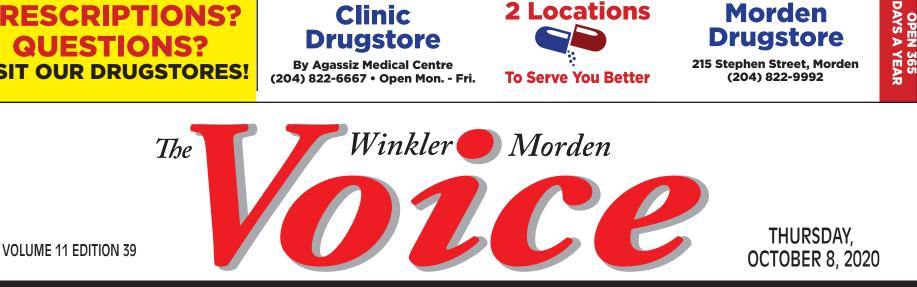
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# **Burger delight**

Wendy Klassen, Karina Bueckert, and Peter Loewen sampling the UnBRIElievable Burger at King Pinz during Explore Morden Winkler's Burger Week competition. See Pg. 3 for more.

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# **Burger lovers get their fill during Burger Week**

#### By Lorne Stelmach

It was a banner week for area restaurants thanks to the success of the Explore Morden Winkler's first Burger Week promotion.

Participants among the 14 locations that got involved in the two cities were widely reporting being sold out through the week.

"It's a little crazy. I don't think anybody anticipated this kind of demand," said Abe Hildebrand, one of the owners of VB Entertainment, which is home to King Pinz Pub and Grill in Winkler."We ran out from day one ... we've been running around trying to find certain ingredients ... literally bought Winkler, Morden, and Altona out, I think."

"The response when we've spoken to the restaurants was just phenomenal. They've been selling tons of burgers, so it's working," said Peter Loewen, a board member with Explore Morden Winkler who helped spearhead the initiative. Loewen said they introduced the idea of a Burger Week here after hearing how well it went over in other areas.

"We thought that this might be a great fit for our communities. It's something that has gained a lot of traction in regions that have done it, so we figured it should work here.

"We got more restaurants to sign up than we thought we would," he added. "So I think next year we'll have a little more time to really communicate with the restaurants. I think there were a few, when we put the word out there, who just didn't get the information."

Their thought was it could be a good boost to a sector of the business community that has been really impacted by the pandemic shutdown and ongoing restrictions.

"With COVID, it was restaurants that got hit hard with it, so it was our hope that we could kind of help get them back to where they need to be," Loewen said. "It's a promotional thing for these local businesses, and it's a



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A message from the RM of Stanley



#### **BELLA'S CASTLE PHOTO**

The Colossal Castle burger at Bella's Castle was one of 14 entries into Explore Morden Winkler's Burger Week competition.

bit of a competition ... a fun bit of rivalry between the restaurants."

The participating restaurants included Bella's Castle, Boston Pizza, Charley B's, Chicken Chef in Winkler, Country Kitchen, DJ's, Flavors of Mexico, Iceburg Drive-in, King Pinz, King's Deli, Mary Brown's, Mulligans, Rendezvous, and The Oaks.

Katelin Letkeman of Charley B's in Winkler said they had a good time creating the Harvester Burger that featured Indigenous frybread, wild blueberry bourbon BBQ sauce, hickory potato crisps, smoked gouda cheese, bacon, caramelized onions, mayo, lettuce, and tomato.

"We enjoyed creating something unique for this, and it's brought in a lot of traffic. We were moving more than a hundred of our feature burgers a day and selling out," she said.

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## Adult & Teen Challenge Pembina Valley on the move

#### **By Ashleigh Viveiros**

Adult and Teen Challenge is preparing to make a major move in the Pembina Valley later this year.

The Christian addictions ministry has purchased a building on Cargill Rd. that will house not only its offices and support group meeting spaces but also the Super Thrift store and a men's group home.

"If we're going to keep helping people, we clearly have to make a move. This is just the next natural progression," said ministry manager Steve Keesic. "Financial speaking, this will change our world."

Keesic explained that the ministry is currently paying rent on multiple locations in the community for the thrift store and its group homes for local participants in the Adult and Teen Challenge addictions treatment program.

Bringing it all together under one roof will

not only be more cost effective in the long term but will also help create a greater sense of community.

"That's been the dream," Keesic said on a recent tour of the new building at 324 Cargill Rd., which has in years past been home to various businesses, a church, and a skate park.

"The whole building will be updated so it's not going to look like a warehouse," he added, explaining the thrift shop will go at the front of the building.

The space is about 1,500 square feet smaller than what the store has now, but Keesic is confident they'll make it work.

"That's kind of a Cadillac of a thrift

store," he observed of the current store on 1st St., noting they will have to scale back on some products in the new location, notably the brand new furniture offerings. But Keesic is confident there's still plenty of space to create an organized but packed-full thrift store

"Our cleanliness, our organization, our systems will all still be in place. But it's going to be a little bit smaller and in a different location," he said. "The reality is for us to help people soon and bring hope within reach of every person struggling in the Pembina Valley we have to be able to get

into a place where we can build a home."

Work has already begun on updating the exterior and getting the retail space ready for customers. Their hope is to have it up and running by year's end.

The rear of the building, meanwhile, will require a great deal more work to make it

a welcoming place for program participants.

"Our goal is to be able to have a 10bed men's home to start," Keesic said. There will be five shared bedrooms and several open concept common areas in the space.

"So they'll work in the front at the store and then they'll come to the back to live," Keesic said, noting creating a sense of structure is a big part of the program's success.

The other part of the back of the building will house Adult and Teen Challenge Pembina Valley's community offices, with room for its various support groups.

Since setting up shop in Winkler



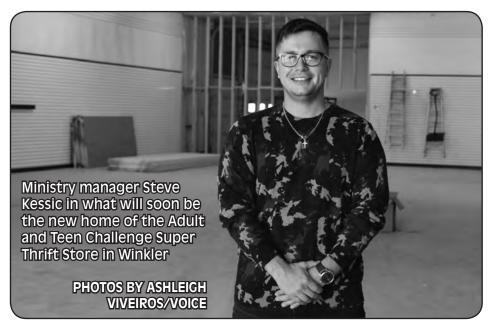
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It may look a mess right now, but the plan is to transform this former warehouse space into a 10-bed group home for Adult and Teen Challenge in 2021.



several years ago, Adult and Teen Challenge has seen the need for its addictions programming continue to grow.

"We had already noticed that about 35 per cent of our students [at the residential programs in Winnipeg and Brandon] ... were from this area," Keesic said. "So the need is huge ... it's way more prevalent than you'd even imagine."

Keesic hopes to have the group home part of the new building ready to go by late 2021. But it's going to require a lot of support from the community at large to make it happen.

"We already purchased the building in faith," he said, noting they've thus far managed to raise about \$150,000 of the \$250,000 needed for the down payment. "It's been coming in slowly but surely, and that's been neat to see."

Adult and Teen Challenge participants and graduates have been making the rounds in the community in recent months, hosting fundraisers and speaking at local churches.

"We're really trying to get it out there, and people are getting on board," said Keesic. "And we already have many, many contractors willing to help.

"We want people to know is that this is the Pembina Valley's treatment centre ... without the community this would never be a reality."

If you'd like to support the project, donations can be made at the thrift store or online at teenchallenge. mb.ca.

Any tradespeople or contractors eager to help out with the renos can also reach Kessic through the thrift store.

## **Province working to improve COVID-19 testing wait times**

#### By Lorne Stelmach

At their Monday update, provincial officials addressed concerns around wait times for COVID-19 testing.

The assurances that testing would improve came as 51 new cases of the virus were identified, bringing the total number of cases in Manitoba to 2,191.

Manitoba's 739 active cases included 23 people in hospital at the start of the week, six in intensive care. Officials on Sunday reported that a Winnipeg man in his 50s was the province's 23rd COVID-19 death.

Three new cases in Southern Health brought the region to 351 cases overall and 29 active cases, including two active cases in Winkler and none in Morden or the RM of Stanley at press time.

"We do know that the public is frustrated with the specimen collection site wait times," said chief public health officer Dr. Brent Roussin. "We're certainly asking for patience at this point, but we are actively working on those solutions."

Laboratory testing did show some increase over the weekend with 2,313 tests completed Friday, 2,070 Saturday, and 1,235 Sunday, but Health Minister Cameron Friesen agreed there is still room for improvement.

"We continue to focus as a province

# **Shoppers Drug Mart supporting Genesis House**

#### By Ashleigh Viveiros

Winkler's Shoppers Drug Mart is aiming high with its annual Shoppers Love You fundraising campaign, on now through Oct. 30.

"It's our annual event in support of women's health," says front store manager Mike Agnew, explaining the campaign for the last few years has focused on supporting mental health programs for women, but this year Shoppers is taking a slightly different approach. "This year it's more about violence against women. With COVID-19 there's been a startling increase in domestic violence numbers. The need is much greater than ever before."

To that end, Winkler Shoppers Drug Mart will be raising funds for the South Central Committee on Family Violence, which runs the Genesis House women's shelter.

"They do a fabulous job supporting women in need in our area," Agnew said. "Whatever we can do to support that is greatly needed."

The store has set a fundraising goal of \$3,500 for the month—something

Agnew is confident they can reach.

"With the great support we always get from the community, I think we can do it," he said, noting they usually raise around \$3,000 each year.

Customers can purchase paper leaves, butterflies, apples, and birds at the till to fill the tree in the store's front window and support the work of Genesis House.

