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Drive-thru celebration

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The smiling faces of Kris Derksen (left) and Angela Thiessen greeted the dozens of vehicles who lined up to take part in Salem Home's 65th anniversary drive-thru supper last week. For more photos, see Pg. 16.

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Winkler city council unanimously votes down “sanctuary city” proposal

By Lorne Stelmach

Winkler council last week unanimously rejected a group’s request to have the city declared a sanctuary from the province’s various COVID-related mandates and restrictions.

Each member of council last Tuesday took time to address and explain their reasoning for turning down the idea presented by Karl Krebs and Joshua Shetter.

All agreed the move had no legal foundation to stand on but also rejected it not only on moral grounds but for the further harm it could cause to an already divided community.

“What was to be a sanctuary has become a place of conflict and refusal to exercise grace towards others,” said Winkler Mayor Martin Harder. “Win-

kler cannot be a sanctuary that condones disobedience for the benefit of a few.”

“I wholeheartedly believe if I was to support this idea, I would be failing to uphold my oath and obligation as an elected city official,” said Coun. Michael Grenier.

“I’m sad that we have to deal with this,” added Coun. Henry Siemens, who also reiterated that “you’re asking us to do something that we can’t do.”

Krebs and Shetter, who were there on behalf of a group called Things That Matter, were specifically asking council to declare all public health orders pertaining to COVID-19—including things like mask mandates, size gatherings, restrictions to businesses, and vaccination requirements—null and



PHOTO BY LORNE STELMACH/VOICE

Joshua Shetter (left) and Karl Krebs from the Things That Matter group were unsuccessful in their bid to have Winkler city council declare the community a sanctuary city where Manitoba’s COVID-19 public health orders no longer apply.

void within city limits.

A written proposal by the group presented to council contends that such measures are restrictive, draconian, and unwarranted in response to the COVID-19 threat.

They stressed they are not COVID deniers, anti-vaxxers, or anti-maskers but are against what they consider to be coercive measures.

“The government has no authority to shut down churches, force children to be vaccinated, or force people to wear masks or be vaccinated in order to visit businesses ... the public health orders are unjust and unrighteous and are in violation of the constitution,” the proposal said. “A law is unjust if it prescribes discrimination or proscribes equal treatment under the law.

“We realize that this measure violates the Municipal Act, but we ask that you recognize that the provincial orders are in violation of higher law, and so you would be submitting to that law rather than the unjust, unrighteous, unconstitutional health orders,” it continued. “The government has not shown a justifiable reason for our charter rights to be infringed. They have pointed to the pandemic as justification, but we have not seen the devastation that they predicted.

“WINKLER CANNOT BE A SANCTUARY THAT CONDONES DISOBEDIENCE FOR THE BENEFIT OF A FEW.”

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Candice Bergen wins fifth term in Portage-Lisgar

People's Party candidate Solomon Wiebe a distant second with 20 per cent of the vote

By Ashleigh Viveiros

Portage-Lisgar MP Candice Bergen secured her fifth term in office by a wide margin Monday night.

Mailed-in ballots weren't slated to be counted until Tuesday and special ballot results will take even longer, but at press time, with 239 of 240 polls reporting, Bergen had received 53.3 per cent of votes with 22,826.

Her nearest competitor was the People's Party of Canada's Solomon Wiebe (8,768 votes) followed by New Democratic Party candidate Ken Friesen (5,855), Liberal Andrew Carrier (4,738), and the Christian Heritage Party's Jerome Dondo (652).

Bergen was first elected as a Conservative MP in 2008 and retained her seat through the 2011, 2015, and 2019 elections.

She has served in a myriad of roles in Parliament over the years, including most recently as the Deputy Leader of the Official Opposition.

Bergen couldn't be reached for comment on her win at press time.

There weren't any big surprises in Portage-Lisgar's neighbouring ridings either.

The preliminary results were for Ted Falk to keep his seat in the Provencher riding with 48.9 per cent of the votes (23,655).

He bested challengers Trevor Kirczenow of the Liberals (8,075 votes), the People's Party's Noël Gautron (7,968), NDP candidate Serina Pottinger (6,082), Independent Rick Loewen (1,308), and the Green Party's Janine G. Gibson (1,241).

In Brandon-Souris, incumbent and Conservative Larry Maguire had 59.9

per cent of the vote (21,698 votes) over Whitney Hodgins of the NDP (7,360), Liberal Linda Brannconner (4,316), and the PPC's Tylor Baer (2,847).

On the national stage, the Liberals are projected to form another minority government with Justin Trudeau as prime minister.

As of Tuesday morning, the Liberals had earned 158 seats while the Conservatives remained the official opposition with 119 seats. The Bloc Québécois earned 34 seats, the NDP won 25, and two seats were secured by the Green Party.

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Candice Bergen has retained her seat as Portage-Lisgar's Member of Parliament.



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"Freedom of speech does not mean freedom of consequences ..."

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"COVID-19 is a serious matter and precaution should be taken, but we assert that the threat is not serious enough to warrant the setting aside of our constitutional rights. They have clearly violated our freedom of conscience, religion, peaceful assembly and association."

"What do we do when the government has stepped out of bounds?" Shetter asked in addressing council. "Our government has run afoul of the basic foundational law of the land."

"COVID is a very serious matter, but it does not necessitate ignoring our charter rights, and it does not warrant a rejection of God's word. There surely is a way to fight COVID without compromising in these ways."

"This council is being asked to stretch further than it has ever gone before, well outside the lines ... but are we not in desperate times?" added

Krebs.

Coun. Marvin Plett said what was being asked of council is clearly "outside of our scope of authority ... it is contrary to provincial current guidelines. I believe that if we pass this resolution, we open ourselves up to legal challenge and would have little chance of defending it successfully."

"The province has the power to step in and take control and has done so in the past," he noted. "When I was sworn in as a councillor, I promised to make decisions, lawful decisions, in the best interests of Winkler citizens."

Coun. Grenier touched on the potential chaos that could result, likening it to a wild west scenario while also stressing how it could lead many people to leave the city as a result.

"I believe a sanctuary city would result in a removal of council by provincial authorities ... this concept would lead to an exodus."

"The divisiveness is just unbeliev-

able ... it's just sad to see that there is such a split," lamented Coun. Don Fehr. "We cannot lose this opportunity to be a light in a darkened world."

"I am not a health expert. I rely on my doctor for medical advice ... without a doctor, my son's body would be buried in the ground," shared Coun. Andrew Froese, who also noted how the community cannot not afford to be driving medical professionals away.

"Freedom of speech does not mean freedom of consequences ... I understand the frustration, but please take into account the consequences," urged Coun. Karina Bueckert.

Coun. Henry Siemens described being disheartened about where the community has found itself.

"When we have people who talk judgement and condemnation at each other, it's impossible to come back together," he said.

Mayor Harder questioned where one would draw the line in deciding to declare certain laws invalid.

"It's not a very reasonable request," he said. "It's not the local municipality that can change these things. It goes beyond us ... it's not our jurisdiction in

the City of Winkler.

"There's legal reasons for denying it. There are certain circumstances in a sanctuary city, in the proposal that we had, where it can actually be condoning illegal activity," he suggested. "How do you create a sanctuary city that simply stands up and says we're going to allow this to happen?"

"It has been devastating to our community," said Harder, who also questioned the legitimacy of what council was told was 2,500 petition signatures in support of the sanctuary city idea. "I know full well the majority of them are not from in the City of Winkler."

"We have a lot of medical professionals who have moved into our city, and our medical professionals are being targeted and are at risk, and we want to do everything we can to make sure that we keep the medical services that we have in Winkler," Harder stressed.

"I plead that we go from here united and quit tearing each other apart and show some grace, and as a community, we can come together and we can build and we will be stronger."

"THE DIVISIVENESS IS JUST UNBELIEVABLE ... IT'S JUST SAD TO SEE THAT THERE IS SUCH A SPLIT."

Taste and See

He pushed his kitchen chair back and sat lightly on the edge. The spoon with the dab of yogurt was about to touch his lips, as he poised for the dash to the washroom. He hated yogurt and always had. The loathsome thought of that creamy substance left his gag reflex pulsating. "You have to be crazy to touch that stuff," my son-in-law would often say. Somehow earlier in that dinner conversation he had let the cat out of the bag and confessed he had never tried it. Now the challenge was on, and he became the winner that evening as he discovered what would now become his new go-to dessert – Flavoured Yogurt, Yoplait, Fruplait, and good old fashioned yogurt ice cream. It reminds me of the verse in the Bible which says, "Taste and see that the Lord is good" Psalm 34. I have been in plenty of conversations where I am told that the "religion" I claim to have is just an empty crutch – that religion creates an imaginary problem simply so that it can sell an imaginary solution – that religion frequently tears people down, creating an emptiness that must be filled. I suppose if all I had was religion, then that may be true, but the Bible doesn't offer a religion. The Bible offers Salvation which is a personal relationship with the Person of Christ. When you have God's Salvation, you'll know it and nothing can take it away, nor would you give it up for anything. With a little time, I could quickly compile a list of several hundred people whom I know personally that have God's Salvation. If Salvation were possible to lose (and it's not), you could call them and see what they would be willing to trade for it – a million dollars or maybe even sweeten the pot with a billion. I have every confidence that without exception, every one of their answers would reinforce what Jesus said in Mark 8:36, "What shall it profit a man, if he gains the whole world and loses his own soul." I think of all the blessings that I have received since the day I trusted Christ as my Saviour. I have fellowship with the God of Heaven. I have the knowledge of sins forgiven. I have inherited all things co-equal with Christ. I experience Peace that Passes all Understanding. There awaits me an eternal home in Heaven. That's not emptiness, that's fullness that only God can provide. One of my favorite songs has a chorus that says, "Now none but Christ can satisfy, none other Name for me, there's love and life and lasting joy, Lord Jesus found in thee." You can have God's Salvation today. You can't pay for it as God offers it free, and for the repentant heart, He invites you to taste and see. He's confident that you will not be disappointed. "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him, should not perish but have everlasting life" John 3:16

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Southern Health COVID-19 numbers continue to concern health officials

By Lorne Stelmach

The Southern Health region and communities such as Winkler continue to be areas of concern in regards to COVID-19 in Manitoba.

The weekly Monday update by provincial officials though offered little new in terms of addressing the continued rise in cases in the area.

"We continue to follow that transmission," said chief public health officer Dr. Brent Roussin. "We know that we've seen a higher test positivity in those areas, certainly higher case counts as well as lower vaccination rates overall."

"Certainly, we're concerned about the transmission that's ongoing there and continue to assess that," he said. "It's really, as per usual, a multi-layered approach. We continue to offer testing, doing contact tracing and isolation. We have measures trying to increase the vaccine uptake in this area, and we have those restrictions."

Public health officials Monday reported two new deaths in people with COVID-19 including a female in her 70s and a male in his 60s, both from the Interlake-Eastern health region. The total number of deaths in people with COVID-19 is 1,205.

"WE'VE SEEN A HIGHER TEST POSITIVITY IN THOSE AREAS, CERTAINLY HIGHER CASE COUNTS..."

The five-day COVID-19 test positivity rate was 2.3 per cent provincially and there had been 244 new cases of the virus since Thursday including 88 cases Friday, 54 cases Saturday, 60 cases on Sunday, and 42 Monday.

Of those new cases Monday, 30 were in individuals not fully vaccinated, including eight out of the nine new cases reported in the Southern Health-Santé Sud health region.

Overall, there were 598 active cases in Manitoba at the start of the work week, including, in the Pembina Valley, 23 in Winkler, seven in Morden, five in Altona, three in Red River South, and two in both Stanley and Carman.

Sixty-six Manitobans are currently hospitalized with COVID-19, including 14 in intensive care.

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Stanley Trails gets \$75K boost in gov't funding

Group hopes to build pathway between Winkler and Morden in the Stanley corridor

By Lorne Stelmach

The Stanley corridor pathway project has been discussed and planned for years, but it is finally taking a significant step towards becoming a reality with provincial funding announced last week.

The Stanley Trail Association received a \$75,000 grant as part of nearly \$900,000 awarded for recreational trail projects throughout the province following a first round of applications for the 2020-21 Trails Manitoba Grant Program.

"There's been years of discussions," said James Friesen, who is a committee member and has been involved with the pathway project. "A lot of work was done in 2016 ... some engineering work was done ... things went quiet for a bit, but we've had more conversations in the meantime now."

"It's seed money to get that whole project started again," he said. "I'm very confident that this time we can put it over the top."

"The two communities are already growing together so much, so to have an active transportation pathway between the two communities makes too much sense," Friesen suggested. "I think it will add value to what's happening in the corridor already."

Friesen added they are hopeful that things like getting easements could be completed over the winter and that it could put them in a position to have work start in spring.

"As it goes along, we hope to connect with the business community and individuals ... a project like this has significant funding required."

"That will be a bigger project," agreed fellow committee member Leanna Wiebe, who also noted how the association has been able to make significant strides recently in a number of areas. "It's happening because

we have quite a thriving trail community in this area ... it's just a great grassroots group."

"We had a big year this year. For the first time, we were able to hire some summer students, and a few of those students are continuing into the fall," she noted. "With that staff, we've been able to almost completely give all of the trails in our area some work."

Working alongside volunteers, the work included such things as enhancing berms and bench cutting, bridge repair and replacement, brush cutting, replacing and improving signage as well as construction of a new 2.5 km Trans Canada Trail section near Tinker Creek south of Morden.

"It's about 60 km of trail overall that just got a good revamp, and there's some bridge work that will be done this fall yet," Wiebe added.

In addition, the association conducted a trail user survey this summer. Wiebe expects they will be releasing the results soon but noted in the meantime it has given them good glimpse of increased trail usage.

