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## A time to laugh

Keith Friesen leans on Patsy Penner for support in his role as a cowardly exterminator in Flatland's Theatre Company's production of The Carol Burnett Show Live, which is on this weekend at the Winkler concert hall. For the full story, see Pg. 4.

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# Countdown is on to shoebox drop-off week

## Operation Christmas Child campaign up and running in the Pembina Valley

By Ashleigh Viveiros

The regional Samaritan's Purse Operation Christmas Child campaign is undergoing a few changes this year, but one thing that never changes is the impact the little shoeboxes of gifts have on children in need all over the world.

Andrea Zammit has come on board as the new regional coordinator for the program, taking over from longtime campaign head Gerry Unger.

"He left behind some big shoes to fill," Zammit said, noting her hope in her first year is simply to see at least as many shoeboxes get filled as last year. Our area contributed over 5,700 shoeboxes to the cause in 2019.

"I thought I might really have to push and promote it, but everyone has a really big heart for this and they're really taking it on," Zammit said, noting there are countless churches, groups, and entire communities eager to fill as many shoeboxes as they can in the lead up to the National Collection Week Nov. 16-22.

Shoeboxes can be filled with small toys, school supplies, non-liquid hygiene items, clothing and accessories, and fun crafts. You're also asked to include a \$10 donation to help cover the costs of shipping and processing.

As Samaritan's Purse is a Christian ministry, they include Biblical literature with the gift in countries where they are allowed to do so. They also host a 12-week discipleship program for kids who wish to learn more.

"So they get to hear all about how much God loves them and they get connected with people in the church in their community," said Zammit. "I thought that was an amazing thing and I wanted to be a part of it."

Shoeboxes from our area are bound for several countries in West Africa and Central America.

"There is such a need for the boxes

this year because as hard as we've had it here, in these countries they've had it even harder," Zammit said. "This just gives them I think a sense of hope to know not only that God loves them but that other people in the world are thinking about them too."

Empty shoeboxes can be picked up in Winkler at Dollarama, Access Credit Union, Country Kitchen, and Tempo Hi-Way Groceteria and in Morden at Giant Tiger, the Great Canadian Dollar Store, and the Dollar Store Plus More. You can also use a regular-sized shoebox or plastic container instead of picking up an official box.

Filled shoeboxes can be dropped off Nov. 16-22 at the Gospel Mission Church (855 15 St.) in Winkler or the Carman Pentecostal Assembly (SW 29-6-4W Hwy 3 E) in Carman.

Shoeboxes can be dropped off in advance of collection week at Access Credit Union and Country Kitchen in Winkler and the Dollar Store Plus More in Morden.

Plum Coulee's Christmas tree lighting ceremony Nov. 18 is cancelled, but community members can still drop off their finished shoeboxes that day at The Centre on Main.

You can also fill a shoebox online at [packabox.ca](http://packabox.ca).

Zammit noted that donations of homemade crafts are also welcome, as they can be used to help fill up the boxes before they're sent overseas.

"If you can imagine what a child may enjoy and have the desire to make it, I will gladly accept these gifts as we can use them to fill even more shoeboxes," she said, noting some examples include wooden toys, friendship bracelets, and all manner of knitted or crocheted items such as mittens, slippers, washcloths, or even teddy bears.

If you have any questions about packing a box or where to pick up or drop off boxes in your community, you can reach Zammit at 204-325-6388.

Operation Christmas Child regional coordinator Andrea Zammit with a box her family packed recently. Using a shoebox sized plastic container means the box it comes in is of use to the recipient along with the goodies inside, Zammit notes.

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## Clarification

Our story last week on the seasonal crop summary put out by Manitoba Agriculture neglected to include the name of the report's editor.

Dane Froese, industry development specialist, heads up the

weekly crop reports for Manitoba Ag. His name was not included on the summary document, leading us to attribute the final report to Manitoba Ag rather than to him specifically.

We sincerely regret the omission.



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# Library teams up with fire dept. for massive book sale

By Lorne Stelmach

Things looked a little different at the South Central Regional Library's annual book sale last week.

Pandemic restrictions meant fewer people were allowed into the book-filled community hall at the Access Event Centre in Morden at any given time. Masks were required to browse and books were sold by the box or bag all four days of the sale.

But booklovers didn't let any of these restrictions stop them from stocking up for the winter.

SCRL director of library services Cathy Ching saw both the circumstances and having moved the sale from spring to fall as having had an interesting impact.

"I think having people just buy by the box or bag has been great. There's stuff that's going that maybe wouldn't have been sold otherwise if they had to pay for it individually," she suggested.

"I think our Christmas selection got picked over this year, whereas normally no one really looks at it," Ching added. "And you can tell there's a lot of homeschooling families now because stuff that wouldn't normally go has been going, like more textbook stuff."

"I think people were just really happy and anxious to pick up books for the winter, so the timing of it has been good for that," added Elaine Ivey, who serves as the book sale chairperson.

The fundraiser this year was held in



PHOTO BY LORNE STELMACH/VOICE

Cathy Ching (left) and Elaine Ivey at the South Central Regional Library's annual book sale last week.

conjunction with the Morden Fire Department, which usually holds its own sale featuring books leftover from the Children's Hospital sale in Winnipeg.

People were there bright and early to get a crack at the books up for grabs, Ching said.

"When we opened the doors [Wednesday], we had a lineup ... so we had seniors in the main hall and the families out in the children's section," she said. "We had people waiting, which wasn't an ideal thing, but it definitely showed the sale was worth

having, and we're very pleased with the response."

"It was steady," added Ivey. "People were waiting in line, but everybody was really co-operating and sanitizing their hands and wearing masks, following the lines on the floor for directions."

"And we had the extra day and a half ... so that was good to be able to have it spaced out a little longer," added Ching. "We did run into a few minor snags ... we apologize to the people

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# FTC brings The Carol Burnett Show to the stage

By Ashleigh Viveiros

Flatlands Theatre Company is bringing a bit of much-needed levity to the

P.W. Enns Centennial Concert Hall stage with its performance of *The Carol Burnett Show Live* this weekend.

Doing double duty as both direc-



PHOTO BY ASHLEIGH VIVEIROS/VOICE

Jeannette Hoepfner as Carol Burnett and Chuck Fefchak as Harvey Korman in a skit from *The Carol Burnett Show Live*, on stage now in Winkler. "It's overwhelmingly, exhilaratingly intimidating," Hoepfner says of playing the iconic comedian, noting that all these famous sketches are well-known and well-loved, and so the cast are working hard to pay homage to that while still "making them our own."

tor and actor (playing the titular role, in fact), Jeannette Hoepfner says they were looking, above all else, to do something comedic to kick off this pandemic-beleaguered season of theatre.

"It's time to laugh, so we thought we'd bring back a few oldies of laughter and ones that we've very thoroughly enjoyed," she said.

The show includes all your favourite *Carol Burnett Show* sketches, including Old Folks, Carol and Sis, and Mama's Family brought to life by actors in the roles of Burnett, Harvey Korman, Vicki Lawrence, Tim Conway, Lyle Waggoner, and special guest Lucille Ball, all backed by the Pee Dub Commercial Dancers.

FTC performed some of these sketches at the Harvest Festival a few years ago, which streamlined the already shortened pre-production process.

"We had a lot less time to prep on this ... so having a cast that is primarily a returning cast for these sketches meant a bit less rehearsal time was needed," Hoepfner said, explaining the concert hall has been closed thanks to the pandemic and there was a lot of uncertainty as to whether it

would be open again for a fall show.

The troupe was able to host a couple of old-time radio drama workshops and performances there in September to get a feel for how things will be run with all the COVID-19 precautions.

Those shows went well, and Hoepfner is hopefully people will come out again to enjoy a fun, safe evening of entertainment.

"It just feels so good to be back at it," she said, noting everyone on stage and behind-the-scenes has keenly missed having the chance to entertain over the past several months.

