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Chalking up Salem

Danika Peters and Edith Wieler helped Salem Home "Chalk Up" its patio spaces last week. For more, see Pg. 2.
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Sarah Wieler (above) and Riley Thiessen, Townes Thiessen, Madison Thiessen, and Eloise Thiessen were among the kids who stopped by Salem Aug. 2 to add some colour to the patio spaces for residents.



By Ashleigh Viveiros

The Salem Home personal care home got on board with Winkler Arts and Culture's Chalk Up the City initiative last week.

For the past several weeks, the art gallery has invited residents to send in pictures of chalk art on private and public spaces for a chance to win weekly prizes. Submitted photos have been posted regularly on social media.

On Aug. 2, Salem invited kids to stop by and add some colour to the patio spaces sprinkled throughout their facility.

"Residents love having kids here and, you know

what, our patios are kind of boring. We wanted to make them a little bit more fun," explains Alana Thiessen, Salem's director of community engagement. "We have so many people that come and sit on our patios, and so we thought we would just add as much joy and colour as we can for today."

A few groups of kids spent about an hour chalking up all the patios as residents happily watched and, in some cases, blew soap bubbles at the enterprising young artists.

"The residents were so excited seeing all the kids," Thiessen says, thanking everyone who came out to take part.

New logo for Discovery Nature Sanctuary

By Ashleigh Viveiros

Winkler's Discovery Nature Sanctuary (DNS) is sporting a brand new logo this summer.

The 34-acre nature preserve on the city's northeast corner put a call out earlier this year for submissions from local high school art students.

"When the committee decided that we needed an updated logo, we thought it would be a fantastic way to involve the youth in our community," says DNS committee member Tanya Chateauf. "Both Garden Valley Collegiate and Northlands Parkway Collegiate graphic design students were eager to take on this project with the support of their teachers."

The winning entry came from Gr. 11 GVC student Jonas Friesen. It features a songbird in flight surrounded by the name of the sanctuary.

"The students all did a fantastic job. This was a tough decision," Chateauf shares. "We were happy to thank Jonas with a gift card to a local business and a T-shirt with his logo creation on it."



SUPPLIED PHOTOS

GVC student Jonas Friesen designed the Discovery Nature Sanctuary's new logo.

Friesen could not be reached for comment at press time. DNS is now selling T-shirts with the new logo on them. You can stop by the Winkler and District Chamber of Commerce office in City Hall to purchase one or connect with DNS directly at discoverynaturesanctuary@gmail.com.



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Winkler Harvest Festival is on this weekend

By Ashleigh Viveiros

The 2023 Winkler Harvest Festival takes over the Parkland fairgrounds this weekend.

As always, the Aug. 11-13 event is set to bring the community together, says Karina Bueckert, festival sponsorship broker.

"I think, especially coming out of the last couple of years, this is a great opportunity to bring everyone together and see everybody once again," she says. "And not only that, but you have a lot of different people from outside of the community coming into Winkler as well. It draws from such a widespread area."

The Harvest Festival has long established itself as a reliable source of quality entertainment, Bueckert observes.

"Everybody knows what to expect: that it's going to be a great show."

This year's main stage headliners are certainly up to the task.

The Crash Test Dummies anchor the Friday evening entertainment lineup.

"I'm very, very excited about the Crash Test Dummies," Bueckert says of the '90s hit-makers. "They're a highlight of the main stage and they're going to do such a phenomenal job."

Country music lovers get their night on Saturday, when The Hunter Brothers take the stage.

Closing out the headlining acts for weekend on Sunday are Christian rock/pop group We Are Messengers.

Rounding out the stage entertainment for the weekend are performances from Sun Sets West, Bed of Roses, Byron Falk & The Half-Time Cowboys, Daniel Desorcy, Don Amero, and Stephen Stanley.

And that's not even mentioning the festival's second stage, which this year is set up in the curling rink at the new beer gardens.

"The beer gardens, sponsored by the Fort Garry Brewery, I'm excited to see that happening," Bueckert says. "It's something that we've talked about for years, whether to incorporate it or not. This is the year we test it and we see how the community feels about it. "Having local music going on in the curling rink ... it'll be another place that you can go to cool off, grab a beverage, and enjoy the music."

The rest of the schedule includes all the usual festival favourites: the Saturday morning parade, Wonder Shows midway, Fawn & Cub market, the growing Etherlan gaming tournament, Sunday morning worship service, Sunday afternoon car show, fireworks, and, of course, the Kid's Zone, which includes a petting zoo, face painting, a giant climbing tower, and, new this year, Fit Kids/Healthy Kids Outdoor Games.

"It's all the standard stuff," Bueckert says.

Corn and Apple in running for Event of the Year

By Lorne Stelmach

Being nominated for a provincial tourism award just weeks before the event couldn't be better timing for the Morden Corn and Apple Festival.

Morden's signature event is in the running for Event of the Year in the first annual joint tourism awards run by Tourism Winnipeg and Travel Manitoba.

Each category will have a Winnipeg and a Manitoba winner announced at the awards presentation Oct. 19. Corn and Apple is nominated along with HYPERART, Boo at the Zoo, Manito Ahbee Festival, Holiday Alley, and the Gimli Ice Fishing Village

"It's just an honour to be recognized at this level," said executive director Tim Hodge. "But it comes at a great time for us with the festival happening later this month, so it's kind of a nice bonus for us. Hopefully, maybe people who haven't attended the festival before see this and consider coming and checking it out."

The Event of the Year Award goes to an organization, business, or facility for hosting an event, conference, festival, or gala that makes a substantial economic impact within the local community, attracts visitors from outside the community, and creates an

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VOICE FILE PHOTO

The Winkler Harvest Festival welcomes back the Wonder Shows Midway again this year. The festival runs Friday through Sunday at the Parkland fairgrounds.

kert says. "Year after year, we know what's well-attended and well-loved.

And, as always, there are a few tweaks to make things run more smoothly.

This year the Kid's Zone is moving back outside to the space just south of the Parkland hill (last year it was inside the arena).

Bueckert notes they're also going to be setting up more food vendors south of the stage.

"So people will have access to more options while they're enjoying the stage shows, without having to walk across the grounds."

For the full festival schedule, head to visitwinkler.ca/harvest-festival.

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Legends Charity Airport Drag Races Aug. 19-20

By Lori Penner

Legends Car Club is gearing up for their 19th annual Charity Airport Drag Races, and organizers are anticipating another successful event.

Thousands of spectators fill the stands each year from across Southern Manitoba and south of the border, and the roster of racers is already filling up fast.

Legends president Alex Loewen says they've already been preparing the tarmac on the 1/8-mile runway, which provides extra grip for the cars.

"It's going to be another great weekend. Last year our stands were full, with about 1,500 spectators a day. We had a full docket of 60 cars each day from all over Manitoba. I think the furthest one came down from Dauphin."

Fans can expect the same great weekend of entertainment this year.

"We've already got 50 per cent of our entrants signed up, and people can expect all their favourites, from vintage vehicles to newer sports cars, purpose built drag racers, and as al-

ways, a few pickup trucks and snowmobiles," Loewen says.

From the beginning, Legends Car Club has always been a huge supporter of local charities. Over the last 10 years, their biggest fundraiser, the Drive for Cancer, has raised about \$190,000 for the South Central Cancer Resource (SCCR) in Morden.

Loewen says it's a sad truth that the need for support continues to grow.

"When we started the Drive for Cancer, we were able to raise their entire transport budget with our event. Now the transport budget is over \$200,000 which is what we've given them in the last 12 years. So, the need for support is constantly growing there."

The Airport Drags managed to put \$12,000 in the coffers of the organization in 2022, and Loewen says he anticipates the same generous response this year.

"Along with our other events that raise money, this one is still well supported by our community. We have three local charities we're supporting again this year: South Central Can-



VOICE FILE PHOTO

The Legends Charity Airport Drag Races take place next week.

cer Resource in Morden and STARS Air Ambulance out of Winnipeg, as well as Genesis House in Winkler. Last year each one of them received a cheque for \$4,000. I would say that the amount of around \$4,000 a charity would be average. But the fact that we added a third charity and still were able to maintain that shows how successful this event is."