"A lot of our traffic is local, but about 20 per cent of trail users are coming from as far away as Winnipeg, Altona, and Portage la Prairie," she said. "It's really cool to see that it's all being so well used. With the lockdowns, trails are something that have been able to remain open. I think we've seen a lot of extra traffic."

"In our area in particular, we have a really diverse landscape with the Manitoba escarpment ... a lot of our trail sections are very scenic with the hills and the elevation," Wiebe said. "So we've had a lot of new trail traffic, which is good to see."

If you want to learn more about the Stanley trails and see recent trail news, head to www.stanleytrailmanitoba.ca. They're also accepting donations for trail improvements.



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Morden-Winkler MLA Cameron Friesen (left) with Stanley Trail Association member James Friesen. The association last week received a \$75,000 grant for its trails throughout the region.



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Shall we discuss nuts?

It's election season and the nuts are everywhere.

They're all over my lawn, they cover my driveway, I step on them when I'm out for a walk. I mean, you can't go 10 feet these days without encountering a nut.

Of course, I am referring to acorns.

I have probably filled one giant, oversized green compost bin with just what I have swept off my driveway but alas, such is the curse of having oak trees on one's property.

The average oak tree can produce 10,000 acorns in a year. At an average size of seven grams per acorn from a full-grown tree that's 70 kilograms or 154 pounds per year (about 15 overweight cats).

Over a 100-year period (a short life for an oak that can live upwards of 300 years or more) that's 7,000 kilograms or 15,400 pounds—about the weight of a small Hippopotamus.



By Peter Cantelon

Frankly I am thankful that oaks produce small, manageable acorns and not one hippo-sized acorn every 100 years given that the factor of annoyance between an acorn falling on my head versus a hippo is substantial.

Also, can you imagine how big squirrels would be if they had to manage hippo-sized acorns? I will tell you (you knew I would).

The average squirrel weighs about as much as 43 acorns. This means a squirrel would need to be about 301,000 kilograms or 663,591 pounds to manage hippo-sized acorns.

That's roughly a thing the size a one of SpaceX's Falcon 9 rockets scuttling across rooftops and romping through the neighbourhood digging massive hippo-sized holes on your lawn to bury their acorns. The good thing about this would be they would stop hiding their acorns in my car's air filter. The bad news is they would likely flatten my car in the process of romping.

I am fascinated by squirrels. Industrious creatures that have such an incredible and outrageous sense of entitlement and territorial nature that you imagine within six months of birth they have organized a tiny home owners' association for their lo-

cal lawn.

This is mostly what I imagine they are screeching about throughout the day:

"You cannot paint your nest door that colour SHARON!"

"Please remind your children to stay off of my oak tree ROBERT!"

One of my local squirrels spends an amusingly large part of his or her day carrying their single, solitary, perfect acorn down to the lawn and painstakingly pushing aside the 300 already piled up by the tree in order to make room for its burial.

Wondrous, odd rodents. One can imagine any number of people who should consider them for their personal coat of arms.

One has taken to living in the hollow beam above our front porch against the wall of our house. Frankly she is a reasonable tenant, if a little messy. She sweeps out her accommodations onto the porch below but otherwise is quiet and undemanding.

In the spring there will be small, wide-eyed and dangerously tame young squirrels that will emerge ready to take on the world one neighbourhood at a time and this will be a good thing assuming we can keep them away from meeting our cats.

letters

TREAT EACH OTHER WITH RESPECT

I have had the privilege of making Winkler my home for most of my life. We do have a great community that is the envy of many people.

Recently, however, I have become deeply concerned by the anger, hostility, and contempt that is showing up in increasing measure. These attitudes lead only to destroying, rather than building up, our city. May God have mercy on us, and may we look to Him to transform our hearts so

that they will overflow with love, joy, peace, patience, and kindness.

That does not mean that we will always agree with each other, but it does mean that we will treat each other with love and respect regardless of our convictions.

Let's heed the words of Rick Warren:

"Our culture has accepted two huge lies.

First is that if you disagree with someone's lifestyle, you must fear or hate them.

The second is that to love someone

means you agree with everything they believe or do.

Both are nonsense. You don't have to compromise convictions to be compassionate."

**Sue Driedger,
Winkler**

THANKFUL

On Sept. 14, 2021 I had an accident where I cut my foot on a rusty piece of metal.

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• GUEST COMMENTARY

"Something has to change ... we are better than this"

Someone needs to stand up for this community as we are being driven increasingly further apart.

This problem has seemingly become magnified over the last few weeks. As the Chief of Police, I try to stay neutral but I think the situation has escalated to the point where I cannot stay silent any longer.

Something has to change. The anger and resentment that we are seeing in our community are unacceptable. We are better than this. This great community did not



By Chief
Ryan
Hunt

become great by acting the way we currently are. We are allowed to have different opinions but we should not let them divide us.

I am seeing anger towards store staff who are only trying to do their job reminding customers to wear masks; anger towards business owners who are trying to follow the health orders; anger towards businesses that are not following the health orders; anger towards people who are vaccinated and towards those who are not vaccinated; and anger towards enforcement personnel, whether it be Winkler Police officers or Public Health officials, who are doing their jobs. Our individual rights do not trump the rights of store owners.

To get mad at the young staff members is just ... well, it's just ridiculous. I don't think that is what Jesus would do. Our rights here in Canada can in fact be limited—it is written right into the first section of the Charter. The

government can certainly impose restrictions on us. It is foolish to believe that there could never be a circumstance where the government could not restrict what we do. That doesn't even make sense, of course they can—desperate times call for desperate measures. We already live with laws that restrict what we can do. Covid restrictions are intended to protect not punish.

For those of you that decide to go about life as usual and not follow the health orders, you are taking the risk of receiving a ticket. If you do receive a ticket do not be surprised and do not get angry—that is a consequence of the risk you took. You were well aware of the consequences when you made your decision not to follow the health order. Accept the ticket; you always have the option of contesting the ticket in court. That is your right. It is concerning to realize that drug traffickers and career criminals are more respectful to law enforcement than people who decide not to wear a mask.

This pandemic is real, whether you believe it or not. Our generation has seen more opportunity, peace, and prosperity than many of the genera-

tions before us. We have become accustomed to the freedom we have had during these peaceful times. However, that time is not now and some of us don't want to accept it. Some of us are neglecting our new responsibilities under these adverse conditions. We have become an entitled society that cannot handle the fact that we do not currently have the same freedoms we have become accustomed to.

There's a local social media group that claims to be stopping the division by making Winkler a place where everyone can decide what they want to do. "Freedom of choice," they say, without considering those who are affected by their non-compliance.

That group, or maybe more specifically the spokesperson for that group, is only adding to the division. Referring to people as "ignorant" on social media or driving around town with a life-size stuffed toy sheep wearing a mask in the passenger seat does not help to bring the community together. I assume the intent of this display is to classify those who wear masks and obey the health orders as sheep or followers. How does that bring us closer together?

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> LETTERS, FROM PG. 6

The next morning I contacted Public Health as I wanted to know if I was up-to-date on my tetanus shot. They informed me that I was overdue and they were able to schedule me that day to update my tetanus and diphtheria vaccinations.

I am grateful for the health care we receive in Manitoba! I am thankful for the wonderful nurses and doctors that have kept me healthy all these years.

Thank you for all your hard work!

Jared Hildebrand,
Morden

care of, shown an incredible amount of human compassion and found myself INCREDIBLY GRATEFUL for you all.

I am so thankful. I am so grateful. I only wish I could thank you in person. But because I can't I want you to know that you are VALUED. You are APPRECIATED. You are IRREPLACEABLE.

I am still here because of you all. Thank you.

Janine Soltis,
Morden

THANK YOU BTHC STAFF

I was recently hospitalized with an infection that knocked me down and left me feeling battered and bruised. Eight days after my hospital visit I'm still recovering. But after having had some time to reflect on my experience I want to say a HUGE thank you to the staff at BTHC—all of them—for receiving wonderful, compassionate, and empathetic care during my unexpected (and unwanted) stay.

Dr. Dhala and Dr. Bergmann did an outstanding job as well as all the ER nurses (I wish I could remember names) and everyone from housekeeping to lab techs.

In my moment of need I was taken

HEALTH CARE WORKERS ARE A LIFE LINE

Thank you to all the doctors who have taken the time to be interviewed and speaking out candidly about the impact of this areas low vaccination uptake and resistance to public health orders.

I wish to express my thanks to all our frontline workers and medical teams, doctors, nurses, paramedics and health care workers, for your dedication and tireless work on behalf of our community. You are a life line and bring hope and light into a time that can be quite dark. You are not forgotten and are supported!

With gratitude,

Trudi Neufeld,
Winkler

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STOP AQUATIC INVASIVE SPECIES

Zebra Mussels in Lake Manitoba

The discovery of zebra mussels in Lake Manitoba should concern everyone. These small, invasive mussels:

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Fransen, Wiebe remain as WSD chair, vice-chair

By Lorne Stelmach

There will be no change to the board leadership in Western School Division again this year.

At the annual organizational meeting recently, trustees re-elected both Brian Fransen as chair and Robyn Wiebe as vice-chair.

Fransen appreciated the continued vote of confidence and was proud to be a representative for students, staff, and a community that have been amazingly supportive of each other over the last year.

"[Robyn and I] have provided leadership to the board for many years together now," he said.

"One of the things that I think has worked really well for us in Western School Division is consistency," Fransen suggested. "It's not to say we don't have change ... but we have a consistent set of leadership in our senior administration and we have a consistent leadership on the board, and I think that makes a big difference in terms of how well things work in the division."

That perhaps is especially vital to have right now amidst such disruption in the education system, he added,

referring not only to the pandemic but also the proposed education reform bill, (Bill 64), which the province recently indicated will not proceed.

"It goes without saying that the challenges we have right now are navigating our public health and education both at the same time and in the same place and making sure that we have a safe place for our students to learn," said Fransen.

"And obviously, with the change in priority in government on Bill 64, it changes a little of our outlook," he said. "Our horizon is a little bit further down the road, but we still don't know what the province is going to do with [education reform]. They've made it very clear they want to make changes; we just aren't sure now without Bill 64 what those changes will end up being. So there are a lot of questions."

Fransen noted it is also an exciting time with the continued growth of the division, including the future new school as well as an addition at Morden Collegiate and construction of the new piping trades building. Those projects all come as enrolment continues to increase in the division.

"There is lots to be excited about in

Western School Division right now, and I'm really looking forward to what those new spaces will look like and the impact that it's going to have for students."

Wiebe also expressed her appreciation for the opportunity to continue to play a leadership role.

"I am grateful for another opportunity to serve in the capacity as vice-chair for Western School Division," she said in a statement. "We will continue to focus on our mission statement ... developing people who are rooted in caring and committed to learning. I am proud to represent community voice around our board table and to support our students and staff."

The board also approved its committee assignments for 2021-22, and they too remain the same as the previous year.

Darcy Wolfe and Wiebe are on the liaison committee, David Guenther and Fransen make up negotiations, Barb Petkau and Guenther are on the RRTVA committee, Petkau and Fransen are on governance, and Wolfe and Wiebe serve on the communications committee.



VOICE FILE PHOTO

Brian Fransen is back as chair of the Western School Division board of trustees. Also retaining her role as vice-chair is Robyn Wiebe.

Slow down and take extra care in school zones: chief

By Voice staff

With the new school year well underway, local police are reminding drivers to be safe when travelling through school zones.

In addition to the lower speed limits now back in effect (30 km/hr instead of the 50 in place all summer), the Morden Police Service last week encouraged drivers to be prepared for delays as the roads around local school fill back up with pedestrians and cyclists.

"Allow yourself some extra time to get to and from your destination," said Chief Brad Neduzak. "Be aware of the pedestrian crosswalks and corridors and generally allow for cyclists and pedestrians crossing at all intersec-

tions."

Caution needs to be taken as well around the school buses.

"Motorists are required to stop when the emergency lights on school buses are activated, both following and approaching school buses," the chief reminds drivers, adding that you must stop at least five meters away from a bus when its lights are activated and

remain stopped until the lights are shut off. Failure to do so could net you a \$672 fine and demerits on your license.

And keep a close eye out for the school crossing guards as they help students navigate the roads, Neduzak urges.

"Each year we get several complaints of drivers failing to comply

with the crossing guards signals—driving through the intersection while students are in the middle of crossing, failing to stop at stop signs, and generally traveling at speeds or in a manner that is unsafe. Again, we ask that motorists be extra cautious in the school zones and help keep our community safe."

> CHIEF HUNT, FROM PG. 7

Furthermore, the idea that is being promoted within this group to gather people together and confront enforcement officials while they check compliance or issue tickets is misguided and does nothing to bring our community together.

There is a large segment of the population that wants to follow the health orders and expect others to follow them as well. There are businesses doing the right thing and following the health orders. It would not be fair to those who comply to not enforce these restrictions.

This idea to confront enforcement officials is completely ridiculous. I know they say they want to be peaceful and passive in their response but

I do not believe that is their intent. If they are going to be peaceful and passive then it will have no effect on enforcement and therefore I suspect they will not stop there. If they try to hinder enforcement officials in any way—even just by restricting their movement—those involved would still be arrested for obstructing a peace officer. If they touch or threaten enforcement officials, they will be arrested for assaulting a peace officer. I would advise against taking part in this activity and I would also point out to the person suggesting this that they themselves could be arrested for counselling to commit a crime. Anyone choosing to participate will be held accountable for

their actions and will be required to justify their actions in criminal court.

Overall, the animosity in this community that has emerged during this pandemic has been crippling to our integrity. The best way to get past this difficult time is to follow the Public Health Order.

I am vaccinated and I encourage everyone to be so that we can get through this sooner than later. I also realize that taking the vaccine is a decision not to be taken lightly and therefore I will not villainize those who hold a different opinion.

