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Proud swimmers

Sisters Oluwakemi and Ifeoluwa Josephson with the badges they earned last week as the Winkler pool hosted swimming lessons for newcomer families. For the full story, see Pg. 3.

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get informed

Youth councillor wraps up his time in office

By Lorne Stelmach

He had the opportunity to be a student leader at Morden Collegiate, and Bijan Salimi now also has some experience at the municipal level of government under his belt.

Having served as the youth member of Morden city council was a fantastic experience, Salimi said recently as his term came to an end.

"It has been a truly wonderful experience from beginning to end," he said. "Mayor Burley and the council were all very supportive, and they made it a true priority to hear other voices and to hear the voices of the youth in Morden. I think they under-

stand if they invest in youth now, it will come back to pay great dividends in the future.

"I think it was a great opportunity for me to be a voice for our youth," Salimi added. "When you start to listen to your peers, listen to their feedback and the issues they voice to you, it opens you up to a brand new perspective ... that someone has seen something in our city in a different way."

Salimi came to the role with the experience of not only being involved on student council at the high school but also as a co-chair of the province's student advisory council. He was one of 29 students selected for the council



VOICE FILE PHOTO

Bijan Salimi, shown here with Mayor Brandon Burley, spent the past school year serving as the youth councillor for the Town of Morden.

formed as part of the province's review of the education system.

Salimi saw his role on town council as helping bridge the gap that exists between local youth and city leaders.

There was lots to learn, he noted, citing for example even just how council meetings work and how issues are brought up and dealt with by elected officials and city staff.

"I think another thing I learned is how important it is to ensure everyone is represented ... how to make sure that we have as many people involved in the decision making process as possible.

"I've encouraged many of my class-

mates, peers, other youth to come sit down at a city council meeting," Salimi noted. "This will be their city as well, so this is a perfect opportunity to learn how things work in Morden.

"One single voice can be an outlet for change," stressed Salimi, who enters his senior year of high school next year.

In a previous interview, Mayor Brandon Burley noted he sees the youth member of council as playing an important role.

"As young people in our community, at this age, begin to look at the world around them and try to understand their place in it and how they can serve their community and take their place, it's good to have their perspective because they will be the ones to inherit this community.

"It's an important position, and council intends to listen and to seek to understand, because we want to be able to retain our kids who grow up in our community and give them a place here."

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"IT WAS A GREAT OPPORTUNITY FOR ME TO BE A VOICE FOR OUR YOUTH."

Newcomers hit the pool

By Ashleigh Viveiros

A grant from the Manitoba Coalition for Safer Waters got 50 newcomer children and adults into the water at the Winkler Aquatic Centre this summer.

The pool teamed up with Regional Connections's Settlement Worker in Schools (SWIS) program to offer free swimming lessons over several days earlier this month.

"Refugees and newcomers are actually at the highest risk of drowning, and we take that very seriously," said Aubrey Krahn, SWIS settlement worker.

SWIS has a summer filled with activities planned for immigrant families, she noted, and these swimming lessons were a great way to kick things off.

"When we do our summer programming and we want to take them to the beach or something we want to make sure that everyone has their basic swimming skills and can be safe in the water," she said. "There were six kids that I know of that had never swam at all before. And now they have mastered it."

"One kid was just telling me that they went to a hotel in Winnipeg and they had a pool there. Their mom had never swam before, so they got their mom in the pool and they were teaching her how to swim. That's the kind of thing we were hoping for."

Registration for the limited spots in the session filled up fast; within 48 hours they had a waiting list. They hope to be able to offer the program again next summer.

"Hopefully next year we can do two sessions and gear one of them to the parents," Krahn said, noting they had a couple adults take part this time around.

"This has been a really big hit," she said. "The safety part of it is big for us, but it's also great for integration. People are meeting new people."



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Immigrant children got the chance to learn how to swim this summer thanks to a program hosted by Regional Connections and the Winkler Aquatic Centre with funding from the Manitoba Coalition for Safer Waters. By the last day of lessons, the kids were all feeling pretty comfortable in the water, despite some having never swam before in their lives.

The lessons gave the Josephson sisters—Ifeoluwa, 10, and Oluwakemi 13—a great deal more confidence in the water.

Both recall taking a few swimming lessons in their native Nigeria years ago, but they haven't really had the chance to hone those skills since.

"I thought I wouldn't like it," Oluwakemi admitted. "But, honestly, it's kind of fun and I did learn a lot of stuff. This brought back all the skills I had."

"I had completely forgotten everything," added Ifeoluwa, noting she was very little when she first learned how to swim. "We learned floating, swimming ... I feel more confident in the water now."

Oluwakemi said her favourite part was seeing the progress day after day.

"One day you realize, oh, I can swim, and you know you can do it. It feels real good."

"My favourite part was the slide," chimed in Ifeoluwa, "because it was terrifying at first but then it got easier



once you knew how."

Eight-year-old Yashika Moudgil also feels like she learned a lot, and it's helped her to no longer fear the water.

"At first I was a bit scared, but then I was fine," she said, noting she'd recommend the program to any kids

considering it next summer.

The lessons were made possible thanks to the \$2,500 grant the pool received from the Manitoba Coalition for Safer Waters. It covered the cost of

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Morden-Winkler Tim Hortons restaurants celebrate Camp Day

By Lorne Stelmach

The local restaurants in Winkler and Morden joined Tim Hortons outlets

across the country last Wednesday in helping raise money to send kids to camp.

July 13 marked the return of Tim

Hortons Camp Day where all of the proceeds from hot and iced coffee support sending youth from under served communities to Tims Camps.

It was extra special this year as they were free from pandemic restrictions for the occasion, so there were a variety of guest servers able to be on hand once again to help out.

"The last two years it's been very low profile, so it's great to be back where we can have guests and make it work like we used to," said Jeff Doerksen, who operates the Morden-Winkler restaurants alongside his wife Linda.

The fundraising effort started a couple weeks ago, he noted, when customers were able to support Tim Hortons Foundation Camps by purchasing a Camp Day bracelet for \$2 or a pair of camp-themed socks for \$5.

The big push then came last Wednesday with Camp Day, an initiative that has raised over \$225 million in its 30-year history and helped Tim Hortons

Foundation Camps send more than 300,000 kids to camp.

The program typically supports two kids per store, working with Big Brothers Big Sisters to find local youth to be campers.

"It's our largest fundraiser of the year to support the children's camps that Tim Hortons has across the country," said Doerksen. "It gets kids off to camp who normally wouldn't be able to afford that program, and it's a multi-year program so local kids are chosen and it's for up to five years of annual return.

"Our guests in the two communities have been amazing," he noted. "Linda and I have been in the business now for 18 years, and we just can't say enough about the support from these two communities."

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Morden Police Chief Brad Neduzak was one of the celebrity guests on hand to man the drive-thru at the local Tim Hortons during Camp Day last week.

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Central Manitoba Tourism hires new executive director

By Ashleigh Viveiros

There's a new but familiar face at the helm of Central Manitoba Tourism these days.

The agency, which represents 15 communities across southern Manitoba, welcomed Shane Neufeld as its new executive director last week.

Neufeld has spent the past year heading up the Explore Morden Winkler tourism group. It's a part-time role he'll keep on top of this new job with Central Manitoba Tourism.

"I wanted to make tourism promotion a full-time job and Explore Morden Winkler just isn't big enough yet for that, so putting these two together was a no-brainer," Neufeld said.

Both positions have a great deal of overlap, he noted, as the two agencies each seek to promote the many attractions the region has to offer to visitors and locals alike.

"With Central Manitoba Tourism, it's a lot of the same stuff I was doing for Explore Morden Winkler, just a little bit more expanded."

Central Manitoba Tourism board chair June Letkeman said Neufeld's work in the Morden-Winkler area made him a top choice when they were on the hunt for a new leader for the regional organization.

"We just thought this would be a

good fit and we're thrilled to have him," she said.

There were some initial concerns raised by a few board members as to whether there would be a conflict between his two jobs—one focusing on a smaller area, the other on the region as a whole—but Letkeman said they're now confident that won't be a problem.

"He assured us that he can work for both of us and I really trust that he will," she said. "I think it's great because he has worked with Travel Manitoba already and he's already familiar with all the summer student programs available, because we have a student working with us too. He really knows what he's doing with all this and he's very good at promoting our area."

The past few years have been challenging ones for anyone involved with tourism, and Central Manitoba Tourism is eager to move forward to better days.

"Hopefully now we've got things back on track and we're going to try our very best to do the best we can to promote our region," Letkeman said. "Because now with the high cost of fuel, people are going to be staying in our province and looking for things to do closer to home. And there's lots to do in our area. We have such a won-

derful area."

A big part of Neufeld's job is getting the word out about what all there is to do in Central Manitoba.

To that end, the much-delayed regional summer travel guide is slated to be released this month. Neufeld said he'll also be working hard to promote the many upcoming community festivals and other summer events and attractions.

"It's been obviously quite hard for everyone over the last couple of years," he noted. "I believe drawing people to our communities now is just as important as it was before the pandemic, if not more."

In September, the agency will present its 2022 tourism awards, which seek to recognize top local events, volunteers, marketing efforts, and other related categories. Nominations for the awards are due by July 30. Details are available at centralmbtourism.ca.



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Shane Neufeld started in his new role as executive director of Central Manitoba Tourism last week.

There's no other region quite like Central Manitoba, Neufeld observed.

"Where else can you go where you can see for absolutely miles but then also travel a few kilometres down the road and there be hills and valleys? It's just a beautiful place to see and more people definitely need to check it out."

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Ms. Marvel is the future

If you are looking to watch a fantastic and entertaining new series with wondrous storytelling and amazing, relevant cultural implications look no further than Ms. Marvel, one of my wife and I's favorite new shows on Disney+.

The series presents the story of superhero obsessed teen fangirl Kamala Khan who has a particular obsession with Captain Marvel. Khan is a teen growing up as the child of Pakistani Muslim immigrants in New Jersey. By the end



By Peter Cantelon

of the first episode Khan finds herself in control of her own superhero abilities, and so the story goes.

It's an incredible show full of diversity, female empowerment, humour, coming-of-age teenage angst, and quality writing ... which is likely why it has the smallest audience for a Marvel Cinematic Universe (MCU) series premiere at about 775,000 viewers.

Interestingly, *Ms. Marvel*, which features the incredible talent of first-time Canadian actress Iman Vellani and many others, is the highest reviewed Marvel project of any preceding MCU property—either movie or television—on Rotten Tomatoes at 96 per cent.

That's right: critics like it better than *Iron Man*, *Captain America*, *Thor*, *The Avengers* ... and literally every other MCU property to date.

So what's the deal with the lower than average premiere numbers? I mean, it is half of Hawkeye's 1.5 mil-

lion viewers and well below Loki's 2.5 million.

Well, I have a theory or two (you knew I would).

First of all, to the critics. Right now many (mostly white guys young and old) in the MCU fan base are whining in their comments about the show and how "critics don't know anything." Now I would agree that you cannot trust the judgement of any single source of info, which is why I like to go to aggregators like Rotten Tomatoes which takes the entirety of critical opinion and presents an average score.

Right away I tend to disregard the vocal trolls in the fan base sobbing about "woke culture" and focus in on some numbers.

For instance while *Ms. Marvel* has a low view count for the premier it actually has the largest number of viewers

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Letters

A SAFE MORDEN-WINKLER BIKE PATH IS NEEDED

Dr. Alain Kolt's letter of Thursday, July 7, especially resonated with our family, for a few reasons.

Firstly, we live on the "Alvey Island" and have watched, during the past six weeks, people continuing to cross what is left of that bridge on foot, or with their bicycles. The narrow strip of cement that is left could crumble anytime, resulting in injury,

given what is left of that bridge, yet I understand why they don't want to go the much longer way around.

Secondly, my husband bikes to work and back in Winkler every day. At least he did, until last week. He will not bike on the extremely busy highway, even though it would be a much easier ride, due to safety concerns, so he takes the back gravel road.

Dogs charging out, barking aggressively, never make for a stress-free

ride, and last week this happened again, resulting in him being thrown from his bike. He is now recovering at home, off work, with a broken leg. He concludes he was lucky not to have been run over by a vehicle while he lay stunned on that road, given how dusty and busy it is.

We have talked for more years than I can count about creating a safe path for bikers, walkers, joggers,

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Morden spray park waiting for recirculation system to arrive

By Lorne Stelmach

The Morden spray park has remained closed this summer as work progresses on the installation of a system to collect and recirculate the water.

The need for it of course was highlighted last year when Morden and the region faced an extreme drought. The spray park had to be shut down then due to the amount of water used in its operation.

This year the city has been dealing with the opposite problem: too much rain putting a strain on the lagoon system. As a result, the park has remained closed until the upgrades can be made.

"You don't think about it, but having it run even one day, it's a lot of water," noted Daniel Rocha, marketing and

communications director for the City of Morden. "Because we have limited capacity on our lagoon and our sewer system, we cannot have it running until this new equipment arrives.

"We are hoping by the end of September it might be here, but we don't have a firm timeline."

The recirculation system will help protect Lake Minnewasta as the city's main source of water by reducing the amount of water the park requires to operate as well as reducing the load on the sewer system, explained city staff.

"The recirculation system will reduce the water use from approximately 30,000 gallons on a hot summer day to 2,000 gallons. That's a huge saving," noted facilities manager Tim Harsant. "The preparation for the project has started, and we'll be

getting the building ready for when the equipment arrives."

The project carries an overall cost of over \$300,000. The City of Morden is putting \$210,000 towards it, while the rest is covered by a \$75,000 Building Sustainable Communities provincial grant, a \$20,000 donation from the Morden Thrift Store, \$5,000 from Enbridge and \$3,000 from Scott Beattie Accounting

"Many organizations seem prepared to invest in the community, and we have felt those donations have been

positive for the citizens of Morden. The spray park is one of those opportunities, and we are pleased to be able to support such a venture," the accounting firm's Josh Ginter said recently.

