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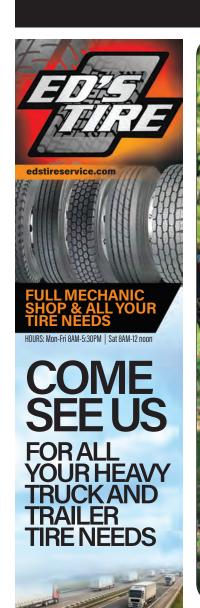
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Maple Leaf School Kindergarten students headed to Morden Park last week to help plant spruce trees in honour of National Tree Day. For the full story, see Pg. 4.

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Morden toy show in limbo

By Lorne Stelmach

The lead organizer behind an annual spring event in Morden is hoping to find someone else to take it on now.

Donald Holenski has taken the lead in running the Morden Toy and Collectors Show for the past decade since it was taken over by the Morden Lions

That service organization ceased operating in 2020, but Holenski had been considering continuing on with the show on his own.

"We were set and ready to do the show in March of 2020, but we shut it down before Manitoba more or less shut down all public shows," said Holenski.

"The club is done, so they're not part of it now. I would like to run it ... but with everything that is still going on ... I don't know what March might bring

as far as restrictions," he continued.

Planning needs to start happening soon, so he had to be in a position where he needed to commit or step

"I was going to keep the toy show going, but with my work schedule and COVID still around I have decided not to do it," said Holenski.

"I have booked the Morden hall for March 18 to 20. So if someone is interested in running the Morden toy show, contact me," said Holenski, who can be reached by email to dlh-1953@ hotmail.com. "I will keep the hall booked until November 1 and help out in someway if wanted.

"I'm hoping someone might step in ... there is some profit and benefit from it. I'm willing to help anybody who might want to take it on," said Holenski.



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The Morden Toy and Collectors Show has become a spring tradition in Morden, but its future has been uncertain with the local Lions Club folding last year.









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Students do their part to mark National Tree Day

By Lorne Stelmach

A local class had the chance to be part of celebrating National Tree Day in Morden.

Cassandra Newman's Kindergarten French Immersion students from Maple Leaf School participated last Wednesday by helping plant some new trees in Morden Park.

The trees provided through the Pembina Valley Watershed District included 50 white spruces for the park and 150 for other locations around Morden, including Spillway Drive near the lake.

Leading the way and instructing the students was certified arborist and Morden parks and urban forestry manager Shawn Dias, who enjoyed the chance to inspire the next generation "to be good stewards."

"It's part of the curriculum for these kids," he said. "They've been here to the park several times and they've walked through this forested area on the west side of Morden Park ... so it ties in nicely to what they're learning now."

In addition to giving the students some basic guidance, Dias gave each of them a white flag to mark their tree and encouraged them to come to the park to keep tabs on the saplings in the months and years ahead.

The project has the added benefit of diversifying the City of Morden's urban forest, Dias noted.

"New trees add some diversity to the park ... we don't have any white spruce on this side of the park," he noted.

National Tree Day serves as a celebration for Canadians to appreciate the great benefits that trees provide: clean air, wildlife habitat, reducing energy demand, and connecting with nature.

The 10th anniversary of National Tree Day also connected to National Forest Week, where people are invited to learn more about Canada's forest heritage and to raise awareness about this valuable and renewable resource.

It is spearheaded through Tree Canada, which is a national non-profit organization dedicated to planting and nurturing trees in rural and urban en-



PHOTOS BY LORNE STELMACH/VOICE

City of Morden parks and urban forestry manager Shawn Dias got some help from local students last week in planting 50 white spruce trees in Morden Park. Another 150 trees, courtesy of the Pembina Valley Watershed District, are being planted throughout the community.



Through programs, research and educational efforts, it has helped restore tree cover in areas hit by natural disasters, guided communities in managing their urban forests, helped green 700 school yards, and organized urban forest conferences.

It is estimated that, to date, the organization in conjunction with community partners and sponsors has planted more than 83 million trees nationwide.

As a teacher, Newman welcomes any opportunity for her students to have some time outside.

"A big part of the curriculum is trees," she said. "There's been a huge uprise in forest and nature-based schools in Canada ... and I'm trying to really base my philosophies on being outdoors as much as possible just because I've seen the positive impact it has on children."

It is also particularly good to have a hands-on activity for the students.

"They just learn best by doing," said Newman.



"I think starting this young is so important," she suggested. "It's their future ... so we need them to learn about nature, to fall in love with nature. Because if they fall in love with nature, they'll be willing to protect it and to speak up for nature.

"It's just building off their curiosity and that gives more of a meaningful connection," she added. "And we're very lucky in Morden to have these beautiful green spaces."



Princes and princesses gather in Morden for tea



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The lovely weather and the historic setting of one of Morden's famous stone homes combined to make it a perfect day last Wednesday for the annual princess and prince tea party at Bella's Castle. Staff were in full costume for the occasion, which included live music, a story reading by artist/writer Tammy Hendrickx, and of course tea and dainties.









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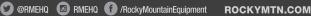


















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The love language of food

Ihere is a great story involving the rivalry of Magic Johnson and Larry Bird, two legendary basketball champions who had a legendary dislike for each other on the court. That is, until Larry's mom stepped in.

The story goes like this: Magic and Larry get hired by Converse shoes to do a commercial and, as is to be ex-

pected, everything is pretty icy on set. They do not like each other.

Everyone stops for a lunch break and Larry Bird's announces that she's made a bunch of food, everyone's invited to her house. Larry



By Terry Dueck

writes, "It was at that table that I dis-

Magic Johnson very much. But Earvin I like, a lot. And Earvin didn't come out until I met him around Mom's table."

There is something about sharing a meal with someone that changes the "rules of the game." We become equals, we let our guards down, and enemies become guests.

I'm becoming increasingly convinced that food is one of God's love languages. To share food with people who appeared far from God is one of the most distinctive aspects of Jesus's ministry. Over and over again Jesus uses food to display love: his first miracle was water into wine, he fed the five thousand with somebody's lunch of fish and bread, and it was at a water well when he engaged the Samaritan woman in conversation and changed her life.

There's a great story in the Bible of Jesus accepting the invitation of a tax collector (Matthew) to have dinner at his place. When the religious leaders find out they ask Jesus' friends, "Why does your teacher eat with such scum?" You have to remember that to share a meal in that first century Mediterranean context signified

covered Earvin Johnson. I never liked friendship, intimacy, and unity. You get the very real sense that those who sat at a table with Jesus didn't see him primarily as a moral teacher, but as a healer and friend. Jesus continually attacked the religious systems that raised up religious obstacles or walls to diverse community and God; he fought against the cultural and societal divides that sought to isolate, separate and shame. People of different religions, young and old, men and women, sinners and tax collectors, rich and poor, they are all invited to meet Jesus and to be forgiven and accepted.

> I know the season of COVID has made it difficult for us to set a table for guests, but I would encourage especially those of you that follow Jesus to think about how you can use food or your kitchen table to bridge the gap with those who you might not know very well or maybe even disagree. We can follow in the way of Jesus today and point people to the loving God that he truly is by using what's right in front of us: our kitchen table.

> -Terry Dueck is the lead pastor at the Winkler MB Church

Thankful for hospital care

Having recently undergone hip replacement surgery at Boundary Trails Health Centre, I would like to thank the staff for their kind and compassionate care.

The doctors, nurses and aides made it a very comfortable experience under the circum-

I would like to thank them by name, as I do remember most, but, at the risk of forgetting one, I will just express my sincerest gratitude to all.

Ian Petrie, Gimli

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Manitoba funding vaccine outreach at the local level

By Lorne Stelmach

The province is turning to doctors and pharmacists to help reach further into communities to get more Manitobans vaccinated against COVID-19.

The strategy will see the government invest \$14 million to support community-focused and one-on-one outreach to improve access to immunization and boost the number of first and second doses.

The initiative was still being rolled out with meetings with providers province-wide taking place this week, but Premier Kelvin Goertzen and Health and Seniors Care Minister Audrey Gordon on Sept. 21 suggested the shift in focus is needed now to reach more people who have remained reluctant to get the shot.

"Our immunization strategy is shifting toward work at the community level to increase vaccination rates in the province to help protect our schools, our places of worship, our businesses and our health-care system," said Goertzen. "This financial support will help health care workers across Manitoba engage in more targeted local outreach with the confidence and tools they need to make a difference in our immunization rates, one person and one community at a time."

"For the thousands of people who are still not immunized and unprotected against the risks of COVID-19, we recognize the importance of hearing about the benefits of the vaccine from their trusted doctor or pharmacist close to home," added Gordon.

"It's also critical that we provide tools to the regional health authorities and health care providers who are having ongoing conversations with people about the vaccine. This will support our ongoing efforts to improve vaccine access and uptake in communities and neighbourhoods across the province."

The investments will support physicians and pharmacists as they offer additional immunization clinics in communities with low vaccine uptake rates based on epidemiological evidence and other local priorities.

The goal is to reach as many eligible Manitobans as possible, and it could involve up to 100 smaller clinics a week operated by health authorities across the province in the weeks ahead to help meet this goal.

The initiative will allow physician offices in Manitoba to develop a roster of their patients who are not fully immunized and support outreach to have those patients come in and have a conversation about their questions and concerns with the goal of supporting fully informed decisions about immunization.

Each office will be able to develop its own strategies to connect with patients, building on what would be most effective based on its knowledge of these individuals. Funding will be used to cover administrative costs and physician fees connected to the outreach and visits.

