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Getting creative



Sifa Mulume, Kamryn Klassen, and Maria Bergen were among the dozen kids who took part in Winkler Arts and Culture's summer art camp last week. For more photos, see Pg. 17.

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New plaques showcase the history of Lake Minnewasta

Displays aim to “capture 20,000 years of history”

By Lorne Stelmach

A new City of Morden project is showcasing the history of Lake Minnewasta.

Modelled after the Confederation Park project that focuses on Morden's history related to the world wars, this new set of historical plaques were installed at the lake in recognition of Manitoba's 150 birthday.

Clare Agnew, director of community services for the City of Morden, observed that there was no shortage of possible material for this display.

They began thinking in terms of the more recent history around the lake but quickly came to realize they needed to also touch on the more ancient history, including the glacial Lake Agassiz and ancient Indigenous use of the land before leading up to the creation of the lake and beach.

“We just thought if we were going to be creating this around the history, we really needed to go further back. It goes quite a way back,” said Agnew.

“It's just small plaques, so that was kind of the challenge. How do you capture 20,000 years of history on these plaques? The challenge was how to give the history the credit it deserves in such a small space.”

The project was funded by the Morden Area Foundation through the Manitoba 150 Legacy Project Fund as well as the Lautenschlager Family Fund and the City of Morden.

The genesis of the idea goes back to when Morden hosted the Communities in Bloom conference last fall and guest speaker Dr. Gordon Goldsborough from the Manitoba Historical Society challenged communities to

think outside the box when it came to commemorating Manitoba's 150th birthday.

Although concerts and other like events are a fun way to celebrate, it is also important to take these opportunities to capture a piece of history, Agnew recalled of Goldsborough's presentation.

The community services department worked on the project for six months, researching and talking to people in the community to ensure the information was accurate. They gathered information from the Canadian Fossil Discovery Centre and Morden history book as well as longtime campers and beach committee members such as Howie Sager, Jim Hartry, Rick Mutton, Ed Maddock, Bob Jordan, and Catharine Evenson.

Conversations with David Scott, a traditional oral historian from the Swan Lake First Nation, also provided information on Indigenous land use prior to Lake Minnewasta being created.

“I'm thrilled with how the project has come together,” said Agnew. “We

researched many sources of information in completing the project. The challenge was keeping the information concise and manageable on the plaque displays, as there's so much history to share.

“The plaques are like the displays in Confederation Park, and there was positive feedback from those displays, so I hope people will feel the same about these new ones.”

Agnew noted they see the potential for more projects like this in the community, especially after having connected with Scott.

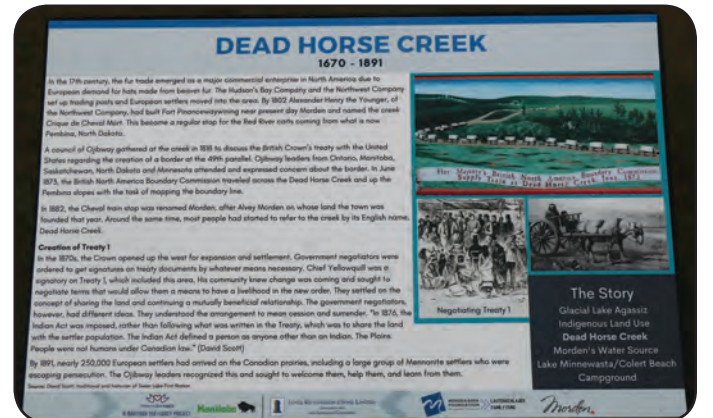
“What we realized is we could do another whole series of six plaques just on the Indigenous land and history. Maybe that's a piece we should also be trying to capture,” she suggested.

“We have this [Confederation Park] model now, and we do see people reading them, and the feedback we



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Local dignitaries joined reps from the Morden Area Foundation and the Lautenschlager Family Fund at the unveiling of several plaques (right) at Lake Minnewasta Friday detailing the history of the lake area.



get is positive, so I think we should be doing this in other locations in Morden.

“If residents have an idea on future history projects or locations, please share them with our department,” encouraged Agnew.

“It's important that we capture the history of Morden,” said Mayor Brandon Burley in welcoming the lake history project. “They've created an educational opportunity and a place to relax overlooking our beautiful lake.”

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Winkler city council welcomes its first youth councillor

By Lorne Stelmach

The newest member of Winkler city council admits to facing a steep learning curve but welcomes the opportunity that awaits her.

Gwen Freeheart was officially welcomed last Tuesday as the youth member on council.

"I don't know a lot about the role of municipal government, so I decided to learn more. I would like to broaden my experience in the area," said Freeheart, who is going into Gr. 11 at Garden Valley Collegiate this fall.

While having had little exposure to the political realm, Freeheart comes to the role with the experience of a range of volunteer work with Winkler Arts and Culture, the Harvest Festival, and the Back Forty Festival, and it is that community involvement that has spurred her to try something different.

"I think it will be important to have a youth voice on the council," she suggested. "Lots of kids my age don't know a lot about the role of municipal government, so I think it will be really important to help educate everybody. It will be beneficial to everybody."

While not coming to council cham-



CITY OF WINKLER PHOTO

Winkler city council welcomed its newest member, youth councillor Gwen Freeheart, to the table last week. The GVC student hopes to bring a youth perspective to issues facing the city.

bers with any particular concerns in mind, Freeheart did cite one thing that is personally important to her.

"I do think there needs to be a lot more support for LGBTQ youth," she said. "I would like to advocate for that a little bit. I would like to include that somewhere in my involvement."

Freeheart will now be able to start immersing herself in things like reviewing information prior to council

meetings, attending meetings, and participating in discussions while ensuring that the views of youth are presented appropriately and accurately.

It is the latter role that is especially important to Mayor Martin Harder.

"We've talked about it a lot. We thought it was important to hear from youth and have the youth involvement with council," he said.

"One thing is to be able to take the

youth message back to council, and I think it's also equally important for us to be able to teach our youth as to what is involved with council, what goes into some of the decisions," Harder added.

"We hope this will be an opportunity to interest future generations to actively pursue municipal council ... to help them be able to understand the role of municipal government I think is also going to help them understand what's involved if you are going to run politically."

It's too soon to say if this experience will lead Freeheart down the political path in the future, but she's open to the idea.

"I think so," she said. "That would be interesting to me."

Also at last week's meeting, council gave planning approval to a new residential development north of PTH 14.

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• GUEST COMMENTARY

Don't give up! Your future depends on it

By Shawna Howard, CLC

I was sitting in my beach chair listening to the birds singing and watching the waves of Dauphin Lake roll into shore.

It was a sunny, warm and a beautiful morning. I had my morning coffee in hand and I was thinking about the day ahead. It was just me, my three kids, my three nieces, and a big day of swimming planned.

As I was looking out over the lake, I watched as a large pesky black raven attempted to bother a much smaller bird. This little bird was in a tree and I assume this is where her nest was.

All at once the smaller bird flew at that raven and chased him far down the shore. This little bird of perseverance flew right with the raven, only slightly higher, chirping and pecking at him, slowly making the raven fly lower and lower until he had to land.

This little relentless bird was letting the much larger bird know in no uncertain terms that he was not welcome and his attempts will not be tolerated.

Only when that raven landed far from the little bird's nest did the little bird soar back into the sky and back to her nest.

I was amazed! How brave of that little bird! Even though she was a quarter the size, she was not deterred. She fought back as if she was twice the raven's size.

She didn't think, "No use, I'm nothing compared to this big bird. I can't do anything about him." No! She didn't give up. She didn't quit half-way. She gave it her all until she got the result she desired.

In that moment I saw how we should be. When life comes with all its struggles, fears, unanswered prayers, loss, illnesses and uncertainty, how do we respond?

