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From left: Kelvin Shuvera from Manitoba Infrastructure, Morden-Winkler MLA Cameron Friesen, and Infrastructure Minister Ron Schuler toured the PTH. 32 construction site in Winkler last week to mark the project's halfway point. The aim is to have it completed by the end of October. For the full story, see Pg. 4.

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About 20 people of all ages came out to Morden Park Saturday morning to take part in the Pembina Valley Humane Society's Steps 4 Pets, which raised over \$5,000.

Steps 4 Pets a hit for PVHS

By Lorne Stelmach

The annual Steps 4 Pets is always one of the most important annual fundraisers for the Pembina Valley Humane Society.

Originally postponed this year in June due to the pandemic, the walkathon was finally able to go ahead last weekend.

"Online, we had a couple thousand dollars [donated] that we knew of for sure ... and I

would say it will be about \$5,000 [total]. That was our goal for this year, so we're really happy about that," said Holly Thorne, PVHS public relations chair.

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PTH. 32 twinning project halfway done: Schuler

By Ashleigh Viveiros

Provincial leaders were in Winkler last week to mark a milestone in the PTH 32 reconstruction project.

Morden-Winkler MLA Cameron Friesen and Infrastructure Minister Ron Schuler joined reps from Manitoba Infrastructure and contractor Nelson River Construction in touring the busy road, which is being twinned from Victoria St. to PTH. 14 at a cost of over \$10 million.

"We are now 50 per cent of the way through the project," Schuler announced, noting that over 500 truckloads of locally-made concrete have been poured on Winkler's 1st St. over the past several months.

The community has been calling out for this project for years.

"It's been in the works for probably

15-20 years," Schuler acknowledged. "There were all kinds of challenges and we overcame them."

Schuler thanked Friesen for lobbying tirelessly for this on behalf of the Morden-Winkler constituency.

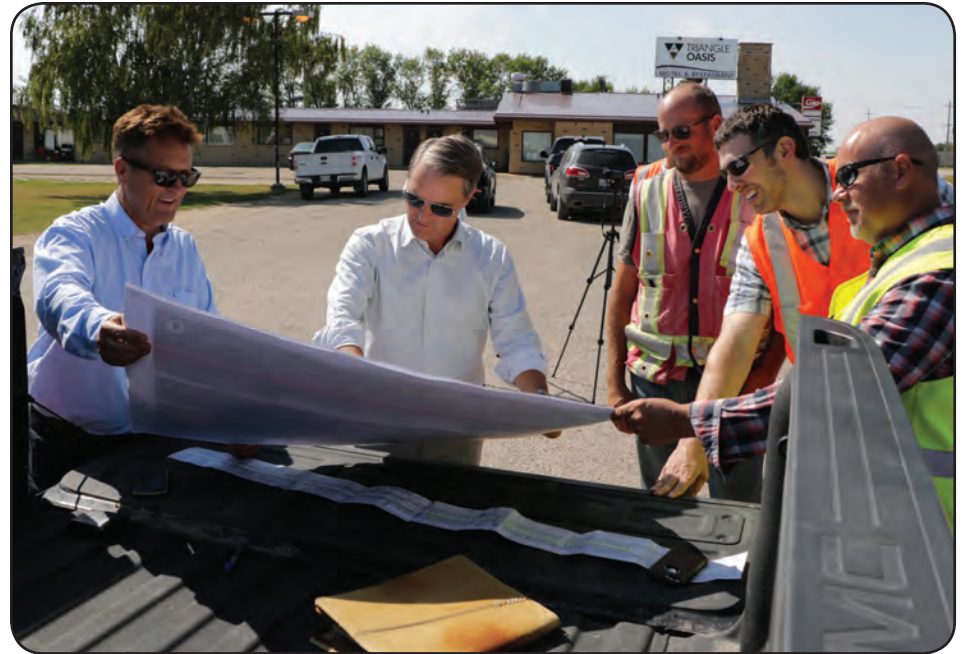
"[He] never left me alone, ever," he said. "He lobbied me unbelievably and incessantly."

"It's the right project. It needed to be done."

Making the road safer was the biggest priority, the minister said.

"The road as it existed was unsafe," he said, adding it also clearly wasn't up to the needs of the growing community. "We know that there's a return on investment. This is a booming city ... we needed this. We needed it for safety and we needed it for economic reasons."

Pushing to make a four-laned Hwy.



PHOTOS BY ASHLEIGH VIVEIROS/VOICE

Infrastructure Minister Ron Schuler (far left) and Morden-Winkler MLA Cameron Friesen (second from left) look over plans for the PTH. 32 reconstruction with reps from Nelson River Construction and Manitoba Infrastructure.

PTH 32 a reality years ago were leaders such as former MLA Peter George Dyck and longtime Winkler Mayor Neil Schmidt, noted Friesen, who thanked them as well as the city's current council for bringing this project to fruition.

"To be here is a recognition by the minister and our government that we're making evidence-based decisions," he continued. "As Ron said, this is a city that is growing. It's one of the fastest-growing cities in Western Canada. This is not just a local street, it is a major route that connects the [U.S.] border crossing to Winkler and all of the other communities. This is a regional road and an important one."

"IT'S THE RIGHT PROJECT. IT NEEDED TO BE DONE."

The project goes beyond simply adding additional lanes, including some much-needed turning lanes.

It also includes improved drainage, new lights at the Mountain Ave. intersection, and sidewalks to make the area safer for pedestrians. Extra lanes

have also been added on Roblin Blvd. on either side of the intersection.

"We've had some bad accidents here," Friesen noted. "So it won't just be bigger, it will be safer for everyone."

Schuler thanked the project's workers for endeavouring to keep access open to the businesses along the road as much as possible.

"One of the things we don't want to do is hurt a business,"

he said, pointing to lengthy road projects in Winnipeg that have led to rows of "for sale" signs popping up as businesses go under. He's confident that won't happen here. "That's not our intent, ever ... and I want to thank you guys [Nelson River, Manitoba Infrastructure] for having done it in such a fashion. We really appreciate that."

Reps from Nelson River said they plan to have two-way traffic back in place by early September while they work on the remaining lanes.

The project is on track to be completed by mid-October.

Daily updates on the progress of the project, including which sections of road are closed for work and current detours, are available online at <https://www.gov.mb.ca/mit/pth32/index.html>.



Two-way traffic is expected to resume by early September as workers turn their attention to other lanes in the PTH. 32 four-laning project.

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Residents speak out against fibre service building in Lions Park

Morden city council votes to allow Valley Fiber to move forward with its plans

By Lorne Stelmach

The City of Morden has cleared the way for a service building for Valley Fiber to advance its rollout of its high speed internet service to the community, but it didn't come without a fight from some residents.

Opponents to a bylaw to close a section of public reserve in Lions Park for the building which will house the core equipment for the fiber network unanimously welcomed the promise of better internet service, but they did not accept the choice of location and the loss of green space that comes with it.