Ryan Hunt is
Winkler's Chief of Police

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Minds in Motion session starting up in Winkler

Program is for those living with dementia, Alzheimer's disease to attend with a friend

By Ashleigh Viveiros

The Alzheimer Society of Manitoba's regional office is bringing a popular program to Winkler for the first time this fall.

Minds in Motion has run several sessions in Morden in the past, but thanks to funding from the Winkler Community Foundation this year's program will be taking place at the Buhler Active Living Centre in downtown Winkler.

"This program is designed for people with early to moderate signs of dementia and a care partner," explains south central regional coordinator Kathy Fehr, noting that could be a caregiver, family member, or friend.

"It's really the only program we have out in south central here that is for people with dementia or Alzheimer

disease," she points out, adding that a formal diagnosis is not required to take part.

Each session of the eight-week program includes gentle fitness exercises, fun activities, and conversation.

"It's always a lot of fun," Fehr says. "There's a lot of interaction and when we've run it in the past in Morden we've always had repeat participants, which is a really good sign."

"People build a bit of a community within a community, they build relationships with this," she says. "You really start to bond when you're all together, just having fun together. It's not like it's a support group—it's just a place to have a good time together and enjoy each other's company."

Minds in Motion runs Wednesday mornings from 10 a.m. to noon from Oct. 13 to Dec. 1. It's \$65 per partici-



Minds in Motion runs Oct. 13 to Dec. 1 in Winkler for people living with dementia or Alzheimer's, who attend alongside a friend or family member.

pating pair. Space is limited to 22 people (11 pairs).

Though it's taking place in Winkler, Fehr stresses it's open to anyone living in the Pembina Valley.

"Just because we're hosting it here does not mean it's only for the community here at Buhler Active Living Centre," she says. "Anybody who wants to drive to Winkler is welcome to come."

Call 204-331-4646 to register or reach out to Fehr at 204-325-5634 or alzsc@alzheimermb.ca for program information.

You can also head to alzheimermb.ca/mindsinmotion to learn more. That's also the place to go to learn more about the virtual Minds in Motion program slated to get going this fall.

Dyck returns for eighth year as GVSD board chair

John Klassen back as well as vice-chair

By Ashleigh Viveiros

Laurie Dyck is back for her eighth year as chair of the Garden Valley School Division board of trustees.

The board held its annual reorganization meeting Sept. 14, re-electing both Dyck and chair and John Klassen as vice-chair. Heading up the main board committees are Tash Olfert (education), Klassen (policy), and Tena Lane (operations).

Dyck, who is heading into her 12th year as a trustee, thanks the board for their continued confidence in her leadership.

"I'm honoured that my fellow trustees would nominate and vote me to lead them one more year as board chair," she said, stressing it's never a given and that the chair position is just one important role among many. "It really does take a team."

The last few years have been full of

challenges for school boards across Manitoba, not the least of which has been the specter of Bill 64 hanging over everything and putting a big question mark over any planning for the future.

Dyck is feeling pretty optimistic now that the provincial government has rescinded the controversial education reform proposal, which included plans to do away with locally elected school board trustees.

"Looking ahead, I think it would not be wise to think something like a Bill 64 is not going to be coming," she said, noting education reform is still very much on the Conservative government's agenda, though she's hopefully they've taken to heart the concerns Manitobans had with their first crack at it. "Hopefully there will be good engagement on many levels as they look to improve education, which I would wholeheartedly support. There's always room to improve things."

Seeing anti-Bill 64 signs on yards throughout the community was validation of the hard work of the GVSD board and school boards across Mani-

toba to educate people about how the public school system works and what changes Bill 64 proposed to make to it.

"No one school board or even all the school boards in Manitoba could have had the impact alone to put Bill 64 to rest," Dyck said. "It took the people of Manitoba to make their concerns known and that's what made a difference."

"Our board would like to extend much gratitude to our divisional constituents that they stood up and expressed their voice."

The COVID-19 pandemic is another challenge faced by local schools again this year.

School staff and students alike are pleased to be back in the classroom this month, Dyck noted, though the division is still waiting for direction from the province on the requirement for educators to be fully vaccinated or undergo regular testing for the virus.

Meanwhile, the board confirmed last week that it will not be hosting COVID-19 vaccinations in local schools.

Dyck stressed that GVSD firmly supports childhood vaccinations,

which have been administered in the schools for generations. They also recognize the COVID-19 vaccine is an important tool for society to move beyond the pandemic.

That said, the fervor generated by this particular vaccination campaign had led trustees to decide it would be better for those vaccination clinics to be held elsewhere in the community this fall.

"It has received a lot of attention, this vaccine, and our teachers, our school principals and admin, they're there to teach and not to handle the many questions and concerns that parents seem to have about this particular vaccine," Dyck said, explaining they feel the schools aren't the best places for those questions to be answered.

"For this immunization run in fall right now for COVID-19 we just felt it was best if it wasn't a distraction in the school day," she said. "That we can teach and parents can be engaged and be with their children when they have the vaccine."

Check out the Winkler Morden Voice online at www.winklermordenvoice.ca

WCF celebrates five years of Gordon Wiebe Scholarships

By Ashleigh Viveiros

Over the past five years, the Winkler Community Foundation has been able to grant out \$380,000 to aid more than 100 local students in their pursuit of post-secondary education.

Not a bad start at all for the Gordon Wiebe Scholarship Fund, founded thanks to generosity of its namesake.

"We've been able to give out 170 scholarships over the years," says Myra Peters, foundation executive director, noting some students are able to renew their awards for multiple years of study. "We're so excited about how the program is working and how it's impacting the young people in our community."

For some recipients, the awards helped them to be the first in their families to pursue post-secondary education. For other, older students, the funds gave them the freedom to change career paths.

The program has also developed a vital social component.

"We, as a scholarship committee, realized that handing out the cheque was the easy part," notes scholarship committee chair Viola Enns Woelk. "Support beyond the money was also key to success for our first-year students."

To that end, the Peer-to-Peer program was created to connect first-year students with locals who are a year or two ahead of them in school.

It's a chance for them ask questions about the transition from rural to urban living, campus life, and anything else pertaining to starting out at col-



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The Winkler Community Foundation was unable to host its usual celebration for its 2021 Gordon Wiebe Scholarship recipients, but did bring a few of them together for a Peer-to-Peer gathering this summer, connecting first-year students with older peers.

lege.

With five years now under its belt, the scholarship program has started to see some of its first recipients complete their education and move on into their careers.

One of them, 2020 business administration graduate Cameron Wiens, is now paying it forward as a member of the scholarship committee.

He looks forward to sharing his perspective as a recipient as the scholarship program continues to grow.

"I'm pretty excited for once the applications start rolling in and I can start reading essays and interviewing people; I love that kind of thing," he

says, lauding the foundation for its creation of the Peer program, which wasn't in place yet when he received his scholarship. "The way the committee is moving we're really trying to make more of an actual connection with the people that get these scholarships."

Wiens notes the funds he received while studying at Brandon University was a huge load off his mind through his years in school.

"It was just nice to know there was always that reduction I would have to pay in tuition," he says, adding the fact the funds came from his home community made it that much more sig-

nificant. "It's a show of support."

Wiens is now back working in Winkler as he continues his education in accounting.

"This has always been home," he says on his decision to return.

THIS YEAR'S WINNERS

Due to pandemic restriction, the foundation wasn't able to host its usual scholarship recipient celebration to recognize this year's recipients.

The 2021 award recipients include:

- Make it a Reality Award of \$20,000 over four years to Victoria Maschkin. Mikaela Warkentin, the 2020 award winner, is also receiving her second year of support from this award.

- Ongoing Education Support Awards of \$2,000 each for up to two years to: Mark Giesbrecht, Caitlyn Haney, Amy Peters, Sherry Peters, Talia Peters, Julia Tissen, Aaron Doerksen, Lani Ens, Jacob Fehr, Quinn Hamilton, Allyson Klassen, Kayla Penner, Patricia Derksen, Tyrone Dyck, Peter Enns, Madison Fehr, Jessica Giesbrecht, Amy Lloyd, Yeketrina Kuryata, Nettie Dyck, Saad Nizamani, Indigo Wiebe, Katelyn Ens, and Ryan Rempel.

- Gordon Wiebe GVSD Awards of \$2,000 disbursed at the GVC and NPC graduations: Amber Reimer, Cassidy Penner, Cerlean Wolfe, Danae Wiebe, Emily Penner, Jakiya Friesen, Kate Heide, Laura Marx, Maksym Saltykov, Mia O'Neil, Rachel Klassen, and Ruben Martel.

Program for uncertified health care aides launches next week

By Lorne Stelmach

A provincial program is aiming to help boost staffing support at facilities like the personal care homes in Winkler and Morden.

Approval came just recently for uncertified health care aide paid training, so anyone who is interested in joining the health care field and working in a personal care home can apply for the micro-credentialing course offered through Red River College.

The first program runs from Sept. 27 to Oct. 3. Successful applicants to the Shared Health program will receive five days of paid online training and two days of in-person practical training in Winnipeg.

There is no guarantee of a position at the end of the training, but students who successfully complete the program will be able to apply to Salem Home and Tabor Home—both facilities where there is very much a need.

"We've been advocating for a long time to get this, and we just found out," said Carolyn Fenny, CEO of Tabor Home. "Even if people apply and they don't get in this round, when they do this again, you could get included next time."

"We really want to attract some additional people," she said. "We're trying to attract people to Salem and to Tabor Home, and we're hoping we're going to get lots of applicants from this area who are interested in being

a caregiver.

"People are hired to Shared Health ... they do not pay tuition, and they are paid for their training," she added, noting there is a salary of \$17.73/hour being offered.

Fenny noted that public health orders coming into effect Oct 31 will include mandatory vaccination or testing for all direct care employees.

The only other conditions are that applicants must be 18 years old, have completed Grade 10, and must have access to computer and internet. They must also have the ability to get into Winnipeg for the skills lab.

"The skills lab would help people learn skills like how you would transfer a resident safely, learn how to do

meal assistance," Fenny cited as examples. "It's one thing to learn the theory; it's another thing to put it into practice."

She said this course offers an ideal way for those looking to join the caregiving and health care field and who have a passion for helping others and who are flexible and enjoy working with seniors.

"You could eventually work then as a health care aide ... so it's a really, really good opportunity for people who are interested," said Fenny.

You can find more information online by going to careers.wrha.mb.ca and doing a search for health care aide uncertified training.

Swan Lake elder to speak in Morden this fall

By Lorne Stelmach

An upcoming series of talks very much fit in with the goals of the Truth and Action Working Group.

The local initiative aims to promote positive public awareness of Indigenous realities and build relationships with Indigenous neighbours, and it is an objective that is shared by speaker David Scott.

An elder and policy advisor with the Swan Lake First Nation, Scott welcomes opportunities to share the knowledge he has gained around history and treaty research.

"There's a lack of understanding around each other's worlds ... that's why I do this," said Scott, who will speak on the final Fridays of the next three months starting Sept. 28.

All sessions will take place at the Morden Mennonite Church starting at 7 p.m. His topics begin Sept. 28 with a historical look at Canada's Indigenous policies and continue Oct. 26 with treaties and the Indian Act and then conclude Nov. 30 with the condition of Indigenous people in Canada today.

"I'm trying to help get our communities back to working with one another and understanding each other better," suggested Scott.

He does feel like there has been progress in our society today, especially with the increasing focus on reconciliation.

"It's a slow, long process," Scott said. "More and more groups are reaching out to talk ... I don't expect it to change overnight."

He offered a few ideas of what people can and should not expect from his presentations.

"I don't bring spirituality into the conversations that I have," he noted. "I'm not one of those people that goes around waving feathers and smudging

everything in sight.

"I'm a very traditional person ... my spirituality is a very private thing," Scott explained. "I focus more on the relationship with non-Indigenous people."

"The way I structure my talks is I start with trying to correct history. I talk about the history and why Indigenous people are the way that they are today."

"I don't talk about residential schools because that's not my experience," he said. "I do talk about Canada's policies of how they affected and continue to affect Indigenous people."

"Then I talk about the barriers around recognizing treaties and how that impacts both my world and my neighbours' worlds, and then I talk about this is what is happening in the communities today."

"I try to remove the politics from the conversation, but inevitably when you talk about the Indian Act ... politics does come into play, but I try to minimize it," said Scott, who also hosted a workshop this past weekend at the Harvest

Moon Festival in Clearwater.

"He's going to help us really understand things better ... when I look at those topics, I think that's exactly what people should know," said Earl Dyck, who is a member of the Truth and Action Working Group. "When I read the Indian Act now, really, I'm appalled ... where's the equity?"

The Truth and Action Working Group, which is made up primarily of people from six churches in the Morden-Winkler area but welcomes all people, came about through a shared interest in wanting to get know our First Nations neighbours particularly from the Swan Lake and Roseau River First Nations, said Dyck.

"We're community-minded people, but we don't

"THERE'S A LACK OF UNDERSTANDING AROUND EACH OTHER'S WORLDS ... THAT'S WHY I DO THIS."



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Swan Lake First Nation elder and policy advisory David Scott will be speaking the last Friday of the next three months about Indigenous history in Canada and the challenges they still face today.

know anything about our First Nation neighbours ... that's what got us going," he suggested. "So how can we get to know each other better? How we can support and learn from each other?"

"It's been a great learning experience, and it's been a lot of fun."

Off-duty Winkler officer investigated for alleged assault

By Voice staff

The Independent Investigation Unit (IIU) of Manitoba is investigating allegations of assault by an off-duty Winkler police officer.

On Sept. 13, RCMP reported an incident to the IIU that occurred on Sept. 11.

