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Morden Mayor Brandon Burley lays a wreath in Morden's Remembrance Day ceremony last week. For more photos, see Pg. 5.

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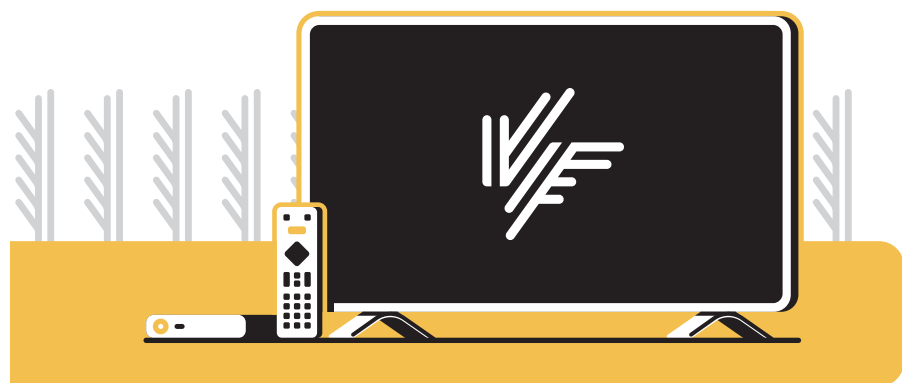
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# Winkler Cheer Board needs your help

By Ashleigh Viveiros

The Winkler and District Christmas Cheer Board are once again aiming high with their fundraising campaign this year.

But president Kris Derksen has faith the community's generosity will shine through as it always has.

"Our fundraising will be much the same as last year," she explains, noting they need to raise \$100,000 in order to meet the needs this Christmas. "Hopefully the businesses will pull us through again, though we did have a lot of personal donations last year as well.

"It was a joint effort last year and we did really well. We're hoping for the same this year," Derksen says. "I'm very optimistic with our community—they've always come through for us."

In 2020, the Cheer Board lent a helping hand to 380 families in need. This year they want to be prepared for closer to 400.

Restrictions means Cheer Board Days Dec. 7-8 will be a much smaller affair than usual.

Normally, a small army of volunteers help pack hundreds of care boxes with groceries, toiletries, and gifts.

But this year, once again, the Cheer Board will be sending out grocery gift cards to Co-op alongside gifts for the kids.

It's a move that proved to be quite popular last Christmas.

"The liaisons do a lot of work for us in the schools and they've had nothing but good things to say about the gift cards," Derksen says. The school liaisons, along with the Central Station Community Centre, help connect local families to the Cheer Board, providing applications for the hampers.

"It gives all the families the opportunity to buy their own groceries and bring into their house what they want to eat," Derksen says of the gift cards—which are something that may well stick around after the pandemic. "I think it's a better system."

She notes the gift cards are marked as being good for groceries only (no fuel or cigarette purchases) and Co-op has also offered to provide free delivery should a transportation-chal-



PHOTO BY ASHLEIGH VIVEIROS/VOICE

Mayor Martin Harder (back row, far right) joined the Winkler and District Christmas Cheer Board in officially kicking off its 2021 fundraising campaign last week. Masks were removed briefly for the photo.

lenged Cheer Board recipient need help using up their card.

It felt odd last year handing over an envelope to recipients instead of multiple boxes of food, but there was another silver lining in the change:

"We did have people coming to pick up their hampers last year, which we haven't done for years, and that was wonderful," Derksen says.

Delivery drivers would normally drop off the hampers at the recipients' homes. With the pandemic, families were asked, if they could, to come get their care packages themselves, which allowed the Cheer Board committee

the chance to hear firsthand from the people they serve.

"Being able to talk to the people who are receiving them, hearing how grateful they were, it was amazing," Derksen says. "For some, it means Christmas. Some don't have the means to provide, especially for gifts, and so if they can go out and buy a special meal for that day or if this money lasts them a month or two, that's great—whichever way they decide to use it. But we hope it just makes things a little easier for them."

