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Armin Ens led the way for Eden's Visit the Villages Tractor Trek Saturday. For the full story, see Pg. 3.

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Tractor Trek raises \$32K for Eden

By Ashleigh Viveiros

The pandemic may have delayed Eden's annual Visit the Villages Tractor Trek by a few months, but it didn't put a damper on the event itself last weekend.

Forty vintage tractors took part in the ride through southern Manitoba on Saturday, raising \$32,000 for mental health programming.

Talking to the *Voice* on Monday, Eden Foundation director of development Earl Reimer was over the moon about the day's success.



PHOTO BY ASHLEIGH VIVEIROS/VOICE

Despite the pandemic pushing the event back a few months, Eden Foundation's Visit the Villages Tractor Trek still attracted 40 vintage tractors and raised \$32,000 for mental health programming.

"It was quite a surprise actually," he said of reaching their usual goal of 40

tractors this year, given the state of the world. "I was delighted beyond belief to have that number show up."

And while fundraising was down a bit from past years (they always aim for \$40,000), he's grateful for every single dollar that came in.

"We're delighted, I'm delighted by the fact that this has done so well," Reimer said. "The generosity of the

community just shines through again and again and again.

"There's the generous corporate sponsors who make it possible for us to pay for some of the little extra bits and pieces that are needed, the volunteers with their time, the generous tractor drivers, the generous donors who support the drivers. I just love living here."

Morenet saga continues

City of Morden now facing half a million dollar lawsuit from Morenet's providers

By Lorne Stelmach

The City of Morden is facing a lawsuit claiming over half a million dollars in damages over the Morenet high speed internet service.

The suit filed with the Manitoba Court of Queen's Bench by the two partners who had been contracted to manage and operate the service claims both general and specific damages.

It centres around what Sergei Polischuk of Infotec Manitoba and Dave Haines, a former engineer and deputy city manager in Morden, claim was not only money owed to them under the contracts but also damages due to the city wrongfully sharing confidential information about the Morenet technology. The pair also claim council members made statements that damaged their reputations.

Originally touted to be the first of its kind community-owned and operated high speed internet service, council in its decision to walk away from Morenet cited significantly higher than expected costs to deliver it—estimated to be in the millions over several years.

After council's decision to pull the plug, Polischuk and Infotec Manitoba along with Haines approached the City of Morden about taking over and

offering the service privately.

At one point, the pair suggested negotiations were proceeding and a deal seemed imminent. City officials, however, offered a different take on where things were at leading up to the September 2019 announcement that Morenet would be shutdown as of October. Council at that time reiterated they felt proceeding with Morenet would not be in the best interests of the City of Morden.

In the lawsuit, Polischuk claims \$524,400 in damages as money owed to him under a five year Morenet service agreement and \$23,979.68 in further damages as money due under an IT service agreement. Haines claims \$7,500 as money owed to him on top of \$14,454.73 in special damages.

Polischuk's claim states that "the market for such technology is highly competitive" and maintains that confidentiality agreements were breached in that "the information and technology provided by Polischuk to the defendant was wrongfully disclosed by the defendant to third parties, including competitors of Polischuk."

He goes on to further allege that the city "has wrongfully withheld certain equipment and property ... which Polischuk requires for the ongoing operation of Infotec Manitoba" and

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New look, new name for Morden clinic

Agassiz clinic is now Menzies Medical Centre

By Lorne Stelmach

Officials celebrated not only the opening of the newly expanded clinic in Morden Friday but the vision and dedication that made it happen.

And in particular, it was the commitment of the three generations of Menzies doctors who served here that were honoured with the clinic's new name: Menzies Medical Centre.

"It's a really big honour. It's also a little bit overwhelming," said Heather Menzies, a daughter of Dr. Bob Menzies in speaking on behalf of the family at the by-invite ceremony. "I don't think he would have known that they were planning to change the name ... I kind of wish he had known. I think he would have been really honoured."

"It's nice to see the legacy living on ... it's a great vision," added Menzies. "My dad was very dedicated to this community and to his medical practice. He was a big voice in pushing medical treatment forward."

She touched on how a hundred years ago her great grandfather Adam Menzies moved to Morden to start practicing medicine.

"How could he ever have imagined then that this would have been his legacy?" she said, noting that then her grandfather Jim Menzies returned to Morden after medical school to follow in his father's footsteps. "Here he found a varied and interesting medical practice and a supportive community in which he became very involved."

As for her father, affectionately known to many simply as Dr. Bob, Menzies recalled his tremendous dedication and love for this community.



Clinic staff and members of the Menzies family unveiled the new Menzies Medical Centre sign at the former Agassiz Medical Centre in Morden last week.

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"I think my father always knew that he would return to this community after university and that he would never leave it permanently," she suggested.

"My father's medical practice and improving access to better medical care and treatment in this area was his great motivation and purpose in life. He was dedicated to this community and to his patients," Menzies said, adding of all three men: "In the end, their greatest honour was serving a community which they loved and which loved them back so well."

"We chose Menzies as a name because it honours the entire Menzies family. It is not just the physicians who worked within our community," noted clinic manager Karen Chezick.

The name change comes after a \$1.25 million renovation and expansion project that was supported with a \$500,000 fundraising campaign.

The first phase focused on a former lab area for the Morden hospital being turned into administrative offices. Another section that had been connected to the Fittwell Centre is now

10 new exam rooms. The work added 2,500 square feet of space to bring the clinic to about 18,000 sq. ft. in total.

The renovation also improved the nurse station and redesigned the reception area to better handle increased capacity.

"It has been quite a journey ... it has been 10 years in the making now," said Chezick.

"We determined how many physicians we felt we needed going into the future to meet the community's needs, but we also knew we were in a place within our current space where we knew we could not recruit more physicians," she said. "We needed

enough to meet the community's needs for everyone's care."

Chezick added that fundraising efforts will continue, as an estimated \$200,000 is needed for equipment and furnishings. They will also be looking at a third phase that will include painting and new flooring in the remaining original area of the clinic.

"It's very exciting to be at this point," she said, "but there are other areas of the clinic that were not part of the project that we're already starting to look to the future and how we can update those areas as well."

"We can start to see all of our plans continue to fall into place."

Two more COVID-19 deaths

By Ashleigh Viveiros

Manitoba saw its 17th and 18th COVID-19 deaths this week.

Public health officials announced on Monday that a man in his 80s from the Southern Health-Santé Sud health region and a female in her 80s from the Prairie Mountain Health region had succumbed to the illness.

The news came with a report of 22 new cases of the virus, adding to the 87 cases announced Friday and over the weekend.

That brings Manitoba to 1,608 cases of COVID-19, 363 of which are considered active cases. Eight people were in hospital at press time, two in intensive care.

A total of 1,227 people have recovered from the virus since the pandemic began this spring.

The province's five-day test positivity rate was at 1.8 per cent on Monday.

Chief public health officer Dr. Brent Roussin expressed concern at the rising number of cases in Winnipeg in recent days and the increasing number of contacts affected patients are reporting to health officials.

"Many of these new cases have had large number of contacts, and that means we're having additional people who are exposed to the virus and contact tracing becomes more complex," he said, noting that some symptomatic individuals have not been self-isolating and have waited many days after the onset of symptoms before getting tested. "So then we start seeing contacts accumulating."

Looking forward, nothing is off the

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that city representatives "including the mayor and certain councillors had made untrue statements to third parties and in the media by which they have disparaged the services, skills and integrity of Polischuk" and "have caused Polischuk to lose the existing business relationship he had with Manitoba Hydro Telecom."

The claim by Haines makes similar allegations and suggests that "had they known that the defendant

would not conduct itself in good faith in connection with the negotiations, they would not have expended time and incurred expenses in the course of seeking a negotiated sale of the Morenet assets and business."

These allegations have not been tested in court. City of Morden officials last week declined to comment while legal proceedings are pending.

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Building relationships, building community

By Ashleigh Viveiros

At its annual general meeting last week, Winkler Affordable Housing Inc. (WAHI) looked back on a year that saw a big change in the ownership of public affordable housing in our community.

Created 14 years ago to oversee 24 community-owned affordable rental housing units in Winkler, WAHI this past spring officially purchased an additional 66 units previously owned and operated by Manitoba Housing.

"It's been about four years of negotiations and conversation with Manitoba Housing and this was the year we finally went through with the actual legal transaction," said board chair James Friesen. "Those assets are now ours to oversee ... it's a mix of individual houses and apartments."

For the past three years, both WAHI's and Manitoba Housing's units in Winkler have been managed by the Central Station Community Centre, which strives to build relationships with tenants and give them a real sense of ownership over the places they call home.

It's a ground-breaking model of management that keeps things local, Friesen said, which allows for a closer bond with and between tenants and greater oversight as to the condition of the units.

"There is a stigma associated with social housing. You drive by a Manitoba Housing building and you say, 'Look at that rundown house. They're doing a poor job,'" he said. "But now, fundamentally, we're shifting it to say,



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Winkler Affordable Housing Inc. board of directors gathered last week for their annual general meeting.

no, this is the community's now. We own this house. What are we doing in terms of social housing? How can we make it better?"

Having Central Station involved is the key to making this all work.

"Some of the work that Central Station does is they're integrating people with some of their programs," Friesen said, explaining they connect tenants with things like their community meal program, financial literacy courses, and other support services. "The community taking primary responsibility for social housing through an organization like this, it really is a model I think is a bit beyond the more stigmatized model of social housing."

The program has been such a success that it is poised to act as a guide to other communities.

"I know that Manitoba Housing, they've talked a lot about the WAHI model and I think they'd like to see other communities do something similar," Friesen said, adding they're happy to serve as a resource to similar programs looking to get off the ground.