Loewen notes ticket sales and crowds took a big leap following two years away due to COVID restrictions. "People are still happy to be back."

He adds there will be food available on site.

"The Bunker from Winkler will be

running the concession, and they keep all the revenues from what they do. We're also got earplugs and other merchandise for sale, and volunteers will be on hand to help with the parking."

The Legends Airport Drags will take place Aug. 19-20 at the Rhineland Municipal Airport.

Gates open at 9 a.m. and races begin at 10 a.m. Admission is \$10 (13 and up), \$5 (6-12) and kids 5 and under are free.

"It's a really affordable event," notes Loewen. "Ticket prices have never increased all the years we've run this event. We're hoping for great weather and good times."

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outstanding experience for attendees.

Hodge said the nomination came rather unexpectedly.

"It's a bit of a surprise in a good way. We feel we have a very special festival here in Morden," he said.

"There's an incredible amount of work from an incredible number of people that goes into hosting the festival every year," he continued.

"It's the largest street festival in Manitoba. It's got the largest parade in the province. It's one of the largest attended events in the province.

"There's no question we've got something special with the Morden Corn and Apple Festival, but to get that recognition like this on a provincial scale, up against some really special events, is really wonderful."

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Kathy Ritchie honoured as Citizen of Distinction

By Lorne Stelmach

Even while being honoured last week for her years of community involvement in Morden, Kathy Ritchie continued to give back even more.

The recipient of this year's Citizen of Distinction Award from the Morden Area Foundation was presented with \$1,000 to donate to a charity of her choice, and she added \$1,000 of her own to present to the Boundary Trails Health Centre Foundation.

"It was a very easy choice," Ritchie said last Thursday following the award ceremony at the Morden Legion. "I think so many of us have used our hospital or have loved ones who are using it and need it ... I had some firsthand experience in the last six months, and I really see the need, and I see the dedication of the staff."

Ritchie was honoured to receive the award while also finding it a bit overwhelming to be singled out.

"It means a lot, of course, to be recognized by your community peers,

and it makes me feel pretty humble. There's so many other people who are rather more deserving I believe than me.

"I'm happy to accept it, and I am very happy to have received it for doing things that so many of us do not wanting recognition but wanting to make our place a better place to live, wanting our children to have a good community to grow up in."

Ritchie noted how there were many other past recipients of the award there to honour her and how grateful she is for their service.

"I know most of them, and I have been lucky enough to have worked with most of them in some capacity at some point during my volunteer years as well ... they've inspired me."

Ritchie has lived and worked in Morden for over 50 years and has been actively involved on countless committees and executives, supporting many organizations, fundraising initiatives, and community events.

Her nomination cites her firstly for



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Kathy Ritchie (second from left) received the Citizen of Distinction Award from the Morden Area Foundation board last week.

having volunteered and supported multiple sports leagues, including the minor hockey, baseball and ringette.

For many years, she served on the Morden ringette executive and provincial regional ringette executive as well as a special provincial committee to help improve and grow the sport.

She also served on the Morden ladies curling club executive and volunteered for special events, including being the registrar for the Manitoba Summer Games when it was hosted by Morden.

Ritchie has volunteered countless hours as a member of the St Paul's United Church including for 20 plus years with the adult special needs group and in teaching Sunday school.

She spent two terms from 2007 to 2015 with the Morden Area Foundation, including as chairperson, and was instrumental with many new directions and initiatives.

From 2015 to 2023, Ritchie continued to be involved with the foundation as a volunteer and a mentor, helping to

develop the Women's Giving Circle (Power of the Purse).

Ritchie has also been a longtime volunteer for the Morden Corn and Apple Festival, specifically helping with the corn husking committee, and she has volunteered time at the Morden Library and the Morden Thrift Store.

Amongst all of that, there were a couple experiences that stood out for her, including being involved in organizing the first ladies golf tournament in Morden.

"It does seem odd that back in the 70s, women were not really totally treated equally or welcome in some of the sports venues," Ritchie noted. "Having that first tournament was sort of a highlight."

Ultimately, Ritchie concluded with a thought on what she has always hoped for in the end.

"I wanted to be able to say when things are sort of said and done or when my tenure might be done on a

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Ritchie receiving the \$1,000 award for a charity of her choice from foundation treasurer Robert Friesen. She matched it with \$1,000 of her own for the Boundary Trails Health Centre Foundation.

Caregiver, senior driver workshops at WSC

By Ashleigh Viveiros

The Winkler Senior Centre has a couple important workshops coming up this month.

The first, being held in partnership with the Alzheimer Society of Manitoba, aims to equip caregivers with vital self-care tools.

The Aug. 16 *Taking Care While Caring* information session will stress the importance of making sure you're not neglecting your own needs while caring for a loved one, says Services for

Seniors resource coordinator Cathleen Bergen.

"There's a lot of people who are caregivers, and oftentimes caregivers forget about their own health," she says.

This free session will be led by Alzheimer Society regional coordinator Rebecca Atkinson. It takes place at 1:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Aug. 16 at the senior centre (650 South Railway in the Buhler Active Living Centre). To register, call 204-325-8964 or email

cathleen@winklerseniorcentre.com.

The second workshop is the Mature Driver Refresher Course and is aimed at people 55 years old and older.

"It's been a number of years since we've done one of these," Bergen says. "With the changes in Winkler with different things like the roundabout ... things have really changed from when a lot of older drivers first learned how to drive."

The free course will update participants on traffic laws and safety rules,

help them brush up on defensive driving techniques, and discuss how to compensate for changes in hearing, vision, flexibility, and reaction time as one ages.

There is no driver's test or any driving involved with this course, Bergen stresses.

The Mature Driver Workshop runs Thursday, Aug. 24 from 1:30-3:30 p.m. Register in advance at the number/email above.

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Fish flies and the hope of sunny days

A lot of things don't turn out the way we imagine.

There was the summer when just one of my sisters was able to make it to the summer cottage. But we headed off to the lake nonetheless, hoping to spend some quality time basking in the sun.

But our basking soon turned into batting and flailing our arms from car to cottage, fighting off thick, disgusting clouds of fish flies that had decided their annual visit should really coincide with mine.

"Don't worry. They'll be gone within a week or so," I was told, which was little comfort, since right about the time the last pukey bug withered away, I'd be back at the office.

They arrived in biblical proportions, and I half-expected Moses to come thundering down the dock, fiercely prepared to cast out this formidable plague.

But Moses never showed. So we sat in the screened sun porch, sipping blackberry cider, sadly watching these ugly, and apparently stupid, moth-like creatures cover the screens until my sister said she thought she was going to be sick.

"I'm sorry. This wasn't the way I planned it," she said.

"It's hardly your fault," I assured her, wanting to add that if she did indeed have the power to summon plagues, I was going to have her buy my next lottery ticket.



By Lori Penner

But we made the best of things.

We barbecued steak as the rain made a noble but futile attempt to drive the winged demons away.

We nibbled on cheesecake and chocolate, and drank wine, tossing carb counts and Weight Watchers points to the wind.

We talked and laughed the night away and shamelessly slept in until noon.

And in the few sunny hours that the weekend afforded us, we braved the bugs, gingerly picking them off each other's backs as we made a beeline for the beach.

Still sisters. Still silly. And still bravely attempting to carve out a great holiday, in spite of Mother Nature's shocking betrayal.

And maybe it was exactly the way it was supposed to be. There in the cottage, without the distractions of other swimmers and rushing waves, we were face to face, surrounded by dozens of little reminders of summers past.

The cozy kitchen where we woke ourselves up with espressos until our hearts raced.

The livingroom where classic rock was the backdrop for nostalgic moments and catch-up conversations

long past due, and spirited karaoke that turned us into rock legends in our own minds.

And there on the side table, a photo of our mom, standing small and content near the cottage's front gate, ready and eager for a day trip that would unknowingly be her last. There were more than a few times that our fingers trailed longingly across that blue frame.

On the way home, my adorable driver came up with some creative, although somewhat inappropriate lyrics for what he called "The Fish Fly Blues."

The laughter loosened the little tug on my heart, straining to pull me back to sunnier days, when all of us were still together at that cottage.

