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The Pembina Threshermen's Museum's annual Reunion Days filled the Hwy. 3 pioneer village with sights and sounds from the past, including these period-garbed ladies taking part in Friday's antique tractor parade. For more photos, see Pg. 19.

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Central Station launches community resource guide

By Ashleigh Viveiros

Winkler's Central Station has long aimed to be a hub of activity and resources in the community.

Now they're taking it one step further with the launch of the Winkler & Area Resource Guide, a new online portal that easily links people and organizations to just about any service group or program you can think of.

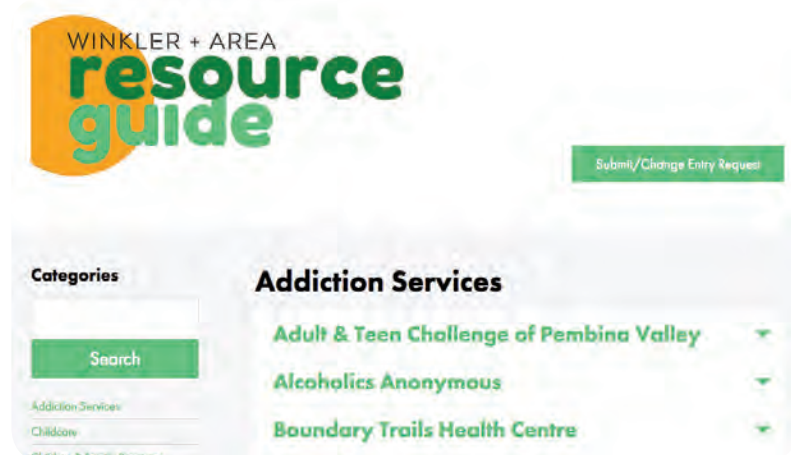
It's a project that's been a few years in the making, said Central Station's Taniesha Klassen as the guide went live on the centre's website (winklercentralstation.com/resource-guide) last Tuesday.

"It took a lot longer than I anticipated," she said, chuckling as she described reaching out to dozens of local organizations across 30 different categories ranging from addictions services to youth programs, and everything in between.

"This had actually been a dream around here for a couple of years, but I would say we really started talking about it about a year ago," Klassen said, explaining they reached out to each organization for a description of the services they offer as well as

their contact information.

The goal is to provide a quick and easy way for longtime Winklerites and newcomers alike to connect with all the resources



that are available out there.

"We've seen a really big need in our community for this—both from organizations but also from individuals—for a centralized list of the resources out there," Klassen said.

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New water tank to aid with ice-making at Morden rinks

By Lorne Stelmach

The City of Morden took another big step recently in support of its water conservation efforts.

In working out how to address the wide range of concerns posed by the ongoing drought, the Morden community services department has implemented several ideas to reduce the water use by the City itself.

One recent measure saw council approve the purchase of a 10,000 gallon tank to supply non-potable, non-city sourced water to the department for a range of needs.

"Every opportunity we have to help with the drought situation is welcomed," said Mayor Brandon Burley. "When staff bring ideas to council that can help with our drought challenges, we are happy to provide our support. This was a creative solution to being able to provide ice for this winter."

A large amount of water is used each year for the installation and maintenance of rink ice. Ice installation takes about 10,000 to 12,000 gallons of water per arena, and each flood takes an additional 100 gallons.



CITY OF MORDEN PHOTO

This new water tank at the Access Event Centre will supply collected water for ice-making and other city uses.

About 130 floods are completed each week between September and April and 90 floods between May and August, which means an estimated 350,000 gallons of water is used for arena ice each year—the equivalent

to about 43 households' annual water usage.

"By implementing this alternative way to supply water for arena ice, we are ensuring we can continue to use the arena in drought conditions," said Clare Agnew, director of community services. "With all the construction happening over the last year, we did not want to be in a situation where we could not use the new arena, so we came up with this idea."

"We will be sharing the details with other arenas in southern Manitoba for them to consider as a water-saving option as well," she added.

"We are planning on continuing this method in the future, even if water is not a shortage," said facilities manager Tim Harsant. "It is not necessary to use treated water for ice maintenance."

"We are optimistic this will help sustain the arena and help the community with its water needs at the same time."

The water tank will also be used to water trees and flowers in public parks, irrigate the ball diamonds, and help with the creation of outdoor rinks this winter.



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Docs talk COVID-19 and school risks

By Lorne Stelmach

A virtual town hall last week brought together a panel of doctors to discuss the risk of COVID-19 in schools and what precautions students, parents, and educators can take to feel safe this fall.

The bottom line from the Aug. 31 forum was that while there is a somewhat lesser risk for children when it comes to the virus, all of the precautions that are being put in place by the province are still important.

"With the right COVID-19 precautions in place, schools can be a low risk environment for children and youth, including those under 12 who are not yet eligible to be vaccinated," said Dr. Marni Hanna, president of the Manitoba Pediatric Society.

A group of physicians with medical expertise in a variety of relevant areas took part in the session, including pediatric medical leaders and those with expertise in infectious diseases, mental health, and immunology.

Dr. Jared Bullard, a pediatric infection disease specialist, addressed the overall level of risk for youth and children.

"We've had about 15,000 kids get infected with COVID in the province over the three waves we've had so far. Of those, about one in 200 end up in hospital ... ICU is about one in 2,000," he noted, adding three children have died due to COVID.

It's a myth that children can't get COVID, though Bullard noted it most likely is contracted within their own homes.

"It can definitely cause harm to children," he said. "It's a serious disease; not as serious in children as adults, and there's a variety of ways we can control the situation to protect them

as best as we can."

Dr. Ruth Grimes, president of the Canadian Paediatric Society, noted it's difficult to say yet what long-term impacts if any there may be for children who contract the virus.

"I think that there are some children who can develop some long COVID symptoms ... fatigue being the predominant one ... and individuals who are older, teenagers," said Grimes, who added they are still collecting data and assessing the long-term implications of the virus.

Bullard touched on the delta variant, which is of greater concern given it is more infectious.

"It's 50 per cent more infectious than the alpha variant; the alpha variant was 50 per cent more infectious than the original strains," he explained. "When you have a more infectious virus, it's going to spread in the community faster."

A case of SARS, for example, might infect two or three other people, while the alpha variant of COVID could infect three to five and the delta variant might infect six to eight others.

Bullard also addressed the impact of vaccination.

"There are many benefits to the vaccine, and we certainly have some more data coming out," he said. "We've seen people who still get infected, however what you find is the amount of virus they have drops off quite significantly within 48 to 72 hours, so the likelihood of being infectious tails off quite quickly as opposed to someone who has no vaccination is likely to be infectious for the better part of 10 days, if not longer."

It was also acknowledged that there is some degree of greater risk for children with pre-existing conditions and who are immunocompromised, but



SCREENSHOT

Doctors Manitoba hosted an online town hall last week to discuss the risk of COVID-19 in schools as Manitoba students head back to class.

the level of risk can vary.

Dr. Ashley Chopek, a pediatric oncology and bone marrow transplant specialist, noted in example that there are points during chemotherapy treatment where there specifically may be more risk.

"The bottom line is that if you have a severely compromised immune system, there may be an increased risk," she said. "It depends on a lot ... it depends on your child's individual situation."

Responding to a question from someone whose daughter had cancer and is too young for vaccination, Chopek pointed out that the immune system within a few months from completion of treatment does return to normal.

"If the child has completed the treatment for their cancer, then they are safe and should be returning to school ... the benefits of school in this instance outweigh the risk to the child," she suggested.

Dr. Melanie Morris, a pediatric general surgeon and Indigenous health lead at Children's Hospital, also noted that there are some minority groups who appear to be at increased risk.

"There's been a disproportionate level of complications associated with COVID within minority groups and specifically the Indigenous groups ... there's ongoing research in regards to

why this is occurring," she said.

In addressing concerns around young children who are not eligible to be vaccinated, Hanna stressed the importance of "trying to make sure that everybody around them that is able to get their vaccines gets them, because that will greatly reduce the potential risk."

"I understand why parents are nervous ... but the best thing we can do is get vaccinated ourselves."

Finally, Dr. Andrew Hall, a child and adolescent psychiatrist, touched on the overall impact on not only physical but mental health, and he sees the social isolation as being a big factor for kids.

"There were three factors that were really good predictors ... it was disruption to the daily routines, it was greater online learning challenges ... and it was also reduction of respite services ... so the social isolation comes up over and over again," he said.

"I think that we can really try to get our kids to school safely, follow the recommendations of public health," said Hall. "[Parents] shouldn't be panicking, and I don't think that they should model anxiety because I think that kids will pick it up ... be attuned to your own mental health."

"Focus on what you can control," stressed Hall.

GVSD, WSD students back in class this week

By Lorne Stelmach

Local officials were offering families assurances about the health and safety of their kids with the return to classes this week.

The Manitoba government's safe return plan for Kindergarten to Grade 12 makes it as safe as possible for students to come back to class, they suggested last week.

"I think people should feel good about having their kids come back to school. We're going to try to have a much more normal school year," said Stephen Ross, superintendent of Western School Division.

"It should be, in yellow, quite a bit more like a normal year. We should be able to run our clubs and our teams and our activities for kids in school this year as well," he said. "That means

minimal restrictions in schools with precautions being taken, similar to last year.

"We certainly encourage people to reach out to their schools and talk to them if they do have any questions or concerns."

"Parents and students I have spoken to these week are looking forward to being back at school," said Garden Valley School Division board chair

Laurie Dyck.

"There definitely are differing opinions on what is safe for their children," she added. "We are doing our best to create the safest place we can but we understand that not everyone's going to agree with what we have deemed is a safe plan ... we hope they ask questions and get some clarity before they make some of these decisions."

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What do you want to be when you grow up?

Ahhh, September. That wonderful time of year filled with absolute terror and existential dread for every 17-year-old in Canada.

Summer is coming to a close and millions of teenagers are preparing to enter their final year of high school with the crushing burden of having to answer that age old question: "What do you want to be when you grow up?"

It is a question laden with unfulfilled parental dreams and expectations, not to mention grandparents, teachers, aunts, uncles, older siblings, etc. Everyone wants you to know what you are going to do for the REST OF YOUR LIFE.

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What do you want to be when you grow up? Mum was absolutely no

help because she was one of the only people in my life who never cared in the best way possible.

"As long as you're happy Peter that's all that matters," she would say, and she meant it. Go to university or college or don't. Become a doctor or dig ditches. It absolutely did not matter to her as long as I was happy. What a gem.

What do you want to be when you grow up?

I never figured that out. I based most of my early life decisions on what I didn't want to be. I didn't want to live in my hometown of Guelph because it was my hometown. I didn't want to stop school because I didn't know what else to do.

So I applied to three universities and went to the only one that accepted me (average grade student that I was), Carleton University in Ottawa. Thank god for low standards.

I went as a fully declared English major for a few reasons: there were no degrees in video games and the only other things in life I enjoyed were reading and writing.

Once I graduated with a shockingly reasonable GPA, I realized that I could not do much with an English degree except teach. I did not want to teach. Once again, I made a decision based on what I didn't want to do and decided to continue school and get my

journalism diploma. Maybe I could write (the jury is still out).

The rest is a complex, amusing, and panic-induced adventure filled with luck and timing as much as skill, and here I am today still uncertain of what I want to be when I grow up but feeling far less stress about it then when I was 17.

I didn't know why I needed to know but it was important if I was to get started building a life of debt, car loans, mortgages, and stress. There were marriages to happen, bosses to be belittled by, children to have, lawns to be mowed ... and none of this is going to happen if you don't have a plan. I regret little in my life but I do wish I had not rushed things the way I did. I wish I had given myself some time as a teenager to just be. Time to breathe the world in a little.

If I could say anything to the emerging adults in our midst, I would say this: There is plenty of time for urgency in your life. It is okay to not know what you want to be because you are who you will be. You can attach initials after your name whenever you want. It can be now, in 10 years, 20, or never. It's okay.

In the words of the wisest woman I ever knew:

"As long as you're happy that's all that matters."



By Peter Cantelon

letters

SANCTUARY CITY – REALLY?