That said, a lot had to go just right to make this model feasible here.

"It's a big task, overseeing social housing ... but the energy in this community and the individuals around the board table and at Central Station have made this work," Friesen said. "It's a very positive and kind of hopeful process that we've been involved in."

On the financial front, even with the purchase of the Manitoba Housing units, WAHI finds itself on solid footing, with the 2019-2020 financial reports showing surpluses.

"We did an assessment of the properties, Manitoba Housing did their assessment, and then we compromised on that," Friesen explained of the resolution of the purchase process, noting the province gave them a generous

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Doing social housing differently

In her report as housing coordinator for Central Station, Lori Penner shared some of the challenges they encountered over the past year, especially in light of the COVID-19 pandemic.

"COVID-19 has been the biggest challenge we have ever met in our housing journey," she reported. "We have tried to take all precautions advised by public health. It has changed how we interacted with tenants. Not all of this has been negative. We have built relationships that we otherwise would not have by showing that our actions match our words."

At the cornerstone of the Winkler Affordable Housing Inc. model is showing tenants the community cares about their well-being.

"The social programs within housing at this point is building relationships with tenants," Penner said. "Meeting their needs socially,

mentally, and physically.

"We keep repeating our intention of doing housing different," she said, stressing they frequently refer tenants to the many social supports and resources available locally.

As tenants have left the area or moved into larger units, Central Station has focused on upgrades to empty units, including fixing damaged flooring and putting a fresh coat of paint on the walls.

"As we rebuild units we will demonstrate to the community that all people in our community deserve to live in housing that is safe and cared for," Penner said.

"We look forward to the next year to build more relationships with the housing community as well as Winkler community."

—Ashleigh Viveiros

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• GUEST COMMENTARY

A local doctor's perspective on COVID-19

This week marks six months since COVID-19 disrupted our life.

Schools were closed. Businesses were forced to pivot or shutter. Sports organizations suspended games. Large gatherings were discouraged. Governments were scrambling to respond to our generation's greatest public health crisis. It was a surreal point in time when the community and the world was coming to terms with a singular threat to humanity.

From that pivotal week until now, I think all of us have learned something about ourselves and our society. There were positives, such as our unity in support and appreciation for essential workers. There were also struggles; fear, economic hardships, and isolation plagued many of us.

Trust is important. Trust informs who we allow to teach our children. Trust will influence from whom we

purchase cars, houses, and other expensive items. Trust determines which media outlet we get our news from or which political party we support. Trust allows us to go to the medical clinic or hospital when we or our loved ones are sick.

We do not take this community's trust for granted. It is a privilege and an honour to help our neighbours in their most vulnerable state. When you give birth to your baby, when you are in a car accident, when you have a stroke or heart attack, when you are diagnosed with cancer, it is your trust that allows us to work together to improve your health.

It is this same trust that we ask you to extend to fighting this COVID-19 global pandemic. We as a physician group are continuously engaged in scrutinizing evidence to best understand how to improve the health of the community. I conducted a simple survey for local physicians about their opinions regarding COVID-19 and masks:

- 100% of the Winkler/ Morden doctors surveyed agree that COVID-19 is a potential serious threat to our community.

- 100% of the Winkler/ Morden doctors surveyed agree that wearing masks in public spaces prevents the spread of the COVID-19 virus.

- 100% of the Winkler/ Morden doctors surveyed agree that mask wearing, physical distancing, and frequent hand washing is effective in keeping businesses and schools open.

Consider the following two examples:

- Two hairstylists from Missouri interacted with 139 clients before both tested positive for COVID-19. None of the clients tested positive for COVID-19. Why? Both hairstylists and their clients were wearing masks while cutting hair.

- A man was on a flight from China to Toronto on January 22, 2020. He had a cough, and later tested positive for COVID-19. None of the 25 individuals seated near him on the 15 hour flight were infected. Why? He was wearing a mask.

Just as you have trusted us in the past with your health needs, we implore you to trust us once more. Please wear masks in public. Please physically distance from one another. Please stay home if you feel sick and get tested for COVID-19. Please be kind to one another. Let's strive together to keep the community healthy and businesses and schools open.

Dr. Chudley is a family physician at the C.W. Wiebe Medical Centre in Winkler.



By Dr. David Chudley

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table when it comes to fighting the spread of the virus, Roussin noted, adding that the province will make decisions about potential future public health orders, including making masks mandatory, based on the evidence.

"We're certainly continuing to watch test positivity rates as the number of cases increase and watching a number of indicators over time," he said. "We follow these evidence-based indicators, which will inform us of when additional measures are going to be required."

For something like a mask order, Roussin explained they look at the number of cases overall in a given population as well as whether a

heavy burden is being placed on the health care system.

"We're watching these things very closely and we do want to be able to respond when necessary," he said.

In the meantime, people can do their part by observing physical distancing,

having good hand hygiene, staying home when sick, and wearing a mask when physical distancing in public is not possible.

"Avoid closed places, crowded places," Roussin urged. "Outdoors is certainly less risk than meeting indoors."

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discount and also took the cost of future repairs off the price.

"The resulting mortgage is one we feel we can sustain moving forward," he said, adding Manitoba Housing is still involved by way of rental subsidies for low-income tenants.

As WAHI is a non-profit organization, all the revenue generated from

tenant rents goes back into the upkeep of the units. Friesen noted they'll be undertaking major upgrades and repairs on the old provincially-owned units over the next couple of years.

For more information on Winkler affordable housing options, head to winklercentralstation.com/housing.

Stationary Bike Race raises \$14K for Movement Centre

By Ashleigh Viveiros

Thanks to generous support from the community, the Wiebe family was able to give back in a big way to the Movement Centre of Manitoba last weekend.

The annual Move 'N Groove-A-Thon Stationary Bike Race took place on the family's yard south of Winkler on Saturday.

A total of 23 riders took a half-hour shift on two bikes throughout the day, raising \$14,674 and counting at press time.

"I'm so thankful to everyone," said organizer Marie Wiebe. "I'd like to say a big thank you to everybody, all the sponsors, the bikers, the donors."

"Everybody's dealing with COVID and so we all know that everybody's struggling, and yet people were willing to step up and pitch in."

Wiebe's daughter Kathy, who lives with cerebral palsy, has attended weekly conductive training sessions at the centre since she was a child.

With the facility forced to close this

spring and summer due to the pandemic, Kathy has keenly felt the impact of not being able to attend.

"Now that I haven't [been], I notice the tightness in my hips and in my hand," she said. "If I didn't have that place I wouldn't be able to use my left hand at all."

"We're the only place in Manitoba that offers these kinds of services," said Chelsea Walker, a conductive education assistant at the centre. Conductive education is a form of therapy that operates on the premise of neuroplasticity.

"People come in one or twice a week and we work on things like walking and flexibility, how to make day-to-day life easier," Walker explained.

"It helps me keep going and improve," added Kathy.

The Wiebes had initially thought to take a break from the bike-a-thon this year, but then decided to change course in light of the financial challenges the Movement Centre has faced of late.

"They haven't been able to be doing



PHOTO BY ASHLEIGH VIVEIROS/VOICE

Marie Wiebe and daughter Kathy with the Movement Centre's Chelsea Walker (front) and riders Martha Voth and Anna Neufeld at the Stationary Bike Race Saturday, which raised over \$14,000.

a lot of their fundraising," Wiebe said. "It's just done so much for Kathy. The thought that it might all of the sudden not be there because there's no funds? That's a devastating prospect."

Fundraising is what keeps the doors open, stressed Walker.

"It's crucial. We are completely pri-

vately funded. We don't get any subsidies from the government," she said, explaining donations allow the centre to subsidize its fees to clients, making the training accessible to as many people as possible. "Without fundraisers like this, we wouldn't be running."

Flatlands Theatre Co. putting on radio show Sat.

By Ashleigh Viveiros

After a much longer hiatus than usual, the Flatlands Theatre Company players take the stage once again this weekend.

FTC launches its 15th season Saturday at the P.W. Enns Centennial Concert Hall in Winkler with a radio drama workshop and performance.

Participating actors (who must sign up by Sept. 23) will spend from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. rehearsing for a radio show

to be performed at 2:30 p.m.

The show itself is open to all for free, though seating is limited to about 100 people due to COVID-19 restrictions. To secure your assigned seat, email flatlandstheatreco@gmail.com before Saturday.

"We'll definitely have a comedy in there," notes FTC artistic director Jeanette Hoepfner of the performance, which will run about an hour and a half. "We certainly recognize the need for people to come together and

laugh, safely."

The season will also include a second radio drama workshop and performance on Oct. 17 followed by *The Carol Burnett Show Live!* Nov. 5-8 and a performance of the *It's a Wonderful Life* radio drama in December.

Depending on how the pandemic plays out over the winter, next spring could include a student production in March and the premiere of *Anne of the Island* in May.

It's a modified season of theatre to

be sure, but Hoepfner says they'll take what they can get.

"We are so excited about this," she says. "At the same time, to some extent we're going into this a little bit blind."

Though they've hosted radio dramas in Bethel Heritage Park for years, FTC is perhaps better known for its larger dramatic productions at the concert hall, which simply aren't feasible right now given ongoing pandemic restrictions.

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Roland giant pumpkin weigh-off going ahead

By Ashleigh Viveiros

The 30th annual Roland Pumpkin Fair may be a no-go this fall thanks to the pandemic, but that's not stopping the Great Pumpkin Commonwealth Weigh-Off.

Growers of tomatoes, watermelons, squash, and, of course, giant pumpkins will gather in Roland Oct. 3 to see if the fruits of their labour can tip the scales enough to earn them cash prizes.