According to the notification, Wasagaming RCMP were called to a report of an assault. Officers attended the residence and it was determined that the affected person had been assaulted by an off-duty police officer from the Winkler Police Service. The affected person was transported to Minnedosa Hospital for treatment.

The IIU civilian director has determined it is in the public interest to investigate.

Witnesses or other individuals who have information or video footage that may assist this investigation are asked to contact the IIU toll free at 1-844-667-6060.

As the investigation is ongoing, IIU is providing no further details at this time.

Winkler Police Chief Ryan Hunt released a brief statement on the matter,

noting, "I have full confidence that the IIU will do a complete investigation and determine if there was or was not any wrongdoing on the part of our officer."

SWM closing Winkler and Carman facilities

By Becca Myskiw

SWM (Schweitzer-Mauduit) International is closing its facilities in Winkler and Carman.

The decision comes after the late 2020 closure of the company's Spotswood, New Jersey facility. That was driven by a "key customer's" decision to source a product that didn't fit with the capabilities of that location, according

to Nicolas Flandrin-Jones, business communication leader at SWM.

The business is a global provider of materials such as fibers, yarn, film, netting, nonwoven materials, paper, soil stabilization, tobacco products, and tubing. Their Carman and Winkler facilities harvest and collect flax straw to convert it into flax tow, the raw material for cigarette papers.

The Winkler site, owned by SWM In-

ternational since 1985, combined with the Carman site, employs 20 full-time people.

According to Flandrin-Jones, the company tried to "pursue alternative business models" that would allow them to continue to operate their Winkler facility but couldn't find an option that would "successfully sustain" the operation.

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Ukrainian community celebrates

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Members of the local Ukrainian community gathered in Morden Park Sunday for a special celebration to mark both the 130th anniversary of Ukrainian immigration in Canada and the 30th anniversary of Ukraine's independence. The highlight came when everyone gathered to help unfurl what organizers billed as the largest Ukrainian flag in Canada (above). Right: The Borsch Ukrainian Cultural Club also brought in a few singers and musicians for the occasion.



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The closure of the Spotswood facility is linked to the Winkler one because the entire flax tow operations locally were dedicated to the cigarette paper production in New Jersey.

The Winkler and Carman sites are slated to close Dec. 31, 2021. Current employees will be given job opportunities within the company at other locations.

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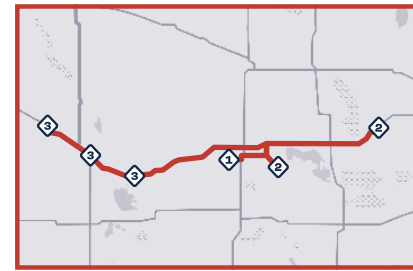
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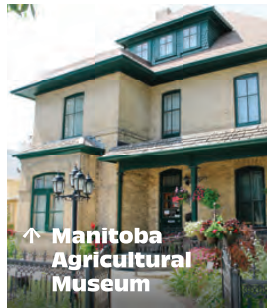


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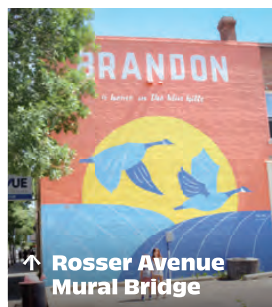
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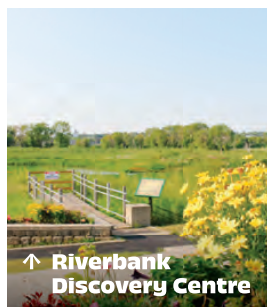
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Brandon's historic downtown, nicknamed The Hub, is centered along Rosser Avenue. This handsome collection of heritage architecture with faded ghost signs is a testament to Brandon's prosperity at the turn of the 20th century. Visit the independent local businesses that now occupy these buildings, including coffee shops, bakeries and favourite eateries as well as shops selling creative gifts, home decor and beauty items.

Learn about Brandon's early life at **Daly House Museum**, the Victorian-style home of Brandon's first mayor. The **Brandon General Museum and Archives** has three permanent exhibits that highlight the history and nature of the area. The **Commonwealth Air Training Plan Museum** is full of historic aircrafts and artifacts that commemorate the role that the prairie sky and Brandon played in the Royal Canadian Air Force training school during World War II.

Check out local art

at the **Art Gallery of Southwestern Manitoba**

and do the self-guided walking tour of the city's colourful murals before grabbing a bite to eat. Brandon boasts a great selection of restaurants, including a range of multicultural kitchens – ranging from Indian to Ethiopian – that are standouts in the community.

Next, discover the **Riverbank Discovery Centre** in the centre of the city. This network of 17 kilometres of walking trails connects you with the Assiniboine River ecosystem. Ten kilometres south of Brandon off Highway 10, the **Brandon Hills Wildlife Management Area** is an all-season playground and is particularly well known for single-track mountain biking.

Brandon has a number of great hotels, including many with pools and waterslides for the kids. There are four campgrounds in the area, including one at Grand Valley Provincial Park, along with bed and breakfast options.



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This second day trip heads west from Brandon to discover some gems in the region that mostly only the locals know about.

Oak Lake, located 45 kilometres west of Brandon, is a jewel hidden in the seemingly endless farmland of southwest Manitoba. The main draw at **Oak Lake Provincial Park** down Provincial Road 254 is a sandy, family-friendly beach. A marina allows you to put a boat into the water for a day of fishing or watersports. Next door to the beach is **Oak Island Resort**, an all-inclusive getaway that touts a pristine 18-hole golf course and massive 400-site campground.

Continue west along the Trans-Canada Highway to **Virden**, known as the gateway to the Canadian Prairies and the centre of

Manitoba's small oil industry. Check out the historic CPR Station, which is now home to the **Arts Mosaic Gallery** and the Aud Theatre, an ornate concert hall built in 1911.

Visit the **Virden Pioneer Home Museum** or head just up the highway to Elkhorn to check out the **Manitoba Antique Auto Museum**, regarded as one of North America's best for car enthusiasts.

A final stop is **Eternal Springs**, a hidden oasis located seven kilometres east of Virden. Walking trails lead to a 66-ft swinging bridge over two small stocked trout ponds. It's an ideal spot for a secluded nature walk and picnic. There several campgrounds in the area, plus Virden has six hotels and a number of bed and breakfasts.

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COMMUNITY NEWS



Smile Cookie sales week supporting local youth



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The Winkler Flyers spent three days at the Morden and Winkler Tim Hortons last week decorating smile cookies. Proceeds from this year go to Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Pembina Valley.

By Becca Myskiw

Local Tim Hortons once again donated their Smile Cookie proceeds to Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Pembina Valley.

Smile Cookies are a promotion the restaurant chain does each year in September. Each chocolate chip cookie is decorated with blue icing eyes and a pink icing smile and sold for \$1. All proceeds from the cookies sold during the week go to a local charity each Tim Hortons selects.

Since their opening in 2004, the Morden and Winkler Tim Hortons have donated their Smile Cookie proceeds to Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Pembina Valley. Owner Jeff Doerksen said he likes getting to choose a local charity to donate thousands of dollars to each year, and he continues to choose them because their programs are a "worthy cause."

"We just really like what they do in the community for the families that they serve," he said.

Jenelle Neufeld, executive director of Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Pembina Valley, said they're beyond thankful to be chosen to receive the money each year and they've begun to rely on it.

"It would be difficult to continue programming without the Smile Cookie money," she said. "We're not different in any from any other non-

profit organization that relies on fundraising...we depend on the Smile Cookie money in our budget. It's a huge factor in our organization, so being able to depend on that is absolutely essential for us."

The money generated from the promotion annually goes right back into Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Pembina Valley's mentoring programs, including one-on-one partnerships, Go Girls, and Game On. In addition, it's used to support matches and ensure everything is and continues to go smoothly with them.

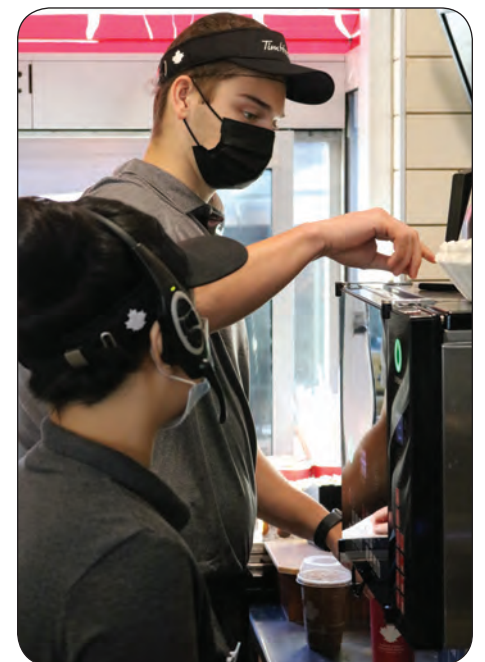
For three days last week, the Winkler Flyers had a few players from the team come to the two Tim Hortons to make coffees and decorate the cookies. Doerksen said they've been out for a few years and work really hard each time they come.

Last year, the two restaurants sold a combined 17,400. This year they hit 19,387 cookies—not too far off from Neufeld's goal of 20,000 cookies and \$20,000 raised for the agency.

Doerksen said that's a huge number, especially after the year they've had with COVID-19 and its restrictions. There's been less traffic and less people to the stores, but internal competitions between the Winkler and Morden shops drive up sales along with the good cause.



Jenelle Neufeld from Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Pembina Valley supported the cause throughout the week.



Flyers' player Jacob Sargent helped make coffee Friday morning.

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First Artisan Market tour a hit



After no less than two cancellations earlier this year due to the pandemic, the area's first Artisan Market tour finally became a reality last Saturday with 40 stops in the Morden-Winkler area. Organizer LaDawn Insull (right) created the self-guided tour to give fellow artisans a place to showcase their handcrafted wares after 18 months of cancelled or delayed craft shows.



Far left: Nelly Nickel of Nelly's Bake-shop served up homemade pretzels from her home in Reinfeld. Left: Zoe Reimer had up for grabs dog treats, tug toys and other canine goodies she made for her business BowWow Chow. The young entrepreneur and dog-lover has been at it for about two years now. "I just thought I wanted to make a little extra money and use up some of my time, so I started this business," she says, noting the tour was a big success for her. "We've sold a lot and I've been really excited about doing this today."

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VOICE

Province acknowledges day for Truth and Reconciliation Sept. 30

By Voice staff

The Manitoba government is recognizing the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation as a day of observance to encourage reflection and meaningful discussions about the impacts of residential schools, Indigenous Reconciliation and Northern Relations Minister Alan Lagimodiere announced earlier this month.

Schools will be closed and no classes will be held on that day. Manitoba's public servants will also observe the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation and non-essential government services and offices will be closed for the day.

"We all have a role to play in reconciliation. We can all listen, learn, and support the healing needed to address the intergenerational trauma caused by the residential school system," said Lagimodiere. "Reflecting on our tragic history by recognizing the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation provides an opportunity for

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Salem BBQ raises \$45K

The Salem Foundation and the Salem Ladies Auxiliary served up 437 meals of burgers and hot dogs Sept. 15 at a drive-thru barbecue to mark the 65th anniversary of the Winkler care home and the 20th anniversary of the foundation. A total of \$45,325 in donations was raised for Salem's Cottonwood unit renovations and the purchase of a new "ABBY" interactive computer board for residents living with dementia. "We were blessed with a beautiful day, many great volunteers and are so grateful for each and everyone's support," said the foundation's Susan Hildebrand. Below: The evening included music from singer-songwriter Ed Wayne.

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Manitobans to learn about the ongoing legacy of residential schools. This shared understanding of our history is essential to reconciliation."

In June, the House of Commons unanimously passed legislation to make Sept. 30 a National Day for Truth and Reconciliation to commemorate the history and ongoing trauma caused by residential schools and to honour the survivors, families and communities who continue to grieve for those who were lost.

Several Indigenous-led events will be supported by the province during the month of September to provide Indigenous and non-Indigenous people an important opportunity to advance reconciliation and to listen and learn about Indigenous stories and experiences, noted Lagimodiere.

Sept. 30 will also see flags on all provincial government buildings lowered to half-mast in observance of National Day for Truth and Reconciliation.



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Manitou native recalls her role investigating the 9/11 terrorist attacks

Marilyn Adkins was part of United Airlines team combing the Flight 93 crash site

By Lorne Stelmach

Like many people all over the world, Marilyn Adkins paused on the recent anniversary of the 9/11 terrorist attacks.

For Adkins, who was born and raised in the Manitou area, the 20th anniversary however was something quite different, as she recalled two decades ago when she was part of the United Airlines investigation team at the site where Flight 93 crashed in Pennsylvania.

The passenger flight that was hijacked by four al-Qaeda terrorists as part of the Sept. 11th attacks went down following an attempt by passengers and crew to regain control of the plane. It killed all 44 people on board the plane, which did not reach its planned destination.

Adkins had only joined the United Airlines accident investigation team a year previous to 9/11 as the first female member, and it led to a what became a life changing experience for the 1975 graduate of Nellie McClung Collegiate.

"I never would have imagined being a part of something like this ... I couldn't have imagined it ... but I'm proud to have had the opportunity," Adkins said during a recent phone interview from Phoenix, Arizona, where she is now retired. "I am grateful to have not only served our airline ... but to have also been able to serve our government. To have been a small part of that, I'm definitely grateful to have played a role."

She may have never quite imagined ever having such an experience, but Adkins does remember having the thought at age 12 that she "knew I wanted to work for an airline; I knew I wanted to go to Switzerland, and I knew wanted to live in California ... the working for the airline part was the last thing to happen."

She obviously would have never thought she would end up in such a position when she started her career with United Airlines in 1989.

"I took an entry level job, and I never imagined that really the bulk of my career would land up in aircraft maintenance," she said with a laugh.