"After the drought in 2021, water conservation is rightly at the forefront of the community's water-related investments and should be with us for the foreseeable future. We are very pleased to be a part of this community venture."



CITY OF MORDEN PHOTO

Clare Agnew, Morden-Winkler MLA Cameron Friesen, and Tim Harsant recently checked out the construction site at the Morden spray park, which is getting a new recirculation system to better conserve water.

> CANTELON, FROM PG. 6

in the 20-24 year old bracket of any MCU property. This is gold from a marketing perspective because companies are always looking for the next wave of audience members as the current one ages.

"How old could the audience possibly be for a comic book based franchise?" you wonder.

Well, let us take a look.

Arguably the foundation and launch pad for the MCU was Robert Downey Jr.'s super successful *Ironman* film that came out 15 years ago in 2007. That prized youthful 20-24 year old demographic then is now almost 40 years old. Not so youthful anymore.

One could say that *Ms. Marvel* is this new generation's *Ironman* in a way. In fact not only is it very popular amongst the young, it also scored high amongst diverse demographics as well.

"*Ms. Marvel* is by far the most popular show among more diverse audiences, over-indexing among Black, Hispanic, and Asian house-

holds," said Cole Strain, VP at Samba TV.

In a nutshell *Ms. Marvel* is exactly where Disney and Marvel want it to be—very popular in the coveted and growing younger viewer demographics range—and I expect it will become a model for future properties.

Still, it's annoying that the older and whiter audiences are not clicking with it but hey, in the words of Kamala Khan: "It's not really the brown girls from Jersey City who save the world."

It's a statement loaded with profound prescience because just as fictional character *Ms. Marvel* is out to prove that, yes, Pakistani Muslim immigrant girls from Jersey City can in fact change the world, so too is our very own Canadian talent Iman Vellani proving that Pakistani Muslim immigrant girls from Markham can change the world.

Ms. Marvel is amazing and so is Iman Vellani. Watch it and you and your family will be better for it.

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etc. to commute between Morden, Boundary Trails hospital, and Winkler. With so many people wanting to use non-motorized means to get from one place to the other, particularly with gas prices so high, and with the inherent dangers of biking on a four-lane highway or a busy back dusty gravel road with aggressive dogs in more than one spot, it certainly makes sense to us to speed things up regarding this talked

about bike path.

Let's make it a reality, not just an idea, that would save others from injury and perhaps death.

And please, keep your dogs on your own property. You have no idea if they are friendly or not when they charge out onto a road!

Brian & Marlene Perrin,
Morden

> SWIMMING LESSONS, FROM PG. 3

the pool rental and swim instructors and also allowed them to supply each participant with a pair of swim goggles.

Aquatic centre programmer Lani Ens noted they've hosted swimming safety information nights for newcomers before, but this was an opportunity to do something more in-depth.

"With the water safety chats we do, it's often geared towards the parents so that they can tell their kids don't go there or don't do this in the

water, but this time I was thinking maybe the kids would like lessons."

Hearing that some of those kids are now sharing what they've learned with their parents, helping their entire families feel more comfortable in the water, is pretty amazing, Ens said.

"That is exactly why we did it ... now they know they can come to the pool, the lake, and be safe," she said. "I could not be more happy with how the program has gone."

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Morden decked-out for fall for Hallmark movie shoot

By Lorne Stelmach

Morden will have a starring role in a Hallmark movie production, and it will especially showcase a few of its historic fieldstone homes.

A film crew for the TV movie *Pumpkin Everything* set up shop in town last week and will be shooting here into next week.

It not only offered an opportunity for residents to sign up as extras but also had a trio of heritage homes playing significant roles as key settings, and the respective homeowners were more than happy to have their properties featured in the production.

"We are proud to have our neighbourhood featured in this film. It's nice that we can share the beauty of our 100-plus-year-old fieldstone homes," said Chris Krushel, who together with wife Lili owns Bellas Castle, one of three neighbouring locations chosen for the movie.

"There are not a lot of communities that have the stone buildings that Morden does ... so it is a good thing to publicize it, I think," said Bevan Wiebe, who co-owns another of the homes with his wife Sandra. "If the work that we have done can be shared with the public in some way, I think it's great ... and it will be fun to watch the movie."

Peter Cantelon, who owns the third house being featured, noted these well-preserved heritage homes are part "of what sets Morden apart."

"The more we can do to recognize and preserve this stuff, I think the better it is for Morden," he said.

Representatives for the movie did not return requests for comment by press time.

Pumpkin Everything is based on the book of the same name by Beth Labonte and is part of the Autumnboro romance series.

It follows the story of a brokenhearted novelist who returns home to her small town to care for her grandfather and finds herself reconnecting with her childhood sweetheart.

Pumpkin Everything is billed as a small town ro-

mance, and Morden is serving as a stand-in for the New Hampshire setting, with the three properties at the west end of Stephen Street seeming especially well-suited for it.

"I remember when the location scout came here a month ago, and as she was walking around the property, all she kept saying was, 'Wow, this is just perfect,'" recalled Krushel.

"After a few meetings with the crew, it quickly became a reality that we and a few other locations in the city had been chosen to begin filming immediately," he said. "We were also being cast as extras, so we are really excited to be a part of this project."

They were more than happy to offer up their home, which was originally built in 1902 for lawyer J.H. Black.

"It's amazing having Bella's Castle as a central hub of activity as well as being featured in the movie."

"We had a good time doing it, and we would do it again ... it's been exciting," said Bevan Wiebe, who noted they also didn't hesitate when approached about the production using their home, the Dr. J.B. McConnell house built in 1899.

It all happened very quickly after they were first approached about four weeks ago.

"I think the movie is shot a little quicker than normal. Somebody was saying about three to six months usually, and this is a few months," Bevan said. "Every week, a few more people would come just to inspect, and they all agreed that Morden was the place."

They didn't mind the bit of upheaval.

"We've had a few people ask before, but nothing's ever come of it," he said. "If we can share it and be part of this, that's great. We're happy to help."

"Once they were here, they were really here, about 70, 80 people showed up ... and they started tearing things apart and rearranging it the way they wanted it, took furniture from here and there," Wiebe recalled.

At one point then, the director arrived at the lo-



PHOTO BY LORNE STELMACH/VOICE
Bevan and Sandra Wiebe in front of their Morden home, which has been decorated for fall as a shooting location for the Hallmark movie *Pumpkin Everything*.

cation.

"He said, 'We need more fall' so out came the bags of stuff and they had to put more fall decorations up," Bevan said. "This is pretty over the top,

but that's what most Hallmark movies are, right, kind of over the top? It looks good; it's very visual."

There was a lot of setup last week Sunday followed by shooting on Monday and Tuesday, and not only in their home, which served as the grandfather's house, but also with their garage/workshop being turned into a bachelor's apartment.

"It was a great crew. Everybody was super nice and friendly," said Bevan, who noted they stayed in a hotel during the shoot.

"We moved to a hotel for a few days and just kind of let them have the run of the house," said Sandra. "It's been an interesting experience. They've been very careful and thoughtful."

"I can see why they chose this

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The film crew at work on *Pumpkin Everything* on Stephen St.

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BY PETER CANTELON



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Parts of downtown Morden were given an autumn look for the film.



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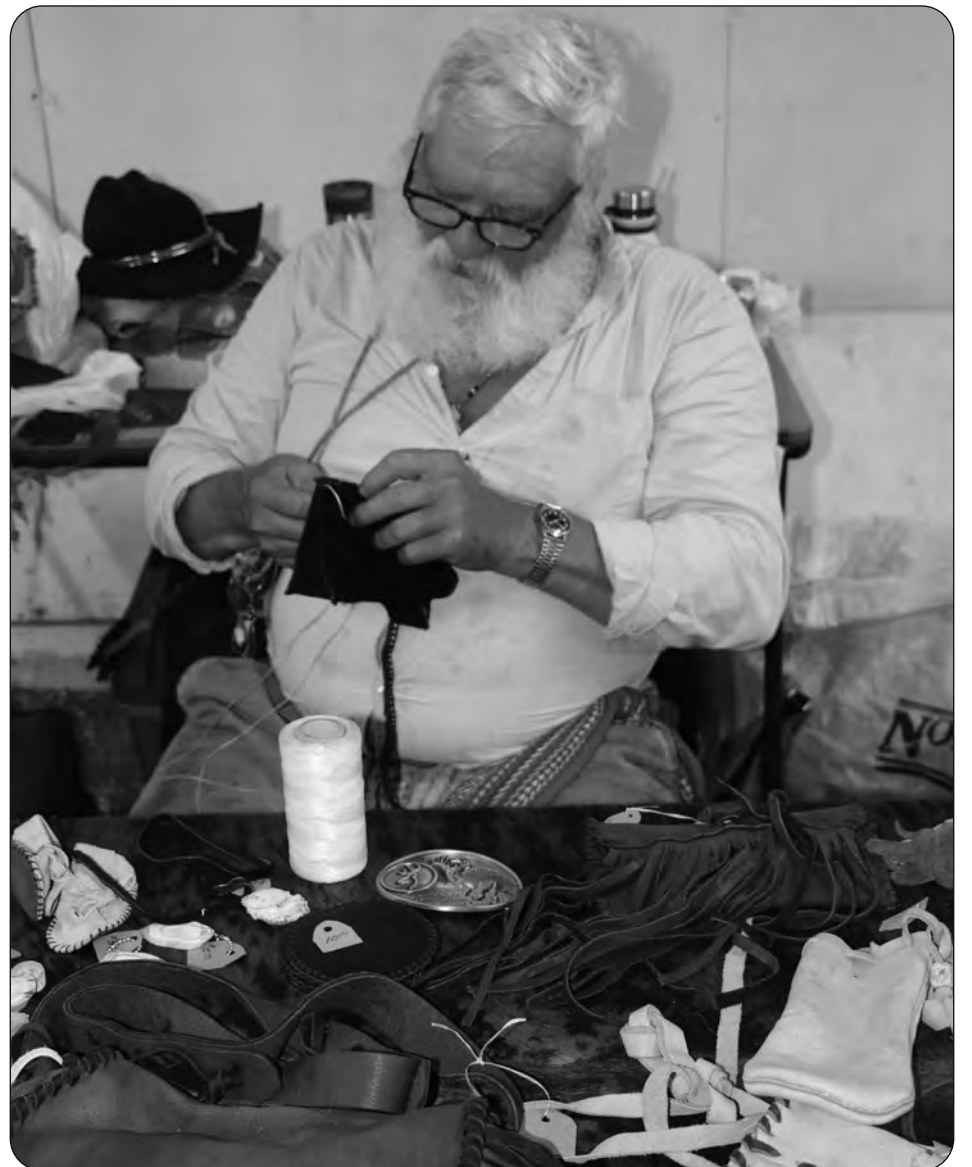
By Lorne Stelmach

It may have been on a smaller scale, but a celebration of everything connected to trapping and the fur trade returned this past weekend after being shutdown the past two years due to the pandemic.

The Pembina Valley Rendezvous and Trade Fair moved from Stanley Park to Darlingford this summer.

There was a dedicated core of enthusiasts on hand for the event's return, but it was also nice for organizers to see new participants like Bob Hunt of Manitou.

Hunt was displaying for the first time at the Rendezvous. He had a variety of his cigar box guitars along with what he dubbed 'canjos' and some simple one-string instruments for the kids.



PHOTOS BY LORNE STELMACH/VOICE

Vendors sold their wares at the Pembina Valley Rendezvous in Darlingford last weekend. Above, left: On hand was Bob Hunt, who makes cigar box guitars.

"I've always liked the traditional music, which is what three stringed guitars are usually used for," said Hunt, who started making them in 2017.

If you've seen a three string guitar being played and wondered what it is, chances are it's a cigar box guitar.

Cigar box guitars were originally made by those who couldn't afford to buy a traditional guitar. Cigar boxes were fairly easy to get hold of, not too expensive, and nicely resonant if you tap the outside of the box.

"I just wanted to learn how to play, and it's a hobby that just kind of got out of control, so here I am selling some of them," Hunt said. "I'm a retired carpenter, so I have all of the tools that I need to make everything."

"I had never thought of selling until I realized I had too many made, and it was taking up too much of the house,

so I had to start downsizing the guitar collection."

Hunt was enjoying being part of the gathering in Darlingford last weekend.

"I like meeting people, and I like listening to some of them that will sit down and play for a while on them, and I just like getting out."

If you are curious or interested in getting a cigar box guitar or even learning to play, you can contact Bob's Three Stringers by calling 204-242-4078.

In addition to giving artisans like Hunt a place to display their wares, the Rendezvous also usually includes demonstrations in such things as blacksmithing, flint knapping, and trapping and skinning. Friday evening featured a pork barbecue while there was a fish fry Saturday evening, along with live music.

Manitou resident frustrated by town's weed control efforts

By Lorne Stelmach

A Manitou resident would like to see the RM of Pembina doing more weed control in the community.

Ron Watson particularly cites the former municipal office next door to his Main Street residence as an example of a site where weeds have taken serious root.

"They are not looking after the town as far as noxious weeds go, including their own property, which I unfortunately live next door to," Watson said. "They still own the building, and they still supposedly maintain the building, but they're not maintaining the property very well."

Watson has lived next to the property for several years, and he suggested this has been a problem for the past few years. He's taken it upon himself to do weed control a few times, but maintains the RM should be taking care of it.

He wrote a letter to the municipality about this matter but said he received no response. He then contacted a provincial weed specialist based out of Morden, who apparently reached out to the RM to talk spray options.