"There will be many more sweet sunny days for you," a familiar voice seemed to whisper. "But it's your job to make them that way."

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particular board or organization that I had contributed and I made it maybe better, that I had contributed and helped it move forward and helped Morden move forward in a positive way."

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Updated Winkler Harvest Festival Schedule

Friday, August 11, 2023

Saturday, August 12, 2023

Midway
3:00PM - 12:00AM

Vendors Open
3:00PM - 10:00PM

Fawn & Cub Market
3:00PM - 8:00PM

Kid's Zone

 3:00PM - 8:30PM
Petting Zoo

 4:00PM - 6:00PM
Face Painting

 3:00PM - 4:00PM
Princess/Hero Photos

 3:00PM - 10:00PM
Climbing Tower

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Parade
10:00AM

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Midway
12:00PM - 12:00AM


Vendors Open
12:00PM - 10:00PM

Fawn & Cub Market
12:00PM - 8:00PM

Triple E Main Stage
6:00PM - Sun Sets West
7:15PM - Bed of Roses

8:45PM

Crash Test Dummies



Etherlan



Afternoon Tournament (ages 7-10)
3:00PM - 6:00PM
*Registration 2:00PM - 2:45PM

Evening Tournament (ages 11-13)
7:00PM - 10:00PM
*Registration 6:00PM - 6:45PM

Etherlan



Afternoon Tournament (ages 14-16)
3:00PM - 6:00PM
*Registration 2:00PM - 2:45PM

Evening Tournament (ages 17+)
7:00PM - 10:00PM
*Registration 6:00PM - 6:45PM

Kid's Zone

12:00PM - 8:30PM - Petting Zoo
12:00PM - 6:00PM
Fit Kids/Healthy Kids Outdoor Games



1:00PM - 6:00PM - Face Painting
2:00PM - 3:00PM - Princess/Hero
& 3:30PM - 4:30PM Photos
2:00PM - 10:00PM - Climbing Tower

Fort Garry Brewing Co.
Beer Gardens

Hours: 4:00PM - 1:00AM

7:00PM - Dark by Three
10:30PM - BK & The Bad Habits



Triple E Main Stage

6:00PM - Byron Falk & The Half-Time Cowboys
7:15PM - Daniel Desorcy

8:45PM

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Fort Garry Brewing Co.
Beer Gardens

Hours: 12:00PM - 1:00AM

7:00PM - Fender Bender
8:30PM - Joe Wilson

Sunday, August 13, 2023

Sunday Service
9:45AM - Worship Music
10:00 - Pastor Todd Petkau
From Riverwood Church in Winnipeg
Children's Feature: Pembina Valley Bible Camp

Midway
3:00PM - 12:00AM

Vendors Open
3:00PM - 10:00PM

Fawn & Cub Market
3:00PM - 8:00PM

Triple E Main Stage

6:00PM - Don Amero
7:15PM - Stephen Stanley

8:30PM 

Car Show 1:00PM - 4:00PM

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Kid's Zone

12:00PM - 8:30PM - Petting Zoo
1:00PM - 6:00PM - Face Painting
2:00PM - 3:00PM & 3:30PM - 4:30PM - Princess/Hero Photos
12:00PM - 4:00PM - Climbing Tower



Fireworks
At 10:00PM



Morden firefighters bring home bronze

By Lorne Stelmach

A trio of Morden firefighters came home with medals last week from the World Police and Fire Games in Winnipeg.

Francis Campbell, Jaydnn Wolfe, and Andrew Braun of Morden Fire and Rescue competed in the half marathon event.

All did well individually, but it was their joint team time that earned them bronze in their age category.

They had a combined total time of 5:55.32. Campbell had a time of 01:58:09 followed by Wolfe with a time of 1:59:27, so they were ninth and tenth in their group, while Braun had a time of 1:57:52 and was 18th in his group.

It was a nice reward for the hard work that went into preparing for the event, said Campbell.

"It feels pretty good," he said. "We were training for probably three months to get there. It was a nice surprise actually. We didn't really expect to get a bronze medal, so it was a good surprise."

He went for three or four runs a week and worked his way up from about five to about 21 kilometres.

"We went for a couple runs together,

but we mostly just did it on our own time when we had time," he said.

"I've always enjoyed running ... for me, it was my first half marathon. Jayden had participated in a number of half marathons before, and Andrew enjoys running," said Campbell. "Jayden was our captain, so he would be the most experienced one."

It would have been hard to pass up the chance to take part in the Games.

"It was just a good opportunity that came up, and we decided to go for it. It's not every day that the World Police and Fire Games are only an hour or so up the road," said Campbell.

"There was over 50 different countries there, and it was a great experience ... and

it was an honour to represent Morden Fire and Rescue and the City of Morden as well as a whole," he concluded. "It was a special time, and we all had a lot of fun ... it was a nice payoff for all the training."

Held biennially, the World Police and Fire Games is an Olympic-style competition with more than 8,500 athletes representing law enforcement, firefighters, and police officers from more than 50 countries competing in 60 different sporting events.

Representatives from departments

"WE WERE TRAINING FOR PROBABLY THREE MONTHS TO GET THERE."



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From left: Morden firefighters Francis Campbell, Jaydnn Wolfe, and Andrew Braun won bronze at the World Police and Fire Games in Winnipeg last week.

across our region took part in this year's competition.

Limited results were available as of press time, but Mark Legal and Dustin Giesbrecht of the Altona Police Service participated in the individual angling and team angling events and had placed in a 20-way tie for 13th place with no catches.

Altona firefighter Adam Skelton was involved in three events, including the mountain bike race, a stair race in full gear, and the ultimate firefighter competition.

Winkler firefighter Rick Schroeder competed in golf, while a few members from the Winkler Police also participated, including Phil Letkeman in hockey and Megan Goertzen in jiu-jitsu.

Morden Police sent a curling team that included special constables Pam Goertzen and Morgan Reimer as well as Sgt. Scott Edwards along with Clint Seward of the Darlingford fire department in curling. Jon Goertzen was also involved in the jiu-jitsu event.

"We've put out a call to action"

MARCHE hosts meeting at Salem Home for feedback on long-term care in Manitoba

By Ashleigh Viveiros

The Manitoba Association of Residential and Community Care Homes for the Elderly (MARCHE) hosted an event in Winkler last month to get people talking about the province's long-term care home system.

MARCHE invited community members to a meeting at Salem Home July 27 to share their personal experiences, ideas, and recommendations ahead of this fall's provincial election.

"We're hoping to get feedback from people living in the community, residents and family members of residents who are living in long-term care, on what their experience has been from the get-go," explained MARCHE executive director Julie Turenne-Maynard ahead of the event.

Participants were invited to share

their thoughts on every step of the process: from the initial realization that advanced care was needed to panelling to settling into a personal care home (PCH)

"What are your experiences? What can be improved?" Turenne-Maynard said, noting they wanted to hear from community members at large as well about the system and what they'd like to see improved.

"We're in a provincial election year. So what would you want to be telling the candidates that are canvassing at your door? What is important to you as a person related to long term care?"

The evening drew about a dozen people who were given the chance to discuss the matter in small groups.

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Faces of Winkler opens at WA+C this week

By Ashleigh Viveiros

Winkler Arts and Culture is gearing up for one of its most popular exhibitions of the year.

Opening earlier this week and running until Sept. 2, the Park St. gallery will be filled with artwork and photographs for the annual *Faces of Winkler* show.

Faces is all about shining a spotlight not just on already known movers and shakers in our community but also everyday Winklerites who make a difference in a myriad of ways.

"We know that we have people in Winkler that go above and beyond, and often these people do it without needing or wanting recognition," says WAC executive director Alesha Hildebrand. "We all do things in our life that we have to do. And then there's things we feel we want to do because they bring joy to ourselves. We don't always realize it's making a difference in many other people's lives as well.

"This is a good way for people to see those stories and those impacts that these individuals have made."

Eight Winklerites have been selected

as subjects, many of them nominated by the community at large.