"Family physicians have strong relationships with their patients because they focus on comprehensive, continuous, team-based care and work closely with community and social services," said Lisa Goss, executive director of the Manitoba College of Family Physicians. "The college is pleased to participate along with other professionals and to lead initiatives that help Manitobans get vaccinated."

The province is also supporting the development of a training and sup-

port program for physicians and pharmacists focused on best practices to reach out to individuals who have not yet been immunized. This training is being developed by Doctors Manitoba, the Manitoba College of Family Physicians and the University of Manitoba, and will help to support health-care providers in communities where additional support is needed to improve immunization rates.

"Doctors are here to listen to concerns about the COVID-19 vaccine and share up-to-date information so that every individual can make a fully informed decision about vaccination," said Dr. Kristjan Thompson, president of Doctors Manitoba.

"Throughout the pandemic, patients have continued to foster trusted and lasting relationships with their pharmacists," said Ashley Hart, president of Pharmacists Manitoba. "Pharmacists are an integral part of a community-based collaborative health strategy, and we look forward to being involved in efforts to reduce barriers and save lives through this grassroots initiative to increase vaccination up-



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Zebra Mussels in Lake Manitoba

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

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There is no way to get rid of zebra mussels once they are established, but we can prevent their spread to other Manitoba water bodies. Whether you're a boater, paddle boarder, kayaker or someone who enjoys floating on an air mattress, make sure you know what steps to take to clean, drain, dry and decontaminate properly, any item that's been in an invaded water body before using it in an uninvaded water body.

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Province changes COVID-19 protocols for schools

By Lorne Stelmach

The province has revised some CO-VID-19 protocols with the aim of helping keep students in school as much as possible this year.

The revised close contact identification and management protocols in schools will also help address the impact of remote learning and self-isolation on the safety and mental and physical health of students, officials suggested last week.

In the school setting, public health officials will consider vaccination status and consistent medical or non-medical mask use when assessing risk and determining isolation requirements for close contacts.

"Schools have continued to take a layered approach to ensure that the health and safety of students and staff is always the top of mind," said Manitoba Education deputy minister Dana Rudy.

"Having the vaccine approved and available for our adults within the schools as well as many of our students has really changed the context of our return to school," added Rudy, who stressed local school officials were being fully informed on the changes and protocols.

"This is another adjustment to our public health measures, as we learn more and more about the effects of public health measures and more and more about COVID-19 itself," said Dr. Brent Roussin, chief provincial public health officer for Manitoba.

"One of the biggest things that we've learned and continue to learn about is the negative effects of the public health orders and isolation, particularly these full lockdowns that we've had in the past on the mental and the physical well-being."

Recognizing the importance of participation in sports and group activities, Roussin noted they also recognize "the need to balance the risk of COVID-19 with the risk of social isolation.

"Schools continue to be relatively safe for children ... getting vaccinated now will help reduce community transmission, which will also make schools safe," he said. "Certainly, we cannot say there is zero risk for kids from COVID-19 ... but we need to balance that risk of COVID with the risk of societal isolation."

To align with public health measures, self-isolation requirements for close contacts are reduced to 10 days from 14 days, and testing is recommended at day seven.

Where there is higher community transmission or outbreaks, the isolation requirements may change to reflect increased risk.

This approach supports keeping students in school to the greatest extent possible while implementing measures to reduce COVID-19 transmission in schools.

The definition of a school case is also changing to align with established incubation and communicability periods for COVID-19.

Moving forward, a case in school is considered to be a staff, student, or volunteer affiliated with a K-12 school in Manitoba who was present in the school during the 14 days prior to symptom onset or positive test date if asymptomatic or within 10 days after illness onset or positive test date if asymptomatic.

Officials continue to note a school case does not mean the case was acquired or transmitted at a school. However, this classification allows Public Health to monitor overall cases that may be associated with a school.

Public Health is also modifying the definition of a school outbreak. Going forward, an outbreak will include at least three school-associated cases identified within 14 days of each other in students, teachers or staff within a specified cohort. The cases will have to be assessed as potentially acquired in school and linked to a known case in the school setting or a school-sanc-

tioned extracurricular activity.

The new definition will allow more consistent reporting of outbreaks, and declaration of an outbreak allows further preventive measures to be put in place to reduce the risk of ongoing transmission, the government said.

Officials also noted the Toolkit for Notification of Cases in Schools has been updated for the school year based on the above public health guidelines and recommendations. The changes to the toolkit include revisions to the step-by-step notification process, definitions of cases, close contacts and isolation requirements and updated FAQs, forms and letter or email templates.

This year, school leaders will continue to collect information about a case, preventative measures in place at the school and close contacts to support schools in intervening as quickly as possible to mitigate risk of COVID-19 transmission and expedite processes once Public Health contacts the school.

Health officials will continue to support schools by reaching out to families to continue case investigations beyond the school, advising on notification letters and directing shifts to remote learning.

To learn more about the toolkit, visit www.edu.gov.mb.ca/k12/covid/.

Coulee fdn. supports Imagination Library

By Ashleigh Viveiros

Dorothy Derksen and Joyce Sawatzky from the local chapter of Dolly Parton's Imagination Library were in Plum Coulee last week to accept a donation of \$2,000 from the Plum Coulee Community Foundation's John Peters (see photo at right).

The Imagination Library is an early childhood education initiative that provides monthly books by mail to children from birth to age five, all free of charge.

The project is currently sending books out to 800 kids in the Winkler area, including dozens in Plum Coulee.

"This donation is a big help for us," says Derksen, "because this past year we haven't been able to do concerts or any fundraisers with groups of people."

A donation of just \$60 covers postage costs for one child for an entire year, so a grant of \$2,000 pays for over 30 kids to take part.

Since it got going in the area several years ago, the volunteer committee behind the program have successfully raised the approximately \$50,000 a year needed to keep things going.

"People have been generous," Derksen says. "The school division supports us, we have some business-



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es that support us, and even individual families. Some grandparents will buy a year's worth of books for their grandchildren. It all adds up."

You can learn more about the Imagination Library or make a donation at winklerfamilyresourcecentre.com.

Water levels better though concerns remain

By Lorne Stelmach

The most recent drought update from the City of Morden offered a bad news, good news scenario for resi-

While the water level at Lake Minnewasta overall has continued to drop, the rate of decline has lessened enough to give city officials some degree of optimism.

"We're over two feet above the predicted loss level ... some of that has to do with increased moisture in the ground, runoff that's occurring," Mayor Brandon Burley noted last week. "We've also been doing pretty good on household management of water, so there's been some wins there for us.

"There's a good community aspect to this," he continued. "We're very thankful for the reduction that we've seen from the community ... we certainly could be in a much more severe position."

The city has continued to stress the need for water conservation measures in the face of an extreme drought while also making arrangements to source additional water supply for the community.

It worked with the Pembina Valley Water Cooperative for additional water supply of about 5-6.5 litres per second in June. The RM of Stanley helped by reducing the usage from truck fill stations and the Cheval water system, while the Minnewasta golf course also cut their usage from the lake.

All these measures helped to slow the draw down rate of the lake. As of

Sept. 20, the lake level was at 10 feet, seven inches below the full supply level, which had earlier been projected to be at 12 feet six inches by this time of the year.

Burley noted they had anticipated the rate of decline would reduce at this point with such factors as residential water use dropping while also drawing more water from other

"We were able to secure about half of the volume that we need away from our lake," he estimated.

Looking ahead, the city has entered into an agreement with the Manitoba Water Services Board to connect a new 12-inch water main from the water co-op water main at Boundary Trails Health Centre to the existing eight-inch water main going along Road 12N with a new booster station on the line.

This new infrastructure will enable the water co-op to supply up to 12 litres of water per second to the city starting tentatively from November through next May, and it will help the city to further reduce the draw down on the lake and help ensure water supply through next summer until hopefully there has been enough precipitation to bring the lake back to normal levels.

In addition, the city through the water co-op is also pursuing the construction of booster stations on the water main along PTH 23 so that more water can be moved to the corridor. That will enable it to provide Morden with up to 12 litres per second year-



PHOTO BY LORNE STELMACH/VOICE

The water level at Lake Minnewasta where Morden gets its drinking water is still crazy low, but not quite as low as officials had feared it would be at this fall.

The city estimates this all will help sustain growth in the coming five to six year period.

Depending on the funding availability, this work is expected to be completed in 2022.

"The entire region really came together on this," stressed Burley, who applauded what he said has been a concerted effort regionally to address

water supply issues.

"There's a bit of a shared situation going on," he said. "The good news out of this is that the infrastructure we are putting in place will help reduce drought potential across the Pembina Valley. It has to be addressed as a region. We need to have a joint strategy; it needs to be a water management strategy for the entire Pembina Valley."

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Local businesses fined for violating public health orders

By Voice staff

COVID-19 enforcement officers have been making their presence known in Winkler in recent weeks.

The Sept. 13-19 public health orders enforcement report shows three Winkler businesses were fined for failing to adhere to restrictions in place in connection to the pandemic.

Chicken Chef, Superstore, and Toppers Family Restaurant all received \$5,000 fines for being in violation of health orders. Two Winnipeg businesses—Canada Inns Destination Centre Windsor Park and Tuxedo Village Family Restaurant/Monstrosity Burger-were also fined, the latter receiving a total of six tickets for multiple violations.

Another 11 tickets of \$296 for failing to wear a mask in a public place were issued to scofflaws across the province that week, for a total of 22 tickets.

Law enforcement officers issued 41 warnings as well and fielded a total of 2,959 calls connected to the public health orders.

Since enforcement began in April of 2020, 2,139 tickets have been handed out totaling \$2,973,950 in fines.