When it comes to COVID-19 safety, capacity at the concert hall is limited to 20 per cent to allow for physical distancing. Only every other row of seating will be used and every other seat within open rows will be filled (though families can still sit together).

Performances are 7:30 p.m. nightly this Thursday, Friday, and Saturday followed by a matinee performance at 3 p.m. on Sunday.

Tickets can be purchased right up until showtime at [winklerconcerthall.ca](http://winklerconcerthall.ca). No tickets will be available at the door.

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## Code Orange rolled out across Manitoba

### Masks now mandatory in all public spaces

By Ashleigh Viveiros

Soaring COVID-19 case numbers prompted public health officials to bring back sweeping restrictions across the province beginning this week.

Last Friday, Manitoba's chief provincial public health officer Dr. Brent Roussin announced the Winnipeg Metro Region was moving from the restricted (orange) level on the pandemic response system to critical (red), which shuts down restaurants, sports, cultural, and recreation facilities and limits capacity at retail spaces, among other restrictions.

The rest of Manitoba, meanwhile, joined the northern part of the province at the restricted level on Monday.

That means public and private group gathering sizes are limited to five people, in addition to household members; restaurant and retail store capacities are limited to 50 per cent;

spectators at sports and recreation facilities are limited to 25 per cent; fitness centres require contact tracing for all attendees; and faith-based gatherings are reduced to 20 per cent or 250 people, whichever is smaller.

Masks are now mandatory in all indoor public places in Manitoba.

"These restrictions are essential for us to get on top of the cases that we've been seeing," said Roussin. "We see the numbers, we've seen the climb in transmission, especially in the Winnipeg region. We need to get on top of this now."

"Stay home as much as possible," he urged Manitobans. "When going out for essential reasons, try to limit the number of family members that are in attendance. Preferably just one, if possible. Limit your social activity outside of your household. Stay home when you're ill."

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"Gatherings and interactions with people outside our households is what spreads this virus, so we've put restrictions in place to limit the ability of that type of interaction and large gatherings, but we also need everyone to take it into their own hands to reduce the amount of contacts outside your household."

The new restrictions came on a day when the province announced a record-breaking 480 new cases (including cases from previous days not announced due to test processing backlogs) and three additional deaths.

"The numbers today will strike fear in many Manitobans," said Lanette Siragusa, Manitoba's chief nursing officer. "And these numbers will have the most resonance with our health-care workers who have stepped forward at the same time that we've asked Manitobans to take a step back."

"I know that you are scared, and I know that you are worried about your families and your loved ones, but I also know that your fear is matched by your courage and your commitment, and we are going to get through this together."

Siragusa then announced that Manitoba's ICU capacity had hit 96 per cent as of Friday morning, with 68 of 71 beds in use at that time. Nineteen of those beds were filled with COVID-19 patients (that number dropped to 18 by Monday; the province also managed to add nine more ICU beds over the weekend).

"These numbers are concerning," she said. "With these daily case counts increasing we can expect there's going to be more hospitalization in the next week or two."

Elective and non-urgent medical services in the Winnipeg area are being scaled back as a result so staff can be redeployed where they are most needed. Steps are also being taken to add beds and convert existing beds as needed.

"We have a plan. We have equipment and space and supplies. And we are working through the details of the staffing and models of care to support the safe delivery of health services now and for the weeks to come," Siragusa said.

The new restrictions will be in place for at least two weeks, which is the incubation period of the virus.

"We want it clear that this is not forever," Roussin said. "We're going to get back to normal at some point. It's just we have to have these measures in place right now, we've got to limit the transmission of this virus, we've got to reduce that strain on our health-care system."

## MONDAY'S NUMBERS

On Monday, public health officials announced 241 new COVID-19 cases, bringing the total number of cases in our province to 6,275—an increase of 1,926 cases from the week before.

There were 3,455 active cases at press time and 2,740 recoveries (there is, however, a backlog in clearing recovered cases). A total of 124 people were in hospital, 18 in intensive care.

Manitoba's COVID-19 death toll was at 80 at the start of the week.

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who had to wait a considerable amount of time ... we will learn from those things."

The sale's final tally was not available at press time, but Ching noted the funds will certainly be put to good use.

"This year, some of the funds are going to purchase the tablets that we can lend out to home schoolers and people who need a tablet," she said. "And we're also partnering with the fire department, so some of the funds will go to the Children's Hospital burn unit."

# Police arrest two for cocaine trafficking

By Voice staff

Winkler Police have charged two people in connection with a cocaine trafficking investigation.

On Oct. 27 just after 10:30 a.m., Winkler officers, with assistance from the Regional Support Tactical Team, pulled a vehicle over near the intersection of Mountain Ave. and 3rd St. and took its two occupants into custody.

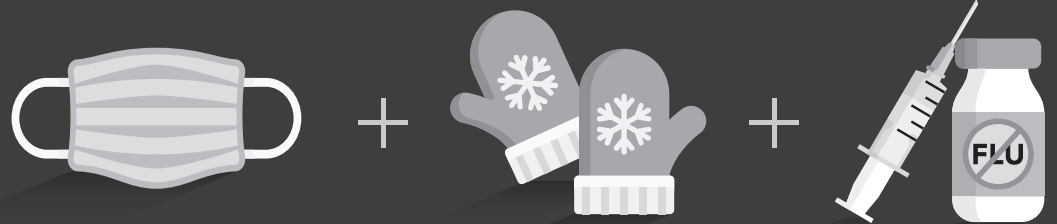
Three hours later, police executed a search warrant in the 1000 block of Mountain Ave. in relation to this same cocaine trafficking investigation.



Police seized several pre-weighed bags of cocaine, drug trafficking paraphernalia, and several hundred dollars in cash believed to be proceeds of drug trafficking.

A 26-year-old man and 33-year-old woman, both from Winkler, are now facing charges of possession of cocaine for the purpose of trafficking and possession of proceeds obtained by crime.

Both suspects were released on undertakings with a number of conditions and are set to appear in Morden Provincial Court in January.



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## The gift of selflessness

**W**e've seen many of these cases linked to Thanksgiving," said Dr. Brent Rousin recently regarding the substantial increase in COVID-19 cases and deaths over the third week of October in Manitoba.

How substantial? Well, 831 new cases and 14 deaths in this one week.

Of course, there are loads of people out there who will scream maniacally about how the media (us) are not covering other illnesses as closely, like flu infections and deaths. How the media (us again) are not talking about underlying conditions. And how more people died during the flu epidemic of the early 1900s ... ad infinitum, ad nauseam.

My question is this: If we can do something, anything, to limit other

people from getting sick and dying should we not do it? Not just related to COVID but any illness really.

In response, some will simply roll their eyes, chalk this up to a liberal rant, and go on their merry way completely unconcerned.

For those of you still here, however, I would like to think the answer is obvious. Unfortunately it does not seem to be to many. People like those who enjoy walking right past the mask requirement sign in Superstore and grin like some small-scale Mel Gibson as William Wallace about to scream, "They may take our lives, but they'll never take our freedom!" the first time someone looks askance at them.

The holiday season is coming and once again people will strive do everything they can to get together in large gatherings under the simple assumption that "it can't happen to me" and if it does "it's just a bad cold."

The thing is, people are dying.

"Yeah, but they're old."

Really? You are really okay if your grandmother or grandfather has to suffer through and/or die from a virus because they're old? You are okay with this because they have underlying conditions? Someone's mum, aunt, sister, brother, father, daughter?

When you spell it out like this it seems like you would have to be a psychopath to not want to do something as simple as wear a piece of fabric or

wash your hands or limit your life a little until things get under control.

Still, the struggle persists. We already know that we will see a bump in COVID infections and deaths in the weeks following the holidays. Why? Not because the virus becomes more virulent during holidays but because we are a predictable animal. Many people have an automatic, knee-jerk response when told to do something.