As a retired pastor and having spent a good portion of my life studying, interpreting, and teaching the Bible, I am surprised and disappointed that our Christian brothers and sisters in Winkler have not done their due diligence in applying the concept of "sanctuary city" to their situation.

It is true that during the times of the Judges in the Old Testament writings, they did indeed have cities called sanctuary cities. These were

designated cities for one purpose and one purpose only, that being for murderers who had accidentally or deliberately committed such a transgression. To this city they were confined for a given period of time until a fair trial could be conducted.

If this Old Testament principle of living in a sanctuary is applied literally to your situation, then do the people of Winkler also commit to staying hunkered down at home and not take the risk of travelling to Altona, Morden, and Winnipeg until they are cleared of the risks to themselves

and their neighbours?

Also, if we are going to start pulling up laws from the O.T. that favours a specific group's position, how do we respond to the Biblical law of leprosy? Can we imagine excommunicating people and banishing them from our communities and asking them to call out the dreaded word "Unclean, Unclean"?

I hope I'm wrong but it would appear to me that a few strong leaders with charismatic personalities have

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succeeded in leading a good number of vulnerable people astray by misinterpreting and misapplying the truth of God's word.

LESSON: "Don't believe everything that drifts in from the south." Why not follow the example of the Noble Bereans who got together and "examined the scriptures every day to see if what Paul was teaching was true." (Acts 17:11)

Harry Bergman,
Morden

UNFAIR TREATMENT

I am a local pastor and our church has continually committed to following the public health guidelines even though we don't all agree with some of the decisions they've made. I have tried to remain mostly silent about Covid, but I feel I have to speak on behalf of people I think are being treated unfairly.

It became so apparent watching the Blue Bombers game and seeing a sign essentially blaming Winkler for having to wear a mask at the game. I am grieved by all the demonizing that I hear from fellow citizens, the media, the government, social media and so on. Especially when it comes to the "religious" people of South East Manitoba. It's not working to motivate them to follow.

Very few people in my conversations are rejecting the mandates for masks and vaccines for religious reasons. And I think a little understanding is called for rather than just saying Christians are being unloving, regardless of our perception of who may be "right or wrong."

People need to realize that this region has a large number of Christian immigrants from places where there was a lot of persecution and tyrannical socialist or communist government. They went through the difficulties of immigrating to Canada so they and their children could be free. Maybe we need to have a little compassion for what they are experiencing as they see similar signs that may remind them of home. Hard to fault them for

the suspicion they may be feeling as they see these rules and this demonizing "group think" becoming so prevalent, regardless of the reasons for it.

And why is not okay to make a personal choice about an experimental vaccine anyway? Why is it that a woman can choose to have an abortion to the tune of about 90,000 deaths per year here in Canada alone over the past several decades and we can say its "pro-choice." We don't say "anti-baby" or "anti-life" but "pro-choice."

But for those who are choosing not to be vaccinated for a virus that seriously affects less than one per cent of people worldwide, has only killed at most 27,000 Canadians over 18 months, who are mostly elderly and/or unwell (all of which are tragedies), we call it "anti-vax" and demonize them, blaming them for all the government regulations while natural immunity is showing to be at least as effective as the vaccine. Why is it not okay to call them pro-choice?

Some of these people have also witnessed or experienced serious adverse events from approved vaccines in the past. I personally have more than one person in my circle who have been permanently paralyzed by the flu shot (Guillain Barre syndrome), one a family member who has been a quadriplegic for 15 years. Yes, this is very rare, but when it happens close to home it causes you to think a bit more. It isn't just about being able to travel and eat at restaurants anymore.

I am not anti-vaccine, my family has had all the normal vaccinations. But I think we need to have compassion for those who are hesitant about the Covid vaccine for a number of valid reasons, including simply the actual cost/benefit probability. I am not criticizing anyone regardless of their choice to get the Covid vaccine, and I continue to love others by respecting their choices and getting to know their story.

Now the government is talking about taking a more regional approach (essentially punishing the less vaccinated areas). Where was that approach when Southern had hardly any cases

for a number of months, while Winnipeg and Northern were having large outbreaks? Why was Winkler/Morden getting lumped together with Steinbach when they had all their cases and we had essentially none?

Our culture has become very fear-based, and is quick to judge and make assumptions without knowing the whole story. Maybe it's time to think about that and look at ourselves first.

Treating others as you would like to be treated. For the sake of our society, which I think is still pretty darn good, for now.

Have a respectful conversation, stop demonizing, it will be much more effective.

Sean Harder,
Winkler

> RESOURCE GUIDE, FROM PG. 3

"Whether that's somebody coming into us and saying they're struggling with addictions or they need housing, or it's another organization calling and wondering where to refer people for something.

"We love those calls and we will still always take those calls," she added, "but it will be really nice to have a list that we as staff can easily reference and can also point other people in the community toward ... we're really hoping it's going to be helpful."

The guide is pretty extensive but if

you feel an entry is missing or needs to be updated, there's a button at the top of the page where you can submit a new entry or a change. You can also contact Central Station directly at info@winklercentralstation.ca or 204-325-0257.

"I still have a list of maybe 20 places I still need to reach out to," Klassen said. "And I'm sure they'll keep trickling in, and that's what we want ... we would love to hear from the community of things they would suggest we put on there."



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The Manitoba Public Insurance Corporation (MPI) has applied to the Public Utilities Board (Board) for a 2.8% decrease to Basic Autopac vehicle insurance rates and premiums effective on April 1, 2022 through March 31, 2023. MPI also filed a Special Rebate Application on July 19, 2021 asking that a percentage of premiums earned between November 22, 2020 and December 9, 2021 be returned to customers. The rebate amount is currently estimated at \$155 million and if approved, would be equivalent to a rate reduction of approximately 15%.

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Five candidates asking for your vote in Portage-Lisgar

Who are they? What do they stand for? Why do they think they deserve your vote Sept. 20?

CANDICE BERGEN, CONSERVATIVE PARTY

Candice Bergen is hoping to be a voice for the people of Portage-Lisgar for the fifth election in a row.

She was voted in in the 40th federal election in 2008 with the Conservative Party of Canada, previously the Canadian Alliance and the Reform Party of Canada. Since its creation in 1997, the Portage-Lisgar constituency has been painted blue, and Bergen is hoping that stays the same.

For the 44th Canadian election, the Conservatives have a platform with five pillars. The first promise they're making is the securement of jobs.

"We need to ensure that people are going to be able to get back to work," Bergen said.

So they've created a job surge plan that will regain jobs lost in the pandemic and encourage people to get back into the workforce.

Their platform also has a plan to secure mental health. They've created a three-digit number to call for suicide prevention, they have a plan to combat the opioid crisis, and they've created new spots for drug recovery across Canada.

"We believe that mental health is health," said Bergen.

The third pillar in the Conservative's plan is to secure accountability in Ottawa. Bergen said the Liberals have created a mess the Conservatives plan to clean up along with stopping the red party's corruption.

The Tories are also promising to secure Canada. Bergen said that means building capacity at home to handle future pandemics by creating vaccines here and ensuring Canada has the amount of personal protective equipment needed.

The final pillar in the Conservative plan is securing the Canadian economy. Bergen said there's been a huge rise in prices in every sector—gas, food, and more—and it continues to go up.

"It's a direct result of bad economic policies from [Prime Minister] Justin Trudeau," she said. "The Conservatives have a plan to secure the economy and it's going to be by balancing the economy over the next decade."

Along with that, Bergen said they plan to help the agricultural sector by making sure trade is fair. To do that, they'll open new markets for free trade negotiations, end unfair tax treatment for farm families, adopt a



Candice Bergen,
Conservative Party

grocery supply code, and more.

The Conservatives are also pledging to get internet into rural areas to make sure everyone has dependable access and service.

ANDREW CARRIER, LIBERAL PARTY

Andrew Carrier feels it's past time for the people of Portage-Lisgar to have a new voice representing them in Ottawa.

Carrier has thrown his hat in the ring as the riding's Liberal candidate.

"I have strong rural roots, am a proud Manitoban, and I'm here to offer people a choice," he says. "A fresh face, fresh ideas."

Though he calls Winnipeg home, Carrier has deep ties to rural Manitoba, including a grandfather who was a sugar beet farmer in St. Joseph, which he says gives him a strong understanding of the needs and concerns of local farmers.

He's no stranger to advocacy, either, having served for 20 years with the Manitoba Metis Federation. He is currently the agency's vice-president.

His background in social services and human resources have also equipped him with tools vital to a Member of Parliament.

"Problem-solving is not new to me," Carrier says, going on to stress as well the importance of communication and transparency. "For too long the people of Portage-Lisgar have not had fair representation in Ottawa. I think it's time for change and to give constituents a chance to be heard."

Carrier has been bringing himself up to speed on the issues facing Portage-Lisgar, meeting with voters across the riding in recent weeks, and he intends



Andrew Carrier,
Liberal Party

to keep the lines of communication open after the election as well.

"To give a voice to our constituents is truly important," he said, stressing the riding needs "someone you can trust, that is accessible ... I do return phone calls."

A number of issues are top of mind for Carrier, including addressing things like high unemployment rates, the need for more childcare options and early childhood education programs, settlement services for newcomers, and climate change.

"There's a lot of issues that we need to be proactive on," he says, adding that Canada's progress when it comes to truth and reconciliation is also a very personal passion for him.

Carrier feels he could be a strong representative for Portage-Lisgar in Parliament, willing to fight to see the region gets the resources it is due.

"As taxpayers, you work hard, you pay your taxes, and you need to see the return coming back to your community."

"I'm reaching out to people who want change," Carrier says. "I know historically Portage-Lisgar for the last several elections has voted Conservative, but I wanted people to have the opportunity to choose."

"If they want proactive and hard-working individual ... someone who is accessible and someone who is transparent and accountable to the constituents ... I'm offering myself to the riding."

"I'm looking at trying to meet the needs of our citizens."

JEROME DONDO, CHRISTIAN HERITAGE PARTY

The Christian Heritage Party of Can-



Jerome Dondo
Christian Heritage Party

ada (CHP) candidate for Portage-Lisgar is Jerome Dondo from St. Claude.

CHP was founded in 1988 and they've run candidates in every election since then, excluding the time when a party had to run 50 candidates to run and they didn't meet the threshold, running as independent candidates. Dondo has been a candidate for the party for the past three elections, making 2021 his fourth time running in the riding.

He chose to run with CHP, he said, because "there is no other party that's completely pro-life and anti-vaccines."

CHP is, Dondo stressed, as is he.

There are four main things the party is fighting for this election. The first one is the elimination of vaccine passports.

"We are against mandatory testing and vaccination for federal employees," Dondo said. "We're against lockdowns. We do support research, though, and ways to deal with COVID in the best medical practices."

CHP is also fighting for the elimination of the income tax act, replacing it with a fair tax based on spending.

"There's no reason we should be paying a tax just because we're earning income," Dondo said.

Along with that, they want to eliminate deficit spending in government. That's not sustainable in any way, he said, and no government will be able to continue operating if it keeps up.

"Another issue I hear about from this riding is their stands on abortion and medical aid in dying," said Dondo. "We are the only party whose leader is outspoken on being pro-life."

He said CHP wants to protect the

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sanctity of life from conception to natural death in any way they need to.

"We want to prevent abortions from happening," he said. "If it's making them illegal, then that's what we'll have to do."

Dondo said he's here to give people the option of voting. He wants everyone in his constituency to know they don't always have to vote the same as they have in the past—they can change the status quo if they want to.

He encourages everyone to research their candidates and their parties and vote with knowledge.

"I want to be a voice for the people," he said. "And for making a stand for them."

KEN FRIESEN, NEW DEMOCRATIC PARTY

Ken Friesen is looking to be the first New Democratic Party of Canada (NDP) candidate elected in Portage-Lisgar.

The 2021 federal election will be his first time running for government. That doesn't mean Friesen is new to the NDP, though. He's been a member of the party for over 20 years, so he knows them, their values, and their platform inside and out.

At their last convention, Friesen ran for federal council and is now on it, running as a candidate against four others in the constituency. He was a confirmed candidate for the party on Aug. 4.

"I live in this area," he said. "I love my friends and neighbours and I want to represent them and their interests."

He remembers growing up in Morden and seeing, experiencing, and living the problems everyday people had. Personal finances affecting dental care, pharmacare issues, childcare issues—all these things being big ticket items affecting "regular everyday folks."