Public works staff sprayed then, Watson said, but only the back parking lot, not the front boulevard.

"They only did a halfhearted spray,"

he said, noting the weeds are still there in full force all around the building—the front boulevard is more weeds than grass at this point, he said.

He wants the RM to step up and better care for their property.

"I just want the town to look presentable," he stressed, noting Manitou is a small community but one that does have tourists who come to enjoy shows at the opera house or check out the heritage houses. The town should be putting its best foot forward, Watson said, especially when it comes to municipally-owned properties.

He also voiced concern about the lawn maintenance at the various schools in the community over the summer months.

The RM offered a brief response about the matter when contacted this week.

"The municipality has previously taken measures to deal with the ratepayer's concerns and will not be commenting publicly on the matter further," Reeve Glenn Shiskoski replied by email.

Prairie Spirit School Division superintendent Cheryl Mangin, meanwhile, noted the division does not spray any herbicides on school properties, but it does to keep up with mowing and other property maintenance through the summer.



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Manitou resident Ron Watson says there's more weeds than grass growing around the former RM of Pembina municipal offices downtown. He's concerned weed control efforts in the community have been too lax this summer.



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house," she thought, after having read the book.

"The book even mentions a turret in the house ... so the house kind of fit the bill," added Bevan. "We'll find out what they use and what they don't use when the film actually comes out ... they take a lot of shots."

"I think very quickly they kind of realized they could really do a lot of this movie right here on Stephen Street," suggested Cantelon, who lives in the home built in 1898 for grain merchant Benjamin Porter. "They remarked how surprised they were by the number of houses like this in one spot, so that was convenient for them."

They similarly were happy to share their home, which was scheduled for just one day of filming earlier this week.

"We love the house because it's unique. An old home like this is not for everyone," Cantelon noted. "We

had the attitude that we want some place that looks different, feels different and has a lot of history to it.

"It's very validating that they see the uniqueness and the charm of it," he said. "And it's great for Morden. The more they get familiar with what Morden has, I think we will see more of these ... they film a lot of Hallmark movies in Manitoba."

"They really liked that so many of the locations were so close together. They could shoot a lot of the movie here," said Bevan, who agreed that this could end up being a great promotional opportunity for Morden.

"We have some rich history here, and you don't see stone houses just anywhere, so I think it's going to be a neat thing for the world to see," she said. "Hopefully, they'll see Morden as a community that is welcoming to this kind of thing ... hopefully we'll be able to host more of these kinds of things in the future. I think it's good for the community."

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The Manitoba Public Insurance Corporation (MPI) has filed the 2023 General Rate Application before the Public Utilities Board (Board) for approval of Basic Autopac vehicle insurance rates and premiums effective on April 1, 2023 through March 31, 2024.

For further details, please contact MPI at inquiries@mpi.mb.ca or visit the Board's website at www.pubmanitoba.ca.

An electronic-based virtual public hearing on the proposed decrease will be held beginning:

**Wednesday, October 19, 2022
at 9 a.m.**

Please view the hearing via the PUB website link

If you are interested in learning more about this rate decrease, you are encouraged to attend the hearing, observe the hearing via live streaming, or provide your perspectives through the Board's online comment tool.

If you wish to speak at the hearing or make a written submission, please contact the Board Secretary, Dr. Darren Christle at 204-945-2638 or toll free 1-866-854-3698, no later than **October 1, 2022**.

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Summer sampler



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The Winkler Rec. Department hosted a Summer Sampler Day Camp last week. "The idea is that every day they do one or two new activities," said rec. programmer Kaitlyn Dyck. The kids started off with cooking on Monday, sports at Pine Ridge Plaza followed by crafts at Winkler Arts and Culture Tuesday, theatre programming with Flatlands Theatre Company Wednesday, and dancing with DanceWorks Thursday. The camp wrapped up with a fun and games at the MEC and an afternoon at the pool on Friday. A second camp week is being planned for August.



Gretna was the hot spot to be last weekend



GRETNA HOT SPOT FESTIVAL/FACEBOOK
The Hot Spot Festival took over Gretna last weekend for two days of fun. Things kicked off Friday night with an Amazing Race competition followed by a showing of Dennis the Menace at the Prairie Centre. The packed-full Saturday included a free pancake breakfast, kiddie carnival, bouncers, a rocking foam party, magic show, bingo, musical entertainment from the Brothers Keep, The Committee, and Silas Presley, and, to wrap up the day, fireworks.



YFC Altona hosting annual Mow-a-Thon July 28



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The team from Youth for Christ Altona are ready and raring to mow as many lawns as possible for the agency's annual Mow-a-Thon fundraiser July 28.

By Ty Dilello

Youth For Christ Altona is hosting its annual Mow-A-Thon fundraiser on July 28.

It's a fun day where YFC Altona staff and teens go all over town mowing people's lawns.

"The way we raise money for YFC

programs is by getting people to pledge per-lawn donations," said YFC's Marty Falk, explaining donating a single set amount is most welcome as well, but "having per-lawn donation is a fun way of motivating our groups of volunteers to mow as many lawns as possible. It's a way of raising more money for YFC and also



being able to bless more people in our community.

"For example, if you pledged \$3 per lawn and we mowed 30 lawns on the day of the event, your total donation due would be \$3x30=\$90," he said, noting the last time the Mow-A-Thon was held they managed to mow 34 properties.

If you're interested in supporting YFC Altona by making a pledge, contact them at 204-304-6521 or via email to stationyfc@gmail.com. Event info can also be found at yfcaltona.com/news/mow2022.

All donations will receive a tax-deductible receipt.

Thanks for Farming Tour is in Winkler next week

Tour is teaming up with Central Stn. to host a seafood boil fundraiser July 27

By Ashleigh Viveiros

Winkler plays host to the 2022 Thanks for Farming Tour next week.

Organizer Jeremy Matuszewski of Thunderstruck Sales & Marketing said the Swift Current, SK stop was a big hit last week. Now they're looking forward to bringing the event home to Winkler July 27-28 for the first time since it was launched back in 2020.

"We're pumped. This will be our 14th one and we haven't ever done one in Winkler, so we're really excited," he said.

The show already has over 45 agricultural exhibitors lined up as well as a host of guest speakers.

"Farmers that come can expect to see a pretty diverse group of speakers," said Matuszewski. "We've got speakers talking on grain marketing, on succession planning. We have Quick Dick McDick coming just to entertain. We have Chris Beaudry coming to talk mental health.

"And then exhibitors from all across Western Canada and of course Winkler," he added, noting they'll be setting up shop both inside and outside at the MEC. "There's technology

there, there's grain handling, grain storage, equipment, there's new innovations. It's just a wide variety of products from around the world."

The schedule is the same for both days of the event, which run from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

On the Wednesday, though, the Thanks for Farming team is partnering with the Central Station Community Centre to host a seafood boil at the facility as a fundraiser for its community programs.

The evening includes a seafood meal of lobster, crab, shrimp and more alongside music from Jess Rae Ayre. There were still about 40 of the \$150 tickets left as of Monday. Call 204-325-0257 to book yours.

"We're really excited to provide that

space for them," said Matuszewski, stressing that being able to give back at every community it visits is a major part of the tour's goal. To that end, all admission fees to the Winkler event will be donated to Central Station.

"That's part of our vision. We want to say thank you to farmers and we want to support the communities that support the farmers ... so it's very important for us to support an organization like Central Station that does so much for Winkler and the surrounding area."

Tickets are \$10 and are available online, along with a detailed event schedule, at thanksforfarmingtour.com.

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WELCOME TO THE 2022 SUNFLOWER FESTIVAL



THURSDAY JULY 21

7:30pm Thursday Night in Neubergthal (Silas Presley and band performing)

FRIDAY JULY 22

9:00am 55+ Men's Slo-Pitch Softball Tournament (Altona Park)

11:30 – 1:30pm BBQ Kickoff Lunch Suggested Donation \$5 for lunch Sponsored by COOP, proceeds to The Kiddie Sunshine Centre located at the park, shelter #1.

11:00 – 5:00pm Gallery in the Park features artwork throughout the weekend. Featuring Lorraine Roy and Buffalo Creek Artists (Ken Loewen, Steve Penner, Bev Friesen, Marguerite Krahn, and Barb Wiebe)

2pm Queen Contestant Speeches (Indoors at the Millennium Exhibition Centre)

4:00 – 8:00pm Mennonite Foods at the Rhineland Pioneer Centre

5:00 – 8:00pm Bounce-a-rama Inflatables sponsored by Pembina Valley Pharmacy (Altona Park)

5:00 – 10:00pm Food trucks open

6:00 – 7:00pm Altona Fire Department – Family Fun! (located at Parkside Jr. High School – South of the park)

4:00 – 9:00pm Gifted the Market Located in the Arena at the Millennium Exhibition Centre

5:00 – 10:00pm Axe Throwing

8:00pm Introduction of the 2022 Manitoba Sunflower Festival Queen Contestants

8:00pm Opening Ceremonies (located at Park Stage)

8:00pm Altona Farm Service Friday Night Stage show by "Piano Kings" Billy Joel and Elton John tribute (located at Park Stage)

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SATURDAY JULY 23

- 7:30 – 9:30am** Pancake Breakfast by donation sponsored by Access Credit Union (All Proceeds going to Kiddie Sunshine Expansion Project) (located at the Access Credit Union parking lot)
- 10:00am** Gigantic Commercial parade (Downtown)
- 11:00 – 7:00pm** Mennonite Foods at the Rhineland Pioneer Centre
- 11:00 – 3:00pm** Altona Farmers' Market (located at 10th Ave at the park)
- 11:00 – 8:00pm** Bounce-a-rama Inflatables sponsored by Pembina Valley Pharmacy (Altona Park)
- 11:00 – 8:00pm** Cole and Mace Law Office Petting Zoo by Riklyn Farms
- 11:30 – 12:30pm** Free Yoga, outdoors at the Gallery in the Park (Bring a mat) *WEATHER DEPENDENT*
- 12:00 – Dusk** Food Trucks Open
- 12:00 – 8:00** Gifted the Market (Located in the Arena at the Millennium Exhibition Centre)
- 2pm** Queen Pageant Fashion Show (Park Stage)
- 2:00 – 4:00pm** Free Face Painting (located by the Inflatables)
- 3:00 – 10:00pm** Axe Throwing
- 3pm** Buffalo Creek Mills Children's Entertainment by Teakle Family Circus (Park Stage)

- 1:00 & 4:00pm** Xtreme Dog Show brought to you by Ruff Mutts (Greenspace west of the Tennis Courts)
- 1pm** Altona Rhineland Emergency Services Fire Truck Pull (10th Ave Across from park)
- 7:30pm** Stage Show in the Park with entertainment by Don Amero & Manitoba Sunflower Festival Queen Pageant fashion show
- 10:00pm** Crowning of the 2022 Manitoba Sunflower Festival Queen
- 10:30pm** Fireworks (located behind the Millennium Exhibition Centre)
- 8 pm – 1 am** Elk's Dance (Rhineland Pioneer Centre)

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- 12:00pm** Legends Car Club's 41st Annual Show in the Park
- 12:00pm** Bounce-a-rama Inflatables sponsored by Pembina Valley Pharmacy (Altona Park)
- 12:00pm** Cole and Mace Law Office Petting Zoo by Riklyn Farms (Altona Park)

- 12:00pm - dusk** Food Trucks open
- 1:30 - 8:00pm** Free Swimming (Altona Aquatic Centre)
- 1:30, 2:30 & 4:00pm** Extreme Motocross
- 1:00 - 4:00pm** Bubble Soccer and Gladiator Jousting (Greenspace west of the Tennis Courts)
- 1:00 - 4:00pm** Mobile Climbing Wall by Vertical Adventures
- 1:00 - 6:00pm** Sunday afternoon Music in the Park on the Park Stage

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SUNDAY JULY 24

- 3:00pm** Free Faspa – Watermelon and Rollkuchen served to you by Town of Altona & Municipality of Rhineland
- 4:30pm** Legends Car Club trophy presentation
- 6:00 – 10:00pm** Old Time Dance (Pioneer Centre)



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Sunflower Queen hopefuls excited to take the stage

By Ty Dilello

The Manitoba Sunflower Festival is not complete without its annual Sunflower Queen Pageant. And this year's event is once again planning to be quite the spectacle.

Pageant contestant events this weekend include speeches Friday afternoon at the Millennium Exhibition Centre at 2 p.m. followed by a fashion show at the Centennial Park stage on Saturday, also at 2 p.m.

Saturday night will see the 2022 Manitoba Sunflower Festival Queen and her retinue crowned at 10 p.m. at the stage.

Vying for the honour this year are contestants Laura Krahn, Amber Thiessen, Willow Kehler, Halle Hildebrand, and Jenna Osueke.

The pageant has been an annual tradition in Altona since the first was held back in 1966. The exchange of Sunflower Queens with Altona's sister city of Emerald, Australia, began in 1983.

"The bond that has been created over all these years is a very strong one," said organizer Adina Schellenberg. "While the girls in Emerald and Altona begin their sunflower pageants with involvement in their respective communities, through the exchange they get to share and learn about the others' commu-



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From left: Amber Thiessen, Halle Hildebrand, Jenna Osueke, Laura Krahn, and Willow Kehler are all vying for the 2022 Manitoba Sunflower Festival crown this weekend.

nity. This opportunity is often described as one of a lifetime and, having been part of this so long, I know that it is true. There are lifelong friendships created."

What Schellenberg hopes the girls take away from this pageant experience is first to have fun but also to build self-confidence and community spirit and learn about the importance of community involvement.

"It's also important to learn how to expand their public speaking skills and how to develop relationships, whether that be with their fellow contestants, royalty, and Australians, the business community as they learn more about their sponsors, and the community of Altona as a whole as they participate and represent the town in events."