They include: Dr. Murray Reimer, a longtime local physician; pharmacist and multifaith council member Zahid Zehri; Nico Friesen, an avid Winkler Flyers fan and Gateway Resources recycling program worker; local restaurateurs Jim and Martha Thiessen (Jim is also well-known for his longtime involvement as a regular blood donor); author and life coach Anita Frosese; and Don and Joyce Bergen (Don recently retired after a lengthy career as an educator while Joyce has spent decades involved with local immigration supports).

"We always say that Winkler is all about its people, and so we want to take this opportunity to thank the people that give back," Hildebrand says.

Participating artists for this show sought to try and capture a bit about each person's story in the photographs and artwork created in their honour.

"It's all about sharing their story ... whether it be donating blood hundreds of times or running for public



PHOTO BY ASHLEIGH VIVEIROS/VOICE

Winkler Arts and Culture's Alesha Hildebrand with photos of two of this year's *Faces of Winkler* subjects: Zahid Zehri (left) and Dr. Murray Reimer. The exhibition of photos and artwork opened at the Park St. gallery Tuesday.

office or welcoming newcomers to our community," Hildebrand says.

The photographs were taken by Hildebrand and fellow photographers Kevin Driedger and Walter Dueck.

Participating artists include Ray Derksen, Scott Bell, Olga Krahn, and Taylor Hildebrand.

"We asked artists to be creative and find ways to bring these stories out with their pieces," Hildebrand says, noting there were no limits on what

kind of medium artists could use, so the show could be quite an eclectic one.

While the show opened this week already, the exhibition has its official opening reception next week, Aug. 16, at 7 p.m. at the gallery. Admission is free. Artists and *Faces* subjects will be in attendance.

"It's a good way to engage with the nominees and also just hear their stories," says Hildebrand.



PHOTOS BY LORNE STELMACH/VOICE

A rhythmic gymnastics camp in Morden last week kept eight kids ranging in age from five to eleven busy for three days at Westside Church. "Some of them are new ... some of them have been with me for a year or two or three. The club has been here for about 20 years," noted Lisa Merritt-Bell of the Pembina Valley Rhythmic Gymnastics Club. "We use different types of equipment like hoops and balls and ribbons and ropes. We make up routines to music, and I teach them a variety of little moves. It's a fun time."

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Local author publishes “The Summer 10”

By Lorne Stelmach

Her first published book is a story that was born from Crystal Reimer wanting to help uplift someone during a difficult time, but she also thinks it has a universal appeal.

The Summer 10 is built around a list of 10 things the main young characters decide they want to do during their summer break, and it is based on things and interests that could have been on her own to do list as a child.

“What kid doesn’t find to find hidden treasure or find a new world? I think it’s not only very relatable to me but also to others,” Reimer suggested after doing a book reading at the Winkler Centennial Library last Wednesday.

“Writing a book and then having it published was a bucket list item for me for years, so I’m very excited to have accomplished it.”

Writing under the pen name of E. Reimer, she wouldn’t have necessarily as a child seen herself becoming a writer.

Reimer was born in Winkler but grew up in Miami, and she now works as a dorm dean at Mennonite Collegiate Institute in Gretna.

Growing up, she initially wasn’t a

huge fan of reading or writing.

“It was maybe Grade 7 or 8 when I really first started embracing reading,” Reimer said.

“I’ve always loved stories. My mom would read stories to my brothers and myself all throughout our childhood,” she noted. “I think because I loved stories so much, I think that encouraged me to pursue first reading more myself and then gradually writing.”

She then at one point worked with a family whose daughter was in an accident and bedridden for several weeks. It motivated Reimer to do something for her.

“It was very hard for me to imagine because she has so much energy and loves to dance and flit from one person to another and engage in conversation,” she said.

“So I wanted to write a story for her specifically where she could escape from her bed, in a sense, mentally at least and go on adventures ... as a temporary escape. The story just grew and grew then until I decided this is great, so let’s just see if I can get this published.”

Reimer pitched the story to 26 publishers before she found one that was on board with it.

She sees the book as being junior fiction aimed at kids perhaps aged 10 to



PHOTO BY LORNE STELMACH/VOICE

Crystal Reimer, who writes under the pen name E. Reimer, read from her new book at the Winkler library last week.



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The story revolves around Leah and Finley, who are starting high school in the fall, so it’s their last chance to totally goof off as kids.

They make a list of ten things they’ve always wanted to do and secretly try to complete them all—from building a throne and driving a car to finding buried treasure and attempting a world record.

They’re set to have an amazing time, but mental health struggles, growing responsibilities, and self-esteem issues aren’t as easy to ignore now that they’re teenagers.

Reimer had a couple thoughts in terms of what she hoped readers might get from the book.

“I hope kids can use it as a temporary escape if they’re having a bad

day or if they’re just feeling a little down or want to laugh. That was a big part of it,” she said.

“I would love if my readers made their own list of things and set out to accomplish them in creative ways,” she added. “I would love if my readers did that and just enjoyed life.”

She also sees the possibility of continuing the story while also having more ideas in the works.

“There’s absolutely potential for this to have a sequel, while they’re in high school. There’s so many possibilities as to where that could go,” said Reimer. “I’ve got so many different ideas ... but it takes a long time and a lot of dedication ... there’s often that little thought back in my head that’s saying where could this story go?”

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After the meeting, Turenne-Maynard shared a few common threads that came out of those conversations.

Chief among them was a concern for sustainable funding, with many care homes struggling with the provincial dollars that are provided and having to increasingly rely on community support to make improvements.

Participants also expressed concern about rising food costs, the length of time it takes to be admitted into a PCH, challenges for younger adults who need long-term care, the impact the pandemic had on quality of life for residents, the inability of many PCHs to care for bariatric residents due to lack of room or specialized equipment, and the importance of spiritual care.

MARCHE has held similar events like this in Winnipeg in recent months as the agency works to develop its advocacy plans for the election and beyond.

“I have regular meetings with the Department of Seniors and Long-Term Care,” Turenne-Maynard said, “and we really need to be able to communicate to them what the people in Manitoba want and need.”

“Obviously COVID really shone the light on the state of personal care homes across the country, the deficiencies in it, the lack of commitment by governments to support them,” she continued. “Just because the pandemic has lessened, the problems don’t go away, the financial burdens don’t go away. The state of many of the care homes that are over

50, 60, 70 years old need to be addressed. The human resources crisis still exists.

MARCHE is a volunteer provincial association and collective of private non-profit organizations that serve Manitoba’s elderly, including independent living and supportive housing complexes as well as personal care homes.

Salem Home is one of MARCHE’s members.

“We have a lot of community support here at Salem, but we understand that we’re different from other facilities in that way,” noted CEO Karin Oliveira. “We’re very fortunate here, but I don’t want to take that for granted. We’re part of MARCHE to support the other facilities that maybe don’t have the same support that we have.”

Lobbying for a better-funded personal care home system in Manitoba serves to help all such facilities, Oliveira noted.

“I think there is a misconception in our community about the funding for Salem ... we are a church-owned facility, but government funded,” she said. “So we still need the funding from the government.”

With the election coming up, Turenne-Maynard encourages Manitobans to share their concerns on this topic.

“We’ve put out a call to action, because we need to make candidates aware, we need to make the community aware that long-term care is not going away, and that it can’t be neglected any longer.”

You can learn about MARCHE’s call to action at marchemb.ca.

Morden, Somerset projects receive major funding

By Lorne Stelmach

Two projects in the region have received major financial boosts through a provincial funding program.

The City of Morden landed a \$500,000 grant toward a track and soccer field for the new Discovery Trails School, while the Rural Municipality of Lorne received \$589,000 for a new ice plant for the Somerset arena and curling rink.

They were among two dozen projects across the region to receive a portion of \$50 million in funding from the Arts, Culture and Sport in Community Fund to 545 community projects.

"It gives a pretty significant boost to getting that track and the field built. It's exciting to see it that much closer to where they need to be to get it completed," said Morden Mayor Brandon Burley.

Morden's grant is supporting a project that is not only important to the school but to the community in general, he added.

"And the joint co-operative recreational area that we're developing

over there in conjunction with Western School Division is going to be a substantially impressive facility for that area."

"One of the most important parts of this is the partnership between the city and Western School Division," Burley said "This is another milestone event that we can look to and demonstrate how that relationship is building now.