I wonder how often we are just like that little bird or not enough like that little bird. When those big black scary birds come trying to steal what we have and what is important to us, do we fight back with courage until the threat is gone? Do we keep our thoughts in the right direction? Do

we remember we are overcomers? Do we speak with words of courage and faith? Or do we give up, speak defeat, only fight back halfheartedly, let thoughts tell us, "This problem is too big, there's nothing I can do about it."

There's no doubt in my mind that the big black raven will be back over and over again to try and bother, steal, and destroy the little bird and what she's protecting. But I'm positive that little bird will never give up! She will rise up every single time to defeat that bully and she will push against the attacks with all that she is because she knows that she has something worth fighting for, she has something precious to protect.

That's just like you and me. We need to never give up because even though life throws unexpected and awful things our way, we have something worth fighting for and we need to protect it with all that is in us.

When business is slow and fear is attacking you, don't give in to those thoughts. Provision is coming, just like it always has.

Get your mindset right and push away thoughts of lack and not enough. Remember the times of plenty and focus on what you are grateful for right now.

When you get your mindset right, new ideas will come to you, new creativity and opportunity will show up.

When someone tells you your child isn't fitting in, don't let that bother you. You know your child better than anyone. You know they will do great things with their life. You can't let one person's opinion change yours. They don't know what you know: there's greatness inside of your child, gifts, talents and creativity. Just say, "I'm not giving that comment one more second of my time!"

When your marriage is suffering, don't give up. Don't fall into the trap of thinking it's over, not worth the work, not ever going to be better. Take charge of the situation.

Like that little bird, you've got to fight for what you want. Fight to protect what is sacred to you.

Start by getting your mindset right.

Think thoughts like: "I will not give up on my spouse. I will be the one to make a positive change. My marriage is worth every effort. Love is not an emotion, it's a choice and I will choose to show love to my spouse."

Just see where this takes you. A fresh new romance will bloom within your relationship and you'll grow closer than ever.

When life happens and it's not all sweet, remember this little bird. Remember to be relentless like she was. Persevere through the problem. Don't give up. Follow through until the darkness is pushed back. Keep a positive mindset. Have a deep knowing that whatever comes against you, you will never give up.

We are not promised a perfect life without problems. But when the problems come we can rise above and push the problem down! We may need to do this over and over again, but we should never give up. Like the little bird, defeat is not an option.

Take care, friends. Have courage and don't give up!

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Manitoba students heading back to class in September

By Ashleigh Viveiros

Manitoba students will be hitting the books in a classroom instead of at the kitchen table this fall.

Education Minister Kelvin Goertzen announced last week that classroom learning for all students in kindergarten through Grade 12 will resume Sept. 8.

"The best place for students is in the classroom," he said at a press conference July 30, "and we are glad to be in a position to be able to bring back in the classrooms these students in September."

"However, schools will not look like they did in the last September. There are a number of new steps being taken to ensure the health of students and staff and also to ensure that schools can be COVID-ready should a case arise in a school."

K-8 students and those with special needs in all grades will be back at school full-time, five days a week.

Meanwhile, Gr. 9-12 students may have some remote learning to do, depending on a high school's ability to implement public health measures like physical distancing and the use of cohorts (designated small groups of students—something that's easier to do at the younger grades) to minimize the risk of COVID-19 transmission and to support contact tracing.

Cohorts of a maximum 75 students will be utilized at the elementary and junior high levels as well, limiting the numbers of other people students come into contact with throughout the day.

"Students will have greater space between them in class and many will be cohorted together in their learning group for the school day. Classrooms will be configured to achieve this," Goertzen said. "There will be a staggering of lunches and recess breaks to avoid congestion of common areas in the schools."

There will also be an increased emphasis on enhanced cleaning and sanitization procedures and hand-washing. It will also be stressed that students and staff must stay home if they are showing any signs of illness.

Mandatory masks are not part of the plan right now—that could change if advice from health officials warrants such a mandate—but students and staff are welcome to wear them if they want, Goertzen said.

School buses will be running, but riders will have assigned seats and either sit alone or with family members or other kids in their cohort. Divisions may need to bring in more school buses



VOICE FILE PHOTO

Staff at local schools missed seeing students in the classroom this spring. They'll be reunited with their students come September, as the province plans to have kids back in class full-time wherever possible.

to maintain physical distancing. Parents who are able to drop their children off themselves will be encouraged to do so.

School divisions are expected to draw upon the savings incurred when schools were shut down this spring to help cover the costs associated with ensuring their facilities are COVID-ready. Goertzen noted Manitoba schools saved approximately \$48 million in that time. The province has committed no extra COVID-19 funding for schools.

"While things may not be exactly as they were last September, the clear objective is that we are able to return students to in-class learning while providing an environment that strives to protect the health of all those in the school," Goertzen said.

"The value of in-class learning and the need to ensure safety

isn't an easy balance to strike, but much work has gone into trying to achieve that balance," he said, noting this plan was developed in consultation with educators, school boards, and administrators across the province.

THREE RESPONSE LEVELS

No one knows what the next few months of the pandemic may bring, and so the province has prepared three response levels and is asking school divisions to have contingency plans ready should the need arise for full or partial school closures in the days to come.

Level 1 is the plan for September, where in-class learning is in full swing with COVID-19 precautions in place.

Level 2 is a blend of in-class learning and remote education, focusing on keeping K-8 kids in the classroom as much as possible while high

school students utilize online learning as needed.

Level 3 would see all students learning remotely until it is safe to return to school.

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Nursery schools worried about potential funding loss

Proposed changes to provincial funding structure could pass costs on to families

By Lorne Stelmach

Nursery school operators are concerned about the potential impact of a proposed change in provincial funding support for their facilities.

Their concerns are connected to proposed amendments to the Early Learning and Child Care Act that they say will end enhanced nursery school operating grants

Operators of two local nursery schools suggest the loss of the grant beginning as soon as this September could add up over a year to possibly become too much of an extra financial burden for families, especially in the midst of a pandemic when they are already facing many struggles.

"If we potentially lose this grant, we will definitely have to make up some of the loss by charging families more and increase our fundraising by a drastic amount," said Sheila Dyck, director of Kids Korner Nursery School in Winkler.

"It leaves people kind of in the lurch ... it's kind of frustrating for us at the moment," added Pam Staple, director of Small Wonders Nursery School in Morden.

"The impact is going to be pretty drastic for our program, I think, if they do go ahead and pass it," she suggested. "If you take away that grant, it's definitely going to impact our ability to function continuing the way we always have been ... we would have to make some changes, and I'm sure we would lose some families just due to doubling the price."

Dyck said the key benefit of the enhanced funding grant is it allows for parents to pay only a \$5 fee per day and as a result makes it much more affordable for families.

She also sees it as supporting their ability to offer inclusive services for children with additional support needs and develop a quality enhancement plan for children, and the funding can be used to improve program quality.

"Nursery schools play an important role in promoting healthy child development, especially for families not requiring full time care," she suggested in an e-mail interview. "Enhanced funding for nursery school has allowed families to enroll their children and supports children's social, linguistic and cognitive development."

It can help ensure children have a successful transition into kindergarten, she further suggested.

"If this funding is cut, there will be many families who will not be able to access nursery school programs without access to the reduced cost," Dyck said. "Centres will have to reduce

costs through measures that drastically affect accessibility and universality, affordability and quality."

The enhanced nursery school operating grant was created to ensure more access for all families, whether they need part-time early learning and child care or cannot afford full day non-profit or part-time corporate/ for-profit centre costs, so Staple sees it as a crucial part of Manitoba's early learning and child care system.

When they get the enhanced grant, it in turn restricts them on how much they can charge parents, she noted, so she assumes then that restriction would be lifted, but that then puts more of the burden on the families.

"We have to try to fundraise in order to make ends meet ... we're just making ends meet now, so we're not really sure what it's going look like for us," said Staple.