Every donation is a welcome gift, said shelter executive director Ang Braun, but the awareness a campaign like this raises is just as important.

"Having more people talking about domestic violence, having the cashiers ask, and having Shoppers kind of spread the word on their own is amazing because the level of awareness, it just grows it so much," she said.

As the pandemic has worn on, the shelter has seen a marked increase in the number of women needing safe haven from abusive partners.

"Things seemed to get a bit better over the summer, it felt a bit more normal, but now things are locking down again ... and the stress levels are rising," Braun said. "There's a lot of uncertainty and when you have that



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Shoppers Drug Mart's Mike Agnew (left) and Zahid Zehri with Ang Braun from Genesis House. The Winkler store is accepting donations for the women's shelter through to the end of the month.

level of stress everything else just is magnified ... people are holding on by a thread."

The shelter has five rooms it uses to house women and their children. Four

of those rooms were full for most of the month of September, and Braun expects the high numbers to continue through the rest of fall.

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# Question everything

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have always found it interesting and puzzling that people struggle, without question, with the accuracy of science and the findings of scientists.

In this time of pandemic and, living in a region that struggles sometimes to trust scientists, medical professionals, etc. (you know

what I'm talking about), it seems we should try to go beyond our gut feelings and our single "research" paper from www.scienceisascam.conspir-

acytheories.com. By In my life, because of my work, I have

known and continue to know many scientists. One thing I can tell you about scientists is they are the single most skeptical people I have ever had the pleasure to run into.

They are not simply skeptical—they are next level skeptical. Almost annoyingly skeptical. Scientists are skeptical about literally everything.

While working at the museum, and as an avid marketer, I would latch

onto headlines like a thirsty man in the desert. "Researchers find death assemblage from asteroid that killed the dinosaurs" read one.

I called a scientist friend in the field to chat about it.

"Yeah, that's a load of garbage."

"What?!? Why?" I asked as visions of my exciting social media post begin to fade. He listed numerous issues and questions which he was planning on looking into.

In 1936, Albert Einstein, already a significant name in physics, submitted a paper he co-authored with Nathan Rosen on the phenomena of gravitational waves to a prestigious American journal called *Physical Review*.

After reviewing the paper, the journal declined its publication. The paper went on to be published elsewhere after refinement and scientists have since confirmed Einstein and Rosen's proposals, but it was not an easy path.

Science and scientists are skeptical but they are (usually) not skeptical for knee-jerk, political, and/or gut reasons (at least not the good ones). They are skeptical until they have taken the propositions and proven them through rigorous questioning and scientific method. Even after this they are still often skeptical until the majority of their peers follow the same method to conclusion.

Now at this point there may be read-

ers thinking"See! I'm just like a scientist—I don't believe anything I hear or read."Which of course is not the point. This is more along the lines of cynicism, not skepticism. What's the difference, you ask?

A skeptic will ask questions until they arrive at a position they believe is substantiated by the information they receive. A cynic pre-judges everything to be corrupt and wrong regardless of research. Cynics often start with a pre-supposition and gravitate toward content that validates this. Skeptics are often skeptical of their own suppositions and biases and challenge them regularly.

The root of all knowledge is the question, not the answer. There is no answer without the question. We must always question. We must question everything and everyone. But we must do so in good faith. We do not ask questions with the intent of landing on an answer we hope for. We ask questions simply to know the answers wherever they lie, whatever they are.

To question is not to suggest you do not trust. Many people (particularly politicians), beliefs, and organizations do not like to be questioned. They resist and can become outright hostile when it happens.

Anything worth knowing should be able to withstand questioning. If it cannot then I suggest you pass it by.

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### > COVID-19, FROM PG. 4

on expanding our mobile testing sites. We know that there are Manitobans who are saying that they are waiting for service at the sites," said Friesen. "That is a concern to us because we have committed to make sure that we've got the right capabilities in our system. That's how we keep people safe.

"I can tell you that we are doubling down on our efforts to expand screening capacity, to know what the limiting factors are at this point of time," added Friesen, who noted they are undertaking a review of the system while also looking to boost

testing further in the short term.

"I would want to be clear to Manitobans; they are not going to have to wait for the end of a full scale examination to see improvements coming," he said. "We are looking to be very creative in how we augment the capacity that we right now have ... improvements are coming, help is on the way."

Meanwhile, further restrictions went into effect Wednesday in Winnipeg as a result of consultation with the restaurant and food industry.

New limits for licensed premises in the city include no sale or service

of liquor between 10 p.m. and 9 a.m. and that licensed premises are to close by 11 p.m.

Roussin again encouraged Manitobans to reduce the number of close contacts outside their household and avoid closed-in or crowded spaces.

As always, he urged people to remain focused on the fundamentals to help stop the spread of CO-VID-19: stay home if you are sick, practise good hand hygiene, maintain physical distancing, and wear a mask in situations where physical distancing is not possible.



#### By Peter Cantelon

## Heritage museum spotlights Winkler's Jewish roots

#### By Ashleigh Viveiros

The Winkler Heritage Museum is paying homage to our community's Jewish heritage this month.

Replacing the Mennonite Heritage Week items on display in the museum's window at the Southland Mall are a series of photos of some of the Jewish settlers who called this area home over a century ago.

The display also includes a tiny menorah—the only one curator Joanne Bergen was able to find after she put the word out she was looking for Jewish artifacts.

Most people think "Mennonite" when they think of Winkler, but there was a thriving Jewish community here at the turn of the 20th century.

"The heritage society is not just about our Mennonite heritage," Bergen said, stressing our community's early cultural mosaic includes the Mennonites but also the Jewish and

# Moonlite receives new certification

#### Voice staff

A local body shop recently got the nod from a non-profit consumer advocacy organization.

Moonlite Auto Body Ltd. in Winkler has been officially certified by Certified Collision Care for maintaining the tools, equipment, training, and facilities necessary to repair the participating automaker brand vehicles according to manufacturer specifications.

"Consumers need the confidence and peace of mind to know their vehicle is being repaired by a shop that has what it takes to ensure the vehicle's safety," explained Scott Biggs, CEO of Assured Performance Collision Care. "They represent the standard by which all other body shops are measured."

Less than five per cent of body shops across the nation are able to meet the requirements to become officially certified.

"We've worked hard to stay ahead of the curve in the collision repair industry," said Moonlite president Steve Freund. "This official certification demonstrates that commitment to our customers.

"We take pride in our highly trained technicians who use the latest tools and equipment to deliver a top quality repair and the best customer service." German people who came soon after.

"The Jewish people opened up businesses that the Mennonites couldn't," she added, explaining the first Mennonite settlers were farmers who generally kept to themselves and whose religion frowned on commerce and profit-making.

It was the Jewish peddlers who sought to provide people in the surrounding villages with goods and services and, later, when the village of Winkler was created in the 1890s, began opening up some of the community's first shops.

By the 1920s, Winkler had its own synagogue, located in a converted house on the northeast corner of Mountain Ave. and Sixth St.

A decade later, Winkler's Jewish community had shrunk significantly as more and more of its members left the area, many moving to Winnipeg to pursue further education.

Today, very little evidence of the city's Jewish roots remain, though in 2002 the heritage society did install a commemorative plaque honouring the first 15 Jewish families to settle in the area. The cairn today is located in Bethel Heritage Park.

Bergen hopes to round up a few more artifacts and photographs for a more extensive display of Winkler's Jewish history in time for Jewish Heritage Month next May.



**PHOTO BY ASHLEIGH VIVEIROS/VOICE** Winkler Heritage Museum curator Joanne Bergen with the display on now honouring Winkler's early Jewish settlers.

"I'm hoping by doing this now then by May maybe I'll have some real artifacts to share," she said, noting she's also going to be reaching out to some Jewish community groups in Winnipeg to see if they have any connections with the descendents of the Winkler Jewish settlers.

If you have photos, items, or even

stories passed down from generations past about the Jewish community in Winkler, get in touch with Bergen at the museum.

The Winkler Heritage Museum is open Tuesday-Friday from noon to 4 p.m. and Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

## > BURGER WEEK, FROM PG. 3

"As I look through the other participating restaurants, I am delighted to see the effort and creativity put into this event," Letkeman added. "I am proud of Morden and Winkler restaurants for diving into Burger Week as well as the committee of dedicated folks to get this started. I believe an event like this is exactly what our region needed at this time and hope it's the first of many."

At Bella's Castle, the Colossal Castle burger featured a sirloin burger stuffed with Bothwell cheddar, caramelized onions, pickled slaw, smoked candied bacon, swiss cheese, and signature Bella's sauce served on a toasted bun.

Owner Lily Krushel said it was good to hear that quite a few of the dedicated burger hopping enthusiasts had tried five or more burgers.

"The response was amazing. We have never seen so many takeout orders ever, and the dining room has been packed for lunch and dinner rushes," she said. "We sell out of burgers every single day even though we've been upping our numbers.

"What is most amazing is how it brings the two cities together. We have seen many Winkler clients come and try our burger, and many Mordenites were going on burger hopping tours in Winkler. It's definitely a great way to bring the communities together. I wish more events like this will happen again in the future."

"I'm hoping this is going to help everybody make back from this whole COVID situation. We know a lot of restaurants took a huge hit," said Hildebrand, who was pleased with the response to the unBRIElievable Burger that featured a smashed patty topped with maple candied bacon, a breaded brie cheese wheel, Morden's apple jam, and a secret green sauce.

"I think we could definitely feed off of this because people are going to come try your place ... and they might come and try other things. It's getting them in the door," he said.