The NDP are campaigning for financial security by offering a guaranteed living income.

"People deserve to be able to feel secure," Friesen said. "Not worrying about where their next meal comes from if they lose their job like in the pandemic and choosing between dental care, food, and paying rent."

They also want to tackle climate change by reducing greenhouse gas emissions. To do that, Friesen said they want to move Canada away from

an oil and gas-based economy. The NDP call it taking care of the future for everyone.

Friesen said the difference between him and his fellow candidates is that if he gets elected he will work hard to fulfill his promises—he has everything to prove to the people of Portage-Lisgar.

"Our governments have made promises in the past and they have failed to keep them," he said. "The promises made by them today have been made for decades. There's still issues and struggles I saw growing up. If the past is an indication of the future, we're going to have these promises broken again."

Friesen said the NDP is fighting for a future without stress. He said they're the party for everyday people.

SOLOMON WIEBE, PEOPLE'S PARTY

Solomon Wiebe is giving the people of Portage-Lisgar a voice with the People's Party of Canada (PPC).

The PPC party, led by Maxime Bernier, formed in 2018, running in 315 of a possible 338 ridings in the 2019 federal election. No candidate was elected that year.

Wiebe is hoping to change that in the upcoming election. He said he knows the people in his constituency aren't happy with the current government and the way it runs, and neither is he. He's here to give them their faith back in the institution and "make them proud to be Canadian again."

To sum up PPC's platform, Wiebe described it as trying to increase individual's rights and liberties at the expense of big government. In more straightforward terms, they're hoping to eliminate big government.

To do that, PPC would get rid of the areas that don't make sense, such as the lengthy processes that make Canada uncompetitive in the economy and is inconvenient in personal lives.

"Getting rid of things would prevent unelected officials from making large decisions because people have no say in them, but they impact our lives," Wiebe said. "That's not right because that's not democracy."

PPC also wants to control immigration, protect Canadians from censorship and discrimination, build more pipelines, make supply management more affordable, fix the healthcare system, and reject alarmism surrounding climate change.

"I'm passionate about the People's Party because I think it's the only party that represents me," said Wiebe. "I think they're common sense and better for Canada. I think they'd make our country prosperous."

He said if he gets voted in he'll enforce his promises. He hopes the people of Portage-Lisgar use their vote this election to elect someone who represents their interests and not just to remove someone from power.

Wiebe said if people continue to vote as they have in the past, like there are only two parties. Those two will be competing to be less corrupt—and will stay corrupt.



Ken Friesen,
New Democratic Party



Solomon Wiebe,
People's Party

Canadians head to the polls on Monday, Sept. 20.

—Written by Becca Myskiw
and Ashleigh Viveiros

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Manitoba's crop residue burning regulation restricts daytime burning between August 1 and November 15. Burning at night is illegal. Burning within Burning Permit Areas requires a permit issued by Manitoba Conservation and Climate.

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In most years, crop residue management practices can reduce or eliminate the need to burn. For more information, contact your local Manitoba Agriculture and Resource Development office or visit manitoba.ca.

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The Morden Airport welcomed pilots and spectators alike to its Manitoba Fly-In last weekend.

Celebrating the joys of aviation

By Lorne Stelmach

A two-day event this past weekend at the Morden Airport was billed simply as a celebration of aviation.

The Manitoba Fly-In was for anyone with a love for all things related to aviation, and it drew pilots and spectators from near and far.

"It's basically just a gathering of grassroots aviators. With the way our last year and a half has gone with COVID, we wanted to do something that gets us together to celebrate aviation and enjoy the gift of flight," said organizer Chris Unrau.

Unrau noted they have regularly done fly-in breakfasts, but he wanted to organize a larger scale event like one he participated in this past summer in Iceland.

"It's just people from all over the province flying in to one airport all in the same day," he said. "We all love being around airplanes, we love talking about airplanes and we just love seeing them fly."

"We put together a few little events for the day just to showcase what the planes can do and also maybe test

some of the pilot skills."

That included flour drops aimed at targets on the ground as well spot landing and short takeoff and landing demonstrations.

"Pilots and aircraft could demonstrate their amazing ability to take off and land in incredibly short distances," said Unrau. "We have a few aircraft that are really configured for that short takeoff and landing."

And, of course, there was an array of aircraft on display to check out and an opportunity to purchase plane rides as well.

"The kids always seem to especially love it," said Unrau.

He was pleased with the response to the first-time event.

"The idea was really embraced ... we tried to not let it get too big for the first year," he said.

"It's just a fun time ... there's just a bunch of us who want to go flying and have some fun, and it's always more fun when you have someone with you," Unrau concluded. "Us pilots, we can just stand around and talk about airplanes all day long."

Salem Home marking 65 years with drive-thru meal

By Ashleigh Viveiros

Winkler's Salem Home marks 65 years of care next week with the return of the Salem Foundation and Salem Ladies Auxiliary's annual barbecue.

The drive-thru event featuring live music from singer-songwriter Ed Wayne takes place on Wednesday, Sept. 15 from 5-7 p.m. at the 15th St. personal care home.

The burger and hot dog meals are by donation, with proceeds going toward the purchase of an "ABBY" computer board for Salem's DementiaAbility Program and the ongoing renovations of the Cottonwood unit.

"This project will ensure that the building remains current and usable for future years," said Salem board chair James Peters. "We know that past governing boards have prepared Salem Home for the future, and we

want to do the same for future boards. But more importantly, we want the residents to live in an environment that is suitable to their needs."

Sixty-five years is certainly a milestone worth celebrating, Peters noted.

"We celebrate these years with humbleness and thanksgiving for the churches and community's commitment and support, striving for the betterment of those who live here, so they can flourish," he said.

The auxiliary and the foundation are happy to be able to do their part to support Salem's efforts.

"We are pleased to support Salem Home in this way," said the foundation's Glen Thiessen. "We have worked together on multiple projects that have positively impacted the lives of the residents who live there. It is good to see how each project has benefitted the residents of today and in the future."

Live2Lead returns to Winkler next month

By Lorne Stelmach

An upcoming conference will again offer local businesses, organizations, and community leaders the opportunity to be inspired by world-class leaders.

The Live2Lead conference provides a chance to learn from elite thinkers, and the leadership principles and personal growth techniques that can be gleaned from their teaching can be beneficial to many people, suggest local organizers.

"I say it's like a four hour booster shot of positivity," said Al Ruttan. "It's four hours of teaching that's really invaluable. It's good quality information, and everybody walks away with information they can apply in their business or organization."

This is the fifth year the Live2Lead conference has been offered in Winkler, with two options to participate: an in-person simulcast from Atlanta at the P.W. Enns Centennial Concert Hall Oct. 8 or a virtual event Oct. 29.

Doors open for the Oct. 8 event at 7:30 a.m. with the broadcast starting at 8 a.m. and concluding by noon.

The virtual broadcast will happen via a Zoom webinar Oct. 29 from 8 a.m. to noon.

Ruttan suggested the conference is beneficial whether you lead a large

organization or just want to just be a better mentor to those around you. You can also make meaningful connections by networking with like-minded leaders who share a passion for leadership and learning.

Live2Lead is headlined by John Maxwell, a bestselling author, coach, and speaker who has sold more than 30 million books and been identified as a top leader in business by the American Management Association and the world's most influential leadership expert by *Business Insider* magazine.

Other presenters for the conference include:

- Jeff Henderson - his aim is to help organizations build a good name where both purpose and profit thrive. His best-selling book *Know What You're For* launched a movement in non-profits around the world and has become a focal point for many businesses.

- Jamie Kern Lima - a bestselling author and founder of IT Cosmetics, a company she started in her living room and grew to the largest luxury makeup brand in the country. She sold the company to L'Oréal in a billion-dollar deal and became the first female CEO of a brand in its 100+ year history.

- Valorie Burton - a life strategist and international speaker who is CEO of



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Leadership experts like John Maxwell and Valorie Burton will speak at this year's Live2Lead conference. The livestream event takes place in Winkler Oct. 8. A Zoom presentation is also available Oct. 29.

the Coaching and Positive Psychology Institute. Her company provides coaching, coach training and resilience training and who has written 13 books.

- Ed Mylett - one of the premier business leaders, peak performance experts and motivational speakers in the world.

"I think anybody who attends is going to get value out of it," suggested Ruttan.

"It's a really good growth opportunity," he continued. "We encourage everybody to bring their teams, bring their leadership teams ... anybody in leadership, aspiring to be in leadership, leading a team of some sort, or just wanting to grow themselves personally."

You can find more information and register online at www.alruttan.com/121.

> BACK TO SCHOOL, FROM PG. 5

Schools were able to return to close to normal activities in September with some health and safety measures still in place.

Students and school staff will be expected to continue to follow the 'COVID-safe' basics such as self-screening, hand hygiene and staying home when sick under the yellow coded response plan. One significant change however was that masks are being mandated for all students, staff, and visitors.

Provincial officials had indicated that there would be a renewed focus on immunizations for school-aged youth to launch this fall, but local officials noted that they were still awaiting more details from the province particularly in relation to COVID vaccination.

"That was an announcement with no plan developed ... so, really, at this point in time, there isn't a plan," said Ross. "It's certainly creating a challenge, even with our staff with trying to understand what that means for them when there was an announce-

ment without a plan behind it."

"I can understand it's a very, very complex thing to develop," he said, while stressing that "parental consent is absolutely part of the program."

"Any parent would not want someone, where they have not provided approval for it, to stick a needle in [their kids] whether or not they approve of vaccines," he said. "There's not going to be people trying to recruit kids or pressure kids to get vaccinated. That's just now how any of those programs work."

Ross was not anticipating much pushback from the community or people withdrawing their children from school as a result of their personal concerns.

"Our community has been really receptive of everything that's been out there," he suggested.

"Most of the families who home schooled last year, not all but most, chose to do so because they were really concerned about the virus ... but I think we're going to see less of that

than we saw before," Ross said, noting that the enrolment overall was projected to be increasing. "And we had hardly any mask issues in Western School Division last year, and I don't anticipate it to be a lot different this year."

In Garden Valley, Dyck noted they were looking at a decline in enrolment to just under 4,000 students, whereas they were at just over 4,500 two years ago.

"The phone calls of parents calling in who are choosing to withdraw their children from the public education system is significant right now. We saw this last year as well," she said, while adding some students did eventually come back and that they expect that might happen again this year to at least some degree.

Dyck agreed there was still a need for more details and clarification from the province on such issues as masks and vaccinations.

"We're waiting for Manitoba Education to come out with more clarity on how full-time mask use fits into

the yellow level ... that is, for sure, creating a lot of questions and concerns for parents, students and staff," she said.

"Overall, we support the importance and the relevance of child immunization. It's an important part of our lives here in Manitoba ... but we also know that it is the parents' right to make those choices for their children," stressed Dyck, who noted their suggestion to the province is that immunization programs be hosted off school sites as they see that as a way "that way parents can be fully engaged."

Otherwise, she said it feels good to have the prospect of a relatively normal school year in many respects - from being able to have wind instruments in the band program again to even just being able to have all students together.

"They'll all be together starting this week ... those are all great things," said Dyck.

Lose yourself in history at the Winkler Heritage Archives

By Ashleigh Viveiros

If you're a history buff, you could blissfully lose a lot of time in the Winkler Heritage Archives.

Tucked inside the depths of the Winkler Library, the archives, overseen by the Winkler Heritage Society's Ed Falk, are a treasure trove of old photos, historical documents, and more than a few artifacts the society's museum in the mall simply doesn't have space to display.

Falk serves as an able guide to whatever topic one might be researching.

"I want people to know that they can come here and find information about the community, about their families, about their history and the history of the communities around here," he says. "The information is all here if they want it."

The society has spent years organizing the collection, which continues to grow with each new donation.

"All of the material that we have—and there are over 1,000 photos that are catalogued—are donated by people," Falk explains.

"Sometimes they come in collections like this," he says, gesturing to an old photo album. "Sometimes they're individual photos. Sometimes they come in like the George Krahn plaque—somebody comes in here and says, 'I found this at the MCC store, would

you like it?' And of course we say yes."