MP ready to move on after tough election

By Lorne Stelmach

Candice Bergen welcomes being able to serve for a fifth term now as MP for Portage-Lisgar, but she also recognizes both the challenges and the level of discontent across the country now.

Bergen retained the seat with 23,819 votes or 52.5 per cent of the ballots cast in the riding, but there was also a bit of a shift with People's Party of Canada candidate Solomon Wiebe getting 9,790 or 21.6 per cent of the votes.

NDP candidate Ken Friesen was third at 6,068 or 13.4 per cent followed by Liberal Andrew Carrier at 4,967 or 11 per cent and Christian Heritage Party candidate Jerome Dondo at 712 or 1.6 per cent.

On the national stage, the Liberals and prime minister Justin Trudeau though only managed another minority government with 159 seats while the Conservatives remained the official opposition with 119 seats. The Bloc Québécois earned 33 seats and NDP 25, while two seats were secured by the Green Party.

First elected as a Conservative MP in 2008, Bergen had retained her seat through the 2011, 2015 and 2019 elections, and she has served in a myriad of roles in Parliament including most recently as the deputy leader of the official opposition.

"I was very grateful and very thankful for the result that I had in Portage Lisgar. It's always an honour to be given the confidence of the people of the riding that you want to represent,"

Bergen said last week.

"This was a tough one. This was a tough election. There were a lot of people upset about provincial issues, but they were angry and taking it out federally ... that was part of what was going on in Portage-Lisgar," she suggested.

Bergen acknowledged that the support for the People's Party of Canada was something that can't be ignored. She noted though that many of its promises were ones that the party could never keep, as they were issues of provincial jurisdiction, but she suggested they did seize on a level of discontent at the provincial level.

"That's a lot more difficult thing to counter when you're trying to counter misinformation and people's emotions, but it also can't be ignored, and I'm not ignoring it," said Bergen.

Now, she is simply focussing on moving ahead and holding the Liberal government to account, but the Conservative will also look at its campaign, policies and approach, she added.

"The real message that I want people to know is even those who didn't vote for me, my commitment is to them as well. I'm committed to the whole riding," she said, noting that they are "always working to improve, to do a better job of talking about Conservative policy, making sure that we keep our policies fresh and current while at the same time abiding by the tried and true Conservative values."

DKSM plans free concert this weekend

Voice staff

The Douglas Kuhl School of Music is planning to offer a free outdoor concert this weekend in Winkler.

The concert is slated for the Bethel Heritage Park pavilion in downtown Winkler Sun., Oct. 3 starting at 3 p.m.

"We're just wanting to get string players together again, and we thought we'd try to plan something outdoors before the weather cools," said Rochelle Drudge, who is the ar-

The concert will be featuring DKSM teachers and friends and a string ensemble of teachers and students.

Performers will include a cello and bass duo with Natalie and Andrew Goodlett. The former is a cello teacher/performer and the latter is a bass teacher/performer with the Winnipeg Symphony Orchestra as assistant principal bass.

Also performing will be a piano trio with Wes Hamm, Loren Hiebert and

tistic and program director for DKSM. Heather Menzies as well as a small ensemble of about 15 to 17 players performing three pieces including one with a solo trumpet.

The concert is free, so all are welcome to attend the show.

The Douglas Kuhl School of Music was incorporated as a non-profit organization in June, 2014 with the mandate to provide affordable music education and performance opportunities in southern Manitoba for students of all ages and skill levels. The

programs provide opportunities for students and community musicians to experience making music together; primarily in string ensembles, choirs and other chamber music opportuni-

The aim is to teach, equip and inspire students for a lifetime of music making in the community and provide performance opportunities throughout the year inviting the community at large to share in the joy of music.

WSEDC on hunt for biz development, immigration officer

By Ashleigh Viveiros

The Winkler Stanley Economic Development Corporation (WSEDC) is starting its hunt for the region's new business development and immigration officer.

This summer, the City of Winkler and the RM of Stanley each committed \$60,000 a year over the next five years for the position and related administrative expenses.

It was a huge vote of confidence for WSEDC, says board chair Leah Klassen, and they're intent on living up to the councils' expectations.

"Because this position reports to the WSEDC it is going to be a blend of both the RM of Stanley and City of Winker, so it's nice that it's going to have that regional approach where we're not focused on one or the other, where they'll be able to have connections all over the place," she says. "It's going to be a liaison to connect across the entire region."

The officer's duties will include acting as a facilitator for new and existing businesses, focusing on the area's immigration initiative under Manitoba's Provincial Nominee Program, and overseeing the Winkler Incubator Mall.

The plan is that they'll very much become the go-to place for any entrepreneur looking for information, Klassen says.

"They can be a landing spot for businesses, either existing ones looking to expand and they're going, "Who do I talk to about this" or businesses that are coming into the area."

In either case, the officer will be able to point them in the right direction to get them going.

"The immigration piece is pretty exciting as well," Klassen notes.

"With our group, we see immigration as twofold: you have the international immigration but then you also have promoting our region to others, to Brandon, to Winnipeg, so that we can grow our city and our region in a way that is healthy and sustainable."

The final piece of the puzzle, the incubator mall, is something Klassen refers to as a real "untapped resource" in the community.

"It's so neat to go in there and talk to these businesses that are just starting up and they're so excited," she says."So to have this person there to provide some mentorship and then also help them when they outgrow the incubator mall .. where are you going next? How can we help?"

Employment postings for the role are going out in October in the hopes of having a candidate in place as soon as possible.

"When we drill it down, it's going to be a community builder," Klassen says of what they're looking for.

"This is going to be a person that is excited for the area to grow and to facilitate that. So we're going to need someone that's happy to be a team player, that can take initiative, that can work well with different levels of government, maybe have a bit of an entrepreneur spirit, a go-getter that can understand our area."

Local family moving for a good cause

Making a difference for organization that has impacted their lives

By Lorne Stelmach

A local family continues to give back in a big way to the organization that has made such an impact

Marie Wiebe and her family held their annual Move 'N Groove-A-Thon stationary bike race this past Saturday at their RM of Stanley home in support of the Movement Centre of Manitoba.

They have done it every year for a decade now in appreciation for what the organization has done for Wiebe's daughter Kathy, who lives with cerebral palsy and has attended weekly conductive training sessions at the centre since she was a child.

"We have taken her now since she was 10 years old, and she's turning 25 ... and it has done tremendous things for her," said Wiebe.

She had been uncertain about being able to do the fundraiser again this year but pulled it together last minute, and the 19 bikers still managed to raise over \$14,400. She had been hoping to bring in at least \$8,000, so the result exceeded her expectations for the fundraiser, which might usually get around 30 bikers with the highest ever raised being just over \$23,000.

"COVID has really affected the Movement Centre," said Wiebe, explaining she was motivated to make it happen because the organization has not only faced significant restrictions but also been impacted financially.

Her motivation is in seeing what a difference it has made in her daughter's life, noting for example how Kathy in the past couldn't stand on her feet but now is mobile with a walker.

"That's huge ... it just opens up so many doorways of independence for her as well as where we can go or she can actually go somewhere with a friend," said Wiebe.

"Her cognitive thinking, problem solving, has just come a long ways, and even her fine motor skills," she continued. "So it builds huge confidence for her ... it will be incentive for her to keep working harder, and they work hard ... she is there for six hours, and



PHOTO BY LORNE STELMACH/VOICE

Brother David Wiebe and grandmother Mary Wall took a turn on the bikes for the fundraiser supporting the organization that has been such a help to Kathy Wiebe.

her wheelchair stays at the door.

"Everything is geared towards helping make them more independent ... it gives them a sense of purpose. She thinks I can do something on my own,"

Taking part once again was Kathy's grandmother Mary Wall.

"I see the need and how much she has accomplished already," noted Wall. "So I do whatever I can to help them, and I enjoy being part of it."

"First time I saw her walking with a walker, I never expected that would happen," added Kathy's brother David Wiebe, who is another regular participant. "I've been at the Movement Centre quite often, so I've seen what they do there ... they do a really good job, so it's totally worth doing this for them."

"It's incredible to see the support," said Olivia Doerksen, executive director of the Movement Centre of Manitoba."The funds go directly to programming ... we don't get any government funding.

"We work really hard to fundraise to subsidize the fees that we charge the clients. It's the fundraisers like these that really, really help us continue to make a difference," she noted.

"We're going into our 25th year of operation next year, and we've relied on the community for 25 years to make this place what it is ... so these fundraisers are huge for us," said Doerksen.

"Skill development never ends and especially when you have a physical or cognitive or a motor disorder," she said. "It's really about independence and freedom ... so that they can live their best lives."

Fish fry raises \$4K for La Riviere community centre

By Voice staff

The fish was sizzling and the cars were lined up around the block for the fifth annual La Riviere Fish Fry earlier this month.

Organizers shared last week that Pembina Valley Shrine Club volunteers served up 538 meals of pickerel and all the fixings on Sept. 19, way up from the 420 of the year before and a big relief after the 2021 event had

to be postponed in spring due to the pandemic.

"Things worked like clockwork thanks to the 40 outstanding volunteers in the arena and behind the scenes to get things done," says Ev Janzen, chair of La Riviere & Community Recreation Association Inc. "Traffic controllers directed the patrons to the entry point, car hops took the orders at the back door, and magically your order was delivered hot and fresh off

the grill at the front door."

The event netted a profit of about \$4,200 for the La Riviere & Community Recreation Association.

"This will certainly help to keep the doors open and the lights on," Janzen says, noting the doors of the community hall have had to remain closed for most of the last year due to the pandemic, which has put a strain on finances.

"But bills still need to be paid.