"It's tough enough, especially with COVID right now, so to ask parents to pay double ... it won't be as manageable for everybody," she said.

"We take care of over a hundred kids over the course of a week, so it's valuable in its own way.

"So we're hopeful about getting the word out there," said Staple, who was joining others in promoting the Save the Enhanced Nursery School Operating Grant petition on change.org.

A spokesperson for Families Minister Heather Stefanson noted there are no immediate plans to alter the enhanced nursery school operating grants or parent fees charged by nursery schools receiving these grants, although it is an area that is being

looked at by the government.

"Manitoba is currently reviewing the enhanced nursery school program established by the former NDP government, as the current system creates two tiers of nursery schools in Manitoba—those that receive enhanced operating grants and charge reduced fees and those that do not," they said in a statement.

"There is no income test for enhanced nursery school services, and no difference in the services offered other than the additional funding provided to offset lower parent fees," they continued. "The regulatory changes

reflect our intention to move toward a fair funding model that supports all nursery school programs in Manitoba whereby all nursery schools will be able to receive equitable operating grants and charge parent fees that reflect the services provided to parents."

Officials also noted there are currently 162 nursery school programs, including

66 that receive enhanced funding of \$4,180 for 12 months per space and 96 that receive regular funding of up to \$528 for 12 months per space.

"The regulation can be passed without impacting the administration of the program, and once passed these regulations will simply provide our government with the legal foundation to make necessary changes to improve the nursery school system for families. Once a new model is determined, centres will be given significant advanced notice."

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fall and winter, schools will need to ensure students have access to at-home learning materials when needed.

"I think there's no question we're going to see more [remote learning] in this school year," Goertzen said. "There is going to be more reliance on distance learning, but hopefully not to the degree that we had last year ... the department will be working with school divisions to ensure that there are not only good plans in place but good supports in place as well."

"There will continue to be challenges as we learn to live with the

virus in an education environment," Goertzen said. "There will be situations that will require quick adaptation and if the situation changes in Manitoba and public health advice warrants there may be changes in requirements in schools as well."

"The last few months have shown us both the importance of in-class learning and how creative, resilient, and determined Manitobans are," he added. "We will undoubtedly have to rely on each of those qualities again in the months ahead."

School divisions will be releasing the specifics of their back-to-school plans for fall by mid-August.



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Local nursery schools like Kids Korner (shown here) and Small Wonders in Morden are concerned about the impact proposed changes to the Early Learning and Child Care Act could have on their funding and what that will mean to local families.

Salem Home residents enjoying second ABBY Board

By Ashleigh Viveiros

Residents in Salem Home's Maple unit now have their very own ABBY Board thanks to the generosity of the community.

The Winkler personal care home installed its second interactive board last month, the first having been put to very good use after being set up in its Evergreen unit in 2019.

The wall-mounted electronic display is designed to engage residents living with dementia through touchscreen activities, familiar tactile experiences such as turning a wheel or flipping a switch, and a mix of personalized images and media.

"The first ABBY Board that was purchased last year was very well-received, we got lots of positive feedback from the residents," says Salem Foundation executive coordinator Charmaine Harder, who notes the Salem Ladies Auxiliary spearheaded funding for the boards through their community barbecue last summer.

The auxiliary didn't quite raise enough to cover the costs of two ABBYs (each come with a price tag of nearly \$8,000), and then their 2020 barbecue plans got cancelled thanks to the pandemic, but donations from the foundation and the Garden Valley Collegiate Youth in Philanthropy brought the campaign over the finish line.

"It's fantastic to see youth getting involved in helping others like this," says Harder, thanking the student

group for their generosity. "I think it's a great way for young people to get involved with their community and make an impact."

Maple unit resident care manager Kim Enns says the board provides staff with a unique way to engage with residents.

"It offers a lot of different opportunities," she says. "Probably one of the most popular activities that it has is the driving experience. As soon as you touch the wheel a road pops up and it gives you that first-person

sense of driving in a vehicle. People just become immersed in it, the sensation of driving and holding the wheel in their hands."

The experience has proven to be a big hit with male residents especially, Enns notes.

"Sometimes we find it can be challenging to find ways especially to engage some of the

men in this facility, and so them being able to drive, or having the sensation of driving, really resonates deeply with them," she says. "It's a really meaningful thing for a lot of people and really brings a lot of wonderful memories back for them."

Salem would love to install more ABBY Boards in other units in the future, funds allowing.

Salem Ladies Auxiliary president Hilda Friesen says they'll be looking at what they can do to make that happen.

"We have seen how much the residents enjoy the ABBY and how it has helped them," she says, noting they

"[IT] REALLY BRINGS A LOT OF WONDERFUL MEMORIES BACK FOR THEM."



SALEM HOME PHOTO

A Salem Home resident enjoys the new ABBY Board installed there recently. The interactive display gives residents living with dementia the chance to experience driving once again, among other fun tasks.

had hoped to raise enough to install three, including one in the Cottonwood unit. "Salem Home still needs another ABBY and we will look at what fundraising we can do when we meet again in September."

"The support from our community is really an encouragement to the residents, their families, and to Salem Home," Harder says, thanking everyone who made this purchase possible.

Crystal City border crossing hours shortened

Voice staff

The Canada Border Services Agency has cut two hours from the hours of service at the Crystal City border crossing.

The port of entry, which was previously open seven days a week from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m., is now open daily from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., the agency announced last month.

CBSA says this is a temporary reduction in hours that will be in effect until further notice.

"This temporary reduction of service hours will be reviewed on an ongoing basis as the public health situation evolves," the agency said in a release.

Cross border discretionary travel between Canada and the United States has been restricted since late March. Those restrictions, which have been extended multiple times over the summer, are currently set to remain in place until at least Aug. 21.

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Winkler woman celebrates 100th birthday this week

By Lorne Stelmach

Music has always been a large part of Justina Wiebe's life, so it's no surprise it is at the core of the tributes coming her way as she celebrates her 100th birthday this summer.

Members of the Winkler Mennonite Brethren Church hosted friends, family, colleagues, and students already in February to celebrate the Winkler woman, who officially reaches the milestone this week.

Wiebe, who was not feeling up to an interview for this story last week, was at the north entrance of the Buhler Active Living Centre on Wednesday to accept greetings from passersby as well as a presentation Winkler Mayor Martin Harder.

Among those who have been paying tribute to her as she reaches this milestone were Winkler Festival of the Arts president Dorothy Plett, who called Wiebe "a true inspiration to many people."

"I know the organization that goes into such an event. She was involved with [the festival] for many years," said Plett. "My appreciation for Mrs. Wiebe has gone even deeper, as I now know from personal experience what her involvement in the Winkler Festival of the Arts has meant to many in the community over the years."

"With such a legacy, Justina has impacted many," Wes Hamm wrote in a tribute published in the Manitoba Music Teachers journal.

"Students such as Loreena McKennitt, Dorothy Plett and Norma Kikat are a tribute to Justina's skill. However, the multitude of local and regional amateur singers who have experienced great joy through music are equally indebted to Justina."

"When one considers the audiences who have also been blessed by Justina's singing and conducting, it is no exaggeration to say that her commitment to music and community has had a significant and positive impact on thousands," Hamm said.

Wiebe grew up on a farm in the village of Kronsart, northeast of Winkler. Her parents recognized and supported her musical gift from an early age.

Beginning at age of 17, she captured many awards and accolades through participation in both the local and Winnipeg music festivals.

In May of 1946, she graduated from the University of Manitoba with the title of "Associate in Music, Manitoba" as a singing teacher, and in 1948 became a member of the Manitoba Registered Music Teachers Association and went on to be instrumental in organizing the first rural branch of the MRMTA.

Throughout her life, Wiebe was very active in the local music festival, serving as voice and choral convenor as early as 1954 and as late as 1980.

