a family for the entire summer.

"We don't quite know how big the program will be this year ... it depends on how the funding comes together,"

said Krause.

She noted the initiative went over very well here last summer.

"It was an excellent response. We had almost a hundred families participate in the program," she said.

"I think it's an excellent way for the community to support these families. It gives people who maybe wouldn't have been coming to the farmers market an opportunity to come and enjoy that sense of community."

Tax receipts will be provided and

you can donate with cash, cheque, or eTransfer. Donations can be mailed to Many Hands at 181 15th St., Morden, MB, R6M 1G3 or reach them via email to manyhandsrc@gmail.com or phone at 204-823-1678.

Krause said they're optimistic they'll be able to start handing out vouchers in the near future.

"For sure, within the next few weeks, we'll be there and be starting to give out the vouchers."

> COVID-19, FROM PG. 3

the health care system lessens. "The vaccine rates continue to climb, our numbers continue to trend in the right direction, and so we fully expect to be continue to be able to reopen things over this summer."

Meanwhile, on the vaccination front, all Manitobans age 12 and up are eligible to book their first or second dose appointments (there must be at least 28 days between the first

and second vaccination). Book online at protectmb.ca or by calling 1-844-MAN-VACC (1-844-626-8222).

All super sites, including the one in Morden, are currently offering walk-in appointments as well, though the hours and number of available doses daily varies.

As of Monday, more than 1.3 million doses of vaccine has been administered in Manitoba, represent-

ing 72.9 per cent of eligible people with at least one dose and 38 per cent with two.

Locally, the vaccination rates remain much lower. While Morden was reporting a vaccine uptake of 61 per cent at the start of the week, Winkler was at 32.7 per cent and Stanley at just 17.9 per cent, making them the two least-vaccinated areas in all of Manitoba.

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No doot about it, eh?

In the beforetimes, back when travel was a thing, I have a vivid memory of driving home to Canada after a vacation in the States.

My parents and I were making small talk with the waitress at this roadside restaurant in the Middle of Nowhere, U.S.A., when she paused and then asked/declared, "You guys are Canadians, right?"

We were frankly baffled.

Now, to be fair, my family does tend to wear their Canadian-ess on their sleeves, especially while vacationing.

Dad has a rotation of Winnipeg Jets, Toronto Maple Leafs, and Co-op baseball caps, most with a bright red maple leaf on them somewhere, that out him as a Canuck from 20 feet away.

Mom, meanwhile, has this favourite shirt she often wears that literally offers up a tongue-in-cheek translation of the Canadian "Eh." Another dead giveaway (and a pretty clear indicator of who to blame for my sense of humour).

Meanwhile, I keep finding myself in possession of T-shirts from various trips across Canada proudly bearing our nation's flag, a stylized map, or a bunch of Banff bears or moose hiking

on them. Because I am not remotely fashionable and I hate clothes shopping with the fire of a thousand suns, as long as these fit I *will* wear them until the print starts flaking off years down the road—and then they become PJs.

So, yeah, it's normally not hard to pick us vacationing Canadians out in a crowd, but we weren't wearing any of that on this particular day.

We were decidedly incognito ... or so we thought.

"What gave us away?" we asked.

"Y'all (that's how all Americans speak in my head) said 'eh' a few times there," she said, like, 'Gotcha!' "You got that Canadian accent going on."

We laughed it off good-naturedly and then politely (we are Canadian, after all) insisted we very rarely say "Eh" and never "about," thank you very much.

Frankly, we found it hard to believe our accent was all that different then the average North Dakotan, them being all of 10 minutes away from where we live. This lady must have seen our license plate as we pulled up, we reasoned afterwards.

Of course, then I started listening for it.

Now, I strenuously maintain that I, as a member of the younger, much cooler millennial generation, DO NOT say "eh" with near as much frequency as my baby boomer parents (and even they only slip it into conversation every once in a while).

But let's be honest: It's a useful little word, functioning equally as a question, a statement, and a source of

emphasis, depending on how it comes out.

Over the past year or so, other entertainment being hard to come by, I started to make a game of catching the wild "Eh" in my family's speech patterns.

Any time I heard one of my parents saying it I would answer "No doot about it" in the most hoser voice I could muster.

"We sure got a lot of rain last night, eh?"

"No doot about it, Dad."

"Can you believe gas went up again. That's just crazy, eh?"

"No doot about it, Mom."

I do this because I'm a smart aleck and find it funny. My parents, meanwhile, didn't even notice (or, more likely, they've learned to just ignore me when I'm being weird).

Anyway, I clued Mom in on this game a few weeks ago. That was a mistake. She's been bottling up all her "ehs" as a result ever since. I fear she's going to blow.

I think, for the sake of our family, I'm going to have to promise to stop calling her out on her use of the humble "eh."

After all, I probably owe her for putting up with me during my, like, teen years where I, like, fell into the habit of, like, saying like all the time. Apparently I thought I was a valley girl for awhile there. Embarrassing.

Okay, that decides it. The "Eh Game" is over ... well, maybe after Canada Day ... or maybe just until the end of the month ... the end of the summer? Year?

"Eh, Mom. What do you think, eh?"



By
Ashleigh Viveiros

letters

(MOSTLY) NO OFFENSE MEANT

I must apologize for my letter from a couple of weeks ago criticizing the people to the east about their refusal

to vaccinate ("Wake up," *Voice*, June 3).

I did not mean to offend the ones that are complying to the health orders but I meant to truly and emphatically offend those that are falsely stating ridiculous excuses of

why we should ignore the facts.

Bill Potter,
Morden

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• GUEST COMMENTARY

Public trust and modern agriculture

find that many farmers react to the words "public trust" like a cat running across hot pavement. The subject is often viewed as a threat, seen by some as rhetorical cover for those who want to dismantle modern agriculture.

While I understand the reaction, I have a different response. I see public questions on food production as an opportunity. Addressing consumers' questions will help enhance the connection and relationship between farmers and the public. This will also differentiate Manitoba's farmers, and the food they produce, in both domestic and



By Cam Dahl

international markets, and is a key tool to secure sustainable and long-term consumer demand.

Until recent years, Canadian agriculture did not have to consider questions from consumers on how their food is produced. Governments established food safety standards, registered farm input products, and set environmental regulations. This provided the assurances that consumers were seeking, at least most of them. That has changed. Nowadays, farmers, processors, and everyone involved in supporting agriculture production are required to actively engage in telling the story of modern farming.

The question "where does my food come from" is not a fad that will be gone tomorrow like the latest internet diet. The growing focus by many consumers on food production practices is a true trend that agriculture needs to be ready to meet head on. Consumer interest will only continue to grow for years to come.

Rather than responding to questions from consumers with skepticism, Manitoba farmers can embrace them with optimism. That is because when it comes to tending to the environ-

ment in a sustainable way, and caring for animals humanely, Manitoba farmers are world leaders.

We need to do a much better job of telling the good news story of modern agriculture. Decades of land and water stewardship have proven that farming can be considered the oldest "green job" in Manitoba. For example, pork producers create more food today with less environmental impact than even ten or twenty years ago. Over the last fifty years, hog farms have significantly reduced their carbon footprint. Manure that was once thought of as a waste product is now viewed as a valuable organic nutrient. Using new technology farmers inject manure below the soil so that it is efficiently taken up by crops. The modern practices that have made environmental gains possible are the result of years of research investments by farmers, governments, and industry.

The same progress has been made in ensuring animals are raised in appropriate housing, that they receive well balanced and nutritious feed, that diseases are prevented where possible and judiciously treated when not, and

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> LETTERS, FROM PG. 6

DEAR MR. CULLEN,

On June 15, I was pleased to be invited to participate in the town hall telephone session hosted by yourself [Education Minister Cliff Cullen] and the group you've put in charge of promoting the Parental Involvement Committee for the proposed new education system in Bill 64.

Although time ran out before my question came up, there were some very good questions and some good responses with several of the answers describing very much the conditions as they exist presently without the confusion of Bill 64, however there was no mention of withdrawing the proposed legislation (or your committee has no concept of the operation of our classrooms today).

One inquiry that piqued my interest was the question about reducing education tax on real properties. Your reply had to do with being proud in being able to remove the education tax from homeowner's local tax bills. On being questioned about how that funding reduction would be made up, you said that those funds would come from the Province. I call "bulls***t" on that. I am the Province. I am the homeowner, the farmer, the businessperson, the employer, the employee, the regular shopper and the filer of annual personal or corporate income tax.

In the present system citizens at least know what some of the costs of the education program are—it's shown on our local tax bills. When things get funded by the Province, no one knows for sure how we are paying for it, only that we are.

If there is misinformation being fielded surrounding Bill 64, it would appear to me that a good part of it is coming from you and your comrades in government.

It would be nice to see an honest provincial government in which the citizens of Manitoba could trust that they are being told the whole simple truth, and not a dialogue of verbiage developed by spin doctors based on the foundation of double speak and professional politicians' imaginary what-ifs.

Hugh Lumgair,
Morden

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15th St. closed to build new roundabout

Winkler's 15th st. from Grandeur Ave. all the way to PTH 14 closed to traffic last week so work can begin on adding a roundabout to the 15th St. and Roblin Blvd. intersection. Vehicles needing to access the area are being detoured down Townsend Dr. or Park St. This first stage of the project is slated to be completed by Aug. 23 and, in addition to the roundabout, includes new pedestrian crossings with medians, lane widening, and shoulders. Stage two will close 15th St. from Grandeur to the railway tracks from late August to early September to reconstruct that intersection and stretch of road, also widening the lanes and shoulders.

PHOTO BY ASHLEIGH VIVEIROS/VOICE

Vaccination targets met, restrictions ease a week early

By Ashleigh Viveiros

The first full weekend of summer started on a high note as Manitoba was able to get a head start on its "4-3-2 One Great Summer" reopening plan.

Manitobans managed to meet the government's July 1 vaccination goals a week early, which meant an easing of some COVID-19 restrictions ahead of schedule.

"This is a good news day for Manitobans," Premier Brian Pallister said at a press conference announcing the new public health orders going into effect last Saturday. "After nearly a year and a half of fighting COVID-19, it's time for Manitobans to start to get some of their freedoms back and enjoy this beautiful summer ... Manitobans have earned that right."

The province had set a goal of having 70 per cent of eligible people at least partially immunized (one dose) and 25 per cent fully immunized (two doses) by Canada Day.

Last week, Manitoba surpassed that with 71 per cent of eligible Manitobans having received their first shot and 27 per cent their second. By press time this week those numbers had risen to 72.9 and 39 per cent.

As a result, restrictions have relaxed somewhat on several fronts.

Manitobans who are fully immunized (two weeks past their second dose) are now allowed to visit fully immunized loved ones in personal care homes or hospitals, participate in social or communal activities if they are a resident of a personal care home or congregate living facility, travel domestically for essential and non-essential purposes outside of Manitoba without the requirement to self-isolate on their return, and dine indoors

at restaurants and bars with other fully immunized friends and family from outside their household.

Large-scale, outdoor professional sports or performing arts events may also allow fully immunized Manitobans to attend, subject to approval by Manitoba Public Health.

Meanwhile, all Manitobans, vaccinated or not, are now able to gather in larger numbers (10 people outside on private property, 25 people on public property), dine out in restaurants (with members of the same household if not vaccinated) and on patios,

attend faith-based services, and go to gyms, hair salons and retail stores in every region of the province, with some restrictions (full details below).