Hydro, telephone, water tests and maintenance are part of the budget that cannot wait. Profits from this event will put a huge dent in getting things paid on time, allowing for programs to continue, if even on a limited basis."

The La Riviere and Community Recreation Centre board send out a big thank you to everyone who made the fish fry such a success.

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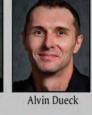


















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It's never too early to get ready for Fire Prevention Week™ which is celebrated October 3-9 this year, featuring the theme "Learn the Sounds of Fire Safety":" Fire Prevention Week (FPW) is NFPA's signature fire prevention awareness event and the oldest continuously running U.S. Public Health Observance, launched in 1922.

This year's theme grew out of the increased attention received of alarm notifications being heard in the background of people's homes during remote learning and work. Recognizing the different sounds alarms make, and the action needed based on that sound, is critical to preventing injury and death from fire. This year's theme also pays particular attention to smoke and carbon monoxide (CO) alarms and alert devices that meet the needs of people who are deaf or hard of hearing. These includes strobe lights, low frequency alarms, and bed/pillow shakers which activate at the sound of the alarm.

Every year throughout North America, Fire & Life Safety (FLS) educators, classroom teachers, injury prevention professionals and other community education professionals plan and implement a myriad of in person and virtual activities to celebrate Fire Prevention Week.



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Key messages for 'Learn the Sounds of Fire Safety' include:

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If your alarm begins to chirp, it may mean that the batteries are running low and need to be replaced. If the alarm continues to chirp after the batteries are replaced, or the alarm is more than 10 years old, it is time to replace the alarm.

Test all smoke and CO alarms monthly. Press the test button to make sure the alarm is work-

If there is someone in your household who is deaf or hard of hearing, install bed shaker and strobe light alarms that will alert that person to fire.

Know the difference between the sound of a smoke alarm and a carbon monoxide alarm three beeps for smoke alarms; four beeps for carbon monoxide alarms.







Fourth wave taking hold in region

By Lorne Stelmach

The Southern Health-Sante Sud region continues to be an area of concern as the province moves further into a fourth wave of COVID-19.

The numbers backed that up as provincial officials offered their regular update Monday with 366 new cases of the virus identified since Thursday including 60 Friday, 100 Saturday, 113 Sunday and another 93 cases Monday, and 150 of those cases were in the Southern Health–Sante Sud health region.

The 93 new cases identified Monday included 67 individuals who were not fully vaccinated, and there were 46 new cases including 41 not fully vaccinated in Southern Health–Sante

Sud with the death of a male in his 40s from Southern Health–Sante Sud (reported Sunday.

"We're entering our fourth wave now, and the un-vaccinated are certainly at much greater risk of severe outcomes. We're seeing increasing ICU admissions ... we need to diminish transmission chains," said Dr. Brent Roussin, chief provincial public health officer.

"Southern Health makes up about 15 per cent of the total population of Manitoba, yet we're seeing almost half of our daily cases are coming from the region," he said.

Roussin further noted even testing per capita is lower in the region.

"What we're seeing too is that our

admissions to hospital right now, more than half the people being admitted to ICU, their first test related to COVID is on that day of admission. So there's people that are delaying being tested, are out in the community while very ill and not being diagnosed until being admitted," he added.

"There's a lot of concerns about what's happening throughout Manitoba, but certainly we see the significant transmission occurring in the Southern Health region."

The five-day COVID-19 test positivity rate as of Monday was 2.7 per cent provincially, and there were 646 active cases and 58,439 individuals who have recovered from COVID-19.

The data showed 77 Manitobans

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were hospitalized with COVID-19 including 43 people with active COV-ID-19 as well as 34 people who are no longer infectious. A total of 19 Manitoba patients were receiving intensive care for COVID-19 including 14 people in intensive care units with active COVID-19 as well as five people who are no longer infectious but continue to require critical care.

There were 2,480 laboratory tests were completed Sunday, bringing the total number of lab tests completed since early February 2020 to 993,150, and the total number of deaths in people with COVID-19 is now 1,209.

Possible exposure locations are listed online by region at the province's #RestartMB Pandemic Response System web page. For up-to-date information on possible public exposures to COVID-19 in regions, visit www. gov.mb.ca/covid19/updates/flights. html#event and click on your region.

Additional data is available at https://geoportal.gov.mb.ca including data related to COVID-19, variants of concern, outbreaks and some downloadable and historic data can also be found at this site.

For up-to-date information on CO-VID-19 in Manitoba overall including the online screening tool, testing criteria and locations, self-isolation requirements, public health fundamentals and the provincial response level on the #RestartMB Pandemic Response System, visit www.manitoba.ca/COVID19.





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CMYC able to gather together in song

By Voice staff

The Central Manitoba Youth Choir was able to get together in person once again this year.

The auditioned choir for high school singers had to do the annual choir experience entirely virtually in 2020 thanks to the pandemic.

But easing restrictions this summer



PHOTO BY ASHLEIGH VIVEIROS/VOICE

The Central Manitoba Youth Choir included high school singers from the Morden-Winkler area. Left photo, back row, from left: Cade Zacharias, Janae Zacharias, Luke Martens. Middle row: Desirae Klassen, Jamie Reimer, Rylan Hiebert, Hunter Martens. Front row: Jaselah Friesen, Sierra Fast, Amy Neufeld. Above photo, back row: Milo Klassen, Thomas Kroeker, Beth Giesbrecht. Front row: Molly Clyde, Sage Penner, Sarah Hagan



allowed 34 singers to gather outside in Carman earlier this month for three days of physically-distanced and masked rehearsals and recordings.

Conducted by Marla Fontaine of Brandon and accompanied by Altona's Loren Hiebert, the choir learned and performed five songs that will be available to view on the Central Manitoba Choral Association's YouTube page.

One of the songs was "Ambe" and includes the Ojibway lyrics "Come in, two-legged beings. Come in all people. There is good life here."

"Such a fitting song for them to sing, as it had been almost two years for some of them to be able to meet with others to make music and harmonies together in a choral setting, and it was so good," say organizers

"As the conductor helped the singers to shape the beautiful music, the friendships blossomed and grew between the singers," they add. "While we look forward to the day when we can more freely gather to sing together as we once did, this was a wonderful occasion for us to fill our hearts with hope for the future."



CFDC benefits from Manitoba 150 funding

By Voice staff

The Canadian Fossil Discovery Centre in Morden is among a half dozen such facilities in the province that are receiving additional funding support this fall.

Each of the province's seven designated signature museums are receiving \$23,800 as a grant that could be used for school and youth programming, exhibits, improving visitor experience or other improvements to these facilities.

The funds come from the Manitoba 150 Host Committee in partnership with the Manitoba government.

"Museums help to provide us with a deeper understanding of the past," said Premier Kelvin Goertzen in announcing the grant last week. "Museums provide us the opportunity to gather and celebrate and, more importantly, to learn and to reflect.

"There is no better time than in the celebration of our sesquicentennial to provide additional support to Manitoba's Signature Museums so they can continue to share the stories of our past, which provide important learning opportunities for Manitobans and visitors of all ages."

"Manitoba 150 is thrilled to invest in these amazing organizations that tell our collective stories and preserve Manitoba's history for future generations," noted Monique LaCoste and Stuart Murray, co-chairs of the Manitoba 150 Host Committee.

The signature museums program was established in 1998 through the designation of selected museums with the potential to be significantly enhanced as heritage tourism attrac-

The seven museums, all designated



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Morden-Winkler MLA Cameron Friesen (far right) stopped by the Canadian Fossil Discovery Centre to celebrate Manitoba 150 funding with executive director Adolfo Cuetara and acting board chair Allison Hal-

as Travel Manitoba Star Attractions, also include the Commonwealth Air Training Plan Museum in Brandon, New Iceland Heritage Museum in Gimli, Royal Aviation Museum of Western Canada in Winnipeg, Men-

nonite Heritage Village in Steinbach, Manitoba Agricultural Museum in Austin and Le Musée de Saint-Boniface Museum in Winnipeg.

Manitoba first province to implement an organic check-off program

By Becca Myskiw

Manitoba is officially the first province in Canada to implement an organic check-off program.

The check-off program became law on Aug. 12 of this year after the Manitoba Organic Alliance (MOA) applied for the regulation in 2019.

Karen Klassen, program manager for MOA, said it's similar to other check-offs programs for grain, but funds produced from this one go specifically back into the organic sector.

To date, organic producers have been selling organic grains to grain buyers and paying check-off fees to mainstream commodity groups. The money those groups generate goes to research, marketing, extension, and development that is often focused on things not relevant to the organic cropping system.

So, the organic check-off works like this: organic producers bring a truckload of produce in and .05 per cent of what the buyer collects goes to MOA.

"We have not had the funds to be able to grow the organic sector and to actually support organic grain farmers," said Klassen.

She said this organic check-off program will help support organic producers while growing the sector, ensuring that education and research activities are directed back.

A subcommittee of farmers elected by organic grain producers will then

get together and decide where the money goes, whether to a university group doing organic research, a group working to grow the sector or something else entirely.

The research that can be conducted as a result of this organic check-off will allow organic producers to build better varieties and create a better crop outcome because they'll be growing organic plants in an organic

"It's really important for a lot of the grain even that we are growing as organic grain producers has been developed in a conventional system," said Klassen.

Wayne Rempel, CEO of Kroeker Farms, is looking forward to the check-off so everyone in the organic family can help each other out. He's been an organic grower for 20 years and supports organic organizations through donations—but not everyone does that.