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## > CHEER BOARD, FROM PG. 3

If you'd like to help the Cheer Board in its mission, donations can be made in person at Scotiabank (which has pledged to match donations up to \$3,000), online at [winklercheerboard.com](http://winklercheerboard.com), or by mail to Box 1225, Winkler MB, R6W 4B2.

Every dollar that comes in stays in the community, Derksen stresses, as the Cheer Board purchases whatever it needs from local businesses.

(To that end, Derksen took a moment

to recognize the late Doug Janzen of Janzen's Paint & Decorating. Janzen was for years was an avid supporter of the annual campaign, giving the Cheer Board deals on the toys they needed for the kids. He is most certainly missed, Derksen says.)

The Cheer Board also has an endowment fund, the Winkler Cheerboard Fund, at the Winkler Community Foundation.

Founded earlier this year in memo-



The Winkler Cheer Board's Crystal Rempel with Scotiabank's Carly Friesen and the gift box you can drop your donation into this month. The bank, located in the Southland Mall, is offering up to \$3,000 in matching donations toward this year's Cheer campaign.

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ry of Frank and Vi Wiebe, donations to this fund will generate a grant for the Cheer Board annually starting in

2023. Donation details can be found at [winklercommunityfoundation.com](http://winklercommunityfoundation.com).

# Morden tree lighting takes place this Friday

By Lorne Stelmach

The Christmas season is set to be ushered in this week in Morden.

Weather permitting, the city's tree lighting celebration takes place Friday at the Morden Civic Centre.

City officials were anxious to revive the event after the pandemic forced its cancellation last year.

"I was really hoping the restrictions would still allow us to go ahead," event co-ordinator Lili Krushel said last week. "We're so excited to be able to do this after last year's was cancelled. We've been skipping so many big holidays."

They plan to go ahead short of extreme weather conditions. Proof of vaccination is required for adults who wish to attend.

Families who want a photo with San-

ta need to register in advance online at [events.morden.ca/tree-lighting-event/](http://events.morden.ca/tree-lighting-event/).

In order to help manage the numbers, they have also expanded the hours St. Nick will be available: 3:45 to 4:30 p.m. and again from 5-7 p.m.

"That's to help make sure that we don't have too many people," said Krushel, who noted people will only be allowed in for their given time slot for photos, which will also need to be done sitting on a bench rather than on Santa's lap.

Otherwise, everything else stays the same, with outdoor fires handled by the Morden fire department, Giant Tiger providing marshmallows, cookies, and hot chocolate, and then the tree being lit around 7 p.m. along with some fireworks and a live performance by Fun and Fire.

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## “We will remember them”

Morden-Winkler paused Nov. 11 to remember those who have served our country. Above: Winkler’s ceremony was pre-recorded and posted online for people to watch at home, but a small group of people did stop by the cenotaph in Bethel Heritage Park to pay their respects at 11 a.m. and leave their poppies in memory of the community’s war dead. Below: The Morden Legion hosted a small ceremony at the cenotaph in Confederation Park.



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## Our mistake

A story in the Nov. 11 edition of the *Voice* on Emerado Centennial School’s new playground made an error in the list of major sponsors for this phase of the project.

The article should have listed Dia-

mond Doors, Harval Homes, and Rede-Made Noodles as the key donors to the new playground structures, though there were numerous other businesses who also contributed various amounts for this and other phases.