She eventually got into a logistics role and that was where she was encouraged to get the mechanical training that led to most of her 31 year career as a part of the tech ops aircraft maintenance division working out of Oakland and San Francisco maintenance

base locations.

"I took on a career in maintenance, not because I was trying to prove something—it was just an opportunity," said Adkins. It was her time as an aircraft maintenance supervisor and engineer that led to her joining the accident scene team as its first female member.

"I had just become a team member about a year before ... you had to be in management to be part of that team but have the maintenance background," she noted when recalling arriving at work Sept. 11, 2001 around 6 a.m. and getting the call.

"We were then just starting to see the first images," recalled Adkins, who remembered they were asked to report to San Francisco to fly east, but even on the way there she was car pooling in a van without a radio, so thus began a period of being out of touch with what all was happening.

"We were pretty much isolated," she said. "It took the FBI about six and a half hours to clear us because they had grounded all the air traffic. Before they let anybody in the air, they had to do background checks."

"So we were in a bubble," she said, recalling that their flight was perhaps



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Manitou native Marilyn Adkins, who now calls Arizona home, was part of the United Airlines team who investigated the crash site of Flight 93 in 2001. Right: A commemorative pin she received this year for the 20th anniversary of the terrorist attacks.



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Old Farmer's Almanac makes its winter predictions

Says to expect a snowy winter here in the Prairies

By Lorne Stelmach

For a region facing a severe drought, a forecast for a white and wet winter may be unusually welcome news.

It comes courtesy of the 2022 Old Farmer's Almanac Canadian edition, which officially arrived a few weeks ago with a nationwide warning for this winter: Canadians should be prepared to weather some storms.

For 230 years, the almanac has been helping readers prepare for winter's worst with what the publication touts is 80 per cent accurate weather forecasts.

According to the latest edition, this winter will be punctuated by a series of storms with snowfall above normal in many regions, including the northern prairies, with slightly above average temperatures throughout the season in all but the northernmost portions of the prairies.

"Mild would be kind of a misnomer though ... it's just not going to be so cold," said managing editor Jack Burnett, who noted the almanac forecast predicts major snow storms for the Prairies in late November, mid-January, and early March.

The weather predictions usually get

a lot of the attention with the annual release of the almanac, which uses a system that takes into account weather trends as well as climatology, meteorology, and even the influence of things like sunspot activity.

"We look for patterns in the past that resemble the present ... then we can look at what happened next back then," explained Burnett.

It is part of a tried and true formula for success for the almanac, which at the same time continues to evolve each year.

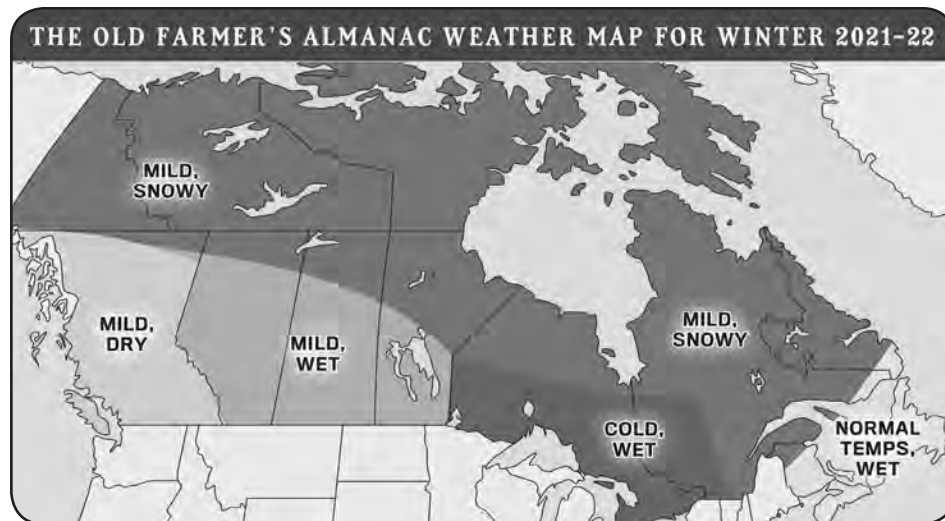
"We're more than just the weather," Burnett said. "The weather is less than 10 per cent of the Old Farmer's Almanac ... we're filled with all kinds of other stuff."

For example, the new edition not only prepares readers to weather the storms but revisits the 1972 Canada-Soviet hockey summit, tours the Trans-Canada Highway, shares stories of small farmers, traces the art of animal tracking, and more.

There are gardening tips for growing a rainbow of dahlias or a patch of pumpkins (hint: the bumpier the skin, the sweeter the taste) plus how to make scents of potpourri.

There are also recipes that make the most of the season along with award-winning dishes and desserts that use five or fewer ingredients.

Dispatches from small farmers include how they fared during 2020 and continue to diversify for the future, while another feature shows how to



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Here's hoping the Old Farmer's Almanac is right this year: it's predicting a wet winter for Manitoba.

read Mother Nature's signs to choose a fishing spot.

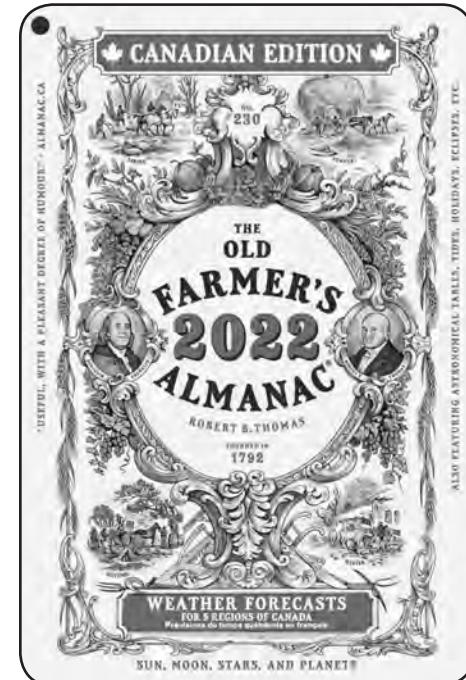
No matter the subject, they are all chosen with the motto of their founder Robert Thomas in mind.

"He wanted it to be useful with a pleasant degree of humour," said Burnett.

He noted the familiarity likely keeps people coming back to the almanac year after year.

"Last year sold the most of any time in our 230 year history," Burnett said. "We provide a lot of practical advice, and we're trusted; we've been around a long, long time, so we're a safe, known quantity—we have the familiar yellow cover with the hole in the corner."

If you want to find a copy for yourself, you can order it online at www.almanac.com or keep an eye out in local stores.



Burnett noted there is also a lot of content to enjoy on their website.

"It is a massive website that has hundreds of free pages about everything you could think of, so that is a huge resource," he noted. "And we are on all the social media too."

> ADKINS, FROM PG. 17

just one of three planes allowed to fly that day. "It was very eerie. You're taking off out of San Francisco, a major hub, and everything was grounded."

She then remembers landing in Johnstown, which didn't support their size of aircraft, so they had to bring out a fire truck and extend the ladder to the door to get people out—all while surrounded by fully armed National Guard troops.

"It was really surreal. I think that was the point where most of us realized this was really serious," said Adkins.

On the first day, they were not allowed on site, but the second day then had them get to work on the mission to collect the aircraft parts for the investigation and assist with the collection of personal belongings and human remains.

She remembers approaching the site and realizing that they couldn't recognize visible signs of the crash.

"It was as if the earth had truly swallowed up the aircraft ... that aircraft hit the ground at maybe five or six hundred miles an hour.

"I don't know that I ever saw a piece of aircraft that was longer than about three feet. When we finished picking up the aircraft, there was seven dumpsters of small parts."

She has a number of vivid memories from that period of time.

"I remember walking down a portion of the path to the site, and at that time in 2001, many airlines still placed a Gideon Bible on the aircraft," she noted. "I remember seeing a red hardback Gideon Bible laying in the middle of this field path ... there were no burnt edges; it was

completely intact."

Through it all, what kept them going was that they had to just focus on the task, so they blocked everything else out and actually had little time to think about the big picture and what all had been transpiring.

"We would get back to our rooms at 9 at night, and we had a choice ... are we going to get sleep?" said Adkins, who said their isolation was a blessing in disguise. "We were really in this isolated bubble, and it wasn't until after most of us returned home ... for me, it was about a month later that it hit me ... we had been completely isolated."

Now, looking back 20 years on, Adkins noted how it still feels distant, as, in some ways their lives were put on hold apart from the rest of the world.

"We left our families that first day, not knowing how long we would be gone," she said.

"We were on site when they found the black boxes deeply buried in the ground," she noted. "We knew how critical they would be to the investigation."

"I've spent some time watching a number of documentaries," said Adkins, who noted having recently gone through some memorabilia from that time.

"Twenty years later, the things that resonate are those things like how isolated we were at that time," she said.

"It was really life impacting," she concluded. "Looking back ... it's understanding we were critical to determining what had happened ... there is a sense of pride in it."

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Siemens, Bennett release a very unique version of "God Save the Queen"

Two artists, hundreds of orchestral parts

By Lorne Stelmach

The latest project for Plum Coulee's pride and joy Rosemary Siemens and her husband and musical partner Eli Bennett was very much a labour of love.

The duo known as SaxAndViolin recently released a special version of "God Save The Queen" which features the sound of a 400-piece orchestra and choir but was all created by just the two of them in the studio.

Being housebound for so long amidst the pandemic lockdown provided them ample time for what was clearly an ambitious project.

"We wanted it to be really epic ... so we thought now, during COVID, we finally had time because we were home," Siemens said during a recent phone interview. "It's the greatest work that we've ever worked on and the most complex and the most intricate."

The inspiration for the project came after both Siemens and Bennett were awarded Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Medals for their contributions to the arts in Canada in 2013, and Siemens said they wanted to create this version of "God Save The Queen" as a thank you to the queen for the hon-

our.

They went to work then with violinist Siemens recording all of the strings and choir parts and Bennett recording, producing, and arranging the rest of the orchestra sounds.

"It's taken about six months ... it was a very long process. We did everything from our home recording studio," said Siemens.

"I sang about a hundred vocal parts and played all the orchestra lines, and Eli did all the parts like the brass and the woodwinds and the drums ... it was over 400 parts coming together just by the two of us.

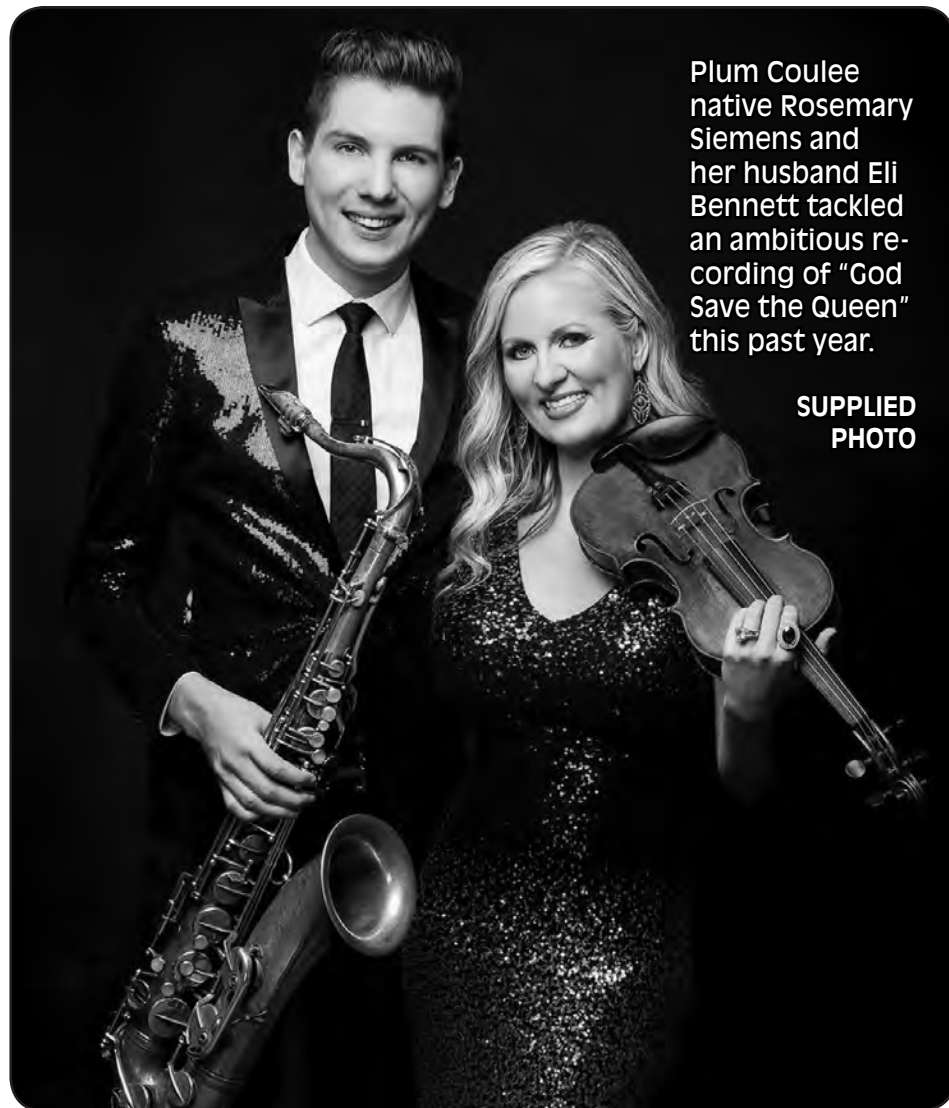
"We slowly saw it coming together, and we finally got to release it, so it felt pretty awesome then ... to see and hear it all come to life was amazing."