"I don't think the exchange is worth it," suggested Paul Smith, who was among those speaking against the bylaw at the Monday council meeting. "I don't want to minimize that bit of green space."

"Far too often, the urgent wins," he said as he echoed other commenters who suggested the city was rushing to accommodate Valley Fiber without thinking more about what was most important to the community, the impact of this decision, and the possible precedent of giving up prime green space in the long term.

People are attracted to Morden because of things like its parks and green space, suggested Earl Dyck, while a number of other speakers also questioned why other locations would not have been more suitable for the building.

One other nearby resident noted they chose to live in that location because of the proximity to park space, and he also wondered why a more commercial location could not have been chosen for the

building.

Others wondered about the impact on their property values, while some suggested there was poor communication and a lack of information to properly understand the reasons for choosing that location over others.

Based on the requirements for the building, the small 65-foot by 60-foot deep site in the northeast corner of Lion's Park was chosen to accommodate the 1,000 square foot building with access to Gilmour Street.

City officials had noted the building would have a design to fit into the neighbourhood and wouldn't really have any impact on the playground structures, soccer fields, or activities that take place in the park.

Valley Fiber CEO Hank Wall noted they worked closely with the city to consider several potential locations, but this site was chosen for a number of reasons, including its centrality and access for linking the network. As well, he suggested a location further out in Morden could add several million dollars to the cost.

Wall noted that the building would bring a minimal amount of traffic to the area. He stressed that the company wants to be a good community partner and to work with the city the best they can to accommodate the wishes and concerns of residents.

Councillor Hank Hildebrand was the lone dissenting voice on council.

"Park space is at a premium ... and I also believe it's setting a dangerous precedent," suggested Hildebrand, who also questioned that there wouldn't have been another more feasible location for the building.

"Giving up park space is not an easy thing for me," said Coun. Gord Maddock, but in the end he voted in favour because of the importance of this project to Morden's future.

Councillors Nancy Penner, Jim Hunt and Garry

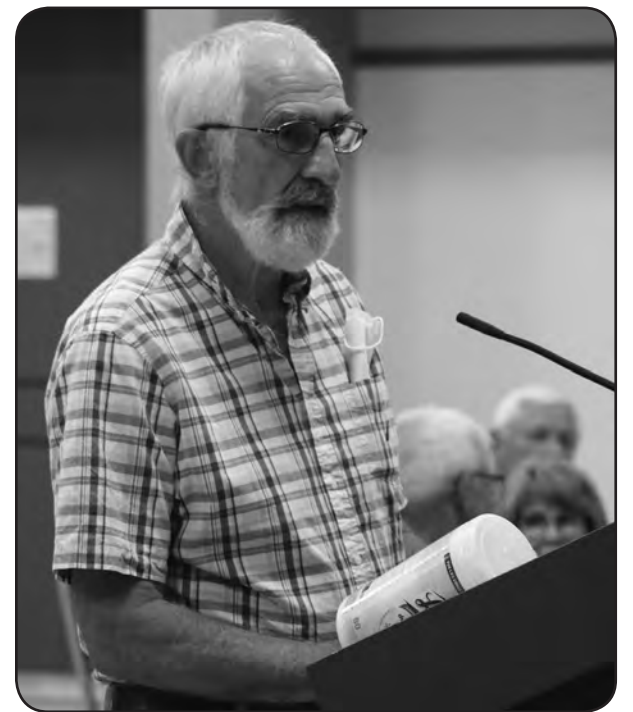


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Earl Dyck was one of several Morden residents to attend Monday's city council meeting to question the decision to build a Valley Fiber building in Lions Park.

Hiebert echoed those sentiments, and Mayor Brandon Burley also suggested the city does not have had the money or resources to take on substantially higher costs around this project should it be built somewhere else.

"The outcome is better, and we gave up less resources," the mayor said, stressing moving this forward was in the interests of the greater public good.

City of Morden issues boil water advisory

By Lorne Stelmach

Mordenites were waiting for word this week on when their water would be safe again.

The city in conjunction with the

Medical Officer of Health, Manitoba Health, and the Office of Drinking Water of Manitoba Conservation and Climate issued a boil water advisory on the weekend as a result of a malfunction at the local treatment plant.

The notice issued late Friday night was followed by notices on social media Saturday morning and an advisory going out on the Code Red emergency alert system.

At press time, city officials had not

responded for requests for further information, including a possible timeline for when the water would be safe again for consumption. An update was expected sometime on Tuesday.

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A decade in a blink of an eye

I vividly recall putting together the very first edition of the Winkler Morden Voice 10 years ago this week. I can hardly believe it's been a decade. Somehow it seems both long and short at the same time ...

It's late August 2010. I had spent my first week as a brand spanking new editor running around like a chicken with her head cut off, trying to cover everything going on in Morden-Winkler mostly on my own (freelancer Peter Cantelon did help with a couple of articles, thankfully, and would eventually come on board as our first staff reporter, thus preserving my sanity in



By
Ashleigh Viveiros

the early years).

I remember late that first production night, after many hours spent laying out a new publication for the first time with very few guidelines and shortcuts to work with, I carved out a few minutes to finish writing a column introducing the *Voice* to the community.

It was a light piece about the rivalry between Winkler and Morden and how the two communities were increasingly rising above it to work together and develop a new, unified *Voice*. (Get it? Okay, it was late. I was very tired. I cannot be held accountable for bad puns written after midnight ... which holds true today, by the way, if you ever see a particularly groan-inducing pun in a headline.)

A couple of hours after that, while waiting for the finished product to sloooowly upload for printing, I burst into exhausted tears, confident I had made a horrible mistake.

It was too much work. One person could not do this on their own week in and week out. I was just going to have to quit journalism and take up something less stressful ... maybe lion taming?

But the early production night woes eventually worked themselves out. Today, while Mondays still see me at my desk far after dark, they thankfully no longer end with the sounds of the early birds singing outside my office window.

And, thanks to a series of talented staff reporters and freelancers over the years, the burden is rarely solely on my shoulders anymore—a fact I'm keenly reminded to be grateful for whenever they take vacation.

Ten years. So much has changed in our communities in that time. It's been an honour to report on that growth, to preserve the historical record, to provide the first draft of history, as it were.

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> BOIL WATER ADVISORY, FROM PG. 5

The city's notice on the matter stated that routine monitoring of the treated water supply showed a failure in the treatment process and monitoring system that allowed poorly treated water to enter the distribution system.

The notice indicated the boil water advisory would remain in effect until the water supplied by the system no longer presented a risk to public health. Residents were to be notified when the advisory has been rescinded.

The advisory stated that all water used for consumption should be brought to a rolling boil for at least one minute before it is used for not only drinking and making ice but also preparing beverages and food, including washing fruits and vegetables, and brushing teeth.