Every one of my kids went through this phase when they were about three years old.

"Put on your coat before you go into the back yard to play."

"NO! DON'T WANT TO!"

But, as parents we knew better. We became ruthless autocrats and we forced them into their winter strait-jackets or banned them from going outside.

I understand there is a teensy percentage of the population that is not able to wear a mask for medical reasons. But good news: you can get an exemption from your doctor if you are a student.

For the rest of us, whether you celebrate Hanukkah, Mawlid an-Nabi, Diwali, Christmas, or nothing at all, maybe consider choosing a restriction on your freedom as your seasonal gift to those who may get sick and even die should you choose otherwise.

If there is any time to consider being selfless for a change it is now.



**By Peter Cantelon**

## Letters

### Increased COVID-19 penalties and enforcement a reassuring step

Re: COVID and our responses, and a response to the letter in last week's issue (*Increased fines for public health order violations a slippery slope*, Pg. 6).

I am well. And healthy. As is my family. I am grateful our area has seen so little COVID illness thus far but our statistics are on the rise.

I find these increased COVID-19

penalties and enforcement very reassuring. I feel that that our governments (both provincial and federal) are trying their best to prevent the horrendous rise in infections and deaths that have occurred in other places.

In the beginning of this pandemic, no one really knew what they were

dealing with but those in the scientific community have been tireless in seeking solutions to managing this disease, caring for the ill and trying to educate the public on how to keep safe.

For them I am grateful, but, for all

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# NPC students showcase their 'Iron Chef' skills

By Ashleigh Viveiros

Northlands Parkway Collegiate culinary arts and baking and pastry arts students had their mettle tested last Friday.

The Winkler school hosted its first multi-discipline Iron Chef competition, bringing together students from both programs to create a tasty meal from scratch with a two-hour deadline looming over their heads.

"Within the baking program I've done this before where I've presented students with a challenge—whether it's a photo or stipulations where they have to use specific ingredients—in a shorter amount of time and I find the students are always very engaged and very excited about it," says instructor Shelley Nikkel. "There's always a lot of energy in the kitchen when that happens."

Nikkel broached the idea of a joint competition with culinary arts instructor Paul Henderson and Iron Chef NPC was born.

"Although we share a kitchen, the baking and culinary, we are mostly separate," Nikkel noted. "We have our own kitchen space and we don't spend much time together, so I thought this would be a fun way to bring the students together."

The students were put into small groups and tasked with making two savoury dishes—a main course or a starter—and a dessert.

But the challenge came with a twist: the baking students had to do the cooking while the culi-

nary arts students made the desserts.

"So they were out of their comfort zones," Nikkel said.

The teens had until noon to get their creations finished and plated for the judges, who took points off for every minute past the deadline they needed.

Gr. 11 baking student Linda Fehr and Gr. 10 culinary arts student David Stuermer won the day with their waffles and raspberry tiramisu.

Cooking is not something Fehr does often, so it was a challenge to make and present something prize-worthy.

"I was kind of nervous because I haven't cooked all that much," she said. "But it was pretty fun ... it was something new to do."

It was a chance, Fehr added, to "be a little more creative."

Stuermer also enjoyed the change of pace, noting he liked "the freedom of picking what you wanted to do."

Having baked before at home, Stuermer said he didn't find it too stressful to be on the other side of the NPC kitchen.

It was, however, his first time making a raspberry tiramisu, and he's pleased at how it turned out.

Fehr and Stuermer took home movie and coffee gift cards as their prizes.



SUBMITTED PHOTOS

Above: NPC culinary arts and baking and pastry arts students at work in the kitchen during the school's Iron Chef competition last Friday.

Below: Winners Linda Fehr and David Stuermer with their prizes.



## > LETTERS, FROM PG. 6

their efforts on our behalf, I see the majority of people in places of business, eating places and other shops not wearing any masks and many skipping the hand sanitizer station.

In my grocery store, this has changed recently with many masks as opposed to the one or two in summer. As adults, even children, with the God given ability to think, what are our values when we are told time and time again to wear a mask, a bandanna, a scarf; anything to cover our nose and mouth and we do nothing. All the constructive ideas and pleas that are put out there to educate and keep us safe help nothing at all if those in the community refuse to take the first easy step: wear a mask.

I submit that we need more 'teeth' to the directives rather than less and that the onus is on us as intelligent and thinking people to respect and obey those in authority who issue these guidelines for the safety and wellness of us all.

With the current attitudes of many in the Morden/Winkler area to simple prevention strategies, we could so easily become the next North and South Dakota.

I am well. I want to stay that way. Please ... wash your hands and wear a mask. And, keep your distance.

Ginny Peters,  
Morden

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## Fun with pumpkins

The Winkler Family Resource Centre teamed up with the Winnipeg Gold-eyes Field of Dreams Foundation to host a series of

pumpkin parties last week. Dozens of parents and their pre-schoolers came out to enjoy pumpkin painting, cookie decorating, stories, and an obstacle course. Left: Nina Teichroeb and Solara put a liberal spread of paint on their pumpkin. Above: Stories in the pumpkin patch.



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# Giving Challenge a weeklong campaign this year

By Lorne Stelmach

Local community foundations are all set for an annual fall fundraising initiative that always provides a significant boost to their endowment funds.

Usually a one-day event, the Endow Manitoba Giving Challenge this year takes place throughout the week of Nov. 9-15.

Whatever the local foundations bring in will be stretched by the Winnipeg Foundation, which will give \$1 for every \$5 raised. A number of local businesses are also chipping in support to further stretch donations.

"It's important to support our local communities ... and we appreciate every donation that comes in," said Myra Peters, executive director of the Winkler Community Foundation, which last year brought in just over \$50,000 through the campaign. "The gifts that come in will continue to impact our community year after year."

The Manitoba government also contributes to the Endow Manitoba Giving Challenge, while the Winkler foundation receives additional contributions from the City of Winkler, Triple E, Access Credit Union, Winkler Concrete, Southern Potato, Elias Woodwork, and Kroeker Farms. These donations mean that every \$20 raised becomes \$36.

As part of the campaign, the foundation's Giving Challenge van will be parked at the Winkler Co-op grocery store on Thursday, Nov. 12 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. to accept donations.

"This is a great opportunity to support the Winkler Community Foundation," said Peters. "Of course, we

welcome gifts at any time, but giving between Nov. 9-15 means extra support. We're so excited to see what our community can accomplish."

Online gifts can be made securely through [endowMB.org](http://endowMB.org) and then choosing the individual foundation you wish to support. Local organizers see that aspect of the campaign making it well suited to be able to carry on during the pandemic.

"We're definitely encouraging the online giving. It's designed that way. You can give to any of the foundations," said Peters. "I also know there's a lot being asked, so I know the pressure is on for those donation dollars."

"People are starting to do more online anyway, so it's not so different for people," agreed Lynda Lambert, executive director of the Morden Area Foundation.

Morden brought in over \$27,000 in Giving Challenge donations last year, and Lambert is optimistic they'll hit similar heights again this year.

"We would love to do at least the same amount again," she said. "I don't see [the pandemic] hurting it too much ... and I think people love the matching aspect of it."

"People are also much more mindful, and they are wanting to give," Lambert added. "I'm hearing that more donations than ever are coming in for various projects."

Plum Coulee Foundation chair Heather Unger noted they managed to raise \$20,000 in the 2019 Giving Challenge and she sees no reason they can't reach that again.

"It's set up to be very pandemic-friendly," she said of the campaign. "That's the beauty of the Giving Chal-

lenge—that it is very easy to do it without people in contact."

The foundation is hoping to help donations along with a drive-by supper on Saturday, Nov. 14 from 5-7 p.m. at The Centre on Main. Call 204-362-4195 to book your meal.

"We really don't have a lot of fundraisers over the course of the year ... this is our annual event," Unger said, urging everyone to come out and support the cause.