The orders are in effect until Monday, Aug. 2, which is the date of the province's next hoped-for vaccination milestone. If Manitoba hits that goal of 75 per cent first-dose vaccinations and 50 per cent second dose before Aug. 2, more restrictions could be eased earlier.

"So book your vaccination appointment," urged Dr. Brent Roussin, Manitoba's chief public health officer, who

called this first step towards a return to normalcy a "ray of hope" after months of missed celebrations.

"When people get vaccinated the community transmission is reduced," Roussin stressed. "It protects the individual, it protects the people around them, the people they love, the people they care about. It helps us get back to days like this where we start loosening these restrictions."

"We can protect all Manitobans by each of us getting fully vaccinated."

New public health orders in effect

- Outdoor gathering sizes on private property double to 10 persons and now allow outdoor visitors to briefly access homes for essential activities (e.g. to use a washroom).

- Public outdoor gathering sizes increase to 25 persons.

- Retail businesses can now open with 25 per cent capacity to a limit of 250 people, with no restrictions on the number of household members permitted to shop together.

- Personal service businesses (hair and nail salons, estheticians, barbers, etc.) may reopen at 50 per cent capacity, on an appointment basis only.

- Restaurants and bars can reopen at 25 per cent capacity for indoors and 50 per cent for outdoor dining. For indoor dining, patrons seated together must be from the same household unless all patrons at the table are fully immunized.

Patrons who are fully immunized and from different households may dine together. For outdoor dining, tables are limited to a maximum of eight patrons and can be from different households regardless of immunization status.

- Indoor faith-based services and organized community gatherings (pow wows, sun dance ceremonies) can resume at 25 per cent capacity to a limit of 25 persons. Masks must be worn at all times.

- Outdoor faith-based and organized community gatherings can resume for up to 50 persons, provided distance can be maintained between households. Drive-in services continue to be permitted.

- Outdoor weddings and funerals may take place with up to 25 participants, in addition to photographer and officiants. Indoor weddings and funerals remain limited to 10

persons.

- Indoor dance, music, theatre and other organized sports and recreation activities may reopen at 25 per cent capacity to a limit of five persons, with no tournaments allowed.

- Outdoor dance, music and theatre classes and other organized recreation activities may reopen for groups up to 25 people, with no tournaments allowed.

- Swimming and wading pools, both indoor and outdoor, may reopen at 25 per cent capacity.

- Gyms and fitness facilities may reopen for individual and group fitness classes at 25 per cent capacity with three metres distance maintained between patrons.

- Summer day camps may reopen to a maximum of 20 participants in groups.

Eden Tractor Trek moves from July to October

Eden Fdn. also moves golf tourney to mid-August

By Lorne Stelmach

Two major events in support of the Eden Foundation are being rescheduled in the hope that conditions later in the season will allow them to go ahead on a more normal scale.

The 14th annual Visit the Villages Tractor Trek has been moved from July to Oct. 2, while Eden's golf tournament has been pushed back from June to Aug. 14.

The later date is going to allow them to take advantage of the government's relaxation of the pandemic public health orders that are still pretty restrictive right now, noted director of development Earl Reimer.

"The social aspect of this event is such a reward for everyone who is involved. We enjoy that part of it. Encouraging people to stay away from each other goes against the nature of the event," he said, pointing out registrations for the Tractor Trek had been down, likely owing to people still being hesitant to sign-up during uncertain times. "So if things continue to progress the way they are ... a major-



ity if not all of the limiting factors may be lifted, and we will be able to do it the way it is intended."

Reimer added they are also buoyed by the fact last year's event was delayed into late September and it still turned out very well, with about 40 participants helping to raise \$74,000.

"Tractor Trek last year was an absolute marvel. It was one of our best years," he observed.

Meanwhile, this is going to be the first year of the revised Eden Iron Man golf tournament, which is now known simply as the Eden Foundation Charity Golf Tournament.

It will be held at the newly renovated Oakview Golf Course near Gretna. Participants can choose to golf either 36, 54, or 72 holes. Golfers are asked to either hit certain fundraising targets or pay a one-time fee of \$1,000 to take part.

"We're pretty confident that we will be able to continue to abide by the rules and at least still have some marginal association with each other," Reimer said.

Both these popular events serve to support the work of Eden in bringing hope, healing, and community to people on a mental health journey.

Funds raised will go toward Eden's sliding fee scale for counselling, refurbishing units in its subsidized housing properties, supporting its volunteer program and chapel services, and many other programs.

"I think this area has shown itself to be very generous communities," Reimer said. "I think people do recognize that organizations that provide a variety of health services need support from the communities."

Learn more about getting involved in these or other Eden events online at edenhealthcare.ca.

Gateway Resources powers through challenges

By Lorne Stelmach

The past year under pandemic restrictions has been especially challenging for an organization like Gateway Resources.

Offering services and programs for adults living with an intellectual disability in Winkler, Morden, and the surrounding area, so much of what it does to support the emotional, physical, mental and spiritual well-being of each individual is very much built around relationships.

Not having that same level of connection and interaction has required a lot of hard work and dedication, directors noted as the board held its annual meeting online last Tuesday.

"It's was a very challenging year as we navigated all of the public health requirements and the safety of the individuals we support and still tried to make sure that we have those connections, and we were maintaining the relationships that we've built within the community," said chief executive

officer Kim Nelson.

"I'm so impressed with the staff of Gateway; the adaptability and the creativity that they came up with to be able to continue to offer services and continue to offer support to the individuals who needed to be here and support the individuals in the communities," she said. "I'm blown away by the ingenuity of everyone."

"We went to Zoom activities; we've hosted Zoom dances. We did drive-bys, bus drop-off gifts ... just so many different ways to connect, and it was integral to the support that we can provide everyone."

Chairperson Brian Derksen agreed that everyone's dedication and endurance through these times has been noticed and appreciated.

"They have continually found ways to provide a high level of service to the people we serve. They have been creative, upbeat and patient through trying times," he said in his report. "We recognize that the direct support professionals are the front line to our

service and key to fulfilling our desire to provide consistent and encouraging interactions for the people we serve."

In her report to directors, Nelson outlined some of the many challenges faced in what was an unprecedented year:

- Limiting the number of day service programs and limiting respite services.
 - Funding changes.
 - Pivoting demands due to COVID 19 protocols.
 - Increased cost of production materials.
 - Increased garbage and unacceptable material in recycling.
 - A sprinkler burst in one of the residential homes
- On the positive side, she also noted some of the many highlights:
- Continued improvement in services.
 - Continued commitment to staff.
 - Continued demand for our operations departments.

• Continued appreciation for the individuals we support and their resiliency.

- Strong relationship with Community Learning Disability Services.
- Worked with Building on Abilities initiative with the province.
- Continued to negotiate with the government on improved wages.
- Residential renovations to improve accessibility, functionality and overall upkeep of homes
- Continued to upgrade fleet of vehicles.
- Continued to and strive for community partnerships and relationships.

The year also ended positively financially with Gateway Resources showing a bottom line surplus of over \$321,000.

"The dedication, determination and strength of the individuals we support, direct support professionals and the management teams this past year

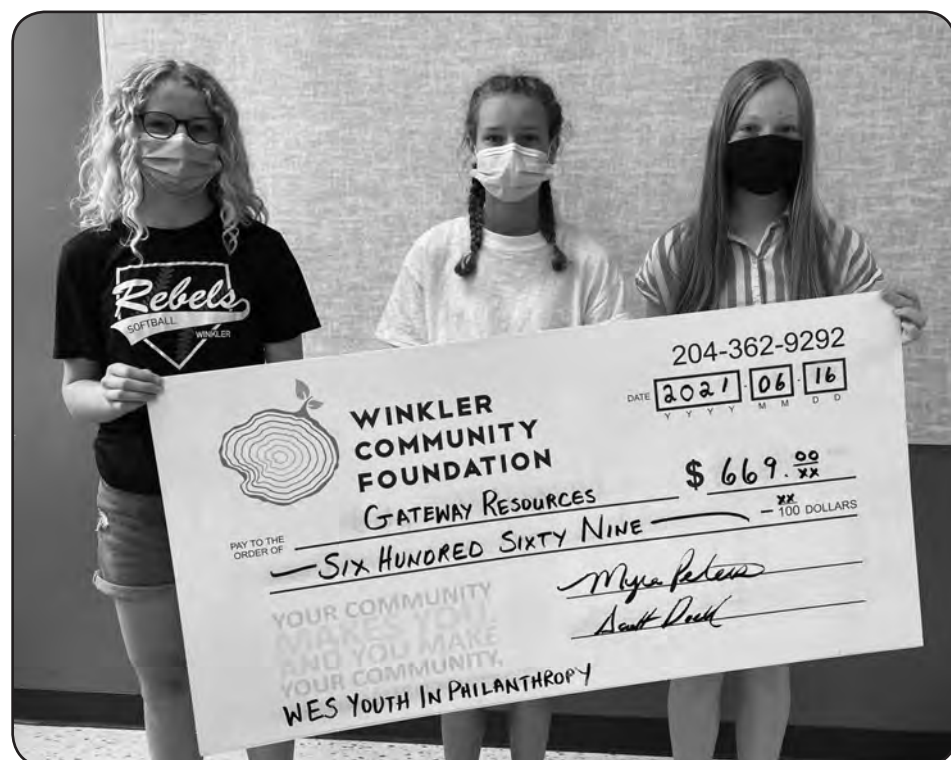
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Winkler Elementary YIP support Gateway Resources

By Ashleigh Viveiros

Winkler Elementary School's Youth

in Philanthropy program looked a little different this year, but its heart remained the same.



With extracurricular groups a no-go due to COVID restrictions, the school ran YIP as part of its junior high exploratory program, which gives kids a taste of various topics of interest for part of the semester.

Three Gr. 8 students took part and came up with the idea to host a Valentine's Day fundraiser.

The trio— Karli, Brynn, and Bria— sold boxes of Smarties to their classmates. The girls designed to and from tags for the students to send the chocolate treats to friends or siblings in the school.

With matching funds from the Winkler Community Foundation, YIP raised enough to grant out \$669 into

the community.

The lucky recipient was the Gateway Resources Life Skills Program, which intends to use the funds to purchase additional tactile and sensory box resources for its intellectually-challenged participants.

"We decided to raise money for the Gateway Life Skills Program because we believe everyone should have an equal opportunity to contribute to the community and do what they love," Karli, Brynn, Bria said in a joint statement.

Teacher/YIP advisor Coryn Pankratz explains that learning about the importance of giving back to the community is what the YIP program is all about.

"I feel the students grow in empathy and awareness as they discover and research the many non-profit organizations we have in our community," she said, noting they hope to run YIP as a multi-grade extracurricular program once again next year, pandemic restrictions allowing.

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Winkler Elementary School Gr. 8 students Karli, Brynn, and Bria raised \$669 as part of the school's Youth in Philanthropy program this year. They donated the funds to Gateway Resources.

WSEDC makes pitch for biz development & immigration officer

Requesting funding from City of Winkler, RM of Stanley

By Ashleigh Viveiros

The Winkler Stanley Economic Development Corporation (WSEDC) is making a pitch to local councils for a new position it feels could yield huge benefits for the region at large.

WSEDC representatives appeared before Winkler City Council last week to request funding for a business development and immigration officer. They'll be making the same presentation to the RM of Stanley council next week.

This officer's duties would include focusing on the area's immigration initiative under Manitoba's Provincial Nominee Program, explained Ben Friesen.

Having a dedicated employee instead of a volunteer tasked with supporting the recruitment and retention of newcomers to our area would give the community much more control over the process, he noted.