It is not necessary, however, to boil tap water used for other household purposes such as doing laundry or washing dishes. Adults and older children who are able to avoid swallowing the water can wash, bathe, or shower in it, although young children should be sponge bathed.

If boiling is not practical, people are advised to use an alternate and safe supply of water such as bottled water.

The provincial government's website includes a range of recommendations for water use during a boil water advisory. You can access them at www.manitoba.ca/drinkingwater or <http://www.gov.mb.ca/health/publichealth/environmentalhealth/water.html>.

There are also a number of steps to be taken when a boil water advisory

is lifted:

- Flush out your household water pipes to ensure they contain safe water before using them. To do this, turn on one hot water tap and let it run until the water is cold. This will drain the hot water heater and refill it with safe water.
- Turn on all your cold water taps, faucets, fountains, showerheads and outside hose spigots and let them run for five minutes.
- Remove and clean all screens on taps and faucets.
- Run water softeners through a regeneration cycle.
- Replace any water filter cartridges in water treatment devices and follow the maintenance instructions.

The City of Morden will be providing updates on the advisory online at mymorden.ca.

Serving up burgers for Katie Cares



By Ashleigh Viveiros

MR MIKES SteakhouseCasual took the cooking outside on Sunday in support of a local non-profit.

The restaurant marked its 60th anniversary in Canada with a charity barbecue that raised \$1,265 for Katie Cares and the Katie's Cottage respite home near the Boundary Trails Health Centre.

MR MIKES locations across the country got to select which local char-

ity they wanted their anniversary barbecue to support, noted Winkler general manager Reina McClain.

"We chose Katie Cares because they just do so much to help families in our community," she said. "They do such a great job there."

A good number of people came out at lunchtime Sunday to pick up a burger, chips, and a pop by donation, and McClain said it was gratifying to know it was all going to such a great cause.

> STEPS 4 PETS, FROM PG. 3

The funds raised from the event support the veterinary care of the animals in the regional shelter's care, including ensuring they are all spayed or neutered, vaccinated, and tattooed before they find their new homes.

Starting out from Morden Park Saturday morning, the walk drew about 20 people. Thorne was satisfied with the response overall considering the challenging times.

"We were really happy that we were able to bring this to the community in some way, shape or form because people come out for this each year, and we do have a good time," she said. "It's great to see people coming with their pets and supporting the cause."

Even just having the presence in the community is important right now, Thorne added.

"I know that COVID is such a

strange time for all of us. With the amount of people who may be dealing with work situations or home situations, it's still heartening to see that there is still a place in people's hearts for animals," she said. "We really, really wanted to do it. This is one of our biggest events that we do each year, and we didn't want to let this one go."

"We may have had a smaller crowd here than we have had in the past, which is understandable ... we want to maintain social distancing and we want everyone to be safe, so we would rather have a smaller group with everybody being safe as opposed to lots of people where there's a risk."

"But it's one of those events where we always have a great time regardless of how big the group is, and it brings in much needed funds for the shelter."



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MR MIKES' Reina McClain, Chantel Rempel, and Abe Neufeld were serving up burgers in support of Katie Cares on Sunday. The outdoor BBQ raised \$1,265 for the charity and its respite home.

"It's just a great feeling for our staff to be a part of giving back to the community," she said.

In connection with the nationwide 60th anniversary celebrations, MR MIKES is also serving up punch cards

for free Mikeburgers with the purchase of \$60 in gift cards until Sept. 6. Contact the restaurant for more information.

MR MIKES has been operating in Winkler for three years now.

He Loved To The End

I messaged my sister the other day to wish her a happy birthday. She turned one of those notable years – 65. "She was my age" said my sister and my mind swirled back to many years before... It was the fall of 2000 when my son and I pulled into the Greyhound bus station from Calgary and grabbed our bags. We were arriving unannounced, a total surprise. We looked down the hill and across the Parkville Beach. The tide was out and so the walk across the bay would be welcomed, not only for the exercise from being cramped in a bus so many hours, but it would give me time to think. We had been there as a family only a few months earlier. The beach that had been a buzz of tourists now lay desolate with only a few gulls calling overhead. I could not help but remember the hours my siblings and I played on that beach. Mom would be watching us from her kitchen window with her binoculars intermittently as she went about her day. She was an immaculate woman and always seemed to be a tireless mom, washing, ironing, cleaning, baking, as we played endlessly. Dad and Mom loved us children and provided us with a memorable childhood. When dad got home from work, we would be called from the edge of the hill. We would race each other home, laughing as we arrived, still dripping sea water with sand and seaweed drying between our toes. After scrubbing up we would sit for dinner. Dad would say grace and we would eat - Dad, Mom and the 6 children. Dad always read from the bible and then a daily devotional. It was a good life, a solid home, where Mom and Dad loved us and each other... Now, with suitcases in our hands, we were not going to be racing each other up to the house. Dad happened to be looking out the kitchen window as we walked up the road. He said later "He thought he was seeing things". This visit was like no other. The driveway was not full of cars and Mom wasn't in the kitchen as in previous occasions. There wasn't going to be a wonderful thanksgiving dinner catching up with my siblings. Mom was now in bed, at home, in the last stages of cancer. I knew Dad had been caring for her with a 24 hour level of commitment. My sisters had been over to help and now maybe I could stay a few days and give him a small break, or run a few errands, get a hair cut or take a friend for coffee. HE LOVED HER TO THE END. It says of the Lord Jesus in John 13:1 "Having loved his own who were in the world, He loved them to the end" In the original Greek the word means He loved them to the uttermost – with a total fullness of Love. In Romans 5:8 we read those words "God commended (displayed) His love towards us, in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us". This was the Fullness of Love in it's greatest expression. John 3:16 "For God so loved the world, that He gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him shall not perish but have everlasting life." Ron and Nancy Burley www.sermon4u.com

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Manitoba's COVID-19 active caseload hits 993

Record-breaking number of new cases announced over the weekend

By Ashleigh Viveiros

Manitoba's COVID-19 caseload continues to climb.

Public health officials announced a record-breaking number of new cases over the weekend: 42 positive tests on Saturday and 72 on Sunday.

On Monday, chief public health officer Dr. Brent Roussin announced 49 more COVID-19 cases, but noted 24 of those were being retroactively added to Sunday's total. The province's five-day test positivity rate at the start of the work week was 2.9 per cent.

The cases announced Monday included 35 in the Prairie Mountain Health region, two in the Interlake-Eastern RHA, four in Southern Health-Santé Sud, and eight in the Winnipeg health region.

The province has recently begun

breaking down COVID-19 cases by district to provide people with more detailed information of outbreaks.

As of Monday afternoon, Winkler had two active cases and seven recoveries. Morden had one active case. Stanley had two recoveries and no active cases.

There are a smattering of cases throughout the larger Pembina Valley region, including 11 active cases in the Lorne/Louise/Pembina area, six in Roland/Thompson, one in Carman, and seven in Morris.