Siemens said she appreciated the immediate response from listeners, many of whom had a shared memory of singing the song in school.

"For me, it's a song I grew up with and it's a part of me," she said, adding that is actually is very much like a hymn as well.

Now that it is complete and out there for all to enjoy, Siemens added what would be the "pièce de résistance" for this project:

"Our dream would be to one day



Plum Coulee native Rosemary Siemens and her husband Eli Bennett tackled an ambitious recording of "God Save the Queen" this past year.

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play it for the queen for real with a real orchestra and a live choir ... that would be our ultimate goal. Here's hoping ... you've got to dream big, right?"

Since the official launch of SaxAnd-

Violin in 2019, Siemens and Bennett have performed together around the world and their music videos have received over six million views on Facebook and YouTube.

PHAC welcomes new term program director



Tye Dandridge-Evancio

By Lorne Stelmach

The opportunity to work for the Pembina Hills Arts Council was enticing to Tye Dandridge-Evancio, even if it was just a one-year term position.

He recently stepped into the role of programs and outreach co-ordinator while Tricia Dyck is on a leave of absence to pursue her Masters degree at the University of Winnipeg.

Evancio comes to the job in Morden with a Masters degree and having worked as the curator at Wasagaming Community Arts (WCA) for the past four summers, and he saw this as a great chance to enhance his experience.

"I think the draw for me was getting

to expand on the role I had taken a liking to with the curating but getting to take those skills I had and expand on them further," he said.

"The other thing as well was the community here is super excited about art and supportive of art, which is refreshing and really exciting," he added. "The people who came to the WCA had more than a few times mentioned some of the events going on out in Morden like the studio tour and artist retreats.

"So all these things made me excited to try for this here."

Dandridge-Evancio hails from Brandon, where he began his university studies before transferring to Lethbridge for his Bachelor of Fine Arts

and to the University of Regina for his Masters.

He started in Wasagaming in 2017, and the position quickly grew further than he had first anticipated.

"It started out as a summer position, but it then became year round ... and I started running the website and doing other winter things for them as well year-round," said Dandridge-Evancio.

"The role was focused on the exhibitions, getting in touch with the artists, making arrangements ... designing all the promotional materials for their exhibitions," he cited as examples of his main tasks. "It's what I love doing; that's what kind of got me into this in the first place."

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STARS adds new helicopter to its fleet

By Voice staff

STARS added a new helicopter to its fleet of air ambulances this month.

The Airbus H145, which will fly missions from STARS' Winnipeg base, is the latest in the service's push to replace and renew its fleet across Western Canada.

"Today is about bringing us one step closer to making our fleet renewal program a reality," said STARS president and CEO Andrea Robertson. "It is also about paying tribute to our community allies who began building STARS in this province ten years ago and have sustained it ever since."

Dignitaries and supporters gathered in Winnipeg Sept. 7 to celebrate the new vehicle, which will officially enter service later this fall.

"On behalf of the provincial government, I congratulate STARS on the arrival of their new H145 helicopter in Manitoba," said Premier Kelvin Goertzen. "STARS has been a valued partner in the delivery of critical care in our province for a decade, and I know Manitobans will be well-served for many years to come with this new



STARS PHOTO BY DAVID LIPNOWSKI

STARS unveiled its new H145 helicopter at a ceremony in Winnipeg earlier this month.

addition to STARS' life-saving fleet."

In honour of STARS' commitment to Manitoba, the new helicopter carries the registration mark C-FMBQ, with the "MB" paying homage to its new home and the people and communities it will serve.

STARS estimates it will cost \$13 mil-

lion to replace its fleet of BK117 and AW139 aircraft with new, medically-equipped Airbus H145 helicopters.

"The bulk of our aging fleet are no longer being built and are becoming costlier to maintain," said Robertson. "Additionally, independent assessments of the sustainability of our fleet

told us we needed to move from two aircraft types to one."

Thanks to government, community, and corporate support, the not-for-profit charity began taking delivery of the first H145 helicopters in 2019 and has since flown hundreds of life-saving missions in the new aircraft from other bases.

Although it has millions of dollars left to raise, STARS hopes to wrap up its fundraising campaign later this year and see the remainder of the new fleet enter service by 2022.

Last week's event helped get them part of the way there, with the Kinsmen Club of Winnipeg and Cargill Limited on hand to present STARS with donations of \$500,000 and \$400,000, respectively.

"Our supporters ride along with us on every mission, and now they are helping us build the next STARS fleet," Robertson said. "These new aircraft are an investment in our ability to serve the people of Manitoba for decades to come, and we're incredibly grateful to the community for helping us get closer to our goal."

Province now offering 3rd COVID-19 shot for the immunocompromised

Manitobans who received AstraZeneca or mixed mRNA vaccines also eligible to ease travel

By Voice staff

The province has opened the door for some Manitobans to get a third dose of the COVID-19 vaccine.

Dr. Joss Reimer, medical lead of the Vaccine Implementation Task Force, announced last week that Manitoba is now offering third doses of mRNA vaccines to immunocompromised people and individuals who may choose to receive a third dose for travel purposes.

Then, on Monday, the province added all residents and staff of First Nation personal care homes to that list and announced plans to expand eligibility further to residents of all personal care homes throughout the province in October.

"We know that people who are immunocompromised may not be able to develop a good defence against COVID-19 with just two doses of the vaccine," Reimer said. "This initial plan for the third dose recognizes those who are at increased risk of severe illness. It also responds to the individual challenges faced by people travelling outside of Canada."

Though approved for use in Canada,

the AstraZeneca vaccine is not recognized in all countries. Some travel destinations are also not allowing visitors who received different mRNA vaccines for their first and second shots.

And so, effective Sept. 15, third doses were made available to:

- people who are moderately to severely immunocompromised due to a medical condition and/or treatment;
- individuals who wish to receive a third dose for travel purposes; and
- individuals who have received one or two doses of a vaccine that is not approved by Health Canada.

Reimer noted a complete list of the medical conditions and/or treatments that would result in a person being considered immunocompromised and recommended to receive a third dose is available online at www.manitoba.ca/vaccine.

It includes people receiving chemotherapy for cancer, organ transplant patients receiving chemotherapy or other immunosuppressive therapy, people born with immune system dysfunctions, HIV-AIDS patients, and people taking certain medications that severely affect the immune sys-

tem.

People who are immunocompromised can be immunized by their health-care provider.

Individuals who would like to receive a third dose for travel purposes must be vaccinated by their health-care provider and go through an informed consent process, or present a prescription to a pharmacist.

People who have previously received a vaccine not approved by Health Canada can be immunized at super sites, pop-ups or mobile clinics, or by a health-care provider.

MEDICAL EXEMPTIONS

The province has also provided a guide to medical exemptions from vaccine requirements.

Reimer stressed that only a very small group of people have legitimate reasons for exemption and they must go through a strict process to receive one.

Their situation will need to be reviewed by a specialist physician and then submitted to the Vaccine Implementation Task Force in order to secure an exemption.

Eligible people include those who:

- had a severe reaction after the first dose of a COVID-19 vaccine (e.g. myocarditis, Guillain-Barré syndrome);
- are receiving treatment that affects their ability to mount an immune response, meaning vaccination must be timed carefully with their treatment schedule (e.g. receiving immunocompromising treatment after a transplant, certain types of cancer treatments); or
- had a severe allergy or anaphylactic reaction to a previous dose of a COVID-19 vaccine or its components that cannot be managed by the Health Sciences Centre Allergy Clinic.

The process to submit medical exemptions will be finalized as soon as possible, along with updated clinical guidance for health-care professionals.

The province is also developing a way to ensure individuals with a valid medical exemption are able to access the same benefits as those with an immunization card. This work is expected to be completed in the coming weeks.

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INSIDE > OUTSIDE > UPSIDE DOWN

Flyers start strong

By Ashleigh Viveiros

The Winkler Flyers got the 2021-2022 season off to a strong start against the Portage Terriers last weekend.

Playing before a hometown crowd Saturday night, the Flyers were up 2-1 heading into the first intermission thanks to goals from Daniel Isaak and Justin Svenson.

Derek Wiebe and Jayden McCarthy strengthened that lead to 4-1 after 20 more minutes, while Dylan Meilun added to the 11 saves he'd made in period one with 11 more in period two.

Portage finally got their act together in the third period, eating away at Winkler's lead with a goal at 8:09 and two more after the midway point.

With two minutes to go and the scoreboard reading 4-4, McCarthy got his second of the night.

Portage yanked their goalie then for the extra man but that only served to give Josh Beauchemin the chance to score in the final seconds and make it a 6-4 win for the Flyers.

Meilun made seven more saves that last period, contributing to the 29 saves overall he made as Winkler out-shot Portage 38-33.

The Terriers didn't put up much of a fight at all in game two the next night, which Winkler won 8-2.

The Terriers connected with the back of the net midway through the first and early in the third periods.

Winkler, meanwhile, saw a two-goal night from Svenson and seven singles from Beauchemin, McCarthy, Nicholas McKee, Trent Penner, Trent Sambrook, and Ryan Monias spread across all three periods.

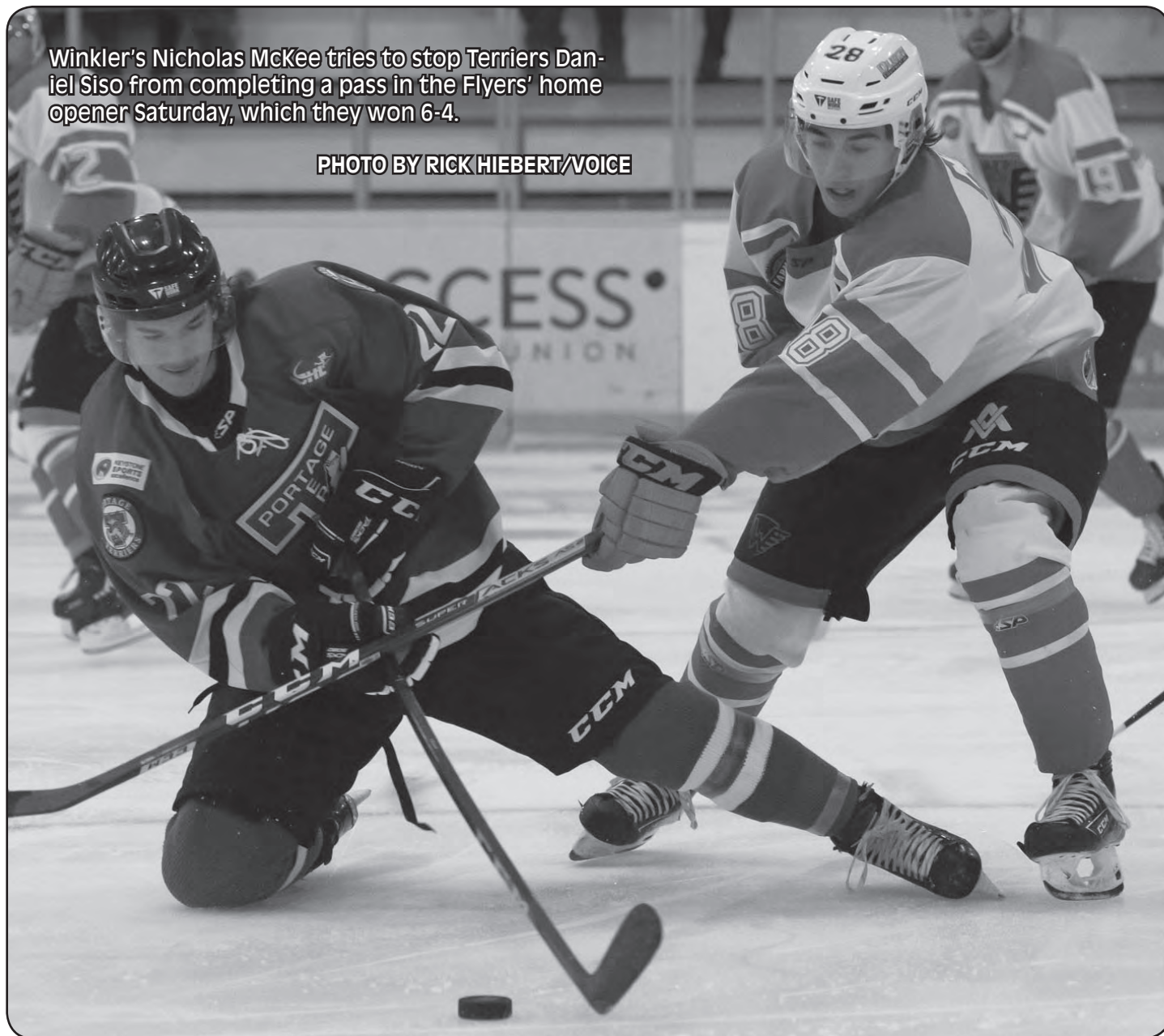
Meilun was in net for this win as well, making 25 saves off 27 shots. Winkler fired back 33.

Head coach Justin Falk was pleased by the team's victorious opening weekend, though he notes there's always room for growth.

"It was a really exciting weekend and I'm very pleased with the work ethic in our group as we continue to build," he said on Monday, noting it's been a jam-packed couple of weeks with training camp and getting play-

Winkler's Nicholas McKee tries to stop Terriers Daniel Siso from completing a pass in the Flyers' home opener Saturday, which they won 6-4.

PHOTO BY RICK HIEBERT/VOICE



ers and coaching staff alike settled in ahead of the season's start.

"We're just looking to keep buying into more of the details," Falk reflected. "Every opportunity, every game there's so much potential for learning and growth in these players. That's the most exciting opportunity and challenge for us as a staff is to continue to develop each of these players individually and collectively as a whole, to try to make the best players and young men out of them as you can."

The Flyers get another crack at the Terriers this weekend with games in Winkler Friday night and Portage Saturday.