The province is on board with giving the community that control, Reimer said, but "somebody really needs to put their teeth into it" and step up to give the program the attention it de-

serves.

Speaking to the business development part of the role, Dennis Harder explained the business development and immigration officer would be the first line of contact in the community for entrepreneurs.

"We have been blessed with economic growth in our area for quite some time now and we want to make sure we can continue to see good growth," he said, explaining they want to "enhance the experience for our entrepreneurs, for new business owners or even current owners that are looking to expand businesses.

"This person would take the call, take the meeting, ask a bunch of questions, know what's involved and then connect this individual to the right person, the right department ... pointing them in the right direction."

Likewise, the officer would be a facilitator for major businesses looking to come into the community, coordinating necessary meetings with key stakeholders.

They would also be responsible for the Winkler Incubator Mall, managing day-to-day operations, providing

mentorship to tenants, and maintaining a list of possible future tenants.

The officer would report to the WSEDC board but also work closely with Winkler's city manager and Stanley's chief administrative officer.

"This position cannot be in isolation. It cannot work beyond their scope. There needs to be transparency and their needs to be collaboration," noted WSEDC board chair Leah Klassen, stressing the importance of relationship-building to the position.

WSEDC is requesting a budget of \$120,000 annually to cover both the officer's salary and various other administrative expenses. This would be split 50/50 between Winkler and Stanley.

They've also requested a five-year funding commitment from the municipalities, with regular performance reviews to ensure the position is meeting the goals set out for it.

Klassen noted they'd like to try and have someone in the role by fall.

Mayor Martin Harder thanked WSEDC for taking the initiative on this.

"I always appreciate people who are

working toward the betterment of the city of Winkler. And to partner is just the right way to do it," he said. "You guys show really good promise. We'll discuss it as council."

Also at the meeting last week, city council gave Manitoba Hydro the green light to go ahead with a couple of projects in town.

Twenty 150 watt LED lights will be going in along Hwy. 32 from PTH 14 to Cargill Rd, costing the City an additional \$4,183 in annual energy charges.

Also okayed are 60W LED streetlights for Cambridge Cres. between Northlands Parkway and Red Hawk Trail, to be installed in conjunction with the crescent's phase four development. This will cost the city an additional \$697 a year.

The Iceburg Drive-In on 15th St. also got an answer to its request to build a drive-thru on its property.

Council approved the variation request subject to encroachment and development agreements (which will address the need for a fence for privacy and noise reduction for nearby homeowners) and the completion of a traffic impact study to determine the best way to incorporate a drive-thru on the site.

Adult Lit program helps students build skills, confidence

By Ashleigh Viveiros

Regional Connections' Adult Literacy program wrapped up a successful but sometimes challenging year of learning this June.

This year's program featured nine classes in Winkler, Altona, and Morden attracting upwards of 80 registered students.

New this year was a completely online version of the program for students unable to attend classes in person due to work commitments.

Most students, though, were able to enjoy in-class learning a few times a week, when public health orders allowed.

"It was a bit of a roller coaster," admitted head teacher Jaime Friesen-Pankratz, who explained they started off the semester in person but ended the year virtually as restrictions tightened. "Kudos to the people that stuck with it ... they showed a lot of resilience and a lot of grace."

While Regional Connections is known for its immigrant services, the Adult Literacy program is open to all, newcomer or not.

"We have started to get more Canadian-born students who somehow just fell through the cracks in school and they're here now," said Friesen-Pankratz, adding they also see many immigrants who, while they may have completed schooling in their mother tongue, wish to pursue studies in English.

The program caters to people at all points in their literacy journey—from those who perhaps speak English just fine but struggle with writing and reading to more advanced individuals who find themselves just a few credits shy of what they need to earn a high school diploma.

The program works closely with adult education centres in both Winkler and Morden, helping students prepare to enter classes there or earn equivalent credits through their literacy program coursework.

"I think that word has finally gotten out so that people know that this is a stepping stone that can be used to get to the adult learning centres if they're just not quite ready for that," Friesen-Pankratz said.

"We will work with you wherever you are at," she added, stressing that it's never too late to improve oneself—this year's group included students ranging in age from 18 to 77.

Students are placed in one of three stages based on the results of their intake assessment. They can then work their way through the stages at their own pace, generally coming to class three times a week, though there is flexibility in the schedule.

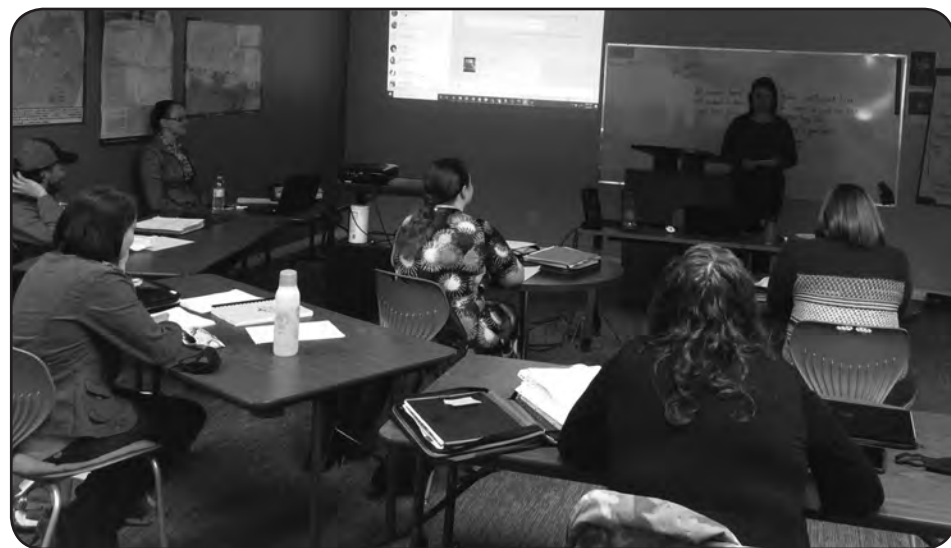
"It takes a lot of commitment ... but it prepares you really thoroughly," Friesen-Pankratz said. "I always tell my students you know the recipes now to be a successful student. Take those recipes and you can apply them to any class you go into."

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Anna Friesen is nearing the end of her time with the program—she finished this past semester just a few assignments shy of completing Stage 3.

She's come a long way since she first dipped her toes in the program several years ago, advancing quickly through Stages 1-2 before taking a few years off due to work commitments.

"The thing was a lot of times when you need to fill out forms or someone would call me ... and I didn't know enough English to understand what I



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Regional Connections' Adult Literacy program holds classes in Winkler, Morden, and Altona each year, bringing together newcomers and lifelong Canadians alike who want to improve their reading and writing skills.

was supposed to do," Friesen recalled. She moved to Canada from Mexico decades ago and though she learned to speak English well enough to get by, reading and writing remained a hurdle.

"Then finally somebody mentioned that I should come here," she recalled. "So I came and it has helped me so much."

She urges others in a similar situation not to hesitate in exploring their options.

"I made a huge mistake not trying to learn to read and write before I was this age now," Friesen said, stressing the program is a safe, welcoming environment in which to learn. "I tell people to take the opportunity now that they can do it. And it's free. Why wouldn't you?"

For Trudy Peters, another student originally from Mexico who is nearing the end of her studies, her time in the program is a first step toward eventually graduating from high school.

But there's much more to it than that, Peters observed.

"I've learned a lot, not just literacy but about life," she said, pointing to the various novels the class has read and discussed and the history assignments that have taught her a lot about Canada's past.

"I think mostly I just like the homey feeling. here," Peters said, explaining it's a very close-knit group of learners. "It's just a way of getting connected with people, with your surroundings."

She'll definitely be back in fall to complete the program.

"I want to finish what I started."

Reaching out to families

Anna Friesen and Trudy Peters aren't just learners at Regional Connections, but teachers as well.

Each year, the Adult Literacy program picks two of its top students to assist with the Family Literacy Program, reaching out to Low German families in the area.

It's a "hugely empowering" program for the students-turned-outreach workers as they get the chance to use their newly-learned literacy skills while helping others, said instructor Jaime Friesen-Pankratz.

Friesen and Peters have been meeting regularly with five local families this past year—at Regional Connections more recently but in the families' homes when restric-

tions allowed—to share books and various literacy exercises with parents and kids alike.

"They're both able to speak Low German, so they're able to speak with the kids and moms," said Friesen-Pankratz, stressing the value that has in building bridges to families who might otherwise fall through the cracks.

"I thought it would be fun to meet new people and maybe I could even convince them to come do what I had done here," said Friesen, explaining she never hesitates to encourage people to check out the Adult Literacy program. "I have been in the same shoes that they are in."

—Ashleigh Viveiros



King's Deli celebrates four years of growth

By Ashleigh Viveiros

King's Deli Market & Eatery is celebrating four years of good eats this week.

When the Winkler restaurant opened its doors back in 2017, owners and mother-son team Carrie Hiebert and Colton Schiller intended to hold a big grand opening celebration, but the years quickly got away from them.

They're making up for it this week with \$4 pulled porks and daily giveaways to customers.

"It's going to be stuff from our market area," explains Schiller. "We're going to be featuring local Manitoba products that we've come across over the past four years that we really love and enjoy."

"We've had such amazing support from the community, and to reach four years, especially with COVID happening, it just shows us that we did the right thing by opening a business here," adds Hiebert. "We want to say thank you."

The last handful of years have fairly flown by for the Main St. eatery, which has steadily built up a loyal customer

base.

"It's like Cheers in here sometimes," Schiller jokes, adding that some days he'll see a string of customers and he'll know every one of their names—and more than a few of their regular orders. "It's been so awesome ... so cool to see all the different people that we can say are part of our King's Deli family."

Bringing a deli-style restaurant to town has certainly proven to be a good move, though Schiller notes it wasn't their original plan.

"We actually were looking at doing something totally different," he recalls. "Our business plan was that way, the funding from the

bank came for that way ..."

Then they had an inkling that someone else was about to open a restaurant along the same theme, so they decided to change tack entirely.

"We were like, 'Okay, we've got to do something totally different,'" Schiller says. "We had to change everything because they were just a little bit ahead of us."

The change paid off, with King's Deli very quickly finding its footing and,

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A recent expansion at King's Deli has allowed them to beef up their market offerings (right) and add a more spacious dining area (above) complete with a separate meeting room.



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Mother-son duo Carrie Hiebert and Colton Schiller are celebrating King's Deli Market and Eatery's fourth anniversary this week.

not long after opening, being able to expand to include a wider array of grocery offerings and woodfire pizza alongside its menu of sandwiches and soups.

"I get bored really easily," Schiller says with a grin. "So if you look at the way the deli has expanded, it's basically my attention span—every six months, eight months or so we do something totally radically different."

Prior to the pandemic hitting last spring, they were actually working on plans for a major physical expansion, taking over adjacent space in the building.

The restrictions of the past year—including being forced to shut down their dining room entirely for long stretches—have made for uncertain

times, but they opted to trust in better things to come and use the downtime to forge ahead with those expansion plans.

They carved out a second catering kitchen and a private meeting rental room equipped with A/V equipment, along with room to space out the existing tables and booths.

Now they're eagerly awaiting the steady easing of restrictions in the weeks and months ahead.

While takeout has gotten them through, it's just not the same as seeing the restaurant filled with customers, Schiller says.

"We're very much looking forward to being able to serve people in person again."