Attending this year's festival are two of the Central Highlands Sunflower Queens from Australia, who arrived in town earlier this week to see the sights.

The 2020 winner, Grace Simpson, and the 2022 queen, Piper Rodda, will be escorted around town by hosts Megan Fehr and Brooklyn Thiessen.

As to the potential 2022 Manitoba Sunflower Queen, here's a look at this year's hopefuls:

HALLE HILDEBRAND

"I am proud to be sponsored by H N Auto & Truck Service. I graduated from Mennonite Collegiate Institute in Gretna this past June. My plans for fall are to attend the University of Winnipeg in the

Faculty of Science to pursue my science degree and then go on to medical school.

My interests include climbing rocks and mountains, singing, musical theatre, and crocheting."

WILLOW KEHLER

"I am proud to be sponsored by BFT Weanlings. I graduated from W.C. Miller Collegiate in 2021 and have recently finished my first year of university. This coming fall, I am hoping to attend University of Winnipeg for their education program.

In my free time, I enjoy curling in the winter, golfing in the summer, camping, making Spotify playlists, spending time with my family and hanging with the homies."

LAURA KRAHN

"I am very excited to be sponsored by C & D Penner Farms where I work. I graduated from W. C. Miller Collegiate in 2021 and spent the 2021-22 school year doing the first year of pre-vet at the University of Manitoba. I hope to pursue a career in large animal veterinary practice.

In my free time, I love spending time with friends and family, going to the gym, and doing things outdoors."

JENNA OSUEKE

I am proudly sponsored by GJ Chemical and a 2021 graduate from W.C. Miller Collegiate. This past year I have taken

time to work before I attend the University of Manitoba this coming fall. I have enjoyed this year off from school to relax and figure out my plans for the future.

I am very excited to start this new chapter of my life by living in Winnipeg and going to school to pursue a career in education.

During my spare time I enjoy going to Outland Fitness to stay active, hanging out with family and friends, reading romance novels, spending time in the sun, watching new movies, and playing sports."

AMBER THIESSEN

"I am thrilled to be sponsored by Friends Corporation here in Altona. I graduated from W.C. Miller in 2021. I then moved to Providence University College in Otterburn, MB, to continue my education.

I will be entering my second of a three-year bachelor of science program majoring in biology this coming September. After that, I plan to attend veterinary school to further my dreams of becoming a marine veterinarian.

In my free time, I enjoy horseback riding, playing softball, baking, cooking, sewing, knitting, swimming, water skiing, skating, traveling, and spending time with my friends, family, and my puppy Teddy. I love a good adventure and I am excited to see where this experience will take me."

"THE BOND THAT HAS BEEN CREATED OVER ALL THESE YEARS IS A VERY STRONG ONE."

Legends Car Club to host 41st Show in the Park

By Ty Dilello

After a two-year hiatus, the Legends Car Club will return with their 41st Annual Show in the Park on Sunday, July 24 at the Manitoba Sunflower Festival in Altona.

Entries on the day will include various cars, trucks, and motorcycles. The show begins at noon and runs until 4:30 p.m.

"It's wonderful to have the show returning for all of those interested in seeing some classic cars," said organizer H.J. Stoesz.

The event takes place in Altona's picturesque Centennial Park and is free for participants and spectators alike.

Entrants will judge one another in a variety of categories, with prizes slat-



ed to be handed out at 4 p.m.

"Spectators are free to talk to the owners and enjoy the day," Stoesz said. "And two of our sponsors, West

Park Motors and Rhineland Car, will be on hand to discuss the latest in the automotive world.

"Come out and bring your family

and friends and have a relaxing day at the Show in the Park."



Centennial Park will be a gearhead's paradise this weekend as the Legends Car Club hosts its 41st annual Show in the Park at the Manitoba Sunflower Festival.

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Parent charged in ORV accident that left two young teens injured

By Voice staff

Pembina Valley RCMP have laid charges in connection with an off-road vehicle (ORV) accident that left two young teens injured.

On June 15, a 29-year-old woman was charged with three offences after her 13-year-old daughter and her six friends were in a collision involving an ORV.

The seven females, all aged 13 and under, were riding together on the side-by-side vehicle when they lost control on the gravel and the ORV rolled into the ditch, throwing all the riders.

One girl was taken to a Winnipeg hospital with serious injuries. A second was transported to a local hospi-

tal with minor injuries.

None of the youths was wearing helmets or safety equipment.

As the owner of the vehicle, the mother was charged with permitting an unsupervised person under the age of 14 to operate the vehicle, allowing an unregistered ORV to be operated, and having more passengers than allowed on an ORV.

This incident could have very easily had a far more tragic outcome, notes Staff Sergeant Brent Mattice, Pembina Valley RCMP Area Commander.

"We take these incidents extremely seriously," he said. "These machines are not for unsupervised children. They are not a toy. A fun ride can go bad quickly, as was the case here. The laws are there to keep people safe,

and we are enforcing them."

In the last three years in Manitoba RCMP jurisdiction, there have been 116 serious injury collisions involving all-terrain vehicles, dirt bikes, and utility-terrain vehicles. Of those, 18 were fatalities.

There were more serious injury collisions and fatalities involving those types of vehicles than there were involving motorcycles (55/15), RCMP note. ATVs had the highest numbers at 76 serious injury collisions and 16 fatalities.

Police offer a few safety tips for these vehicles:

- All ORV operators and riders must wear properly fastened safety helmets unless the vehicle is equipped with rollover protection and the occu-

pants are wearing securely fastened seatbelts.

- ORVs are not to be operated on roadways, shoulders, medians of divided roadways, or sidewalks.

- ORVs are permitted to be in the ditch, provided travel is in the same direction as vehicle traffic, the ORV is to the right of the roadway and the shoulder, and the ORV is being operated in an area where ORV use is permitted.

- Always be on the lookout for hazards in the ditch, such as culverts, driveway approaches, and road signs.

- Impaired driving laws apply to ALL motorized vehicles. Only operate an ORV when sober and alert.

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Lifesaving Society Manitoba encourages people to “Be Water Smart”

By Tammy Karatchuk

It's a sombre fact.

Manitoba has the highest rate of children under five drowning per capita per year making our province the child drowning capital of Canada. The Lifesaving Society Manitoba is working to change this statistic.

National Drowning Prevention Week, running from July 17-23, is a countrywide awareness campaign bringing attention to water safety.

“[It's] to highlight drowning prevention,” said Dr. Christopher Love, Water Smart and Safety Management Coordinator with the Lifesaving Society Manitoba.

“It's when many people are on vacation, to really emphasize the need for people to think about water safety and doing things that are water-smart when they're boating, swimming, whatever they're doing as their leisure activity during that summer period.”

According to Love, the highest fatalities occur near the end of July and the beginning of August in Canada.

“It tends to be the hottest time of the year,” he said, “so lots of people going in, on, or near the water. And it also tends to be when there is a higher level of vacation being taken,” the reason for the importance surrounding drowning prevention.

Love said there are several contributing factors for Manitoba's high number of young children drowning.

“Manitoba has so much water. We have so many communities in this province that abut right on the water and therefore, there's easy access.”

A lack of adult supervision is another factor.

“Either adults are not present or they are present but are distracted. So those would be two big factors.”

While Love couldn't say for sure, “the other thing that has been shown in some other jurisdictions, but we don't have a good handle on it for

Canada ... is socioeconomic status of drowning individuals. The lower socioeconomic you are ... generally speaking, there are higher death rates from drowning.”

When a fatality occurs in Canada, “we don't get data on what their income was, what their socioeconomic status was,” said Love. “So we can't definitively prove it, but we do know there is a large amount of poverty in Manitoba ... so it's correlation not causation potentially, so that's a third factor that someone fits in as well ... they're financially stressed. They don't have access to swimming instruction or they don't have access to good quality childcare and those can combine together to mean children are unsupervised around water.”

Another factor is improper usage of approved transport Canada lifejackets or personal floatation devices. Lifejackets, the standard orange vests, are puffier than a PFD, and they're generally used when fishing or on slower boats. A child shouldn't wear an adult lifejacket because it can slip off. A PFD is tighter on the body and designed for outdoor sports and recreation, such as waterskiing, kayaking, and speed boating. However, a lifejacket will turn a person over in the water, even should they're unconscious, something a PFD doesn't offer.

However, neither offers 100 per cent protection.

“Lifejackets or personal floatation devices ... those are great,” said Love, “but they never take away from the need for adult supervision; people can still drown in a lifejacket or PFD. It's a layer of protection, but what we want to see is multilayers of protection for people who are in, on, or around the water. Adult supervision, active ongoing adult supervision is one layer of protection, wearing an approved floating device is another layer of protection. Taking swimming lessons is a third layer of protection.”

Water wings are not recommended



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Lifesaving Society Manitoba urges everyone to be water smart while enjoying local lakes and waterways. That includes wearing a life jacket as an extra layer of protection, especially for kids.

because a child's arms can slide out, plus the wings can inhibit their ability to swim. Love noted swimming where a lifeguard is present acts as a “fourth layer of protection.”

Another issue is drinking and boating, the equivalent to drinking and driving.

“If you think about the River Rogue or the Paddlewheel Princess ... those are actually registered commercial craft,” said Love. “They can have a licenced bar onboard. But anything that's pleasure craft, even if it's a big 40', 15, 18-metre yacht, on Lake Winnipeg or Lake of the Woods, even if you have someone captaining that for you, it's still a pleasure craft. You can't have open liquor onboard. The only time that open liquor is allowed onboard on a pleasure craft in Canada, by law, is if that craft is anchored or docked, and it also has kitchen and toilet facilities onboard.”

Even when someone who isn't partaking is steering the boat, “there still can be a charge involved.”

It's the same a vehicle, stated Love.

“I may not be drinking, but if someone is drinking in my car, I'm getting in trouble with the cops. Many people don't understand that your motorboat is considered a motor craft or a motorized vehicle. So, it's a charge that would usually rank with the operation of a motorized vehicle.”

If you've had previous DUIs, this could be the last time you're behind the helm for awhile.

“If you're on a third strike ... potentially if you were caught again and you're in a powerboat, your third strike happened in the powerboat.”

The penalties could include losing your driver's licence or impounding your boat or vehicle.

“Besides the fact that it's unsafe [drinking and boating], potentially people can get hurt or die doing it, which is what our big focus is on,” said Love. “We want everyone to be safe ...”

“I'm not saying don't have a party, just save the party when you're back on dry land at the end of the day.”

Two face charges after cocaine trafficking investigation

By Voice staff

A pair of Winklerites are facing charges in connection with a cocaine trafficking investigation undertaken by the Winkler Police Service with assistance from the Morden Police Service.

On the evening of July 8, officers pulled over a vehicle on Highway 14 in the RM of Stanley. Both occupants were arrested, and a search of

the vehicle resulted in the seizure of a small quantity of cash and a plastic bag with 24 unknown pills.

The next afternoon, the Winkler Police Service alongside the Regional Support Tactical Team executed a search warrant in the 200 block of Orion Lane.

A search of the residence with assistance from police dog Juno resulted in the seizure of approximately 31.5

grams of cocaine, over \$1,600 cash believed to be proceeds of drug trafficking, various edged weapons, a canister of bear spray, a replica handgun, and drug trafficking paraphernalia.

A 23-year-old Winkler man is facing charges of possession of cocaine for the purpose of trafficking, possessing a weapon for a dangerous purpose, possessing property obtained by crime under \$5,000, and two counts

of failing to comply with an undertaking.

A 19-year-old Winkler woman is facing charges of possession of cocaine for the purpose of trafficking, possessing a weapon for a dangerous purpose, and possessing property obtained by crime under \$5,000.

Both were released on undertakings. They will appear in court in Morden in September.

Deb Fehr hitting the road for Habitat's Spirit of Hope ride

By Lorne Stelmach

A local volunteer with the Winkler and Morden chapter of Habitat for Humanity will be hitting the road again this summer in support of the organization.

Debra Fehr will participate for a second time in the Spirit of Hope cycling fundraiser to help Habitat for Humanity build homes for families in Manitoba.

It's a five-day cycling adventure that follows along the shores of Lake Winnipeg Aug. 29 to Sept. 2. Cyclists will tackle a moderately challenging ride that begins in Winnipeg and heads to the northern tip of Hecla Island before looping back to the city.

Fehr, who serves on the family selection committee for the local Habitat chapter, is motivated to take on this challenge simply because she really believes in the cause.

"So I thought it was a good thing to do. I could volunteer in two different ways," Fehr said last Thursday as she set out a training ride from Winkler to Morden. "It's exciting to see the houses going up in the communities, both Winkler and Morden, so I want to do all I can to help low income families be able to afford home ownership."

She was among six local cyclists who

signed up last year, and she didn't hesitate to tackle it again this summer.

"It was challenging for me. I've done fits and starts of various sports in the past, but this was my first big bike ride," noted Fehr, who estimated she was able to complete about 350 of the 388 km last year. "So I felt pretty good about it."

She also has come to embrace cycling as great exercise.

"It's a good practise to have, especially in the summer when it's nice to be able to go riding, and now you have a purpose for it," she said. "I feel strongly about helping Habitat, so it works well for two reasons."

"I FEEL STRONGLY ABOUT HELPING HABITAT."

"I would love to have some partners," she added. "So if anybody would want to go for a bit of a jaunt with me, I would love it ... and give money if you can."

The overall goal of Spirit of Hope is to raise \$50,000, with the fundraising target for each participant set at \$1,000.

The daily cycling plan for cyclists sees them riding between 77-118 kilometres a day. Fehr has been hitting the local roads to prepare.

"I've just been trying to do a couple rides a week ... this is a 30 km ride



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Local Habitat for Humanity volunteer Deb Fehr is once again taking part in the Spirit of Hope bike ride to raise funds for the agency. She'll bike from Winnipeg to Hecla Island and back next month.