She was always happy to sing for various events and to lead a multitude of choirs as well.

"She was always just Mom," noted daughter Doris Young. "It never occurred to me that her life and ours, by extension, was different from anyone else's."

"Encouraging was the word I so often heard from former students," she continued. "Music was a big part of her life, and she was well known to many people as a singer, a singing teacher or choir conductor. Even recently, at the age of 99 years, when we went to the grocery store, she was almost always greeted by someone who



SUPPLIED PHOTOS

Justina Wiebe, centre, with members of her church family at a celebration held earlier this year to mark her 100th birthday, which takes place this week. Right: Wiebe at age 17 with the music festival trophy she won. Wiebe went on to become a vital part of the local musical arts community as both a teacher and festival organizer.

had been a student of hers or remembered her singing."

Young shared with the *Voice* a conversation her mother had with her, recounting her early years.

"Dad liked to sing when he brought milk to separate in the cream separator," Wiebe told her daughter. "He kept the rhythm of the turning crank, but didn't stay in one key. That didn't matter, he was happy singing during this job."



"Mom liked to sing as well and was a good singer. She sang songs with me even before I started school, when my siblings were already in school."

Wiebe went on to recall the challenge of getting to Winnipeg from Kronsart weekly for music lessons

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Dalliah Goertzen, Kamdyn Goertzen, Margaret Krasnenko, Emily Hargesheimer, and Jocelyn Funk with the collages and paintings they created last Thursday at the Winkler Arts and Culture Centre's summer day camp, which drew a dozen kids for a variety of art projects throughout the week. Right: Owen VanDaele hard at work on his creation.



> JUSTINA WIEBE, FROM PG. 10

for several years, and there was a special gift that came her way at a young age.

"Dad ordered a seven-string guitar for me from Germany," Wiebe said. "At the time, a Mr. Wiebe was a hired man on the farm, and his wife played this type of guitar. She taught me how to play it, not just strumming it but to play a melody. So I used to sing and play the guitar at school and at church.

"When I was 12 years old, I sang at my brother Ben and Lydia's wedding. I didn't know how to play a lot of songs on the guitar so I performed "Old Black Joe." It wasn't a wedding song, but that didn't really matter in those days. It was a pretty big deal to be able to sing and play the guitar."

Wiebe entered the music festival in Winkler at the age of 17 when it was the first year that solo singing performances were part of the competition. She won the trophy after singing "Gathering Daffodils." She later competed for the Rose Bowl in the Winnipeg festival and was a runner up.

"I actually started teaching voice before my music education was complete, and of course, continued after," Wiebe said. "I entered girls choirs in the festival, but we seldom had competition. I also led the church senior choir and a high school girls choir."

Young added that her mom was a pioneer in that she ran her own business and made money by giving singing lessons.

"It was an era when women, for the most part, worked at home, taking care of the kids, not making their own income," she said.

"While her own lessons had cost \$6 each, a huge amount of money in the 1930s, she herself only charged \$0.50 per lesson. It was a dilemma for her; with singing lessons being a new idea in Winkler and considered a luxury, she had to keep the cost down or she wouldn't have any students."

"Mrs. Wiebe was and still is, an encourager," added Plett. "She encouraged my mom in the earlier years to begin singing solos, and if I remember correctly, she also gave me my first

solo in church.

"To say that singing was important in her life would be an understatement. She sang when given the opportunity," she said. "She expected excellence, but taught the context of the words. It was all done with an attitude of doing it for the Lord. That was what made the greatest impression to me."

Young also paid tribute to her mother's spirit and faith in other aspects of her long life, including her passion for gardening and her eagerness to entertain guests.

"It was normal for mom to be determined and have a positive attitude," said Young. "Not long ago, a doctor, enchanted by mom's ability to advocate eloquently for her independence, said that it is ladies who are as stubborn as mom, as young in their thinking, and as positive, who live the longest.

"As a young woman mom showed these characteristics as she waited for three uncertain years while the man she would marry was away in the military in Europe during World War Two," Young continued. "Later in her life, she fought her own battle and conquered cancer not once but twice.

"When Dad died, she was brokenhearted but picked up her bootstraps and said she was still here because God wanted her to be, which meant there was still more for her to do in this life.

"Through difficult times, Mom's faith in God gave her the peace she sought."

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HEART funding helps volunteers bring peace to grieving families

By Lorne Stelmach

Provincial funding is supporting a program involving a group of volunteer certified divers from the Oak Bluff Hutterite Colony who do emergency water search, rescue, and recovery.

The Hutterian Emergency Aquatic Response Team (HEART) received \$34,000 last month to support the purchase a marine sonic side scan sonar.

It was part of more than \$85,000 in funding from the proceeds of crime in safety and crime prevention program for three communities in southern Manitoba, and a spokesperson for the team said the reward for them is being better able to provide answers for families.

"It's always tragic ... when a body goes unlocated for a while ... then when you do find somebody, it's a

relief for a family to finally be able to bring the matter to rest and to find closure," said Paul Maendel.

The funding pays for half of the cost of the sonar equipment with the other half made up through their local fundraising efforts, which Maendel estimated has seen over \$250,000 raised and spent over the last year on a range of equipment specifically for drowning victim recoveries.

The key thing with this newly purchased sonar is being able to more quickly locate victims in waterways or even a submerged vehicle as well as forensic evidence such as discarded weapons while also increasing the safety of divers.

The sonar gets towed by a boat and scans at least 60 feet to each side. The information then comes to a computer for the team to analyze. Once they



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Funding from the province's criminal property forfeiture fund is allowing the Hutterian Emergency Aquatic Response Team to purchase new equipment to aid in their recovery efforts.

have located an anomaly, the software can measure its parameters.

"When you have that, you can mark it with the GPS. Then you turn the boat around and come at it and scan it from another angle," Maendel explained.

The next step is usually to employ their remotely operated vehicle, which is also equipped with sonar, so they can get to the target's location with a camera to provide a visual image. They can then either grab the target with a manipulator arm or employ a diver if needed.

Other side scan sonars don't get as high a definition, Maendel suggested, and this one can get quicker and better results.

"What it allows us to do is to search large areas of river or lake bottom and in a more timely manner than we could now and with much greater accuracy," he said. "It can take a while to get a dive team together ... we are able to respond in a more timely manner."

"The technology is really changing how dive teams are conducting searches. ... There's still cases where you need divers, but if you can deploy equipment instead of a human, I think that's a more prudent way of doing it."

Maendel said their team became dedicated to this cause as a result of drownings on colonies, including a nine-year-old boy whose body took three days to locate and recover.

They have been diving now for a few years, and their ability to be able to deploy quickly has seen them go to locations as far away as Lake Erie in Ontario to a Hutterite colony in Alberta. The team also works closer to home, including with the RCMP and Winnipeg Police Service underwater recovery teams.

Maendel sees them continuing to fundraise and work towards a number of other needs, including a dedicated deployment vehicle and a specialized boat.

"There's a long list. I could use a million dollars easily in different equipment to make searches more efficient," he said.

Maendel encourages anyone who might like to support their work to do so through the Oak Bluff Charitable Trust at HEART Team Inc., Box 819, Morris, Mb., R0G 1K0 or via Paypal to HEARTeamMB@gmail.com. All funds go directly into equipment and training.



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Dr. Roussin urges Manitobans to "continue to work together"

By Ashleigh Viveiros

We're going to get through this pandemic together.

This from Manitoba's chief public health officer Dr. Brent Roussin, who took time last week to remind Manitobans "to be kind to each other."

"[It's been a] tough time for us all and we've managed to get to this point by working together," he stressed at the province's July 30 media briefing. "Shame, stigma is not going to get us through this. Continue to work together as Manitobans, because we're going to be dealing with this virus for quite some time."

Public health officials announced 27 new cases of the virus over the long weekend, bringing the total number of cases in Manitoba to 442.