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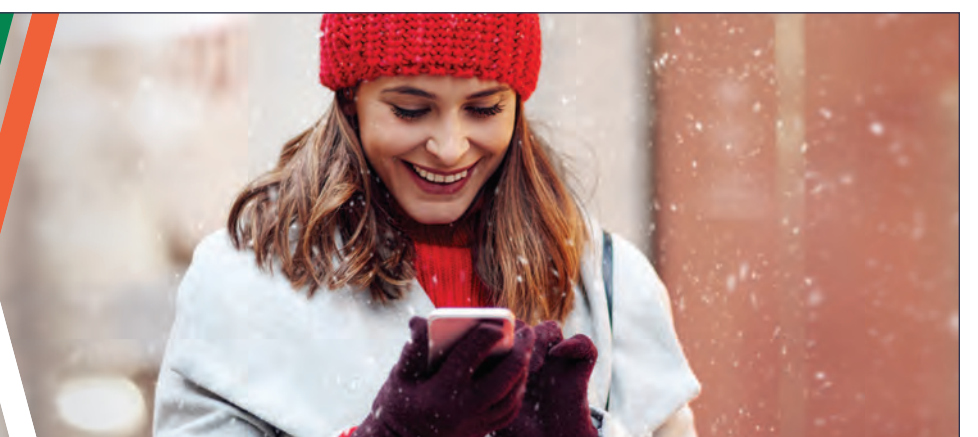
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# Koats for Kids hands out hundreds of winter clothing items

By Lorne Stelmach

The annual Koats for Kids campaign was again a successful venture for United Way Pembina Valley.

The initiative to collect gently used winter clothing for distribution to others in the community concluded with two distribution nights last week.

Families were able to stop by the Morden Fire Hall or Shine and Share at Winkler's Central Station Community Centre last Monday and Tuesday, and organizer Terry Gibson said there seemed to be big demand.

"Obviously, there is a need in the community," he observed.

Noting that they generally will give away two other things such as mitts,

toques or scarves with every coat, Gibson suggested the 430 coats that were handed out meant they likely distributed over 1,200 items of clothing in total.

"That's a big improvement from any other year than we've had, but this year we had two places operating," he said in noting the addition of the collection and distribution of clothing in Winkler this year as well as in Morden.

Donation bins in both communities quickly filled up after being put out mid-October.

"You see the generosity of the people who give so much," Gibson said.

"And the coats that we get, some of them are absolutely gorgeous, some

of them are standard, and some of them are just really warm. There's just a wide selection of stuff to pick from there. It was impressive.

"It was a total community event ... we involve the whole community in putting this on ... between the two

communities, we were just able to get a lot of stuff out," he said.

"It actually was a Pembina Valley community collaboration, and it went over really well. We're very happy with the results."



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Shine & Share at Central Station in Winkler packed full of winter clothing for local families in need. Along with the Morden distribution depot at the fire hall, United Way's Koats for Kids campaign was able to hand out upwards of 430 coats and hundreds of other winter clothing accessories to families in need last week.

## 399 new COVID-19 cases over the weekend

By Voice staff

Public health officials reported 399 new cases of COVID-19 in Manitoba at the start of the week, including 140 cases on Saturday, 102 on Sunday, and 157 on Monday.

Of those, 145 were in the Winnipeg health region followed by 119 in Southern Health, 68 in the North, 36 in Prairie Mountain, and 31 in Interlake-Eastern.






The five-day test positivity rate was at 5.9 per cent provincially and 3.1 per cent in Winnipeg. At press time, testing data for the other regions had not been updated since Nov. 3. Southern Health at that time was at 14.5 per

cent test positivity.

Of the 157 new cases on Monday alone, 81 were in people who were not fully vaccinated. In Southern Health, 41 of the 72 cases reported that day were not fully vaccinated.

In total, Manitoba started the work week with 1,499 active cases of COVID-19, 146 hospitalization, 31 patients in ICU due to the virus, and a death toll that, with four new fatalities reported Monday, has reached 1,273.

Locally, Winkler was reporting 60 cases of the virus on Monday, Morden 38, the Altona area 25, and Stanley 13. The other Pembina Valley communities each had under 10 cases.



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# New restrictions for Southern Health, all of Manitoba

By Ashleigh Viveiros

by public health.

Rising COVID-19 case counts has led the provincial government to roll out new restrictions across Manitoba and especially in Southern Health-Santé Sud, where vaccination rates remain the lowest.

Chief provincial public health officer Dr. Brent Roussin was joined by Health Minister Audrey Gordon Friday in announcing the additional measures going into place the next day.