I'm doing today [last Thursday], and on the weekends, I try to do a longer one," she said, noting she was aiming for 40-45 km this past weekend and then building it up each weekend leading up to the ride.

You can find out more about the Spirit of Hope ride online at www.habitat.mb.ca under the events tab.

You can support Fehr online as well with a donation at www.canadahelps.org/en/charities/habitat-for-humanity-winnipeg/p2p/SOH2022/page/debra-fehr.

She encouraged people to get involved and to lend their support, as she fully appreciates the difference

that can be made in a family's life by getting them into an home.

"My first house was life changing for me, and I just feel strongly that it can help solidify a person's destiny, change the path they're on, so I'm just really passionate about it.

"It does meet one very important need for families," Fehr concluded. "I think we're getting the word out ... we had more applications this last time [for the Morden house], so that's a good sign that people are hearing about it. We might be building up a bit of a following here, so that would be great if we can keep building more homes."

Letters from the past

Ed Falk, archivist at the Winkler Heritage Archives, uncovered and translated several letters from early settlers to our area to loved ones back home in Russia, providing an interesting glimpse into life way back when.



Heritage Highlights

This letter, dat-

ed Sept. 1, 1875, shares some of the blessings and challenges immigrants found upon arriving in Canada.

It was written by a Heinrich and Anna Harder, of Blumenfeld, to their parents back home in Russia:

We have heard, several times that our dear father is already on his way here. That is why I have not written to him. We are already anticipating the joy we will feel at his arrival. That thought really makes one's heart jump a beat. Should it not be the case, that he is on the way here, I plead with you that you do not think negatively of me when I say that I am able to meet him at the Immigration Sheds.

I need to tell you that the younger

Menonite settlers share the blessings, challenges of life in 1870s Manitoba

Jacob Bartsch broke his arm while on the Red River and that the daughter of Franz Peters fell into the river and drowned. Her body has not yet been recovered. So while you are traveling please be very careful, as one cannot anticipate what may occur when one has not had any experience at this. The unexpected can cause bitter pain as is the case with the Peters.

So then we, the Heinrich Harders, can inform you, our dear parents and siblings, that we have completed the long and tiring journey, (God be praised!) some time ago.

Also that we experienced the tragic death of our daughter, Katharina, who died after having been ill for five days. In spite of that we are doing well at this time.

We are aware that there are many reports that things are very bad here and I tell you that they are not true. For example: the story that grasshoppers have destroyed everything. We have yet seen any grasshoppers over here. The grass is so lush and plentiful that it is impossible that they could have been here! We are cutting grass to make hay. Everyone is cutting as much as he wishes. There is no limit and one does not have to share with anyone.

You have also been told that there is a famine here, but again that is not true because the government looks after us so well that we have everything that we need, with the proviso that we must make a trip which takes 1 1/2

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days to get it. It is not that far away, but we use oxen and doing that takes time!

I have also heard that there are reports that we have to work! That is true except that we work for ourselves and we have not yet completed our winter home. And although it is not finished we expect that it will not take much longer to complete it.

We dug a hole in the ground to a depth of from 3 to 4 feet deep and then the rest of the building is above the ground. This works because ground-water level is from 8 to 10 feet below ground level. The fields are level not hilly. We can see several villages from where we are.

Our church group has started as many as 20 villages and there are perhaps as many as 20 more that have not yet been settled. So make up your minds about emigrating because people are coming from everywhere on earth to come to America.

We have not enrolled you for a homestead because the cost of that is \$10. We live on the outer edge of the colony and there is still land available near here. So come so you can be our neighbors, if you are the first ones to come in the new year!

We have very good land and we have water in our village. Ducks and grouse are very plentiful, as well as deer, coyotes and foxes.

The are squirrels and bats. It is just that guns are very expensive and so it would a good idea to bring them with you when you come.

When you prepare for the trip build chests and don't pack bags, because what is in bags that is breakable gets broken.

Also the size of the chest is not an issue, however make sure the chests travel with you. Do not ship the chest ahead of you! That was done this year and those chests have not arrived here yet and there is as yet no information as to where they are.

I would also advise you to travel in a small group, the fewer the better. Also, some of us have brought silver coinage with us and used the Kopek as if it were a penny, but that may not continue to be acceptable. The exchange rate is only 66 ¾ cents per rubel. Paper money is of no use here. What you purchase in Hamburg, aside from mattresses, will be of no use to you.

We have received news of the Jakob Eliases. They live a four-day trip by ox travel from here. We have not seen them but have heard that they are quite unwell, as you already know.

You should tell Jakob Friesen, if he is still there, and our dear father that we have three funerals in our village. And also that the bishop, Johan Wiebe, was here and that he

seemed to be quite happy.

We send heartfelt greetings to all of you, and we ask that you extend our greetings to all our friends.

From your loving children, Heinrich and Anna Harder.

PS: There 24 farmyards in our village, in Blumenfeld.

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Empowering families with the SFMC Program

When it comes to finding ways to keep an elderly or disabled family member in their own home longer, safely, every bit of help is a blessing.

To that end, Heavenly Care Agency CEO and president Celma Pinto lauds the concept behind the Manitoba government's Self/Family Managed Care (SFMC) program, which provides financial support for individuals or families who accept responsibility for managing personal home care needs themselves or want to supplement provincial home care services.

"This program is giving options for those families who want more care or want to get more involved in the care of their loved ones," she said.

When families apply for SFMC funding, an assessment is done by provincial staff to determine how many hours of assistance they may be entitled to in a week.

They can then use that approved funding to hire an agency like Heavenly Care to provide their loved ones with home care that best fits with their needs and schedule.

Heavenly Care prides itself on providing a caring, nurturing, and respectful environment for anyone who requires some

level of support to improve their quality of life. Their staff are available around the clock to aid with everything from meal preparation to grooming to light house-keeping.

The SFMC program is a vital one, Pinto stressed, in terms of empowering families when it comes to a loved one's care.

"The good thing about this program is it is adaptable," she noted. "It gives the flexibility for a family."

As the cost of living rises in our province, Pinto hopes to see the program's funding and approved hours of care increase to help lessen the financial strain on families and individuals who need care.

"Improving the SFMC program will keep seniors at home instead of occupying a bed in a care home," she stressed. "It's really a win-win solution for the resident and the over-burdened care homes."

You can learn more about the Self/Family Managed Care program at gov.mb.ca/health/homecare/nonprof.html. To connect with Heavenly Care Agency about the services it offers, visit heavenlycare.ca.

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'Bottles of Manitoba' on display now in Darlingford

By Lorne Stelmach

A temporary exhibit on throughout the summer at the Darlingford School Heritage Museum showcases history through the lens of a simple yet diverse product.

Bottles of Manitoba is a privately owned collection, and the display offers a glimpse of the many Manitoba companies that manufactured glass bottles and jars. There is a wide array of bottles from businesses ranging from national breweries to small-town druggists.

"I think the draw is a combination of things," said Patrick Thiessen, who organized the exhibit. "I think it is the colours, the different shades of aqua, the clear ones ... and the purple is actually not supposed to happen. They're made to be clear, but UV exposure over time turns them purple. There's such a variety of colours and shapes and sizes ... and there was a bit of a progression over time from the aqua coloured bottles to the clear sort of as technology advanced.

"I think the interest in some of the stuff is even that there's things that you can still buy, like we have the Lee and Perrins worcester bottle."

The collection of bottles was loaned to the museum after an opportunity for their display presented itself as a result of cabinets having been built for a new exhibit that is only coming next year.

"So it just kind of worked out," said Thiessen. "We had the space, so it was

a great opportunity."

The vast array of bottles includes those from a century ago when patent medicines were peddled to cure whatever ails you.

"A lot of them contained ingredients like alcohol, cocaine, morphine, opium or things like that," said Thiessen.

He especially liked Dr. Agnew's Cure for the Heart from about 1906, which claimed to relieve one of the classic heart attack symptoms in just 30 minutes.

"They would make whatever might make you feel good—whether or not it cured you was beside the point."

There are samples of bottles from two glass manufacturers that existed in Beausejour and Winnipeg in the early 20th century. There are also medicine bottles that also date to similar time period as well as others for various household items ranging from cleaners and varnishes to perfumes and toiletries.

"At that time, everything was in glass and in bottles," said Thiessen, who also pointed to bottles used for food items including sauces, vinegars, and extracts. "There were druggists who would get their own bottles made with their business name on it, and hopefully they would be returned so they could be reused."

There are a range of other names which history buffs might recognize such as White Seal beer, Northwest Aerated Waters, Fort Garry Brewery and Golden Key soda.

"Blackwoods was a big bottler, ear-



ABOVE PHOTO BY LORNE STELMACH/VOICE
Patrick Thiessen of the Darlingford School Heritage Museum with the Bottles of Manitoba on display there until fall. The show features dozens of jars made by a wide variety of companies in Manitoba stretching back over 100 years.



lier in Manitoba's history," Thiessen said. "We have the different styles of bottles that they used, different things that they made; they made sauces and vinegar as well as beer, stouts and ales and soda. That was a pretty big company in Winnipeg for a long time."

Thiessen not only appreciates the diversity and versatility of the glass bottles but also appreciates their benefits compared to plastic and the toll that takes on our world today.

"Glass can remain usable ... some of these soda bottles from 1900, you could fill them up and cap them and it would work. There's nothing wrong with them once they've been cleaned out."

The exhibit will remain in place through to September. The museum is open Saturday and Sunday from 1 to 5 p.m., or you can send them a message via its Facebook page for week-day tour availability.

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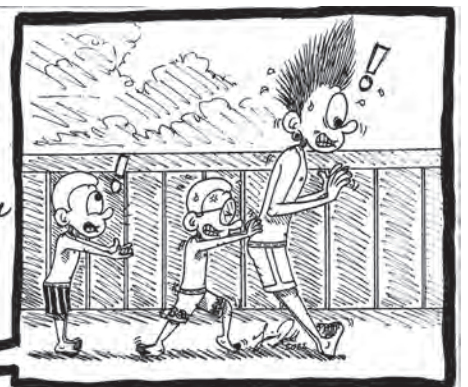
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Firefighters battle early morning blaze in Miami



Fire broke out at the Miami Active Living Centre shortly before 5 a.m. last Tuesday. Miami and Roland fire departments were on the scene to battle the blaze, which caused substantial damage to the roof.

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By Becca Myskiw

Just over a week before it was slated to open, the Miami Active Living Centre was on fire.

At 5 a.m. last Tuesday morning, a community resident on their way to work noticed flames engulfing the roof of the town's newest building.

RM of Thompson Reeve Brian Callum got a text early on July 12 telling him the beloved building was on fire.

"It was devastating news," he said. "I just got a text about 7 a.m. and came to town immediately. Your heart just kind of sinks. It's very disappointing because we're very close to being done and having people in it."

The fire departments of Roland and Miami were on the scene quickly to battle the blaze and remained on site for hours. They ended up getting the blaze extinguished, but not before the damage was already made.

Both sides of the Miami Active Living Centre roof suffered extensive damage, including water and smoke damage inside due to the firefighting efforts.

"It remains to be seen how much can be salvaged," said Callum.

The active living centre was planning a grand opening for July 22, where community representatives were set to talk and community members would be able to walk through the multi-million-dollar facility.

Because of Tuesday's fire, that opening has been put on hold indefinitely.

The cause of the fire is still unknown, but it is under investigation.

Once it's determined what happened, Callum said they'll get experts down to see what can be saved and reused

and then construction on the building will partially start over and resume.

Miami community members took to Facebook to express their sadness over the devastating fire.

"This is so sad for our community," wrote one poster on the Miami Active Living Centre's page.

"So very sad; I am hoping repairs can be done to what was going to be an amazing building," said another.

"It's a major blow to the whole community," said Callum. "It really hurt and the whole community is feeling.

"All we can do now is be positive and move on."

"IT REMAINS TO BE SEEN HOW MUCH CAN BE SALVAGED."

Interest rate hikes mean Canadian families pay \$500 more a month

By Becca Myskiw

Times are tough for Canadians right now with inflation, and they're about to get tougher due to a recent interest rate hike.

The Bank of Canada raised its benchmark rate by a full percent recently from 1.5 per cent to 2.5 per cent, suddenly and drastically raising the cost of debt for Canadians.

Michelle Statz, a licensed insolvency trustee at Bromwich + Smith in

Regina, said while Canadians were warned about interest hikes coming, no one knew they would be this high. The reason the Bank of Canada raised the rates by a full percentage point is to slow the pace of rising inflation.

"The economy is getting back to where it was," said Statz. "People are spending again; the demand cost of goods is going up."

So, to slow the demand and people's spending and to get the cost of goods down, the bank raised interest

rates. That affects any type of borrowing people may use — loans, lines of credits, mortgages.

"It means hopefully inflation comes down a bit," she said.

With the hike and inflation, Statz estimates Canadian families will need an extra \$400 to \$500 a month. So, with the increase in interest, it might prompt people to spend less.

According to Bromwich + Smith's perfect storm survey from earlier this year, "Canadian households are

already awash in debt, with \$1.86 in consumer debt for every dollar of disposable income." And 84 per cent of Canadians are worried about the cost of living/inflation, and are half struggling to manage their debt.

Statz said to deal with this interest rate hike; people should be watching their spending and knowing where every penny of their money goes. People should know what they need to cover their necessities and debt payments (that have now gone up), and budget strictly.

"Don't use credit to pay bills or supplement income," she said. "Make sure your income can cover your expenses. If not, then look at where to cut expenses, and can you increase your income?"

She recommends those struggling with managing their budget talk to a professional like herself so they can avoid bankruptcy. They'll help review solutions and look at other ways to cut costs and pay bills without using credit, therefore taking away the need to pay the interest rate hikes.