The Krahn plaque includes a short biography and photo of Winkler's George Cornelius Krahn along with the aircraft he flew for the Royal Canadian Air Force in the Second World War, where he lost his life.

Why it ended up at the thrift shop is anyone's guess, but such is the roundabout way that some artifacts find their way to the archives.

"Sometimes somebody brings in an archive item that is very difficult to understand unless you know the history," Falk says, walking over to another wall display, this time of a large green poster dated 1927.

It's a notice, in German, of an auction to sell off the estate of a couple who died and left behind two children that needed caring for.

"Something like that is most certainly an archive piece. It's almost 100 years old," Falk says, pointing out that it provides an interesting glimpse into life in the Winkler area generations ago.

"And we have materials that are older than that," he continues, opening up an English hymnal from 1841. "This kind of thing is here, and we have people that have written their family stories going back to the 1700s. So we have information like that for people to access."

Legal documents abound at the archives—from some of the area's original land titles to census information going back to 1881.

"I have the maps, the actual maps, of the various times in which Winkler expanded," Falk says.

There are binders and boxes filled with records of everything from the early years of the Stanley Agricultural Society and the Winkler Music Festival to the development of the local landfill.

"Any kind of material that tells the story of the community is something that we just simply treasure ... they're all part of the community's history," Falk says, insistent on how



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Ed Falk of the Winkler Heritage Archives with just a few of the thousands of historical documents they have on file.

important it is to preserve even some seemingly mundane items. "If we don't understand where we come from I think we lose out.

"When you don't record what actually happens then you have his story and her story and his story ... not necessarily is much of it true unless you record it physically and then you have at least some indication of what happened."

While old maps and church records paint a certain kind of picture of the community in years past, equally as important are items of a more personal significance—at least, they could be for the person looking to hunt down their family history.

"This is a baptismal certificate from 1902," Falk says, uncovering an ornate, oversized document. "If somebody hadn't brought it in what do you think would have happened to it?"

Slices of history ending up in the trash gives Falk reason to shudder, though even the heritage society doesn't have room for everything that might come their way.

"Some of the things we have to refuse are newspapers," he says, noting, thankfully, that the digital revolution has at least saved some of those old first drafts of history, and the archives did manage to carve out space for several bound books containing copies of local papers stretching back to the mid-20th century.

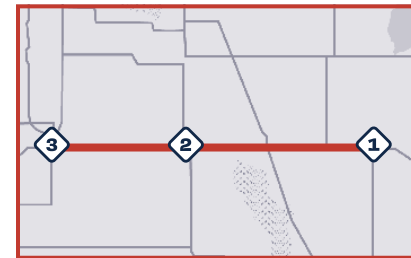
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↓ Happy Rock



1 MAKE FRIENDS WITH HAPPY ROCK

If you're starting from the eastern end of the Yellowhead, your first stop has to be **Gladstone**. Waving at you from the side of the highway is Happy Rock, a top hat-clad smiling rock. Visit the **Gladstone District Museum** for a glimpse into the region's prairie past—including an impressive replica of the town from its early settlement made by a local resident.

Golfers can enjoy the beautifully landscaped nine-hole **Gladstone Golf & Country Club** and bird watchers can head just north of town to **Big Grass Marsh**. As an important birding area of Canada, Big Grass Marsh is a great place to see waterfowl, including mallards, snow geese and Canada geese, especially during the fall migration period.

↓ Agricultural Display Building



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2 WHERE STORIES TAKE A BEAUTIFUL TURN

Just 25 minutes west of Gladstone is the lovely town of **Neepawa**. Visit the **Margaret Laurence Home**, the author's childhood house, now a museum and cultural centre. Visit the titular stone angel statue in the **Riverside Cemetery** along with the author's final resting spot. For more history, check out the **Beautiful Plains Museum**, a 1902 heritage rail station. Wander through three floors of stories, including theme rooms depicting a general store and medical hall.

The **Neepawa Golf and Country Club's** 18 holes are built on top the Whitemud River escarpment. Or, if you're looking for a little more adrenaline, bring your bike to the **HyLife Back 40 Multi-Use Trail Park** at the north

end of town. Its 5.1-km course has a range of obstacles for riders of different abilities, including a skills loop with wooden features. But you don't need to be a cyclist to enjoy this year-round park – walkers can connect to Neepawa's 10-km portion of the Great Trail.

Neepawa's **Farmery Estate Brewery** is the first brewery in Canada to grow its own hops, barley and rye. Take a tour and enjoy a flight of their latest brews. You can also pick up some beer to take home (who doesn't love souvenirs) from the Farmery Craft Beer Store on Main Street in town.

Neepawa has one hotel and two motels along with a campground located next to the town's outdoor pool.

3 EXPERIENCE VALLEY LIFE

Continue west along the Yellowhead for just 20 minutes to arrive in **Minnedosa**. Its name means flowing water in Dakota, which is the reason why a dam was constructed here on the Little Saskatchewan River in 1912. While the dam no longer provides power to the town, its infrastructure has left some legacies, including the popular recreation destination, **Minnedosa Lake**.

The lake boasts a great beach complete with concession, boat launch and rental options for kayaks and other paddling gear. There is a campground next to the beach. Minnedosa Lake is also the site of Manitoba's very first floating water park. **Splash Splash Water Park** features slides, trampolines and tons of floating fun.

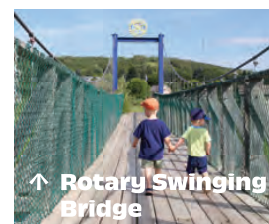
Enjoy the views of the lake and spillway with a stroll along the Flag Walk that connects the beach with

the **Minnedosa Heritage Village**. This charming museum features nine restored heritage buildings, including the impressive octagon-shaped Agricultural Display Building – one of only three left in Manitoba.

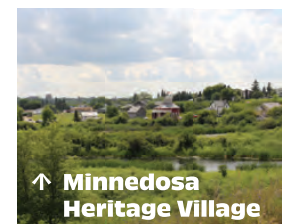
The Oxbow Nature Trail follows the river to a lookout tower and swinging bridge, and takes you past the bison compound. For more ways to enjoy Minnedosa's beautiful scenery, go for a round of disc golf at **River's Edge Recreation Park** or opt for 18 holes at the links-style **Minnedosa Golf and Country Club**, carved out the valley.

Next, explore downtown Minnedosa. Take the self-guided Stone House Tour to see ten heritage buildings that turn up the charm. These include the impressive post office and railway station and even some heritage homes that are now bed and breakfasts.

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↑ Rotary Swinging Bridge



↑ Minnedosa Heritage Village

> ARCHIVES, FROM PG. 12

The Winkler Archives are a quiet place most weeks, especially since the pandemic began. Before that, though, Falk

says they had people coming in pretty regularly for research.

"Now most of my stuff is done by email. People ask about their family history. They want to know something about who's buried where, things like that.

"They come from as far away as B.C., the U.S.," Falk says, recalling one American woman who

walked in the door and realized a century-old photo of a relative of hers was hanging on the wall. "When you have things like that happen, it boggles the mind."

The archives are scheduled to be open Wednesdays from 3-5 p.m., but you can reach Falk to confirm he'll be there or set up an alternate appointment at 204-325-8929.



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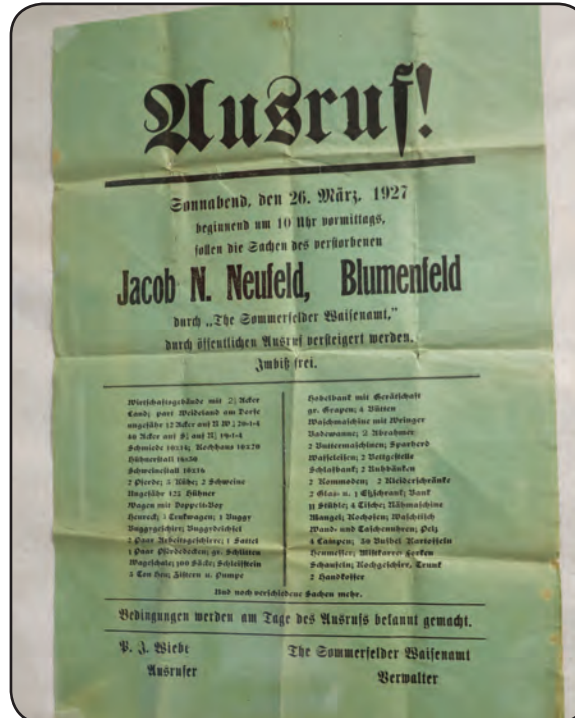
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In addition to all the historical maps, property titles, and photographs, the Winkler Archives are also home to documents like this German poster for an estate auction from 1927 (left) and this plaque honouring the life of George Krahn, one of Winkler's casualties from the Second World War.

Teens arrested in series of break-ins

By Voice staff

Two teenagers are facing charges in connection with a series of break and enters that took place in Morden this summer.

Morden Police last month received several reports of break, enter, and thefts to businesses and one residence.

The investigation identified two suspects believed responsible for the incidents. On Aug. 6, officers executed a search warrant on a home in Morden.

During that search, police located the items they were looking for along with other stolen property.

The suspects, who were not located at the time of the search, were later arrested.

An 18-year-old Morden man has been charged with break, enter and theft, three counts of possession of property obtained by crime, and three counts of failing to comply with an undertaking.

A 16-year-old male youth from Winnipeg is facing charges of break, enter and theft and three counts of possession of property obtained by crime.

Both were initially released with an October court date, but police note that each of them have since been re-arrested for failing to comply with their conditions. As such, further charges are pending.



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Katie Cares hosting online auction in lieu of fashion show

By Ashleigh Viveiros

Models won't be strutting their stuff on the Katie Cares Fashion Show runway this year, but that doesn't mean the charity is sitting idle on the fundraising front.

Katie Cares is holding an online auction Sept. 19 to Oct. 9.

"We've been working on this since January, knowing full well there was no way we'd be able

to get 500+ people together for a fashion show this year," says executive director Ruth Reimer. "I think we have been able to put together a really good auction ... we have some awesome prizes."

Forty-three prize packages, to be exact, including staycation hotel and attraction passes, cabin accommodations outside the area, jewelry, furniture, baby supplies, artwork, a children's play kitchen, a fine wine basket, and more.

"Everything was purchased locally to support our local community," Reimer says, explaining the items were bought thanks to the generosity of individual and corporate donors.

They'll be posting sneak peaks of some of the packages on their social media pages over the next few weeks. The full listing will be available online at katiecares.ca on Sept. 19 when bidding begins.

Bidding will be confidential—registered participants will only be able to see the highest current bid for each item.

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Pest Squad's Faisan Nasir says the company works hard to provide quality customer service and to give back to the community.

The Morden Food Hall and Market is the place to be for the best in exotic cultural food for takeout and delivery.

It showcases three restaurants and a marketplace in one location, and the owners and operators of Ichkaben Doner Kabab, Kitchen Of Spices, and WangDao Bistro feel they have been very much embraced by the community.

"So far so good. It's been a good experience. I believe it's been a good kickstart for all of us," said Ankur Aggarwal of Kitchen of Spices. "It gives us a good start ... with a minimum investment, we were able to start a good business here."

They offer a selection of East Indian cuisine from samosas, pakoras, and naan to paneer, masala, and butter chicken.

"I've been working in this for the last 15 years. I had a restaurant back home in India, and now I wanted to continue when I moved here in 2019," said Aggarwal.

"It is an interesting environment," he said. "You can get three different cultural foods in one place, so it's good for people and good for myself, as I keep eating good food ... I think it's good for everybody."

"It has been an amazing experience," said Louanes Harra of Ichkaben Doner Kebab, which offers a selection of shawarma options and Turkish doners as well as homemade pasta.

"For me, it's the first time I have owned a restaurant but I had lots of experience work-

ing in restaurants," he noted. "I brought this experience from the mid-East ... especially in Dubai, I worked there ... we came in 2015 as exploratory visitors, and we decided to bring something from there to make people happy here."

"People seem happy with our food," Harra said. "Because of the help from the City of Morden, they gave us a good facility to start our business ... we very much appreciate that help."

"I think this is a good opportunity to start a business here," agreed Min Wang of Wangdao Bistro, which offers a selection of Chinese food including Szechuan specialties.