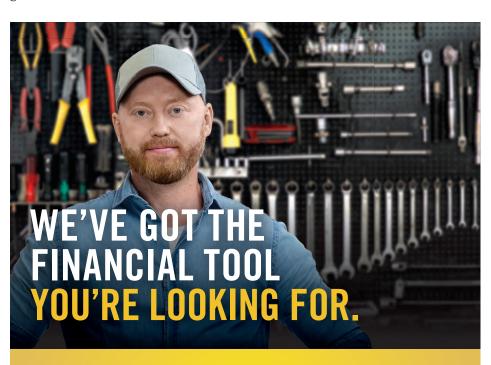
"These people work hard but have no money, so some of us contribute to them and others...they just never give money away but still reap the benefits," said Rempel.

The organic check-off, he said, will force everyone to contribute to the organic organizations, such as MOA, instead of select farms donating funds.

Though the check-off program is a law in Manitoba now, he still plans on donating funds as he has in the past. He's glad the playing field is levelled

growth of the sector," said Klassen.

"And just to build the resilience that "It's going be really important to the we need in organic systems in Mani-



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HOME FIRE PREVENTION SAFETY

KITCHEN:

- Avoid loose long sleeves when cooking.
- Check kettles and toasters for damaged electrical cords and thermostats.
- Use appliances that have an automatic shut-off.
- Keep a timer handy to remind you when the oven and burners should be switched off.
- If you take medication that causes drowsiness, do not use cooking appliances.
- Use a temperature-controlled electric skillet or deep-fryer for frying.
- Never leave your cooking unattended.
- Use appropriate cooking appliances and keep them clean.
- Keep a pot cover nearby to "put a lid on it" in the event of a fire.

LIVING ROOM:

- Fireplace: always use a fire screen, ensuring it is the appropriate size for the fireplace opening.
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- Smokers should check furniture for fallen cigarettes or embers, which can smoulder undetected for hour before bursting into flames.
- Ensure careful use of smoking materials and extinguish in water before disposal.
- Never leave cigarettes in an ashtray unattended.
- Use ashtrays with a double rim and deep
- Keep matches, lighters and lit candles out of the reach of children.
- Never leave lit candles unattended.

BEDROOM:

- Install at least one smoke alarm outside each sleeping area. For improved safety, install a smoke alarm in every bedroom.
- Check electrical appliances regularly in accordance with manufacturer's instructions: electric blankets, heating pads, curling irons, radios, televisions, irons.
- Bedrooms should be non-smoking areas.

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Visit the Villages Tractor Trek on this Saturday

By Lorne Stelmach

A major fundraiser in support of the Eden Foundation is getting closer to reaching a major milestone.

The annual Visit the Villages Tractor Trek has brought in about \$820,000 since its inception 14 years ago, so now having the million dollar mark in its sights is exciting for director of development Earl Reimer.

"The tractor trek has been a signature event of the Eden Foundation. It is a very important event for us not only in terms of the fundraising but also in terms of community engagement," said Reimer ahead of this weekend's trek.

The pandemic forced a move from the usual summer date to fall—this Saturday, Oct. 2.

Visit the Villages was started around the idea of having 40 tractors aged 40 years or older go 40 miles or so, with each trekker responsible for the registration fee of \$150 and asked to raise \$1,000 in pledges, if they can. Funds go to support mental health programming.

"The intent is to tie history together with the future," said Reimer, who estimated the event on average brings in \$50,000 to \$60,000 annually, depend-



VOICE FILE PHOTO

Eden Foundation's Visit the Villages Tractor Trek sets out from the Rhineland Community Centre this Saturday morning.

ing on the number of participants.

The 2021 Visit the Villages Tractor Trek will start from the Reinland Community Centre on Saturday and stop at Gretna for lunch before wrapping up at Neubergthal Commons for supper.

Reimer said they are fortunate to have been invited to Neubergthal Commons, given it is such an important heritage site in the area. He noted Mennonite Collegiate Institute has also been an important part of the trek

"The nice thing about the tractor trek is that we can do this and we can be in compliance with all of the health guidelines we are being given, and we can do it safely," noted Reimer. "We will do our very best to ensure the experience of the trekkers is going to be a pleasant one, that it will be an enjoyable one."

And he noted it is a good example of how they are always looking for ways to engage a wide range of people from the community from one event to the next.

"We've got everything from old tractors and motorcycles and bicycles to choirs, coffee and dessert evenings, and golf ... and who knows what else we can dream up yet that we haven't imagined yet."

For more information or to make a donation, head to www.edenhealth-care.ca/tractor-trek-2021.

Bed nights down but crisis line calls up for Genesis House

By Ashleigh Viveiros

In some ways, the Genesis House shelter for the victims of domestic violence had a quieter year than usual.

But executive director Ang Braun is quick to stress that certainly isn't a sign that abuse wasn't happening in the communities it serves.

"We were at 645 bed nights, which is actually even less than half of what we normally would have," she said in advance of the shelter hosting its annual general meeting this week.

Seeking refuge from abusive home situations were 42 women in the 2020-2021 fiscal year, down only slightly from the usual 48 or so. A further 30 children stayed overnight at the shelter with their mothers.

Braun speculates the pandemic had a lot to do with the lower overnight stats, with many women, worried about potential COVID-19 exposure in a group living environment, opting against seeking residential support.

Meanwhile, the shelter's crisis line was ringing off the hook for much of the year.

"The calls were way, way up," Braun said. "One of the things that we were seeing was that we had more family and friends calling the crisis line trying to figure out how to support people during COVID."

Genesis House had to find new ways of supporting and reaching out to people during the pandemic, as many of the non-residential programs had to be adapted or cancelled due to restrictions.

Braun noted they did a lot of what she calls "lawn chair counselling," with staff in the various outreach programs pulling up a chair in the great outdoors to connect with clients throughout the region.

"We really did notice the longer [lockdowns] went on the more isolated people felt," she said. "It really was just about trying to be connected."

Extra funding from the Emergency Community Support Fund allowed the shelter to hire a part-time cook to provide guests with meals while also limiting the number of people in the communal kitchen space.

Since bed nights were down, that

cook also had time to whip up goodies for staff to take to clients in their own homes, which proved another popular method of outreach.

"We did quite a bit with just deliveries," Braun said. "Delivering home cooked meals and also education packages for kids."

Genesis House has also thus far been successful in keeping the virus out of the facility entirely. Extra funding from the Canadian Women's Foundation allowed them to find offsite space for non-residential staff members to work from to keep the number of staff coming and going at the shelter low.

And because Genesis House already offers families their own bedrooms instead of shared sleeping spaces with other guests, they avoided the challenges some older shelters in others areas had.

"We didn't reduce our occupancy at all during COVID, but most of the other shelters in Manitoba had to," Braun said, noting they ended up getting some of the overflow here, which translated into shorter stays than normal by guests with no ties to the community.

On the fiscal front, the shelter ended the year in the black thanks in large part to increased government support programs connected to the pandemic and an outpouring of kindness from the community at large.

"As much as we couldn't really do any events, the community did not forget about us," Braun said. "It's just been simply amazing."

She credits some of it to the shelter's social media efforts, which it launched in earnest before the pandemic but which paid off in spades at the height of it.

"I think it kept us in people's minds but it also supported women and families that might have been dealing with violence and abuse in the home and let them know there is an option."

If you are in an abusive situation and would like to speak with someone for help, head to genesishouseshelter.ca or call the 24-hour crisis line at 1-877-977-0007. You can also reach Genesis House staff at 204-325-9957.

New foundation for Emerado outdoor rink

Local businesses step up to make the upgrade to concrete a reality

By Ashleigh Viveiros

Several local businesses came together this summer to get a concrete foundation into the Emerado outdoor skating rink.

Thanks to the generosity of Rock Bottom Foundations, Ginter Construction, DNP Construction, George Klassen Concrete, Parkside Home Building Centre in Winkler, and Winkler Concrete, the City of Winkler spent only about \$25,000 on what was a \$125,000 project.

"This is the example of what Winkler is and what Winkler does," says Mayor Martin Harder, noting it's heartening to see people come together to support a community project like this, especially during a time where there's been so much bitter disagreement and divisions of late.

The businesses donated labour and supplies to the project, working together to ease the load, explains George Klassen of George Klassen

"Everybody gives a little bit of their time and money and makes it happen,



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Checking out the new foundation at the Emerado rink recently was (from left) John Krahn of Rock Bottom Foundations, Kevin Ginter of Ginter Construction, Dan Peters of DNP Construction, Mayor Martin Harder, and George Klassen of George Klassen Concrete. Missing are reps from fellow project supporters Parkside Home Building Centre and Winkler Concrete.

so that makes it lighter on everybody's pocketbook," he says.

When Mayor Harder reached out to the businesses for help he didn't have a tough time convincing them of the need for this project, Klassen shares.

"It's nice to have a place for the kids to play ... our young people need a place to go in the evenings, especially these last 18, 19 months with everything else that's going on," he says. "Kids need a place to let loose."

"It was a nice project and it went very

well,"Klassen adds, echoing Harder in the fact it was nice to see some community togetherness these days. "I don't care what you think or what I think-we all have our own mindsbut let's get together [and do this]. We don't have to be separated because we don't agree on something.

"Southern Manitoba is a unique place," he says, pointing out that the community is known for stepping up when a need arises, be it an MRI machine at the hospital, a new recreation centre, or a skating rink."We get things done ... we help one another here."

The rink's concrete foundation will no doubt get a lot of use during the winter (providing savings as well on both water and water costs when it comes to flooding the rink), but Harder notes it will also do double duty in the warmer months for ball hockey and as a pickleball court for the south end of the city.