"Seeing that the province believes it's an investment worthy project certainly adds a lot of credibility to fundraising efforts as they go forward now," he added. "It's pretty special to see the province come on board with funding for it. For community members and organizations and businesses to see the glass

filling up ... I think certainly helps motivate people and organizations to help see it through to fruition and to completion."

The ice plant for Somerset will service both the curling rink and arena and have a substantial impact on operations there, suggested Gilbert Mabon, who is among the volunteers

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The track and soccer field at Morden's new school has received \$500,000 in funding from the Province of Manitoba.

spearheading the project.

"It's a huge thing for us ... there's a lot of dollars involved, so this is very important," said Mabon, noting it is a matching grant so there is local fundraising that will be happening along with hoping for approval for a federal government grant as well. The hope is to have the project completed in 2024.

"It is the centre of activity in the community," Mabon said of the facility. "It costs so much now to build or to repair, and a small council can have a hard time. Small towns are struggling with that, with raising money."

The Arts, Culture and Sport in Community Fund supports the development and renewal of spaces and facilities needed for arts, culture and amateur sport programming and ac-

tivity and aims to increase access to high quality arts, culture and sport programming and facilities across Manitoba.

The large capital grants program funded 42 projects worth \$34.6 million and aims to improve the quality, accessibility and availability of local facilities that support arts, culture and amateur sport activities and programs.

The small capital grants and special initiatives program funded 344 projects worth \$14.7 million and supports initiatives such as organizational development opportunities, training, technology, volunteer and equipment development and those opportunities that will increase participation and engagement in arts, culture or sport programming.

A total of 545 projects worth \$50 million that celebrate community, creativity and innovation in local arts, culture and sports were awarded funds through March, April, May and June intakes, and 942 projects have received support through the \$100 million fund since it was launched in July 2022.

"Investing in the spaces that Manitobans and their families use and enjoy is how we build stronger communities," said Premier Heather Stefanson in announcing the recipients. "This historic investment will have a lasting impact for generations, creating a positive contribution that supports the health and well-being of our communities, while continuing to make Manitoba a prosperous place to live."

"These spaces are where families gather, relationships are built, and communities flourish," said Sport, Culture and Heritage Minister Obby Khan. "The fund allows communities to focus on the priorities they know will make a difference for years to come, and our government is proud to support."

Other recipients in our area

Here are some of the other projects and groups in the region that were among 545 province-wide that received a portion of the \$50 million in grants from the Arts, Culture and Sport in Community Fund:

- Manitou Community Curling Club - ice surface board replacement - \$25,000.
- Miami recreation and play spaces - Miami natural park - \$25,000.
- Pembina Manitou Culture and Heritage Association - heating for heritage space - CPR Station Depot - \$25,000.
- South Central Regional Library - circulation desk replacement - \$25,000.
- Darlingford School Heritage Museum - window upgrade project phase one - \$24,462.
- Comité culturel de Somerset - renovations for Somerset library bibliothèque - \$22,354.88.
- Flatlands Theatre Company - improved technology - sound, video and communication systems - \$20,726.78.
- Altona Curling Club - reprofiling the curling rocks - \$10,528.
- Oak Valley Productions - outdoor theatre sound upgrade - \$6,632.

- Pembina Manitou Culture and Heritage Association - heritage space - CPR station depot - \$6,000.
- Harvest Moon Society - arts program development - \$5,000.
- Dufferin Agricultural Society - Carman Fair - \$5,000.
- LUD committee of the Rural Municipality of Thompson - Celebrate Miami community showcase - \$5,000.
- Roseau Crossing Heritage Park - Dominion City SummerFest - \$5,000.
- City of Winkler - Winkler Harvest Festival - \$5,000.
- Dominion City Community Hall - community welcome night and volunteer appreciation - \$5,000.
- Pembina Valley Honey, Garlic and Maple Syrup Festival - \$5,000.
- Roseau River Park - Roseau River Park community fun day celebration - \$5,000.
- Gretna Hot Spot Festival committee - Gretna Hotspot Festival - \$3,000.
- Morden's Multicultural Winterfest committee - multicultural dance - \$2,500.
- Pembina Hills Arts Council - Culture Days Morden - \$1,550.

It's full speed ahead on Industrial Eats renos

Bunker has faith community will come through with support for its newest social enterprise

By Ashleigh Viveiros

Work is well underway on The Bunker's Industrial Eats BBQ & Smokehouse, but the Winkler youth ministry is going to need the community's help to get the project across the finish line.

Construction crews have been hard at work since the beginning of June transforming the space in The Bunker's building on Industrial Drive formerly occupied by the Central Station Community Centre and the Winkler and District Food Cupboard.

The former food bank part of the building will soon be home to a spacious, state-of-the-art kitchen, while the community centre side will feature an 80-seat dining area.

Executive director Kevin Hildebrand explains this won't be your typical restaurant.

All the profits will go right back into The Bunker's youth programming, but raising that money is a perk, not a driving focus.

"We really just need to make enough so it doesn't go bankrupt," Hildebrand says, stressing that the real heart of this social enterprise is the people who will be working there.

Industrial Eats' staff will be made up

of individuals who need a more flexible, understanding work environment than is offered elsewhere.

"We want to focus the majority of our hiring on marginalized people," Hildebrand says.

At first they were looking at specifically at-risk teens whose life challenges make conventional employment difficult. That's still one of the main focuses as they work to create a supportive environment where a young person can come to learn new skills, overcome their anxieties, and find a sympathetic ear to share their struggles with, but they've come to see they need to broaden their scope.

"Through conversations with different people, we've realized there's a lot of seniors in this community that feel marginalized because they've been told they're too old, too slow, can't work enough hours, can't be on their feet, and so they've been moved out of places that they loved working," Hildebrand says. "But they still want to impart their wisdom and their skills and their knowledge on other people."

Since news of this project broke, Hildebrand has heard from numerous older adults who are eager to get involved however they can.



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Above: Work is underway to transform the former food cupboard space at 545 Industrial Drive into a state-of-the-art kitchen. Right: The old Central Station section will become an 80-seat dining room.



Kevin Hildebrand, executive director of The Bunker, in front of what will soon be Industrial Eats, a new Winkler eatery staffed by marginalized people in our community.

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"We've had a lot of people come forward and say, 'Hey, when this is open, I want to come and volunteer my time there.' And I'm like, 'No, you won't volunteer. We will pay you and your shifts will be manageable for whatever suits you.'"

It's going to be a win-win for both sides of the generational divide, giving seniors meaningful work while also providing youth with experienced mentors to look up to and learn from.

"That is the core value of this place," Hildebrand says. "We want to build family. We want to build community. We want to treat people the way they should be treated. We want to pay them fairly. And we want to be accommodating to their needs."

The larger plan for the facility also includes a second floor filled with offices which The Bunker aims to fill with a variety of community support agencies.

"What we're hoping to do is rent out that space to other non-profit youth-orientated organizations, like Segue [Career Options]," Hildebrand says, noting they're in talks with a few other related programs as well. "We're hoping the people who have offices up there will have kids that

need a job somewhere, and that we can fill that niche for them. And then a lot of the kids who work for us here may need the services up there."

Having it all under one roof will make it easier for youth to access those supports, and for deeper connections to be made between clients and service providers.

"The staff up there can feel free to come down here during their breaks, sit in a booth somewhere, and talk with the kids so they get to know you and they get to see you on a regular basis," says Hildebrand.

KITCHEN TO OPEN IN FALL

Right now they're eyeing a fall completion date for phase one and two of the project, which encompasses the new kitchen, installing accessible washrooms, and some major electrical and plumbing upgrades.

"We're taking a building that wasn't designed as a restaurant and turning it into one," Hildebrand says, noting they've already had to rip up the floor in places for the new plumbing.

With any luck, the kitchen will be up and running by year's end so they can start offering takeout.

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"It'll start bringing in some money for us to put toward completing the

project," Hildebrand explains. "But it also gives us the opportunity to do a

bit of a soft start with the kids and the cooks and test out a few things."

Phase three will finish off the dining room, likely sometime in 2024.