"Because we are just behind the Morden sign ... some tourists will come and try our food ... so I think this is a good position," said Wang, adding that "the community is so nice ... and we have good customers who really support us."

"We have tried to do something a little different, and so far it has been good," she continued. "We are dedicated to making healthy and original authentic Chinese food ... we are trying to add more and bring some different Chinese cuisine to our community."

And she agreed that each restaurant can benefit from the others being nearby.

"Our neighbors have very good cuisine, so we do have a lot of customers ... they will stop by and grab our menus for next time ... sometimes we will give them samples and they will come by next time."

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Reimer isn't sure what to expect in terms of money raised from this auction, but she's hopeful those who have supported Katie Cares in the past will find something to bid on.

"This is something very new for us," she says, noting it's a much bigger scope than the relatively small prize auction they have at the fashion show each year. "We've never done it at this scale before." The funds are integral to the continued operation of Katie's Cottage, the

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"We need to do this so we can sustain the cottage," Reimer says, noting the past year and a half has been tough for them, as it's been for everyone. "We're feeling the pinch in that we feel we need to do something."

"We're very careful with the money that has been entrusted with us—and donations are still coming in, though maybe not at the rate that we had in the past—and we're grateful for every cent that has come in."

With any luck, the fashion show will return for 2022, and Reimer can't wait.

"I think we all want to get out and do something again," she says.



This impressive kid-sized play kitchen is one of dozens of prize packages up for grabs in the Katie Cares online auction. Bids open Sept. 19.

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Reunion Days at PTM



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The Pembina Threshermen's Museum hosted its 53rd annual Reunion Days Sept. 3-4, welcoming history-lovers to come check out their pioneer village and enjoy a variety of demonstrations, parades, and old time meals made by the Valley Harvest Maids. Clockwise from above: Volunteers showcase their blacksmithing and yarn spinning skills; a bevy of classic cars and vintage tractors were on site all weekend; no Reunion Days celebration would be complete with out some threshing action. The day also included daily parades, barrel train rides for the kids, the opening of the Siemens house for the first time to the public, and musical entertainment in the Roseisle United Church building.





COMMUNITY NEWS



Tickets on sale now for Raise the Woof

By Lorne Stelmach

An important fundraiser for the Pembina Valley Humane Society is hitting a milestone this fall.

Given that the Raise the Woof comedy night is in its 10th year, the organization would love to see the Sept. 24 event be a bigger success than ever.

"This is certainly one of those events that we rely on each year," said public relations rep Holly Thorne, who noted the last comedy night pre-CO-

VID brought in about \$10,00. "We're obviously hoping to reach that same amount if not more this time.

"After the last 18 months that we've had, who doesn't want to get out and have a laugh?" she said. "Come on down, have a good time, and help raise a large amount of money for what we're trying to do, which is to save these animals."

Tickets went on sale Sept. 6 for the Winkler Dental Clinic Raise the Woof taking place at the Days Inn Confer-

ence Centre in Winkler on Friday, Sept. 24.

Dinner from Flavours of Mexico will be served at 6 p.m. followed by the show at 8 p.m. There will be lots of prizes to win including the return of the mystery bags.

Taking the stage this year will be comedians Michael Greene, Emmanuel Lomuro, and headliner Scott Belford, whose relatable comedy stylings and nostalgic, witty, and creative approach has made him a hit.

Belford spent years as a radio DJ before finding his true calling on the comedic stage. Since moving to Edmonton in 2008, he has won funniest person in Edmonton at the West Edmonton Mall's Comic Strip and opened for big name acts such as Jay Mohr and Pauly Shore while touring across the country.

Having been involved with the Raise the Woof organization almost since its inception, Belford said he is always glad to have opportunities to perform at these events.

"It is a great cause ... wherever they're trying to raise money for animals, I'll go," he said. "Whenever you can use your talent to help raise money for a good cause, I love to do it, love to be part of it, and it is always very rewarding."

Belford especially enjoys when it

takes him to smaller centres like Winkler and Morden.

"One of my favorite things about playing small towns is that it's a special event whenever there's something like this that goes on," he said. "You do get everyone kind of coming out, and I love small towns for their sense of community ... there is that sense of community that you maybe don't have in a big city."

Thorne said they always appreciate the many comedians who each year support this and other similar events across the continent.

"They're going to small towns all across the country to really help the cause, which is really pet over-population and pet homelessness across the country," she said. "The fact that there are people out there who are willing to give their time and their talents for something so noble is awesome."

Tickets are \$40 per person (rush seating) or a full table for \$290. All public health orders at the time of the event will be followed, including masks and proof of vaccination.

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Comedian Scott Belford headlines Pembina Valley Humane Society's Raise the Woof fundraiser Sept. 24. He'll be joined by fellow funny men Michael Greene and Emmanuel Lomuro.

Morden community centre in the works

By Lorne Stelmach

A Morden community centre is in the works with the aim of bringing a range of services under one roof.

The project draws inspiration at least in part from what has been done down the road in Winkler, proponents noted last week.

"People have noticed the success and the impact of Central Station in Winkler and felt we should have something like that in our area," said Gerald Dyck, who is a pastor at Westside Community Church, which has been spearheading the project in Morden. "Central Station started a lot like that with a church helping start it ... then handing it off to the community."

"We were told by the provincial government that Morden was the largest community that does not have a community centre in the province. That got our attention."

There has been talk for a number of years about the need for a community centre, and the church started wondering how it could help to get it off the ground.

The idea started to come together with the City of Morden agreeing to provide use of the space in the former Variety Advertising building at 500 Stephen St., which is also the working name for the centre at the moment.

"The plan is very much still in the developmental stage," said Dyck. "The city was very generous in providing the space for us ... we pay rent but it's at a great rate."

A proposal put out by Westside had outlined a two year vision with a commitment of \$20,000 a year to at least get it established.

"We'll help start it," said Dyck, who stressed that they very much want this to be driven by the community, so there is a task force of interested community members in place "to carry on with the vision and carry on with developing a community centre."

Who all will be involved in terms of agencies and organizations is still in the works, but Dyck suggested they may see this possibly serving as an incubator space of sorts for local non-profit organizations.

"Many Hands will be a part of it and probably one of the anchor tenants," Dyck said of the organization which just recently took over operation of the food bank program formerly run by The Hub.

"The food bank will likely be situated there. It would be a great connecting point," said Dyck, who noted they are working on getting charitable status.

"There's definitely a learning curve here," he said, suggesting there are a



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The old Variety Advertising building at 500 Stephen St. is going to be home to Morden's new community centre this fall.

variety of organizations that could potentially be involved and be a benefit and support to each other as part of this facility. "We probably had conversations with well over 20 non-profit organizations, maybe more, of what they would need and what would be helpful for them."

"If we could work with other organizations ... that's what Central Station has done so well, kind of break down the barriers," Dyck said. "It's helping them work together to truly serve the community."

"We see this as a place where they're not just picking up a food hamper ... it's really connecting people to what they need in the community."

The building does need some work, which Dyck describes as mostly cosmetic in nature, and they've already gotten some support recently with a \$5,000 donation from Co-op toward renovations for washrooms.

Dyck is encouraged by the support the venture is already receiving in the early stages of development.

"Doors have opened for us ... people can see the benefit of a community centre."

They're looking at Nov. 1 as a possible opening date. In the meantime, Dyck encourages people to stay tuned to social media for updates on 500 Stephen Street

New public health orders now in effect

By Voice staff

A day before they were slated to come into effect, government officials provided some clarity on the newest public health orders last week Thursday.

The orders include a return of the mask mandate in indoor public spaces and require proof of vaccination against COVID-19 at certain events and locations.

"These orders will inform and guide us as we work to avoid the most serious effects of a fourth wave, and address the threat posed by the delta variant," said Dr. Brent Roussin, chief provincial public health officer. "By continuing to encourage Manitobans to get vaccinated, and supporting businesses and services as they take the steps to comply with these orders, we can work together to get through

these difficult times."

Outdoor gatherings in public spaces are now limited to 500 people, down from the former limit of 1,500. Community fairs and festivals will be allowed to operate above that limit, subject to protocols approved by public health.

Museums and galleries are allowed to open, but are now required to ask for proof of vaccination from visitors to access indoor areas.

Wedding receptions held in licensed premises will be subject to the same rules as restaurants and licensed premises, and guests will have to show proof of vaccination.

Food courts are also now required to comply with the same rules as restaurants for dine-in patrons and require proof of vaccination if they choose to open for options other than take-out.

Proof of vaccination is also required

to attend indoor and outdoor ticketed sporting events; concerts, indoor theatre/dance/symphony events; restaurants (indoor and patio dining); nightclubs and all other licensed premises; casinos, bingo halls and VLT lounges; movie theatres; fitness centres, gyms and indoor sporting and recreational facilities (excluding youth recreational sport); and organized indoor group recreational classes and activities, and indoor recreational business.

Children born after Dec. 31, 2009 who are not eligible to be immunized will be able to attend events and activities with a fully-immunized adult.

Roussin notes these public health orders will reduce the need for more stringent restrictions and lockdowns that would otherwise be necessary to combat the COVID-19 fourth wave and protect the province's hospital and critical care capacities.

"We must continue to take steps to encourage people to be fully-immunized before attending higher-risk events, activities and services because we know—and the data is showing us—that when people get vaccinated it helps slow the spread of the virus," he said. "We must continue to be vigilant and follow the basics, or more drastic restrictions will be needed to keep us all safe."

Heading into the long weekend, Manitoba was reporting 440 active cases, 57,213 recoveries, and 1,192 deaths due to the virus.

The provincial test positivity rate was 2.4 per cent. A total of 66 people were hospitalized with the virus, 10 in ICU.

In the Pembina Valley, Winkler's case count had jumped to 17, Morden was reporting six cases, Stanley five, Altona seven, and Carman one.

Artisan Market Tour finally a go for Sept. 18

By Ashleigh Viveiros

LaDawn Insull has been foiled twice this year in trying to get the first Artisan Market Tour going in Morden-Winkler, but it looks like third time's going to be



Look for this sign Sept. 18 to find stops on the first Artisan Market Tour.

the charm.

The pandemic-delayed celebration of all things handcrafted is slated to take place next week Saturday, Sept. 18 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

"We have 40 different artisans between Morden, Winkler, and the RM of Stanley," says Insull, noting the bulk of the stops are in the cities, with just a couple outside in the nearby countryside.

"Basically, you have to travel a little if you want food," she says, noting the out of town locations include pretzel and cider makers.

The non-food vendors run the gamut from jewelry, pottery, and sign-makers to those crafting dog treats, toys, clothing, and more, all handmade.

"There's not only a range of products but also a range of ages," Insull says. "We've got BowWow-Chow, she's an elementary school kid who decided to start this business making dog treats; she sends part of her proceeds to the humane society. We've got all the way from her up to seniors who are doing this in their retirement, and the whole gamut in between."

"Everyone's going to have their stuff to sell but then there's also going to be artisans like Lasered

Edge in Morden, she's going to be showing off her laser," Insull says. "That's something she can't do at a regular show but because this is at her home she can open up her studio and do some demonstrations to show people how it works."

The vendors are all eager for an opportunity to showcase their wares, especially after the past 18 months when so many craft shows were delayed or cancelled outright.

"The whole point of the tour is to be able to give local artisans opportunity, all these makers and bakers who have missed so many markets along the way," says Insull. "Hopefully the communities of Morden, Winkler and the RM of Stanley can rally around and come and support these creators."

A complete tour map will be available online at www.artisanmarkettour.weebly.com soon. You can also keep an eye out for Artisan Market Tour signs on the yard of every stop that day. Vendors will have a few paper maps to hand out as well.

It's completely free to check out the tour, though any purchases you make earn you additional tickets into the day's prize draw for items donated by the vendors. Simply attending earns you a ticket as well.

"WE HAVE 40
DIFFERENT
ARTISANS ..."

Job fair on this week at Regional Connections

By Lorne Stelmach

Regional Connections is again looking to help match up employers and job seekers in the region, and they are able to do it in person now.

The organization has held a couple job fairs in the past year, but they had to be strictly online events given pandemic restrictions.