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Funke-Friesen off to her fifth Canada Games

By Ty Dilello

Altona's Tara Funke-Friesen has been involved with sports for much of her life. After a stellar young hockey career as a top-flight netminder, Funke-Friesen has moved on to the coaching side of things over the last few decades and will now be attending her fifth Canada Games this summer.

Funke-Friesen grew up in Carman, where she started off playing ringette and softball.

By junior high school, ringette was fading away while hockey was taking over to the point she developed into a top young goaltender in the area.

By the time she got to Carman Collegiate, Funke-Friesen was trying out for the boys' hockey team and ended up making the cut in Grade 11 and Grade 12, where they were Zone 4 champs.

"Playing hockey for the Carman Cougars was my goal in high school," said Funke-Friesen. "Once I made the team, my goal was to play more games. I had good stats but would have loved more ice time. I fit in with guys, and they treated me so well. I enjoyed playing at that level, and every minute of practice and game time helped my game and made me hungry for more. I have fond memories of my time with those guys."

Funke-Friesen made the U18 female Team Manitoba lineup as one of two goalies for the 1995 Canada Games in Grande Prairie, Alberta, where they placed fourth. She was picked up by the University of Manitoba Bisons to go to Westerns that spring, where they placed third.

"I was able to play with a women's team in Winnipeg called the Sweat



Crack shots

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From left: Representing our region at the Manitoba Junior Provincial Trapshooting Championships this month were Nic Neufeld, Karissa Giesbrecht, Cassandra Giesbrecht, and Conner McCullough.

By Voice staff

Members of the Pembina Triangle Trap Club shone at the Manitoba Junior Provincial Trapshooting Championships earlier this month.

Nic Neufeld from the RM of Stanley shot a 92 to clinch first place in the boys division. It's a win Neufeld narrowly missed last year when he shot an 88—one target back from the winning score.

Also coming home with a trophy was Roland's Karissa Giesbrecht, who was tops in the ladies novice competition. Her sister, Cassandra Giesbrecht, took second place in that class.

Rounding out the local trap club's team at the event was Carman shooter Conner McCullough.

Pembina Triangle Trap Club president Tyler Brown noted the competition drew 34 entries from across the province this year, ranging in age from the youngest—a 10-year-old from Lundar who shot an 83—to the 18-year-old competitors, all of whom battled high winds throughout the day.

The club's junior program wrapped up in June, but open shooting is ongoing to October and open to all.

For more information, call Kevin at 204-343-2270.

Camp Storm, and we made it to the Esso Cup Nationals in 1996 (Moncton) and 1997 (Langley)," recalled Funke-Friesen. "Shannon Miller, the coach of Team Canada at the time, invited four of us to Calgary to play for the Oval Extreme in 1996, but I said no as I didn't have the funds. Nicki

Beare, Cindy Klassen, and Jennifer Botterill said yes.

"But I had the opportunity to play against most of Team Canada when they represented their provinces at nationals. Hailey Wickenheiser, Nancy Drolet, Stacy Wilson, Danielle Goyette, and France Saint-Louis were some of the best that I went up against. The last three being much older than me but had been leaders on the National Team for years.

"In one game versus Quebec, they outshot us by more than 50 shots and beat us 4-0. St. Louis slapped my pads and said 'nice save' a number of times. In the end, I was named 'Play-

er Of The Game,' and it was probably the best I ever played."

From there, Funke-Friesen moved to Altona in 1998 as she got away from playing hockey competitively.

"My Canada Games experience inspired me to give back," she said. "I was an official for 13 years, coached female hockey for a while, and was a curling club executive member for a few terms. It wasn't really what I wanted, and then I read a Canada Games media release looking for Team Manitoba mission staff members."

"I'M EXCITED ABOUT THE CANADA GAMES IN NIAGARA THIS SUMMER BECAUSE I GET THE OPPORTUNITY TO HELP ATHLETES REACH THEIR GOAL."

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Border dominates at All-Star Provincials



PHOTO BY LORNE STELMACH/VOICE

There were some close plays, but most everything went right for the Border League all stars Saturday as they cruised to a 10-0 win over Brandon. Border also blanked Elmwood 12-0 and edged Southwest 7-5 before beating Elmwood again 15-0 in the final to capture the senior AA all stars provincial title in Morden.



By Ashleigh Viveiros

The Border League All-Stars clinched the banner at the Senior AA All-stars Provincial Championship in Morden last weekend.

The home team were flawless through three days of games, blanking Elmwood 12-0 Friday and Brandon 10-0 Saturday before getting some competition from Southwest Saturday night in a game they still took 7-5.

Sunday's championship match against Elmwood was another flawless win for Border, 15-0.

Meanwhile, most teams in the league wrapped up their regular season last week.

Winkler capped things off with a 10-4 win over Altona on July 12, while Morden fell to Pilot Mound 8-1 that same night.

The victory jumped the Whips into first place in the East Division over the Mud Hens, who have had a hold on it all summer.

Winkler ends the season with a 9-5 record while Morden is at 8-6. In third place are the Carman Cardinals at 7-6 (they have one final game scheduled, against Cartwright Tuesday night). The Altona Bisons are in fourth and last place at 6-8.

In the West Division, Cartwright in first at 9-4 followed by Baldur (6-8), Pilot Mound (6-8), and Clearwater (4-10).



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Tara Funke-Friesen cheering on Manitoba athletes at the Canada Games in Red Deer a few years ago. She's returning to the Games next month in Niagara as a support staff member for Team Manitoba.

Altona Minor Ball looking for volunteers

By Voice staff

Altona Minor Baseball is putting a call out for volunteers to help with the provincial baseball tournament coming to town next week.

The community hosts the 13U AAA Provincial Championship July 29-31.

Ten teams will go head-to-head in Tier 1 and Tier 2 ball, with round robin games scheduled

> GAMES, FROM PG. 25

Funke-Friesen's second Canada Games (first as a non-athlete) were in 2007 in Whitehorse, Yukon, where she helped with ringette and squash. She was then involved with the female soccer team at the 2009 Canada Games in Prince Edward Island. She went again in 2019 (Red Deer) for wheelchair basketball and snowboarding.

Funke-Friesen will now be heading to the 2022 Canada Games in Niagara, Ontario, from Aug 6-21.

It will mark her fifth Canada Games experience, and this go-around she will be involved with the female softball and sailing teams.

"I'm excited about the Canada Games in Niagara this summer because I get the opportunity to help athletes reach their next goal," she said. "Being a volunteer behind the scenes allows me to see the action on the field or on the water while my efforts are hopefully unnoticed.

"Our job as a liaison is to help everyone with

for the Friday and Saturday followed by play-offs on the Sunday.

A full game schedule can be found online at baseballmanitoba.ca.

Anyone interested in lending a hand with tasks throughout the weekend is asked to contact Altona Minor Baseball via email to altonaminorbaseball@gmail.com.

the boring stuff prior to games like registration, travel logistics, online drug education, uniform sizing and all that.

"During the actual event, I get to be the best cheerleader I can be, and when things come up, I jump in to help out," said Funke-Friesen. "It could be to run to Wal-mart for socks or get in touch with transportation to change a bus pick-up time. I will be ready to help parents and families understand what life is like in the village for their athletes or get them making 'Go Toba Go' signs. It's an all-hands-on-deck approach for anything that can happen over more than two weeks. I love it."

"So far, my sailing and female softball teams have welcomed me into their lineup, and it's going very well in the lead-up to Niagara. We can't wait. It will be an incredible region to visit for a game's experience."

Winkler Royals are the 15U AA champs

The Winkler Royals wrapped up their flawless season by winning the 15U AA provincial banner in Hamiota over the weekend. The boys started things off with a 25-3 win over St. James and then bested Reston 19-1, Steinbach 12-6, and Charleswood 7-6 in the round robin before blanking Charleswood 7-0 in the playoffs en route to the final game, which they won 8-3 against Hamiota. Also competing at the championships were teams from Morden and the Red River Valley. Morden got knocked out by Steinbach in the first round of playoffs while Red River Valley fell to Hamiota in the semi-finals.

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Bisons, Orioles to meet in first round of playoffs

By Ty Dilello

After a long and gruelling 20+ game regular season over the past two months, the Altona Bisons and Pembina Valley Orioles will be meeting up in the first round of the MJBL playoffs.

Altona finished third in the regular season standings with a 13-9 record, while Pembina Valley finished sixth with a 9-15 record. The long-time rivals met four times over the course of

the season, with Altona winning on three occasions.

"They'll be tough," said Bisons manager Curt Letkeman of the Orioles. "They're a good hitting team, and we'll be thin on pitching as Ethan Giesbrecht, Dillan Thiessen and Connor Cory all pitched at provincials this past weekend. Connor Cory may be available for a bit, but we're somewhat handicapped going into the playoffs. What else is new?"

"It will definitely be a hard-fought

series," noted Orioles manager Jim Odlum. "It'll come down to pitching and who can play a complete game. But it's going to be a fun, competitive series. It always is against Altona."

The best-of-three series began Tuesday night in Altona. Game two is in Morden Wednesday night. Game three, if needed, is back in Altona Thursday.

Other MJBL quarterfinal matchups are Elmwood Giants versus Interlake Blue Jays, St. James A's versus Winnipeg South, and St. Boniface Legionnaires versus Carillon Sultans.

The winners from the quarterfinals will play a best-of-three semifinal, with the winners there advancing to a best-of-five MJBL championship final series.

Manitoba roster announced for Women's National baseball championships

Submitted by Patti Hacault

If you want to experience grit you are going to need to view women's baseball where players have put on their big girls' pants and have shown that the real-deal, hardcore, grit-making training really is the good stuff and the only way to the next-level. So, being tough, understanding that the coaches are directing them, supporting them, and believing in them results in great things.

Coaches Jeremy Culleton and Marc Bissonnette have released the names of the girls who will be competing in the 2022 Women's Invitational Championship in Stonewall from July 21-24.

The team is comprised with young ladies encompassing the entire province of Manitoba with many of the players' home bases are from rural boys' teams. Members are Jewel Thompson (MacGregor), Emily Foster (Somerset), Mercedes Gorham (Steinbach), Kennedy Toews (Steinbach), Michalya Peacock (Somerset), Darbi Poole (McAuley), Raven Carrière (La Broquerie), Amber Baker

(Strathclair), Horizon Senff (Winnipeg), Sarah Moir (Winnipeg), Caitlin Culleton (Vassar), Jamie Johnston (Arborg), Brittany Langlais (Garson), Katie Heppner (Winkler), Zoe Hinks (Boissevain), Avery Pickering (St. Adolphe), Liberty Aime (Clandeboye), and Leah Peitsch (Winnipeg).

"I am happy to be back on a diamond. After COVID, this is a celebration as much as a competition," said Jeremy Culleton, coach.

"I'm looking forward to a great championship with a group of amazing women," emphasized Bissonnette.

"Our group of players and coaches are excited to be playing in our home province, with family and friends. It will be our first time playing Senior Women's baseball with our group from U16 nine years ago. The love of baseball playing against players that also love the game, makes it a great game. Can't wait for the tournament to start," concluded Joanne Johnston, manager of Team 'Toba.

Winkler hosts U15 provincials



PHOTO BY ASHLEIGH VIVEIROS/VOICE

The Winkler ball diamonds hosted teams from across the province last weekend for Softball Manitoba's U15 A Girls Provincial Championship, including two teams from Morden (above, Morden #2 playing the Stonewall Blue Jays Friday afternoon) and one, the Royals, from Winkler. All three local teams made it to the playoffs, but only the Royals earned themselves a medal, clinching third place with an 11-4 win over Virden in the bronze medal game. Imperial Photo won the banner with a 16-4 win over the Keystone Dental team.

Pritchard Memorial golf tournament raises \$96K for CancerCare Manitoba

By Becca Myskiw



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(Left to right) Darren Pritchard, Bob Pritchard, Lynda Pritchard, Allen Pritchard. Mike's brothers and parents. The 25th annual Pritchard Memorial golf tournament raised \$96,000 for SCCR and CancerCare Manitoba.



This plaque was added to the nursery green at the Carman golf course in Mike Pritchard's honour.

The 25th annual Pritchard Memorial golf tournament raises \$96,000 for cancer research and resources in rural Manitoba.

On July 9, the memorial event celebrated a quarter of a century at the Carman Golf and Curling Club with an online auction, 18 holes of golf, and a steak dinner.

The golf tournament started in the fall of 1998 after Mike Pritchard died of cancer that year. He had been going to school in Alberta for turf grass management with the hopes of becoming a superintendent of a golf course.

The same year Mike died from cancer, two others from the school did as well, all three men passing within months of each other. That first year, and the following nine years, their school hosted a golf tournament in the three men's honour to raise funds for a scholarship. The golf tournament was held in different provinces each year, coming to Roland a few times.

After the 10 years, it became difficult for the school to keep planning the event, so the people of Roland took it over and hosted it until 2013 when it became too much for them. That's when Darren Pritchard and his brother Al brought the annual tournament to the Carman Golf Course.

Every year since then, the annual event has grown, and this year was no exception. The 24th annual tournament raised over \$60,000 and saw over 240 golfers. This year, a total of \$95,937.07 was raised and 306 golfers hit the green.

"It's pretty amazing," said Darren

Pritchard. "Many golf tournaments teeter out after three, five, seven years. But we're growing [the tournament] and making more money for cancer, which is what it's all about."

Pritchard said they were going to end the tournament after 25 years, but people keep telling them not to, so they've set the date for next year: July 8.

For the 25th tournament, the organizers wanted to have 25 sports jerseys available in the auction — and they did. Mike wore the number 25 when he played hockey, his brother noted. That, coupled with the milestone 25th tournament, fit together nicely.