Vaccination, testing mandates for public sector workers go into effect Oct. 18

By Lorne Stelmach

The province is introducing putting in place requirements for COVID-19 testing and vaccinations for public sector workers.

The new public health order requiring rapid testing of designated frontline public servants who are not fully vaccinated will come into effect Oct.

"Nothing is more important than the health and safety of vulnerable Manitobans during this fourth COVID-19 wave," said health and seniors care minister Audrey Gordon. "Ensuring public sector workers that provide valuable public services like health care and education services are routinely tested for COVID-19 or fully immunized will help ensure the safety of their workplace and the people they serve."

Under the order, designated public

sector workplaces will be required to make rapid testing available on-site for unvaccinated employees.

The regular provincial COVID-19 testing sites will remain available for these employees if they have received a positive rapid test, have COVID-19 symptoms or have otherwise been directed by public health officials to seek a test at such a provincial testing

The order applies to health-care personnel, school personnel, licensed child-care facility personnel, public servants who regular have direct and ongoing or prolonged direct contact with vulnerable populations, child and family service personnel, funded agency personnel in direct contact with vulnerable populations, home care workers and paramedics.

Once an employee is fully vaccinated and can provide proof of vaccination, they will no longer be required to take part in routine rapid testing. Unvaccinated or partially vaccinated employees who work in certain areas of government must have tested negative for COVID-19 within the last 48 hours to work.

If an affected employee tests positive using a rapid test, they must report to a provincial testing facility to take a test and self-isolate until they receive their results. If the test comes back negative, they may return to work. If the test is positive, they must self-isolate for 10 days before they return to work, test negative again with a rapid test and provide those results to their workplace.

The Manitoba government had earlier announced requirements for CO-VID-19 testing or vaccination for designated front-line public servants.

This builds on the rapid testing provisions for employees in personal care homes launched in December

2020 and the Fast Pass sites in the province's school system for teachers and educational workers launched in early 2021.

"This new order requires all public servants who have direct and ongoing or prolonged contact with vulnerable populations to undergo regular testing procedures or be fully vaccinated," said Gordon."These measures are being put in place as early as possible to protect vulnerable Manitobans and public servants from a fourth wave of COVID-19 and the more transmissible delta variant."

"The best protection against this fourth COVID-19 wave is to get vaccinated, get tested and follow all public health orders designed to keep you, your family and your community safe," said Dr. Brent Roussin, chief provincial public health officer.

Singin' in the Grain concert is virtual once again this fall

By Lorne Stelmach

An annual effort to support the work of the Canada Foodgrains Bank (CFGB) is now a decade old, and organizers hope to see it continue to grow even while having to go virtual again this year.

People are invited to tune in to CF-GB's online Singin' in the Grain concert on World Food Day set for Saturday, Oct. 16.

The 10th anniversary show will assist Haiti in the wake of the country having been devastated by numerous disasters over the years, including an earthquake this past August.

"The devastation that the small country of Haiti has experienced over the last decade in particular is unbelievable. They are still dealing with the horrific earthquake from 10 years ago in which hundreds of thousands of people were killed. Now it's happened again just a couple of months ago," said Pearl Braun Dyck, who is part of the concert's organizing committee.

"Food security is always an issue and so with our virtual Singin' in the Grain concert and the donations received, we'll be able to assist people with agricultural programs in Haiti," she continued. The concerts began back in 2011 when Harold Penner, an Arnaud area farmer and then Manitoba regional rep for CFGB, invited a few people to help organize the first fall shows.

His idea was to involve others besides farmers in raising funds to help feed hungry people around the world. Since that first set of concerts—one in Winnipeg and another in Winkler—Singin' in the Grain has become a fall tradition in Manitoba.

Many local choirs and groups have been featured over the years, donating their time and talent and bringing people together to hear about the work of CFGB and to invite financial support.

Last year, the COVID-19 pandemic made it necessary to change the structure of the show to a virtual format. While organizers had hoped for a live event this year, it became clear early in the summer that they would again need to be online.

"We would prefer in-house concerts, but by having virtual concerts, people from all over Canada supported us last year with donations and we hope that will happen this year again," said Dyck.

"The response to our virtual concert last year was very positive, and as a result the Quonset Brothers are return-



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The 2021 Singin' in the Grain concert in support of the Canadian Foodgrains Bank will include performances from Darryl Neustaedter Barg and Kim Thiessen, the Quonset Brothers (top) and Quattro Grani. It streams online on Oct. 16.

ing this year as one of three groups of musicians," she added, while noting the show will also feature selections from last year's concert.

Joining the Quonset Brothers in performing are also two Winnipegbased groups: Darryl Neustaedter Barg and Kim Thiessen along with Quattro Grani quartet featuring Matt Pauls, James Magnus-Johnston, Nolan Kehler, and Mike Wiebe.

The show will be available at 8 p.m. Oct. 16 via www.foodgrainsbank.ca/ singing or later on its YouTube page. There will be an opportunity to donate online as well.

The Canadian government supports the Canadian Foodgrains Bank with a portional matching amount of the funds that are raised.

Dyck encouraged people to add their support as it has become abundantly clear that the pandemic, while putting a stop to many things, has not reduced the food security needs of people around the world.

"It would be wonderful to hear that money would no longer need to be raised for food security in this world, but sadly, the reality, especially since COVID, is the situation has only gotten more severe," she said. "That is why we as a committee feel it is so very important to continue to have fundraising concerts so that we can, in some small way, contribute to assisting people in this world."

PHAC Chili 'Boowl' night on for Oct. 22

By Ashleigh Viveiros

The Pembina Hills Arts Council annual chili bowl fundraiser is taking on a decidedly spooky theme this year.

After having to cancel the in-person event last fall in favour of an online auction due to pandemic restrictions, the Morden gallery is pretty psyched to be able to offer an in-person, sit-down meal once again next month.

"We were very relieved and also determined, I think," said programs and outreach co-ordinator Tye Dandridge-Evancio.

"I think people are getting a little stir crazy and this is a great chance to reconnect and see people face-to-face ... any chance we are able to do that, especially these days, is super important and we're really grateful anytime we're able to offer that," Dandridge-Evancio said, noting they will be following all public health guidelines, including the requirement for proof of

vaccination to enter the gallery.

For \$35 you get a meal of homemade chili in a bowl made by a local artist that you get to take home with you as a souvenir.

Taking place at the gallery on Stephen St. on Friday, Oct. 22, about a week before Halloween, this year's event has been dubbed the "Chili Boowl."

Halloween costumes are optional but recommended.

"I'm not saying I will silently be giving dirty looks to anyone who shows up without a costume but ..." Dandridge-Evancio joked. "It's totally optional but very much encouraged."

Due to capacity restrictions, tickets are limited to 20 people at two different seating times: 5 p.m. and 6:30 p.m.

Tickets are available in person at the gallery or online at www.pembinahillsarts.com.

Funds from the evening go to support PHAC's arts programming in the community.



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Winkler Royals finish cricket season in third

By Ashleigh Viveiros

The Winkler Royals cricket team were in the running for first place right up to the end, but ultimately found themselves falling just short as the season wrapped up this month.

"It was so close. It really was decided in the last match who was going to be number one," says Winkler Cricket Club president Deepak Saini, explaining the deciding factor on the championship title came down to each team's run for and against rate through the summer.

The team ended up in third place in the Manitoba Cricket Association's Division 1 with a record of eight wins and three losses.

It's not the first place finish they had been hoping for, but it's enough to advance to Premier next summer.

As the level of competition is poised to increase, the club is looking at potentially putting in a second Morden-Winkler area team in Division 3 for those new to the sport.

Winkler's first cricket field at Northlands Parkway Collegiate will hopefully be in place in time for next summer so the club can host more activities to introduce the community to the sport.

"People are interested to know the game and they want to play," Saini says. "Once we have that pitch then they are all welcome and we'll have a place to teach them."

Saini is still in talks with local sponsors to get the field built.

If you'd like to play cricket next summer or want to support the club in its



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The Winkler Royals wrapped up their season in the Manitoba Cricket Association's Division 1 in third place.

at winklercricketclub@gmail.com or call 431-451-9528. You can also follow

efforts to get the pitch in, reach them the Winkler Cricket Club on Facebook for updates.

Team Pembina Valley a big part of MB 55+ Games

Bv Voice staff

Team Pembina Valley made up a healthy chunk of the participants in this year's Manitoba 55+ Games.

After being cancelled in 2020, the 38th annual Games were held virtually across the province June 14 to

Approximately 220 senior athletes from over 45 communities took part, participating in their respective sporting events from the safety of their hometowns.

That included no less than 51 Pem-

bina Valley participants.

Sports ranged from walking, cycling and pickleball to horseshoes, kayaking, and golf, to name just a few of the 18 different events.

Athletes ran the gamut in age as well, right up to golfer Jack Widdicombe of Russell, who turned 100 years old this spring and was the oldest male participant. He's been competing in the Games since 2004.

This was the first time in the Games' history that they've been held virtually. The event is organized by Active Aging in Manitoba (AAIM).



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Team Pembina Valley at the virtual Manitoba 55+ Games included 51 athletes this year, including the entire Roland Senior Ladies Golf League.

Flyers' run halted by Terriers

By Lorne Stelmach

The Winkler Flyers had their season opening winning streak halted this past weekend by Portage.

The Terriers picked up a 3-2 shootout win Saturday after having fallen 4-3 to the Flyers Friday as the two teams completed a four game set with Winkler winning three of the four.

Portage had taken a 3-2 lead early in the third period Friday before Trent Penner evened things for Winkler and Nicholas McKee then got the winner with five and a half minutes to go.