Manitoba's total number of lab-confirmed cases was at 993 at press time. Six people were in hospital, one in intensive care.

Twelve people have died of the virus since the pandemic began this spring. A total of 586 Manitobans have recovered.

Due to soaring numbers in the Prairie Mountain Health region (which includes areas such as Brandon, Spruce Woods, and Riding Mountain), the region has been elevated to the restricted (orange) level under the province's new #RestartMB Pandemic Response System. That means people living in that region are under mandatory mask orders and more restrictive gathering size limits.

The pandemic response system launched last week provides four colour-coded response levels. Each outlines a given area's COVID-19 risk level and the potential heightened steps health officials are asking the general public to take in that region to help stop the spread of the virus.

"We must learn to live with this virus and be prepared to both respond and adapt to changes in the transmission risks COVID-19 presents," said Roussin in announcing the system's launch Aug. 19, calling it "a key preparedness

tool" in the province's battle with COVID-19.

Roussin on Monday continued to emphasize the fundamentals to Manitobans.

"With these increased numbers we have those concrete steps that we've all been accustomed to adhering to: staying home if we are ill, even mildly ill, good hand hygiene, physical distancing when not in your household, and now wearing a mask in indoor public places."

A province-wide mask mandate had not been announced at press time, though the government last week did announce that students in Grades 4-12, teachers, school staff, and visitors will be required to wear masks in schools when physical distancing of two metres is not possible. Classes are slated to begin Sept. 8.

For updated COVID-19 numbers and response levels, head to www.manitoba.ca/restartMB.

"WE MUST LEARN
TO LIVE WITH THIS
VIRUS ..."

Masks to be mandatory at all Manitoba hospitals

By Ashleigh Viveiros

Starting next Tuesday, anyone walking through the doors of a health-care facility in Manitoba must be wearing a non-medical mask, Health Minister Cameron Friesen announced on Monday.

"Our government is committed to taking all appropriate steps to protect the health of Manitobans as we continue to learn to live with this virus," Friesen said. "As we move towards the fall, additional proactive and preventative measures are needed to ensure the risk of exposure to this virus is minimized for patients and our dedicated front-line clinical staff who care for them."

The requirement, which takes effect across the province on Sept. 1, also extends to outpatients attending appointments at clinics within hospitals and health centres throughout the province.

While primary care clinics and other locations providing health services are not currently included in the mask

requirement, all Manitobans are strongly encouraged to wear a non-medical mask when seeking care, Friesen said.

In our area, both the C.W. Wiebe Medical Centre in Winkler and the Agassiz Medical Centre in Morden have already been requiring patients and visitors to wear masks since mid-August.

"Wearing masks provides additional protection for people, particularly in indoor spaces where physical distancing is not possible," said Dr. Brent Roussin, Manitoba's chief public health officer. "Wearing masks in hospitals and health centres will ensure we are all doing what we can to protect ourselves and others from this virus."

Visitors are asked to arrive at facilities with their own non-medical mask. Those who do not have a mask will be notified of locations where they may be purchased. In certain circumstances, masks may be provided for those without.



Julie Myers entertained with a variety of classic rock for the Friday Night Lites evening at The Oaks at Minnewasta this past weekend. Weather forced this one indoors, but the summer concert series is normally held on the patio with a scenic view of the golf course. The 2020 series has featured such local performers as Rick Wiebe, Joel Nickel, Joel Titchkosky, Karl Redding and The Beerjammers.

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New Winkler Park playground opening soon

By Ashleigh Viveiros

Kids of all ages and ability levels should be able to play on Winkler Park's new playground as soon as this week.

The \$750,000 accessible playground has been installed on the north side of the park, and Mayor Martin Harder expects the fences around it to come down any day now.

"We're anticipating this to be ready by the end of August, beginning of September," he said last week as workers were preparing to put in the base around the newly-installed playground structures. "We're very excited at how this has come together."

Funded in large part by Canadian Tire Jumpstart Charities alongside the City of Winkler and the Toews family, the playground is designed to create an inclusive, safe space for kids of all abilities to play on together.

It includes double wide ramps to accommodate wheelchairs, a roller slide, swings with bucket seats and harnesses, and quiet zones designed for children with autism spectrum disorder and sensory processing disorders.

"When you look at the equipment that is here and you look at the whole accessibility piece of it ... almost everything you can go up and down with a wheelchair," Harder says. "There's a toy for almost everything."

He expects the instrumental area of the park with its chimes and drums to be a big hit.

"It'll make this thing alive," Harder says. "It's going to be very interesting to see."



The new playground at Winkler Park is meant to be accessible for kids of all ages and abilities. It includes wider ramps for wheelchairs, bucket seat swings, and much more.

The project was initially pushed back to 2021 at the request of Canadian Tire when the COVID-19 pandemic broke out, but the lack of recreation and sports programming this spring left them with more Jumpstart funding than expected, allowing for work to begin just a few weeks behind the original schedule.

Harder expects it's going to quickly become a popular destination for local families.

"The kids are going to love it," he says.



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Kuhl photography on display now at the WAC

By Ashleigh Viveiros

When photographer Herb Kuhl walks amongst the flowers in his yard near Winkler, he's always on the lookout for the perfect shot.

Fifteen of those shots are on display now until Sept. 26 at the Winkler Arts and Culture Centre.

An X-ray technician by trade, Kuhl's love for the lens began in the '70s.

"I had gone to an exotic location and taken pictures and some people thought they were fantastic and asked me to do their wedding," he recalls. "I thought, 'What has that got to do with nature pictures?'"

Still, he gave it a go and went on to

spend the next few decades shooting weddings.

Nature photography remained his first love, though, and with three acres of land on which to grow what he pleases, he's never short of subjects.

For the WAC exhibition, Kuhl used a digital program to make the flowers pop by erasing the original backgrounds and in some cases removing blemishes and insects from the shot.

Otherwise, though, the images were all taken in their natural state, without the use of any

filters.

"I've always enjoyed flowers," he shares. "My grandmother lived with us when I was a little kid and she was into flowers, so maybe that's why I got

into it.

"I started taking pictures of them and then accidentally I found a technique where I could make the background black," Kuhl explains, noting he's only able to do so with certain photos where the lighting and background is just right.

"These are all flowers on the stem," he says. "If you could scrape the black away you'd see other flowers, backgrounds, insects, whatever."

The technique makes the flowers look more like a painting than a photograph, and Kuhl is mum on exactly what the process entails.

"I have to keep some secrets to myself," he says.

This is Kuhl's first time showing his work in a public venue. He hopes fellow flower lovers will enjoy it.

"If they have a passion for flowers half as much as I have, I think they'll enjoy the beauty of it," he says.

"Sometimes you capture things people don't see," Kuhl says of what keeps him shooting. He notes that peering through a lens allows him to really focus in on the wonderful uniqueness of each and every subject. "People might walk by the same scenery but they don't really see it."