The province headed into the weekend with 70 active cases and 337 recoveries. Six people were hospitalized with COVID-19, five in intensive care.

Updated stats reflecting the weekend's new cases and recoveries were expected on Tuesday.

Manitoba reported its eighth death—a man in his 70s from the Southern Health-Santé Sud region—last week. It was the first COVID-19 death since early May.

As he has stressed since the start of the pandemic, Dr. Roussin again emphasized to Manitobans the importance

of focusing on the fundamentals when it comes to living with COVID-19.

That includes physical distancing, good hand hygiene, enhanced cleaning protocols, and avoiding prolonged exposure to large crowds of people.

"It's critical that we find ways to continue to live with this virus and balance it with the very important things such as getting kids back to school," Roussin said following Education Minister Kelvin Goertzen's unveiling of the province's back-to-school plan, which will have students back in the classroom come Sept. 8.

One of the most important things Manitobans can do to prevent the spread of the virus is to stay home when they're sick.

"Very, very vital as we go back to school, as we go back to work ... is stay home if you're ill, even if you're mildly ill," Roussin said. "Do not attend school or work if you're showing any signs of illness."

Testing volumes have been on the rise in Manitoba in recent weeks as the number of COVID

cases and contact tracing increase.

On the testing front, Roussin had a message for employers looking to have their staff tested:

"I'd caution against employers to mandate testing in asymptomatic employees," he said. "Testing of asymptomatic individuals is not that useful, so it puts an extra strain on our system to mandate that."

"Again, the most important people to get tested are those who are named as contacts of cases or those who have symptoms of COVID."

At this time, Manitoba is not mandating the use of masks in public spaces, though that could change in the weeks ahead.

"As we move closer and closer to fall, masks are likely to become more and more part of our plan," Roussin said, pointing to widespread community transmission—something we're not seeing yet—as a factor in that decision, along with rising case numbers overall. "We're continuing to review all these things and will continue to update as needed."

City exploring lagoon options

By Lorne Stelmach

The City of Morden is exploring an expansion of its existing wastewater lagoon as a short-term measure to allow for new development in the community again.

It announced Friday that it has contracted with Stantec Consulting to assess the feasibility of the lagoon expansion option with a report expected by the end of September.

In the meantime, council also continues to work on the longer term issues around the proposed regional wastewater treatment to ensure that Morden can continue its growth.

While the long-term solutions are being developed in partnership with the province and neighbouring communities, Morden continues

to have immediate needs at the local level that need to be addressed, said Mayor Brandon Burley.

"If it is outside a three year window, we absolutely have to look at capacity issues," Burley said Friday. "We're hoping for the best but preparing for the worst because we can't afford another six years of not increasing our capacity."

Ongoing concerns about Morden's wastewater lagoon capacity had earlier led the city to reverse course and maintain restrictions on new development for the time being despite the fact the province had agreed to lift the ban.

The decision arose from there being continued issues around Morden's lagoons still hav-

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PV Orioles topple Giants, Winnipeg South

By Lorne Stelmach

The Pembina Valley Orioles were looking to solidify their position and get on a roll this past week as the shortened MJBL season nears its conclusion.

The team has been competitive throughout the campaign so far, and coach Jim Odlum likes their chances of making a good playoff run.

"I'm really liking how the team looks," Odlum said before a game last Wednesday which saw the Orioles take down the St. James A's 6-2 with a late rally that saw them break open a 2-2 deadlock in the fifth inning.

"Going forward, I like what I see ... I think we're geared up that we can have a pretty good run in the playoffs. Everybody's looking forward to the playoffs ... the playoffs are going to be a completely different run."

Odlum sees the team as being able to compete with any other team in the league if they play to their capabilities. The only question mark now might be whether they are able to keep their lineup complete.

They were missing a couple key players when they dropped both ends of a doubleheader to Altona, he noted.

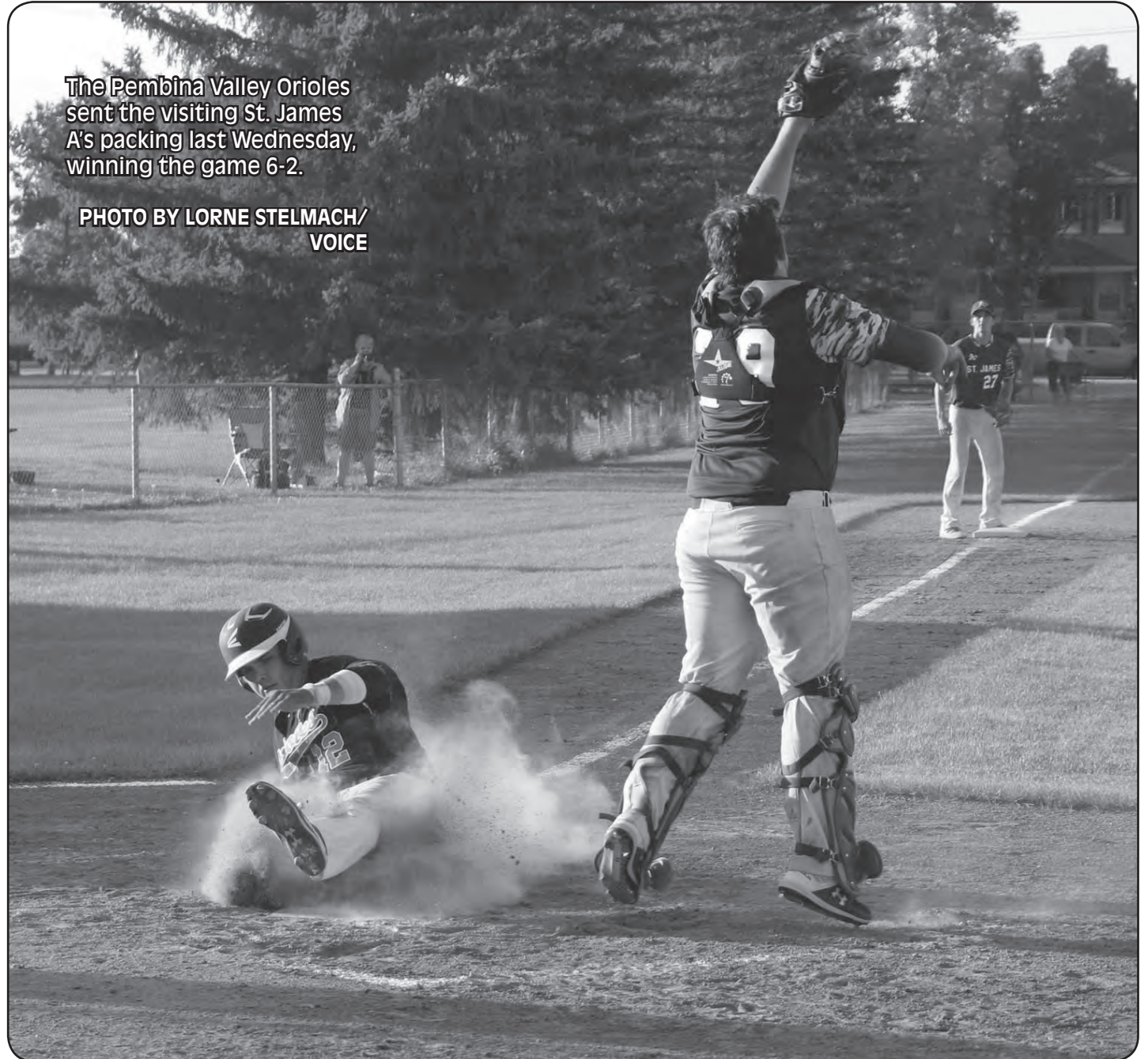
"There were some good things even though we lost those two games ... there were some things I had seen where I was thinking okay, these guys can all bring something to the team."