This time, the job fair taking place Thursday, Sept. 9 at the Regional Connections office in Winkler (295 Perry St.) will have the advantage of allowing people to meet face to face.

"I'm very happy that we can make this happen," said Adeleke Dada, employment coordinator at Regional Connections. "Online has its challenges. Not everyone is tech savvy or comfortable with that ... but it's also good for employers to meet these people with in-person interaction."

It is a better format for people to talk about their skills and get across the intangible skills they can bring to the table, and Dada wants it to be an opportunity for anyone, whether they are looking for a first job, a different job, or want to upgrade to a better career.

Taking place from 2-6:30 p.m., the job fair will have about 20 employers from across the region, and there will

be a good variety of employment opportunities represented from manufacturing to retail, and such things as home care and the police service.

"And it's covering the whole area, not just Winkler and Morden but the entire Pembina Valley area," said Dada. "If you are looking for a job anywhere in this region, feel free to attend."

Dada said they want this to be a key part of an ongoing effort to connect people with work opportunities in the area and create a platform for job seekers to meet employers and potentially land jobs.

"It's helping employers fill those gaps and meet their employment needs," said Dada. "We are always

trying to support and build stronger communities and also collaborate and help people."

For more information, call 204-325-4059, e-mail info@regionalconnections.ca, or head online to www.regionalconnections.ca.

Kick your unwanted treasures to the curb

Winkler's annual Giveaway Weekend returns

By Ashleigh Viveiros

Stuff. We've all got it. And we've all got a bunch of it we don't need, even if there's nothing wrong with it.

Enter Winkler's Curbside Giveaway Weekend.

The city's annual celebration of decluttering takes place Friday, Sept. 17 and Saturday, Sept. 18.

It couldn't be simpler to take part, says organizer Wendy Klassen.

"All you need to do is put stuff out

that's reusable, that's the key—you don't want to just put junk out that nobody wants," she says.

So those clothes that don't fit you anymore? Those toys your kids outgrew a decade ago? The "I'm going to build something with it someday" planks of wood that have lived in your garage since flip phones were in style? All fair game to become someone else's treasures if you put it on the curb that Friday morning.

Just don't forget to slap a "Free" sign on it and to keep anything you don't want taken far away from the pile.

"Don't have other items nearby so people are confused and take the wrong things," Klassen urges, equally reminding treasure hunters to not take any yard items that are not clear-

ly marked as being up for grabs.

Other than that, the only other thing the City asks is that you clean up whatever didn't get spirited away by dusk on the Saturday.

You can share your offerings and finds by using #winklercurbside on social media or head to the event page on the City of Winkler's Facebook page to post a photo in advance and check out what's out there.

If ever there was a COVID-19 safe community event it's this one, Klassen noted, as curbside interactions can be pretty minimal between the get-ridders and the picker-uppers. Still, people taking part are reminded to follow all public health orders and safety protocols while doing so.

People's Party leader makes Winkler area stop

By Ashleigh Viveiros

A massive crowd gathered in a field south of Winkler Monday afternoon for a Southern Manitoba Freedom Rally featuring People's Party of Canada leader Maxime Bernier.

Bernier was slated to appear at a rally here back in June but was arrested upon arriving in Manitoba for breaking provincial COVID-19 quarantine rules.

He said he's not afraid to be arrested once again.

"I'm ready to go back in jail to fight for freedoms. You can count on me," he told the assembled crowd, going on to stress that Canadians' rights and freedoms "are under attack by these authoritarian governments" and lauding them for being "ready to fight for your way of life."

Bernier asserted his party is the only major federal party standing up against vaccine passports.

"There's four traditional establishment political parties that are all the same on COVID passports," he said, noting he and his fellow PPC members have been standing up against restrictions from the start of the pandemic. "We were saying at that time that every business is essential. We said that we must reopen our church-

es ..."

The movement has been growing steadily ever since and it's about to come to a head with the federal election Sept. 20, Bernier said.

"A lot of people understand that this election will be a referendum of do you want more government control over your lives, always more government control? Or more freedom? We choose freedom."

He urged traditionally Conservative voters to vote their conscience and not worry about splitting the vote.

"There's no splitting the vote when you choose freedom," he said, stressing Conservative Party of Canada leader Erin O'Toole is "taking your vote for granted."

He noted the Tories win this area of southern Manitoba by such a wide margin every election that vote splitting is not a real concern for those who want to see their conservative values represented in Ottawa.

He pledged that a PPC government would balance the budget by being fiscally responsible, including by cutting government support of things like the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation (CBC) and the World Health Organization.

He also expressed his skepticism about climate change, his support for



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PPC supporters filled a field south of Winkler Monday afternoon to hear party leader Maxime Bernier (right) share his election promises.

more oil pipelines, and his disbelief in the efficacy of the COVID-19 vaccines.

"We are saying no to racial politics. We are saying no to identity politics," Bernier continued. "We are saying no to political correctness and we are saying yes to our way of life and we want to unite all Canadians under the freedom umbrella."

The event also included remarks from Portage-Lisgar and Provencher PPC candidates Solomon Wiebe and Noel Gautron, among others.

Bernier's other Manitoba stops on Monday included Steinbach and Winnipeg.

The People's Party was formed in



2018 after Bernier resigned from the Conservative Party. None of its 315 candidates across the country earned a seat in 2019. They have 312 candidates this time around.

Goertzen sworn in as Manitoba's interim premier

Pulls the plug on five bills, including Bill 64, to give new leader a "clean slate"

By Ashleigh Viveiros

Kelvin Goertzen is Manitoba's interim premier for the next couple months.

The Manitoba Progressive Conservative Caucus selected the Steinbach MLA to temporarily fill the role left vacant by the departing Brian Pallister last week.

"There was healthy dialogue and discussion ... on the future of our cau-

cus and a desired path forward for an interim leader," said caucus chair Greg Nesbitt in a statement. "It was unanimously decided that Kelvin Goertzen is the best person to lead us through this interim period until a new leader is selected in the fall."

The Tories are expected to select their new permanent leader at the end of October.

Goertzen has been the MLA for Steinbach since 2003, serving as the minister of health, seniors, and active living and the minister of education at various points in his career. In January he was appointed minister of legislative and public affairs and deputy premier of Manitoba.

Shortly after his swearing in as Manitoba's 23rd premier, Goertzen

announced several pieces of legislation delayed by the NDP opposition would be scrapped for now.

Chief among them is the contentious Bill 64, which sought to reform the provincial public education system. These reforms have been met with a great deal of criticism and protests in recent months.

Goertzen said he wanted to leave important decisions like these to his successor.

"A new leader has to be able to set their own agenda," he said. "This really is about setting that clean slate for a new leader; that's why it's important to remove these five bills."

The Manitoba Legislature is expected to sit briefly this fall to withdraw these bills and deal with a few neces-

sary budget matters.

In another one of his first acts as interim premier, Goertzen appointed Families Minister Rochelle Squires to serve as deputy premier.

He also did some cabinet role shuffling, including:

- Squires and Infrastructure Minister Ron Schuler will join the Priorities and Planning Committee of Cabinet;
- Crown Services Minister Jeff Wharton will become the chair of the Regulatory Accountability Committee of Cabinet and Justice Minister Cameron Friesen will join the committee as vice-chair; and
- Indigenous Reconciliation and Northern Relations Minister Alan Lagimodiere will join the Gender-Based Violence Committee of Cabinet.

CFDC got its start thanks to the passion of three fossil hunters

The Canadian Fossil Discovery Centre is celebrating 50 years in 2021. This week, we look back at its beginnings ...

By Lorne Stelmach

It all started with a canoe trip and three friends hearing talk of fossils in the hills near Morden.

Henry Isaak, Don Bell, and David Lumgair were curious enough to go check it out for themselves, and it is from that simple beginning that Morden is now home to the Canadian Fossil Discovery Centre.

Thankfully, unlike some others who may have found fossils and either just damaged or sold them, they realized right from the start 50 years ago that this was something important that needed to be collected and protected.

"To me, it was so exciting ... and it kept me coming back," said Isaak, who has called Winnipeg home since the mid-1980s but remained interested in what was being done with a fossil collection now widely regarded as significant.

"Every year, we were just amazed by how much we could collect out there," he recalled. "To me, it was just really incredible ... and once you start doing this kind of thing, it's pretty easy to keep finding more stuff and keep getting more and more into it."

"It is satisfying ... to see the stuff that you cared about is actually being cared for still," added Bell. "All in all, it was a lot of fun for us."

The fossil discoveries made as a result of bentonite mining operations in the area led what was then the Morden and District Museum to start working in collaboration with Pembina Mountain Clays to salvage fossils being uncovered.

It became a productive partnership that endured for at least six years until 1978 following the departure of mining crews.

It was all started and directed by Isaak and Bell, both local high school teachers who still vividly remember those early days of discovery, starting from when they overheard the conversation about fossils being found.

"Henry and I looked at each other, and next morning, as soon as the sun was up, we were out searching," said Bell. "At seven in the morning, there were people out on that site already with hammers breaking off pieces of bone of probably the best skull I have ever seen ... they had pretty well obliterated it, but the preservation was incredible."

"I didn't have a clue then what it all was ... as it turned out, there was a complete flipper from a plesiosaur, and it was just laying there in the ground," said Isaak.

He recalled hearing that the company had been finding fossils for years and had tried contacting the Manitoba Museum about it. Isaak did so then as well, but the museum indicated that it didn't have the staff or resources to pursue the matter.



From left: David Lumgair, Henry Isaak, and Don Bell during the years they were finding fossils for what would become the Canadian Fossil Discovery Centre in Morden.

"We just figured okay, we'll start collecting some ... and we just kept finding more and more stuff. It was easy," said Isaak. "We started learning a little bit about what it is, what we were finding and how to properly collect and preserve them. I just kept bringing them home, and I filled up my dad's garage."

"I was surprised to learn that they were even finding fossils like this here," he said, wondering what may have happened to some of the earliest finds. "Some really, really great fossils, probably some of them were better than anything we've got in the museum now, were lost, and we just thought that was a real shame."

"Every time they opened a new pit, we were guaranteed to find fossils."

"Henry and I said you know, maybe it's a silly thing to think of, but maybe we should try rescuing these things as they find them," shared Bell. "So we contacted Pembina Mountain Clays, which was doing the bentonite mining, and they sort of gave us permission. We couldn't interfere with what they were doing, but we could hang around."

He particularly credited one worker, Roy Friesen, who did the last scraping before the bentonite layers.

"He was amazing. He'd be driving along and all of a sudden he'd wave his arm in the air and point down to the ground ... sure enough, there was always some kind of preserved bones," Bell said. "And he identified them just through feel while driving his tractor. I always thought it was amazing, but he was accurate."

"What he could do in 10 seconds would take us weeks," added Isaak. "They were always good about it ... if there was something there, they would move over to another location."

"We were chasing them from one place to the other ... in the first three

years, we were probably in at least four different scenarios where they were mining, and we collected as much as we could," said Bell, who estimated that perhaps 90 per cent of what ended up in the museum resulted from their efforts.

In the early going, they soon started storing finds in the basement of the former post office building where the recently established museum had some space.

"The museum itself was really small ... at that point, we were almost filling up the whole basement," said Isaak. "I was lucky enough that for about maybe 10 years or so I was able to get grants to hire some other students to come out and help me ... and we just collected a lot of stuff."

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In 1974, the Royal Ontario Museum sent a team to help that summer, and it proved to be a momentous year of discoveries, including finding the fossil of the mosasaur that came to be known as Bruce.

"With Bruce ... we knew it was a huge mosasaur but we had no idea ... we just knew that the thing we had found was really big," said Isaak.

Bell also recalled the circumstances around the discovery of the plesiosaur that came to be known as Suzy.

"We found it in the pit ... it was a Sunday morning ... and we realized Henry's car wouldn't hold it, my car wouldn't hold it, so we needed a pickup truck ... the cast was too big because we didn't want to take it out in too many pieces."

"We came into town to get some help ... when we got there, a couple of gopher hunters had found this thing and shaken the bones out of it and made a mess ... that's why it then spent a year in my basement. It was in my basement for a whole year, trying to put the pieces back together."

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A "short-necked" plesiosaur found at the old bentonite mining operation.