Community foundation donations are pooled and permanently invested so that each year the profits from can be distributed as grants in support of a variety of community projects.

Manitoba is home to 56 community foundations—more than any other area of the country.

For more information on the Giving Challenge, head to [endowMB.org](http://endowMB.org).

## Coulee foundation hands out \$20K

By Lorne Stelmach

The Plum Coulee Community Foundation handed out four grants totalling \$20,000 in 2020.

The grants are usually presented as part of the organization's annual meeting in May, but that had to be cancelled thanks to the pandemic.

The four allocations to local organizations supported a variety of projects around the Manitoba 150 theme.

"The Manitoba 150 has been pushed back, obviously, so the four

organizations don't have to complete their projects by year-end. They have until next year to complete them," noted foundation board chair Heather Unger.

Two grants went to cultural and heritage projects including \$7,500 for the restoration of an original community fire truck and \$5,000 for the restoration of a caboose at the Plum Coulee Prairie View Elevator Museum.

The two other grants are aimed at outdoor active living including

\$5,000 for an outdoor rink project in the community and \$2,500 to the Plum Coulee School for a Grade 7 & 8 Gaga Ball Pit project. (Gaga Ball is a fast paced sport played in an octagonal pit with a soft foam ball.)

"We did a little for youth activity and a little for our historical ... they are all important projects for our community," said Unger.

Due to pandemic restrictions, the local Youth in Philanthropy group didn't do its granting this year.





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# Morden's brand new McDonald's is open for business

By Ashleigh Viveiros

Morden's McDonald's opened up in its new, larger location on Thornhill St. last Friday.

Now located at the west end of the city across from the Co-op, the eatery is ready to cater to the growing community for years to come, says franchisee Scott Robertson.

"We're set up for growth here, and that's great because if you look around at our Pembina Valley area there's no sign of that stopping," he said in advance of the opening last week.

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McDonald's had long since outgrown its former location a mile down the road, which it moved into 14 years ago. A lack of parking and the tight space has always plagued that site's traffic flow.

"When you're sharing the site with another business your space is limited, obviously," Robertson said. "Back in 2006, our area wasn't as big as it was. If you look around at the growth



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Franchisee Scott Robertson (left) and manager Sven Melling in the new McDonald's in Morden, which opened for business last Friday. The space, located down the road from the old location, offers increased seating, a new dual-lane drive-thru, and self-serve kiosks.

that we've experienced here, businesses are expanding and more people are coming to the area. So it's nice now to have a much larger parking lot

and a dual-lane drive-thru, for sure."

Inside, the new location offers 50 per cent more seating (room for 76 people), self-serve kiosks (new for Mor-

den), and a much more modernized look.

"For our area here, for the size of our community, this is perfect," Robertson said. "We should be able to serve our guests much more efficiently."

The move allowed the restaurant to hire over a dozen new staff, who, along with the returning employees, have spent the past few weeks learning the ins and outs of the upgraded kitchen, drive-thru, and front counter areas.

"Our staff is very excited to get over here," Robertson said. "We've been chomping at the bit for a number of weeks."

This upgrade has been a long time coming, but it took awhile to find the perfect location, Robertson noted.

"I know when we did the renovation in Winkler it was always a question of, okay, when are we doing Morden," he said. "Our community supports us very well and we like to give back to our community, too, by investing in building a new site. I think we'll do well here."

The restaurant's opening week has included a variety of food promotions and prizes.

"It's a week-long celebration," Robertson said, encouraging customers to come check out the new space.

## City of Morden files Morenet countersuit

By Lorne Stelmach

The City of Morden has launched its own countersuit in response to a lawsuit filed against it over the failed Morenet high speed internet service.

The city recently filed the countersuit in addition to its statement of defence against the original suit by the two partners who had been contracted to manage and operate the service. The city's lawsuit also names former city manager John Scarce.

Sergeii Polischuk of Infotec Manitoba and Dave Haines, who was a former engineer and deputy city manager in Morden, have claimed over half a million dollars in both general and specific damages.

The suit centres around what they claim was not only money owed to them under contract but also damages due to the city wrongfully sharing information about confidential technology on top of making statements that damaged their reputations.

In response, the City of Morden has not only denied those allegations but also leveled its own, including that

the two involved with Morenet are liable for failing to deliver on what they had promised under contract ranging from service to cost as well as for damages in relation to the resulting financial losses of the city.

As well, the countersuit alleges conflict of interest on the part of Haines for personally benefiting from the Morenet contract on which he influenced decisions while under the city's employ, including authorizing over \$52,000 in payments. Scarce is also cited for his role in allowing payments without the proper authorization.

It cites Haines not only for failing to disclose his position as director and shareholder of the numbered company 7076798 Manitoba but for other claims as well, including invoicing for services and materials beyond their market value.

Polischuk and Infotec Manitoba, meanwhile, are cited for a number of other claims, including unauthorized use of portions of the Wi-Fi spectrum as well as of hardware and equipment, city property, and the Morenet network.

Other claims include submitting invoices for excessive amounts and conducting unauthorized surveillance and monitoring of Internet traffic through Morenet.

"Polischuk operating as Infotec collected payments from the city of nearly one million dollars in 2018 by exploiting his relationship to the city," the lawsuit states. "Notwithstanding the significant sums advanced, Polischuk failed to deliver the Morenet project as represented and exposed the city and the users of Morenet to unnecessary risk and liability."

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

Polischuk's claim states that "the market for such technology is highly competitive" and maintains that confidentiality agreements were breached in that "the information and technol-

ogy provided by Polischuk to the defendant was wrongfully disclosed by the defendant to third parties including competitors of Polischuk."

He goes on to further allege that the city "has wrongfully withheld certain equipment and property ... which Polischuk requires for the ongoing operation of Infotec Manitoba" and further that city representatives "including the mayor and certain councillors had made untrue statements to third parties and in the media by which they have disparaged the services, skills and integrity of Polischuk" and "have caused Polischuk to lose the existing business relationship he had with Manitoba Hydro Telecom."

The claim by Haines makes similar allegations and suggests that "had they known that the defendant would not conduct itself in good faith in connection with the negotiations, they would not have expended time and incurred expenses in the course of seeking a negotiated sale of the Morenet assets and business."

None of these allegations have been tested in court.



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## "I think it's very important that we don't forget"



There's a myriad of sacrifices always being made" not only by members of Canada's military but their families as well, says Lieutenant Colonel Mark Wilson, who has served two tours of duty in the Middle East.



the service and sacrifice of generations past, but it is perhaps more vital than ever that we do so, say people like career military man Ken Wiebe of Morden and current Lieutenant Colonel Mark Wilson of Winkler.

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By Lorne Stelmach

There will be a void this year with Remembrance Day services and events restricted because of the pandemic, but those who serve with the Royal Canadian Legion and the military alike very much hope that people will still pause for a moment on Nov. 11.

As time passes, it becomes increasingly challenging to continue to honour

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The Legion's banner project—putting up banners around town with the photos of residents who have served or are currently serving—has had a similar effect.

"These people were baseball coaches, they were businessmen. They were people about town and you saw them all the time," Wiebe said. "These names are still in the neighbourhood; they're still in the community."

While this year's Remembrance Day services have to be virtual, Wiebe hopes people will still take a moment out of their days to tune in.

"I think it's very important that we continue to do it. It's a lot of tradition in there, and I think it's important that we keep up that tradition," he said.

"It's important when kids can learn firsthand from people who have served their country," Wiebe added. "It's important today that kids understand that, and it's important that we keep that alive."

"I think we have a very dedicated military. I think the people we have in uniform are very dedicated, so my hats off to them ... a lot of them spend a lot of time away from home. These people are all serving in uniform ... and they're all working towards a better life for everybody."

That's a mission that certainly resonates with Wilson, who has served in the military for 23 years and recently earned a promotion to Lieutenant Colonel. He has done tours of duty in Afghanistan and Iraq

and is currently the commander of the 38 CBG Artillery Tactical Group.