They then move on to face the Steinbach Pistons in a quartet of home and away games the first two weekends of October.

Playing the same team over multiple weekends makes for an unusual season of hockey, but one that does allow the team more time to take the measure of their opponents, Falk noted.

"Every one is a playoff series, basically, and every game gets harder ... more physical," he said, explaining the team spends the weeks in between closely evaluating their own performance and looking for weaknesses in their opponent's armor. "They'll be doing exactly what we're doing, getting ready for two big games. You try to take advantage of different areas that we can go after and to continue to improve."

Winkler Storm fall to Lions 9-0

By Ashleigh Viveiros

The Winkler Storm posted their third loss of the season last weekend, and it was a doozy.

The MMSL Premier Division team

returned home from Winnipeg Sunday having lost 9-0 to the Winnipeg Lions.

With that, the Storm head into their final regular season game against Ital-Inter SC Sunday afternoon in Winkler

with a record of 0-3-3 for sixth place in their division, ahead of the NKMB Saints and Luso Canadian CCS.

The league's shortened playoffs will only include the top four teams in the division.

Thanks for Giving Run going virtual again this year

By Ashleigh Viveiros

For the second year in a row, Winkler's Thanks for Giving Run will be taking place virtually this fall.

Organizers have decided to cancel the in-person gathering scheduled for Saturday, Oct. 9 and instead encourage participants to tackle their runs on their



own between now and then.

"We were planning to have a full mass start race Thanksgiving weekend, but we've decided due to a number of issues that we can't do that this year," said organizer Dwight Suderman, pointing to the rise in COVID-19 cases in Manitoba and challenges surrounding runner and volunteer safety.

The race in past years has drawn hundreds of participants from across Manitoba for half-marathon, 5K, 10K, and children's 1.5K events. Over a hundred volunteers are also needed to keep things moving smoothly.

This makes for the third year the in-person races have had to be cancelled—last year due to the pandemic and in 2019 due to a blizzard.

It's a disappointment to be sure, Suderman said, but he's optimistic runners will take on the at-home challenge.

"We're hopeful people will enter the virtual event and run wherever they are in the world," he said, pointing those interested in taking part to head to

thanksforgivingrun.ca for registration information.

The website also has maps of the run's various routes in Winkler, which Suderman encourages participants to check out if they're not keen to map out their own route.

Even with the challenges of past years, the Thanks for Giving Run has still managed to raise a fair chunk of change for the Winkler and District Food Cupboard.

The 2020 event, for example, raised over \$12,000 in spite of lower than usual numbers.

The bulk of those funds come from business sponsorships, which Suderman says is on track for 2021 as well.

"We're doing well this year with that, too," he said. "We're getting a lot of business sponsorships. They back us up because they know the money is going to go to a good cause."

Suderman stresses they intend to host an in-person run in 2022—their first in four years.

"Let's hope next year COVID isn't a factor."

Female Hawks shine in pre-season schedule

By Lorne Stelmach

The female U18 Pembina Valley Hawks wrapped up a successful exhibition season with only one loss in six games.

They began the week with a 4-3 overtime victory over the Winnipeg Avros last Wednesday then split a pair of weekend games with the Rink Hockey Academy, winning 3-1 Saturday before falling 5-4 Sunday.

The Hawks scored two third period goals to tie the game with the Avros and force extra time.

Abbey Bourdeaud'hui had a three point night including a pair of goals for the Hawks. Also scoring for Pembina Valley were Jessica Anderson and Annika Braun, while Kaylee Franz had a strong night in goal in stopping 44 of 47 shots.

On Saturday, the Hawks rode three unanswered goals in the second period to victory over Rink. Bourdeaud'hui scored a pair with the other goal coming from Anderson,

and Franz stopped 19 of 20 shots on goal for another win.

The next game was a back and forth affair with Rink leading 2-1 after 20 minutes and then the Hawks ahead 3-2 after two periods. Scoring for the

Hawks were Braun, Gracie Carels, Caitlin Anderson and Zenith Vanstone, while Franz stopped 19 of 24 shots on goal.

The Hawks are scheduled to begin regular season play next weekend

beginning with a visit to Interlake to take on the Lightning followed by their home opener Sunday afternoon with the Central Plains Capitals.

Male Hawks ready and raring

By Lorne Stelmach

Three games in three days offered a good glimpse of how ready they were to play, and the male U18 Pembina Valley Hawks sent a message by winning two of the series of exhibition games against three Winnipeg teams.

The Hawks kicked it off by edging the Thrashers 4-3 Friday then handed the Wild a 5-3 loss Saturday before closing things out with a 3-1 loss to the Bruins Sunday.

"I think they were pretty fired up," said head coach Matt Victor, who noted the Winnipeg teams are always a

tough challenge, so it is encouraging to come out with two wins. "By Sunday, I think maybe the legs were shot, but overall it was a strong weekend."

What Victor liked seeing overall was that the team worked hard.

"The boys came out firing ... I think there was a lot of excitement and energy built up just from the huge delay from COVID," he suggested.

"It was nice to see ... the boys came playing with a lot of passion, a lot of compete and a lot of effort. We had a successful weekend."

Now, with the final roster being set, Victor will be looking for more of the

same and for the Hawks to come out of the gate strong.

"The message is same now as it had been in camp. You need to bring a full effort and compete level to the rink whether practices or games ... it's going to be the same day in and day out for us."

The Hawks kick off the regular season this weekend with a double-header against Central Plains. Game one goes Saturday afternoon in Pilot Mound and game two Sunday afternoon in Morden.

Pembina Valley Twisters best Twins, Railers

By Lorne Stelmach

The Pembina Valley Twisters are now set for the regular season after picking up a couple exhibition victories.

The MMJHL team followed up an earlier 6-4 win over the Fort Garry Fort Rouge Twins by edging the Railer

Express 3-2 in Transcona this weekend. Another game scheduled Sunday with St. Boniface was cancelled.

Pembina Valley spotted Transcona an early goal before picking up a pair 20 seconds apart just past the midway point of the first period. The game remained tied 2-2 until 2:05 of the third

period when Zander Carels scored the winner for the Twisters on a powerplay.

TJ Matuszewski and Nico Vigier also scored for Pembina Valley, while Martin Gagnon made 20 saves with Transcona holding a 26-22 edge in shots on goal.

The Twisters begin the regular season this weekend starting with playing host to Fort Garry Fort Rouge Friday then visiting St. James in Winnipeg Sunday afternoon.

Memories of the old Red & White general store

By Menno Janzen

I begin by referring to a dear man I never had the privilege of knowing: my grandfather Jacob T. Janzen, who died in 1933, more than four years before I was born.

He and my grandmother Justina lived in the village of Nieder Chor-titza in the Ukraine. According to my Dad, John J. Janzen, his father had an entrepreneurial spirit. He owned a general store that sold dry goods, clothing, shoes and groceries. He was involved in farming at the same time, but also operated a flour mill, a feed mill and a brick manufacturing plant.

In 1917 the Russian Revolution exploded and the peace and prosperity of the lush soil of southern Russia became a bloody battle-ground.

The civil unrest coupled with a fire that claimed my grandparents' barn and attached home in one fell swoop convinced them it was time to find a new home.

On June 24, 1923, the entire Janzen family, including my newlywed parents, John J. and Tina, left their beloved homeland for Canada.

My dad had 27 U.S. dollars in his possession, which a sneaky thief stole on the ship from England, so my parents arrived in Quebec City on Aug. 1 with no money and a large travel debt. Three days later they reached their destination in Altona.

The first years here in Canada were a struggle to survive. Farm labour, work on the railroad and other menial tasks kept them alive.

In 1927 my dad found employment at the general store of I. Sirluck & Co. where he remained until 1935. What a blessing to have a job during the years of the Great Depression. He eventually earned a salary of \$80 per month.

The next several years Dad entered business partnerships with Kroeker Bros. and Mr. C.H. Grunau which turned out to be less than ideal arrangements. He was determined to operate on his own.

Plans were laid to take over the Red & White Store operated by Mr. J.B. Dyck. So on May 10, 1941, as World War II raged in many parts of the globe, my father opened his own store.

That wasn't as simple as it sounds. Rationing was in full force and obtaining scarce merchandise was a serious problem if you did not have an established quota with wholesale suppliers.

However, Dad was able to purchase inventory for his new store. He also did something quite unusual, coining a motto: "It pleases us to please you."

The store building was an older wooden structure located on the east side of Main St. It had a warehouse on the east end for hardware and paint stock and a long warehouse on the south side for groceries, fresh produce and dry goods, right next to the P.T. Friesen print shop and book store.

Dad was an astute buyer. Over the years he dealt with more than one hundred different suppliers. However, special seasons of the year brought unique challenges. We had no refrigeration for fresh fruit, only a small enclosed dairy case for displaying milk, cheese, sausages and a few vegetables.

Other retailers were in a similar situation, but a remarkably efficient system was in place in those years: we would phone in our produce orders to the wholesalers in Winnipeg in the morning and they would send the goods on the CPR passenger train arriving in Winkler that afternoon.

The system worked well, except for one memorable time ... I believe it was the fall of 1946 when a freight train arrived in Winkler and dropped off five enclosed box cars on the siding near the CPR station.

A zealous BC Tree Fruits salesman had sold a whole carload of fresh apples to each grocery outlet in Winkler! There were several varieties of apples in bulk in each box car.



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Winkler's Red and White Store in the 1940s.

So the race began to sell that huge quantity of apples before the empty cars had to be picked up. In the end the Hutterite colonies got a great deal on the last apples. But such an apple deal never happened again!

Some aspects of the store business in those days are totally foreign to our present generation. In the early years we had a chicken barn at the back of the store and purchased live poultry from local farmers which was sold to Jewish poultry distributors in Winnipeg.

There was also a wooden railing and hitching posts at the back of the store where farmers would tie their horses when they came to town.

The store also bought eggs from local farmers and they had to be inspected with a candling machine to make sure they were fresh. After the war ended regulations were changed and the store was no longer permitted to be in the egg business.

Not everything was sunshine and roses in those days. In 1943, two years after Dad opened his store, he was visited by an income tax inspector, Mr. McIntosh. When he completed his investigation he demanded an immediate payment of \$2000, an enormous sum of money! The War Measures Act gave a lot of power to government inspectors at that time.

Dad explained that he didn't have

the cash to pay such a huge amount. The inspector took Dad to the Bank of Commerce and told the bank manager that he had to give him a loan for that amount and he complied. It must have taken a long time to repay that large debt.

Other issues arose that tested our father's integrity. One day Dyck's Transfer unloaded a large shipment of yard goods from Gaults Ltd. in Winnipeg. However an invoice never arrived for the shipment which was estimated to be worth at least \$500. On the next visit to Winnipeg Dad went to Gaults and explained what had happened because he wanted to pay for this shipment. The manager at Gaults called Dad into his office and gave him a tongue lashing! He said that he had personally made the mistake and Dad had made him look like a fool in front of his employees. If that ever happens again, keep your mouth shut, he declared! So Dad devised his own system of reconciling errors to keep a clear conscience.

Look for part two from Janzen in a future edition of the Voice. Heritage Highlights, supplied by the Winkler Heritage Society, introduces readers to the people, places and things that still impact us today. Learn more about the society's work and how you can support it at winklerheritagesociety.ca.

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He sees it as having provided good experience for him to build on, and he now looks forward to getting more exposure from another perspective including somewhat more on the planning of programs as well as some of the administrative side of things.

"I like to think of myself as an artist as well ... I have experience on that side of things, but there's also the perspective of the person who receives the artwork and puts it up for display," he said. "I think this can kind of help me to wear both hats

and navigate both sides effectively.

"Now I'm also sort of getting my hands dirty on working on programs and working on events and reaching out and expanding the reach of the gallery."

A lot was already planned and set in place for the year before Dyck stepped aside, so Dandridge-Evancio has been able to step right into the role.

"It's great starting out because there is that structure in place that I can follow, but I'm also excited to start bringing some of my own

ideas," he noted.

And after having had a couple weeks of training with Dyck, he has a deep appreciation for what she brought to the role.

"I could tell pretty much from day one that I was going to have some pretty big shoes to fill for the year," said Dandridge-Evancio. "She's amazing, she's dedicated to the job, dedicated to the community, and she did an amazing job of setting me up and giving me the tools to succeed and move forward."

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ALL claims against the above estate, duly verified by Statutory Declaration, must be filed with the undersigned at Progressive Legal Solutions, 768 Notre Dame Avenue, Winnipeg, Manitoba, R3E 0L9, to the attention of Victor B. Olson, on or before the 30th day after the date of this publication.

DATED at the City of Winnipeg, in Manitoba, this 17th day of September, 2021.

Victor B. Olson
Progressive Legal Solutions LLP
Solicitor for the Estate

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**BOUNDARY TRAILS
HEALTH CENTRE FOUNDATION
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
Monday, September 27, 2021
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APPLICATION FOR REVISION

42(1) A person in whose name property has been assessed, a mortgagee in possession of property under subsection 114(1) of The Real Property Act, an occupier of premises who is required under the terms of a lease to pay the taxes on the property, the authorized agent of the person, mortgagee or occupier, or the assessor may make application for the revision of an assessment roll with respect to the following matters:

- (a) liability to taxation;
- (b) amount of an assessed value;
- (c) classification of property;
- (d) a refusal by an assessor to amend the assessment roll under subsection 13(2).

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

43(1) An application for revision must

- (a) be made in writing;
- (b) set out the roll number and legal description of the assessable property for which a revision is sought;
- (c) set out which of the matters referred to in subsection 42(1) are at issue and the grounds for each of those matters; and
- (d) be filed by delivering it or causing it to be delivered to the Municipal Office at 185 Main Street, Winkler MB., or by serving it upon the secretary, at least 15 days before the scheduled sitting date of the board.