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An avid gardener and photographer, Herb Kuhl loves capturing the natural beauty of flowers. His first exhibition on now at the Winkler art gallery features 15 pieces of floral splendor.





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Pembina Valley Studio Tour happening Sept. 12-13

By Lorne Stelmach

An annual showcase for artists across the region is going ahead as planned this year.

Organizers of the Pembina Valley Studio Tour, which runs Sept. 12-13, debated if the tour should be cancelled in the midst of pandemic restrictions, but decided it was well suited to being enjoyed in a safe manner.

"We were uncertain about whether we would go ahead and do it this year," said Margie Hildebrand, noting that participants and visitors will be encouraged to take all the necessary precautions to prevent the spread of COVID-19. "We thought maybe with just small groups of people going to wide and diverse locations and not meeting in any one place at one time that we could limit the number of visitors at any one time."

Now in its 16th year, the studio tour has become an occasion that many of the artists look forward to each year and would rather not miss out on, she added.

"It's a chance for artists to be able to showcase their work and to show the spaces that they create in and how they get their inspiration," said Hildebrand.

"People can talk to the artists and see what's all going on in the region. They can enjoy the art and even see nature and drive around the beautiful Pembina Valley ... the goal is for people to appreciate the arts and have a good day together."

This year's tour originally had about 30 locations lined up, but a few had to drop out due to restrictions, including the Manitou Opera House and Miami Railway Station Museum.

There will be many familiar faces and places but also some new highlights for the self-guided tour, which covers an area from Altona in the east to Carman in the north and west to Pilot Mound.

"There's a few in La Riviere this year ... and new this year as well is the Pilot Mound United Community Arts," said Hildebrand, adding it is good for the tour to have a little more variety and extend further around the region.

"We're a little disappointed that we didn't have more Winkler participants ... but it's starting to spread pretty far ... we had to do a larger map in the booklet this year," she noted. "It can be far for people to drive, but some people may choose to focus on a particular area."

In addition to meeting with artists representing a wide variety of medi-



VOICE FILE PHOTO

Walter Dueck will again be showing his woodworking and workshop space in Morden as part of the Pembina Valley Studio Tour Sept. 12-13.

ums and styles, part of the fun of the tour is getting to explore unique venues that include heritage buildings, restored barns, farmyards, and private homes.

"The quality and the variety of the arts is really interesting and varied. It's everything from painting, ceramics, metal to glass, wood turning," Hildebrand noted.

"We have several blacksmithing or metal forging guys now on the tour, so that offers something interesting for people," she added, citing the example of Ethan Radstrom, a new participant who will be sharing the studio space of Jake Goertzen in Horndean.

"I think it's also a great outing where

you can enjoy the scenery of the Pembina Valley and see what the artists are doing and go into their homes or their studios and see how they make their art."

Tour sites will be open Saturday, Sept. 12 between 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. then Sunday, Sept. 13 between noon and 5 p.m.

Brochures are available at various locations including Gallery in the Park in Altona, Winkler Arts and Culture, and the Pembina Hills Arts Council in Morden.

You can also check out the tour's Facebook and Instagram pages for information or head to pembinavalleystudiotour.com.

PHAC moves its chili bowl fundraiser online

By Lorne Stelmach

A popular annual fundraiser won't be the same this year amidst the pan-

demic, but organizers hope it will still have an impact for the Pembina Hills Arts Council.

With restrictions preventing the

usual gathering at the gallery in downtown Morden, the arts council's fundraising committee has decided to go ahead with an online version of its chili bowl fundraiser.

"Due to the current health concerns, it has been challenging to re-create this event in a safe and successful manner, so the committee decided to go with the online chili bowl auction," said Tricia Dyck, PHAC programs and outreach co-ordinator. "The chili bowl will be without the actual chili this year, but we think it can be just as fun."

"A big part of the fun and attraction of our chili bowl fundraiser every year is that people get the opportunity to select a specially crafted bowl for them to take home, and there are many beautifully-crafted bowls by local potters to get your hands on," she added, stressing that "this event couldn't be possible without the contributions from the wonderfully talented local potters from our region."

The auction went live last Friday at 32auctions.com/chilibowls.

There will be two lots of bowls up for bidding, with the first running Aug. 21 to Sept. 4 and the second from Sept. 11-25.

During the weeks of auction, the bowls will be on display at the gallery for interested buyers to check out.

Dyck said supporting this event goes a long way in helping the arts council offer art and art-related programming to our area, including subsidized kids' classes, art talks, artists in local schools, and outreach with other regional organizations.

"The fundraising is very important because we are a non-profit," she noted. "Everybody who comes out to support the art gallery in turn helps the community because we are able to have more programs, more events, and just be able to collaborate with artists from all over the region."



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The Pembina Hills Arts Council is hosting an online auction in place of its annual chili bowl night.



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WSD trustees approve additional home room classes, teachers

By Lorne Stelmach

Western School Division is taking measures to help support a safe return to classes next month.

A special meeting last Monday saw trustees approve the creation of six additional home rooms in Morden schools as well as the hiring of more staff to support the move.

It means Minnewasta, Maple Leaf, and École Morden Middle schools will each create two additional homerooms to support physical distancing guidelines. These homerooms will be housed in spaces that will be made available by re-purposing other areas, including music rooms and libraries.

Creating the additional home rooms will also mean reassigning staff and adding another four and a half unbudgeted teaching positions, which superintendent Stephen Ross estimated could cost the division in the range of \$375,000.

"The reality is we likely are going to have to add some other additional staffing," he noted, suggesting there could be a need for more educational assistants and perhaps extra bus drivers as well.

"It's a big hit financially to be adding this many more positions," Ross said, noting the division had already added seven full-time equivalent positions in the spring.

"This is a good investment in our kids, trying to make sure that classes are a little bit smaller and kids can be a little more spread out," he said. "We're trying to spend our dollars smartly. This is public money, and it's important that we make smart wise choices with the money that we do spend."

The need to repurpose some school spaces will not be unique to Western, although the division does perhaps face more limited options than others given capacity issues that give it the lowest per pupil space per square foot in the province.

"You're going to see these kinds of initiatives, I think, happening across the province as people try to make sure they're doing their best to meet or exceed the physical distancing guidelines in schools," said Ross.

"Things are sort of changing literally every day still, so we're adjusting to that on the fly. The mask mandate was a bit of a surprise," he said in reference to the government's announcement last week that masks will be mandatory in Manitoba schools for students from Grades 4 to 12 when they can't physically distance.

"During times like this, that stretches things in some ways ... because of the restrictions around the cohorts and the movements in the buildings, there are some things that we can't do in the same way that we've done before," said Ross, citing the example of choral activities not being recommended right now.

"It doesn't mean there isn't going to be music," he stressed. "We will have those music teachers going to the classrooms to do music activities in the rooms. I think most school divisions in Manitoba are following a similar kind of approach to that where teachers are going to the kids."