"We don't have enough money yet to finish the whole thing," Hildebrand explains, estimating the entire undertaking will cost around \$800,000. "Right now we're sitting at \$436,000."

The project has received donations both big and small since it was announced, and Hildebrand has faith the community will come through with the rest of the funds needed.

"If people think this is a cool idea and they see the value in how this is going to benefit the community, how this is going to benefit marginalized members of our community, and they want to be a part of it, come talk to me," he says, stressing that donations of any size are most welcome—every single dollar helps.

"I want this to be something that people contribute to because they believe in it as much as we do," Hildebrand adds. "And that they believe in changing the lives of the people that are going to be working here as much as we do."

You can follow along with the project's progress on the Industrial Eats social media pages, or head to bunkerministry.com to make a donation or get in touch with Hildebrand.



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Bunge Altona has an opening for a Maintenance Mechanic/Millwright. Work involves process equipment installation, maintenance and repair, lubrication, steel fabrication and welding. Preference will be given to those candidates holding a valid provincial Millwright or Industrial Mechanic ticket. Candidates who do not hold a valid ticket will be expected to enrol in the apprenticeship program to obtain their ticket as soon as possible. Overtime and on-call duties are required. The successful applicant will possess excellent written and verbal communication skills, trouble shooting skills, and be a team player.

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A job description for this position can be found online on the Bunge website: <https://jobs.bunge.com/>. enter "Altona" in the field "Search by Location". Click on "Maintenance Worker" to read the description. Applications should be made online with an attached resume.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

FARMLAND FOR SALE BY TENDER
RURAL MUNICIPALITY of MORRIS

Title #	Legal Description	Total Acres
3254669/4	SE ¼ 22-4-2 WPM Exc Plan 71877 MLTO	150
1994552/4, 2070709/4, & 2070710/4	Lots 5, 6, and 7, SP Plan 2068 MLTO In the NE ¼ 14-4-2 WPM	69

When submitting an offer, please note:

1. The highest, or any, offer will not necessarily be accepted.
2. Title Nos. 1994552/4, 2070709/4, & 2070710/4 will be sold together.
3. Offers may be for either or both sets of parcels.
4. The date of closing and possession will be September 15, 2023.
5. The date of adjustments will be January 1, 2024.
6. You must provide a certified check or bank draft in the amount of \$10,000.00 payable to Cole & Mace Law Office. The cheques accompanying unsuccessful tenders will be returned.
7. You must rely on your own research of the property.
8. Tenders are binding upon acceptance and not subject to any conditions precedent.
9. Tenders may only be submitted in the form provided by Cole & Mace Law Office; a form of tender may be requested from Cole & Mace Law Office in person at the address below, or by emailing: adam@colemacelaw.com.
10. The Vendor will be responsible for the taxes on the property up to the date of adjustments.
11. The Purchaser will be required to pay GST unless the Purchaser is registered for GST and agrees to self-assess.
12. Title to the land will be transferred free and clear of all encumbrances and liens.
13. Please note that the SE ¼ 22-4-2 WPM does not have access and the successful bidder will be responsible for installing same.
14. Please note that all buildings affixed to the NE ¼ 14-4-2 WPM have nominal value, are being sold "as is where is", and include all contents therein.

Signed and sealed Tenders will be received up to 12:00 noon on August 15, 2023 at:

Cole & Mace Law Office
26 Centre Ave. East, Box 2039, Altona, Manitoba, R0G 0B0
Attn: Adam Mace

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING UNDER THE AUTHORITY OF THE PLANNING ACT

On the date and at the time and location shown below, a PUBLIC HEARING will be held to receive representations from any person(s) who wish to make them in respect to the following matter:

General Intent: To amend the following sections of City of Winkler Zoning By-law 2271-21: 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8, 9, and Map 1
Area: By-law 2305-23 will apply to the entire limits of the City of Winkler.
Contact: Planning & Engineering Department
City of Winkler
Phone: (204) 325-9524-2
Email: permits@cityofwinkler.ca

Date of Hearing: August 22, 2023

Time of Hearing: 6:30 p.m.

Location: Winkler Council Chambers,
185 Main Street, Winkler, Manitoba

A copy of the above proposal and supporting material may be inspected at the location noted above during normal office hours, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday to Thursday and 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 pm Friday. Copies may be made, and extracts taken therefrom upon request.

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CAREERS



PEMBINA VALLEY WATER COOPERATIVE INC.

Maintenance & Distribution Supervisor Position – Altona, MB

Pembina Valley Water Cooperative is seeking applicants for the fulltime, permanent position of Maintenance & Distribution Supervisor. The Pembina Valley Water Coop is Manitoba's 3rd largest water utility, producing potable water for 14 municipalities in south central Manitoba. Three water plants feed a network of over 9000 square kms.

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- An environment geared towards learning.
- 2 weeks holidays to start, 3 weeks after 3 years
- Strong safety focus

Position Description:

The Maintenance and Distribution Supervisor is responsible for maintenance of the company assets, leadership of the distribution system and the company safety program. This role involves interfacing with suppliers, government, customers, engineers, and employees. The role works closely with the Operations Manager, the Engineering department, and the water treatment plant employees. The individual should be knowledgeable of maintenance programs, and the distribution system which includes booster stations, reservoirs and pipelines. This person ensures, in conjunction with other plant and distribution employees that all regulatory parameters are met within the distribution system. This person is also responsible to ensure safety regulatory compliance is met, by ensuring a process is in place to train all employees on Workplace Health & Safety Regulations, audit for compliance and develop plans to meet any deficiencies.

Qualifications:

- Good written and verbal communications skills
- Experience in working in a changing environment.
- Experience as a team player and positive attitude.
- Ability to work with people at all levels.
- A positive and proactive safety attitude
- Ability to analyze data and create reports.
- Ability to develop processes and implement systems.
- Valid driver's license
- Willingness to learn and further education such as Water Distribution Class 3
- Computer competency; emphasis on Microsoft Word and Excel. Scada familiarity an asset
- Any trade experience or post secondary education is an asset.

Interested applicants should forward their resume to water@pvwc.ca by August 25, 2023. Call 204-324-1931 or visit <https://pvwc.ca> for more information.

TENDER FOR RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY

Sealed, written tenders to purchase property in the Rural Municipality of Thompson and described below will be received by:

Gilmour Braul Hiebert Law Office

504 Stanley Avenue, Winkler, MB R6W 0M3

FOR: THE WLY 400 FEET OF THE SLY 800 FEET OF THE SE ¼ OF SECTION 13-4-7 WPM EXC OUT OF THAT PORTION CONTAINED WITHIN THE S ½ OF THE S ½ OF LEGAL SUBDIVISION 2 IN SAID QUARTER SECTION: ALL MINES AND MINERALS VESTED IN THE CROWN (MANITOBA) BY THE REAL PROPERTY ACT Certificate of Title No. 3248080/4

Civic Address: 36081 Road 20 North, RM of Thompson, MB

CONDITIONS OF TENDER:

1. Interested parties must rely on their own inspection and knowledge of the property and not on the above or any other particulars or representations made by or on behalf of the Seller.
2. All buildings attached to the property are in need of renovation, and are being sold as is where is. The Vendor will require the Purchaser to sign an acknowledgment of a Property Disclosure Statemnet prior to possession.
3. There is a septic field in place.
4. The property is connected to Municipal water, and has direct access to Municipal road.
5. Tenders must be received at or before **5:00 pm on September 15, 2023**, to GILMOUR BRAUL HIEBERT LAW OFFICE. 504 Stanley Avenue Winkler, MB R6W 0M3, attention: Zainab Zubair.
6. Each tender must be accompanied by a **\$10,000.00 deposit certified cheque or bank draft** payable to GILMOUR BRAUL HIEBERT LAW OFFICE. Deposit cheques accompanying unsuccessful bids will be returned following completion of a binding offer to purchase with the successful bidder.
7. The Purchaser(s) shall be responsible for payment of GST .
8. Highest or any tender not necessarily accepted.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF SALE:

1. The bidder whose tender is accepted shall be required to complete an agreement covering terms and conditions of sale.
 2. Date of possession desired by the Purchaser to the be set out in the tender bid, but can be between November 1, 2023 and December 31, 2023.
 3. Adjustments will be made as of the date of possession.
 4. In addition to the deposit, the balance of the accepted tender must be paid on or before the Closing Date. If the balance of the accepted tender is not paid within the set time limit, the deposit paid may be forfeited as liquidated damages and not as a penalty.
 5. Tenders are binding on acceptance and not subject to any conditional precedent other than financing . Vendor's solicitor will provide form of offer to purchase to be completed by the parties immediately after acceptance of tender.
 6. Title will be transferred free and clean of any encumbrances and liens.
 7. Purchaser(s) are to rely on their own searches.
- To book an appointment to view or inspect the property contact Kelvin Hildebrandt at (204) -823-2350.