Like Wiebe, Wilson stressed that Remembrance Day honours the many levels of sacrifice Canada's military members and their families have made and continue to make.

"There's a myriad of sacrifices always being made ... and it's a constant struggle," he said. "But we are motivated by that sense of duty, and that is something that hasn't changed over time."

Wilson's own unit is largely made up of reservists who also maintain full-time jobs. Wilson is a teacher at Garden Valley Collegiate.

The First and Second World Wars are often what most people think of when it comes to Remembrance Day, but Wilson observed that, over time, "people's memories of war are changing."

"I think people are much more aware now that

there are other conflicts where Canadian soldiers have been involved," he said. "We do have a myriad of missions still going on and recently completed."

Whatever the conflict and however long ago it may have been, community members who stepped up to serve and perhaps die for their country deserve to be honoured.

"Unfortunately though, that sacrifice runs deep," Wilson said, noting the example of one family that lost three sons. "Those sorts of things leave scars in a community and are well worth commemorating."

"I think it's critical that a community remembers," he continued. "I'm always heartened by hearing how seriously our students take it. These are kids who have no experience of war, thankfully, and yet they are very much willing to commemorate that sacrifice."

## Remembrance Day ceremonies moving online this year

By Lorne Stelmach

Pandemic restrictions have forced organizers of the upcoming community Remembrance Day ceremonies to do things a little differently this year.

Rather than doing open public ceremonies, both the Winkler and Morden Nov. 11 ceremonies will be done on a small scale and filmed for people to view on their own at home.

"It's so different for everyone now," said Tammy Petkau, president of the Morden Legion. "We thought about going to the hall as usual, but we thought why if you can only have such a small amount of people?"

"We figured we couldn't afford to take the risk," said Rob Wiebe of the Winkler Veterans Association. "We can't let Remembrance Day slip where

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we would have no service whatsoever ... and we felt this would be our best response."

Wiebe said they too realized they could have still done an indoor ceremony but noted it would have been under significant capacity restrictions.

"We thought first of all we could just do an outdoor service, but the weather is such a big factor," he added. "There's so many unknowns."

The association instead is working with students from Garden Valley Collegiate to produce a video presentation that will feature the key aspects of the ceremony to be released on Remembrance Day.

"It will be like a traditional Remembrance Day service ... there's some strict protocols to be followed," Wiebe noted. "We've got leeway, but there's some things that need to be in there."

"We're going to do all kinds of pre-recording and get everything set together to produce a video

that will be maybe half an hour long or so," he explained. "We're going to do our best to make it as interesting and awe-inspiring as possible."

It was a difficult decision for the Morden Legion as well to forego the usual public ceremony, Petkau said, as coming together to remember is a vital part of paying homage to the men and women who have served our country.

"The Access Event Centre is usually full, and to not be able to have that is kind of crushing for everyone involved."

Still, they're doing what they can by having a very small, invite-only ceremony at the Legion that will be recorded.

"It will be put out there for people to view," Petkau said. "It was important that there will be something for everybody to watch. We still want to have that warm, heartfelt feeling about it."

The ceremony will be a scaled down version

with the cenotaph display set up for the laying of about a dozen wreaths and the reading of the community's honour roll.

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# Finding beauty and inspiration in 'EveryBody'

By Ashleigh Viveiros

The EveryBody Campaign has grown steadily since its launch three years ago, and this year is no exception.

The celebration of body positivity had hoped to do its annual photo-shoot last weekend, but concerns over the novel coronavirus has organizers asking this year's models to snap their own photos to go along with their stories to be shared on social media.

Those stories are the real heart of the campaign, stresses Hayley Friesen of OrganicTan Pembina Valley, co-founder of the campaign alongside Delaney Friesen of The Flower Shop in Altona.

"I don't think it's necessarily about the photos," she says. "It really is the stories that people want to read."

The idea for this campaign came as Hayley and Delaney were encountering customers at their tanning shop and clothing store.

"They were coming in an apologizing for things about their bodies that people wouldn't normally notice," Delaney recalls. "But we are our own worst critics and those are the things we most often see about ourselves."

Instead of focusing on the negatives, the duo wanted to encourage women to celebrate their bodies and every single wrinkle, scar, and curve on them as a representation of their journey through life.

And so the EveryBody campaign was born, sharing photos of real women and their inspiring stories of perse-



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Delaney Friesen and Hayley Friesen created the EveryBody campaign to celebrate and encourage body positivity and self-love.

verance and self-acceptance. It has inspired similar campaigns all across the country.

"Looks aren't always what they appear to be," says Delaney, explaining the campaign is about "positivity and overcoming challenges and loving and accepting not only ourselves but other people and recognizing that we're not all experiencing life in the same way."

It's a message that clearly resonates with people. In its first year, the local

project had just six models; last year they shone the spotlight on eight.

This year, when they put a call out for participants, the 20 spots were filled in minutes.

"We're shocked and thrilled," says Hayley. "A lot of them had been previous followers. They'd been following the campaign and building up their own courage to share their journey."

When all is said and done, the 2020 campaign is on track to highlight around 30 models representing a range of ages and life experiences.

"For some of them it's an event in their lives that changed their outlook or something that they've noticed they've carried with them through their lives," Delaney says. "Or even something that they've just learned recently and how it's changed their perspective on their lives."

New to the campaign this year is a raffle in support of the Pembina Valley Pregnancy Care Centre.

Hayley noted motherhood and pregnancy is a big part of many of the models' stories, and so supporting a local agency that ties into that was a perfect fit.

PVPCC executive director Linda Marek is thankful for the support.

"It's a lovely, lovely partnership," she says. "We're so grateful to be a part of it."

Marek, who is also doing double duty as one of the models, feels the campaign is a step in the right direction when it comes to encouraging women to embrace every part of themselves.

"I feel like any woman that has participated in this really has been very vulnerable, sharing very personal pieces of their life story, often very painful parts of their experiences in life or as a woman or as a mother," she says. "It creates an awareness of what some of our really common experiences are as women and as humans in this world."

"It's sending a message of encouragement to women of all ages, shapes, and sizes to look in the mirror and just say, 'I'm beautiful and I chose to love who I am and all of who I am.'"

Up for grabs in the raffle is a family fun pack, a sports fan package, a self-care package, and a home sweet home package, all filled with themed donations from local businesses and valued at several hundred dollars.

Raffle tickets are available at Copper & Sparrow Boutique in Winkler or The Flowershop in Altona or by contacting OrganicTan Pembina Valley in Morden to arrange for contactless purchase.

You can check out the EveryBody campaign on Instagram @theeverybodycampaign or #theeverybodycampaign.

**"IT'S SENDING A MESSAGE OF ENCOURAGEMENT TO WOMEN OF ALL AGES, SHAPES, AND SIZES TO LOOK IN THE MIRROR AND JUST SAY, 'I'M BEAUTIFUL ...'"**

## Morden chamber announces awards finalists

By Lorne Stelmach

The Morden and District Chamber of Commerce this week announced the finalists for its annual business awards.

In the running for Business of the Year with less than seven employees are Morden Autobody, Elite Crushing, and MMJS Law Office, while the nominees for Business of the Year with seven or more employees are Co-op, Morden Realty, and Coffee Culture.

"We think that it's important to continue to recognize the businesses and their accomplishments and all their hard work, especially now during such ever changing times," said chamber executive director Candace Olafson.

"It's important to continue to support our local businesses and make sure that they are continuing to thrive. I think the awards help bring attention to that and all the success that they have ... and they are a very important

part of our community in the way that they provide services and support our community in many different ways."