"The spaces that we were able to reclaim are spaces that every school division including ours needs when school runs normally. The situation is that school is just not going

to run normally this year," Ross continued.

"We considered spaces also outside the division in other places in the community, but those are very, very hard for us to manage," he noted. "Some of those are public spaces where many people may be coming and going ... there's just so many issues off site."

"I think this is going to work fairly well," suggested Ross, who noted there will be a number of other measures considered such as staggered lunch hours to help restrict the number of students potentially gathering at one time.

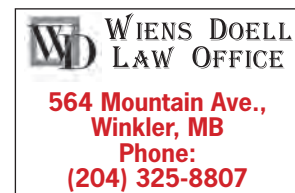
Minnewasta will likely have a class run out of the library, Ross said, pointing out that has been done in the past. School libraries will function in a modified way this year.

"I think libraries will likely operate more in a delivery mode than a browse mode," Ross suggested. "So there's lots of changes, but services should continue."

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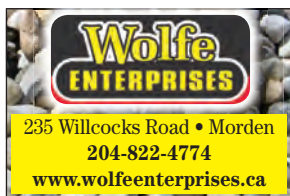
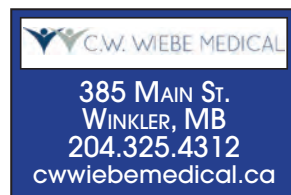
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- **Colds and flu.** If your child has a fever, cold or any other contagious illness, keep them home.
- **Food safety.** Avoid sending your kids to school with food that contains common allergens such as peanuts. In fact, many schools ban these sorts of products, so make sure to find out what the rules are.
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Local Habitat chapter hopeful for piece of new funding

By Lorne Stelmach

The local chapter of Habitat for Humanity may benefit from recently announced joint federal and provincial funding as part of a national housing strategy.

Representatives of the chapter did not have firm details yet, but Morden-Winkler MLA Cameron Friesen recently suggested there could be support for the planned Morden home build as part of the Manitoba government partnering with the federal government to provide funding to Manitoba Habitat for Humanity.

The two levels of governments are investing \$3.6 million from the National Housing Strategy in Manitoba, and Habitat for Humanity Manitoba will receive \$3 million to support its home-building program over three years. In that time, it expects to construct up to 60 new affordable homes.

"The majority of that money does go to houses in Winnipeg," suggested local Habitat board member Christina Falk, who had no details yet on funding for Morden, though she noted a portion of Manitoba Housing's funding to Habitat in past years has gone to rural chapters.

"This year, it was delayed and de-

layed because of many different reasons, and we didn't know if we were receiving any money," she said, noting they had anticipated some funding for the completed Winkler build as well.

"I'm not sure about the amount, but as far as I know, we will be getting a portion of that money," suggested Falk. "If we are able to build the Morden house in 2021, then I expect we would get a portion for the Morden house as well, which would also be great."

"The issue now is that we have had to put so many things on hold that we're not sure if we will be able to build in 2021 ... although once we find out how much the funding is, we might be able to now."

The first steps toward making the Morden build a reality are not only fundraising but also the homeowner application process, which has been delayed thanks to the pandemic.

"We needed people to kind of get back on their feet and then reapply ... so we have moved that ahead ... we're going to start again in the spring," said Falk, noting they need to have a family in place before they look to start work on the house.

"We're also struggling with whether we can do some smaller fundrais-



ers yet. We still can't really do our larger fundraisers," she added. "Our playhouse raffle is a good fundraiser. We're hoping to raise \$18,000 with that ... but without the festivals, we're likely not going to get close to that."

"So 2021 would be hopeful. We're still trying to fundraise because we would so love to build next year, but we're just not sure we're going to be able to build next year because there are so many factors that come into play."

In the meantime, people can support the chapter not only through the playhouse raffle but also the Prairie 500 virtual fundraising event, which challenges cyclists and fitness enthusiasts to virtually cross the province of Manitoba while raising money for Habitat for Humanity Manitoba.

"Our chapter is actually doing pretty well with that in Manitoba," Falk said. "That's a good way for people to donate right now."

Province providing additional \$52M in school COVID-19 funding

By Ashleigh Viveiros

The provincial government has committed extra money to helping schools meet COVID-19 safety requirements this fall.

All of Manitoba's school divisions will have access to the new Safe Schools funding, which includes \$48 million in preparedness savings already set aside by school divisions for this purpose, plus an additional \$52 million from the government.

"This additional investment in our education system will support our Restoring Safe Schools plan to help ensure our schools remain a safe, familiar place for our students and staff," Education Minister Kelvin Goertzen announced on Monday. "We know that our education system needs to be ready to deal with today's pandemic reality as students and staff return to the classroom, and our government is delivering the financial support to help school divisions meet that need."

The minister specified the funding will focus on putting in place the public health measures needed to keep students and staff as safe as possible while learning.

The money will be distributed on a per-student basis, with a portion of it to be held in reserve to allow divisions to respond to emerging challenges.

Schools will be able to use the money to pro-

vide masks and other personal protective equipment for students, teachers, and staff; enhanced cleaning and sanitization efforts; increasing bus transportation capacity, including additional drives and routes; and ensuring substitute teachers and educational staff are available to keep schools open and children learning.

"We thank our teachers, students and staff for taking on the extra challenges associated with making classrooms safe under the new constraints of COVID-19," said Goertzen. "The province will continue to work closely with public health, education stakeholders, school divisions, independent schools, parents, caregivers and students as part of its response to COVID-19 and a safe return to school."

The Safe Schools funding got a cautious thumbs up from the Manitoba Teachers Society.

"We had asked government to put a dollar figure on its financial commitment for expenses incurred by the reopening of schools, so we are pleased that government has set aside these funds," said MTS vice-president Nathan Martindale. "However, as the situation continues to evolve, there might be a need for increased funding and we will expect that the government will provide funds as needed to ensure the safety of everyone in our public schools."

Martindale also noted the government's funding announcement didn't include anything about a plan for smaller class sizes.

"Physical distancing is consistently pointed to as the best way to limit the spread of the virus," he said. "Two metres is the recommendation followed by the community, yet in schools, a one-metre distance is somehow acceptable. It makes no sense to have a lower safety standard in schools. Our schools should be the safest places."

The teachers society is also waiting on a plan from the government for recruiting and retaining substitute teachers, Martindale noted.

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MJHL season to start Oct. 9

Flyers main camp to take place Sept. 18

By Ashleigh Viveiros

The Manitoba Junior Hockey League 2020-2021 season will get underway a few weeks later than usual this year thanks to the COVID-19 pandemic.

The league has announced that the regular season will begin on Friday, Oct. 9 (it normally starts the third week of September). A full schedule has not yet been released.

Teams will host their main training camps on Sept. 18 with no more than 34 players in attendance. Each club will play no more than three exhibition games. No out-of-province teams are permitted.