For further information about the tendering process, contact:

Gary R. Gilmour

Ph: 204-325-8850 Fax: 204-325-8830

gary@gilmourlaw.ca

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Qualifications:

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- Strong photography and writing skills with an interest in social media
- Self-starter with the ability to exercise solid news judgement
- Ability to establish professional relationships to consistently source and write a wide range of stories and cover events in a fair, balanced and accurate manner
- Able to work both independently and as a team on a flexible work schedule including both evenings and weekends to meet our weekly editorial deadline
- Experience covering council and school board meetings
- Knowledge of CP Style and about the Interlake and its surrounding communities would be an asset

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CAREERS

French Immersion Teachers Needed for Sept. 2023



École Morden Middle school, located in the thriving city of Morden has several openings for **French Immersion teaching staff for next school year.** Western School Division has recently announced that **Discovery Trails School** (currently under construction) will be home to Western School Division's early and middle years French Immersion Program. For additional information please check out the school and divisional web pages at www.westernsd.mb.ca

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> GAMES

SUDOKU

Fun By The Numbers

Like puzzles? Then you'll love sudoku. This mind-bending puzzle will have you hooked from the moment you square off, so sharpen your pencil and put your sudoku savvy to the test!

7			8		5			
3			6		1	9		
				3		6		
8	3		7			2		
	7		5		8		6	
		6						
	4		9					
	2	5		1		7		3

Level: Intermediate

Here's How It Works:
Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken down into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numeric clues already provided in the boxes. The more numbers you name, the easier it gets to solve the puzzle!

3	8	7	9	4	1	4	5	2	6
9	2	5	7	8	6	3	4	1	8
6	1	9	4	1	4	2	5	3	7
4	7	4	8	3	2	1	9	6	5
2	7	4	9	8	6	5	4	9	3
1	9	3	8	9	6	4	5	9	2
5	9	2	4	9	7	6	1	3	8
7	5	7	9	6	3	2	8	1	4
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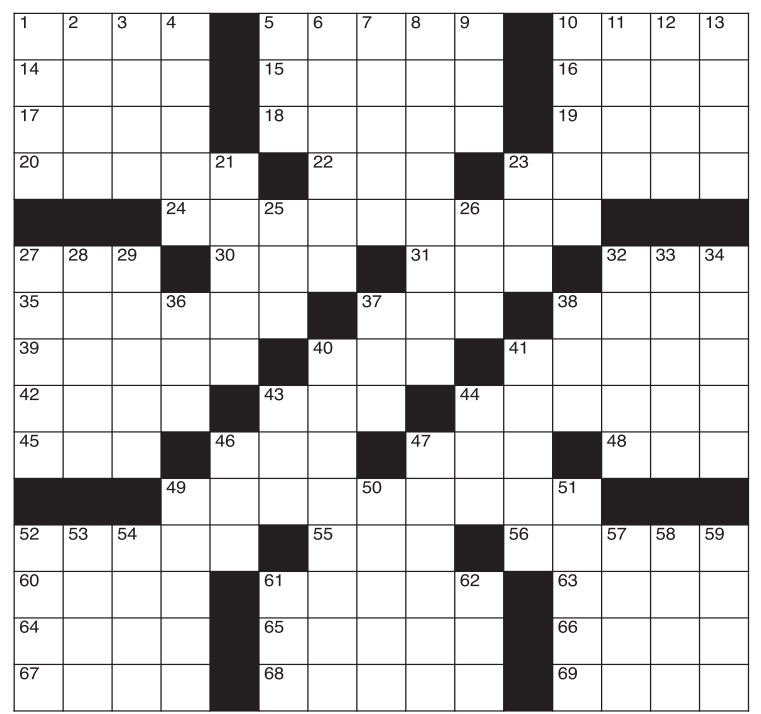
Sudoku Answer

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T	U	B	A	R	O	T	O	I	D	I
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S	S	B	A	S	S	O	S	E	P	A

Crossword Answer

X CROSSWORD

- CLUES ACROSS**
- A way to pick up
 - Presents
 - Type of guitar
 - Actor Idris
 - A citizen of Iran
 - Creative
 - Harness
 - Weight unit
 - You better call him
 - Utterly devoted
 - Male cat
 - Spiritual leader of a Jewish congregation
 - Risk-taker
 - A team's best pitcher
 - Cool!
 - Women's ___ movement
 - Georgia rockers
 - Step-shaped recess
 - The princess could detect its presence
 - Type of truck
 - Butterhead lettuces
 - Angry people see it
 - Lines where two fabrics are sewn together
 - Soviet city
 - Carpet
 - Traveled all over
 - Thin, straight bar
 - Body art (slang)
 - Congressman (abbr.)
 - No seats available
 - Breaks apart
 - Arabic name
 - Ballplayer's tool
 - Type of sword
 - Baseball team
 - Upper bract of grass floret
 - Italian Seaport
 - Ancient Syrian city
 - Shoelace tube
 - The Miami mascot is one
 - South American nation
 - Popular video game "Max ___"
 - Body part
- CLUES DOWN**
- German courtesy title
 - Ancient Greek City
 - Ancient Hebrew calendar month
 - Long-legged frog family
 - Photo
 - Delivered a speech
 - Lute in classical Indian music
 - Decorated
 - Take a seat
 - Belonging to a bottom layer
 - Member of a Semitic people
 - Part of a ticket
 - Defunct Guinean money
 - Challenges
 - Popular BBQ food
 - Subway dweller
 - By way of
 - Shady garden alcove
 - Egyptian city
 - Partner to "flowed"
 - Widens
 - Old Eurasian wheat
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Email: wes.unrau@pembina.ca
Phone: (204)242-2838
Fax: (204) 242-2798

The application package must be completed and submitted to the municipal office; Attn Wes Unrau. The position will remain open until a suitable candidate is found. We thank all applicants for their interest, however only those selected for an interview will be contacted.

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OBITUARY



Peter Thiessen 1949 – 2023

Peter J Thiessen of Winkler, MB formally of Schoenwiese passed away on Wednesday, July 19th, 2023 at Boundary Trails Health Centre after a courageous nine-year journey with cancer.

He will lovingly be remembered and missed by his wife, Irene (nee Falk), their five children, their spouses and 13 grandchildren. He is also survived by three brothers, four sisters, 10 brothers-in-law, nine sisters-in-law and many nieces and nephews on both sides of the family.

He was predeceased by his parents, Jacob and Susanna Thiessen, one brother, three sisters, his parents-in-law, three sisters-in-law and one brother-in-law.

Celebration of Life service was held at 11:00 a.m. on Monday, July 24, 2023 at the Winkler Mennonite Brethren Church with interment at the Schoenwiese Cemetery.

Thank you for the prayers and support that has been shown to our family over these past years. A special thank you to Dr. Woelk and the Palliative Care team for their compassionate care. Special thanks to Wiebe Funeral Home for their kind care and guidance during this difficult time.

Donations may be made in Peter's memory to Boundary Trails Health Centre Foundation designated to Palliative Care or a charity of one's choice.

Wiebe Funeral Home, Winkler
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OBITUARY



William (Bill) Klassen 1947 – 2023

William (Bill) Klassen passed away suddenly on Monday, July 24, 2023, at the age of 75 years.