They had bids from all over the province in the auction, the jerseys being a bidder favourite. Some were new, some were worn, almost all were signed. Some sold for as high as \$2,000.

All the money raised at the Pritchard Memorial golf tournament goes to South Central Cancer Resource and CancerCare Manitoba, with those funds going to rural areas specifically.

Also special for this year's tournament was the unveiling of a new plaque at the golf course.

When he was in school, as an assignment, Mike created and took care of the nursery green on the Carman course. On July 9, a plaque made by Carman Granite was unveiled in his honour. It's one foot wide by two feet long, 160 lbs, and six inches thick. The plaque has a photo of Mike, his name, and where he was each year of his life.

The plaque will be in the ground beside the nursery green forever.

Altona wins U13 AA title

Morden started off on a winning note Friday as they outscored South Winnipeg 19-14 at the U13 AA provincial baseball championship in Morden. The host team had a good run, making it to the final before bowing 14-9 to Altona. Altona's path to the championship banner was a flawless one and included wins over Charleswood (11-1), Viriden (17-2), Seine River (8-2), Corydon (4-2) and Seine River (10-5).



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Denim & Dust barrel racing series off to a flying start

By Becca Myskiw

Denim was worn and dust was flying at the first Denim & Dust Barrel Racing Series event of the year.

Last week, one hundred and fifteen riders showed up at the Carman Fairgrounds to compete in the annual barrel racing series. Organizer Carlene Reimer said even though it was chaotic with so many entries, she's nothing but excited at the hype.

"It's tripled in size since we started," she said. "And the local support is just phenomenal. It just keeps growing."

The series is not only growing by the number of competitors, but the arena grew in size physically, to a new standard-size arena.

For the past two years, barrel racers have competed in a 115 x 185-foot size ring. A group got together one Tuesday evening this year to make a new, bigger arena, and by the end of the night they had the ground tilled and fences put up in a 150 x 250-foot arena.

"Not a lot of arenas in the area are big enough to host a standard size pattern," said Reimer. "It's more fun for people to run on a bigger pattern."

And with a standard size ring, Denim & Dust can host future rodeos and similar events if they want to.

This year the Denim & Dust Barrel Racing Series is also running their regular jackpot along with a



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The Denim & Dust Barrel Racing Series kicked off this month and will run weekly until Aug. 16.

Manitoba Barrel Racing Association (MBRA) sanctioned one. That means people who race in Carman can qualify for the MBRA finals in Brandon later this year as long as Denim & Dust has five sanctioned runs for them to qualify in—they have seven on the schedule.

The 2022 series started on Tuesday, July 5, with a record number of competitors, especially in the peewee division. Reimer is excited to have so many children getting into the sport, but she's looking for a way to let them race while keeping the competi-

tion going for the competitive riders. On Tuesday, it took over an hour and a half to get to the open category, so she's finding a way to ensure that doesn't happen again.

The Denim & Dust Barrel Racing Series will go every Tuesday until Aug. 16. Finals will be on Aug. 20 and to compete in those, riders must attend a minimum of four meets.

"It's super exciting," said Reimer. "It's just awesome to see."

Morden, Manitou compete at 11U prov'ls



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Winnipeg was the site of the 11U AA Provincial Championships last weekend, with our region represented by teams from Morden and Manitou. Morden (left) bested North Winnipeg and Wawanesa before narrowly falling to Mitchell and the Bonivital White Sox to get knocked out of the running. Manitou (right), who were 2-2 in the round robin, went on to fall to the White Sox 11-3 in their first playoff game Sunday. Bonivital went on to win the title, beating Mitchell 6-5 in the final.

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> MEAL IDEAS



Layered Mediterranean Hummus Salad

Recipe courtesy of chef George Duran
 Servings: 4-6
 2 containers (10 ounces each) Fresh Cravings Hummus, any flavor
 1 cup sliced cucumbers
 1/2 cup Kalamata olives, seeded and roughly chopped
 1/2 cup canned garbanzo beans, drained
 1/4 cup crumbled feta cheese
 3/4 cup cherry tomatoes, quartered
 1/4 red onion, finely chopped
 2 tablespoons finely chopped fresh

parsley
 1/2 lemon, juice only
 extra-virgin olive oil
 zaatar, for sprinkling (optional)
 pita bread or tortilla chips
 On bottom of large, flat serving dish or platter, use spoon to evenly spread hummus.
 Layer cucumbers, olives, garbanzo beans, feta cheese, cherry tomatoes, red onion and parsley throughout hummus. Squeeze lemon juice over top.
 Drizzle with olive oil and sprinkle with Zaatar, if desired. Serve immediately with pita bread or tortilla chips.



Enchilada Lasagna

1 cup shredded cheddar cheese
 Preheat oven to 350 F.

In large skillet over medium-high heat, add olive oil. Add onions and cook until soft and translucent, 4-5 minutes.

Add shredded chicken and stir in taco seasoning. Add chicken broth and bring to simmer, about 5 minutes.

Add cream cheese, Tex-Mex cheese, salsa and cilantro. Stir until cream cheese is melted and simmer 3-4 minutes until slightly thickened.

Spray square baking dish with nonstick cooking spray. Place two tortillas in bottom of pan, folding over or trimming sides of tortillas to fit.

Spoon half chicken mixture over tortillas. Repeat then place remaining tortillas over top. Mix crushed tortilla chips with cheddar cheese and sprinkle over top. Bake 30 minutes, or until lasagna is bubbling and lightly browned.

Let stand 10 minutes then top with additional salsa before serving.

Recipe courtesy of chef George Duran
 Servings: 4-6
 2 tablespoons olive oil
 1 large onion, chopped (1 cup)
 1 deli roasted chicken, skin and bones removed, shredded
 2 tablespoons taco seasoning
 1 cup chicken stock or broth
 8 ounces cream cheese, at room temperature
 2 cups shredded Tex-Mex cheese blend
 16 ounces Fresh Cravings Chunky Salsa, plus additional for serving
 1 cup fresh cilantro, chopped
 nonstick cooking spray
 6 flour tortillas (9 inches each)
 1 cup tortilla chips, crushed



Jalapeno Bacon and Salsa Biscuit Bites

apart in centers. Use hands to flatten each biscuit into circles. Set aside.

In bowl, mix mozzarella cheese with chopped jalapenos, bacon and salsa.

Add heaping spoonful into each flattened biscuit and pinch each together tightly to form balls. Top each with small amount of salsa mixture.

Spray nonstick cooking spray in air fryer and, working in batches, cook biscuit bites 6-9 minutes until golden brown.

Serve warm.

Note: If air fryer access is unavailable, biscuit bites can be baked 8-10 minutes at 400 F in oven, or until golden brown.

Recipe courtesy of chef George Duran
 Yield: 16 biscuit bites
 1 tube biscuit dough (8 biscuits total)
 7 ounces grated mozzarella cheese
 1/4 cup jarred jalapenos, chopped
 8 slices cooked bacon, chopped
 1 cup Fresh Cravings Restaurant Style Salsa
 nonstick cooking spray
 Preheat air fryer to 350-360 F.
 Divide each biscuit in half by pulling

How are you doing, really?



Submitted

The world is so very different than even three years ago. We live in a culture where we often put on our game face regardless of how we are feeling inside. "How are you?" "I am fine." End of discussion.

True, when some people ask that question, it is a formality, and they really aren't asking if you are really okay. Certainly, as well, someone might pose the question, but we really do not want to get into it.

This absence of true, caring communication and connection can leave us feeling isolated. It might seem to us that everyone else is doing fine, and we wonder what is wrong with us that we cannot feel more upbeat and positive. People can even become depressed when they compare their lives to others and feel theirs comes up short.

My profession is based on really caring about how people feel. I see the profound effect it can have on others when they feel truly heard, understood, and supported. I also see the pain that comes from not having that outside the therapy office.

We are a tribal species, meant to connect with others; however, the pandemic, social media, and the busyness of life have interfered with that.

There is a sense of validation and belonging when we connect with someone who is like-minded. Often, I see people who feel isolated because no one in their world thinks like they do.

What do we do about this? For starters, we can listen deeply to others, trying to sense what feelings might lie behind their words. If they are to share personal feelings or issues with us, this is a sacred trust: they must know we would never repeat what is shared in confidence.

It is helpful if we are willing to share our own vulnerabilities, as that puts us on an equal footing. It can be comforting and validating for one to know they are not the only one struggling.

There is an even deeper kind of connectedness. That is our connection with our true self, or our soul or authentic self. All the busyness and distractions can keep us from spending any meaningful time with ourselves. Often a sense of disconnectedness can be as much about this as other people.

Our lives can become all about doing things for others, carrying out our responsibilities, and doing things that others want or expect from us. It can then feel hard to be alone, because when we are by ourselves, we are left with a stranger.

To overcome this, take some time by yourself often, and listen to your inner dialogue, the way you would listen to a friend. Explore what you truly feel at a deep level, and what your heart yearns for.

If this sounds like what happens when we start a new friendship, it is exactly that. When we become our own best friend, treating ourselves as we would another, we can comfort and support ourselves. Then, however alone we might be at times, we always have that connection with ourselves.

Gwen Randall-Young is an author and award-winning psychologist. For permission to reprint this article, or to obtain books, CDs or MP3s, visit www.gwen.ca. Follow Gwen on Facebook for inspiration.



Italian Pasta and Bean Salad

3/4 cup fresh mozzarella bocconcini, cut in halves or quarters
 1/4 cup toasted walnuts (optional)
 1/4 cup (1 ounce) shredded fresh Parmesan cheese

Cook pasta according to package directions; drain and rinse under cold running water. In bowl, combine pesto with pasta to coat well.

Combine pasta with drained bean salad. Stir in tomatoes and mozzarella; refrigerate.

To serve, sprinkle walnuts and Parmesan cheese over top.

Substitution: 3/4 cup mozzarella may be substituted for bocconcini.

Prep time: 15 minutes
 Servings: 6
 2 cups uncooked rotini pasta
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THE RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF STANLEY BY-LAW 6-22 Being the adoption of the Schanzenfeld Secondary Plan

HEARING

R.M. of Stanley
Council Chambers

LOCATION:

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DATE & TIME:

August 4, 2022 at 9:45 a.m.

General Intent:

To adopt a secondary plan for the village of Schanzenfeld and surrounding area outlined on the map below.

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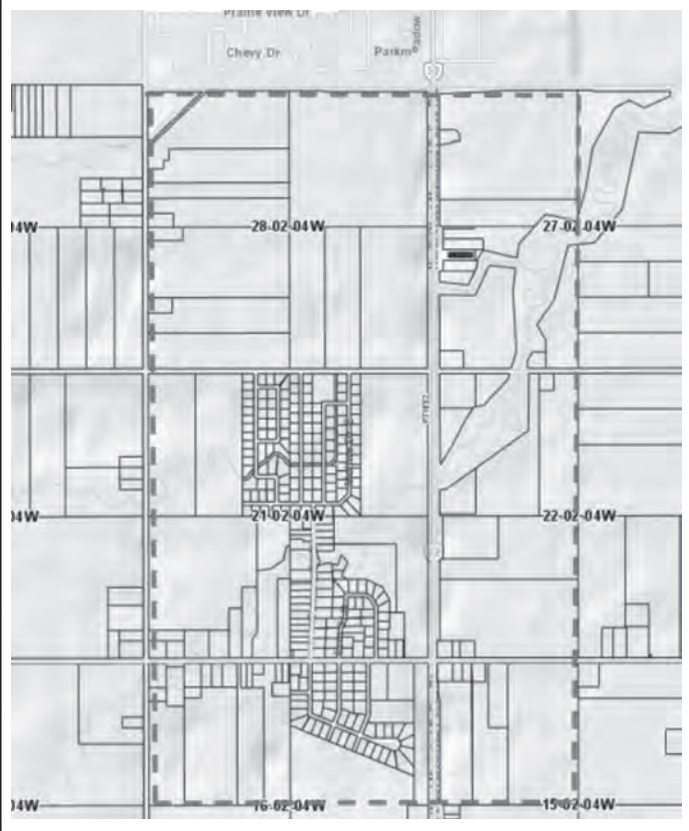
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Sudoku Answer

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Crossword Answer

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CLUES ACROSS

1. Eurasian shrubs
 7. Strikes and rebounds
 13. Group of advisers
 14. Modern necessity
 16. Top lawyer in the land
 17. Philadelphia university
 19. Of I
 20. Functions as a laser
 22. Basketball phenomenon
Jeremy
 23. Famed island
 25. Parent-teacher groups
 26. Distributes
 28. Self-immolation by fire ritual
 29. Ad ___
 30. Circulation problem (abbr.)
 31. Brother or sister
 33. A famous "Squad"
 34. Stage actor Anthony
 36. Violent seizure of property
 38. Saclike cavities
 40. Sound units
 41. Counts on
 43. Dad
 44. Woman (French)
 45. A digital tape recording of sound
 47. Polish Baltic peninsula
 48. Recipe measurement
 51. Requests out of dire need
 53. Precious stone weight unit
 55. The immaterial part of a person
 56. Anoint
 58. Golf score
 59. Supernatural
 60. Northwest Territories
 61. Can be made suitable
 64. A professor's helper
 65. Having a toothlike edge
 67. Got atop a horse
 69. Judged
 70. Static balance between opposing forces
- CLUES DOWN**
1. Flowing