The league stressed that the season will be significantly modified to mitigate risk of spread or potential contact between multiple teams and to allow for minimal disruption of the schedule in the event of a positive COVID-19 case.

"We believe our thoroughly provincially vetted MJHL Return to Play – Phase II Guidelines will provide the MJHL, all member teams, players, staff, officials, volunteers, stakeholders, fans and communities with the best position to return to and enjoy hockey in a safe, structured and responsible manner in accordance with all necessary public health and facility guidelines," said commissioner Kevin Saurette in a statement Aug. 19. "The league and member teams also understand the immense responsibility we have been provided as we move forward with the 2020-21 season."

Word of the league's plan to get teams back on the ice comes as good news to Winkler Flyers head coach Kelvin Cech, who is eager to begin his second season with the team.

He said work is already underway to figure out how to meet the various restrictions designed to keep fans and team members alike safe.

"It starts for us tonight with meet-



PHOTOS BY ASHLEIGH VIVEIROS/VOICE

The Winkler Flyers hosted their popular High Performance Hockey School at the arena last week, welcoming 60 novice-bantam players to come hone their skills both on and off the ice under the tutelage of local midget hockey players and Flyers coaching staff. COVID-19 meant the school looked a little different than in past years, with kids broken up into smaller groups and no parents allowed in the stands in order to keep numbers at the arena down. But everyone still had a blast, said head coach Kelvin Cech. "The feedback has been amazing, he says, noting these development training sessions are a great way for the team to be involved in the local minor hockey community. The Flyers' development program continues this week with two positional skills programs for various age groups followed with a skills and scrimmage tryout prep course that runs until Sept. 10.



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Central Energy wins 16U 'A' provincial championship

By Brian Bowman

Central Energy won Softball Manitoba's U16 'A' Provincial Championship after defeating Smitty's 4-1 in the gold-medal game Sunday afternoon in Stonewall.

This is the first-ever provincial championship for the Central Energy organization.

It was a very emotional provincial title win for the girls.

"It was a long stretch of ball but it was a lot of fun," said Central Energy assistant coach/manager Graham Shindle. "There were a lot of smiles but there were also lots of tears. When we made the final out there was the standard jumping up and down and hugging and telling each other how great they were."

Central Energy scored a pair of runs in the third and fourth innings while Smitty's replied with a run in the fifth.

Alexa Guilford was brilliant on the mound for Central Energy as she earned the complete-game victory.

"She was absolutely outstanding," Shindle praised. "She threw nine innings in the 1-2 playoff game and then threw seven more in the final. To hold a team in the finals to one run, she was just outstanding."

The ladies earlier defeated the Westman Magic 9-7 in four extra innings in the 1-2 playoff game.

The Energy started provincial play by doubling Smitty's 4-2 on Thursday and then defeating the South Interlake Phillies 9-4 and Manitoba Angels 9-2.

After a tough 5-4 loss to the Westman

Magic in two extra innings, Central rebounded nicely to beat the Eastman Wildcats 8-5, the Manitoba Thunder 15-4, and the Winnipeg Lightning 9-5.

"That was a really hard day, I'm not going to lie," Shindle recalled. "That was the day we played our first game at 8:30 in the morning so we were at the diamond at 7:15 and it was 32 degrees that day so we spent 12 hours that day out in the sun. To lose a really emotional game with Westman and then to come back and just take care of business in the evening...that was a really big moment for the girls."

"THERE WERE A LOT OF SMILES BUT THERE WERE ALSO LOTS OF TEARS."

The Energy was really good all summer, posting a 21-5 regular-season record. What makes that record more impressive is the fact their players come from various

locales in the province.

The girls really came together nicely—and quickly—as a team, said Shindle.

"Everyone was supportive of one another all of the time and we believed we were in games all of the time, regardless of the score," he said. "We always felt if we kept playing, we would win and those are words coming from the girls."

Central Energy's U12 and U14 teams, meanwhile, earned silver medals at their respective championships while the U19 team earned a bronze medal.

The Energy were the only 'A' organization to win medals in all four age categories in Manitoba.

Try-out dates for the 2021 season will be announced soon.



VOICE PHOTOS BY LANA MEIER

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Storm, Kickers post scoreless tie

By Ashleigh Viveiros

The Winkler Storm battled the Hanover Kickers to a scoreless tie on the road Sunday afternoon.

The point gives the Storm 13 and leaves them trailing the Kickers by one point in the standings. Winkler's record for the summer thus far is 3-1-4.

At press time, Forza-WSP (5-1-2) was in first place with 17 points, followed by Hanover (4-1-2) and Winkler. Biting at their heels are Bandits FC with 13 points and a 4-1-2 record.

This Sunday the Storm take on Forza at 6 p.m. at the 15th St. pitch in Winkler. They then play the Bandits in Winnipeg Sept. 8.



Crystal City's Alexa Guildford was flawless on the mound in the gold medal game.

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Morden fitness challenge a trial run for ParticipACTION

By Lorne Stelmach

Organizers of Morden's Community Fitness Challenge this summer hope the program gets people primed to participate again in the future when bigger prizes may be at stake.

The city launched its own fitness competition after the national ParticipACTION Community Better Challenge was cancelled due to the pandemic. That program had \$150,000 up for grabs for Canada's most active community.

Morden recreation programmer Stephanie Dueck hopes the local event has

served as a good tune-up for next year.

"Hopefully we'll get into the habit of participating in this kind of challenge," she said. "Hopefully we'll be able to do [the ParticipACTION Challenge] next year and we'll be eligible to win a \$150,000 prize for the community."

"It was just great to have people participating," Dueck added. "We hoped

it would help people become more active and have some friendly competition."

The Community Fitness Challenge ran from June 15 to Aug. 9 and encouraged participants to keep track of their activity steps for a chance to win weekly prizes.

Over 90 people signed up and about half regularly followed through each week in submitting their activity data.

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The highest weekly score logged in over the eight week period was 2,350 points. With one point translating to the equivalent of 100 steps,

that represents 235,000 steps in a week or an average of over 33,000 a day.

Dueck tried to encourage and motivate people with a weekly e-mail that not only included the leaderboard but also various articles and information about keeping active.

"All in all, I'm happy with it. I would say that's pretty good for a first time," she said. "You would always like more

people participating, but it also meant the chances were pretty good for people to win prizes.

"A lot of the same people each week were in the top ten, but you were also seeing some new names, so people were stepping it up a bit."

Physical inactivity is cited as the fourth leading risk factor for global mortality, with only 16 per cent of adults meeting the target of 150 minutes of moderate to vigorous physical activity per week.

"We have all those stats that physi-

cal activity is fairly low among adults, and most of us don't meet the physical activity guidelines, so we're trying to tackle that," said Dueck.

She encouraged people now to consider getting involved in the Invent a Sport challenge with ParticipACTION. Share a video and description with #inventasport to help inspire others to get motivated to move and for a chance to win a \$100 gift card if your post is chosen as Invent-A-Sport of the week.