"This is a great way of showing

you can a little versatile and make something cool," Hildebrand added. "I tried a few myself ... it's awesome. Not great for the diet, but it's great to see how everybody is a little different."

"It's been fun to watch just how they all stepped up and were really into it. It's totally different than what I've tried before, so it's not your conventional burgers," observed Loewen of the participating restaurants.

"It shows you don't have to go to Winnipeg. The restaurants here are doing it, and we've got some great talent here," he said, suggesting they will be considering other theme ideas such as perhaps poutine week or soup week."With the reaction that we got, we're definitely going to explore some other options here."

On Monday, the results of the Burger Week public survey crowned King Pinz Pub as the winner, followed by King's Deli in second place and Flavors of Mexico's entry in third.

## Fire chiefs urge people to take care in the kitchen

**By Lorne Stelmach** 

The focus for Fire Prevention Week this year is on a hot spot in the home both literally and figuratively for causing fires.

Serve Up Fire Safety In the Kitchen is the theme for the awareness campaign being held this week.

"The kitchen is a spot where there is a hot item probably every day, so your chance of something happening is probably higher than it is anywhere else in the home," said Morden Fire Chief Andy Thiessen.

"You instantly go from a stove top fire to a kitchen fire very quickly," added Winkler Fire Chief Richard Paetzold. "It's attention to begin with and then how people react once it is on fire are the two factors that make kitchen or cooking fires the number one cause of kitchen or home fires."

"We experience that ourselves here in Winkler. Unattended cooking is a leading cause of fires in the kitchen as well as the home," he continued. "Usually what happens is it's a busy place, and you put something on the stove and you turn around and go do something else. You get distracted.

"This is my 30th year in the fire service, and over those 30 years, most fires start in the kitchen."

Kitchen fires then can unfortunately become much more dangerous than need be as a result of people not dealing with it correctly.



PHOTO BY LORNE STELMACH/VOICE

Morden Fire Chief Andy Thiessen warns residents not to let their guard down while working in the kitchen. Unattended cooking is the leading cause of household fires.

"One of the big things that happens with kitchen fires is actually then how the person attempts to extinguish them. The one thing you never want to do is throw water on a grease fire," said Paetzold.

The key is to use a lid and to turn off the heat and give it time to cool down gradually.

"Basically, put a lid on it and it snuffs out the fire from what it needs, which is oxygen, but it's still hot so you have to move it and allow it to cool down. Never try carrying it across the kitchen," Paetzold stressed.

"Fire extinguishers are great to have," he added, while cautioning that "you also have to know how to use it ... it is pressurized."

"The big thing is water on a grease fire ... that just makes the fire three or four times bigger," agreed Thiessen.

"Let it just cool down on its own," he said, adding people make the mistake of trying to lift and move the pot too soon."As long as it doesn't have oxygen, it will be fine."

Both Paetzold and Thiessen stressed people need to ensure their homes are outfitted with detectors that are functioning properly. That means not only multiple detectors throughout all areas of the home but also heat sensors in the garages

"Something happens in the garage, it can go undetected," Paetzold said. "With the improvements in building codes, we see a lot less frequency of people not waking up if there's a fire in their house or something happening."

"We had a garage fire about a month ago. Their heat sensor in their garage saved their home," noted Thiessen. "They're not expensive to put in."

And, of course, Thiessen repeated the familiar message to ensure all your detectors have a working backup battery

"The key thing for us is daylight saving time ... when you're changing your clock, go and change the batteries."

Otherwise, Thiessen noted they are doing their best to try to continue educating people while being restricted from doing things in-person such as in schools.

"We actually are doing some videos on different things in the kitchen ... and we did a few things geared to the adults that we are putting on our Facebook page," he said. "It's something we've never done before ... it's kind of thinking outside the box."

# Bunker's Etherlan going virtual this month

#### By Lorne Stelmach

Demand has driven the move online for a popular gaming event hosted by The Bunker youth ministry in Winkler.

Etherlan is going ahead Oct. 23-25, although COVID-19 means people will have to compete from the safety of their own homes.

"We had a lot of people saying they wanted to do it," said ministry director Harold Espinosa. "Keeping people safe is the key ... we felt, with a lot of prayer, to do this."

The idea for Etherlan took shape in 2006 as a fundraiser for a church in Puerto Rico. That church today has a sister youth ministry to The Bunker called La Fortaleza.

Etherlan has come a long way since that first year when there were only about a half dozen people involved. "Usually, when we have all the events, we average close to 200 people," Espinosa said, adding they're not sure what to expect this time around. "Because it's virtual, we have no idea what's going to happen. This is our first time doing it this way.

"We've been doing very well with it," he added. "Little by little, by 2011, that's when we were actually able to start giving, and now it's gone to a point where it's been a blessing. We would raise probably \$3,000 an event and up to sometimes \$5,000.

"It all goes to help The Bunker kids who are going to Puerto Rico, and it's all for helping with the building," he said, noting La Fortaleza hopes to be able to hire a staff person soon."And if we can plant more Bunkers, we will."

This year, Etherlan kicks off Oct. 23 with Fortnite and Valorant and then continues with Overwatch, Super Smash Bros, and League of Legends Oct. 24 before concluding with Yu-Gi-Oh and Minecraft events Oct. 25.

There is a \$20 entry fee. Participants will need to purchase their spot ahead of time to receive a link to register for their specific competition.

For Espinosa and others on The Bunker's team, it is vital that they have been able to carry on with programs and events like this, especially with the stress and challenges being faced by families in these days of pandemic cancellations and restrictions.

"For some kids, it's been a huge struggle ... it's been hard for a lot of the families. We've been helping wherever we can, connecting with kids, building relationships, talking with them and praying with them ... trying to build a closer relationship," Espinosa said.

"We're doing the best we can with

following all the rules that the government gives us and to do the best we can with building those relationships because it's been really tough," he continued. "For us, we present the only one who can help them, and that's Jesus ... building relationships and praying with kids and being there for them."

It's truly a community effort, he add-ed.

"We have great volunteers this year. We have about 20 volunteers in total with staff. That has been a blessing. It's probably the best year with staffing that we have ever had," Espinosa said. "People are stepping up to the plate in the community and to help people ... it's really awesome to see.

"It's been a real blessing. Without the people from the community in Winkler and Morden and beyond, we wouldn't exist."

# Teen arrested in construction site break-in, theft

#### Voice staff

A 17-year-old was arrested in Morden last week in connection with stolen construction site items.

Police were called the morning of Sept. 26 about a break, enter, and theft at a work site in the 800 block of Thornhill St. the night before.

Officers spoke with multiple victims and received a list of stolen items that included tools, construction equipment, and spools of copper wire.

While searching the area, police located a trailer hidden in the trees that was known to be used by a local youth.

Later that morning, officers attended to the suspect's residence and, while speaking with their father, observed a box of copper pieces and piping. Police seized the items, believing they were related to the break and enter. They then used this information to apply for a warrant to search the property, which they did at 4:35 p.m., finding numerous tools and items believed to be stolen in the break-in. The estimated value of the recovered property is between \$5,000 to \$10,000. Subsequently a 17-year-old youth was arrested at the residence and transported to the Morden Police Service.

The youth was released on an undertaking to appear in Morden Provincial Court in November.

Formal charges have not yet been laid against the suspect. Because they're a minor, their name cannot be released.



#### MORDEN POLICE PHOTO

Morden Police found numerous tools and copper equipment in the home of a suspect in a break, enter, and theft that occurred at a local construction site Sept. 26. A 17-year-old was arrested.

## Morden Redskins are now the Morden Bombers

#### By Lorne Stelmach

Morden's senior mens hockey team is moving ahead with a new name.

The former Morden Redskins have ditched the controversial name in favour of becoming the Morden Bombers.

"It's been a tough road, but our executive stuck together. All of us stuck together ... and I think we're going to be successful," general manager Brent Meleck said last Friday. "We're anxious to get the ball rolling. We have a great executive and good sponsors ... we greatly appreciate their support."

A decision on changing the team's name came in response to the renewed pressure that arose at a time of heightened awareness around racist terminology and the use of certain names and logos in sports.

A number of community members including Mayor Brandon Burley were vocal about the need for Morden's SEMHL team to drop the name Redskins, and then Hockey Manitoba in July announced it was looking at making regulatory changes that would give it authority to compel teams to changes names that are seen as having offensive or derogatory connotations.

Meleck said everyone involved with the team took time to consider the name change.

"We took a long hard look at everything and decided maybe it is time for a change," he said. "We weighed a lot of options about which way to go with the name, and we worked with Hockey Manitoba to make sure the name that we came up with was going to be suitable.

"We asked around ... people who come to our games, our sponsors, alumni ... and this one just seemed to stick. Now, it's the matter of a logo, and we're finishing that up."

The Bombers hope the community will rally around the team as they look to move ahead.

"That would be fantastic," Meleck said, adding he sees good potential

for the team now that they have the clearance for the South Eastern Manitoba Hockey League season to proceed next month. "We've had some people step up ... and we feel positive. [We] could have a lot of returning guys coming back."

## Local Habitat supporters raise \$3K

#### By Ashleigh Viveiros

Habitat for Humanity Manitoba's online cycling event proved to be an unexpected success for the local chapter.

The Prairie 500 Virtual Fundraising Event encouraged participants to virtually cross Manitoba by logging 500 kilometres of physical activity over the summer.

Locally, six teams took up the challenge in support of the Winkler/ Morden Habitat chapter, some of them individuals tackling it on their own while others included groups of friends or family hitting the 500k together.

Chapter representative Christina Falk took part with her husband and kids.