The other issue looming as well is that a number of players may have to depart depending on their personal plans, he added, although other teams will be facing similar circumstances.

"The unfortunate thing is a lot of our guys are starting to go back to school, so in the next few days or a week we could be losing some guys," said Odlum. "If we have all the guys there, I think we're as good as any team in the league. Our offence is one of the two

The Pembina Valley Orioles sent the visiting St. James A's packing last Wednesday, winning the game 6-2.

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VOICE



best in the league, and we can play with anyone."

The Orioles kicked off the long weekend with a 6-0 win victory against the Elmwood Giants on Friday. They went on to narrowly beat Winnipeg South

twice in a Terry Fox Day double-header, taking game one 11-10 and game two 5-4. That brings their record to 14-5 for second place in the standings behind Altona (15-5) and ahead of Elmwood (12-5).

This week the team hosts St. Boniface Wednesday for their final regular season home game and then they close out the season in Carillon playing the Sultans on Sunday.

Winkler Storm fall to Brandon Inspire

The Winkler Storm started off August with a loss on Monday.

The team stumbled on the road against Brandon Inspire FC, losing the match 3-1.

With that, Winkler is 2-1-1 for the

summer thus far for seven points, keeping them in the top three spots of the Manitoba Major Soccer League's First Division standings alongside the Hanover Kickers and Bandits FC.

Their next game is a home match against Selkirk FC this Sunday at 6 p.m. Next Thursday, Aug. 13, they host the Bandits at 7:15 p.m. at the 15th St. pitch in Winkler.

Kids of Mud hit the trails

By Lorne Stelmach

For a third year in a row, a cycling program has been teaching some kids the basics of biking while preparing others to take it to the competitive level.

The Kids of Mud initiative has wrapped up for another year, and organizer Peter Loewen of Country Cycle was pleased with the response, despite this being a different season as a result of the pandemic.

It meant having to make a few adjustments—including a later start than usual—but it being an outdoor activity worked in the program's favour.

"It's a bit of an unconventional year ... but it's been going good," said Loewen last week. "There was a lot of interest in spring, but I had to wait for the cycling association to give approval. They had to figure out how to properly do this in the time of a pandemic.

"My thinking was people want to

be doing stuff outside, and there's this craze about cycling and recreation this year," he said. "So there was some opportunity to get people into the sport and into the racing side of things a little bit too."

The Kids of Mud program is a learn-to-ride and learn-to-race program for children 16 and under.

An official Manitoba Cycling Association course, it covers the fundamentals of off-road cycling but is also aimed at long-term athlete development.

In Morden, the groups were split up between the pump track at Morden park and at the Lake Minnewasta trail.

The younger kids were taught the fundamentals of biking such as general safety, gear shifting, and braking, while the older kids focused on things like how to use the landscape to your advantage and being in the right gear at the right time.

"It's the older ones that I would like



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Younger participants in the Kids of Mud program learned the basics of cycling this summer while older ones honed their racing skills.

to work with to develop them to race for Country Cycle," noted Loewen, who coached Tuesdays and Thursdays while other volunteers coached younger kids on Wednesdays for the five week program.

"I had more interest from older kids this year, so that changed. We typically had a bit more of the 10 and under, and this year I was able to recruit more between 12 and 16," he said, wondering if perhaps it was a case of kids looking for things to do when their options were more limited this summer.

No matter the age, though, Loewen sees kids of all skill levels being able to gain something from this program.

"The young ones are really easy to train because they basically need to just learn the fundamentals of shifting and the very basics," he said. "The older kids have figured all that out, so you teach them things like how to go

around corners, to hold your speed going around corners and to maximize the use of the topography of a trail."

For those who want to work up to competition, Loewen stressed that there are the intangibles you need to learn, like when you should be resting and when you should be going harder.

"It's those kinds of things that are required to shave off seconds in a race," he said.

All the kids involved this year progressed really well overall.

"Some of them are really good," Loewen said. "And the parents always give positive feedback that it gives the kids a little more confidence to ride a trail like that one at the lake, and that trail is not an easy one to ride. You have to focus on what you're doing; you can't be thinking about anything else."

Flyers welcome new head of game day operations

Voice staff

The Winkler Flyers have added a new face to the team's behind-the-scenes crew.

The junior team announced last week that it has hired Sydney Dyck as their head of game day operations.

Dyck is no stranger to the Flyers, having spent time coordinating the popular 7th Skater program that sees a young minor hockey player line up on the blue line for the national anthem. Dyck is also an instructor with the Winkler Skating Club.

"Growing up around the rink in Winkler was great," Dyck said in a statement. "Half the time spent figure skating and the other half spent cheering on the Winkler Flyers was a huge part of my childhood and has carried on. I can't wait to get started.

"I'm really looking forward to taking on this role and being so much more involved in this team I've grown up supporting," she added. "We have such a strong hockey community and I am excited to bring new and fresh ideas to the



FLYERS PHOTO

Sydney Dyck has been hired as the Winkler Flyers' new head of game day operations.

table and make it the best experience for our community and for our fans."

Flyers GM Jean Jeanson said the team is looking forward to working with Dyck as the 2020-2021 season gets underway this fall.

"Sydney has a lot of energy and passion and she's going to bring a lot of new and exciting ideas to the game day experience for the Flyers and our fans," he said.

Mohawks best Whips

By Ashleigh Viveiros

The Morden Mohawks soundly defeated the Winkler Whips last week.

Playing their second-last game of the regular season at the Parkland ball diamonds Friday night, the Mohawks bolstered their record to 8-1 with a 9-2 win over Winkler.

That's good for first place in the Border Baseball League, ahead of the second-place Whips, who are 7-3 af-

ter closing out the season with a 13-2 victory over Clearwater Sunday afternoon.

Morden had one more game to play at press time. They were scheduled to travel to Altona to face the Bisons Tuesday night.

Altona plays Carman this Friday to close out the Border Baseball League regular season. The playoff schedule should be released next week.

• AGRICULTURE

Scouting tips and thresholds for canola pod eaters

By Keith Gabert

Over the next couple of weeks, farmers and agronomists will want to check canola pods for feeding by bertha armyworm, diamondback moth larvae, lygus bugs and other pests.

Even if an area is low risk according to provincial risk maps, local hot spots can flare up, which is why each farm should make its own assessment on a field by field basis.

If pod feeders are found, make accurate counts in at least four locations 50 metres apart in each field. Then make spray decisions based on thresholds. Note that leaves act as an early warning system for most chewing canola pests at this stage, so missing leaves or holes in numerous leaves may give you a week or more warning before pod chewing occurs.

Thresholds indicate the point at which a spray application will start to provide an economic return, so thresholds-based decisions are good for profits. By sticking to thresholds, farmers also protect the beneficial insects that will often keep a local pest population from exploding and maintain an overall lower population through the years.

Here are identifying features, scouting tips, and links to thresholds for the three most common pod feeders in canola in Western Canada:

Bertha armyworm

Berthas come in brown, black and green shades, but they all have a yellow-orange stripe along each side. Mature larvae are up to 1.5" long.

Begin monitoring after peak flowering and continue until the crop is almost at swath stage. The pre-harvest interval for some products is as little

as one day. These intervals vary quite a bit by product, so check labels.

At each scout location, mark out an area of one square metre and beat the plants growing within that area to dislodge the larvae. Remove leaf litter and trash, then shake plants vigorously. These two steps will uncover berthas on the ground and cause berthas on the plants to drop. Pause a minute and wait for the larvae to begin moving around again, then count all that you find within the square metre. Thresholds will be around 20 bertha larvae per square metre in most situations.

Diamondback moth larvae

Diamondback moth larvae are yellowish-green to green, up to half an inch long, and have a forked rear end. When disturbed, the larvae will wriggle backward violently and may drop from the plant, suspended by a silken thread.