"Our fair committee decided it was best to hold off on everything else. But we are part of the Giant Pumpkin Commonwealth, and so we wanted to at least have something available not just for our community but also for the worldwide organization," organizer Derek Baschuk said of the decision to move ahead with the event.

But the pandemic does mean the weigh-off will look very different from past years.

First off, no spectators will be allowed to ensure the facility is able to meet all public gathering restrictions.



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Last year's grand champion tipped the scales at 1,660.5 pounds.

Growers will also be asked to follow physical distancing guidelines.

How many competitors will take part is still a bit up in the air, though organizers have reached out to all

past growers to let them know about the changes. Anyone new wanting to compete can contact organizers at rolandpumpkinfair@hotmail.com.

"As far as how big the pumpkins are

looking, we'll have to wait and see," Baschuk said. The 2019 champion pumpkin grown by Schanzenfeld's Cornie Banman weighed in at 1,660.5 pounds.

Baschuk said news that the weigh-off would go ahead as scheduled has made for some very happy growers, who by this point have spent months tending to their pumpkins.

"People want to put their seeds into the ground and they definitely want a chance to show how well they did with it," he said, noting they see many returning growers year after year.

Not being able to have all the other Pumpkin Fair festivities around the weigh-off is a great loss, but Baschuk said they intend to make up for it in 2021.

"It's definitely a loss for the community ... we just have so many people involved in the volunteer aspect of it and it does definitely take something away from the fall for us," he said. "Next year we'll still refer to it as our 30th fair and then our 31st weigh-off."

Stanley working towards fewer water system disruptions

By Lorne Stelmach

Two areas of the RM of Stanley faced disruptions in their water services in the past week.

Only one of the two issues ended up requiring a short term boil water advisory, which municipal officials suggested it was more of a precautionary measure.

The latest situations with the Massey and Dunston systems come in a summer where there was also a short term issue affecting the Tinker Creek area. The municipality has said it is taking steps to help keep things operating particularly when power is cut off, which was the case last week with a service disruption in the Dunston system.

"There's enough checks and balances in the system to ensure the safety," said Reeve Morris Olafson. "It can take a few days to get the water pressure back up, and then away you go again ... but it can take three to five days sometimes."

The first disruption last week came on the Massey water

system Sept. 16 as a result of a break on the line which serves areas south of Morden to the U.S. border, including Tinker Creek and Osterwick. It was repaired within hours and no boil water advisory was required.

That same day, a precautionary boil water advisory was issued for areas west of Morden including Thornhill as a result of a power outage that caused a depressurization of the Dunston water system.

It meant residents served by that line needed to use boiled or bottled water for things like drinking and making ice, preparing beverages and food, and brushing teeth.

Water samples were sent for analysis. The boil water advisory was then called off on Friday.

"It's usually a case that the water isn't bad ... these are normal situations. It was just a case of low pressure, and it is just mandated that we do this," said Olafson, who estimating Dunston provides water to about 200 homes.

The municipality is taking the step of purchasing generators for use at a number of locations, including the:

- Rosebank water booster station located north

of Morden on PR 432. The \$70,000 cost will be shared with the Manitoba Water Services Board.

- Dunston water booster station located northwest of Morden. The \$70,000 cost will also be shared with the Manitoba Water Services Board.

- RM public works shop, with the \$14,000 cost paid by the provincial flood preparedness program.

"We have had multiple boil water advisories in the past few years on our Dunston water system due to hydro outages, and by installing these two generators we can maintain pressures and service during power outages and avoid the boil water advisories," Stanley CAO Dale Toews noted via email. "The generator at the public works shop will allow the shop to remain functional during power outages."

"The October 2019 snowstorm is still fresh in our minds," he added. "With the heavy snow, closed roads, widespread power outages, it all was very challenging."

"The ability for us to keep our facilities operational during power outages is becoming increasingly important. We need to ensure our water systems are as resilient as possible."

Two Morden residents killed in rollover

Two people from Morden were killed in a single vehicle rollover near Selkirk Sunday night.

Gimli RCMP responded to a report of a vehicle in the ditch on Highway 8 at Road 23E in the RM of Bifrost. The vehicle was located on its hood, submerged in water.

The driver, a 28-year-old male, and the pas-

senger, a 30-year-old female, both from Morden, were pronounced deceased at the scene.

RCMP say it appears the vehicle was travelling westbound on Highway 8 when it lost control, entered the ditch, and rolled.

Both occupants were wearing seatbelts at the time of the collision.

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Douglas Kuhl School of Music getting creative

Choral programs being offered online due to pandemic

By Ashleigh Viveiros

A fall without music? Not happening.

The Douglas Kuhl School of Music is currently accepting student registrations for its 2020-2021 season.

Its strings and choral programming might look different thanks to the COVID-19 pandemic, but DKSM instructors are game to embrace new ways of making music together during the pandemic, says administrative director Kayla Drudge.

"So much of the focus of Douglas Kuhl School of Music is on the community aspect," she says. "It's not just about education—it's about building a sense of safety and community and really investing in the time that we have together. So it felt important for us at DKSM to be present to our community in some way, even if obviously it looks very different."

To that end, DKSM's various strings ensembles will rehearse together in smaller groups this season as they

prepare for a pre-filmed fundraising concert to be shown online in late November or early December. They'll be observing all physical distancing requirements and also be using masks to protect instructors and students alike.

"Depending on the COVID situation, it's possible that we'll get all of the groups together to play at some point to record for that concert," Drudge says. "Or perhaps we'll record separately. Or, if we're all in lockdown at that point, perhaps we'll record from our homes. We'll see what happens."

The school's choral programs, meanwhile, are moving rehearsals online entirely.

Instead of coming together to prepare for a fall concert, Homeschool Harmony group members will be taking lessons in singing and musicianship through video conferencing.

"Instead of choir rehearsals leading towards a concert like usual, we'll be doing a bit more of a group singing lesson type format," Drudge explains. "They'll be focusing in on techniques of learning to sing ... and moving away from a focus on repertoire to building the singing skills and listening skills that are helpful to a choir."

All things, she adds, that will serve the young performers well "when we



VOICE FILE PHOTO

Due to COVID-19, DKSM's string ensembles will be rehearsing in small groups this season in the lead up to an online concert.

can finally sing together again."

The Winkler Senior Choir will also be meeting and performing virtually.

"They'll be doing weekly rehearsals on Zoom," Drudge says, noting the first few weeks will be spent getting any kinks worked out of the new system. This is the first time the school has tried online rehearsals. "This is completely new territory for us."

New, perhaps, but exciting as well.

"We just wanted to feel like, you know what, we can be creative and re-

silient as a music school and not just ask the question of what is there left to do but what can we make of this time that's actually exciting and takes us in some new directions?" Drudge says. "We're really hoping it's a good time to get people together in whatever way that we can."

For more information or to register, head to douglaskuhlschoolofmusic.com. Details about DKSM's private cello and bass lessons can also be found online.

Friesen appointed deputy reeve

By Lorne Stelmach

The RM of Stanley set out its committees and board appointments recently as part of its reorganizational bylaw.

Approved at the Sept. 17 meeting, the task included naming first-time councillor Ike Friesen as deputy reeve to Reeve Morris Olafson.

"I'm quite honoured to be appointed as deputy reeve. It's not something I would have expected for my first time on council," said Friesen.

"Things are going well here, and I'm glad they have confidence in me," he added, noting it will continue to be mostly business as usual for the municipality moving ahead. "We have a lot of things going on ... obviously there's a lot of development starting to happen again. It had slowed down a bit but has picked up lately."

"It's exciting to see what's all going on in the RM," said Friesen.

The complete list of committee appointments is available online at rmofstanley.ca.

> FLATLANDS, FROM PG. 7

The radio drama format, meanwhile, takes some of the pressure off behind-the-scenes and keeps productions somewhat flexible should restrictions tighten in the months ahead.

These shows will give people a chance "to be creative while observing physical distancing," Hoeppner notes. "To create live theatre with all the safety measures in place."

FTC's acting classes getting underway this week are also being modified

a bit this year.

Instead of group sessions, they're offering 45 minute, one-on-one coaching sessions in person or online on Mondays, Tuesdays, and Thursdays.

Kids and adults alike are welcome, though a Gr. 4 reading level is necessary for participants this year due to the different format.

Class registration information and prices are available via an email to flatlandstheatreco@gmail.com.

HOW WOULD YOU KNOW?

I enjoy writing as a hobby. I think I have something important to write about. If there is anything that takes the enjoyment out of writing, it's a deadline. Today my fingers are on the keyboard, but they are not moving. There is a complete disconnect as my mind wanders back to yesterday where we sat at Boundary Trails Hospital and watched Nancy's mom (Nana) take her last breath. Age and cancer won the battle that she so valiantly fought. (Thank you BTHC for caring for her like a Queen). My mind wanders to those contacts of mine who knew her in years past and would appreciate knowing the news. My group text read "Nancy's Mom went to Heaven yesterday at 10:50". As I placed the phone down there was an almost immediate reply. The text read "How would you know?" Could this be a mocking challenge or is it a legitimate question? I took it as the latter, for I think many people ask the question, "How could anyone possibly know that two minutes after death, they could be in Heaven? Is "She is in a better place" just a comforting cliché or is it real? God wants you to be sure! The Bible says: "I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God so that you may KNOW that you have ETERNAL LIFE". (1 John 5:13) Suppose you were standing before God right now and He asked you, "Why should I let you into heaven?" What would you say? You may not know what to reply, but what you need to know is that God loves us and has provided a way that we can know for sure where we will spend eternity. The Bible states it this way: "For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life." (John 3:16) Nana was at one of her last medical appointments where the doctor gently informed her of her declining condition. "Would you have a Hope?" he asked. "Yes, I do" she replied. He asked to hear it and she replied, "I trusted Jesus Christ as my personal Saviour many years ago, and I believe he died for my sins so that I can go to Heaven". This is the HOPE of everyone who trust Christ as Saviour, for the hope of the Bible is not the hope that we have nice weather for the picnic Saturday, but a HOPE that is based on the promises of God and rooted in the work of Jesus Christ. It's a HOPE grounded in the rock-solid statement that "He (God) who spared not his own Son, but delivered him up for us all, how shall He not with him also freely give us all things. (Romans 8:32)" **Ron and Nancy Burley www.sermon4u.com**

RRTVA programs well-suited to COVID restrictions

By Lorne Stelmach

In a new school year marked by many changes in routine because of the pandemic, it will be somewhat more business as usual for the region's vocational programs.