Winkler woman pens memoir

By Ashleigh Viveiros

"You should really write a book."

It's something Hilda Dueck has heard many times from friends and family over the years as she's shared stories of her eight decades of life.

It's encouragement Dueck took to heart, hoping one day she'd find time to put pen to paper.

"People make bucket lists and two of the things on mine was I wanted to paint and I wanted to write a book," she says while chatting in a common room at the Buhler Active Living Centre in Winkler, where she and her husband Henry now call home.

A few of her paintings grace the halls and offices at the Buhler centre, and so tackling the book was up next.

The time to finally get started on it came unexpectedly when Henry suffered a stroke in 2018.

"He had to rest, but he wanted me close by. So I thought maybe this is the time to start writing," Dueck recalls. "I wanted to leave a legacy for our children and future generations, our grandkids."

As with every family, there are so many stories that get lost in time, especially once the storytellers start to age or pass away.

"Even now the kids will say, 'We didn't know that happened, Mom.' ... They wanted to know what happened when we first met, what was it

like when we went to school. All these questions I wanted to answer for them."

So Dueck got herself an iPad and got to work, jotting down memories as they came to her.

The resulting book stretches back to the lives of her parents and grandparents, who fled to Canada to escape persecution in Ukraine. It follows Dueck through her childhood as a McCreary area farm girl, her young adulthood earning her nursing stripes, and her years as a mother to loving brood that included dozens of foster children.

It details as well her many health challenges, including a diabetes diagnosis as a young woman.

"When we got married, I thought he was nuts to marry me ... a diabetic in the '50s was a death sentence," Dueck says, smiling over at her husband of

57 years. "Insulin hadn't been out all that long and they didn't have all the things that are available today in terms of monitoring.

"I said, 'We'll just take it one year at a time.' I never in all my life thought I would live this long. The lifespan I've been given has been a big bonus ... I've been able to live a normal life."

Normal but not without its hardships, including the death of her eldest son in suspicious circumstances and several serious health scares over the years.

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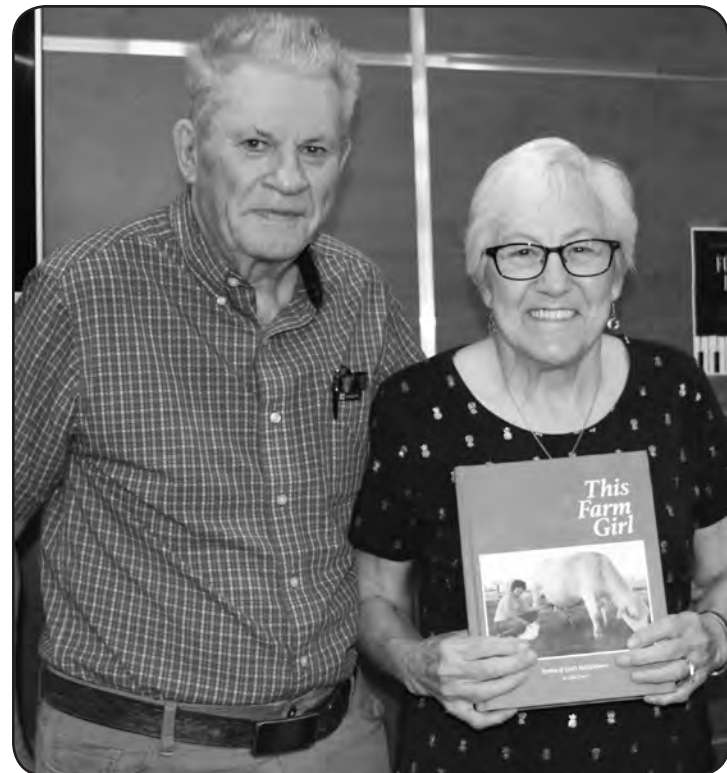


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Hilda Dueck with her husband Henry and her hot-off-the-presses memoir, *This Farm Girl: Stories of God's Faithfulness*.

"It was emotional. It was traumatic at times," Dueck recalls of reliving those difficult experiences as she wrote.

Amidst it all, though, a common theme emerged. Faith has long been an important part of Dueck's life, and she found example after example of God's handiwork threaded throughout the stories.

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As the discoveries continued to increase, Isaak noted he came to appreciate how it was all equally important.

"All of the other little [finds] would be just as important ... we did recognize it was really important to try to collect as much material in each area so that later on, people with more knowledge than we had, could look at it and put together a more complete picture."

He continued to pursue any and all grants that he could find, and one eventually led to the development of the empty space in the basement of the recreation centre.

"We were kind of lucky that our projects were sort of unique ... it was completely different ... but I was surprised that year after year they would keep giving us money to keep working."

"Most of the money was raised out of Ottawa ... I think it was three years in a row where Henry brought in about \$200,000," estimated Bell. "He researched every possible grant and money for anything that was available."

"He ran the show. I was just like Ton-to, his sidekick," said Bell, who went on to very much sing Isaak's praises.

"Henry had a photographic memory. He probably had the highest IQ of anybody I have ever known," Bell recalled. "People would ask him where did you find that bone, and he would sit there for a moment and then say it was on the southwest quarter in the second pit. He could remember this years later.

"He became very well known ... Hank really did so much to make that museum happen and function," said Bell. "This, for the summer, became a full time job for him. He would phone me and say I think we've got a big one, we have to go dig," said Bell.

"I can think of the weekends that Hank and I use to go down to the States and do research at universities," he added. "Everything he seemed to do had a purpose, and he recognized the importance of it."

"Don helped a lot, especially initially when it was just me and him," stressed Isaak.

Both are pleased to see how far the museum has grown and developed, and they look forward to seeing what more could materialize in the future, including plans for a standalone building one day.

"It expands the territory where peo-



Paleontologist Elizabeth Nicholls (centre) and crew collecting a specimen in 1974.

ple hear of Morden and hear of what's going on," said Bell. "I'm looking forward to seeing how this might play out and what it could become ... it's a destination for people."

"I hope that sometime in the future they'll get to have a standalone building ... especially so that the big skeletons could be displayed better ... and if it could even be right in the hills where some of the bentonite pits were would be ideal," said Isaak. "And

I think there's got to be thousands of better fossils than we've ever found still in the ground there somewhere.

"I'm proud of what we've done," he concluded. "I'm glad that we did it, and I'm glad now that people can get an idea of what the area was like ... it's important."

Check out next week's Voice for a look at the CFDC today—and its plans for tomorrow.

• A LOOK BACK

Remembering Mrs. Vivian Brunn

Without fail, every June and September my thoughts wander back to my school days. No wonder, I guess, since almost my entire life revolved around the school cycle.

Lately, I have been reminiscing about Mrs. Vivian Brunn. I had a wonderful year in her Grade 5 class at the Maple Leaf School in Morden.

Our family had recently moved to a small home on 1st St.. The Maple Leaf School is located on 12th St. We walked those 12 blocks every school day; morning, noon and night. But we didn't mind! We had friends to walk with and we knew different ways of making our trek interesting.

In fall, we gathered leaves and flowers for science projects. In winter, we threw snowballs at each other and tripped one another on the icy sidewalks. In spring, we waded in the water-filled ditches and often arrived at school or home dripping wet. In summer, we delighted in shedding our warm clothing and enjoyed the freedom of chasing one another without boots to hinder us. Those were the days parents and teachers were not too concerned about our hijinks on the way to and from school.

At Teachers' College and, later, during my education classes at the university, it was implied that the teaching methods taught today were superior to those of previous generations of educators. Mrs. Brunn must have been way ahead of her time. She loved language arts, math, social studies, art, and drama and we knew it. She chose creative projects in these subjects and encouraged us as we worked alone and in groups.

Mrs. Brunn was notable for her impeccable dress and her perfectly polished nails. All the girls in class admired her and wanted to be like her and to be noticed by her. When she retired, the trustees put on a skit portraying her wearing a suit and heels as she helped a

class of first graders with an art project. Later, someone commented Mrs. Brunn was the only teacher on staff, ever, who could glue and paint with her students while dressed like the CEO of a large corporation.

In Gr. 5, we did not have to wear tunics every day. We only wore them for festival or other special occasions. Mom did her best but I did not have a huge wardrobe. One day I wore a simple stripped cotton sundress she had sewn for me. When Mrs. Brunn complimented me on the dress, I wanted to wear it every day.

The school year of 1952-1953 was not only a good year for me, it was a historic year for Canadians. Every spring, for many years, most communities in Canada experienced a devastating polio epidemic. This year, Gr. 5 students were chosen to be given an experimental oral vaccine. We lined up and each of us received a dose of pink liquid on a white plastic spoon. This oral vaccine was the forerunner of the very successful polio vaccine developed later.

This was also the year of Princess Elizabeth's coronation. Our entire school, Gr. 1-12, crowded into an assembly hall. A projector and screen was set up and we watched with awe the pomp and ceremony of that special day as it was portrayed in black and white. My mother was sorry she had not been able to attend. She had a scrapbook full of pictures of the royal family!

Mrs. Brunn was kind and caring toward all her students. One girl in class came from a troubled family. Before our class picture was taken, Mrs. Brunn took her to the staff room and helped her wash up and put on the clean clothes she had brought. When I hesitantly gave Mrs. Brunn a note from my mother explaining why I could not bring Red Cross money every Friday, Mrs. Brunn never again put my name on the board to remind me.

During my early years in school, we did not often get new students. So it was cause for excitement when a good-looking, well-dressed little boy from the United States appeared one day. His dad was working on the pipeline being built near Morden. Mrs. Brunn took an interest in him and questioned him about his life. Then she 'seized the moment' and our Canada studies were put aside as we learned about the United States. Soon all Morden's fifth graders knew the 50 states and their capitals.

My baby sister was born on January 26, 1953. When I told Mrs. Brunn, she shared in my excitement, want-



The author, left, with her sister Jeanne in their special school tunics.

ing to know all about her and what we were naming her. Ten years later, she also taught Debbie in Gr. 5.

The biggest event of this year was the Red Cross fundraiser put on by our class alone. I was chosen to be in two dramas and one dance. We all loved Mrs. Brunn's huge smile and the way she laughed at our antics. But trying to teach me those simple dance steps must have had her laughing instead of crying. My two left feet kept getting in each other's way. The book *Mennonites Don't Dance* had not yet been written but in my case the title proved to be true.

While my siblings and I were walking those 12 long blocks to and from school every day, a new school was being built just four blocks from our home. In September of 1953, I began Gr. 6 with Miss Popkes in the brand new Morden Elementary School at 150 Wardrop St. Now, when I visit Morden, I love seeing the two schools I enjoyed attending still standing with new generations of children being educated there including many of my great-nieces and nephews!

Florence Dyck is a former Mordenite now living in the Okanagan



By Florence Dyck

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From there, with some help from book designer Kayla Sukkau, came the title: *This Farm Girl: Stories of God's Faithfulness*.

"I shouldn't be here ... I've been so close to death four or five times," Dueck shares, noting she had a second heart attack last year as she was finishing up her writing. It landed her in the hospital for triple bypass surgery.

But her faith has helped her get through whatever life threw at her.

"God had spared my life so many times and has been faithful to see me through each difficult situation," says Dueck. "He's always with me ... I don't know how people do it that don't have faith."

Dueck hopes people will find inspiration and hope in her stories, and perhaps as well in her perseverance

to get those stories down on paper for posterity.

"Never underestimate what you can do," she urges others, especially those in their golden years for whom writing their own memoir could be a hugely rewarding project to tackle.

"I'm amazed how many people in here walk around with an iPad that could put down their stories," Dueck says. "I mean, I'm not a typist, but

you soon learn."

Though all of the original published copies of Dueck's book have already been spoken for, she's open to printing off another run if there's enough interest.

Purchase would be by donation, with funds going to support charitable programs and projects.

You can reach Dueck at 204-325-1251.

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Hawk hopefuls hit the ice for tryouts



PHOTOS BY LORNE STELMACH/VOICE

Tryout weekend saw players put through their paces to land a spot on the roster of the male U18 Pembina Valley Hawks. Play kicks off with exhibition games against the Winnipeg Thrashers Sept. 17, Winnipeg Wild Sept. 18, and Winnipeg Bruins Sept. 19. The regular season then starts with a doubleheader weekend against Central Plains Sept. 25 and 26th.