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Exhibit showcases 150 years of wedding dress fashions

By Lorne Stelmach

The highlight of a special Manitoba 150 exhibit at Nellie McClung's Homes in Manitou is obviously connected to the famous author, social activist, suffragette, and politician.

The star attraction is the re-creation of McClung's 1896 wedding dress, but it is part of a larger exhibit entitled "I DO - Showcasing 150 Years of Wedding Gowns & Dresses" that features 30 gowns from across all of Manitoba's 150 years and more, and it has been years in the making.

"It was a labour of love getting this finished," said Barbara Biggar, co-chair of the Nellie McClung Heritage Site. "Weddings have always been at the heart of family celebrations in Manitoba," she said, "so what a great opportunity to showcase gowns, changing fashion styles, and the stories of strong Manitoba women."

The announcement of the I DO exhibit was made on June 25 to mark Nellie McClung Day in Manitoba.

It features a diverse range of gowns that come from across the municipality and province, with Nellie McClung's 1896 gown sponsored by the Association of Manitoba Municipalities.

There is also the trailblazer collection featuring the gowns of Asper Foundation co-founder Babs Asper, human rights advocate Gail Asper, Allison Filmon Carvey, who is the daughter of Lieutenant Governor Janice Filmon, and CTV broadcaster Rachel Lagace.

The exhibit also features the vintage collection showcasing the oldest gowns, including one worn on July 1, 1867, Canada's first Dominion Day, while the prism collection features colourful gowns representing Manitoba's diversity.

"The wedding dress has been on our minds for almost five years ... wanting to recreate the wedding gown because it's basically tucked away in storage at the Western Development Museum and rarely sees the light of day publicly," explained Biggar.

Among the features that stand out with the Nellie McClung gown is the period appropriate ginger coloured

cotton brocade.

"We had two volunteers who worked meticulously," said Biggar, noting project lead Joanne Rodeck worked with Kristina Maitland, who works as a costumer designer for the Royal Winnipeg Ballet. "She is an extremely skilled seamstress. She knew that time period ... and she was able to create what is a historically accurate recreation of Nellie's gown."

It took a long time for it to come to fruition because even sourcing authentic fabric was a challenge.

"It really gave us time though to be thoughtful and make sure that we were creating a gown that looked as close as it could to the original," Biggar said.

Biggar sees the gown as having significance in a number of ways.

"It was from a period of time she was young and getting married to Wes McClung," she said. "It also says something about her style ... of all the gowns in our collection, it is truly the most unique gown."

"Nellie McClung always credited Wes, that she married well and he allowed her to do so much," she added. "Let's remember we're talking about the late 1800s, early 1900s, where women had a very traditional role, and she always credited Wes and having a strong marriage to be able to do the things that she did, to travel, to speak and to accomplish the milestones that she achieved for us as women."

So it revolved around the McClung gown, but the project developed further starting with local longtime volunteer Bette Mueller having a collection of gowns. Then others had gowns to donate as they found out about the project.

"It took on a life of its own. The more people we spoke to, the more people got excited about it, so the gown collection kept growing," said Biggar, noting that in celebration of the 150th anniversary of the making of Treaty No. 1 on August 3rd, 1871, the I DO exhibit will also feature a specially curated Indigenous collection created by Cree designer Edna Nabess of the Mathias Colomb Cree Nation.

"We honour the women and their



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The 'I DO' exhibit at Nellie McClung Home includes a re-creation of their namesake's wedding dress (left) along with dozens of other gowns worn by Manitoban women through the ages.

stories in the First Nations communities who were here since time immemorial and acknowledge the Treaty 1 territory on which we are located today," said co-chair Diana Vodden.

Biggar said they have plans to continue to make further use of the collection, but for now they await word for public health orders to allow the reopening of museums.

When that happens, admission will be \$10 per adult, but to encourage young Manitobans to learn more about Nellie McClung and the women's movement, the Marty Morantz family is offering free admission to anyone 17 years and younger.

With public health limitations on capacity continuing, reservations are highly recommended to view the ex-



hibit, so email visitnellieshomes@gmail.com to confirm your booking.

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has been unwavering," said Nelson. "Each and every one of you were there and were kind despite the ongoing changes everyone was facing. We are a community that stands together to offer amazing services and support."

Derksen said they now look forward to thinking about new projects that can be started and to getting people back involved in the community, and Nelson also concluded on

their collective hope for a return to normal sometime in the near future.

"That is the question I get asked every day," she said. "We all look forward to the day when we can all come back in the safest way that we can," she said. "We all need connections in our everyday lives ... and seeing everyone be able to reach their goals and the activities that they are able to do, it will be nice to see everybody able to resume all of it."

Darlingford Memorial Service going virtual

By Ashleigh Viveiros

After a century of live events, the Darlingford Memorial Park is doing things a little differently this year.

COVID-19 forced the community to cancel the 2020 Darlingford Memorial Service for the first time since 1921.

They weren't keen to have that happen again this year, said spokesperson Glenn Rasmussen.

"We just decided that if we couldn't have an in-person service that we would do it virtually so we could have something at least this year," he said. "It's a very important day for the committee and for the community and the surrounding area. It's been a tradition here for 100 years."

Volunteers have spent the past two weekends pre-recording elements of the service to ensure everyone was able to meet public health guidelines.

The ceremony can be viewed Sunday, July 4 at 11 a.m. at www.facebook.com/DarlingfordMemorialPark, www.pembina.ca, and the Darlingford Memorial Park YouTube channel.

This annual service includes participation from local school children who place flowers on two crosses in hon-



our of those who never made it home from the First and Second World Wars.

This summer is also the park's 100th anniversary, but organizers have decided to postpone the celebrations to next July in the hopes a proper community get-together can be held then. Plans are in the works to bring home some of the descendents of the men

whose names are recorded on the memorial's marble plaques.

The Darlingford Memorial is the only free-standing memorial building of its kind in Manitoba that honours the war dead. The park is maintained by local volunteers.

The July service is the main source of funding for the upkeep of the site. Donations can be mailed to RR 1, Box

46, Darlingford, MB R0G 0L0.

Despite not being able to gather in 2020, Rasmussen said the community continues to be generous in its support of the park and memorial.

"People have been very generous in their donations to the park. It's such an important place for everybody that they just want to support it and keep it up."

Bell MTS rolling out new wireless internet service

By Voice staff

Bell MTS is rolling out a new internet service in rural and remote communities across Manitoba, and Winkler made the cut.

The company last week announced the official launch of Wireless Home Internet (WHI) service in Manitoba, bringing enhanced broadband access to eligible homes in 12 communities, with approximately 40,000 rural and remote locations planned by the end of 2021.

"Wireless Home Internet has proven extremely popular in rural locations in other parts of Canada, and Bell MTS is proud to take our network investment to the next level by bringing this innovative service to Manitoba," said Ryan Klassen, vice chair of Bell MTS and Western Canada.

WHI is 5G-capable technology delivered over Bell's wireless network using 3500 MHz spectrum, enabling access speeds of up to 50/10 (50 Megabits per second download/10 Mbps upload) with no overage fees.

The expansion is fully funded and designed by Bell and is part of the company's accelerated network investment plan to support Canada's recovery from the COVID crisis and ongoing leadership in broadband communications.

WHI is beginning to roll out to eligible homes in Dauphin, Gimli, Grand Beach, Lac du Bonnet, Libau, Peguis First Nation, Shilo, Sidney, Victoria Beach, Whitemouth, Winkler, and Woodlands.

"The COVID-19 pandemic has underscored the need for better broadband access so all Manitobans have access to high-quality internet," said Denys Volkov, executive director of the Association of Manitoba Municipalities (AMM). "The AMM welcomes this expanded service offering as reliable broadband, particularly in rural Manitoba, is key to future economic development and growth."

To learn more about Bell MTS Wireless Home Internet service and to see if your home is eligible, visit BellMTS.ca/FastInternet.

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Like most of the Prairies, Manitoba began its journey to provincehood as part of Rupert's Land, a sprawling territory that was owned by the Hudson's Bay Company for nearly two centuries before being sold to Canada in 1868. In 1867, a man named Thomas Spence had attempted to create the Republic of Manitobah; however, poor organization and a complete lack of recognition — or even interest — from authorities in London prompted the state's swift demise. Despite his disappointing democratic debut, Spence remained in politics and went on to serve on the council for Métis leader Louis Riel's provisional government. Riel had established the group during the Red River Rebellion in reaction to the federal government's complete disregard for Métis concerns. From the actions of Riel and his supporters — including Spence — emerged the Manitoba Act, a final step

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- In 1959 Winnipeg became the first city in Canada to implement an emergency phone number.
- Some of the most iconic names in Canadian rock hail from Manitoba, including the Guess Who, Neil Young, Tom Cochrane and Bachman Turner Overdrive.
- Manitobans donate more to charitable causes per capita than residents of any other province.



- The University of Manitoba, founded in 1877, is Western Canada's oldest university. Its first graduating class, in 1880, comprised a single person.
- The town of Gimli is home to the largest Icelandic community outside Iceland. If you're there in August, be sure to check out Islendingadagurinn, the annual Icelandic Festival!
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Regional juried art show making Morden stop in July

By Lorne Stelmach

Artists and galleries alike all embrace the annual Central Region Juried Art Exhibition as a highlight of the year.

For the artists, it is a valuable opportunity to get feedback on their work, while the galleries get a varied show with a diverse range of styles and artistic perspective.

"It's always very exciting to open the show ... I know that when we open those boxes for the first time, it honestly feels like Christmas morning," said Tricia Dyck, programs and outreach co-ordinator for the Pembina Hills Arts Council, which hosts the exhibit at the Morden gallery through July.

"It reminds us there's so many artists beyond our own area," she said. "There's new names, other artists, and it represents the richness of the art in this region."

Organized by the Central Cultural Council, the juried art show—now in its 39th year—has selected 37 works of art by 16 artists from across the central region of Manitoba to take part. The pieces represent a broad spectrum of mediums, styles, and subject matters.

The show this year kicked off in Portage la Prairie in May before moving on to the gallery in Carman in June.

After its stop in Morden this month, it will head to Holland for August and then to Winkler Arts and Culture in October.

Local artists taking part in this year's exhibition range from Jean Mackie of Emerson to Esther Hildebrand of Crystal City to Susan Crawford Young of Manitou.

Crawford Young has submitted entries for many years now and says she always enjoys the chance to be part of the show.

"I always have ideas ... I've often entered the idea first," she explained. "I've entered what I think are my best pieces from the year."

She especially welcomes the opportunity for feedback on her work.

"It gives you a critique of your work, so you get an idea of what other artists

think because they are judged. They give you comments about your work, and it can help you improve on what you're doing.

"As an artist, sometimes, the only feedback you get is if somebody buys it ... but then you're still wondering why did they buy it."

Crawford Young was uncertain if she would be able to see the show this year, given pandemic restrictions that have galleries closed for now, but she usually does also enjoy the opportunity to see her fellow artists' work.

"It's an interesting show to go see," she said. "I like to go to it and wander around and take a look at everybody's work when I can and talking to the other artists is always fun too."

"I appreciate getting some professional critique on my art work. It's nice to get some feedback," said Hildebrand, who has also been involved with the show a number of times over the years and always welcomes the chance to be part of it.

"I've been fortunate enough to have some of my pieces chosen to go on tour, so it's another good avenue of exposure for me," she added.

"It's really open to all different types of art expression that is out there," she said. "It's always been a good experience for me to participate in it."

With the provincial restrictions now starting to ease, Dyck is optimistic they will soon be able to welcome people into the Morden gallery to see the exhibition in person.