The courses offered through the Red River Technical Vocational Area are already well suited for these times in having smaller class sizes and other aspects that fit in with the kinds of safety measures needed right now.

"They will be in their program for the whole semester for five hours a day with the same kind of cohorts. Part of the advantage of participating in any of our programs is you become

a cohort ... it's the same people for five hours a day for five months in a row," said director Lane Curry. "We're quite excited to be able to have them on site daily as opposed to April, May, and June when we were shut out of the buildings."

The RRTVA is a partnership of five southern Manitoba school divisions providing access to technical vocational programs for high school students in Winkler, Morden, Altona, Dominion City, Morris, and Vita.

Courses run the gamut from welding, construction trades, and automotive technology to culinary arts, hair-styling, and esthetics, to name just a few.

Overseeing it all is not entirely new for Curry, who had been co-ordinator before stepping into the top job as director following the retirement last year of Brenda Giesbrecht.

"It's a little bit more responsibility," he said, adding everyone was eager to get back to classes at the start of the month. "Starting up is always exciting each year ... but having a five month absence of students in our programs made it really exciting."

"There's a lot of work that's been



RRTVA PHOTOS

The Red River Technical Vocational Area's programs are going ahead this school year, with courses becoming their own cohorts.

done by principals and transportation co-ordinators in particular this year because of our constraints due to COVID," Curry continued. "The students may arrive a little later than they have in the past because of bussing constraints and cleaning requirements."

COVID however hasn't had too great of an impact in terms of the number of students, with an overall enrolment of around 250 students in the first semester and a similar number anticipated for the second semester.

"The numbers have been steady ... so that's good," said Curry, who also estimated class sizes roughly average around 16—a manageable size given

space restrictions.

"Some programs have less space and some have more than that," said Curry, noting for example that "you can't have 35 kids in a welding shop; it just doesn't make sense."

"Many of them have a classroom space plus their working shop, so they are able to physically distance within their learning space."

In the end, he is glad that students can continue to have these vocational options available to them.

"A lot of these kids get very good connections this way, and it's things like teamwork and other skills that are very transferable in their future."



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A message from the RM of Stanley

Fransen returns as WSD board chair

By Lorne Stelmach

Western School Division trustees opted for experience as they held their annual organizational meeting last week.

The Sept. 14 meeting saw the board re-elect Brian Fransen as chairperson with Robyn Wiebe remaining as vice-chairperson for the 2020-21 school year.

Fransen said he was honoured to have the continued trust and support of the board and the community at a time when they face the many challenges and consequences of the ongoing pandemic.

"I think it's a great honour and a privilege. There's a lot of great work that we're doing, and we're all pulling in the same direction, so it feels great to have the confidence of the group," said Fransen.

"We are facing challenges in trying to accommodate all of the special measures with COVID-19," he said. "One of the key things I think is really good that we're seeing in Western School Division is that everybody is pulling together in the same direction."

"We've got a great work culture in the division, and all those things that we need to succeed here isn't something that we're trying to all of a sudden create. It's something that we have had for years," added Fransen, who referred to their motto of "rooted in caring, committed to learning." We didn't just make that up, and it still is what we need to do and we're doing it."

Fransen said planning for the return to classes had been very detailed and complex, and he gave credit to the di-

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Gateway participants building skills, confidence

By Ashleigh Viveiros

When a position opened up earlier this summer, Tina Bergen jumped at the chance to work at King's Deli Market and Eatery in Winkler.

The Gateway Resources client saw the job as a chance to "try new things" after years spent working elsewhere, including at Valley Bakery and in Gateway's own kitchen.

And so she spent the summer further honing her kitchen prep and cleaning skills, quickly becoming a familiar face to the eatery's regulars.

"I wash dishes, I cut pickles, I work with the bacon, putting it in pans and in the oven," Bergen explains, adding that bacon duty is by far her favourite task.

"She's like the best bacon person we've ever had," chimes in King's Deli owner Carrie Hiebert.

"A big part of what she's been doing since COVID started is she's been doing a lot of disinfecting," she adds. "Regularly wiping everything down with bleach water. It's been a big help for us."

Bergen is one of a number of Gateway participants whose job placements take them out into the community. The Winkler-based agency provides support to people living with intellectual disabilities.

Prior to the pandemic throwing a wrench in the works, Gateway was partnering with upwards of 40 Mor-

den-Winkler businesses. Each welcomed one or sometimes several Gateway participants to their teams for a few hours every week. Some of the positions are akin to unpaid internships, while other businesses provide workers with a modest honorarium.

"It has really grown in the past few years," says community learning manager Allison Wiebe. "We've been able to grow lots of new connections in the community."

"It's a training program," she explains. "They're learning things and then moving on to the next job. It's really a stepping stone for them."

Indeed, Bergen's position at the deli only became available because a previous participant, Colleen Mourant, moved on after successfully

securing full-time employment at Katie's Cottage.

She started volunteering at the respite home a few years ago and quickly impressed staff with her work ethic. It led the charity to seek out a government grant to help pay part of her wages so they could create a paid position for her.

"The board really wanted to have this as a place that not only served the hospital, but we can serve our community as well," says executive director Ruth Reimer. "Colleen was with us and I just felt more and more that we need to find something to help us pay

"IT'S REALLY A STEPPING STONE FOR THEM."



Left: Colleen Mourant graduated from Gateway's job training program to find employment at Katie's Cottage. Right: Dan Eberling helps out every week at Eco Plus, cleaning up the shop, unpacking inventory, and going along on deliveries.

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King's Deli owner Carrie Hiebert with Gateway's Tina Bergen. Bergen comes in a few hours a week to help out in the kitchen through Gateway's community job placement program.

for her wages.

"We always said that we wanted this place to be a place where people could grow and spread their wings, and that's exactly what we've seen in Colleen."

Mourant's job includes making sure the facility is clean and ready for guests. Reimer says she's always taking the initiative when it comes to finding things that need doing.

"She is part of our staff, very much so. With every passing day we realize that we need her more and more and more," she says. "We're giving her meaningful jobs that are important here."

For her part, Mourant says she loves being part of the team.

"My family struggles from cancer as well, so just being part of this has

been good," she says.

She's quick to urge other Gateway workers hesitant perhaps to venture out into the community to give it a try.

"I think you just have to take one leap of faith into whatever comes your way to see if you like it," she says. "And if you don't, at least you've tried."

PERKS OF THE JOB

Dan Eberling took that leap about a year ago when he started working at Eco Plus.

He's worked in Gateway's wood room for over 20 years and so it was suggested he might like a little more variety to his work week.

"It's actually very good," he says.

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Provincial juried art show moves online this year

By Lorne Stelmach

An annual showcase of some of the best contemporary visual art from across Manitoba is going virtual this year in light of the pandemic.

This year's Manitoba Rural Northern Juried Art Show featuring work by 56 artists from across the province will be hosted entirely online.

The art is selected from six regions—Central, Eastman, Interlake, Northern, Parkland and Westman—and an organizer said our central region of the province always contributes an interesting variety of work to the show.

"The south central region of Manitoba is filled with really talented artists, and there is a tremendous amount of art that is being made in those areas," said exhibit coordinator Nicole Shimonek. "They are really vibrant additions to the southern Manitoba art community."

The Manitoba Rural and Northern Juried Art Show reflects a desire to bring artists and their art together from across geographic and cultural boundaries. This year's exhibition will replace Manitoba Art Network's cancelled Manitoba Showcase 2020.

Shimonek said a show like this is vital particularly in terms of highlighting and celebrating what is happening beyond the perimeter of Manitoba's capital.

"We have a great arts scene here in Winnipeg, but how often do we get to see any of the great art being produced in Manitoba outside of Winnipeg? We are thrilled to be able to bridge that gap."

Shimonek suggested there is substantial interest, as the call for submissions attracted over 120 applications.

Artworks cover a diverse range of media including painting, drawing, photography, sculpture, ceramics, mixed media, and textiles.

Nine pieces were selected to represent the larger central region, with the chosen artists coming from such communities as Emerson, Morris, Brunkild, St. Claude, and St. Alphonse.

Shimonek sees some commonalities in the work, yet she also values how an over-riding theme can be presented in varied and diverse ways.

"A lot of the artwork, you can tell, is impacted and is related to the rural Manitoba experience ... about growing up on the farm and connected to rural living," she suggested. "You can really see the prairie influence ... yet everyone relates their own experience in their own way."

She also believes there continues to be an increasing level of diversity among this artistic community.



This piece from St. Claude artist Eveline Mauws is on display virtually as part of the Manitoba Rural Northern Juried Art Show this fall.

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"I like doing deliveries and going to different businesses and travelling around and meeting people. I'm kind of a people person."

He also gets to put those social skills to work in his other job as a cleaner.