The Flyers went to work on the man advantage, and McKee scored a nice goal which saw both Justin Svenson and Jayden McCarthy assisting on the play.

Daniel Isaak and McCarthy also

scored for Winkler, while Dylan Meilun stopped 29 of 32 shots on goal.

On Saturday, the battle went to a fifth round of the shootout before the Terriers picked up the extra point. The Flyers started overtime with a 1:09 powerplay but just couldn't connect on a number of chances.

The shootout saw some gorgeous moves from Josh Beauchemin and Logan Danis, but Austin Peters had the last laugh in scoring the shootout

McCarthy and Ryan Monias scored in regulation for the Flyers, and Brock Moroz stopped 26 of 28 shots on goal.

Winkler now moves on to a four game set with the Steinbach Pistons starting Friday out east then continuing Saturday here in Winkler.



PHOTO BY RICK HIEBERT/VOICE

Flyers Jackson Arpin and Trent Penner and Terriers Ashton Fishley and goaltender Jayden Catellier all race for the loose puck in MJHL action this past weekend.

U14 Central Energy win bronze at provincials

By Voice staff

A local softball team won big at provincials this fall.

The U14 Central Energy girls softball team brought home the bronze medal from the Manitoba AAA Provincial Softball tournament held in Friedensfeld Sept. 10-12.

With this medal, every age group of Central Energy that attended provincials has come home with a medal over the last two years.

The Central Energy teams are made up of players from across the south central region. The U14 team had over 30 girls trying out for 13 spots on the roster in fall of 2020.

The players spent the winter connecting over Zoom and attending

practices and clinics as allowed by public health orders.

The abbreviated 2021 season then saw them post 15 wins and nine losses before competing for the provincial

At the championships, the ladies narrowly lost to the hosting Eastman Wildcats 11-10 and then bounced back with wins the next day against Smitty's Terminators 7-0 and the Manitoba Thunder 9-2 for a second place finish in their pool.

Energy made short work of the Interlake Phillies 15-5 in four innings to advance to the medal round against the Westman Magic, who got the better of them with strong pitching to win it 4-0. Westman went on to win gold against Eastman in extra innings.



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The Central Energy U14 team won bronze at provincials earlier this month. Back row left to right: assistant coaches Mark Friesen and Kelly Yuskin, players Isabel Long (Manitou), Gabbi Hildebrand (Morden), Molly Cowan (Morden), Shayna Bannister (Manitou), Nelia Fehr (Morden), Christina Van de Velde (Mariapolis), Molly Conrad (Mariapolis), and head coach Hailey Yuskin. Front row, from left: Maddy Friesen (Altona), Delaney Darby (Morden), Tori Mangin (Somerset), Kara Buhler (Winkler), Hailey-Jo Guffie (La Salle), and Brooklyn Friesen (Winkler).

their families for their support during to their many generous sponsors.

The team sends its thanks out to this modified season of softball, and

Female Hawks fare well at tournament

By Lorne Stelmach

The female U18 Pembina Valley Hawks had a good tune-up for the regular season with four games this past weekend as part of the Central Plains tournament in Portage.

The Hawks picked up a pair of wins to go with a tie and a loss over the three days of action.

Friday saw Pembina Valley battle to a 4-4 draw with Central Plains before then shutting out Interlake 5-0. On Saturday, the Hawks then beat Pilot Mound Prep 4-1, but they then were edged 3-2 by the Victoria Seals Sun-

The Hawks overcame 2-0 and 3-1 period deficits to earn the tie with Central Plains. Scoring for Pembina Valley Caitlin Anderson, Jessica Anderson, Gracie Carels and Cambree Martens. Tria Enns gave up four goals on 24 shots before being relieved by Kaylee Franz, who made the final four saves.

Franz then got the 25 save shutout against Interlake, while Martens scored a pair of goals. Other markers came from Jessica Anderson, Abbey Bourdeaud'hui and Naomi Scharf.

Caitlin Anderson then picked up a pair of goals Saturday against Pilot Mound with other goals from Bourdeaud'hui and Marissa Fehr, and Enns was only called on to face 13 shots on goal.

On Sunday, the Hawks held period leads of 1-0 and 2-1 before giving up a pair of unanswered goals in the third period. Franz stopped 32 of 35 shots on goal, while scoring for the Hawks were Bourdeaud'hui and Annika Braun.

The regular season gets underway this weekend with the Hawks visiting Interlake in Stonewall Saturday before hosting Central Plains here in Morden Sunday afternoon.

ICON Arena officially opens in Winkler

By Lorne Stelmach

A ceremony last Friday afternoon marked the official opening of what is now the ICON Arena in Winkler.

The sponsorship of local manufacturing firm ICON Technologies was celebrated by company and city officials following the ceremonial puck

"It's a family-owned business, and we saw the project coming up here and the opportunity presented itself to sponsor," said Harv Giesbrecht, who works in business development for ICON.

He suggested this project and facility ties in well with their company's values and commitment to the community.

"We just thought it was a good way to fit in and do something as a family owned business to do something family oriented for the community," said Giesbrecht. "It seems to be a perfect fit. It's a great facility. It fits our brand and the quality that we try to portray to our customers every day.

"We've been in here a couple times to have a look, and it's been great. People seem to be enjoying themselves," he added. "It's beautiful ... it's



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From left: Winkler Royals player Austin Wiebe, Icon Technologies' Harv Giesbrecht, Dustin Krahn with son Kingston, Icon president John Loewen, Winkler Mayor Martin Harder and Altona Maroons player Nolan Martens at the new ICON Arena in the Meridian Exhibition Centre.

a great big facility with lots of space, and I think the community is really going to benefit long term from having this here.

"It's a good place to get together, forget about everything else that's going on, focus on the kids and team work, team play ... those are all good things and very necessary."

Mayor Martin Harder also noted the company's dedication to supporting the community.

"At a time like this, when we need community unity, it comes together in a place like this," he said. "When you see the business community coming together to support this, for the benefit of the entire community, this is just so great to see.

"ICON obviously is a fast growing

company, and they've invested millions of dollars into this community already, and they'll continue to invest," he added. "It's an awesome opportunity to work together.

"The time will come when it will be bustling ... and we just want the community to enjoy it," concluded Harder. "Everything is fantastic."

A winning start



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Reece Hamm from Winkler is back on the ice for the 2021 junior curling season, and the team skipped by Jordan McDonald of Winnipeg won its first event this past weekend by capturing the World Financial Group Larry Jones Classic. Their record was 5-1 including besting Team Olafson from Winnipeg 5-3 in the final. It earned them a berth to the Telus U21 Junior Provincials in Carberry in the new year. The team consists of skip Jordan McDonald, third Reece Hamm of Winkler, second Elias Huminicki of Winnipeg Beach and lead Alexandre Fontaine of Winnipeg.



Storm season comes to an end

By Ashleigh Viveiros

The Winkler Storm wrapped up the 2021 soccer season with a 2-1 loss against the visiting Ital-Inter SC Sunday afternoon.

Tobias Morash scored the team's final goal of the summer in the defeat that left Winkler's record in their first season back in the Manitoba Major Soccer League's premier division at 0-4-3.

It put them in sixth place out of eight teams and knocked them out of the running for playoffs, and while coach Reinaldo Oliveira would certainly have liked to see a win or two on that record, he's pleased with how the team handled themselves going up against very skilled opponents.

"We are happy to have been part of premier," he said. "It very challenging, and there were lots of times we had the game in hand and then things turned around with a tie or a loss."

They were, for the most part, close matches, which bodes well for next season, Oliveira suggested.

"The guys finished strong [every game]—they didn't give up all the way to the end."

Due to the pandemic forcing a shorter season than usual, no teams

will be demoted on the basis of this summer's results, so the Storm will get another crack at premier play next summer, and Oliveira feels they'll be ready for it.

"This year was a chance to see how this league was going to be," he said. "What do we need to learn to come strong for next year? I believe we learned a lot.

"We know we need to be at a certain level; you want to match the level [of your opponents]," Oliveira said, adding he feels it's a bar the team is ready to meet in 2022. "There's two teams where it's hard to match their level, but the other teams, I think we can challenge them."

The hope is also to bring back the SC Riot, Winkler's younger team, next summer as well.

Oliveira plans to get players from both teams out on to the indoor soccer pitch in the Meridian Exhibition Centre all through this winter.

"I hope we can be able to use that; our plan is to bring more people to the club, people who love soccer, have a passion for it, because one coach isn't enough, and we need more players. We need to help those players develop so we can be stronger for next season."



PHOTO BY RICK HIEBERT/VOICE

Winkler Storm's Jan Heide and Ital-Inter SC's Visar Hashani race for ball control in the Manitoba Major Soccer League premier division match Sunday in Winkler.

SEMHL votes against adding three new teams

By Brian Bowman

The South Eastern Manitoba Hockey League voted down a proposal to add three new teams for the upcoming season at its semi-annual general meeting Sept. 13 in Carman.

The vote—made amongst the seven teams—was 4-3 against league expansion.

The Ste. Anne Aces, Red River Wild, and the Ile des Chenes North Stars each applied to join the SEMHL.

All three teams previously played in the five-team Carillon Senior Hockey League. That league elected to shut down for the 2021-22 season due to the provincial health orders and roster shortages.

"There were some applications from teams in the Carillon league," confirmed SEMHL commissioner Tom Vatrt. "They ceased operations and three teams [applied]. Unfortunately the membership voted the three applications down."

With the provincial guidelines in place due to COVID, some teams have

been having trouble finding players, noted Vatrt. Still, the SEMHL commissioner believes expansion would have been good for their league.