"We did all different things throughout the summer: bike riding, walking, canoeing and swimming, hiking," she said. "It was neat because it was a good year to explore Manitoba because we couldn't really go anywhere else. We had a lot of fun with it."

Moving the event online proved to be a positive thing, since it gave people who might normally not take part in a long cycling event the chance to get involved in a different way.

"This was great because you could do anything you wanted that was active and moving," Falk said.

Provincewide, the initiative raised \$6,119, over half of which was raised by the Winkler-Morden participants.

"The Winkler-Morden donations was \$3,650, so we blew everyone else away," Falk said. "We're really excited about that. This was something totally new and different and it just worked so well for this year. I'm hoping we can do it again."

The money is truly a blessing, Falk noted, as the chapter recently found out it will need to renew its fundraising efforts heading into 2021. In the wake of the COVID-19 pandemic, the chapter had initially planned to press pause on most of its fundraising for its second home in the area.

But it recently learned that in order to be eligible for funding from the federal government for the Morden build, they'd need to get a start on it next year.

"If we want that government funding we need to build in 2021 ... we don't want to lose out on that money," Falk said, noting it's unclear right now exactly how much funding may be available (though it could be a substantial amount) or whether or not the entire build needs to be completed next year in order to be eligible for it.

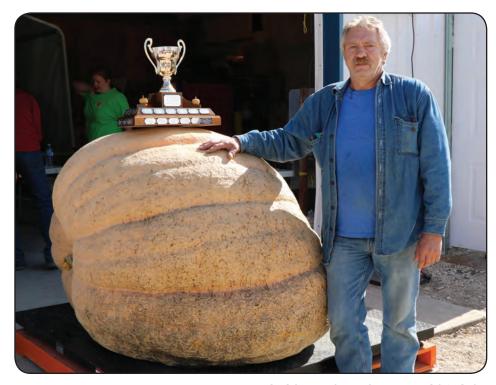
While they wait for those answers, volunteers will begin working once again on raising the approximately \$180,000 needed to build a Habitat house.

## **Banman wins it again**

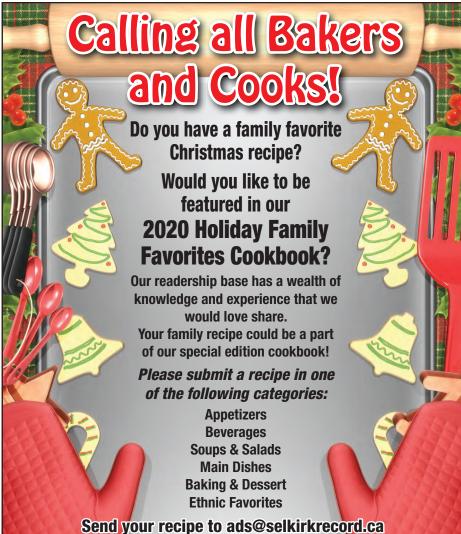
#### By Ashleigh Viveiros

Winkler's Cornie Banman held on to the title of Manitoba's top giant pumpkin grower last weekend.

Banman's entry into the 30th annual Great Pumpkin Commonwealth Weigh-Off in Roland tipped the scales



**PHOTOS BY ASHLEIGH VIVEIROS/VOICE** Winkler's Cornie Banman won the Great Pumpkin Commonwealth Weigh-Off in Roland for the second year in a row on Saturday.



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## Returning champ Cornie Banman's giant pumpkin weighs in at 1,373.5 pounds

at 1,373.5 pounds to earn him his second first-place finish in a row.

This year's pumpkin fell far short of the monster that won Banman the grand prize last year. That one weighed in at 1,660.5 pounds and holds the record for the largest pumpkin ever grown in Manitoba.

Still, it was more than enough for the win this year, and Banman was glad to see his hard work pay off.

He said there's no big secret to growing award-winning pumpkins; it just takes a lot of care and a bit of luck.

"And lots and lots of water," Banman said.

This summer proved to be a challenging one for growers.

"We had a lot of wind, a lot of damage to the plants, but we did fairly well still," Banman said, noting he's become hooked on the challenge of coaxing the biggest pumpkin he can from the ground, despite what Mother Nature might throw at him. "I say every year I'm going to quit. Then in spring I'm antsy again and then I do it.

"It's a nice hobby," he added. "You can see in a day how much it grows, and that's what's exciting about it and what keeps me coming back."

Banman's winning pumpkin can now be seen outside at the Fruit 'N More store in Winkler.

The winner's circle at the weighoff included Banman's wife, Helen, in second place (1,285 lbs) and his brother, Henry Banman, a five-time champion pumpkin grower, in third place (1,216.5 lbs.) Fourth place went to Roland's Art Cameron (1,167.5 lbs.) while Marge Banman came in fifth (1,144 lbs). The prize for best-looking pumpkin went to first-time participant Brad Slepicka, from Benito, MB. His pumpkin came in 11th at 979.5 lbs. Cornie Banman also won the water-

melon and squash events with entries of 77 lbs. and 1,019 lbs., respectively.

Meanwhile, Carman's Jason Terwin had the day's largest tomato for the second year in a row. His entry was 3 lbs 7.45 oz.

The weigh-off had to be done a little differently this year thanks to CO-VID-19 forcing the cancellation of the Roland Pumpkin Fair. The scale was brought outside and the public at large were asked not to attend.

"We had a lot of committed growers that still wanted to come out and have their pumpkins weighed, even though it was a smaller crowd than normal," said organizer Derek Baschuk.

Scaling things down was far preferable to cancelling the event outright, he noted.

"There's been so many community events that have been canceled everywhere, so this was one thing that we felt we could still have," Baschuk said. "We are also part of the Great Pumpkin Commonwealth, and because of that we did have some responsibility to continue on if we could."



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"We're going to push to get it done. So that means fundraising is going to be really important now and it's going to have to be creative. We're not quite sure how we're going to get there," Falk said. "So these kinds of donations, online and personal donations, are just going to be huge." The plan is to focus on fundraising first followed by blueprint approval for the build before opening up the application process to potential families early in the new year.

To support Habitat, head to habitat. mb.ca/chapters/winkler-morden.

# **MEC** on track for November opening

#### **By Ashleigh Viveiros**

Work on the Meridian Exhibition Centre in Winkler is in the home stretch.

"We are expecting to have ice put in later in October and we have some initial events planned for mid to late November that we are still expecting to be able to do," said city manager Jody Penner after a tour of the site last week.

The build, which has been underway since late 2018, adds a second arena and a 19,000 square foot turf/ hard floor facility to Winkler's Park St. recreational complex, which also includes the Winkler Centennial Arena.

The MEC also features a catering kitchen, concession stand, play area, office and meeting spaces, multiple dressing room facilities, and an indoor track.

The community is more than ready for the MEC to open its doors.

"Our staff are hearing from user

groups and whenever we have tours going through you can just feel the excitement building to see the facility in use," Penner said. "They're very excited about the potential that we have now to use a facility of this size for the larger meetings, whether it's the trade shows or different types of events that just weren't possible in Winkler before."

For Penner, the MEC checks a lot of boxes for the city.

"I think I'm most excited about how it's a well-rounded, multi-purpose facility," he said."We want it to be a kind of gathering place for the community."

Pandemic restrictions have put a bit of a question mark over whether a big grand opening for the facility will be possible in the months to come.

"It's going to be more of a soft opening this year," Penner said, noting they'll look at what kind of a community celebration will be safe to do in the new year.



The MEC's indoor soccer pitch can do double duty as a space for trade shows and banquets—something Winkler has needed for some time now, says city manager Jody Penner (far right), who led reps from the Winkler chamber on a tour of the construction site last week.

# Alzheimer Soc. family conference going virtual

#### By Ashleigh Viveiros

The Alzheimer Society of Manitoba's annual conference for the family and friends of people living with dementia is moving online this year.

The Care4u Family Conference will be held via Zoom on Saturday, Oct. 24 from 9 a.m. to noon.

It's the first time the popular event

hasn't been able to be held in person, noted organizer Jennifer May Vicente-Licardo.

"We've always had it as a full-day, in-person conference where we have about 350 families and friends taking part," she said. "It's something that we always look forward to."



PHOTOS BY ASHLEIGH VIVEIROS/VOICE

The city expects to have ice on the rink at the Meridian Exhibition Centre by the end of the month. Recreational programming there should begin in November.



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# 'Land and Sky' show on now at the PHAC

#### By Lorne Stelmach

They differ in style, but the two artists sharing this month's exhibit at the Pembina Hills Gallery share a common inspiration.

Their love of the natural surroundings here in the Pembina Valley is the connection for Margie Hildebrand and Tammy Hendrickx, whose work is featured in *Land and Sky*.

It's a theme they hope might make

people think about and better appreciate our relationship with the land and sky all around us.

"I just hope that people will have the same connection that I do to the surroundings and the love of this area. I'm passionately in love with Morden and the surrounding area," said Hildebrand.

"I grew up here for 30 years before I moved away, so I knew what I was coming back to and you don't have to



**PHOTO BY LORNE STELMACH/VOICE** Artists Margie Hildebrand and Tammy Hendrickx have teamed up for a new show in Morden called Land and Sky.

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World Teachers' Day October 5, 2020 go far; it's beautiful right here," said Hendrickx. "There's so much to be seen, and I think that people have really experienced it this summer too now that they had to stay home."

The two artists have gotten to know each other since Hendrickx came back to Morden about eight years ago, and they both teach art classes on occasion for the Pembina Hills Arts Council.

"I got to know other people who were artists, and we kind of hooked up and got to know each other," said Hendrickx, who suggested artists need to connect and encourage each other. "Artists need each other for feedback."