Bill was born to Jacob and Katherine Klassen of Blumenfeld, Manitoba on July 29, 1947 and was the oldest of eight kids: six boys and two girls. He grew up on the farm and it instilled a life-long love of the land and the farming lifestyle. The Klassen family was faithful to the Mennonite Christian faith and Bill and his siblings grew up with a reverence for God and helping their fellow man, in a loving, and hard-working home. Bill was a faithful servant of the Lord, and he gave his life to God and was baptized in 1967 in Bethel Bergthaler Mennonite Church. Bill's upbringing was the foundation of his approach to life, his positive and easy-

going nature, and his rock-solid faith. Bill's objective in life was to work off the land and auction on the side to support his love of farming. Bill had his first auction for a local dairy farmer a few days before his 21st birthday on July 23, 1968 and another that fall. He decided to attend auction school and graduated from Missouri Auction School in Kansas City on December 13, 1968. While the first few years were difficult, Bill was given opportunities by local farmers and other auctioneers and soon established himself as a bonafide auctioneer of the people as his client list and staff grew. He attributed his success to his clients and those who gave him a chance, as well as the wonderful people that worked for him and with him, whom he respected and appreciated. Bill met Karen Zacharias in 1969. They began dating a year after Karen began teaching in Blumenfeld. He knew that Karen was the one when she asked him out to the Sadie Hawkins event. They were married three years later, on October 16, 1971. Together, Bill and Karen built a life and family of love, centered around their Saviour, Jesus Christ. Bill was a devoted husband and father to his children, Carlene, Leighton, Dwight, Lowell and Randy John. Having purchased his own farm in 1967 in Jordan, MB, Bill started Quin-K farms with his brothers. He also registered his Class 1 driver's license and became a middle-distance trucker to earn money for the family. On August 3, 1999, Bill and Karen's son, Dwight, was tragically killed in a vehicle accident at the age of 17. This was a devastating loss to the entire family. It was Bill and Karen's faith in God that sustained them knowing that they would one day see him again. Dwight's death impacted Bill's energy for farming, and he shifted more of his focus to auctioning but continued to enjoy being on the field with his brothers. To say Bill was a social butterfly would be an understatement. He enjoyed being with people and meeting new ones. His positive nature and friendly demeanor drew others to him, and many knew him by his warm greetings or waves from his truck. He was always willing to have a conversation and would always answer his phone. Bill was a devoted Christian and a selfless human being. He was active in church in various positions, including roles in the Missions Committee and as Sunday School Superintendent. He dedicated his life to helping those in need in his community as well as those in need around the world. His generosity and goodwill for supporting people and organizations spreading the word of God and helping those less-fortunate stemmed from the faith that he and Karen shared for helping their fellowman. Bill will forever be remembered for his dedication to his family, his unwavering faith, and his compassionate and giving heart. His life cannot be summed up in these few words, but his legacy will live on in the hearts of all who knew him.

Bill was predeceased by his son, Dwight, his parents, Jacob D and Katherine Klassen.

Bill is survived by his wife, Karen; daughter, Carlene (Bryan), son, Leighton (Dorothy), son, Lowell (Amanda), son, Randy (Alex); grandchildren, Madison (Taylor), Tana (Wesley), Samuel, Kadia, Myla, Marek, Ethan, Mason and Rohen, and great-grandchild, Nora as well as numerous relatives and friends.

A celebration of Bill's life was held at 4:00 p.m. on Sunday, July 30, 2023 at the Bethel Bergthaler Mennonite Church with a private family interment prior at the Winkler Cemetery.

Donations may be made in Bill's memory to the Church of Believer's (Kenya). Cheques must be made out to Bill Klassen Auctions Ltd. and e-transfers with "memorial donation" may be made to bill@billklassen.com.

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The Denim & Dust Barrel Racing Series has been running every Tuesday night at the Dufferin Agricultural Society Grandstand this summer. The action continues with one more regular night of racing Aug. 15 followed by the finals Aug. 19. Admission is free.

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Storm 1 fall to Sporting Club Mosaic, in 8th place

By Ashleigh Viveiros

Winkler Storm 1 lost a decisive game to Sporting Club Mosaic in Winnipeg last week.

The two teams were tied in points in the Manitoba Major Soccer League Premier Division, though Mosaic has a couple games in hand over the Storm. Mosaic's 2-0 win last week broke the deadlock

and gave them a firmer hold on seventh place in the 10-team league with 12 points to their name.

Winkler's 3-9 record, meanwhile, has them solidly in eighth place with nine points, ahead of Lions FC (four points) and World Soccer Academy (three points).

The Storm's next game is on the road Wednesday night against FC Winnipeg Lions.

They then host the Bonivital Flames Sunday at 6 p.m. at the 15th Street field in Winkler.

Also playing a home game Sunday is Winkler Storm 2, who play in the 3rd Division. They'll face off against Mobb United at 4 p.m.

Storm 2 are currently in second place in their division with a 7-2-1 record that has them trailing Scorpions FC by two points.

Winkler Whips knock out Morden Mud Hens

By Ashleigh Viveiros

The Winkler Whips are in the running for the Border Baseball League title.

Winkler knocked out the Morden Mud Hens in two games last week, taking the first 6-2 Aug. 1 and the second 13-5 Aug. 3 to advance to the championship series.

It follows on an East Division post-season that saw the Whips defeat the Altona Bisons in three games and the Mud Hens bounce the Carman Cardinals in two.

Over in the West Division, the Pilot Mound Pilots and the Cartwright Twins both advanced after defeating Clearwater and the Baldur Regals, respectively.

The Twins then took game one 14-1 before the Pilots won game two 8-1. Game three was Tuesday night. Results were not available at press time.

The winner will face the Whips for the league title.

Winkler faced Cartwright and Pilot Mound once each this season, win-

ning both (4-2 against the Pilots 4-2 and 9-4 versus the Twins).

Whips Travis Friesen beats the tag by Morden's Manny Lantigua to steal second base in game one of the playoff series last week.



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Children's Vision And Eye Health - Part of Back to School Preparations

While you were rushing around picking up school supplies, new school clothes, indoor shoes and lunch kits did you remember to book your child's annual eye exam?

Your child should have a routine eye exam before starting kindergarten, then every year throughout their school years. Most learning in school is visual and you need to ensure that your child can see what is being taught, see the board at the front of the class and be able to read books clearly. Most provincial health care plans cover the cost of eye exams for children.

The following are some of the signs and symptoms you should keep an eye out for in your children:

- difficulty reading the chalkboard,
- frequent headaches,
- sitting too close to the TV,
- squinting or rubbing eyes frequently,
- losing their place while reading,
- holding a book closer than usual,
- red, itchy or watery eyes.

If your child shows any of these symptoms you may want to call an Optometrist.

Many provinces in Canada have the Eye See...Eye Learn® program which is a program designed to educate teachers, children and parents in the importance of eye health. Through this program Optometrists detect, diagnose and treat eye health and vision issues in kindergarten children.

The program offers routine eye exams to kindergarten children and even provides free eyeglasses to them if needed. Each year in Alberta, between 1,500 and 1,800 pairs of free eyeglasses are distributed and of those, about 60% are first-time prescriptions.

Untreated vision problems can lead to:

- learning at a slower rate than other children
- frustration with learning
- negative self-image
- behaviour and discipline problems
- possible need for special education and related services
- higher risk for school drop out
- lifelong disadvantages and underachievement

A comprehensive eye exam will ensure your child's vision health

A vision screening test is not the same as a comprehensive eye exam. While vision screening tests the ability to see clearly at a distance, a comprehensive eye exam looks at all aspects of a child's vision function, including how well the eyes focus up close, how the eyes work together and the overall health of the eyes. Even if your child has 20/20 vision, they still need to have an eye exam.

What else can you do

Your child's eyes get a workout at home with computers, video games and homework. Make sure the rooms are eye-friendly by reducing glare and offering soft overall light. Encourage periodic breaks from digital screens to give their eyes a much-needed break. Optometrists recommend the 20-20-20 rule: every 20 minutes, take a 20 second break and focus on something at least 20 feet away. Balance computer time with plenty of creative, outdoor and quiet play - their eyes, developing minds, and their growing bodies will thank you.

How often should you have an eye exam?

Children

- 6-9 months
- 2-5 years
- Annually, 6-18 years



Adults

Every two years



Over 65

Annually



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