Feeding on the exterior of developing pods is responsible for their "economic" pest status. The threshold for flowering or podded plants is 200 to 300 diamondback moth larvae per square metre (20 to 30 per square foot).

For easier counting, pull up all plants from one square foot and beat them on flat surface, such as a sheet or truck hood, to dislodge them.

Lygus bugs

Adult lygus bugs are about a quarter-inch long. They have relatively long antennae and legs. They vary from pale green to reddish brown to black, with a distinctive triangle or "V" shaped shield mark in the middle of their backs.

Adults are active and fly readily when approached. Immature lygus



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An example of Bertha armyworm on canola.

nymphs are often mistaken for aphids, but lygus nymphs are more active and harder bodied. Several black spots, usually five, become noticeable on the backs of nymphs as they mature through five instars (growth stages) before becoming adults.

With a standard insect net of 15" diameter, take ten 180° sweeps, and aim to sweep the buds, flowers and pods while moving forward. Sweep-net monitoring should be done under fair weather conditions (e.g., sunny, low wind, above 15°C) and between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. to ensure lygus are active within the canopy. Count adults and any nymphs with darkened wing pads on their shoulders.

Field experience with lygus bugs in

the Black Soil Zone in particular has prompted agronomists to be much less concerned about this particular pest than the threshold tables would indicate. Dry conditions seem to favour both lygus population development and damage to canola.

However, moisture conditions that allow for good crop growth may remove measurable damage from this insect pest.

For more information on all of these bugs, go to the insects section at canolaencyclopedia.ca.

—Keith Gabert is an agronomy specialist with the Canola Council of Canada. Email gabertk@canolacouncil.org.



Diamondback moth larvae.

Producers encouraged to list their extra feed products

Voice staff

Challenging production conditions across Manitoba have provincial farm groups representing beef, grain and forage producers asking farmers with extra straw, hay, or alternative feed to consider listing their products for sale.

Manitoba Beef Producers (MBP), Keystone Agricultural Producers (KAP), and the Manitoba Forage & Grassland Association (MFGA) are all warning that livestock producers could be facing a challenging summer

and fall that will affect their ability to source feed and straw for their livestock.

"In recent years Manitoba has experienced consistently inconsistent seasonal and regional production variability through drought conditions, snowstorms, and heavy rains," said MBP president Dianne Riding. "These kinds of challenging conditions are prompting concerns that 2020 hay and forage yields could be lower than expected across the province this summer and complicate the feed situation for livestock producers this coming

fall and winter.

"In the spirit of co-operation, we are encouraging Manitoba farmers to avail themselves of the listing resources and work together to ensure feed and straw is available for cattle producers who require it. We truly appreciate those who advertise their available resources for sale."

"Across the province we have seen both dry and wet conditions being reported, leading to a lack of quality hay and straw for livestock feed," noted

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Memories of the summer kitchen

By Marjorie Hildebrand,
Winkler Heritage Society

The summer kitchen on our farm was a small building just a few steps outside the big house. It was used during the hot season for cooking, eating, and canning for the winter months. The use of the summer kitchen kept the “big house” cooler, cleaner, and free of flies.



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The summer kitchen was just one big room with the big cook stove at the east end, a long table on the south side, and a kitchen cupboard on the other side with a small bench on which stood a basin, soap dish, and pail of water with a dipper for washing before meals.

Moving into the summer kitchen was always an exciting day. The place was scrubbed and some-

times the walls were white-washed. Then the things from the house were carried in: dishes, cutlery, towels, pots and pans.

The first meal in there was like a camping trip. There were three screened windows and a screen door, but the flies always managed to move in as well.

I remember cooking endless amounts of plum jam in the summer kitchen. After arriving home with large pails filled with the wild plums that grew profusely in our woods, a big fire was built. The washed plums were put in a big pot and boiled until soft. The next day after they were cooled, the pits had to be removed by squishing them out by hand. Lots of sugar and more cooking resulted in the most wonderful lovely red plum jam imaginable.

Some of the jam went into large stone crocks with melted wax put on top kept it from spoiling. The crocks were put into the cool cellar and brought up as needed in the winter. Bread and jam was often our dessert.



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Making use of the summer kitchen on the farm.

When the days started getting cooler at the end of summer we looked forward to moving back into the house again. This was exciting as well, like coming home from a trip.

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ing limited capacity to handle future growth, and the province insisted on the city maintaining stringent monitoring of the capacity.

It meant continuing to restrict new development, although any lots currently subdivided can be built on at approved densities, and the city might look at some things like industrial subdivisions that are at low capacity.

It also meant the city would have to look at construction of an additional cell, which is a more costly project it had hoped to avoid if federal and provincial support fell into place to move ahead with the regional wastewater treatment project instead.

In the meantime, city staff and council continue working on answering questions around wastewater treatment here in the longer term.

Working closely with Manitoba Sustainable Development, the city is looking at the requirements set out for Morden, including a third-party review of the design work Morden has submitted for the regional wastewater treatment facility.

The city has arranged funding through the Manitoba Water Services Board to perform a third-party engineering review of the wastewater treatment facility design. The review is expected to be complete by October.

If any changes to the design are required, the city believes once they are addressed the project will then be eligible for federal funding through the Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program.

“We’ve been required by the prov-

ince to do a third party review before they would consider releasing funds for the project ... so that process is going to take a little bit of time,” said Burley.

“If we are required to go back to the

design phase, that puts us five years away from a mechanical plant. ... We don’t have five years of capacity, so we’re going to have to look at a stop gap measure.

“We need to be a hundred per cent

confident that we get our one crack at this right,” Burley stressed. “We need to get it right. It’s been a lot of work ... but we’re going to get it right. We’re going to trust that the process will get us to the right conclusion.”

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KAP president Bill Campbell. “We are calling on livestock producers and grain producers to work together to ensure that our industry can continue to thrive and to ensure livestock herds have enough feed for this year.

“Our hope is that as grain producers begin to make harvest decisions, they will consider how they can support livestock producers who may not have enough feed for their herds. 2020 has been an immensely challenging year, but we’ve learned that we all must work together when faced with difficulty.”

Multiple consecutive years of dry conditions in key parts of the province has created a lot of uncertainty,

said MFGA chair Larry Wegner.

“For producers that are planning to be carrying herds into fall and over winter, that feeding uncertainty makes the planning done now even more important,” he stressed. “As producers and producer groups working together, we can all help each other better prepare for the times ahead.”

The three organizations have prepared a resource that outlines different options farmers have for selling and purchasing feed (see below). Producers are encouraged to use any and all means available to list available feed for purchase.

Hay and straw listing fact sheet

Farmers and producers in Manitoba have numerous options when it comes to listing available hay and straw, and for buying hay, straw and alternative feeds. A few include:

- Manitoba Agriculture can assist farmers and producers with questions on where to source hay, straw and alternative feed. Call 1-844-769-6224 or visit your local Ag Office. The Manitoba Agriculture Livestock webpage (www.gov.mb.ca/agriculture/livestock/index.html) also has tools and resources for dry conditions.

- The Manitoba Government Hay Listing Service includes hay, pasture land, and alternative feeds available. There are also options to select certified organic and certified weed free feed. To learn more, head to [web31.gov.](http://web31.gov.mb.ca/HayListCIntExtrnl)

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- There are two dedicated groups on Facebook for buying/selling hay and straw: Manitoba Hay and Feed for Buy/Sell and Hay/Feed for sale in Saskatchewan, Alberta and Manitoba.

Other social media avenues including Twitter also feature hay for sale across the province, however that exchange needs to occur on a user to user basis.

- The Hay Exchange is a free hay listing and hay locator website. It includes listings from all 50 states and all Canadian provinces. For more information, head to www.hayexchange.com.

- Buy and sell websites like Kijiji and eBrandon will occasionally have listings for hay and straw.