"It's a weird dynamic right now," he said. "Would a few teams be better? Sure. It would always be better. Bigger and stronger is always best for everybody. Right now, I'm the commissioner and teams have their voting rights and they have chosen not to expand right now and I have to respect that."

The SEMHL is a seven-team league with teams consisting of the Carman Beavers, Warren Mercs, Altona Maroons, Morden Bombers, Winkler Royals, Notre Dame Hawks, and the Portage Islanders.

There is a lot of parity in the league with every team icing a quality lineup.

"Any day of the week, any team can win, which is very good," Vatrt said. "It's great for competition. It's healthy and good for town rivalries. Right now, we have a really good thing going and we're just trying to keep it strong and keep going that way to build league excitement for the fans

and the people that support the teams and financial backers."

The SEMHL's 18-game regular season begins Oct. 22 and ends Feb. 6. Many people are very excited to have senior hockey back.

"Everyone is looking forward to "From every ar starting and everyone is doing their an exciting year."

best to keep everyone safe,"Vatrt said. "After the playoffs getting cancelled the one year and then an absence of all of last year, there's a lot of interest to get back into the arena to play, coach, watch, manage.

"From every angle, it's going to be an exciting year."

Twisters start on winning note

By Lorne Stelmach

The Pembina Valley Twisters opened the MMJHL season with a pair of wins this past weekend.

The defending champions kicked things off by edging Fort Garry Fort Rouge 3-2 Friday then overcoming St. James 5-4 in a shootout Sunday.

On Friday, the Twins took a 2-0 lead in the first period before the Twisters got one back and then one more in each of the second and third periods.

Ethan Carels, Jackson Wilson and Nico Vigier scored for Pembina Valley,

while Martin Gagnon stopped 26 of 28 shots to pick up the win in net.

On Sunday, the Twisters held period leads of 2-1 and 3-2, but they needed Merek Degraeve to score in the third round of the shootout to get the extra point.

Scoring for Pembina Valley were Vigier, Zach Tetrault, Ben Hilhorst and Caelen Russel, and Gagnon was solid in goal, as he stopped 37 of 41 shots and all three shootout attempts.

The Twisters now have a three game homestand starting with the Raiders Friday followed by Transcona Sunday.

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APPLICATION FOR REVISION

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APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

43(1) An application for revision must

- (a) be made in writing:
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- (c) set out which of the matters referred to in subsection 42(1) are at issue and the grounds for each of those matters; and
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The Board of Revision will sit on Thursday, November 4th, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chamber of the City of Winkler to hear applications. The **final date** on which the Secretary of the Board may receive applications is Tuesday, October 19th, 2021.

Dated this 11th day of September 2020.

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





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APPLICATION FOR REVISION

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

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

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

"43(1) An application for revision must

- a) be made in writing;
- set out the roll number and legal description of the assessable property for which a revision is
- c) set out which of the matters referred to in subsection 42(1) are at issue and the grounds for each of those matters; and
- delivering it or causing it to be delivered to the office indicated in the public notice given under subsection 41(2), or
- 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 9, 2021 at 10:00 am in the Council Chambers of the Rural Municipality of Roland to hear application

The final date on which the Secretary of the Board may receive applications is October 25, 2021.

Dated this 22nd day of September, 2021.

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



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- d) Act as a Liaison with our First Nations partners to support students transitioning into PSSD Schools.
- e) Coordinate regular meetings and professional development sessions for staff who fall within the student services department.
- f) Provide support for Resource Teachers and School Counsellors and Clinicians for Appropriate Educational Programming

Requirements for the position:

- Valid Teaching Certificate (Manitoba Certification Standards) and successful class room experience
- Demonstrated ability to work effectively in a collaborative team environment
- Excellent organizational skills
- Strong knowledge of Appropriate Education in Manitoba
- Strong knowledge of curriculum and assessment (K-12)

The following would be considered assets:

- Consultative or supervisory experience; such as school administrator or department head would be considered to be an asset
- Experience working in a virtual environment, including the Google platform

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Please email cover letter, CV and three current references in a single pdf document quoting competition number above to Cheryl Mangin, Superintendent at pssd@prspirit. org. Closing date is Noon. October 21st. 2021 or until a suitable candidate pool is established. For more details visit: www.prairiespirit.mb.ca. Prairie Spirit School Division appreciates all applications. Only candidates selected for an interview will be contacted.



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The family of Barb Nichol would like to thank all the friends, family and community members who have shown us so much support during this difficult time. The kindness, expressions of sympathy and support leading up to her passing and after will always be remembered. Special thanks to Pembina Colony for preparing the luncheon and to the UCW of Darlingford for serving the luncheon. We would also like to thank the staff at the Boundary Trails Hospital for all the years of care with special acknowledgement to the Dialysis Unit, the Medical ward and Dr Besson. Thank-you to Carrie Martens and Wiebe Funeral Home for the caring attention in arranging the funeral as well as Brent, Joe, Tyler, Adam, Jim and Chad for serving as pallbearers.

Your support at this difficult time was appreciated and we are all very humbled by the kindness that we have been shown and we thank you most sincerely.

-Jim Nichol Bill Nichol Matt and Angie Nichol and family Ryan Nichol Tom and Kellie Nichol and family

CARD OF THANKS

A big thank you to friends and family for making my 100th Birthday Celebrations a time to remember. Your kindness in so many ways was greatly appreciated and enjoyed. Blessings to all of you!

-Hazel Windsor



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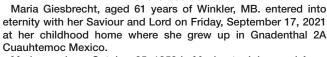
BIRTHDAY



100th Birthday Celebration Family and friends of Sara Neufeld are invited to a Come and Go celebration of her 100th birthday Date and Time: October 2, 2021 from 1 to 4 p.m. Location: Buhler Active Living Centre 101 - 650 South Railway Ave. Winkler MB. **DOUBLE VACCINATION REQUIRED** in order to attend the event

OBITUARY

Maria Giesbrecht



Maria was born October 25, 1959 in Mexico to Johan and Anna Wall. She accepted Jesus Christ as her personal Saviour in the earlier years of her first marriage to Abram Froese in Mexico. She was a widow for 13 years. She remarried to David Giesbrecht in 2019. She loved her family.

She will be greatly missed and remembered with much love by her husband Dave, and their five children: John and Martha Froese, Pete and Mary Wall, George and Anny Goertzen, Henry and Maryanne Giesbrecht, Helena Giesbrecht and nine grandchildren.

OBITUARY

Irene Ivy Delores Wiebe (nee Driedger) 1931 - 2021



Irene Ivy Delores Wiebe (nee Driedger) was born August 15th, 1931 in Rhineland Municipality in her parent's home. She was the oldest of three siblings who were raised in the farm life, helping with garden and livestock chores. Delores had an early enthusiasm for reading books and loved to play school with her younger sister, Shirley. Thus, after completing 12th grade at the Alberta Bible Institute in Camrose, Alberta June of 1951, she attended teachers' college in Winnipeg. Upon receiving her teacher's certificate she took a job teaching in a one-room rural schoolhouse north of Morden. At that time, it was general practice to house school teachers with a member of the school board and as it happened. she met Peter A. Wiebe while boarding at his family's home. But in a turn of events Peter's father became ill and Delores was placed

at another family's home during her teaching years. However, the spark had been ignited between her and Peter while he gave her rides between her 'teaching' home and her parent's home on weekends. This led to further dates at church youth socials, rides to and from events, going for walks, and listening to music together. Delores was attracted to his good looks and wavy, black hair while Peter was naturally attracted to her smile. As time passed, they grew in love and were married July 9th, 1955. Their honeymoon was spent camping in the beautiful mountain scenery of Ban , Alberta, beginning a lifelong passion of Delores' to travel. In later years of marriage, they travelled together to numerous places such as the Maritime provinces, Hawaii, Great Britain and Guam, plus several states in the U.S. As newlyweds, however, they scraped by on Peter's income while Delores became the diligent housewife, raising two children, Loren and Donna, growing garden produce, cooking and canning to provide food for the family and also sewing clothing and quilts. Besides keeping the home tidy, she also taught Sunday School for many years and played piano and organ for worship services at the Morden Church of God where together they faithfully attended and served the rest of their lives. Little known, except to her family, she taught herself to play the accordion. She also became the home o ce assistant, taking phone calls, making appointments and keeping records for the electrical business Peter started and managed into their prosperous years together. August 15th, 2021 Delores celebrated her 90th birthday looking back at many years of blessing and with pride in her children, six grandchildren and their families.

She was predeceased by her parents, Jake and Albertina Driedger, her husband, Peter and great-grandson, Ezra. She is survived by her sister, Shirley (Eber) Waite; brother, Dennis (Clara) Driedger; her son, Loren (Nancy) Wiebe, their children: Eryn (Eric) Klassen, Katelyn (Johnny) Neufeld, Kristyn Wiebe, Matt (Lisa) Wiebe, daughter, Donna (Paul) Ogden, children: Janessa and Dillon BeauLac and great-grandchildren: Ty, Reed, Delaney, Wade, Hayden and Sawyer.

A private graveside service was held at Hillside Cemetery in Morden, MB.

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OBITUARY

Myrna Friesen (Funk) 1953 - 2021

It is with deeply sad hearts that we announce the passing of much beloved Myrna Friesen (nee Funk) on September 18, 2021 at age 68. Her unique and loving ways, kindness and gentle spirit will be sorely missed.

She is survived by her husband Norman Friesen, sons Michael Friesen and Jonathan Friesen (Kherry), daughter Stephanie Friesen and granddaughter Chloe as well as brother Gary Funk (family) and

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