"We enjoy each other's art. We have quite different styles, but we both have an interest in the landscape surrounding this area," added Hildebrand. "We were both doing paintings kind of around that, and then we just decided to do a show together, which was two years ago when we booked the gallery for October 2020."

"We never really saw each other very often ... then all of a sudden it was what are we going to do for the show and what's our theme going to be?" Hendrickx said.

With the exhibit mounted and in place as of last Thursday, both artists appreciate how their pieces work so well together.

"They look really good together ... the contrast of styles is evident. I'm kind of more realistic," said Hildebrand. "Our work complements each other although our styles are different. They play off each other and it's kind of a nice contrast."

"And we did look at how many each of us had, and we didn't have to take anything out. It was amazing that it just worked out," added Hendrickx. Hildebrand worked from photographs of scenes around the region and employed a number of media, including watercolours and oil.

"Most of my pictures I try to have something of the natural world the way it is but also our human impact on the land ... even if it's just a fence post or a road," she said.

"I wasn't sure where I was going to go, but I guess the last little while, since moving back here, trees have been my friend," said Hendrickx.

"We moved into a house that has lots of oak trees around it, and my husband and I walk daily to the Morden park, which has been a real good place to go," she added. "Sometimes, when you move a lot, you need something that's stable. For me, seeing the trees in the different seasons is something that helps me. Seeing the beauty around you takes some of the stress off you."

Hendrickx also joked about one thing she and Hildebrand laughed about while connecting at one point online through a Zoom meeting.

"We discovered that she doesn't like working with green, but I love green ... green has to be in almost every picture," said Hendrickx, who also noted she likes to focus on the land in a pure sense and that "every time I tried to put something else in it that wrecked the land for me."

She also particularly connected with one large landscape she decided to call it *Treaty One* based on her thoughts around the need for reconciliation today.

"We need to put a little more work towards that, how sacred this land is, and we should be grateful for living on such an open space."

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While the in-person part of the event is out thanks to COVID-19, Vicente-Licardo says there's still a wealth of information to be had at the online session.

This year's featured speakers include world-renowned dementia care expert Teepa Snow and Dr. Barry Campbell, a Manitoba geriatric psychiatrist and dementia care specialist. Snow's presentation will touch on how caregivers can improve their hands-on care skills, ways to respond to a person with dementia who is experiencing emotional distress, and practical tips for getting through the day.

Dr. Campbell, meanwhile, will be providing insight into the dementia journey, including obtaining a diagnosis, receiving home care support, and moving to long term care.

Tickets to Care4u 2020 are \$15 each. Organizers are willing to walk people through how to get Zoom up and running on their computers or mobile devices in advance of the conference.

"We're happy to do that so that the technology doesn't become a barrier to people,"Vicente-Licardo said, adding she's excited that this new online format opens up the conference to participants throughout Manitoba. "It's really breaking down geographical barriers."

To register or for more information, head to alzheimer.mb.ca/care4u2020 or call 1-800-378-6699.

# Gateway clients show off their creative sides

#### **By Ashleigh Viveiros**

Gateway Resources hosted its 10th annual art show at the Winkler Arts and Culture Centre last week.

The show featured the work of 73 different Gateway participants and ran the gamut from paintings to knitted creations to mixed media pieces. Gateway, located in Winkler, works with people with intellectual disabilities.

The art gallery was the perfect venue for this year's show, which in the past has been held at Gateway Resources.

"We are always looking for more opportunities to get out into the community," said community learning manager Allison Wiebe, adding that hosting it at the WAC this year opened the show up to a much wider audience. "Usually when we have it at Gateway a lot of people who are already connected to Gateway come out, but we're hoping here we'll see more community members come check it out." Manning the exhibition last Thursday afternoon were painter/cartoonist Garrison Doell and paper mache artist Brody Hamilton.

Hamilton said it takes a couple of days for him to create one of the varied creatures he loves making.

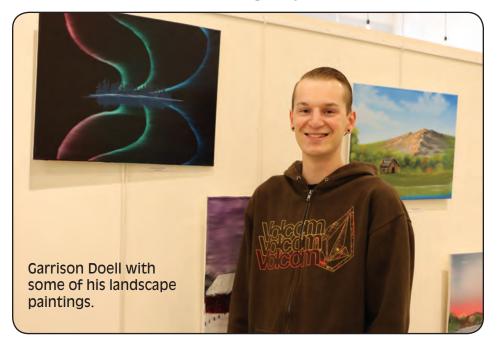
"I use pieces of bottles, cardboard ... and also newspaper," he explains, adding that his favourite piece right now is the cheerful Tigger from Winnie the Pooh.

For Doell, the annual show is a chance to have a spotlight on his land-scape paintings. And, perhaps, to sell a few.

He said he enjoys "sharing my passion with other people."

Landscaping painting is a form of expression, Doell added.

"Pretty much whatever I see through life I like to represent though my art," he said, adding some of his pieces come from his own imagination while others are inspired by photographs he or others have taken while out exploring nature.







PHOTOS BY ASHLEICH VIVEIROS/VOICE Brody Hamilton expresses his love of animals and Disney with paper mache art.

If you missed the show, several Gateway artists have their work on display and up for sale at Clay Owl Studio and Boutique in Winkler.





## Thousands of books ready to be shipped to Kenya

#### **By Lorne Stelmach**

A Morden teacher is getting closer to realizing her dream of getting books into the hands of the people in her hometown of Kenya.

The project spearheaded by Rosemary Zahn, a liaison worker at Morden Collegiate, has collected around 40,000 pounds of books which a team of volunteers is now sorting and packing to get it all ready for shipment later this fall.

The effort has taken longer than expected not only with working out the logistics but of course delays related to the ongoing pandemic.

"I felt very good about it now," Zahn said Sat-

urday as they began the laborious task of going through mountains of books being stored now at the former Morden Home Hardware location. "It's taken so many twists and turn since last May and then throwing coronavirus in there as well.

"This week has been smooth sailing. I have a really good team of volunteers ... most of the volunteers are teachers and they come with great organizational skills."

Zahn grew up in Kenya and first came to Canada in 1986 to study in B.C for two years. She then decided to stay longer and went to university in Winnipeg. She left for about 11 years before returning to Canada for good in 2004.

The genesis of the Kenya Library Book Project came

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Volunteers at work sorting an estimat-40,000 ed pounds of used books bound for shipment to Kenya this fall.

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## Saban & Company filling a niche

Saban and Company is now heading into its 15th year as a fixture on the Morden retail scene.

It began in 2006 in a 3,000 square foot space on the west end of Morden before moving into its new 5,000 square foot location in the Pembina Connection development on the east end of the city.

"I was the first independent retailer to build out here, so it's been cool to see others follow suit," said owner Gina Saban, recalling the new building was a challenging but fun project.

"I worked with Moonlight Construction, so we put our heads together and put together a few different ideas and landed on this. It's a little unique with a Mediterranean style building. It caught a lot of attention," said Saban.

"It's probably about three times the exposure that there was at the other end of town just because of the traffic between the two communities. We noticed the traffic increase by about two to three times in the store."

Saban and Company came about because she saw a need in this area.

"I just noticed there was a missing niche of men's and women's clothing in the area," said Saban.

"I try to find a good quality product for a reasonable price, and a lot of our products are made in Canada," she noted.

"For men's wear, we carry everything from casual jeans and tops to suits, shirts and ties and both dressy and casual shoes. For women, we have everything from jeans to fancy occasion dresses and everything in between ... and it's the same for shoes. And we carry swimwear and sandals all year round.

"We try to have something for everybody," Saban said, noting the larger location allowed her to expand on her product selection.

Part of the challenge in the clothing business is having to plan and order merchandise far ahead of time.

"There's a lot of decisions that have to be made when it comes to buying, and it has to be made so far in advance," Saban explained.



Gina Saban has grown Saban and Company into a fixture on the Morden retail scene. The store is heading into its 15th year of business.

"It's eight months in advance when you purchase for the next season, so you have to keep control of what's happening with your stock ... and you still have summer stock in your store when you're ordering for next summer."

With customer convenience in mind, Saban and Company has made the move to be open seven days a week.

"I think it's been a good thing because people know we're open" Saban said.

As well, she occasionally tries to do special events, although that hasn't been possible during the pandemic restrictions.

"It's something fun to do ... you can offer your customers something back for their support," said Saban.





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**PHOTO BY LORNE STELMACH/VOICE** Organizers expect it will take a bit of time to organize the donated books into catagories in advance of shipping them to Kenya.

## > BOOKS, FROM PG. 12

after seeing the books left over after the library's annual used book sale in Morden.

Zahn, who credits her parents for instilling a love of books in her, saw a chance to get those extra books into the hands of children in her hometown.

Last year she spearheaded the collection of an estimated 40,000 pounds of books, which were packed up and stored awaiting shipment.

Zahn has also been working hard to raise upwards of \$8,000 to cover the shipping costs.

"I'm more than happy with it all. It's a lot more books than we would have thought," Zahn said, who continues to finalize the logistics of getting the books oversees. Volunteers are now trying the best they can to sort some of the books and group them into categories.

"I think we will be pretty much good to go ... but this is the toughest part now," said Zahn. "We just wanted to start it today [Saturday] and see how far we can go and have an idea how hard it is or how easy it is, and it will give us an idea of how to go forward." Arrangements have also been made with a team of volunteers in Kenya to handle things at that end.

"Once the books arrive in Kenya, they will be responsible there for all of the logistics and the cost of moving those books from the port of Mombasa," Zahn said, noting her hometown then will be about a ten hour drive.