"RBC is part of the larger community that has come together to rally around our local businesses and community organizations as we continue to operate in uncharted territory," said Curtis Sanjenko, representing major award sponsor RBC. "This year more than ever, we recognize those who are working hard to keep the heartbeat of our economy and community beat-

ing. This is our chance to thank and celebrate all organizations and businesses who continue to adapt, pivot and navigate the road to recovery."

The winners will be announced next week. Pandemic restrictions mean an awards gala cannot happen, so this year's winners will receive a visit by chamber reps to present them with their award.

The Entrepreneur of the Year and Not for Profit of the Year recipients will also be announced next week.





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Snap Fitness in Winkler hosted a unique class last week: Kitten Yoga. A few cats in care of the Pembina Valley Humane Society helped participants relax into their yoga poses and stretches. Proceeds from the night went to the regional animal shelter.



## Community Care Program a “win-win” for all: Harder

By Lorne Stelmach

Winkler council last week heralded the success of a community initiative that is connecting struggling families with the resources they need.

A report on the Oct. 20 annual review of the Community Care Program highlighted the early successes of what grew from the Safe Communities Initiative to tackle the root causes of crime in the community.

Co-ordinated through Central Station, the program is a partnership of social service agencies working together to help participating clients create and work through a plan for a better life.

“It is absolutely a win-win all around,” said Mayor Martin Harder.

“You have access to all of those services once you discover what the need is ... and you have a much better chance of survival if you determine where the greatest need is and then select one or two people who can help ... and you deal with the most critical issues first.

“It prevents you from having a further downward slide and rather it gets you to a place where you can feel good about yourself.”

The Community Care Program features involvement from a wide spectrum of services and organizations, including Central Station, City of Winkler, Garden Valley School Division, Winkler Police Service, Genesis House, Family Services, Southern Health, Child and Family Services, Eden Mental Health Centre, Big Brothers Big Sisters, Pembina Val-

ley Pregnancy Care Centre, Regional Connections, Restorative Justice, Probation Services, RCMP, and CW Wiebe Medical Centre.

It has been aimed at families who find themselves involved with at least three social service agencies, and though families can be referred by any of these organizations or others, it's ultimately up to them whether they want to go through the program.

Program staff then work through what the clients hope to achieve and put together a support team to help them work toward accomplishing it. The goal is to see 20 per cent of the participants “graduate” from the program each year.

“You try to determine what the needs are of the individual, where they need the greatest help, whether it's financial, whether it's medical, social or educational,” said Harder. “So you put the right people in the right

place to work with the individual to accomplish what their goal is, what they would like to achieve.”

The report noted some of the early successes include one participant who was able to find full time work, access financial counselling, and consolidate considerable debts. Several have accessed mental health supports, while another has been accepted to university.

The report also noted a few challenges including difficulty in accessing legal aid, wait lists for community mental health programs, and the lack of addictions treatment programs in the area.

Participating agencies overall have welcomed this initiative as having a

significantly positive impact in the community.

“What happens with this program is you have significantly decreased the other social problems that are a part of the vulnerable group, and you give them the tools they need in order to become contributors rather than having to receive the support,” said Harder, noting how clients can turn their lives around and then invest or give back to

the community.

“We have committed as a city that we will support this organization because it is critical to the well being of our community.”

“... IT IS CRITICAL TO THE WELL-BEING OF OUR COMMUNITY.”

## Winkler to receive \$758K in Safe Restart funding

By Lorne Stelmach

The City of Winkler is receiving three quarters of a million dollars in government assistance aimed at boosting economic recovery from the impacts of the pandemic.

The funding of almost \$758,000 through the federal Safe Restart program was heartily welcomed by council at its meeting last Tuesday.

“It was not expected, and we had no idea what we were going to get out of it,” said Mayor Martin Harder.

“We are very happy. That is going to be very helpful to help deal with some of the shortages that we are experiencing,” he said. “In a year like this, when you struggle with shortfalls, in particular with recreation, when you see a lack of rentals, you see lack of income, and you see the

expenses keep rolling in ... it's very much appreciated that we can have some money there to offset those things.”

Manitoba municipalities overall are receiving a \$72.6 million share of the \$19 billion federal program, which also includes another \$33 million specifically for municipalities

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Pembina Valley's Michael Heppner leaps to escape the check of Interlakes Austin Lourenco as the Hawks took on the Lightning last week Wednesday in Morden. The home team got the win 4-1.

PHOTO BY RICK HIEBERT/VOICE

## Hawks best Lightning

By Lorne Stelmach

The male U18 Pembina Valley Hawks had two of their three games with the Interlake Lightning postponed last weekend amidst uncertainty around increasing COVID-19 cases province-wide.

The league announced on Monday that all games involving the regional grouping of the Hawks as well as Interlake, Central Plains, and Eastman were postponed at least until Nov. 15.

The games scheduled for last Saturday and Sunday in Teulon were also postponed, but the Hawks had earlier snapped their three game losing streak with a 4-1 win over the Lightning last Wednesday in Morden.

The game was a wide open affair with the shots 57-41 in the Hawks' favour, but the two goaltenders kept it scoreless after one period with the Hawks then grabbing a 2-1 lead in the second before putting it away with two more in the final frame.

Drew Peters, Nicholas McKee, Tyler Parr and Carter Sotheran scored for Pembina Valley, while Logan Enns earned the victory with a 40-save performance in net.

## MFHL pushes pause on season thanks to COVID

By Lorne Stelmach

The female U18 Pembina Valley Hawks had hoped to be working on a winning streak this weekend, but the coronavirus brought it all to a halt.

The Manitoba Female Hockey League made the decision to suspend all league play as a result of higher COVID-19 levels and the decision by the province to move the Winnipeg area to the red/critical level on the pandemic response system and the remainder of the province to the orange/restricted level.

The league indicated it will review next steps prior to Nov. 15.

Hawks coach Dana Bell said the decision was expected and understand-

able given the circumstances.

"I figured with the numbers climbing that this was probably gonna happen. It's very disappointing for sure. I hope they are going to look at different options for our league," he said.

"For our team, we will continue

to follow the protocols. We will still practice and continue to prepare for the next two weeks," Bell said. "I believe if everyone follows the rules for two weeks, we should be able to get up and running again.

"Again, it is so disappointing. I know

my girls are really really disappointed also.

The Hawks are 2-4 for the season thus far, putting them in fifth place behind the Avros, Chiefs, Ice, and Wildcats.

## Flyers drop two more to Oil Capitals

By Ashleigh Viveiros

The Oil Capitals have proven to be a tough nut for the Winkler Flyers to crack.

Winkler dropped two more games against the Virden team last weekend,

making it four straight wins for the Oil Capitals over the past two weeks.

Squaring off in Winkler Friday night, the Flyers seemed to have a good handle on things after 20 minutes. Power play goals from Ian Tookenay and Kolton Shindle gave them a 2-1 lead

heading into the first intermission.

That lead held until Virden got the tying goal in the back half of the second period and then pulled ahead with an early goal in the third.

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# Local wrestler making his CWE debut this week

By Lorne Stelmach

A Mordenite not only makes his debut this week as a professional wrestler but gets to do it in front of a hometown crowd.

Cole Zwiép takes the big step from being an Elite Wrestling Academy student to being part of the card this week for the Canadian Wrestling's Elite Extreme Consequences Tour when it stops in Morden Thursday, Nov. 5.

"It's a dream come true ... I didn't know it would be in Morden, but I was hoping for it," said Zwiép of making his debut.

For the last year, Zwiép has been making the 90 minute journey to Winnipeg to train at the Elite Wrestling Academy multiple times a week under head trainer and current CWE tag team champion "The Canadian Crusher" AJ Sanchez.

With CWE set to return to Morden, Sanchez asked management to give Zwiép his first opportunity for some on-the-job training.

And not only does he get to compete with the elite in live action but Zwiép, who turned 18 in May, has drawn the dastardly 21-year veteran and leader of the Cannon Corporation "The Mastermind" Kevin

Cannon as his opponent.