	1	2	3	4	5	6		7	8	9	10	11	12		
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2. Computer department
3. Lasts
4. DiFranco and Samsonyan are two
5. ___ de sac
6. Merchant
7. Hosts film festival
8. State of agitation of fuss
9. A way to praise
10. Opaque gems
11. McKinley is one
12. Smallest interval in classical Western music
13. Famed designer Lauren
15. Occupies
18. Small island (British)
21. Misuse of the sacred
24. Covers with a thin sheet
26. Most valuable player
27. Title of respect
30. Investigated discreetly
32. Belonging to the bottom layer
35. Black tropical American cuckoo
37. Music genre
38. Indicates one is in mourning
39. Secured forever
42. Bodily cavity
43. A dog is one
46. Chose to do something
47. Annoy persistently
49. Large hotel rooms
50. Beg
52. Docket
54. Subway dwelling rodent
55. Sources
57. Mild Dutch cheese
59. Spanish city
62. Consumed
63. Ballplayer's tool
66. Midway between north and east
68. Atomic #3

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The general intent of the above By-Law No. 2284-22, is to zone the land described below, Namely:

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as shown outlined in a heavy solid line on the map attached hereto as Schedule "A" and Schedule "B", and forming part of this by-law, be rezoned

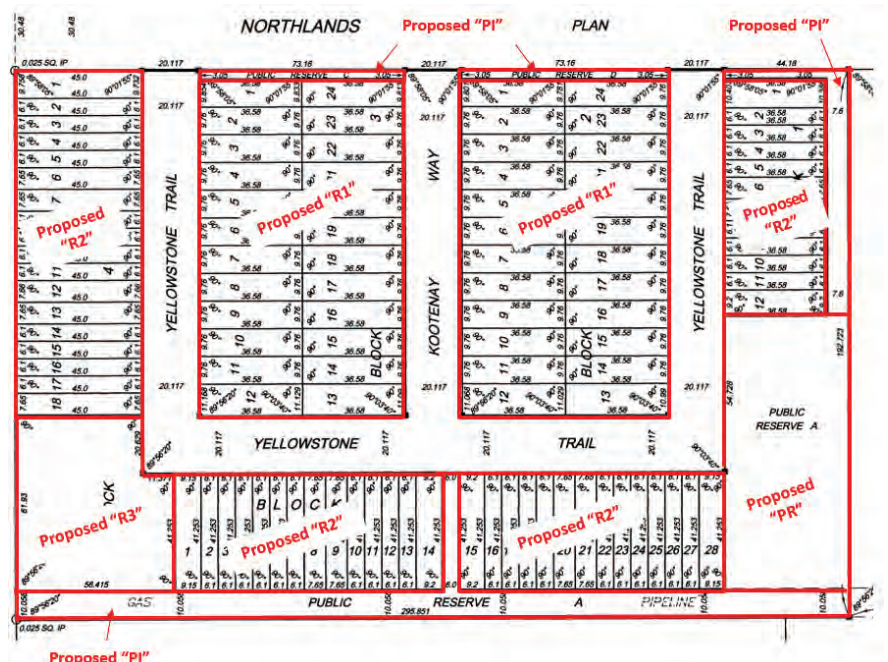
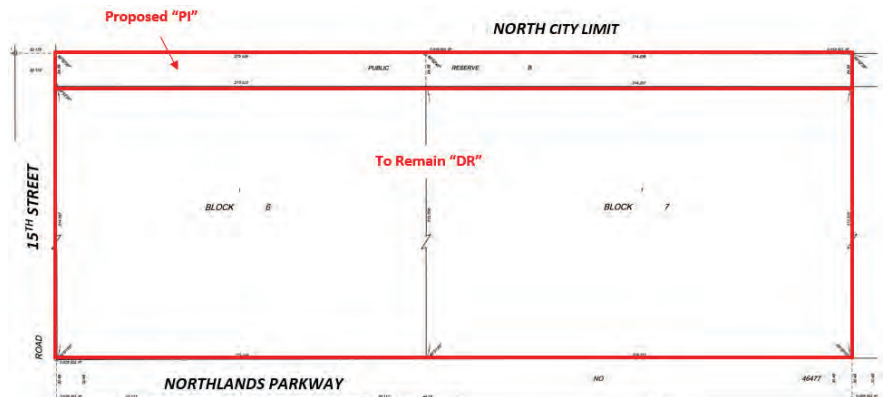
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Date of Hearing: August 9, 2022
Time of Hearing: 6:45 p.m.
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OBITUARY



J. D. 'Scortch' Sawatzky 1926 - 2022

Peacefully on Saturday, July 9, 2022 just two months before his 96th birthday, 'Scortch' passed away with family by his side.

Scortch leaves to mourn his wife, Justina; children, Karla Hammond, Wendy Gravelle, Jenith and Lindsay Braun; six grandchildren: Leslee and Jeremy Simcoe, Robyn and Shawn Henry and Jarred Braun, Dayna and Shane Robb, Carly Hildebrand and Joey Sawatzky; nine great-grands: Josh and Grayson Henry, Lucy and Reggie Robb, Kyleigh, Jaxx, Rhyder, Oakley and Hudson Hildebrand; sisters, Evelyn (Harv) Reimer and Frieda (Ron)Voigt; his sister-in-law, Marie (Len) and Alf Klassen along with many nieces, nephews and friends.

He was predeceased by his wife, Jeanette Kate (nee Tasker); son, Doug 'Scortch Jr.'; sisters, Marge (George) Harder, Erna (Charlie) Peters, brothers, Wally (Irene) and Leonard.

Dad was born to Suzanna and Jakob Johann Sawatzky, on a farm in Arnaud, Manitoba. Dad was the second eldest of seven children. The Sawatzky family moved to Winkler when Dad was just three months old. His father's garage was right next door and all the Sawatzky brothers were excellent mechanics learning their trade from their father. Scortch married Jeanette Kate Tasker on October 20, 1951. They were in for a bit of a surprise when two babies instead of one, Karla and Wendy arrived in November 1952. With a young wife and two babies to feed, Dad took a job in Dryden, Ontario at the pulp mill. Douglas Charles arrived in 1955. The family returned to Morden in 1957. Dad worked for his father-in-law, Charlie Tasker at the Esso Bulk Fuel Station. Sister, Jenith made her debut in September 1957!!

Dad worked for Grampa (Charlie) Tasker for five years and then ventured out on his own with the Esso Service Station and Restaurant. Dad ran the service station and Mom the café. Dad had many teenage boys pumping gas and was very humbled when several of those 'teenage boys' return years later to thank him for the work ethic they learned, working for 'Scortch' at the Esso. After 11 years Dad sold the Esso and when the opportunity arose, he managed the Esso Bulk Oil Agency 1971-82. All through his working and retired life, Dad has given back to the community, he was a volunteer fireman -for 23 years and Life Member since 1983; Life Member of the Morden District Museum Inc. 1978; President Kinsmen Club 1961-62; Treasurer, St. Thomas Anglican Church for 37 years; Town Council 1974-1977, Chair, Recreation Committee and Building Committee for the Morden Recreation Centre. On the Foundation Committee of the Morden Friendship Centre and seeing it to fruition, Chair 1998-99. Dad called Bingo at various locations for over 20 years. Dad received numerous volunteer and citizen awards and acknowledgements over the years and is in the Outstanding Volunteer Hall of Fame in the Morden Recreation Centre. Giving back has rubbed off on all your children and grandchildren as we all volunteer and work for our favourite charities. Dad loved his curling especially with his son Doug and loved his Crib games teaching his kids, grandkids and great-grands how to play both Crib and Uno. Scortch came 2nd in Snooker, Manitoba Masters Games 2007. When our Mom, Jeanette passed away in 2010, Dad was heartbroken and very lonely. Dad was so fortunate to find love again when he met Justina. They enjoyed their Sunday drives and suppers out. They had a lovely family wedding in December 2011. Dad was always proud of us in school and sport: figure skating, hockey and curling. Doug and Dad loved their curling and crib games together. Dad was very proud to give his daughters away at their weddings and to dance at his granddaughters' weddings, he loved to dance with 'all his girls' - he taught all his grandchildren the Bird Dance, yes including his grandsons!!! Dad and Justina loved dance and to get up and have a twirl! Dad was a special Grampa GG and loved all his great grandchildren; he loved to hear how they are doing and to see the latest photos! It was so sad that Covid kept him apart from his grandkids.

Dad, you have left a legacy to be proud of:
-two special women have been in your life,
-a 'fantastic' family and extended family;
-you worked hard and achieved so much in your lifetime
-You gave back to the community - still giving back at 85 and wanting to win the Lotto last month so you could donate to the hospital and Morden roads.

Dad, you have been a great role model, you worked hard to give your family a good life; and served your community well. Rest in Peace Dad, your work here on earth is done.

Funeral service was held at 1:00 p.m. on Thursday, July 14, 2022 at the St. Thomas Anglican Church, Morden, MB with interment at Chapel Cemetery.

Donations may be made in Scortch's memory to Morden Recreation Centre at info@mordenareafoundation.com

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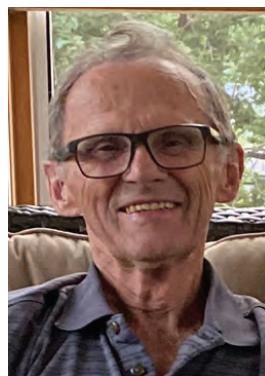


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OBITUARY

John Oscar Olafson 1938 - 2022



It is with great sorrow that we announce the passing of our beloved husband, father and grandfather, John Oscar Olafson. He passed on Tuesday, July 12, 2022 at the age of 83, with his family at his side.

John was predeceased by his parents, Bill and Ranka; his brothers, Jack and Paul; his sister, Sally Drewry; his brothers-in-law, Harold Fitzpatrick and Lyle Johnston.

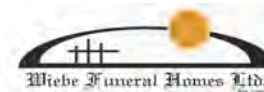
John is survived by loving wife, Sharon; son, Christopher and wife, Sophy and their son, James Jon, son, Gregg (and Tammy) and daughter, Shannon. He is survived by sisters, Anna Fitzpatrick and Oddney Sager; brothers-in-law, Howie Sager and Mack Drewry and sister-in-law, Ruth Olafson.

John was born in Morden, Manitoba on December 1, 1938 and raised in the beautiful 1-6 District. John often spoke fondly of growing up on the family farm. He would talk about sleigh rides to a one-room school, threshing the crops, riding horses and countless gatherings with family and neighbors. This would be the foundation for the rest of his life - Family, Community and Work, tied together with a strong faith in Church and God. John headed out into the world at an early age and soon started a career in the Lumber industry. He paid his dues working all over Manitoba and Saskatchewan with Revelstoke Lumber until he landed a position back in Morden in his late 20's. It wasn't long before the lovely Sharon Foster caught his eye, and they were soon married on January 20, 1968. It wasn't long before they were blessed with three wonderful children and a permanent home in Morden. John, Sharon, Paul and Ruth soon went into business for themselves opening Olafson Building Materials Ltd. and thrived for many years after. In semi-retirement he started farming again on the Olafson farmstead with his two brothers and later with his son, Gregg. He also took on a job managing Elk's Park Place, a job he loved very much. John was also very involved in his community. He was a long-time member of the St Paul's United Church and the Elks Lodge, the 1-6 Cemetery Committee and was always eager to lend a helping hand with many other causes. Beyond working and volunteering he somehow found time to play golf, curling, horseshoes, baseball and to watch all his children's activities. He was blessed later in life with a grandson, James. He loved following James' interests and especially James' baseball games. John will be remembered for his kindness, sense of humour, happy demeanor and active lifestyle. He will be sorely missed.

Memorial service was held at 2:00 p.m. on Tuesday, July 19, 2022 at Wiebe Funeral Chapel, Morden with a private ash interment at the 1-6 Icelandic Cemetery.

Donations may be made in John's memory to the 1-6 Icelandic Cemetery.

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OBITUARY

James "Elymer" Young



Peacefully on July 4, 2022, surrounded by his loving family, James Elymer Young passed away at the age of 87.

Elymer was born and raised in Manitou, MB. He was a fun loving guy with many friends. Never afraid to stand up for himself and others, he earned the nickname Butch. He worked as a bicycle delivery boy, in the local meat shop and bakery and would go on to train as a manager for his next job. Always outgoing, it was at one of the hall dances that he met the love of his life, Grace.

Elymer and Grace were married in Manitou, MB on August 16, 1958. They moved to The Pas, MB. in 1961 where he would manage the Robinson Store. He was affectionately known as "Mr. Robinson" by the kids who came into the store. Following the closure of the Robinson Stores, he transitioned to Western Grocers where he continued his career in sales until his retirement.

In 2013, after nearly 52 years in The Pas, they moved to Morden, MB to be closer to their roots.

Always friendly and active in the community, Elymer served on both the Hospital and United Church boards as well as being involved with the Kinsmen for many years.

He had a love of sports from a young age and this love continued throughout his entire life. Although curling and golf were his favorites, it was playing on The Pas Tee Pees baseball team that earned him a spot in the MB Baseball Hall of Fame. He also participated in many 55 Plus Games where he won many medals and made lots of new friends.

He is survived by his wife of 64 years, Grace and children: Dawn (Curtis), Brent (Jennifer), and Brad (Lisa); grandchildren: Kiley, Matthew, Rachel, and Brecken, who will miss their special Grandpa/Papa so much. Also, survived by his dear sister, Shirley Wheadon; in-laws, Clifford, Pearl, Ron and Betty Conner and many nieces and nephews.

He was predeceased by his brother and sister-in-law Bob and Sharon Young, sister and brother in-law Bernice and Walther Voth, brothers-in-law Ray Wheadon and Ralph Conner and sister-in-law Alice Conner.

A heartfelt thanks to the staff on the Neurology Unit 112 at Calgary's Foothills Medical Center for their kind and compassionate care.

In lieu of flowers, if you wish, donations may be made to the Heart and Stroke Foundation or St. Paul's United Church (353 Thornhill St. Morden, MB R6M 1M8).

A Celebration of Life will be held on Wednesday July 27 at 1:00 p.m. at St. Paul's United Church in Morden, MB.

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