"I do cleaning in the mall on Fridays and then I do this and I do learning centre too," Eberling says. "So it's a lot of jumping around. You never really get bored. You're not stuck in a routine; you get a different variety."

Eberling helps out at Eco Plus by cleaning the shop and unpacking and organizing stock. The order of those tasks appeal to him.

"They bring in a pallet of stuff and take the wrapping off it and we put it all in the right places," he says. "There's lots of sorting and you get to learn where it all goes so the next time it comes in you can do it by yourself."

And when he goes out on deliveries with boss Don Fehr, there are often fringe benefits.

"It's not hard work. It's just deliveries for a couple hours and then I also get a coffee out of the deal, or maybe chips and a drink," says Eberling, grinning.

CREATING OPPORTUNITIES

While partnering with local businesses remains an important part of the program, Gateway has also taken steps to create its own community-facing job opportunities for participants.

Gateway workers have been manning the tills at Clay Owl Studio & Boutique since the agency purchased it as a social enterprise last year.

Among them is Garrison Doell, an aspiring artist who in addition to learning customer service skills also sells some of his work there.

"I feel like I'm definitely progressing in my social skills," he says of his time at Clay Owl. "That's one of the main things, and also learning the business skills to get to where you want to be in life. I feel like that's very important."

"He's really great with talking with customers and holding conversations, just connecting with them," notes job coach Ivy Loewen. "It's really great to see. We're still working a bit on the tills, the money stuff, but it'll get there."

As with Mourant moving on from King's Deli to a full-time job at Katie's Cottage, Clay Owl has also seen its workers find regular employment elsewhere in the community.

"We've had already one participant go out and get her own job at Co-op, actually, very recently," says Loewen. "She had been in this program for about a year. So that turned out really well and it was really, really great to



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Garrison Doell at work at Clay Owl Studio and Boutique. The job gives him a chance to practise his customer service skills.

see her progress from when she came in versus when she left."

"NOTHING BUT A BONUS"

For all the good these job placements do for participants, local businesses say they also get a lot out of the bargain.

"For us, Tina just brings this whole new side to things We've just really loved having her here," says Hiebert at King's Deli, noting that Bergen's positivity is infectious. "She's been amazing and has such a great attitude. She always has a smile on her face. I think she's a great example for the younger people who are coming into the workforce."

"For us it's been nothing but a bonus," she adds, noting that those ben-

efits outweigh any challenges that may come with having a worker who perhaps needs a bit more supervision and structure to their time. "We just really enjoy meeting some of those challenges and helping them through it, whatever it is."

"I think we should look at not the disability but the ability," agrees Reimer. "Take the 'dis' away, because we all have abilities, we all can contribute in some way, shape, or form, and I feel that [Mourant's] abilities far outweigh anything else ... she adds a lot of life to the building."

"I'm just glad that Gateway gave us the chance and I want to thank them for that," she adds. "I would say to anybody who is even thinking about it, do it. Give it a chance and see what comes of it. For us it's been a really

good experience and it continues to be. I would not give it a second thought if I had the chance to do it again."

Over at Eco Plus, Eberling is actually one of two Gateway workers they've worked with over the past few years, and Fehr says their doors are open to more in the future.

"Every time they come here you see a big smile on their face and they really, really appreciate somebody taking time out of their work schedule to let them be part of something, part of a business," he says. "You treat them as you would want to be treated and you overlook any kind of disabilities that they have ... you put them on a task that is within their abilities."

"It gives them a sense of belonging and a sense of accomplishment. I think it's extremely important that they have that in their lives," Fehr says. "And it helps not necessarily just in their job skills but in their confidence level too."

"I would absolutely recommend it to other businesses that could maybe fit somebody in."

Gateway is always looking for new businesses to partner with. The kinds of work participants can do and the number of days or hours a week is flexible.

"It's a lot of communication with businesses to see how we can work together so that the people we support are successful," Wiebe says. "I think it's cool that it's opening up even more doors for people to gain those job skills ... and it's really neat the connections that are being built."

For more information, contact Wiebe at 204-325-7304 ext. 235 or via email to allison@gatewayresourcesinc.com.

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vision's staff for their level of commitment.

"There have been people who have been working day and night and weekends ... doing everything they can to make sure the best decisions are being made with their kids in mind," he said. "We all take responsibility for everybody's children."

It has also put budgetary pressures on the division as a result of the range of extra measures required, but Fransen said the division has so far been in a position to handle it.

"We're working within our ability right now. We are doing our best to work with what we have," he said. "There were some cost savings last year, as certain expenditures were not used towards the end of the school year. So we've used that mon-

ey to make sure that we can have all the measures that we can have now."

"We have hired more teachers so we can make our class sizes smaller ... and we're using differently the space that we have in the school division," Fransen cited as key measures.

In the meantime, the division also continues to wait and hope for word from the province on its commitment to building a new school in Morden.

"We would love to hear something ... it would be good to know," said Fransen, adding that they will also continue to push for an expansion at Morden Collegiate with the addition of three stacked classrooms at the northwest corner. "That is something that has been in our capital

planning for years. Everything kind of got turned on its head in March."

Wiebe meanwhile commented that she too was "grateful for another opportunity to serve the Western School Division community as vice chair. It is very evident that local voice is reflected in our schools."

As part of the organizational meeting, trustees also approved their committee assignments for 2020-21.

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

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It's not just the six decades of service to the region that is key to the success of Ed's Tire, but the faces behind the successful business as well.

Named after Ed Wiebe, whose parents started the business with the original location in Carman in 1959, Ed's Tire has always remained very much family-owned and operated.

Wiebe took over from his father in 1969 and ran the business until passing away near the end of 2016. Longtime manager Konrad VanDasselaar then took over as owner of the Morden and Carman locations in 2017.

"Ed's dad did all the tire business, and then his mom looked after all the accounting," noted Chris Webber, manager of Ed's Tire in Morden.

"It's always been family-owned. First it was Ed and his family, and now Konrad and his family run it; his wife and children work within the business too."

The company at one time included eight locations in not only Carman, Morden, and Winkler but also Morris, Somerset, Treherne, Pilot Mound, and Headingley.

No matter where they are, Ed's Tire has always had a strong sense of community.

"It has a good reputation in the community because we have always been family-owned. We've been in business since 1959, so the people are continuing to support us," said Webber. "That's the nice thing about being in a smaller community like this is you know the names and the faces of people."

"I think people like to deal with a smaller, family-run company," It's how I got my start with the company, as my mom and dad worked here as well," said Webber, noting his father ran the location in Morris. "I started right out of school. I've been working here since 1994."

"That's a good thing about this place, that everybody has been here forever. We've got a lot of experienced people here. There's a real loyalty amongst all the staff."

And it is so much more than a tire shop, he noted.

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Chris Webber of Ed's Tire in Morden says the company prides itself on being a family business that cares about the communities it calls home.

"We have a full mechanical shop. The only thing we don't do here [in Morden] is exhaust, but we do exhaust in our Carman store," said Webber. "We also have two full-time service trucks ... that's a nice feature that we offer. We can fix your tractor tires here in the shop, or if you need us to come out to your farm, we can do that too. It runs 24 hours."

"We also offer free tire storage ... we've got about 300 sets sitting here right now," said Webber, noting they will soon be busy switching vehicles to winter tires. They can also help customers claim a variety of rebates that are available as well as set them up with the MPI winter tire financing program.

"And we cover a pretty big area, probably about a hundred kilometres away or more," said Webber, suggesting they often go as far as Cartwright and the Crystal City area.

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Tablet lending program for seniors about to launch

By Lorne Stelmach

An initiative that will make computer tablets available for local seniors could be expanded in the future both across the region and for a wider community of users.

The South Central Regional Library is about to introduce the tablets at the Morden branch thanks to funding from the Morden Area Foundation's Power of the Purse event, but library officials see potential to add to it in the future as funding allows.

"We would really like to have at least seven or eight in our bigger branches and three or four in our smaller branches," said Cathy Ching, director of library services.

The library is starting what it says is the first seniors tablet lending program in Manitoba thanks to the \$3,100 it received in Power of the Purse funding earlier this year.

The annual fundraiser through the Morden Area Foundation's Women's Giving Circle saw 105 women donate \$100 each however they chose to three organizations pitching projects for support.

The idea behind the library's proj-



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The Morden Area Foundation's Lynda Lambert (right) presented SCRL's Cathy Ching with a donation recently from the Power of the Purse event, which opted to support the purchase of tablets for seniors at the Morden Library.

ect is that many seniors not only need larger, hard-to-find print books, but they also often find it difficult to get down to the library due to mobility issues, Ching explained.

The tablets will be set up with a selection of books and could be loaned out for an extended period. The library even has a volunteer able to help seniors learn how to use the devices.

"We're going to try to do six week checkout, and if no one is waiting ... we could sign it out again," Ching said. "We hope we can keep them rotating somewhat, but we will see how it goes."

"We have seven of them prepped now," she said. "With COVID, everything got put on hold for a bit ... so we're just in the final stages of getting them set up."

For now, the tablets will only be available to seniors through the Morden branch, but another \$1,000 grant is helping the library work towards purchasing additional devices for the other branches.

"Those other tablets will be circulated around, and we are going to have them available to anyone, not just seniors," said Ching. "Some of the funds from the book sale will go towards buying more tablets."

"I am so excited about this project," said Lynda Lambert, executive director of the Morden Area Foundation as she presented the Power of the Purse donation recently. "It's perfect timing with the isolation due to COVID, and it is the first in Manitoba—all due to the Power of the Purse event."

Gov't funding helps Genesis House launch new initiatives

Board reports on a successful fiscal year at online AGM

By Lorne Stelmach

Maintaining their crucial services during the pandemic became a challenge for Genesis House, but it was one that the agency was able to take on with the help of some government assistance.