"I feel like we are just around the corner from being able to open to the public," she noted last week.

The show is a proven draw, being so well established now after four decades.

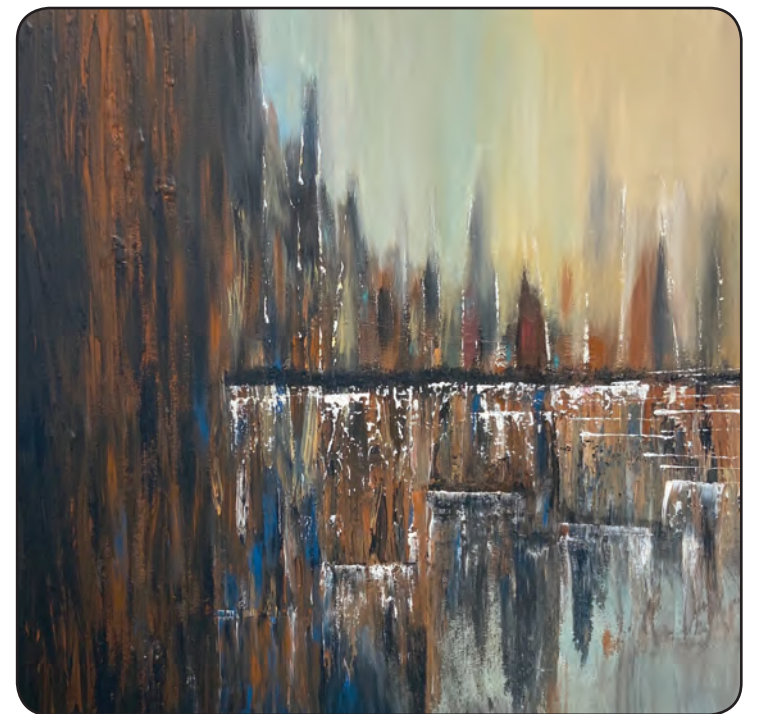
"That brings with it a whole other level of well executed planning and organizational knowledge from having so many decades of experience with it," said Dyck.

"This is a great way for all of us to be working together and to celebrate these artists," she concluded. "We're getting the top notch pieces ... not every piece is selected, so it does mean that the calibre of the work is excellent."



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Pieces from such artists as Jean Mackie from Emerson (above) and Esther Hildebrand from Crystal City (right) are part of the Central Region Juried Art Exhibition making the rounds this year. It's in Morden in July.



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- polyarticular JIA (affecting five or more joints)
- enthesitis-related arthritis
- juvenile psoriatic arthritis

When juvenile arthritis first shows its symptoms in a child's body, many parents write off swollen joints and fever as a flu bug, or think that a sudden rash might have occurred from an allergic reaction. The symptoms might even recede

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What is juvenile arthritis?

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Haley Friesen wins bronze at Skills Canada

By Ashleigh Viveiros

Garden Valley Collegiate graduate Haley Friesen closed out her high school career with a third place finish at Skills Canada last month.

Friesen competed in the virtual edition of the technical vocational competition at the end of May and learned she'd earned the bronze medal for her efforts a few weeks later.

"I was really shocked when I saw that," Friesen said last week. "I was really excited—it just feels like a really big accomplishment."

Friesen earned her seat at the national event by winning gold in the job skills demonstration category at the 2021 Skills Manitoba competition.

As a Red River Technical Vocational Area esthetics student at Northlands Parkway Collegiate, Friesen's demonstration focused on her one stroke nail art technique.

A lot of practise went into her submission to the provincial competition, Friesen said, and she then spent several weeks after that event fine-tuning her entry for the national round.

"I stuck with my same presentation, kind of, but I spent a lot of time working on my speech, editing it and making sure it flowed together better," she said, explaining this time around she added in a few more close-ups of her nail work to the presentation.

She encourages students to give the Skills competitions a try next year.

"Definitely do it. It at some points may feel like hard work but it is so worth it at the end and so rewarding," she said, adding she very much enjoyed working with teacher Brenda Richer on her presentation, thanking Richer for her support.

School behind her, Friesen now has her sights set on beginning a career as a nail technician, pursuing fulfilling her licensing requirements at a local establishment.

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GVC graduate Haley Friesen represented Manitoba well at the Skills Canada competition, earning bronze in the job skills demonstration category.



Province reopens biz bridge grant program

By Voice staff

The provincial government is re-opening a bridge grant program designed to help ease the burden on pandemic-stricken Manitoba businesses.

Finance Minister Scott Fielding last week announced the province will provide an estimated \$5 million in support for seasonal businesses, new applicants, and others affected by public health restrictions.

"Throughout the pandemic, our government has been working with Manitoba's business community to provide support throughout this challenging time," he said. "We want to ensure this program includes new businesses or seasonal operations who could not apply for previous rounds of the Manitoba Bridge Grant so they have an opportunity to receive provincial government support."

The Manitoba Bridge Grant program has provided more than \$291 million to over 15,000 private enterprises, not-for-profit organizations, and registered charities affected by pandemic restrictions since last November.

The program offered four rounds of grants up to \$5,000, with many eligible businesses receiving up to \$20,000 total. In May, the province provided a

\$2,000 top-up to nearly 1,800 restaurants to compensate for food waste connected to the closure of dining rooms just ahead of Mother's Day weekend.

Now, the bridge grant intake is open to businesses that did not previously apply, such as new and seasonal businesses that were not operating as of the original Nov. 10 program deadline.

Eligible storefront businesses will receive \$5,000 and home-based busi-

nesses will receive up to \$5,000 based on 10 per cent of their most recent calendar year revenues.

Nearly 1,000 businesses may be eligible, estimated Fielding.

The province is also extending the \$2,000 food waste top-up to both new and previous bridge grant applicants that offer prepared food services but did not receive the May 15 deposit, as it was only provided to restaurants. It is now open to other businesses that offer food services, including hotels,

bars, and lounges.

"Manitoba's businesses have made great sacrifices to follow necessary public health restrictions and keep all Manitobans safe," said Fielding. "Our focus now is to vaccinate Manitobans so we can loosen restrictions and safely reopen businesses and our economy this summer."

Businesses can learn more about the grant program at www.gov.mb.ca/covid19/programs/bridge-grant.html. Deadline to apply is July 16.

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An important component of the standard for animal care is the science-based Code of Practice that all Manitoba producers are required to follow. The Code is backed up by requirements for engagement with a veterinarian including onsite visits. Adherence to the Code is supported by audits and farmers cannot deliver to federally inspected process-

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Cam Dahl is the general manager of the Manitoba Pork Council

Strawberry season about to get underway

By Lorne Stelmach

It might not be a banner year for strawberry growers, but optimism remained as many prepared to open up for sales this week or next.

The weather and conditions appear to have had a varying impact on growers across southern Manitoba.

"Some growers were definitely impacted by that frost at the end of May ... but each farm was impacted differently," said Angie Cormier, who operates Cormier's Berry Patch near La Salle and is also executive director of the Prairie Fruit Growers Association.

"I think, all in all, as far as the general consensus from our members ... some growers in the Morden-Winkler area were potentially looking at starting their picking season as early as July 1, and they were anxious to open up to the public.

"Last year, the demand for local fruit was through the roof, and I think for us, as fruit growers, we are all anticipating that demand will carry on into this year."

Willow Rock Farms located in the Manitou area is one operation that was not as fortunate as other growers.

"Our plants sustained a lot of damage in the winter of 2019/2020 and cut our yield significantly last year," noted operator Ryan Young.

"This year, the plants are that much worse and will not produce at all. We were unable to replant last summer but have done so this year. Our plan is to be back in the game as normal for the 2022 growing season."

D&M Farms near Morden fared better over the winter, but is also anticipating fewer berries than usual.

"PICKING BERRIES AND EATING LOCAL BERRIES IS SOMETHING JOYFUL THAT BRINGS A SMILE TO PEOPLE'S FACES."

"We'll have less; it won't be an average year, but it should still be a decent crop ... it won't be a bumper crop," said Frank Wieler.

"We've usually been a bit earlier in opening. Last year, we were starting to pick on the 23rd [of June] so we'll be about a week or week and a half behind," he noted.

D&M Farms only does pre-orders rather than u-pick, and they can also be found regularly at the local farmers markets, where they have always had good response, Wieler said.

"Hopefully, some of the rules will loosen ... on the farm, we usually don't have an issue with too many people coming at once, it's spread out through the day," he said. "With strawberries, we would be able to sell them all off the yard; we would have enough customers willing to come out, but farmers' markets also give us a chance to also sell some of the other stuff that we grow."

Nickel Berry Acres in the Plum Coulee area is hoping for some more rain as they prepare to start picking this week.

"Without the rain, it's going to be a bit of a lower yield," said Pauline



PRAIRIE FRUIT GROWERS ASSOCIATION PHOTO

Local strawberry farms are gearing up to start the picking season.

Nickel, who noted the spring weather—early warm weather followed by snow in April—had an impact on the crop. "They probably had some of that early growth going on underneath the straw ... we think that had a little bit of an impact."

Nickel was optimistic that there would be strong demand again.

"I've got a long list ... I opened the door for pre-orders," she said. "I've never had a problem getting rid of one single berry, and we had a beautiful harvest last year."

"We're never short of customers. We love it when people want what we're offering."

Cormier, meanwhile, noted the industry is well suited to being able to carry on business more or less as usual, working within whatever restrictions end up being over the next few weeks and months.

"We came up with some COVID-19

safety guidelines for growers and customers, so we have just amended those guidelines with the current public health orders in mind," she said. "We're outside, we are able to space people out ... we are all doing what we can to ensure people can come to the farms to be safe and for the staff to be safe."

"Make sure you contact the farm, find out what guidelines they have in place. Some of them might have appointments so they can control the flow of people more safely."

"I think we are coming into a summer where people are looking for things to do, and I think it's going to be a great season for growers," Cormier said. "Picking berries and eating local berries is something joyful that brings a smile to people's faces ... growers are happy to bring that joy to consumers."

Take care around the water this summer: Red Cross

By Voice staff

Summer is finally here, which means it's time to hit the water.

The Canadian Red Cross urges you to keep water safety in mind as you do so.

"Young children, between the ages of one and four, are particularly at risk of drowning," explains Lynn Kolba, Canadian Red Cross swimming and water safety representative. "A high percentage of these water-related fatalities are preventable. The more aware we are of possible dangers around bodies of water, the better we can prepare, prevent, and enjoy."

A few water safety tips to consider:

Active supervision

The absence of adult supervision is a factor in most child drownings. Whether it's a pool, the bathtub, a water park, or the beach, always watch children actively around water—even if they can swim.

Consider requiring all non-swimmers to wear a lifejacket to keep them at the surface to assist you while supervising.

Backyard pools

Backyard pools are especially dangerous for small children. Ensure adequate barriers are in place such as four-sided fencing (recommended at least 1.2 m in height, with gaps no larger than 10 cm), along with a self-closing, self-latching gate.

Empty portable toddler pools after

each use.

Bathing children

When bathing infants or toddlers, an adult should always remain with the child. Children should never be relied upon to supervise other children in the bath.

When a child is in the bathtub, never leave to answer the phone or for any other momentary distraction.

Diving

Diving head-first into water should be avoided unless the individual is properly trained and is sure that the water is deep enough.

Avoid diving in home pools and always enter the water feet-first.

Open water

Be cautious about swimming in currents.

If you become caught in a river current roll onto your back and go downstream feet-first to avoid hitting obstacles head-first. When you are out of the strongest part of the current, swim on a forward angle toward shore.