At times, it felt overwhelming trying to work out everything, but Zahn said she knows there are grateful people over in Kenya anxiously awaiting these books.

"They said send whatever you can, we would really like to read books ... for local content, they can buy those from Kenya," she explained.

"The team that is receiving the books in Kenya are also readers, and they want to encourage readership in their communities. So we are thinking also to promote readership because many people haven't had books," Zahn concluded.

"For me, it's about giving back to Kenya, and this is for me a personal way to give back to the communities and to empower people. Reading books is empowerment.

"So I don't think this is the end of it."

## FCC's Drive Away Hunger accepting donations

#### By Lorne Stelmach

A major nationwide effort to address hunger in Canada is carrying on again this year, with a few COVID-19 required changes.

The annual Drive Away Hunger campaign of Farm Credit Canada (FCC) still has lofty goals despite being more limited in how it can go about reaching them.

"FCC will however continue to support our communities by soliciting donations for food banks," said Margie Toews, a relationship management associate based in Morden, via e-mail last week.

"We are replacing in-person activities, such as food drives and tractor tours, with initiatives that support our fight against hunger while keeping our communities safe by respecting physical distancing guidelines."

The need has not lessened but rather has been exacerbated during the pandemic.

"There are over a million visits to Canadian food banks every month. And that was before COVID-19 increased demand. Some food banks report an increase of over 200 per cent," noted Toews. "In an average month, there are more than 82,000 visits to Mani-

#### toba food banks."

Drive Away Hunger collected over 16 million meals for Canadian food banks in 2019 and over 65 million meals in the past 16 years. It also provided \$280,000 to national and provincial food bank associations this spring to support communities during the pandemic.

In addition, it is also contributing \$100,000 in support of feeding children. One hundred schools or divisions selected by FCC offices across Canada will receive \$1,000 each to fund food programs. The regional FCC office has selected Garden Valley School Division as the local recipient.

For the Drive Away Hunger campaign, a donation of \$1 can provide three meals (one pound of food equals one meal). The total for 2019 for the regional office serving the Altona, Carman, Morden and Winkler region was 95,883 meals.

Donations were being taken at a variety of locations including local coop stores until Friday.

Morden Co-op donations will be split between The Hub and Morden Caring & Sharing, while the Winkler Coop donations will be going to the Winkler and District Food Cupboard.

Giant Tiger Morden will also be taking cash donations for Morden Caring and Sharing.

Donations can also be dropped off or mailed to the Morden FCC office or online at fccdriveawayhunger.ca.

## Geothermal heating workshop online Oct. 14

#### By Lorne Stelmach

More businesses, farms, and communities are exploring their options as they look for ways to reduce costs while at the same time utilizing more environmentally friendly energy sources.

Geothermal is increasingly becoming one of those options in Manitoba, and an upcoming webinar will be a good opportunity for anyone considering it as a heat source to learn more about it. "I think they will get some valuable information from it," said Randy Baldwin, a spokesperson for the Manitoba Sustainable Energy Association, which is putting on the Optimizing Geothermal Design Webinar on Wednesday, Oct. 14 from 10-11 a.m.

Unable to hold its annual conference, the association has sought other ways to provide information to Manitobans on sustainable energy opportunities. This workshop on geothermal follows an earlier one in June on biomass as a heat source.

Presenter Ed Lohrenz of GEOptimize Inc has worked in the geothermal heat pump industry since the early 1980s. He has worked as a residential system installer and designer, with manufacturers and equipment suppliers, and for the last 20 years as a commercial system design consultant. He will touch on what a geothermal heat pump system is and important considerations in designing a system.

## **PVWD** hosting chainsaw safety workshops this fall

#### By Becca Myskiw

A local arborist is sharing his expertise on chainsaw use and maintenance twice this October.

Jake Goertzen from Manitou held a similar workshop to this last year in Roseisle thanks to the Redboine, Pembina Valley, and Whitemud watershed districts and the Manitoba Forestry Association.

One strategy he talks about is knowing when to walk away or get help. He also goes over keeping your transportation two tree lengths away—a lesson Goertzen learned "the hard way" during his time in the woods.

Roseisle Creek woodlot manager Roger Culleton attended last year's presentation. He told the Redboine Watershed District that Goertzen told him even experienced arborists can get hurt if they don't assess the situation properly.

"Even experienced woodcutters would benefit from this workshop," said Culleton."Even to just share their experiences, learn a new technique or tip or trick and to and get involved in the discussion as woodlots are disappearing and that is a shame as they are a key past of the watershed and their demise is not a good thing."

The watershed district said there are new techniques to learn at these workshops like how to safely harvest trees in the forest. People will also learn how to do a good site assessment and evaluation of all the dangers, hazards and potential problems before "rushing in and loping off a tree."

"Woodlots in Manitoba represent an untapped resource," said the PVWD's Cliff Greenfield. "Sometimes overlooked and undervalued woodlots have tremendous value for the watershed and can also generate some income for the landowner. Besides the ecological goods and services such as watershed health, biodiversity, runoff reduction, erosion control, carbon capture, there can be economic returns as well."

A few of the economic returns he used as examples are lumber for firewood, crafter material, food, and medicinal plants.

A new program sponsored by the Conservation Trust is to help people realize the potential of a woodlot. To



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Arborist Jake Goertzen will be giving chainsaw safety workshops on Oct. 17 and Oct. 24.

get involved with the program, contact your local watershed district.

Conservation Trust is also funding the upcoming chainsaw workshops as part of a \$204 million endowment for environmental groups. A few of the other projects done with local watershed districts have been planting 15,250 trees, installing two grassed waterways, and creating 10 water retention projects.

Goertzen presentations take place on Oct. 17 at the Harvest Moon Society in Clearwater and on Oct. 24 at the Pumpkin Creek Ski Club Trailhead Shelter.

For more information or to register, contact the Pembina Valley Watershed District at 204-242-3267.

# **PVPCC** launching new support group Oct. 22

Women who have experienced miscarriage, stillbirth, or infant loss invited to come together to lean on one another

#### Voice staff

The Pembina Valley Pregnancy Care Centre is launching a new support group to provide a safe space for women who have experienced miscarriage, stillbirth, and infant loss.

Steps in HOPE (Healing Our Pregnancy Experiences) begins its first five-week session on Thursday, Oct. 22.

"We know that losing a child can be one of the most difficult experiences anyone can go through, and providing a caring space for women to share, knowing they aren't alone is so important," said PVPCC executive director Linda Marek."Sometimes the pain is so deep but women are told they should be over it by now. Or they feel misunderstood when they do take that brave step to be vulnerable about their experiences."

The group's sessions will focus on sharing one's experiences with other

women, learning to cope, cycles of grief, self-care, honouring one's difficult journey, and creating a keepsake.

"We have always offered one-onone support to women experiencing any type of loss, and one client indicated that having a group to connect with would also be helpful to them in their grief journey," Marek said. "So, with the grant from the Morden Area Foundation, we are able to create a support group program."

October is a fitting month in which to launch this program, as it is Pregnancy and Infant Loss Awareness Month.

Marek noted that Oct. 15 specifically is recognized as a day to remember women and families who have experienced such a loss. "We acknowledge the pain and struggle that people have lived through in losing a little one," she said. "It's good to raise awareness about the issue of loss as well as the support that women may need to cope with it because it impacts so many families."

Due to pandemic restrictions on public gatherings, advance registration is required to take part in the support group. Participation is free.

To register, head online to pvpcc. com, email stepsinhope@gmail.com

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Baldwin suggested geothermal is a technology that continues to gain more interest.

"I have a friend who is involved in the geothermal industry, and I know they are very busy with new installations," he said. "I think it's a huge untapped potential. It's a big investment up front, but I think there's really good payoffs to installing geothermal.

"I think especially in new construction ... it's difficult to retrofit an existing building, but when you're constructing something new, it's much easier to build it into the plan and to make it part of the capital cost of the building to put in the system.

"I believe it is becoming more accessible, and the focus of this presentation is going to be the economic justification of why it makes sense and how you can engineer a system and maximize the benefits from it."

You can register at www.meia. mb.ca/meia-events/optimizing-geothermal-design-webinar with a cost of \$10. A recording of the webinar will be available for \$15 for those who can't participate live.

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





#### PHOTO BY RICK HIEBERT/VOICE

In exhibition action last week, the Pembina Valley Hawks fell 4-1 to the Interlake Lightning Oct. 1 but then bounced back to beat them 4-3 the next night. The Hawks also lost to Central Plains 5-3 on Sunday.

## Female Hawks fall short in two

#### By Lorne Stelmach

It wasn't a successful weekend for the female Pembina Valley Hawks as they dropped a pair of games.

The Hawks fell 5-2 to the Eastman Selects in an exhibition tilt Sunday and started their regular season with a 4-1 loss to the Westman Wildcats on Saturday.

The pairing of regular season and exhibition games is part of what will be an unusual year for the Hawks as the U18 league responds to pandemic restrictions. "It's a different season. By this time last year we had played 12 exhibition games, so we basically had eight or ten practices then jumped right into a league game," said coach Dana Bell.

Against Westman, the Hawks trailed 1-0 and 3-1 at the intermissions with Quinn McLaren scoring the lone goal for Pembina Valley. Regan Durand stopped 24 of 28 shots while her teammates had 21 shots on goal.

The Hawks had it tied at one after 20 minutes against Eastman, but the Selects then led 3-2 after two and fired home two more in the third.

Cambree Martens and Annika Braun scored for Pembina Valley. Tria Enns stopped 25 of 30 shots on goal.