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The Council of the City of Morden has scheduled a public hearing at 100-195 Stephen Street in **Morden, Manitoba** on the 24th day of August 2020 at 7:00 P.M. to present the following local improvement plan:

The purpose of this local improvement levy is to fund the repairs and upgrades at the Access Event Centre in the City of Morden.

These repairs and upgrades include:

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The local improvement tax to be levied under this proposal is to be based on the portioned value of all assessable property in the City, which includes taxable, grant-in-lieu and otherwise exempt property in the City of Morden, and the tax is to be based on the portioned value of all these properties. The potential taxpayers under this plan are the owners of said properties.

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The annual operating and maintenance costs associated with the proposed local improvement will be covered under the City of Morden's annual operating budget.

A written objection may be filed with the City Manager at the Civic Office located at 100-195 Stephen Street in Morden, Manitoba prior to the commencement of the hearing. At the hearing, Council will hear any potential taxpayer who wishes to make a presentation, ask questions or register an objection to the local improvement plan.

All objections, written or verbal, must be filed prior to the adjournment of the hearing and must include the name, address and property description of the person filing the objection and the grounds of their objection.

Copies of the local improvement plan are available at the municipal office at 100-195 Stephen Street in Morden, Manitoba and on the municipal website at: **www.mymorden.ca**.

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MSTW BY-LAW NO. 3-2020

BEING AN AMENDMENT TO THE MSTW PLANNING DISTRICT DEVELOPMENT PLAN BY-LAW NO. 1-2014, as amended.

HEARING LOCATION: R.M. of Stanley Council Chamber
1-23111 PTH 14

DATE & TIME: AUGUST 20, 2020
7:00 P.M.

GENERAL INTENT:

To re-designate the portions of land highlighted on the attached map:

- 1) From: Village Area To: Rural Cluster
- 2) From: Village Area To: Agricultural Policy Area
- 3) From Agricultural Policy Area to Village Area

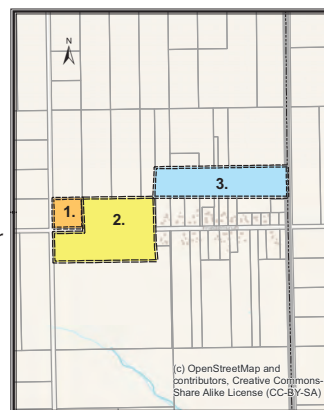
AREA:

R.M. of Stanley-Friedensruh
1) Lots 1-4, Plan 46820
2) Lots 3-4, Plan 46820; and Lots 4 & 5, Plan 35684; and Part of SW¼ 24-2-4W; and Part of NW¼ 13-2-4W
3) Lot 2, Plan 64173; Part of Lot 2, Plan 45492; and Part of Lot 1, Plan 53312; Part of Lot 2, Plan 50138; and Part of Lot 2, Plan 2255; Part of SW¼ 24-2-4W.

FOR INFORMATION CONTACT:

Glen Wieler, MSTW General Manager
180 5th Street, Unit D, Morden MB R6M 1C9
Phone (204) 822-6223 (ext. 115)
Email: manager@mstw.ca

A copy of the above proposal and supporting material may be inspected at the location noted above during normal office hours, Monday to Friday. Copies may be made and extracts taken therefrom, upon request. Please note that all Provincial guidelines pertaining to COVID-19 will be followed.



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OBITUARY



P. Doreen Cox (nee Lucking)
 1944 - 2020

On July 26, 2020 after a courageous battle with lung cancer, Doreen passed away peacefully with her husband holding her hand, at the age of 76.

She will be lovingly remembered by her beloved partner and husband of 56 years, Clayton. She will also be sadly missed by her four children: David (Barb), Brian (Donna), Robert (Kristy), and Cindy (Guy). She had nine grandchildren: Summer, Allison, Jayden, Payten, Kelsey, Adam, Sydney, Rylan, and Wyatt. She is also leaving five siblings, Kathy, Ellen (George), Charlie (Debbie), Dorothy (Greg), Shelley; numerous nieces and nephews; one aunt and one uncle. She was predeceased by her parents Dorothy and Freeman Lucking, her sister Eileen May and brother-in-law Al.

Doreen was born on February 8, 1944 in Dauphin, Manitoba. She was raised and went to school in Carman, Manitoba. After school she went to Winnipeg and worked for MTS for 3.5 years. During her career in Winnipeg, she continued to come back home on weekends. She attended many dances including the 4-40 dances in Roseisle. This is where she met the love of her life in 1962. It was because of this meeting that she decided to move out to Miami and work at the Consumers Co-op as a bookkeeper. She then married her love, Clayton Cox, on March 28, 1964. They moved out to the family farm located at SW 36-4-7 and it was then they began their family of four.

She loved her sports. Her favourites were curling, baseball, bowling, golf and fishing. She also adored dancing and playing cards with her friends.

She was an avid volunteer in the community and surrounding areas. She was a part of many clubs and organizations. To name a few she was on the Community Hall board, the curling club, beef club, the Ag. Society, the MAAS board, MGW Horse Racing board, Weed Control Board, she started Junior baseball for girls, coached curling, and much more.

She was a city girl turned country. She loved all aspects of farm life, but her favourite part was her cattle. The local vets always said she should have become a vet herself.

In 1999, she and Dad sold their beautiful farm and moved into their brand new home in Miami. After 11 years living there, they decided to sell and move to Morden, Manitoba up to present.

She and Dad spent 19 years wintering in Osoyoos, BC. Ten of those years were spent as Walnut Beach Resort Ambassadors. Their job was to keep the snowbirds busy for the winter. Activities, tours, games, etc. were planned. After nine years she and Dad retired from this as it had gotten to be an 8 to 10 job. They got to meet hundreds of wonderful people who still keep in contact. It was when she was diagnosed with cancer that they decided to end their travels out west.

There was a private service held on July 28th at the Miami Cemetery.

Doreen asked that in lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Boundary Trails Cancer Care, Box 2000 Station Main, Winkler, MB., R6W 1H8.

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George D. Klassen
 1927 - 2020

George D. Klassen, age 92 of Winkler, MB went home to be with his Lord and Saviour at Boundary Trails Health Centre on Saturday, July 25, 2020.

George was predeceased by his wife, Ida Klassen (Wiebe) in 2015. He will be missed by his family of three sons, John and Vi Klassen, George and Shirl Klassen, Peter and Eileen Klassen; two daughters, Kathy and Robert Krahn, Ruth and Dave Greene; 13 grandchildren and 17 great-grandchildren and two sisters.

George was born a businessman at heart. He started his first store in 1961 as KLASSEN'S BARGAIN CENTRE, later it became KLASSEN'S OF WINKLER. He retired from that and started up many second hand stores, just like the first one he started under many different names. He retired officially July 2018 from THOSE

WERE THE DAYS. His pastime was filled with writing poetry, reading the newspaper, riding his scooter, grocery and thrift store shopping and watching sports on TV. Many stores and stories in his journey of life, from auction sales (#77), garage sales and his love to be with people.

The final months of Dad's life was enjoyed with his family. We enjoyed our time together. COVID-19 made it a struggle, but we made the best of it. Thanks for the memories Dad. You will be missed. You are now free of pain and at peace. Praise God.

Private family graveside service was held at 11:00 a.m. on Wednesday, July 29, 2020 at Westridge Memorial Gardens in Winkler.

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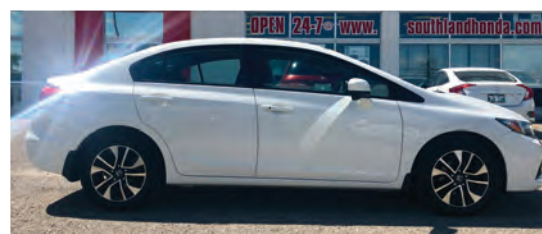
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