The shelter for the victims of domestic has benefited from two grants provided through the federal Emergency Community Support Fund. One was made in partnership with Community Foundations of Canada while the other came via the United Way.

The former grant of about \$14,000 was to provide a part-time cook on site, while the latter grant of about \$21,000 allows Genesis House to deliver outreach programming to some of the furthest communities in its service area.

"Most of the time we have been cooking alongside our clients in the kitchen ... but it really just became

onerous to ensure all of the safety measures and the social distancing in the kitchen that we need to have," explained executive director Ang Braun, noting as well that having the cook allowed them to prepare individually packaged food. "That's something else that this person is doing for us ... it's been a bit of a learning curve."

"It would limit the amount of exposure ... that's what this does for us, it lets us really identify if there is something to be traced back, and it should really limit the amount of exposure if that were to happen," she said, adding that having a cook avoids the issue of other staff occasionally getting called away and leaving families to wait.

The funding provides financial support for a six month period for that position as well as for the other initiative involving program outreach to communities such as Roseau River First Nation, Swan Lake First Nation, and Morris.

Each community will be visited 10 times with 10 women participating in group programming and each receiving a meal in a bag with an approximate value of \$10 as well, explained Braun.

"It's vital for us to get into those far

corners of our service area," she said. "We've been fairly strapped for cash the last number of years. It meant us just staying closer to home."

"We have a staff person who has just taken on a few extra hours each week to get that up and running. We also were able to hire a child minder for this one as well," she said. "It's helping us partner with those communities and figure out how we can deliver the services. It addresses the social isolation in smaller groups, and we're bringing that food security with us as well."

Braun said the financial support for these two initiatives is vital, especially as the organization continues to face fallout related to the pandemic.

"This year will look different for us," she said, while pointing out the organization's recent annual meeting showed its past year end in March came before COVID-19 really hit hard.

"We ended the fiscal year in quite a healthy position," said Braun, noting the organization recorded a surplus of \$92,000.

"I think that really was due in large part to last year when we had the community development position," she said, adding it led to a number of

new fundraising initiatives, including an art auction and gala. "That all really left us in a healthy financial place at the end of the year."

"It was astonishing even to the board. The biggest piece of it was adding the community resource development position and doing the extra fundraisers as well as the social media ... we brought on new monthly donors," Braun said. "It extended our reach significantly, and I also think it extended the donors. There were more general donations as well."

Meanwhile, the statistics for the 2019-2020 fiscal year showed Genesis House provided shelter to 48 women and 60 children, with the facility seeing one key difference in the usage.

"We had less women stay but they stayed longer," said Braun. "I think that is one of the things that we have seen here ... in the last ten years, I would say things are more complicated for families," she concluded.

"Sometimes the women are looking for more support; they need more support with not only the domestic violence counselling but there could be some other pieces around mental health or addictions that they need to address as well."

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MWM gives back

By Lorne Stelmach

Two local organizations were the beneficiaries as a business gave back to the community last week.

MWM Environmental regularly makes donations to communities where it provides waste and recycling services. On Sept. 15, it presented representatives from Youth for Christ and The Hub Community Centre with cheques of just under \$800 each. The dollar amount represented five cents for every time MWM tipped a cart in Morden over the past year.

"They both do so much good for the City of Morden and the surrounding area, and we like to try to help that out by donating back," said MWM's Larry Klein.

The donations were most welcome. "With the business community, they've had a hard hit this year, so to see that they're still showing compassion and giving ... it can leave you speechless when they step forward," said Brian Thiessen of The Hub. "We

always so much appreciate the community support in everything that we've done. It encourages us that, as we support others, that we also get that support back ... we wouldn't be able to do it without that support."

John Rempel, executive director of Youth for Christ, noted that MWM has been a good supporter ever since they came to Morden.

"They've come alongside us in a partnership and relational role ... for us, that's important," he said. "We're very excited about partnerships like this because it lets you know that the



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MWM's Larry Klein (third from left) with reps from Morden Youth for Christ and The Hub last week. MWM donated \$800 to each.

City of Morden and the partners they develop in business want to do more than just business. They want community."

> JURIED ART SHOW, FROM PG. 13

"It's no longer just artists who are from rural Manitoba ... a lot of artists have decided they wanted to move to rural Manitoba," Shimonek noted. "There's artists who have such a wealth and diversity in terms of education and experience ... and there's lots of artists now who have other careers and other professions.

"It's really neat that there's a diversity yet what ties all the artists together is the Manitoba landscape."

Audiences now have access to view the artwork online and to vote for their favourites until Oct. 20. A Zoom launch party will then be held Oct. 22, which was the original date for the Showcase 2020 opening reception.

You can check it out at artgallery.manitobaartsnetwork.ca.

Shimonek noted they also look forward to next year and the possibility of having this show and the various regional juried art exhibitions again in person.

"I think those regional shows are really important," she said.

What are watersheds?

Submitted by Samuel Goertzen, Stanley Soil Management Association

"Watershed" is a term that shows up a lot in conservation. Manitoba's conservation districts were recently reorganized so they would match the shapes of the local watersheds more closely, but what exactly is a watershed and why is it so important?

Imagine it started raining right now, and a raindrop fell nearby. Maybe it lands on a roof, maybe the street, maybe a leaf. Where does it go from there? Chances are its landing place isn't perfectly flat, and it slides downhill, perhaps from the roof to the eavestrough, from a leaf to the ground, from the street to the gutter. It then joins up with other droplets, forming a trickle, then a stream, a river, a lake.

Now start over. Imagine the droplet falling in a different spot nearby. Where does this one go? As you follow its path, you'll see that a lot of raindrops that fell elsewhere all ended up in the same place. Rain on your neighbour's roof probably ended up in the same ditch as the rain on your own roof.

The further you follow it, the more this is true. Rain falling in Morden usually ends up in the Deadhorse Creek, and from there to the Plum River, then the Red River, joining rainwater from as far away as Fargo. From there to Lake Winnipeg, to the Nelson River, to Hudson Bay, to the Atlantic Ocean. On a small scale, this is what we call a watershed, and on a larger scale, a basin. Essentially an area of land where all the water eventually funnels into one place.

Have you heard of Buffalo Creek, Buffalo Channel, the Rosenheim Drain, Walkof Coulee, or the Hespler Drain? These all drain into the Plum River and are inside the Pembina Valley Watershed District (PVWD).

The Pembina River drains into the Red River, but the Pembina Watershed is just one part of the larger Red River Basin, which is in turn a part of the Hudson Bay

Basin.

Now you might object: You don't live on a rock, and plenty of the rain soaks into the ground. That's true, but even there the story is the same. It can pass through sand and loose dirt, but before long the water will hit a layer that it can't move through. And similar to above-ground water bodies, this water follows the underground slopes moving through what are called aquifers, where it can either pool up in underground reservoirs like the Winkler Aquifer, or keep moving until it too reaches the ocean.

So why is this important? Water doesn't travel without picking things up along the way. Imagine a lake surrounded by miles upon miles of forest, and a lake surrounded by fields where manure is regularly spread.

Which lake would you rather drink from, and which do you think would support more wildlife? Drinking from the second lake has a much higher risks of bacteria-related sickness, and the nitrogen from the manure can wreak havoc on lake ecosystems.

And it's not just manure. Oil, heavy metals from car exhaust, herbicides, and plastic waste can all end up washed into our water, affecting everything downstream.

So how can you help with all this?

Well, obviously being careful where your trash ends up goes a long way. Recycling used motor oil, not littering, and stuff like that. But there's also another simple thing you can do to help keep our watersheds clean: planting shelterbelts.

Within the PVWD, the Stanley Soil Management Association promotes shelterbelts for their impact on the watershed. Trees do a lot to help with water quality and management, including reducing pollution, stabilizing soil, and preventing flooding.

Watershed health affects us all, and we can all be part of the solution.

Samuel Goertzen is the summer assistant at the Stanley Soil Management Association.

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Hawks ready and raring

By Lorne Stelmach

Dana Bell returns to head coaching duties this season with a female AAA Pembina Valley Hawks squad that will be a more experienced group.