"Swimming and paddling to cool off from the heat are some of the great pleasures of summertime," says Kolba. "Understanding safety issues around water, preparing for possible emergencies, and remaining diligent when supervising children help can keep everyone swimming safely."

Market season begins



PHOTOS BY LORNE STELMACH/VOICE

The Morden Farmers' Market kicked off another season last week. Fresh eats are available every Thursday evening starting at 4 p.m. at the usual location in the heart of downtown Morden in front of the clock tower. Meanwhile, Winkler's Farmers' Market started its season from the curling rink parking lot on Park St. this Tuesday, June 29.

Miami hosts vaccine pop-up clinic, 200 doses

By Becca Myskiw

Miami had their pop-up vaccine clinic this Tuesday where they had 200 shots ready to go.

According to RM of Thompson Reeve Brian Callum, getting the clinic to come to town was easy. He said the emergency coordinator contacted Southern Health-Santé Sud, it was determined there was a need for it, and then the Moderna shots were on their way.

"We're trying to make it easy for the community to get a shot if they want one," said Callum. "I think it's a great local opportunity for people if they want to be able to get the vaccine."

He also noted the Miami pop-up clinic allowed people to get their second doses sooner than they were otherwise able to.

One of those people was Carl Hildebrand. He and his wife got their first doses of Pfizer in Morden and when they booked for their second

doses, they were 12 days apart. He then rebooked them both for Miami, where they both got their second shots sooner and together.

Tuesday's pop-up clinic at the community hall had room for 35 walk-ups and 165 pre-booked appointments.

Hildebrand said having the option to get his vaccine closer to home was exciting. He and his wife were also booked to receive Pfizer as their second dose and with the ongoing supply issues, they were worried they

might not have gotten it.

Along with the promise of a second dose, booking at Miami allowed Hildebrand and his wife to leave their Pfizer doses for youth, as children 12 to 17 can't receive Moderna.

"If we take advantage of having one that's just a few miles from our home, that'll free up a spot quicker for somebody else," he said.

Morden police make arrests in May 29th home invasion

By Voice staff

Two men from Winkler and the RM of Stanley have been arrested in connection with a home invasion that took place in Morden a month ago.

On May 29, Morden police officers were dispatched to a residence that had been broken into and the homeowner assaulted.

They found the victim to have minor injuries and noted extensive damage throughout the home.

The victim told police he had been sleeping when he heard the front door being forced open and two individuals enter the house.

Police report the suspects then began assaulting the homeowner demanding money. After knocking the man to the ground, the suspects be-

gan damaging property before fleeing the scene.

Through a subsequent investigation and assistance from the homeowner,

the suspects were identified.

A 23-year-old man from Winkler and a 22-year-old resident of Stanley were arrested and are facing charges

of break, enter, and coming assault and mischief over \$5,000.

Both men were released on conditions to appear in court later this year.

Two arrested during attempted break-in

By Voice staff

Winkler Police arrested two men in connection to a break-in in progress early Sunday morning.

Just after midnight on June 27, police responded a home in the 100 block of Main Street after a call from a woman reporting that two male suspects were attempting to break into her residence. The complainant told police she believed the suspects were high

on cocaine.

Officers arrived on the scene and arrested the two men, who were both found to be heavily intoxicated and in possession of several edged weapons and a small quantity of cocaine.

The investigation determined that the men were acquaintances of the female victim. When they arrived at her residence, the woman was concerned for her well-being and refused them entry. They became upset and tried

breaking into the residence through a window.

A 28-year-old male and a 22-year-old male, both of Carman, are facing charges of mischief, possession of a weapon for a dangerous purpose, and possession of cocaine.

Both were released on undertakings with several conditions and a court date of Sept. 14 in Morden Provincial Court.

Miami community working together to pay for train park

By Becca Myskiw

The Miami community has banded together to pay off their train park.

It was purchased two years ago by the RM of Thompson and Miami Recreation and Play Spaces. It used to be at The Forks, so it is just as much play space as a tourist attraction.

April Hildebrand from Miami Recreation and Play Spaces said the train park is part of Miami's town theme, complementing the railway museum and The Station nicely.

"We thought it would be a really cool type of park to have cause it just fits in so nicely," she said.

Along with matching the town, it gives children another place to play besides the school playground and is a nice gathering place for others. Hildebrand said the park is almost always busy with children playing, it plays host to plenty of community programs, has workers eating there on lunch break, and sees campground traffic often.

The new attraction didn't just appear, though. It costs close to \$20,000. So far, Hildebrand said they've raised



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Miami residents are banding together to raise money to pay for their train park.

\$10,700.

RM of Thompson councillors get

\$1,000 to donate to a cause of their choice, and she said many of them put

that money towards the park. Another \$1,200 came from a virtual dinner and \$1,100 from town movie nights. That combined with business donations totalled around \$8,400.

Hildebrand said they still have around \$8,000 to raise by spring of 2022. Along with that task, Miami Recreation and Play Spaces is focusing on giving back to the community.

Hildebrand said to do that; they're looking at hosting community meals, providing more community groups and resources, and adding another park to the town. These things will go hand in hand with the group's mandate—to encourage increased time outdoors, promote physical activity, and to give people great reasons to stay and play in Miami.

Hildebrand said to donate to the train park simply write a cheque to the RM of Thompson with a note in the memo, as Miami Recreation and Play Spaces is awaiting their charitable status. That way, donors can still receive a tax receipt and the money will still go to the right place.

The value of a woodlot management plan

Submitted by the Pembina Valley Watershed District

Why do people own woodlots?

Some people own woodlots for recreation and entertainment purposes.

They love to hike or ski through their property, and enjoy the wildlife that their woodlot shelters.

Others have a desire to leave an inheritance to their children or grandchildren, or may use their woodlot as a source of firewood production or maple syrup operation.

Regular or periodic income from sale of timber is also common.

However, the most common of all is a combination of several of these uses.

Regardless of what motivates you to own your woodlot, if you manage it carefully, you are more likely to reap the benefits you seek. Proper planning, involving a woodlot management plan, will help you organize your resources, clarify your goals for the woodlot, and help ensure that you achieve what you set out to do.

A woodlot management plan serves as the blueprint for your woodlot activities. It is a statement about you as an owner and manager. It articulates what your personal interests may be, works carefully with your abilities and other resources, supports your financial objectives and helps you meet your goals.

It is not so much a subject or a science as it is a process that integrates all the principles, practices, and techniques necessary to care properly for your woodlot.

The planning process which you undertake in order to get your woodlot management plan is not complicated

or onerous. It is straightforward and directed by you, the landowner.

The first step in the process involves identifying your objectives for managing your woodlot. Perhaps you are interested in using your woodlot as a source of income or as a tax shelter. Perhaps your objectives are more environmentally oriented, and you wish to protect and conserve wildlife habitat, or increase the species diversity on your land. You may have a stream running through your property and you want to stabilize the soil to protect fish habitat. Or perhaps you want to maintain a healthy, vibrant woodland, and enjoy the beauty it has to offer.

A comprehensive woodlot management plan is not something you can simply write up on the back of a scrap piece of paper ... although that may be a place to start! If you care about the future of your woodlot, then grab that scrap, sit down and list your objectives, and begin the journey of healthy and wise woodlot management.

For more information on woodlot management, or how to develop a plan, contact the Pembina Valley Watershed at 204-242-3267 or the Redboine Watershed at 204-526-2578.



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A woodlot management plan provides a valuable blueprint for your woodlot activities, says the Pembina Valley Watershed District.

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Winkler Flyers GM Jeff Jeanson steps down

By Voice staff

The Winkler Flyers are bidding farewell to Jeff Jeanson as their general manager.

The junior hockey team announced last week that Jeanson has resigned from the role for personal reasons.

He was named GM in the 2019-2020 season, which saw the Flyers finish in third place and earn home ice advantage for the playoffs before the pandemic cut things short.

He returned for the 2020-21 regular season that saw the Flyers play only eight games before the league pulled the plug due to COVID-19 restrictions.

"Jeff has played an integral role in the success

of the Winkler Flyers since he joined us," Flyers president Caleb Suderman said in a statement. "We would like to thank him and wish him all the best going forward."

Meanwhile, the team recently got a clearer idea of what its upcoming season schedule is going to look like.

September will include a pair of home-and-home battles against the Portage Terriers Sept. 18-19 and 24-25.

The home-and-away structure continues in October when Winkler takes on Steinbach Oct. 1-2 and 8-9, the Winnipeg Freeze Oct. 15-16 and 22-23, and the Winnipeg Blues Oct. 29-30.

The full season schedule is available at winkler-flyers.com.



Soccer players able to hit the pitch last Saturday

By Voice staff

Soccer players were able to get their kicks on the pitch last Saturday after the province announced its new public health orders.

The Manitoba Soccer Association announced its updated "Return to Play" protocols on Friday.

Indoor practices and training sessions are allowed but limited to a

maximum of five players per group. Outdoor team practices and training sessions are allowed as long as group sizes do not exceed 25 players at a soccer field.

Coaches, managers, and other team personnel are not included in the 25-person limit.

Exhibition games, league play, and tournament-style events between teams are still not allowed because of

the limited group size.

MSA said one spectator per player is allowed to attend activities but they should maintain social distancing guidelines.

"The MSA will continue to evaluate the progress of the pandemic keeping in mind the safety of the soccer community," said MSA's executive director Hector Vergara in a media release. "We are hopeful that an increase in

outdoor group sizes will allow league play to begin in the next few weeks. "We continue to remind our members to ensure the MSA RTP protocols and the facility protocols are followed."

MSA's full guidelines and recommendations are available on their website.

Baseball Manitoba provides Return to Play update

By Voice staff

Due to the most recent announcement regarding public health orders, Baseball Manitoba's sanctioned activities, under their Return to Play plan, began at 12:01 a.m. last Saturday.

The first phase allows for training with groups of 25, not including coaches and health and safety coordinators. Rally Cap and Grand Slam sessions may also proceed.

Phase two, competition, will begin July 5 to give leagues time to re-form teams and create safety plans. The 25-participant cap will remain and up to 25 spectators per game will be allowed.

Under the current public health orders, organized practices, games, and

competitions may take place at an outdoor sporting facility but multi-team tournaments are not yet permitted.

Indoor training is allowed at 25 per cent facility capacity to a limit of five people.

Baseball Manitoba said it will con-

tinue to monitor the public health orders and will be prepared to revise its Return to Play Plan in the event of any updates in the weeks ahead.

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Apple Avocado Toast

1 tablespoon minced chives
edible flowers, for garnish
In pot, cover eggs with 1 inch cold water. Boil 6-7 minutes then place in cool water bath.
Peel eggs, halve lengthwise and set aside.
Toast sourdough bread then mash avocado across bread with fork.
Cut apple into thin slices and place on top of avocado along with egg halves. Top with lime juice, Parmesan cheese, chia seeds and chives.
Garnish with edible flowers.

- 2 eggs
- water
- 4 slices sourdough bread
- 1 ripe avocado, sliced
- 1 Envy apple
- 1 teaspoon lime juice
- 1/4 cup shaved Parmesan cheese
- 2 teaspoons chia seeds



Grilled Apple Portobello Burgers

Heat grill to high heat.
Slice apple horizontally into thick round wedges and remove seeds using fork.
Remove portobello stems.
In small bowl, combine 1/4 cup olive oil, lemon juice, garlic, oregano and salt. Using basting brush, coat mushrooms on both sides with olive oil mixture.
Grill mushrooms stem sides down 2 minutes then flip. Add goat cheese and grill 2-3 minutes until cheese is melted.
Coat apple rounds with remaining olive oil and grill 1-2 minutes per side to lightly char.
Serve mushrooms with apple rounds on brioche buns with lettuce and mayonnaise.