"I'm kind of nervous, but I know my family and friends will be there to support me," said Zwiép, who added he thinks the nerves will fade once he is in the ring. "All those nerves have to fly out the window."

The thought of becoming a professional wrestler someday was something that came to Zwiép at a young age.

"I didn't necessarily grow up watching it, but I grew up hearing about it from my dad and my grandpa. Later on, I started watching it with them, and I just loved it," he said.

Zwiép particularly liked watching famous Canadian wrestling

icon Brett "The Hitman" Hart as well as his brother Owen Hart, and he would love to be able to model himself after them.

"It was just the way they did things," he said. "The way they said things, the way they moved, it just seemed so cool to me, and I just wanted to be like them."

The dream started to become a reality when he learned about the wrestling school in Winnipeg. Zwiép said he's grateful for the support of his parents and family who helped make his training pos-

**"IT'S A DREAM  
COME TRUE."**



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Morden's own Cole Zwiép will enter the ring in Canadian Wrestling Elite's Extreme Consequences Tour in town this Thursday.

sible, including driving him there.

"It's a bit tough. I've learned a lot of lessons," said Zwiép. "I've even learned a lot of life lessons that I will carry around with me for the rest of my life."

The matches start at 7 p.m. at the Morden Friendship Centre. Tickets are \$23 at the door or \$20 in advance at [cwecanada.ca](http://cwecanada.ca).

## Twisters' weekend games cancelled, season on hold

By Ashleigh Viveiros

The Pembina Valley Twisters were poised to take on the St. James Junior Canucks and the Stonewall Jets last weekend, but the pandemic put the kibosh on those plans.

The Manitoba Major Junior Hockey League announced Friday that all games have been post-

poned "due to the resurgence of COVID-19 cases and because the city of Winnipeg has moved to the red, or critical level."

The Winnipeg Metropolitan Region, which includes the city and several surrounding communities, was moved up to the highest level on the province's pandemic response system on Monday. That comes with severe restrictions on pub-

lic gathering sizes. The rest of the province was elevated to the orange/restricted level.

"We are all hoping that the postponement of our season will only be temporary," the league said in announcing the decision.

One month into the season, the Twisters are 3-1 for six points and third place, trailing the Transcona Railer Express in first (10 points) and the Jets in second (seven points).

## Flyers take on Steinbach this weekend

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Shindle evened things out again a few minutes later, but then, with just three minutes to go, the Oil Capitals pulled ahead once again and then cemented the win with an empty-netter with 35 seconds to go. Final score: 5-3 for Virden.

Dylan Meilun guarded the net for Winkler before being pulled in the final minutes for the extra man. He made 28 saves off 32 shots on goal as Virden outshot Winkler by 10.

It was a similar story for Winkler the next night on the road.

Once again they had the lead after the first period, this time 2-0 thanks to goals from Shindle and Mike Svenson.

And once again Virden not only tied things up

but pulled ahead, this time scoring twice in the second and once more in the third for the 3-2 win.

The Oil Capitals had 29 shots on goal to Winkler's 25. Reid Dyck made 26 saves in net for the Flyers.

The Flyers won't face off against Virden again until the new year.

Coming up, at press time the team was scheduled to play two games against the Steinbach Pistons this weekend—Friday night at home and Saturday away—before entering a league-wide shutdown until Nov. 20 due to increased pandemic restrictions.

The Flyers are 3-5 for six points and third place in the MJHL's Interior Division behind Virden (15 points) and Portage (nine points).

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## Chinese Style Bao Buns with Pickled Red Onions

onions are exposed to hot mixture. Remove from heat and steep 15 minutes. Place in clean container in refrigerator at least 2 hours. Onions should be submerged in liquid.

To make beef bao buns: Heat oven to 350 F.

Rub beef with five-spice powder, salt and pepper. Heat saute pan and sear beef on all sides. Remove and place in baking dish. Add garlic to pan and saute briefly. Deglaze pan with beef stock and bring to simmer, scraping up caramelized bits stuck to bottom of pan. Add hoisin sauce and ginger to simmering stock. Pour stock over beef.

Cover baking dish with parchment and aluminum foil and bake 2 hours, or until beef can be pulled apart with fork.

Remove beef from stock and allow to cool slightly before shredding with fork. Place remaining stock in saucepan over medium heat. Reduce by half, or until thickened so it can coat back of spoon.

Toss shredded beef with sauce.

Place beef between bao buns and garnish with pickled red onions and green onions. Serve while warm.

Recipe courtesy of Aran Essig on behalf of the National Onion Association

Pickled Red Onions:

- 1 medium red onion
- 2/3 cup red wine vinegar
- 1 1/2 tablespoons sugar
- 1/2 tablespoon salt
- 1/4 cup red wine
- 2 cloves

Beef Bao Buns:

- 1 pound boneless beef ribs
- 1 tablespoon five-spice powder
- 2 teaspoons salt
- 1 teaspoon black pepper
- 4 cloves garlic, chopped
- 1 1/2 cups beef stock
- 1 cup hoisin sauce
- 1 tablespoon ginger, grated
- 12 bao buns (available in most Asian markets in freezer section)
- 3 green onions, cut on bias

To make pickled red onions: Slice onion in half then slice 1/4 inch. In saucepot, combine vinegar, sugar, salt, wine and cloves. Place onions in liquid. Simmer 3-4 minutes, swirling pan to ensure

## California-Style Cheesy Enchilada Casserole

Cooking Sauce:

- 2 eggs
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 cup Real California half-and-half, milk or evaporated milk
- 1/2 cup Real California sour cream
- vegetable oil

Casserole:

- 1 1/2-2 cups prepared enchilada sauce, divided
  - 12 corn tortillas, divided
  - 1 cup roasted skinless chicken, cut into bite-size pieces
  - 2 teaspoons enchilada seasoning
  - 4 cups shredded Real California Mexican cheese blend, divided, or 1 cup each shredded Real California Oaxaca, Cheddar, Jalapeño Jack and crumbled Cotija cheeses
  - 1 cup canned pinto beans, drained well
  - 1/2 teaspoon ground cumin
  - 1/2 teaspoon garlic powder
  - 1/3 cup canned kernel corn, well drained
  - 1/3 cup sliced black olives, well drained
  - 1/3 cup mild green chiles, well drained
  - 2 tablespoons of cilantro, minced
  - 2 green onions, sliced
  - lime wedges, for serving
  - Real California sour cream, for serving
- Preheat oven to 350 F.
- To make cooking sauce: In bowl, whisk

eggs, salt, half-and-half and sour cream; set aside.

Spray casserole dish with vegetable oil.

To make casserole: Assemble first layer by spreading 6 tablespoons enchilada sauce on bottom of casserole dish. Top with four tortillas, overlapping them. Cover tortillas with 6 tablespoons enchilada sauce.

Assemble second layer by tossing chicken with enchilada seasoning. Mix with 3 cups shredded cheese. Layer half chicken-cheese mixture over tortillas.

Assemble third layer by seasoning pinto beans with cumin and garlic powder. Spread beans over cheese-chicken layer.

Assemble fourth layer by overlapping four tortillas then cover with 6-8 tablespoons enchilada sauce. Cover with corn, olives and chiles. Top with remaining cheese-chicken mixture.

Assemble final layer by covering filling with remaining tortillas, overlapped, then spread remaining enchilada sauce over them. Pour cooking sauce over casserole. Top with remaining shredded cheese. Let rest at least 30 minutes.

Bake 50-60 minutes, or until bubbling. Remove and rest 10 minutes before cutting.

Sprinkle with cilantro and green onions. Serve with lime wedges and sour cream.



By Gwen Randall-Young

In order to have a relationship that goes beyond the superficial, there must be some level of honesty. In fact, honesty is sometimes what allows a relationship to go deeper. Regardless of the relationship, be it with a parent, child, partner, colleague or friend, the principles are the same. Sometimes we really need to let another person know what is going on inside of us.