The Board of Revision will sit on **Thursday, November 4th, 2021 at 7:00 p.m.** in the Council Chamber of the City of Winkler to hear applications. The **final date** on which the Secretary of the Board may receive applications is **Tuesday, October 19th, 2021.**

Dated this 11th day of September 2020.

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By donation, proceeds go to general Operating Fund of the school and part of the funds will be going towards the school roof repairs. VMA is non-government funded. All donations are greatly appreciated. Delivery is available in the Winkler, Reinfeld and Schanzenfeld area. Please call (204) 331-1513 between 8 a.m and 12:00 noon on September 25th to place your order for deliveries. Receipts will be issued for any amount over \$20.00 meal.

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Sudoku Answer

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Crossword Answer

CROSSWORD

CLUES ACROSS

- One of the four Vedas
- Part of (abbr.)
- At the peak
- African antelope
- Expression of satisfaction
- Yankees' ace
- Belittled
- A baglike structure
- Utah Jazz coach Snyder
- Actress Tomei
- Explosive
- Formal for "on"
- Cruelties
- Country singer Brad
- Make very happy
- Binary compound of hydrogen with a metal
- Albanian currency
- Subatomic particle
- Type of salt
- 007's creator
- Emerging
- Railroad flare
- Observed
- Capable of reproduction
- Indicates adjacent to
- Legendary Notre Dame coach
- Not wide
- An embarrassing mistake
- Pearl Jam's debut album
- Denotes passerine birds
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- Crease
- "Honey" actress Jessica

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- Broad volcanic crater
- Product safety watchdog
- Southern Colombian city
- Part of a church
- Perceptible by touch
- Pronounce not guilty of criminal charges
- Hairpiece
- Variety acts
- "Mystic River" actor Sean
- Remove salt
- Went out with
- Popular Eagles song
- Philosophy degree
- Yes vote
- Passports and licenses are two
- No seats available
- Pounds per square inch

- A way to launch an attack on
- The lowest cardinal number
- Popular Miller beer
- Pokes holes in
- Closest to
- Folk singer DiFranco
- Rivne's former name
- Flat ruler
- Lacking the means to do something
- Cockatoo
- Dred Scott decision deliverer
- Explosion exclamation
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- At some prior time
- Red, swollen mark

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For the cards and words of encouragement and support during the difficult time of our Mom's passing. Thank you to the doctors, nurses and support staff at BTHC for the excellent care Mom was given during her short time there. Thank you to Wiebe's Funeral Home for your kindness and compassion. To pastor Hugh Morrow for his words of encouragement. A special thank you to all Manor 1, Manor 2 and Legion House friends for making her feel like part of your family. To her sisters, brother and in-laws for loving her unconditionally.

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OBITUARY

Henrietta Schroeder

We announce the peaceful passing of our mother Henrietta Schroeder (nee Hildebrand) on Sunday, September 12, 2021 at Tabor Home in Morden, MB. Henrietta passed away at the age of 96.

Predeceased by husband John, parents Peter & Katharina and 9 siblings.

She is survived by children, Wes & Mary Lou Schroeder of Morden, MB, Lucille & Barry Bell of Morden, MB, Randy Schroeder of Ottawa, ON, Frieda & Lee McDougall of Red Deer, AB, Lori Clayton of Edmonton, AB, and Curt & Marilee Schroeder of Winnipeg, MB.

She is also survived by 9 grandchildren: Robin Righetti, Erin Tyler Rowan, Tyler Schroeder, Nick Clayton, Lindsay Robertson, Malory Cassie, Jonah Schroeder, Ethan Schroeder, Arianna Schroeder,

and 13 great grandchildren.

Mom was born in Edinburgh, MB on June 13, 1925. Throughout her life she lived in various cities and towns across the country. Mom was not happy if she was not working in some capacity and always found employment. She had a need to be of service. Whether it was through paid employment or volunteer work, mom was a hard worker. Mom had many jobs and wore many hats. Nothing was too menial. She worked from fish canneries, to hospitality, to nursing homes, to Tupperware and caretaking. As mom moved into retirement her focus changed to volunteer work at the local Thrift Store, Friendship Center and Tabor.

Mom was also a champion of underdogs. Wherever they moved, mom always found a friend and that friend was often times someone who was not quite accepted by others, needed help in some way, or just simply needed a friend. She may have had some complaints in life, but helping others was never one of them. And with her kids and grandkids, if someone needed help cleaning, painting, moving or anything, mom was there!

If that wasn't enough, mom filled any extra her time sharing her great sense of humour while enjoying coffee and laughing with people, playing rummy, puzzling, playing board games like scrabble and word games. Mom did not like to be idle.

A Celebration of Life was held September 17, 2021 at the Bergthaler Church in Altona, MB with burial at the Altona Cemetery. For those who wish a video of the service is available on the Wiebe Funeral Home Altona website at www.wiebefhaltona.com

As expressions of sympathy, if friends and family so wish, donations may be made in Henrietta Schroeder's memory to Tabor Home, Morden, MB.

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OBITUARY



Elsie Mae Rachul (nee Freund)

May 11, 1932 – September 18, 2021

Elsie Mae Rachul was born May 11, 1932 in Morden, Manitoba to Reinhold and Natalie (Klatt) Freund. With great sadness Elsie passed away on Saturday, September 18, 2021 at the age of 89 at Boundary Trails Health Centre.

Elsie lived with her parents on a small farm southwest of Morden in an area formerly known as Brown, MB. As a child, Elsie loved to ride horseback with her brothers and told many stories of her life on the farm. She loved to tell one about walking home from school, being chased by the neighbor's bull and how her brother Elmer saved her. She loved her brothers dearly and loved her life on the farm. She spent her younger years working along side her mother gardening, canning and helping out around the house. On

May 11, 1951, Elsie married Arnold Rachul and together they raised one son and four daughters and farmed five miles south of Thornhill. Life was very busy for Elsie with five small children, helping on the farm, gardening, canning and baking. One of the family favourites was her apple pie! Once the children were grown and on their own Elsie took on a career of housekeeping at Tabor Home from 1978 to 1991. She was complemented by many regarding how well she did her job. Elsie had endured many health issues in her later years and came through each one with great strength. Her recent hospital admission took its toll and Elsie went to be with her Saviour in Heaven.

Elsie was predeceased by her husband, Arnold in 1993, her parents, Reinhold and Natalie, her son, Maurice in 2020, granddaughter, Marcia Snider in 2013 and an infant granddaughter, Tara Parnell in 1984 as well as three brothers, Edward, Elmer and Arthur and sister-in-law, Una. Elsie is survived by four daughters, Connie and Murray Mayert of Winnipeg, MB, Ronda and Leonard Letkeman of Steinbach, MB, Janice Mooney of Morden, MB, Judy and Steve Bossenmaier of Elma, MB and a daughter-in-law, Lori Rachul of Morden as well as two sisters-in-law and many nieces and nephews. She was grandma to eight grandchildren and great-grandma to 14 great-grandchildren. The family loves you and will cherish our memories.

Private funeral service was held with interment at the Southside Cemetery.

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OBITUARY



Bernhard (Ben) Unrau

1931 – 2021

Ben Unrau peacefully passed away at his residence on Friday, September 10, 2021 at the age of 89 years. The last three weeks he was surrounded by his loving wife, Sarah, his family and friends.

Bernhard Unrau was born to Diedrich and Katherine Unrau on October 12, 1931 on the family farm near Bergfeld, MB. He was the last one born of 14 children. On November 28, 1954 he married Nettie Wiebe and they had seven children: Katherine, Aaron, Henry (Hank), Helen, Elizabeth, Eva and Dorothy. After a little over 12 years of marriage, tragedy brought changes to the family. On January 29, 1967, a traffic accident claimed the lives of Nettie (Mom), Katherine (Katie) and Eva. After a month long stay in the hospital in Winnipeg, Dad rejoined the remaining children at the

farm in Graysville, MB. During his hospital stay, Mom's brother and his wife stayed on the farm and looked after the children very well as well as the livestock. Ben married Frieda Dueck on October 8, 1967 and together they added five more children to the family: Daniel, John, Philip, Matilda and Rebekah. Frieda passed away due to illness on July 22, 1986 leaving Dad with half of the children still at home. About four years later, Dad met a widow named Sarah Funk (nee Goertzen) and they were married on September 8, 1990. With a grown family of her own, three sons and one daughter, she became a great wife and mother to the Unrau children still living at home. Dad told us several times that he married three wonderful women! In the early 1960's, Dad moved the family from Bergfeld, MB. near Plum Coulee to a small farm at Stephenfield. A few years later, Dad moved the family to the Graysville farm with 320 acres and later to Elm Creek where Sarah joined the family. The last several years were spent living in Carman. Through the years, Dad's faith in the Lord grew stronger and he talked about it more openly. He was willing to live longer if God had more for him to do but was looking forward to seeing his Saviour and joining the rest of his family in Heaven!

He was also predeceased by all his brothers and sisters: Diedrich, Mary, Katherine, Anna, Peter, Agatha, Susan, Helen, Elizabeth, Aganetta, Abram, Agnes and Margaret and a son-in-law, Ervin Ens in 2014. He is survived by his wife, Sarah, and children: Aaron (Theresa), Henry (Colleen), Helen (Dan), Elizabeth, Dorothy (Ken), Daniel (Jackie), John, Philip (Janine), Matilda (Tim), Rebekah (Kevin) and their families of 24 grandchildren and numerous great-grandchildren and Sarah's family: Gary (Brenda), Robert (Darlene), Leonard (Diane), Sheila (Lanny) and their families of 12 grandchildren.

A family service was held on Thursday, September 16, 2021 with interment prior at the Plum Coulee Cemetery.

If friends so desire, donations may be made in Ben's memory to Back to the Bible Broadcast, Eden Mental Health and Union Gospel Mission.

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OBITUARY



Barbara Ann Nichol

(nee Lambrecht)

1953 - 2021

Barb Nichol passed away Friday, September 10, 2021 at Boundary Trails Health Centre at the age of 68.

Barbara Ann Lambrecht was born September 8th, 1953 to Fred and Susan Lambrecht in Morden, Manitoba. In the early years she grew up on a farm south of Darlingford and then later moved to Morden. She was the second eldest in the family of five girls and two boys. As a young girl she was outgoing and enjoyed 4-H, babysitting and helping her mom tend house and the Pembina Cafe. In 1971, she married Jim Nichol. They farmed at Kaleida for 15 years. They had five sons. Anthony was born in 1973 and died

when just a baby. William was born in 1975, Matthew 1977, Ryan 1979 and Thomas 1980. In 1985, Jim and Barb sold their farm in Kaleida and started Pembina Hills Repair and Restaurant in Darlingford. Barb always spoke very fondly about their years running the restaurant. She was an excellent cook and enjoyed cooking meals for all. Anybody who ate at her table never left hungry. She was very known for her cinnamon buns and tarts. She took pride in being able to say that all her boys could cook and learned how to sew. She was very involved in the community and organized many hall dances and volunteered at many events. The restaurant was often a hub of activity and Barb was known to keep a watchful eye on the elderly community members and the escapades of the younger children. In 1994, Barb suffered kidney failure and due to her poor health they sold the business. In 1995, Jim, Barb and the boys bought the S.W. 35-2-7 and moved out to the family farm south of Darlingford. She was kept busy caring for her family, tending her garden and also worked as a municipal councillor for 14 years at the R.M. of Pembina. During all this she also dialysed three days a week for four hours each time for 14 years. Not one to sit idle, she learned how to do needlework with one arm while receiving treatments and completed numerous beautiful pieces. She also became an avid quilter and often hosted ladies at her home for coffee and a morning of quilting. She very much enjoyed teaching and encouraging others to learn to sew and quilt.

Barb was especially proud of her six grandchildren. She spent a lot of time sewing blankets and pajamas for all of them and always had time to hear their stories. She loved teaching them how to sew and cook and spending time playing board games or hosting tea parties with them. Jim and her boys are very active in tractor pulling and Barb was very proud of their accomplishments. She loved sitting out on the deck while the boys pulled out their toys for a test and tune. Very often she would attend pulls to watch and would be the loudest fan cheering. She especially loved when she had the opportunity to put out a spread for all the drivers and their crews, it was not unheard of for her to be prepared for 100 guests. On February 24th, 2008 Barb was sitting in her chair at home working on a piece of needlework that was almost completed when she got the call that there was a 50/50 chance that there was a kidney waiting for her. Early morning on the 26th she received the kidney. She always said dialysis was her second chance at life and the transplant was a miracle. Barb had the piece that she was working on framed unfinished and the needle still hangs in the spot when she received the call. Barb was very caring and was always trying to help out others. Recently, she and her sister Janet sewed over 30 comfort quilts that were distributed to hospitals and nursing homes. She said that she was blessed more in the giving than those that were receiving.

Barb took joy in simple pleasures. She had many years of health challenges and she refused to let it hold her back. She always had a positive outlook. Even as her health deteriorated and she began to spend more time confined to the house and the hospital, she would always talk about what she was going to do when she got better. She really enjoyed the visits she received from friends and family whether that be in person or over the phone. She loved to talk about memories from the past, especially stories about her "boys" or grandchildren. It will be so hard to drive by the farm and not see her on the deck waving you in for coffee. She touched so many lives with her presence and in our hearts, she will always be remembered.

Barb was predeceased by her infant son, Anthony in 1973; her parents, Fred and Susan Lambrecht; her brother, Tim Lambrecht and her father-in-law, William Nichol. She will lovingly be remembered by her husband, Jim and her sons, William, Matthew (Angie), Ryan and Thomas (Kellie) and her six grandchildren, Cody, Brooklyn, Chase, Morgan, Logan and Landon.

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