- 2 Envy apples
- 4 portobello mushrooms
- 1/2 cup olive oil, divided
- 2 tablespoons lemon juice
- 4 garlic cloves, minced
- 2 teaspoons oregano
- 2 teaspoons salt
- 1 cup herbed goat cheese
- 4 brioche buns
- 4 large butter lettuce leaves
- 4 tablespoons mayonnaise



Crisp Apple Tacos

1 tablespoon mustard
1 tablespoon white vinegar
12 soft taco shells
2 tablespoons sour cream
1 lime, cut into wedges
Cut pork crosswise into 1-inch medallions.
Coat pork medallions with olive oil, 1 teaspoon salt and 1 teaspoon pepper then add to saucepan over medium heat.
Slice half of one apple into thick wedges and add to saucepan. Slice remaining half into thin wedges and set aside.
Add rosemary to saucepan and heat 2-3 minutes. Flip pork and heat 2-3 minutes until pork is slightly golden and cooked through.
Let pork rest 3 minutes then slice into strips.
Thinly slice half of remaining apple into thin sticks around same size of shredded cabbage. Reserve remaining half.
In serving bowl, toss apple sticks, carrots, red cabbage and green cabbage.

- 1/2 pound pork tenderloin
- 3 tablespoons olive oil
- 1 teaspoon salt, plus additional, to taste, divided
- 1 teaspoon pepper, plus additional, to taste, divided
- 2 Envy apples, divided
- 3 sprigs rosemary
- 1/2 cup shredded carrots
- 1/2 cup shredded red cabbage
- 1 cup shredded green cabbage
- 4 tablespoons honey
- 1 cup mayonnaise



Christine Ibbotson

Could you please address retiring alone – I always hear comments about “couples” retiring, but I have always been single and I would like you to comment about all us “singles” that have to retire soon. Thanks, Jan

That is a great request Jan – thank you. It is very common now for Canadians to retire as a single – either by divorce or death or maybe never marrying in the first place. In the past, retirement was seen as a “couple event,” but this is no longer the case. The fact is, even if you are a couple now, there is a strong likelihood that you will find yourself single at some point during your retirement.

Couples are more likely to have dual incomes and have more access to health and pension benefits. They also tend to discuss retirement plans together more often. Singles on the other hand, are less likely to be informed about their financial well-being in retirement and will need to make this a priority to get more involved and start a plan for retirement as soon as possible.

Loss of wealth throughout retirement is becoming more common as people live well into their 90's, and this is even more pronounced if you are a single. The typical retirement of only 10-15 years is no longer the norm, with many retirements now lasting 25-35 years. Today, singles must devote a larger share of their income to basic living expenses and this leaves them at a disadvantage when trying to save for retirement. Everyone knows that you must try to save enough money and then invest wisely to acquire an adequate rate of return on your investments to be able to cover future monthly expenses. But these will not be fixed costs, we also need to anticipate the rising costs of basic necessities like

In bowl, mix honey, mayonnaise, mustard and vinegar into dressing. Add additional salt and pepper, to taste.
Mix dressing and cabbage; refrigerate at least 1 hour prior to serving.

Cut remaining apple half into thin wedges.
Top taco shells with pork, slaw, sour cream and squeeze of lime juice. Top with apple wedges.



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food, fuel, and clothing due to inflation. As a single, doing this all on your own, can be an even greater challenge since they will need to save even more than other “coupled” retirees.

Paying into a company savings plan or pension plan is a necessity for singles to ensure they limit their risk of outliving their money. It is very important that they be cognizant of all income sources and have an estimated budget for the future which helps to lay out expenses and spot potential gaps in savings. Housing is one expense that will hit hardest with singles, especially women who tend to live longer and will have to bear this cost on their own. Paying off debt, especially a mortgage, is imperative at retirement. If this is not a possible task, then whether you are single or as a couple, you should be considering downsizing or renting during retirement. You must always have alternatives if your situation becomes financially challenged. Why not explore different housing options such as communal living for singles or even having a boarder in your home to provide the extra income you may need.

Remember that saving for the future should be something you make part of your regular routine. A saving plan of even \$100 a month can grow over time. If you start when you are young it could grow to \$46,204 in 20 years, \$100,452 in 30 years and \$199,149 in 40 years; (based on a 6% average return, compounded monthly). Single or as a couple, stop rationalizing your spending and making excuses for not saving. Right now - make the changes you know you need to do to keep more money in your pocket.

Good Luck & Best Wishes,
ATML - Christine Ibbotson

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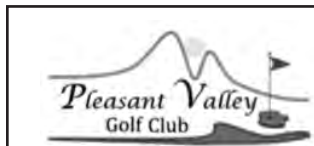
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Sudoku Answer

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Crossword Answer

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CLUES ACROSS

- Plant of the mint family
- Hand tool
- Made of the color of gold
- A volume of several novels
- Type of degree
- Good job!
- Seventh tone in major scale
- Fevers
- One's mother
- Fertile desert spots
- Large integers
- Plate for Eucharist
- Tennis matches have them
- Peyton's little brother
- Monetary unit of N. Korea
- Head movement
- Twelve
- Renaissance musical instrument
- Behavior showing high moral standards
- Letter of the Hebrew alphabet
- Notes to be sung
- Women's garment
- Coarsely ground corn
- One point south of due east
- A way to deplete
- Rough, prickly covering of a seed
- LA hoopster, but not a Laker
- Hindquarters
- Franz van __, German diplomat
- Liquid body substances
- Rhythmic patterns
- A beaver might build one
- Police officer's tool
- Indicates who you are
- Pinwheel
- Exist
- Ornamental molding
- Closes again
- Verses
- Come into view

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CLUES DOWN

- Short stick used as a weapon
- An alternative
- Laws
- Sense organs
- One from Utah
- Mariner
- People in charge of cattle
- Health insurance organization
- Ornamental box
- Forest-dwelling deer
- One quintillion bytes (abbr.)
- Atomic #71
- Become less intense
- Cowards
- Body ornament (slang)
- Applicable to all cases
- Multiplied by 6
- Afghanistan monetary unit
- Calendar month
- Cena and Lennon are two
- Monetary unit of Serbia
- First time on the market
- Georgia rockers
- Free from contamination
- Coastal region of Canada
- Clothing retailer
- It rises and sets
- Fathers
- Stain with mud
- Suitable for crops
- Feels concern for
- Orange-brown
- Buddy
- Late sportscaster Craig
- Used to align parts
- Wake up
- Solid water
- Semiprecious stone
- Atomic #45
- Top lawyer

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Farm Retirement Auction for Mark Treichel, 204-373-2741, Emerson, MB.

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AUCTION



Auction for Winding Trail Farms, Chris and Ben Larson, 3 mile south of Graysville, MB.

This is 6 miles west of Carman MB, owners 204-745-3261, July 12, 6 pm closing, timed online auction. 2015 enclosed trailer 20' x 8 1/2 x 70 inches high cabin, 2010 JD 1895 Seeding unit w/ triple 1910 tank, 2012 CIH 330 Turbo disc, CIH 3588 Ant Eater 2 x 2 tractor 3/ ph & pto. Ten 2700 bushel hopper bins on skid. JM Grain cart, model 875 pto drive. 2003 CIH 2388 & 1688 Combines, Letourneau FP 20 SCRAPER, 1998 CIH Quad Track 12 sp power shift, pto 8200 hrs. House to be moved 24x 36. Timed, online auction, register to Bid at www.billklassen.com

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AUCTION

Auction of Quality tools for Rick Zelmer Auction # 2 closing Thursday July 8, 5pm.

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Klassen Auctions, 9 south of Winkler 1.2 west, yard #22027. Viewing is July 5 from 6 pm to 9 pm. All items should be picked up no later than Saturday July 10 at noon. Closed afternoon. See www.billklassen.com - click on register here for Farm auctions and scroll to Zelmer 2 auction, 204-325-4433 cell 204-325-6230



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Rural Municipality of Thompson PUBLIC NOTICE Purchase of 2021 John Deere 772GP Motor Grader with Snow Wing PROPOSED BY-LAW NO. 4-2021

The Council of the Rural Municipality of Thompson at its regular meeting at the Miami Civic Center on the 22nd day of July 2021 at 5:00 p.m., will consider the following general borrowing proposal:

- The proposed Borrowing By-Law is to purchase a 2021 John Deere 772GP Motor Grader with Snow Wing to replace the Volvo G946C Motor Grader with Snow Wing;
- The estimated cost of the borrowing is \$394,251.20 which has been decreased by the trade-in value of the Volvo G946C Motor Grader with Snow Wing by \$89,250.00, from the original sale price of \$483,501.20, including applicable taxes;
- The amount to be borrowed is \$394,251.20;
- The funding source will be a loan from Access Credit Union, with the 1st payment due in February 2022;
- The interest charged will be fixed at 2.25%, over 4 years, and the 5th year payment will be determined by current interest rates in 2026;
- The loan payments will be paid from the municipal machinery replacement reserve, when due for payment.

At this time, Council will consider this by-law for First reading Further information/inquiries / copies of the proposal are available at the municipal office located at 530 Norton Avenue, in Miami, Manitoba.

Dated at the Miami Civic Center this 23rd day of June, 2021, and issued pursuant to Section 174.1 (1) of The Municipal Act.

Dallas Braun, CMMA
Chief Administrative Officer
Rural Municipality of Thompson



AUCTION



Chris and Ben Larsen FARM EQUIPMENT AUCTION.

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Pickup and payment day is July 13, 9 am to 1 pm
2015 enclosed car trailer, 23 ftx8.5ft X 78" Height; 2010 John Deere 1895 drill and tow behind 1910 triple tank; 2012 CIH 330 turbo disc 19" discs, 8" spacing, 30ft rolling baskets sn# YCD062302. J&M 875 grain cart pto drive w/ scale; 2003 CIH 2388 combine w/ 2015 pick-up head, also 1688 combine, needs grain pan work; LeTourneau FP 20 yard scraper sn# 530900FPD. 1998 Case 9370 quad trac sn# JEE0071360 w/ some new tracs, 30" tracs, 12sp power shift, pto, 5 remotes, auto steer, 8200hrs; 26x36 house to be moved. Entrance, laminate flooring, electric furnace to moved off farm by Sept 30, 2021.

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OBITUARY

Isaak Heinrichs
1949 - 2021

Isaak Heinrichs 71 years and 7 months and 6 days, passed away at 2:15 p.m. on Tuesday, June 22, 2021 at Boundary Trails Health Centre in Winkler, MB after a two week battle with COVID-19.