This is not an easy thing in our culture. Let's face it: we are masters of looking like everything is fine on the outside, even when we are crumbling within. Hiding what we are really feeling leaves us feeling lonely and isolated.

There comes a point when the feeling needs to be expressed, and because we are not practiced in doing this, sometimes it comes out wrong. Then things get worse. So we resolve to bury our feelings even deeper. Now, we feel even more alone, certain that no one, especially those closest to us, really cares how we feel.

What is the way out of this dilemma? When we feel hurt, our first instinct is to protect ourselves. We do this either by building a protective wall, or else by attacking. Neither approach gets us what we want and need.

Ironically, if we truly show our vulnerability, only the most hardened individuals would shut us out. If we build a wall, and retreat inside, we

## Honesty in Relationships

shut others out. They interpret this as rejection or abandonment, feel hurt, and then themselves choose retreat or attack. Things have begun to escalate.

If, on the other hand, we choose to initially attack, we similarly provoke one of those two responses. Clearly, we need an option that would allow us to break out of this cycle. There is one. It demands expanding our view of the situation to encompass the other person's feelings and perceptions. It requires that we take a problem-solving approach, rather than just trying to argue for our own position. It asks that we truly care about the other person as much as we care about ourselves. It further requires that we not judge the other person as wrong for trying to fulfill their needs.

It can be helpful if we imagine that the problem in question is between two other people (not 'me' and 'you'), and think how we would approach the issue if we had been called in to mediate. If we approach another person with an attitude of caring and an expressed desire to understand their point of view, it is more likely that they will open up. It is only then that meaningful communication can occur. If both people use this approach, both the relationship and the individuals are transformed. When most of us do it, our world will be transformed.

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## Savory Leek, Raisin and Ricotta Tart

about 10 minutes. Add raisins and ham; cook 5 minutes.

In bowl, combine ricotta cheese, eggs and Parmigiano-Reggiano cheese; whisk well. Add leek mixture and basil; stir well.

Spoon ricotta mixture into tart shell. Bake 40 minutes or until puffed, golden and set.

- Servings: 10
- 1 pastry (9 inches, not in pie shell)
  - 1 tablespoon olive oil
  - 3 large leeks, chopped
  - 1 cup California golden raisins
  - 3 ounces diced smoked ham
  - 15 ounces low-fat ricotta cheese
  - 3 eggs
  - 3 cups Parmigiano-Reggiano cheese, grated
  - 1 cup chopped fresh basil or arugula

Preheat oven to 375 F. Roll out pastry dough and press into 9-inch springform or tart pan. Bake 10 minutes.

In large nonstick skillet, heat olive oil. Add leeks and saute until browned,

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# Winkler Arts and Culture launches online auction

By Ashleigh Viveiros

The Winkler Arts and Culture Centre is trying something new to get art into the hands of its supporters.

The Park St. gallery launched its first online art auction last week, posting several paintings and photographs created and donated by local artists online at [winklerarts.com](http://winklerarts.com).

"There's so many closures and restrictions and so we decided to do a little fundraiser online," says art and community director Ray Derksen.

Bids can be made until Nov. 13, after which Derksen hopes to start things over again with a few new pieces to keep the auction going indefinitely.

"We're going to keep doing it after this auction, maybe one or two pieces at a time," he says. "It's just a way of trying to raise some operational funds for Winkler Arts and Culture since we're restricted from having events here right now."

One event the gallery does still have on its schedule is its Handmade Christmas Market, which runs Nov. 13-14 and will feature nearly a dozen vendors.

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Winkler Arts and Culture has several pieces by local artists on the auction block, including "Farm Yard" by Art Harder.



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with public transit systems. The funding is distributed on a per capita basis. To that end, Manitoba municipalities outside of Winnipeg are receiving \$32.7 million.

In other council news, work is underway on a review and update of the city's zoning bylaw.

The review is being done by Win-

nipeg-based consulting firm Urban Systems and follows a similar review of the secondary plan for development around the periphery of the city.

"This is to clean up the stuff that is either no longer relevant or ensure it's condensed in a way that it's easier to read and easier to follow ... so it will be a more usable document," suggest-

ed Harder.

"We haven't done an overall comprehensive city zoning review, so that's what this is all about. It will be a whole new document when it is done," he continued. "There may be some recommendations for a new zone for something, as an example. Those are all the things they are re-

viewing, whether the current zoning meets the current environment or whether there are some changes that need to happen.

"It's something that needs to be done in conjunction with the secondary plan because those two are very intricately tied together."

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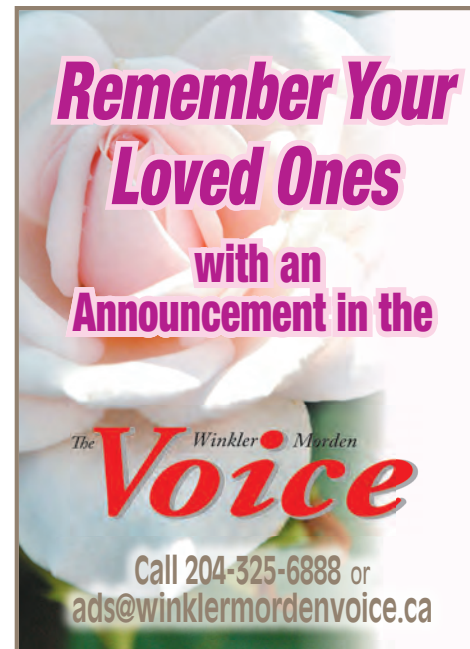
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## OBITUARY



### Lora Braun 1971 – 2020

Lora Jolyn Braun, 49, died in the presence of family at her home in Morden on October 22, 2020 after living courageously with cancer for five years.

She is lovingly remembered by her husband, Gerald Pauls; two sons, Simon and Rowan; parents, Norman and Johanna Braun; brother, Will Braun (Jennifer); sister, Sara Braun Holly (Steve); nephews, Zavi and Matoli; parents-in-law, Jake and Dorothy Pauls; sister-in-law, Vera Pauls as well as many aunts, uncles and cousins.

Lora grew up on the family farm in Burwalde. She loved reading and music and was a master at Dutch Blitz.

She graduated from Garden Valley Collegiate in 1989 with the highest overall mark in her class, though she never clung to accolades. Then she spent three years at Canadian Mennonite Bible College where she thrived academically, musically and socially. In 1995, she participated in a Mennonite Central Committee (MCC) Youth Discovery Team which took her to Zambia. Lora shone in that context. In 1998, she graduated from Associated Mennonite Biblical Seminary in Elkhart, Indiana. From there she took an MCC assignment in Lesotho, Southern Africa where she taught elementary school before returning to Canada. In 2007, she completed a degree in Music Therapy at Canadian Mennonite University. In following years, she worked as a music therapist at Gateway Resources, various schools and privately.

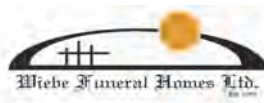
In 2005 Lora married Gerald Pauls, eventually settling in Morden. Marriage was a great blessing. Their first son, Simon, was born in 2011, with Rowan following in 2014. They were her delight and devotion. She basked in the sunshine of her sons and Gerald. In 2015, she was diagnosed with incurable cancer. Despite years of side effects and faltering energy, Lora and her family carried on with life. "I deal with dying by living," she said. Those years were highlighted by numerous family vacations. In the last several years of her life, Lora became increasingly involved at Morden Mennonite Church, leading music, preaching some candid and brave sermons, and even teaching the high school Sunday school class in her last year.

Lora was a person of particular sensitivity. The poverty and violence she witnessed in Lesotho left her deeply shaken. Slowly, she healed herself through working to heal other brokenness she saw in the world. She felt deeply and loved without condition, leaving to her sons an inheritance of unbounded motherly love.

A private memorial was held in Morden with interment at Southside Cemetery.

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