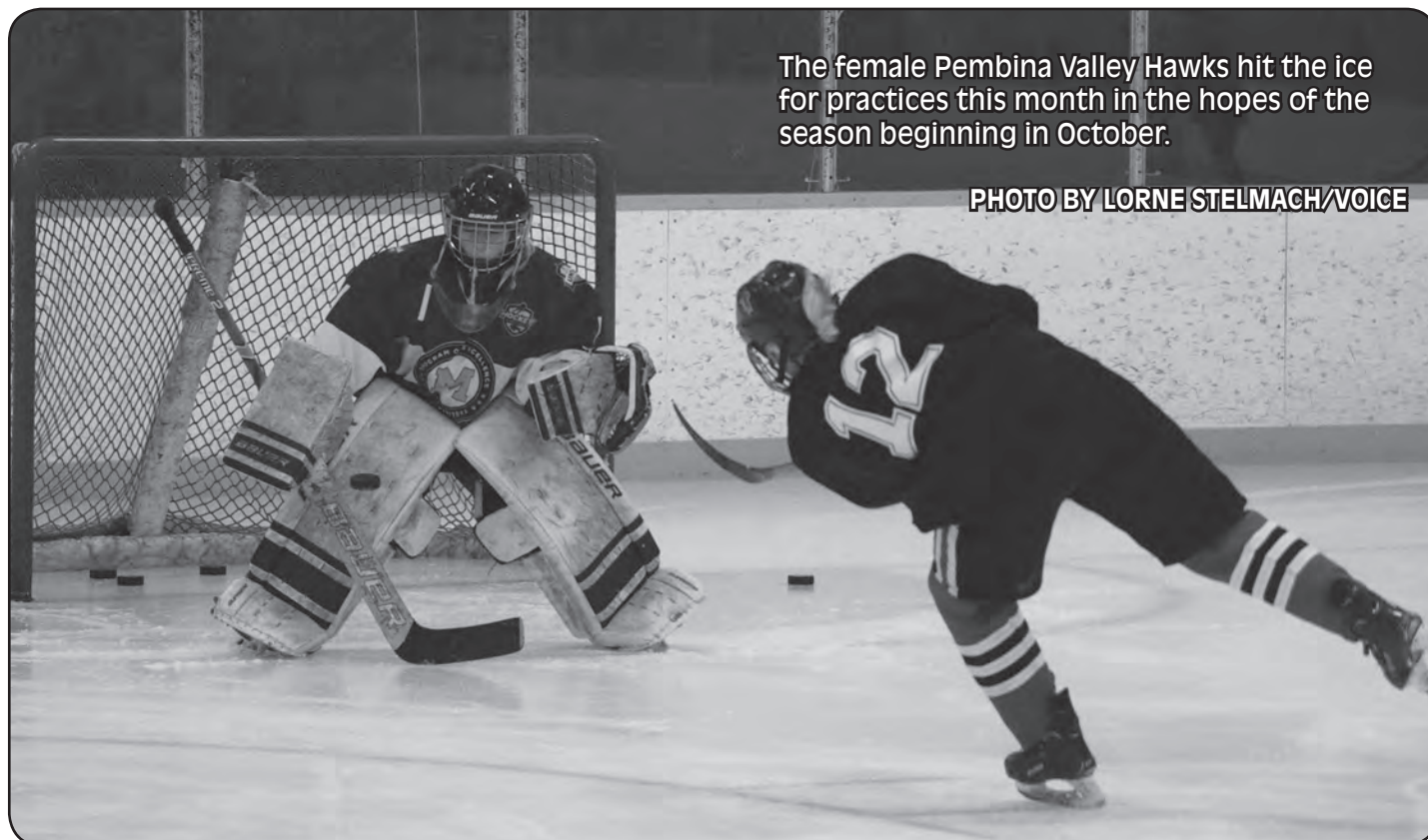
A good core of veterans are under the helm of Bell, who will be backed up by former Hawk Alyssa Alderson and last year's head coach Shanley Siemens as goaltending coach.

With Alderson on the bench, Bell is backed by a player with a winning track record including having played on the Hawks' league champion and Esso Cup team of 2016-17.

"We're a hard working group ... Alyssa and I like what we're seeing out there so far," Bell suggested at last week's team practices. "We've got 11 returning players and eight new girls coming in, and it looks like we've got a good, hardworking roster taking shape right now.

The Hawks are coming off a 2019-20 campaign that wasn't as successful as they likely had hoped for, as they finished sixth at 11-14-3 for 25 points.

They then went up against third place Yellowhead but fell in three



The female Pembina Valley Hawks hit the ice for practices this month in the hopes of the season beginning in October.

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straight in the best of five quarter-final in a playoff season that came to an early halt as a result of COVID-19.

The ongoing impact of the pandemic now leaves a lot of uncertainty about what the season is going to look like, but Bell said they can only keep gearing up in hopes of being able to get into gameplay perhaps by late October or early November.

"It's a different year for sure with ev-

erything that's going on in the world, but we're preparing right now basically like we're going to have games tomorrow," said Bell. "We're going to do a lot of development at the start here to get everybody up to speed for this level."

So far he is encouraged by what they are seeing on the ice.

"I think the thing that stands out the most right now is they have a

don't quit attitude," he concluded. "Not knowing where we're going to be ... these girls are coming out every Tuesday and Wednesday and they're working hard through every single drill. They're puck hungry, which is nice to see.

"The biggest thing right now is the effort. They're putting in a solid effort every time."

Male Hawks roster filled with up and comers



By Lorne Stelmach

As a former coach returning to again take the helm of the male AAA Pembina Valley Hawks, Reid Sloan will be in familiar territory in a number of respects.

Sloan is back after four seasons with the U15 club, so there are a number of faces at camp now who may be rookies at this level but who are familiar to him.

"I coached a number of those boys when they were in U15, and I know

The Hawks have been holding try-outs in recent weeks under the leadership of returning former coach Reid Sloan.

PHOTO BY LORNE STELMACH/VOICE

that they had a really skilled team," Sloan said last week as the Hawks continued tryouts. "With this program, you can always get some turnover ... but there's still going to be some pretty skilled players coming up."

Sloan has two years of experience with the U18 club when they were league winners and lost in the championship game at the western regionals. He was also an assistant coach for the U18 female program, with multiple league wins and an Esso national championship among his achievements.

Sloan said he's excited to be back with the U18 male program and expects to see the familiar faces challenging each other for spots on a team

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Main camp done, Flyers start exhibition schedule

By Ashleigh Viveiros

The Winkler Flyers welcomed 34 hopefuls to the ice at its main training camp over the weekend.

Head coach Kelvin Cech said the smaller camp necessitated by COVID-19 actually came with a silver lining.

"It was phenomenal. With the small teams, the competition was great and you could really get a good look at every player," he said on Monday.

"We had some '04s that were really impressive. When you get to see those young guys playing against 19 and 20-year-olds you really want to see how they're going to perform. And they were good," Cech said. "And then we had the returning guys really putting their best foot forward. It was really encouraging."

Now the real work begins for the team's coaching staff as they begin whittling down to the 25 or so players on the final roster for the season

ahead.

"It'll be a difficult decision, for sure," Cech said. "Everyone here can play junior hockey, there's no question about that. But we need to get the right players to fill out our roster so that we have our best chance to be competitive."

The selection process will be helped along by a series of exhibition games against Selkirk and Steinbach this and next week.

The team will then begin their season with a road game in Neepawa Oct. 9 followed by their first home game, also against Neepawa, Oct. 10.

It's going to be a season like no other due to COVID-19. The Manitoba Junior Hockey League has split the schedule into three divisions and four five-week blocks separated by breaks to limit the impact and spread of the virus.

Winkler will play Neepawa, Portage, and Virden eight times (four away and four home) and the eight teams outside of their division just twice each.

That means they're going to get to

"WE NEED TO GET THE RIGHT PLAYERS TO FILL OUT OUR ROSTER ..."



Thirty-four hopefuls came out to the Flyers' main camp over the weekend.

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know these three teams very, very well.

It's not an ideal situation, of course, but it's a plan that will keep everyone as safe as possible, Cech said.

"Sure, in a normal season you don't want to play the same team four times in a row, the same three teams over and over again, but we're like the pilot project for the entire continent with our league starting on Oct. 9," he said. "We feel so fortunate to have the leadership and the league that we have."

"I like the college schedule," Cech added, noting they'll be playing only twice a week. "It gives us more time to workout and practice during the week."

"This is the safest possible way they could have done it and I'm just thrilled that we're almost there."

The COVID-19 precautions include

a few restrictions at the rink itself.

Fans can either purchase VIP passes for the entire season or pick up individual game tickets in advance (\$15 per person) at the Winkler Co-op or Petro Canada gas stations. No tickets will be sold at the door.

Seating capacity is limited to 50 per cent and everyone will be required to wear a mask when moving about the arena. Masks can be removed when people are settled in their spots in the stands (seats will be well spaced out from one another).

"That's just kind of the new normal," Cech said of the mask mandate. "We're trying to making things as safe as possible for everybody."

"Is the risk low? Yeah it is low, but there is a risk. We don't want to screw this up for the rest of the league and for the rest of the hockey community."

> HAWKS, FROM PG. 18

that has only three possible defenceman and one forward returning from last season.

"So a bunch of newcomers looking to make the team. We're going to be a pretty young team," said Sloan. "I think we'll be a pretty decently skilled team."

"We're going to be looking for some good work ethic from the players. For a lot of the players, it's going to be their first year at this level, so they're just going to have to get into the routine and be disciplined in practice and in games ... just go out and try to out work other teams and showcase their talents."

The new campaign follows a 2019-20 regular season where a strong finish vaulted the Hawks to second place at 35-9-4-0 for 74 points, which was second only to the powerhouse Winnipeg Wild.

The Hawks then dispatched the seventh place Winnipeg Bruins in four games in the quarter-finals and had the momentum on their side until the coronavirus brought it to a sudden end, interrupting the Hawks' best-of-

five semi-final as Pembina Valley had taken a 2-0 series lead on the Southwest Cougars.

Under the direction of the restart plan set out by Hockey Manitoba, teams in the Manitoba U18 AAA Hockey League will play a reduced schedule of 36 games in two phases beginning on Oct. 16.

Teams will be divided into three divisions: West, Central, and East. The Hawks will be in the Central Division alongside the Central Plains Capitals, Interlake Lightning, and Eastman Selects.

"We'll take anything to be on the ice," Sloan said. "The boys are excited; they want to get back to it."

"We would like to come out of our division near the top ... in those first 18 games, make sure that we're competitive," he said, adding the hope is to see inter-divisional play somewhere down the line this winter. "When we get to open things up further and see other teams, we want to be right there in the mix and make a run for it at playoff time."



Team Hamm wins fall classic

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From left: coach Ron Westcott, lead Graham Norman, second Tim Johnson, third Zach McKeigan, and skip Reece Hamm with Lorne Hamblin from the Morris Curling Club.

Winkler's Team Reece Hamm were the big winners at the Manitoba Junior Curling Tour's Cargill Training Centre Fall Classic in Morris last week.