No tournaments until after Nov. 1: Hockey Manitoba

Voice Staff

Hockey Manitoba has made the decision that no sanctioned tournaments or events will be allowed before Nov. 1.

Hockey Manitoba, the governing body for all of the minor hockey in the province, made the decision on the advice of the provincial government.

That means the U15 AAA male and female Showcase events will not take place from Oct. 2-4. The events had not been rescheduled by press time.

Hockey Manitoba previously had announced through its Return to Play plan that travel permit applications will not be accepted for out-of-province travel until Oct. 15 and will only be granted for travel after Nov. 1.

"We're not going to be playing in front of nobody"

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ings to basically direct traffic and give everybody what they need to do, coordinating with the arena to make sure it's safe for the amount of fans that are coming, that it's safe for them to enter the building," Cech said last Thursday, stressing that while they may not be able to fill the rink to capacity, there will most certainly be fans in the stands.

"We have a decently sized rink" that allows people to be spaced out appropriately, he said. "And if people are wearing masks then the risk is dramatically reduced. So there's a lot of different things we can do ... we're not going to be playing in front of nobody."

Flyers staff and players, meanwhile, will be focusing on things like physical distancing, wearing masks, increased cleaning procedures, and minimizing unnecessary interactions.

"It's about worrying about what you can control," Cech said. "And the guys can control what they do off the ice ... primarily we need to focus on our

group and what we can do to stay healthy and stay safe and avoid a positive test."

Unfortunately, that means the players won't be as active in the community in the same ways as they have in the past—visiting local schools, helping out with minor hockey—but Cech is looking for new ways to give back.

"We can't just abandon the community," he said. "They're such an important part of what we do, so we're going to get creative and find new ways for the guys out in the community."

"We're going to find a way to be as involved as possible while making sure it's safe for everybody."

COVID-19 precautions aside, the next few weeks will be filled with all the usual pre-season prep.

"We still need to focus on putting the best possible team we can on the ice," Cech said. "With the training camp, we only get 34 kids there now, so we already have some tough decisions with kids that we can't bring to camp."

The camp usually includes upwards of 60 Flyers hopefuls.

The team is also hosting a rookie camp on Sept. 1, Cech noted, which

will allow them to get a look at a few more players, including younger drafted players who hope to don the Orange and Black in future seasons.

"We're looking for kids to come in and put their best foot forward," he said. The end of the 2019-2020 season—which was cut short in the playoffs thanks to the pandemic—saw the Flyers say goodbye to several veteran players, including captain Jaden Townsend and assistant captains Griffin Leonard and Everett Bestland.

They left behind some big shoes to fill, but Cech is confident the returning players are ready to step up as leaders.

"First and foremost, we're expecting the returning players to take another step," he said.

Beyond that, it's just a matter of filling out the weak spots in the roster.

"We're fortunate in that we've got a lot of powerplay guys coming back, a lot of offensive guys coming back, so if we're looking for anything specific it's kids to come in and contribute and bring a little bit more speed to the lineup, forechecking and tenacity, that sort of thing."

"FIRST AND FOREMOST, WE'RE EXPECTING THE RETURNING PLAYERS TO TAKE ANOTHER STEP."

Though they weren't able to host their spring camp, the Flyers coaching staff have worked hard to stay connected with players over the summer via phone calls and Zoom meetings.

"We're talking to them all the time," Cech said. "The nice thing about that is you just get to learn more about these kids, their personalities. Because, really, when they're drafted at 14 we might not see them until they're 17, 18, 19 even. But if you can talk to them ... it makes them feel better about coming on board."

Check out winklerflyers.com for the exhibition and regular season schedule to be released in the next few weeks.

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The **final date** on which the Secretary of the Board may receive applications is **Tuesday, September 8, 2020 by 4:30 p.m. local time.**

Dated at Morden, in Manitoba, this 12th day of August, A.D. 2020.

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OBITUARY

George Reimer

George Reimer, 79, passed away July 23, 2020 in Cuauhtémoc, Mexico, where he succumbed to the coronavirus after a brief illness. He was buried in the Blumenau Mennonite Church Cemetery in Mexico on Saturday, July 25. He was predeceased by his parents, Cornelius C. and Maria (Elias) Reimer. He leaves five brothers and four sisters and their families, and a host of friends all over the world.

George Reimer was born in Winkler and grew up near Haskett, attending elementary school in Rosengart. He was baptised by Aeltester Johann Friesen on May 31, 1966 and joined the Sommerfeld Mennonite Church in Reinland, Manitoba.

He attended Steinbach Bible College, and went on to attain a degree from the University of Winnipeg.

George, also fondly known as Jorge, spent his life in service to others. Teaching was one of his passions, as was his faith and the continuing education and well-being of the people in the community in which he lived.

He began with MCC service in several Latin-American countries and eventually settled in Mexico, at Strassburg Platz near Cuauhtémoc. There, he spent the last four decades of his life running a book store and printing press, expounding to anyone who would listen on the importance of education and especially being able to read, which then empowered the reader to further their own education. Those who knew marvelled at his ability to get a hearing from local teachers, many of whom went on to better the education they offered in their classrooms, most often with materials George sold, or gave, them from his store.

For many years, he published Kurze Nachrichten, a weekly on-line newspaper containing news and comments about world and local events. Kurze Nachrichten was printed and distributed in Mennonite communities all over the world, thus furthering his drive to educate, and keeping people, families and communities connected with each other.

His faith infused his actions, and so he stocked the shelves with Bibles in both High and Low German, German hymnbooks and Catechisms.

The Blumenau Mennonite Church became his home church. His family is very grateful to his friends from the church for looking after him during his illness, and for the funeral service and burial.

An open-invitation memorial service for George Reimer will be held on Sunday, August 30, 2:30 p.m. in the Winkler Sommerfeld Church. COVID-19 restrictions will be in place.



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OBITUARY

Ingeborg Ziegler (nee Mueller)
1932 – 2020



On Monday, August 17, 2020 at Boundary Trails Health Centre, Ingeborg Ziegler, 87 of Winkler, MB formerly of Miami passed away. She will be lovingly remembered by her daughter, Susanne; son, Eric (Suzy); granddaughter, Claudia; grandson, Andrew (Cathina); one brother, one sister and their families. She was predeceased by her husband, Julius in 2005; son, Roland and son-in-law, Rainer.

Mom was born in Germany in 1932, married Julius in 1956 and in 1967, the family moved to Canada; first to Quebec then to BC before settling in Manitoba. Mom was happiest working in her garden and sharing produce with family and friends. She was also an accomplished seamstress and worked a few years for Gemini Fabrics in Morden. Two years ago, her mobility decreased so she

moved to the Buhler Active Living Centre in Winkler.

Cremation has taken place and ash interment will be held at later date at the Miami Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Ingeborg's memory to the Miami Area Foundation.

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