Dad was born on November 16, 1949 in Mexico Village 64A. Dad went to school in Mexico in Neuanlage to grade six. He always valued an education and attended ESL classes in Morden, Manitoba as an adult so he could make conversation in English and make friends everywhere he and Mom went. He was a friend to everyone who ever met him. Dad was baptized upon the confession of his faith by Bishop Ben Rempel on May 18, 1970 in the Old Colony Church in Blumenhof Village 103. Dad married the love of his life, Agatha Schmidt, on July 5, 1970, after they fell in

love at age 12 & 13 in Mexico by Reverend Johan Rempel. His devotion as a husband and father was unparalleled. Dad lived for bringing joy to his wife and children. Material possessions were minor to him, instead he valued relationships and love for his family and experiencing nature over all earthly trappings. As children Dad took us on many adventures and one of his favourite was saskatoon berry picking in the Pembina Hills, going camping and taking his family to the Zoo in Winnipeg or International Peace Gardens. Our Dad loved the outdoors and spent his retirement years camping, taking care of his yard, building woodworking projects for friends and family, birdhouses, feeding the wild birds and helping mom plant and grow flowers. At 70 years old last summer he and Mom still tent camped at St. Malo. Dad worked hard his whole life providing for his family. He became an accomplished welder for many, many years. He loved new challenges and was always willing to learn a new job. He spent a short time as a ranch hand in Alberta and a farmer on Mom's family farm in Mexico. He raised all of us children to value hard work and to honor and obey our superiors and be willing to be teachable. Having roots was important to Dad, so he raised all of us children with stability and love in Plum Coulee, Manitoba for 20+ years and moved to Winkler in April 1998 and retired in 2010. While living in Plum Coulee, he was actively involved in the arena ice maintenance of the outdoor rink and he was always a mentor and friend to all of the kids and teenagers we brought home. He spent his last 12.5 years of work doing what he loved as a cabinet finisher/assembler at Triple E. Anyone who knows Dad knows how much he loved woodworking. He would create so many beautiful and functional furniture pieces, miniature rocker tub washing machines, miniature buggies, cutting boards, baking cooling racks, etc, etc. If you could imagine it and give him basic measurements he could create anything out of wood.

Dad leaves to mourn his wife, Agatha; one son, John Heinrichs (Lisa); three daughters, Nettie Ginter (David), Sara Harms (Kevin (former spouse) and Maria Heinrichs and 13 grandchildren. He leaves to mourn four brothers and one sister and their families. Dad was predeceased by his brother, Isaak on November 19, 1941; his brother, Heinrich January 12, 1961; one son, Cornelius April 7, 1971; his mother on September 18, 2005; his father on October 26, 2011; his sister, Aganetha Teichroeb (Isaak) March 10, 2012 and his sister, Maria Peters (Herman) June 8, 2013.

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AUCTION



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This house sells at Winding Trail Farm auction, Timed online July 12, 5 pm. Register at billklassen.com House sells to the highest bidder, if house sells for less than \$5000, buyer will need to put up another \$5000 caution fee, which will be refunded after house is removed from Property.

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OBITUARY



**Hazelton Herbert Shore
(H.H. Shore)
1937 - 2021**

Being a farmer isn't for everyone, but "hay" it was definitely in Haze Shore's jeans! Haze was born on March 21, 1937 with dirt in his shoes and a passion for farming! It is said that old farmers never die, they just go to seed - so on Friday, June 18, 2021, we took great comfort in knowing that with Haze's passing, he would become a part of the earth he so loved to farm!

Haze was the third generation of Shores farming in the Parkhill School District north of Morden, Manitoba. He grew up participating in various clubs, including the Potato and Seed Club, as well as the 4-H Beef Calf Club, where he had a championship calf at the age of 14. He enjoyed tinkering around with Meccano sets and had an aptitude for using and repairing machinery which proved to be extremely useful on the farm. Later, he would often be described as "MacGyver" with his talent and ingenuity for fixing anything around the farm and house! In 1954, Haze took the two year Agricultural Diploma Course at the University of Manitoba and loved to share his Aggie vs Engineer stories with his two engineer grandsons! He worked hard in "acres" not hours during farm season and spent countless more hours and years serving on the executive and as a volunteer at the Morden Curling Club. He was presented as an Honorary Life Member in appreciation of his prominent service to the game of curling in 1988. Haze was a dedicated community volunteer, a member of the Legion Board and Elks Lodge among others. Not only was Haze "out-standing" in his field, but he was an avid curler, old time music lover, enthusiastic dance partner for over 10 years in the Friends of Dance Club and most importantly, a fun-loving and devoted grandfather/great-grandfather who was always a willing participant in anything the kids could muster up for him to do! His hair and nails never looked so good! He took extreme pride in his grandchildren and they always came first no matter what was going on at the farm!

Eventually, Haze agreed to do some traveling with Shirl once their children became more responsible and they could be sure of returning home with their house intact! They took some time to reunite with friends each winter over the course of 16 years in Oliver and then later, Osoyoos where they would dance, curl, and play a marathon of card games and crokinole. Following the curling Briers and world championship events around were always a highlight for Haze. After being talked into his first Triple 7 bus tour, they soon became a favourite way to travel and visit some new places. Haze never missed an opportunity to have a good old fashioned chin wag with anyone during his morning coffee outings to Chicken Flings & Taters and later, Tim Hortons. Grain deliveries and any farm related trips to town always took a little longer as a result! Farming with his son, Brad was a dream come true and it could be argued that he didn't actually snore, he dreamed tractor (John Deere, of course)! Haze's story telling was always entertaining as it was filled with just the right balance of fact and colour to keep his audience engaged. Never a dull moment when he was on a roll! And never a visit without him sharing a jumbo container of cheese balls, Licorice Allsorts and ice cream wafer cookies.

Family was everything to Haze and goodbyes were difficult for him so you might as well just pull up a chair and stay awhile longer! Winnie the Pooh summed it up brilliantly when he said, "How lucky I am to have something that makes saying goodbye so hard." Haze will be lovingly remembered by his wife of 62 years, Shirley (nee Mayert); his three children and their spouses: Judy (Rhys), Brad (Nicole), Joanne (Steve); his five grandchildren: Melissa (fiancé, Ward), Riley, Renee, Bo, Bailee; his great-granddaughter, Anika; his sister, Patricia McGeachy (Alan); his brother, Gary Shore (Diane); and numerous other family and friends. He was predeceased by his parents, Jack and Reta Shore, and his brother, Gerald.

The family would like to offer a special thank you to the wonderful staff for the excellent care and kindness that Haze received at Tabor Home.

As an expression of sympathy, memorial contributions may be made to the Alzheimer's Society or the Morden Tabor Home.

Fun fact: Haze's secret is out! Most of you would know that Haze was not fond of his name even though he had the distinction of being a third generation bearing the family name of his great-grandmother, handed down to his great-uncle, his uncle, and then himself. This is for all of you who have asked Haze over the years what the H.H. in his name stood for and received the reply, "That's none of your business!" Or a sly little grin while waving his finger and warning, "That's once!" To know Haze is to love Haze!

A private memorial service was held at Wiebe Funeral Chapel, Morden with ash interment at Hillside Cemetery at a later date.

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OBITUARY



**David F. Driedger
1922 - 2021**

Our dad, grandpa and great grandpa, David Driedger, entered into eternity peacefully, in the early morning of Thursday, June 24, 2021 at Boundary Trails Health Centre.

He leaves to mourn his passing, his son, Brian (Lori) of Winkler, their children, Mikaela (Carson) great-grandson, Brooks, Kiera (Jessi), Chloe, his daughter, Carol (friend, Peter) of Medicine Hat, AB, her children, Amy (partner, Adam) Goertzen, great-grandchildren, Kayden, Sage, Zaylee, grandson, Lance (Amy) Penner, granddaughter, Raven (partner, Tineil) Penner, great-grandsons, Oaklee, Graynger. David is also survived by his youngest brother, George and sisters-in-law, Mary Braun and Dorothy Friesen along with many nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his wife, Annie in 2015, his parents and four sisters and five brothers.

David Driedger was born on January 25, 1922 to Abram and Elizabeth Driedger (nee Enns) in Gruenthal near Gretna. Dad spent his years growing up in this area helping out on the family farm. He had a small amount of schooling, but education was not high on his father's priority list. Work needed to be done on the farm. Dad was baptized on the confession of his faith at age 21 at the Sommerfelder Church in Silberfelt, which is located near Altona. He met the love of his life, Annie Friesen, and they were married on July 18, 1943. They enjoyed 72 years of marriage before Mom's passing.

In 1948, Dad and Mom joined a large group of Mennonites that were relocating to Paraguay. After eight years they returned to Winkler where they would settle and live for the remainder of their lives. Dad became a carpenter by trade and began working for Country Lumber Yard near Haskett building ready to move homes. He then worked for a number of other employers including Enns Co Homes, Dual Millwork and Winkler Building Supplies. Dad was not the fastest worker on the crew, but there were very few that had better quality of work. He was a perfectionist at his trade. Dad retired from carpentry in 1990 at 68 years of age. During these working years they were blessed with two adopted children, Brian and Carol. Their children meant everything to them. It was extremely important that their children grow up in a Christian home, instilling in us the importance of daily bible reading, praying and regular church attendance. Since education had not been a part of his life Dad encouraged his children to get a good education.

Dad was not one to take many holidays. Days were spent working and evenings were spent taking care of the yard, repairing things that needed fixing and maintaining their large garden. His motto was if it wasn't broke, why replace it. Just fix it. I believe growing up with very little taught him to not be wasteful and save wherever possible. We did manage to take a few family trips over the years. In 1970, we drove to Mexico. In 1980, we travelled to Paraguay. Mom and Dad would take one more trip to Paraguay several years later. A few camping trips to Stephenfield were also made. I also recall filling up the back of the truck with neighbour kids and going tobogganing at Miami hill. This was before the seatbelt law came about.

Retirement did not mean do nothing. Dad helped out his children wherever he possibly could, spending time helping his children with their houses, yard work, weeding gardens. He was a garden person who loved growing potatoes and then harvesting them in the fall. He also spent many hours volunteering at the Winkler Senior Center and working in the workshop. He took up both ice curling and floor curling which he really enjoyed. He also became a devout Blue Jays fan and watched many hours of curling on TV.

In May of 2012 with Mom's health deteriorating, they moved to Crocus Estates. Being the devoted husband he was, he would spend his daily hours tending to Mom either at home or at Salem Home when she was placed there. This was his life. When Mom passed it was a big hole in his life and his day, which now had to be filled. The Senior Center had been demolished to make room for Buhler Estates, so the workshop he loved was no longer available to him. This took a mental toll on him. He now spent more time alone not leaving his apartment much. He did continue to go across the street for lunch meals, whether it was to Cedar or later to the new Senior Center. This continued until COVID 19 forced the shutdown of the meal program as it was. It was during this first shutdown that I really noticed Dad's health beginning to deteriorate. His dementia was getting quite noticeable.

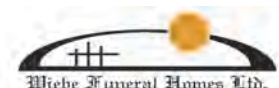
In mid-March, Dad entered the hospital and would not return to his condo. It was also determined that he had Pancreatic Cancer. On Sunday, June 13, family received a call he was unresponsive. Carol was notified and came immediately. We spent the following days and nights attending to Dad. We were told by medical staff it would not be long. We were surprised that Dad became responsive again. We enjoyed almost a week of him being coherent enough to speak to him and even take him outside on a wheelchair. Then Tuesday, June 22, after having a good morning, with some food intake and chatting with Carol he slipped into a state where he was incoherent. Only once did Dad complain that he had some pain. He stayed this way until his peaceful passing at 12:55 a.m. on Thursday, June 24, 2021.

A private graveside service was held at the Reinland Mennonite Church Cemetery in Schanzenfeld.

We love you Dad. You were a man of few words, but yet such an amazing father and role model. Thank you for the years we could spend with you. We know you are walking on streets of pure gold, catching up with Mom, other family members and friends that were waiting for you to join them.

A big thank you goes out to the Homecare staff as well as the staff at Boundary Trails Health Centre who took such good care of our Dad. You are all incredible people. God bless you all.

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