"We really liked what we saw," said Bell."The girls played well. We've got a fairly fast team ... now we have to figure out how to put some pucks in the net."

The Hawks have their home opener Saturday evening against Yellowhead. An exhibition game was also scheduled for Sunday, but the opponent was not finalized at press time.

## Hawks split games with Interlake

## Regular season starts next week

#### By Lorne Stelmach

The male Pembina Valley Hawks trimmed their roster following three exhibition games last week.

Settling on the players who will make up the U18 squad now for the season ahead was a challenge for coach Reid Sloan, who is familiar with many of them.

"We had to make some really tough cuts," he said. "It's not easy when you've coached a lot of these boys for the past four years going back to the U15 program."

The moves came after the Hawks had mixed results in three exhibition games. They fell 4-1 to Interlake last Thursday and then edged the Lightning 4-3 in a rematch Saturday before falling 5-3 to Central Plains Sunday afternoon.

Based on what he saw last week, Sloan sees some of this team's traits starting to show.

"I think our team is a pretty quick team. We've got a lot of speed. There's guys there who work really hard. There's a lot of effort being shown," he suggested.

"We have some skill. We have guys who are improving, and they've been close to winning, and I think the next step is they just need to get a little more used to the U18 speed because it can be a little bit tougher for some of these guys.

"I think we'll be able to handle the size and the speed and be fighting by the end of the year for a playoff spot."

The Hawks had one more exhibition game scheduled for this Wednesday against Central Plains. Results were not available at press time.

The regular season schedule tentatively has the Hawks kicking things off next Saturday at home against Eastman.

## **COVID-19** cuts the Winkler Storm's season short

#### **By Ashleigh Viveiros**

And just like that, it was over.

The Winkler Storm were poised to take on Granite United last week in a bid to reclaim the top spot in the Manitoba Major Soccer League 1st Division standings from the Hanover Kickers, who held it thanks to a more favourable goal differential.

Both teams were at 6-1-4 and 22 points for the 2020 season, but Hanover had 25 goals for and 13 against, while Winkler scored 15 and let in 11.

The Storm intended to earn the points it needed to not just retake first place but hold onto it through its final handful of games in October, but then COVID-19 reared its ugly head.

Rising case counts in Winnipeg led public health officials to move the city and several surrounding communities to level orange last week, limiting public gathering sizes and mandating masks in public spaces.

As a result, the Manitoba Soccer Association cancelled all competition in those areas for the next four weeks, effectively putting an end to the MMSL season.

"We have simply run out of good weather, sunlight, and venue availability," the league said in an update explaining why they would not be looking to finish the season once and if the restrictions are lifted at the end of the month.

Winkler Storm coach Reinaldo Oliveira understands the decision, but it still comes as a blow to the team, who were eager to close out one of their most successful seasons in years on a high note.

"We were hoping to be in the top two this season, and we did that, we accomplished that," he said. "We only had five more games and I think we had a good chance to stay in the top two."

Normally, the first and second place teams in every division move up to the next the following season while the bottom two move down. For the Storm that would have meant playing Premier soccer-the league's top division—in 2021.

But since the season could not be completed, it's unclear right now whether the league will be promoting and demoting teams as usual.

Oliveira feels they're ready for the league's highest level of play. He's seen a lot of growth in the players over the past few seasons.

"I think what contributes to the success of the team is ... for the last few years, soccer has been growing a lot in the community," Oliveira said, noting many Storm players play on indoor teams in the off-season."So that's giv-



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The Winkler Storm were tied with the Hanover Kickers in points heading into the final month of the season before the league pulled the plug due to increasing pandemic restrictions.

ing them more playing time, more time to develop."

He's also seen more commitment from players when it comes to game and practice attendance, which has translated into a better bond and greater trust on the field.

"I really wish we could have finished

it," Oliveira lamented of the 2020 season. "The guys wanted prove themselves, prove they belong in Premier." They may still get their chance—a decision on team promotions is expected to be made by the league in

# the coming weeks.

# Twisters kick off season with pre-season wins

#### By Lorne Stelmach

It's a promising start to the new season with the Pembina Valley Twisters having earned a pair of exhibition victories last weekend.

The Twisters doubled up the Charleswood Hawks 4-2 Friday and then edged the St. Vital Victorias 4-3 in overtime Saturday.

#### the first period but rebounded with three goals in the second on their way to the win.

Merek Degraeve, Brayden Klippenstein, Zach Tetrault, and TJ Matuszewski scored for the Twisters, who outshot the Hawks 34-21. Brock Moroz and Cole Oswald split netminding duties, making 13 and six saves respectively.

On Saturday, Elijah Carels scored his second of Pembina Valley fell behind 2-0 to the Hawks in the game 3:58 into overtime to give Pembina Val-

lev the victory over the Victorias. Jacob Carels also scored twice, while Martin Gagnon made 29 saves as St. Vital won the shot battle 32-30.

The Twisters had one more exhibition game in Winnipeg this past Wednesday against Transcona. The result was not available at press time.

The regular season kicks off next week Friday with the Twisters at home in Morris against St. Boniface.

# Flyers fall to Pistons 4-1

#### By Ashleigh Viveiros

The Winkler Flyers closed out their shortened pre-season with a 4-1 loss to Steinbach Saturday. Jackson Arpin scored Winkler's lone goal of the night just four minutes into the game.

The Pistons, meanwhile, returned the favour in the first period's second half, scored twice more in the second, and then rounded things out with a final goal late in the third.

Steinbach outshot Winkler 43-19. Dylan Meilun and Reid Dyck pretty evenly divided up the game in Winkler's net, Meilun making 20 saves

off 23 shots while Dyck stopped all 19 attempts he faced.

Winkler's exhibition schedule also included a pair of games against Selkirk. The Flyers took game one 4-3 but then fell in game two 3-1.

Now the team turns its attention to the regular season starting with two games against Neepawa this weekend.

Game one takes place on the road Friday. Game two is at the Winkler arena Saturday. Puck drops at 7:30 p.m. The two teams will have a repeat home-and-away performance next week as well, Oct. 17 in Neepawa and Oct. 18 in Winkler.

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# Local curling clubs ready and raring to go

#### By Lorne Stelmach

There has been much more planning to be done due to the pandemic, but the local curling clubs are happy to be able to prepare for another season.

Of course, there are not only changes to how the game is being played but also a range of public health restrictions and measures that players need to get used to this year.

"We are cautiously optimistic," said Charles Dyck, a member of the Winkler Curling Club executive. "There will be a period of getting familiar with the new way that we have to play, but I suspect that people are going to be wanting to get out, so they will have to adjust."

"There will be a few minor changes at the club to conform to protocols, but we are sure our members and guests will adapt quickly," agreed Scott Bissett, president of the Morden Curling Club, via e-mail.

"Changes may have to be made during the season, depending on the CO-VID-19 pandemic conditions ... but we

are excited to welcome everyone back for another good year of curling. The Morden curling club will be providing the safest facility we possibly can," added Bissett.

The Winkler club is tentatively looking to start play in early November, and Dyck said they are hopeful they might be close to last year's numbers, which had nine rinks on Monday nights and 16 on Wednesdays for the men, eight for the women on Tuesdays, and eight for mixed Thursdays

"It will be interesting to see once we have registrations to see whether the interest is there as we are hoping it is," he said, adding it is hard to know for certain how the level of participation may be impacted.

Dyck suggested people will largely be accepting of the necessary COV-ID-19 changes in order for curling to go ahead safely.

"There's basically no spectators or anything we can allow because we have to operate at limited capacity," he said.

this year is there will no extra ends, so ties will be settled by a draw to the button,"Dyck noted."On nights where we've got two draws, we need people to clear out so that we can clean and disinfect ... and we're not using any physical scoreboards because that's just more surfaces to disinfect.

"We also want to be in consultation with Morden and Altona so that we can somewhat standardize our procedures," he added.

Bissett also believes players will adjust well enough to the rule changes made with COVID-19 in mind.

The return-to-play guidelines include major modifications to sweeping and player positioning on the sheet in the interests of physical distancing guidelines.

The most notable changes involving game play include the use of one sweeper, no brushing of the opposition's stone behind the tee-line, and new markings on ice for non-throwing team members to be positioned.

"Curl Manitoba and curl Canada "The other thing we have decided have been very supportive with the

return to play guidelines," said Bissett.

"There are no plans currently to run the traditional style bonspiels at this time. Plans are in the works for different kinds of bonspiels and information will be coming out soon about those," he noted.

"We are allowed to run full capacity on the ice surface," Bissett said. "We will be following the provincial guidelines for our lounge and kitchen areas. They will be operating at 50 per cent capacity and all COVID-19 protocols will be followed."

After an abrupt ending to the previous season, the Morden Curling Club made the decision to be up and running again this fall in consultation with its members.

A survey was sent out to last year's members and 91 per cent of respondents said they would be interested in coming back this year.

"With that support, we decided to move ahead with our season," said Bissett, who suggested "membership seems to be at the same level and or maybe even a little better this year."

## Manitoba Curling Hall of Fame & Museum names most notable 150 teams

#### Submitted by the Manitoba **Curling Hall of Fame and Museum**

In recognition of Manitoba's 150th anniversary, the Manitoba Curling Hall of Fame & Museum (MCHoF&M) has named what it is calling the Most Notable 150 Teams in Manitoba's long and storied curling history.

"People have been curling in Manitoba since before we were a province," said board president Peter Nicholls. "Manitoba's curlers have built a remarkable reputation for the province as home to some of the best to ever play the game. We want to pay tribute to all of the curlers who have built and added to the Manitoba curling legend over the years."