Hamm and teammates Graham Norman, Tim Johnson, and Zach McKeigan posted a pair of wins and

a loss in the round robin. They then went on to beat Team Steski 10-1 in the tie-breaker round to move on to playoffs.

They beat Team McGillivray 4-3 and Team Johnson 7-6 before downing Team McDonald 5-4 in the final game.



Pitching for Paws

The first annual Pitching for Paws slo-pitch tournament brought in \$2,500 for the Pembina Valley Humane Society last weekend. Teams squared off at the Parkland ball diamonds in Winkler on Saturday and Sunday. The humane society's next big fundraiser is its Raise the Woof Comedy Night Oct. 9 at the Winkler Quality Inn. Tickets are limited. Head to pvhsociety.ca for details.

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Permit teaching in the 1940s

By Marie Gruener Doell

In the late 1940s and early '50s there was a shortage of teachers and so the permit teaching system was brought into effect.

Anyone finishing Grade 11 and Grade 12 could apply. If accepted you had to attend six weeks of orientation at the Normal School in Tuxedo on Shaftsbury Blvd.

After finishing Grade 11 in 1947 I ap-

plied to teach and was accepted. At the Normal School we were billeted five to a room, so after six weeks we got to know each other quite well.

What was most memorable to me of these six weeks was the windup. We all went by train to Grand Beach to an amusement park where I had my first and last roller coaster ride.

At the end of orientation the Grade 12s got to choose first from a list of schools and then the Grade 11s got to choose. I chose Marrinhurst School, 12 miles northwest of Pilot Mound.

The salary for the Grade 12 students was \$95 a month and for the Grade 11 students it was \$80. Twenty-five dollars was subtracted from this for room and board.

A large family had moved away from the district during the summer, leaving only five pupils in my school. I had one pupil in Grade 3, one in Grade 4, one in Grade 7, and two taking Grade 9 by correspondence. They gleaned lots of help from me since it had only been two years since I took Grade 9 by

correspondence.

According to the pupils I was expected to play games with them at recess. In fall we played Ante Over and in winter it was Fox and Geese and skating.

I boarded at the home of a young couple who lived two miles from school. During the fall and spring months I walked that distance morning and after four. During the winter months I got a ride to and from school.

The woman where I was boarding was a wonderful pianist and the school had a piano, so together with her the two of us with our five pupils practised for a Christmas program. We were pleasantly surprised that people in the district came to listen.

The year 1947-48 was a memorable time in my life. Many permit teachers went on to make teaching their profession. Though I enjoyed my year, I did not choose to make that my profession. The Marrinhurst School also did not get a grant the next year because there were too few pupils.

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The author taught at the old Marrinhurst School near Pilot Mound shortly after finishing Gr. 11 herself. In the late '40s and early '50s, anyone finishing Gr. 11 or Gr. 12 could apply to six weeks of teacher training at Normal School.



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Job Description:

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PUBLIC NOTICE

CITY OF WINKLER PUBLIC NOTICE - BOARD OF REVISION

Public notice is hereby given that the 2021 assessment roll for the City of Winkler has been delivered to the Municipal Office at 185 Main Street, Winkler, Manitoba and is open for public inspection during regular business hours. Applications for revision may be made in accordance with sections 42 and 43 of The Municipal Assessment Act.

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:

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

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

43(1) An application for revision must

- be made in writing;
- set out the roll number and legal description of the assessable property for which a revision is sought;
- set out which of the matters referred to in subsection 42(1) are at issue and the grounds for each of those matters; and
- 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 5th, 2020 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 20th, 2020.**

Dated this 11th day of September 2020.

Jody Penner, Secretary
Board of Revision
City of Winkler
185 Main Street,
Winkler, MB R6W 1B4



PUBLIC NOTICE

RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF ROLAND PUBLIC NOTICE BOARD OF REVISION FOR 2021 ASSESSMENT ROLL

Public notice is hereby given that the 2021 assessment roll for the Rural Municipality of Roland has been delivered to the Municipal Office at 45 3rd Street, Roland, Manitoba and is open for public inspection during regular business hours. Any person who believes that an assessment ought to be revised, may make application in accordance with section 42 and 43 of the Municipal Assessment Act.

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 - serving it upon the secretary,

at least 15 days before the scheduled sitting date of the board as indicated in the public notice."

The Board of Revision for the RM of Roland will sit on **Tuesday, November 10, 2020 at 10:00 am** in the Council Chambers of the Rural Municipality of Roland to hear applications. The final date on which the Secretary of the Board may receive applications is **October 26, 2020.**

Dated this 24th day of September, 2020.

Kristin Olson, Secretary
Board of Revision
Rural Municipality of Roland
45 3rd St., Box 119, Roland, MB R0G 1T0



NOTICE TO CREDITORS

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IN THE MATTER of the ESTATE of **WILLIAM CLINTON MURRAY BAKER, ALSO KNOWN AS MURRAY BAKER**, late of the City of Morden, in Manitoba, deceased.

All claims against the above Estate, duly verified by Statutory Declaration, must be filed with the undersigned at 309 Stephen Street, Morden, Manitoba, R6M 1V1, within thirty (30) days of the date of this publication.

DATED at the City of Morden, in Manitoba this 21st day of September, 2020.

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Attention: **ROBERT H. McCULLOUGH**

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The land and building known as **79 Russell Street, Plum Coulee, Manitoba**, as described in Certificate of Title Nos. 2909982/4 and 2923137/4, will be sold by public auction by a Licensed Auctioneer on October 14, 2020 at 10:00 a.m. at the subject property located at 79 Russell Street, Plum Coulee, Manitoba.

The Vendor is informed that the property consists of a one storey dwelling approximately 1,398 square feet, with living room, dining room, kitchen, 3 bedrooms, 1 1/2 bathrooms, part unfinished basement, attached double garage on a lot approximately 126 feet x 185 feet.

Realty taxes (excluding any accruing water charges) are paid to December 31, 2018.

Prior Charges: Nil.

TERMS OF SALE

A deposit of \$25,000.00 by way of cash, certified cheque or bank draft payable to Fillmore Riley LLP, and the balance according to conditions which will be available for public view at the Auctioneer's address above prior to the auction. The property will be sold subject to a Reserve Bid of \$195,000 plus such other additional and incidental costs which may be incurred by the Vendor from the 18th of September, 2020 to the date of auction and which costs will be announced prior to the commencement of the sale.

Due to restrictions under The Public Health Act, in order to participate in the auction sale, you must pre-register by contacting the individual below by telephone or email at least 24 hours in advance of the scheduled auction. Attendance by teleconference and/or video conference will be available. Should the successful bidder have attended by teleconference and/or video conference, the bidder will have 24 hours to execute the Auction Sale Conditions and to provide them together with the deposit to our office as set out below.

Further information may be obtained from:

FILLMORE RILEY LLP

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1700 - 360 Main Street

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File No. 419-420-4/MTU/sw(fri)

Attention: **MATTHEW T. UNDERWOOD**

Phone: 204-957-8382

Email: auctions@fillmoreriley.com

MORTGAGE SALE

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The land and building known as **74 Elm Street, Plum Coulee, Manitoba**, as described in Certificate of Title No. 2014330/4, will be sold by public auction by a Licensed Auctioneer on October 14, 2020 at 11:00 a.m. at the mortgaged property located at 74 Elm Street, Plum Coulee, Manitoba.

The Vendor is informed that the property consists of a 1 3/4 storey dwelling approximately 1,672 square feet, with living room, dining room, kitchen, 3 bedrooms, 1 bathroom, unfinished part basement, single detached garage, on a lot approximately 63 feet x 140 feet.

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OBITUARY

Esther Grace Giesbrecht (nee Penner) 1961 – 2020

It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of Esther Giesbrecht who died on Friday September 11, 2020 at the age of 59.

Esther was born on August 14, 1961 in Morden, MB to Herman and Dorothy Penner. Her career consisted of being a Registered Nurse in the Morden and BTHC hospitals. Esther enjoyed her work very much and considered it a ministry full of opportunities, not just a job. Esther's love for her family was always evident. Gardening, sewing and taking care of the everyday household tasks is what she did for us as a family. Her love for music was shown in playing

piano for choirs, church and music groups as well as conducting the church choir. As difficult as it was at times, teaching Sunday School was a real highlight.

Esther was predeceased by her niece, Becky and her dad, Herman. Esther will be greatly missed by her husband of 27 years, Merl and daughters Heidi and Hannah. But we do rejoice that she is now free from pain, discomfort, and fatigue and is resting in the arms of Jesus

A private service was held with interment at the Bergfeld Cemetery.

Donations may be made in Esther's memory to Back to the Bible Broadcast.

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OBITUARY

Dorothy Andrews (nee Human) 1932 - 2020

On Wednesday, September 16, 2020 at Boundary Trails Health Centre, Dorothy Andrews, aged 87 years of Morden, MB went to her eternal rest.

She is survived by her daughter, Debbie; son and daughter-in-law, Pat and Nola; son, Michael; four grandchildren and their spouses and two great-grandchildren. She was predeceased by her husband, Lloyd in 2009.

Cremation has taken place. Out of respect and care for everyone's health during the pandemic, a memorial service for immediate family will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, September 26. This service will be live-streamed to enable family and friends to join in this celebration of life.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Dorothy's memory to a charity of your choice.

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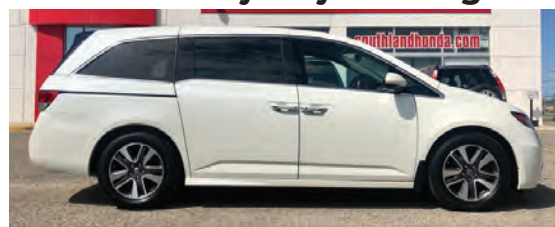
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