Winkler Flyers, Pistons split weekend games

By Voice staff

It was a weekend of mixed results for the Winkler Flyers as they took to the ice for the first time in months for the MJHL pre-season.

Friday night saw the boys head to Steinbach to face the Pistons.

Winkler outshot Steinbach through the first two periods, 11-9 and 13-8, but it was the home team who finally made good on their scoring chances in the middle frame's 13th minute when Marc-Antoine Ducharme got one past Winkler netminder Brock Moroz unassisted.

The Flyers had seven more shots on net to Steinbach's nine in the final frame, but failed to find the back of the net on any of them, giving the game to the Pistons 1-0.

Moroz made 25 saves in net overall while his teammates fired 31 at Steinbach's Simon Harkness.

Game two in front of a hometown crowd was another close affair, again won by just one goal, but this time

around it was Winkler who came out on top.

Steinbach drew first blood five minutes in courtesy of Quinton Pepper, but the Flyers responded with three of their own fired home by Josh Beauchemin, Jeremy Dunmore, and Nicolas McKee.

The team's fourth goal of the night,

scored by Dayton Kiesman, was sandwiched in between goals by Cole Fournier and Bryce Warkentine for the Pistons in the second period.

A scoreless third period put the final nail in Steinbach's coffin.

Malachi Klassen stood tall in net for the full 60 minutes, making 26 saves as Winkler outshot Steinbach 32-29

overall.

The Flyers take on Selkirk and Virden twice each this week, playing home games Wednesday and Saturday and away Tuesday and Friday to close out the pre-season.

They then kick off the regular season Sept. 18 in Winkler against Portage.

Hawks start pre-season with 3-2 win

By Voice staff

The Pembina Valley Hawks got the pre-season off on the right foot over the weekend, downing the Eastman

Selects 3-2 in Niverville Saturday.

The MFHL team hits the road this weekend to play Westman in Brandon Saturday and Pilot Mound Prep Sunday.

In other Hawks news, the team has selected Quinn McLaren as captain, with Abbey Bourdeaud'hui, Emily Foster, and Mya Pearce as alternates.

Winkler Storm fall to Hellas SC 3-0

By Voice staff

The Winkler Storm dropped a 3-0 decision to Hellas SC last Wednesday in Winnipeg.

The loss brings the team's record to 0-2-3 in the Manitoba Major Soccer League's Premier Division, putting them in sixth place out of eight teams. Coming up, Winkler hosts Ital-Inter

SC at 4 p.m. this Sunday. They then round out the season playing at FC Winnipeg Lions Sept. 19.

Playoffs begin the first week of October.

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get inspired

> MEAL IDEAS



Overnight Apple Cinnamon French Toast Casserole

Spray 8-by-8-inch glass baking dish with nonstick cooking spray.

In baking dish, add 10 ounces cubed French bread in bottom of dish. Pour apple filling over bread. Top with remaining cubed French bread. Set aside.

In medium bowl, whisk eggs, half-and-half and cinnamon. Pour evenly over bread.

Cover with aluminum foil and chill overnight.

Heat oven to 325 F.

Remove foil and bake 50-60 minutes.

Let cool 10-15 minutes.

In small bowl, whisk powdered sugar and milk. Add additional, if needed, until pourable glaze is reached. Drizzle over casserole before serving.

Servings: 12
Nonstick cooking spray
1 package (20 ounces) French bread, cubed, divided
1 can (20 ounces) apple pie filling
9 eggs
1 cup half-and-half
2 teaspoons ground cinnamon
1 cup powdered sugar, plus additional (optional)
2 tablespoons milk, plus additional (optional)



Breakfast Burrito

1 large tomato, seeded and diced
1 avocado, sliced
hot sauce (optional)

In large skillet, heat canola oil over medium heat. Add red onion and red bell pepper; cook 8 minutes. Add black beans and red pepper flakes; cook 3 minutes. Season with salt and pepper, to taste. Transfer to dish.

In medium bowl, whisk eggs and egg whites. Stir in cheese until combined. Heat large skillet over low heat, add egg mixture and scramble 3 minutes, or until cooked through.

Spread sour cream over tortilla. Spread salsa over sour cream. Spoon 1/4 bean mixture over salsa. Spoon 1/4 scrambled eggs over bean mixture. Top with diced tomatoes and avocado. Drizzle with hot sauce, if desired. Roll-up burrito. Repeat three times with remaining ingredients and serve.

Servings: 4
2 teaspoon canola oil
1 small red onion, diced
1 red bell pepper, seeded and diced
1 can black beans, drained and rinsed
1/4 teaspoon red pepper flakes
salt, to taste
pepper, to taste
4 eggs
4 egg whites
1/2 cup shredded pepper jack cheese
nonstick cooking spray
4 flour tortillas
1/4 cup sour cream
1/4 cup salsa



Blueberry and Pomegranate Power Bars

6 ounces bittersweet chocolate, melted
Line 13-by-9-inch pan with foil; spray with nonstick cooking spray.

In large bowl, combine popcorn, oats, blueberries, pomegranate seeds and almonds.

In small saucepan over low heat, boil honey, brown sugar and butter 2 minutes. Pour over popcorn mixture and mix thoroughly.

Using damp hands, press mixture firmly into prepared pan. Refrigerate until firm, about 2 hours. Cut into 12 bars.

Dip bottoms of bars into melted chocolate. Place on wax paper-lined pan; refrigerate until ready to serve. Store in tight covered container in refrigerator.

Yield: 12 bars
Nonstick cooking spray
8 cups popped popcorn
1 1/2 cups old-fashioned rolled oats
1 cup dried blueberries
1/2 cup pomegranate seeds
1/2 cup whole natural almonds, toasted and coarsely chopped
2/3 cup honey
2/3 cup light brown sugar
2 tablespoons butter or margarine

Expert Patient Here to Help!

By Susie Schwartz

Did you know that you probably know more than you think you know? There are always clues to what is going on when it comes to our bodies and our health. So, the doctor can often help solve the puzzle, but the chances are less likely without our intuition and expertise.

Know your body and trust your instincts.

I caution people not to revere doctors in such high regard that they overrule what they feel to be true for their health. In the past, I have needed an I.V. iron infusion due to dangerously low levels. I knew low energy to be a definite sign, (Does hitting the snooze 14 times and getting up to shower only to need an immediate nap count?) but also found out that mouth ulcers and swollen feet can be signs too. Recently, I started having these symptoms again, and I asked the doctor if it would be worth checking my iron levels. (I never tell them they should, but rather frame these suggestions as questions. Trust me, this is key to a two-way relationship with your doctor.) She agreed and my iron was in fact low, but just above the qualifying number for an iron infusion. (It's a drastic measure and costs the health care system.) But I cannot supplement orally due to gastrointestinal issues and my restrictive diet makes it tricky to intake much iron. After reminding my doctor of these obstacles, and that I had an infusion before, she agreed to send my results to my specialist who had ordered the previous infusion. With the authority to order it (The NHS in England works slightly



Susie Schwartz

different than in Canada), he agreed we should do so. Guess what? I may still hit the snooze once or twice but can shower AND shop in the same day! And the other symptoms have almost disappeared.

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A published author and musician, Susie currently lives in the UK. Find her on FB @medicalmisstress, Instagram @susie.suscha and lesshealthstress.com

Crunchy Popcorn Trail Mix

Yield: 9 cups
5 cups popped popcorn
3 cups whole-grain oat cereal
1/3 cup raisins
1/3 cup peanuts or other nuts
1/3 cup sunflower seeds
1/4 cup (1/2 stick) butter or margarine
6 tablespoons brown sugar
2 tablespoons light corn syrup
In large, microwavable bowl, stir popcorn, cereal, raisins, nuts and seeds; set aside.

In small saucepan, heat butter, brown sugar and corn syrup until boiling; cook 3 minutes, stirring occasionally. Pour over popcorn mixture, stirring to coat evenly.

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Pursuant to subsection 367(7) of The Municipal Act, notice is hereby given that unless the tax arrears for the designated year and costs in respect of the hereinafter described properties are paid in full to the Municipality prior to the commencement of the auction, the Municipality will on the 7th day of October, 2021, at the hour of 1:00 PM, at Rural Municipality of Stanley, 23111 PTH 14, Winkler MB, proceed to sell by public auction the following described properties:

Roll Number	Description	Assessed Value	Amount of Arrears & Costs for Which Property May be Offered for Sale
77150	LOT 1 PLAN 32794 MLTO IN SE 1/4 8-1-6 WPM EXCEPTING THEREOUT - ALL MINES AND MINERALS AS SET FORTH IN TRANSFER 53628 MLTO - 1068 ROAD 34W	L - \$93,700 B - \$154,200	\$10,538.72

The tax sale is subject to the following terms and conditions with respect to each property:

- The purchaser of the property will be responsible for any property taxes not yet due.
- The Municipality may exercise its right to set a reserve bid in the amount of the arrears and costs.
- If the purchaser intends to bid by proxy, a letter of authorization form must be presented prior to the start of the auction.
- The Municipality makes no representations or warranties whatsoever concerning the properties being sold.
- The successful purchaser must, at the time of the sale, make payment in **cash, certified cheque or bank draft** to the Rural Municipality of Stanley as follows:
 - i) The full purchase price if it is \$10,000 or less; OR
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 - iii) A fee in the amount \$309.75 (\$295 plus GST) for preparation of the transfer of title documents. The purchaser will be responsible for registering the transfer of title documents in the land titles office, including the registration costs.
- The risk for the property lies with the purchaser immediately following the auction.
- The purchaser is responsible for obtaining vacant possession.
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Dated this 9th day of September, 2021.

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OBITUARY



Gertrude (Trudy) Anderson (nee Wiebe)

May 18, 1937 – July 4, 2021

Gertrude (Trudy) was born on the family farm in Plum Coulee, MB. She was the youngest of nine siblings. Gertie was an amazing wife to Charles (Andy) Anderson who preceded her in 2010. She will be forever missed by her daughter, Connie (Steve) Haraldson, Andy's daughter Sandy (Ross) Waters, dear friends Barb and Ron as well as her family in Manitoba.

Her favorite things to do were camping and fishing, so much so that her Urn actually has a Salmon on it. For those that knew her we will undoubtedly miss her sense of humor. Gertie also enjoyed travelling whether it was to go to Manitoba to visit family, or to go

to Arizona and Hawaii.

Gertrude was loved by so many for her kind and caring manner as well as her very quiet and calming demeanor. Some of us that spent hours on the phone with her can all attest that she was a great listener. Her unique way of looking at any situation was very insightful and often very helpful.

The special bond that Gertrude and her daughter Connie had was admired by anyone that met them.

A small graveside gathering was held with friends and family. Her nephew Vern gave the devotions which made it special and personal.

Special thanks to all the people who were there to help and support Gertrude and her family during this difficult time.

In lieu of flowers or donations all we ask is that you are up to date on your colon cancer screening.

OBITUARY



Marilyn Grace Hiebert (nee Giesbrecht)

1952 - 2021

Grace Hiebert (nee Giesbrecht), age 69 of Reinfeld, MB formerly of Roland, passed away on Sunday, August 29, 2021 at Boundary Trails Health Centre.

Grace was born at the Bethesda Hospital in Steinbach in 1952. She was born the third of eight children and grew up on the family farm near New Bothwell, MB. Grace was married to her husband Larry in 1974. She loved to cook, crochet, card games while camping with her family and painting everything from concrete ornaments to walls to tea kettles. In her early career she worked as a healthcare aide at various institutions in southern Manitoba.

For 28 years until her retirement she was employed at the 3M plant in Morden where she primarily focused on quality control.

Grace is survived by her husband, Larry; three children, Lori (Robert) Wood, Lisa (Tom) Friesen and Tim (Jessica) Hiebert and six grandchildren who she loved dearly: Summer, Nikolas, Gryphon, Colton, Orson and Zelda. She was predeceased by her son, Gregory, her parents, one brother and one sister.

Private memorial service was held on Friday September 3, 2021 at Wiebe Funeral Chapel in Morden with interment prior at Fairview Cemetery, Roland.

Donations may be made in Grace's memory to the Heart and Stroke Foundation of Canada.

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