MCHoF&M directors and volunteers deliberately steered the discussion away from the "greatest teams" and toward the "most notable" and their accomplishments. This allows the inclusion of Manitoba's World Junior Champions and teams such as the Manitoba Deaf teams which earned honours in recent years at the Deaflympics and World Deaf Championships.

There has been no attempt to rank all 150 teams. However, 25 of the most notable teams have been identified and the committee's ranking of these will be publicized in mid-December. In the meantime, Manitoba curl-

ing fans are invited to participate in a People's Choice ranking of the top 25—with an opportunity to make wild-card additions to the list if they don't happen to agree with the committee's choices.

Donations to support the efforts of the MCHoF&M to honour Manitoba's curling heritage are invited in the name of the team of your choice as No. 1 Most Notable Team in Manitoba curling history.

The People's Choice ranking will be determined by the total donations made in the name of each team. Donations can be sent to Manitoba Curling Hall of Fame & Museum Inc. c/o CurlManitoba #309, 145 Pacific Avenue, Winnipeg, Manitoba, R3B 2Z6.

Through the Manitoba Curling Hall of Fame and Museum Endowment Fund at the Winnipeg Foundation, MCHof&M is eligible for a matching contribution which has been committed through the Manitoba Heritage Trust Program.

To cast your vote, go to canadahelps. org and search for the Manitoba Curling Hall of Fame & Museum Inc.

The Notable 25 teams in Manitoba Curling History which are included in the voting are:

• Howard Woods 1925-1929 Granite Team: First Manitoba Champion.

• Gordon Hudson's 1928-29 Strathcona Team: First Back-to-Back Brier Champion.

• Ab Gowanlock's 1934-38 Glenboro Team: First Rural Manitoba Manitoba & Brier Champion.

• Ken Watson's 1942-49 Strathcona Teams: Six Consecutive MCA Bonspiel Grand Aggregates.

• Billy Walsh's 1952 & 1956 Deer Lodge Team: Manitoba and Brier Championships Four Years Apart.

• Lily Clark's 1953-57 Portage Team: First Back-to-Back Manitoba Women's Champion.

• Terry Braunstein's 1958 Granite Team: High School Team Wins Manitoba, Loses Brier Final.

• Ernie Boushy's 1964-67 Heather Team: Four Consecutive Manitoba Mixed Titles & two Canadians.

 Joan Ingram's 1967-73 Fort Garry Team: Three Manitoba Championships with Three Different Skips.

• Don Duguid's 1970 & 1971 Granite Team: Back-to-Back World Titles Undefeated.

• Orest Meleschuk's 1972 Fort Rouge Team: World Title Makes Three in a Row for Manitoba.

• Chris Pidzarko's 1972-74 Team: Two Canadian Championships in Three Years.

 Lloyd Gunnlaugson's 1982-84 Valour Road Team: Three Consecutive Canadian Senior Titles.

• Bob Ursel's 1983-84 Granite Team: First Manitoba Team to Win a World Junior Championship.

 Connie Laliberte's 1984 Fort Rouge Team: First Manitoba Team to Win a World Women's Championship.

• Vic Peters 1992-97 Granite Team: Back-to-Back Manitoba Titles and a Brier Championship.

• Connie Laliberte's 1992-95 Fort Rouge Team: Team Canada at Scotties and Worlds in Brandon.

• Kelly MacKenzie's 1995 Deer Lodge Team: First Manitoba Team to Win a World Junior Women's Championship.

• Kerry Burtnyk's 1995-2001 Team: Only Manitoba Team to Win a World Championship at Home in Manitoba.

• Jeff Stoughton's 1999-2006 Charleswood Team: Trials Finalist, Three Manitoba Titles and Brier Champion.

• Jeff Stoughton's 2011-14 Charleswood Team: World Gold and Three Time Manitoba Champion.

• Mike McEwen's 2008-18 Fort Rouge Team: A Decade of Excellence.

• Braden Calvert's 2014-15 Team: Back-to-Back Canadian Juniors and a World Championship.

• Jennifer Jones' 2005-20 Team: Olympic Gold Medal and So Much More.

• Kerri Einarson's 2020 Gimli Team: Built a Winning Team but Pandemic Shortened Season.





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2 tablespoons coarsely ground black pepper

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than you should. How do you feel about your net worth number?

Victoria, when you have determined your net worth, you can now decide how you want to change things. Good or bad, we all have to live with the outcome of our choices. Why not partner with a finance coach or financial planner to help you. Don't do it alone. Financial planning is designed to motivate clients to make changes, discuss trade-offs, and sometimes work through difficult decisions that may be necessary to ensure a comfortable future. Your finance coach should help you ascertain real risks and be flexible to your needs. Most of all they should partner with you to help balance your budget, spotting possible blow-ups and removing the risk to your family's finances. It's impossible for you to know everything, and believe me, the internet is not the fix you need to get your finances in order. Find a finance coach that will work with you, one that you feel you can partner with and one whose every intention is to help you get debt-free and wealthy!

Good Luck and Best Wishes, Money Lady

Written by Christine Ibbotson, Author of the best-selling book "How to Retire Debt Free & Wealthy" and a new book Don't Panic – How to Manage your Finances and Financial Anxieties During and After the Coronavirus" available at all bookstores across Canada. If you have a money question, please email on website: www.askthemoneylady.ca

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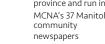
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#### OBITUARY



#### **Philip Eric Burton** 1944 - 2020

It is with heavy hearts that we announce the passing of Philip Eric Burton, loving husband and father, at the age of 75.

Phil was born October 11, 1944 in Truro, Nova Scotia to Bill and Dorothy (Gardiner) Burton. He joined the RCMP after high school and went on to earn his Long Service medal. On October 4, 1969 he married the love of his life, Carol Andrew. They moved through various RCMP postings in rural Manitoba, to Ottawa and to Regina. Together they raised a daughter and two sons. Following retirement from the RCMP, Phil worked for the provincial government in Saskatchewan. Once Carol retired, they moved to Morden where Phil enjoyed many happy (and a few not so happy) hours on the Minnewasta Golf Course.

Phil was preceded in death by his parents, Bill and Dot Burton; his siblings, Billie, Deryl, Gardiner, Cookie and Donna and his grandson, Michael. He is survived by his wife, Carol; daughter, Renée (Curtis) Englot and granddaughters, Georgia and Sadie; son, Tim (Jill) and grandsons, Kinley, Oliver and Nate; and son, Matt (Amanda) and grandsons, Caleb and Lucas as well as many beloved brothers and sisters-in-law, cousins, nieces, nephews and grand nieces and nephews.

The family of Phil Burton would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to family and friends at the passing of our father and husband. Your kind words and deeds were much appreciated. A special thanks to Dr. Woelk, the BTHC cancer care staff and palliative care staff. Words cannot express our gratitude. Thank you.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Phil's memory to the Boundary Trails Health Centre Foundation designated to Palliative Care.

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#### **Isaac Martens** 1938 - 2020

Isaac Martens was born in Kleefeld, Mexico on March 12, 1938. He was baptized upon the confession of his faith June 6, 1960. He married Edith Fehr on September 4, 1960 and they were blessed with nine children: three sons, John (Mary), Henry (Tena) and Isaac; five daughters, Alma (George) Friesen, Edith (Emile) Samuels, Annie Schäfer, Sarah Martens, Eva (Jay) Wong as well as one sonin-law, Ken Giesbrecht and their families of 27 grandchildren, 24 great-grandchildren. He is also survived by 11 stepchildren, two brothers, one sister, three brothers-in-law and six sisters-in-law. one half-sister and their families. He was predeceased by one daughter, Mary Giesbrecht: one granddaughter, Christina Martens: his parents. Jacob and Maria Martens: two brothers and one sister.

six half-brothers and four half-sisters.

Early on in their marriage, Dad started working for Garden Valley Vegetable Growers. He was a very dedicated employee, which earned him the title "Chief" which was recognized by all that knew him. After retirement, Dad and Mom did a lot of projects together including market gardening and upholstery. Dad also enjoyed many years of fishing with his buddies.

Private graveside service was held Saturday, September 26, 2020 at the Reinland Mennonite Church Cemetery in Schanzenfeld. We praise Jesus that Dad is enjoying his heavenly home free of pain and struggles.

If friends so desire, donations may be made in Isaac's memory to Faith Mission.

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#### OBITUARY



#### Mabel Massey (Nee Bessant) 1924 - 2020

It is with great sadness that we announce the peaceful passing of our beloved mother, grandmother and great-grandmother, Mabel Massey on Saturday, September 26, 2020 at the age of 96 years.

She is survived by her daughter, Barbara Sanders and son, William Massey as well as five grandchildren, Don, Kaitlin and Diana Sanders, Eryn Massey and Leslie Robinson and four greatgrandchildren, Layla and Thomas Massey and Alexander and Joshua Robinson. Mabel was predeceased by her husband, Bill Massey and daughter, Marlene Brown.

Mabel was a devoted mother and grandmother. Her family was her greatest joy in life. She will be forever missed by everyone who knew her and loved her. Mom, now you're our angel.

A formal service will not be held.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Mabel's memory to The Children's Hospital Foundation of Manitoba.

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OBITUARY



#### **Henry Peter Nikkel** 1940 - 2020

On Wednesday, September 30, 2020 at Boundary Trails Health Centre, Henry Nikkel, 80 years of Morden, MB went to his eternal rest

He is survived by two sons, Steven and Tim. He was predeceased by is parents, Pete and Neta Nikkel.

Memorial service was held at 2:00 p.m. on Monday, October 5, 2020 at Westside Community Church with interment prior at

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