“Rising case counts and COVID-19 transmission in the province means we need to introduce new measures now to reduce the impact of COVID-19 in our province,” the minister said. “Case counts and hospitalizations are rising, and we must be proactive in protecting our health-care system and ensure we have beds available to continue to provide care for patients in need.”

To that end, Dr. Roussin announced two key changes to the existing public health orders:

- Religious gatherings in Southern Health (excluding a few communities considered to be part of the Winnipeg Capital Region) are now limited to 25 people, unless the facility can physically divide the space into separate areas, in which case several cohorts of up to 25 can attend the same service. However, the total number of attendees at a service may not exceed 25 per cent of facility capacity, to a maximum of 250 people. Cohorts must not mingle, masks must be worn, and physical distancing rules apply.

Services restricted to fully immunized people and those under 12 who are not eligible for the vaccine may occur without capacity limits.

Minister Gordon noted enforcement officers will be sent unannounced to churches in the region to check that these rules are being followed.

- Provincewide, proof of at least one dose of vaccination or a recent (within 72 hours) negative COVID-19 test result is required for children age 12-17 years old to participate in indoor recreational sports.

This rule comes into effect Dec. 6 to give families time to get vaccinated.

For those who chose to go the testing route, tests need to come from a participating pharmacy. Provincial testing sites should only be accessed by symptomatic individuals or those who are required to take a PCR test

## CASES ON THE RISE

Roussin noted that COVID-19 cases have been climbing steadily across Manitoba for the past month, especially in Southern Health, which has the province’s lowest vaccination uptake at just under 69 per cent of the eligible population. In comparison, 87 per cent of all eligible Manitobans have had at least one dose of the vaccine and 84 per cent are fully vaccinated.

Cases are increasing the most rapidly in people under age 20, Roussin noted, which informed the decision to enact restrictions on youth sports.

If these trends continue, the next several weeks could be rough for the province’s health-care system.

“Increase in cases always translates into increase in hospitalization, increase in ICU, and that’s where we get that strain on the health-care system,” Roussin said.

One of the mid-range models for the next six weeks predicts daily ICU admissions of COVID-19 patients at three a day, climbing thereafter.

“That’s not a sustainable number,” Roussin stressed.

Manitoba has a limited number of intensive care beds. With the cancellation of a number of surgeries in Winnipeg announced last week, that number has been increased to 110 (pre-COVID, Manitoba had 72 ICU beds).

The ICU numbers are expected to surge with COVID-19 patients in the weeks ahead. At press time, 31 people were requiring ICU care due to the virus, all but a handful not fully vaccinated. Fifteen of Manitoba’s ICU patients at press time were from Southern Health.

“I know it’s frustrating to be here again,” Roussin said. “I think we’re all disappointed, we’re all frustrated that we’re once again looking at further restrictions, once again looking at upward trajectory where our health-care system is again strained, which really puts that strain on COVID and non-COVID care.”

The new restrictions are meant to battle these concerning trends while also providing a measure of freedom for Manitobans who have already done their part in protecting themselves from severe COVID-19 outcomes by being vaccinated, Roussin said.



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## Handi-Van raising funds for new vehicle

The Morden Community Handi-Van is now \$1,654.30 closer to its goal of raising \$85,000 for a new vehicle.

MWM Environmental’s Larry Klein (centre in photo above) made a donation of that amount to Handi-Van board chair Brian Nedohin and administrator Kim Loewen recently.

The community program is looking to purchase a Promaster P3 Mobility Vehicle to replace their 2013 Grand Caravan, which has required increasing repairs of late.

They’re about 70 per cent of the way there already.

“As a non-profit organization, we often have to rely on external funding, so if anyone else would like to help us out with this project, we would be very grateful,” Handi-Van reps. say. “Your investment can make a real difference by helping provide a higher quality of life for seniors and others with mobility challenges in our community.”

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## “What they could”

**T**here is a phrase uttered in Taika Waititi's incredible and divisive film *Jojo Rabbit* that says a lot with only three words.

Set in Germany near the end of the Second World War, we find young Jojo Betzler, dressed in his Hitler Youth uniform, walking with his mother Rosie when they happen across a gibbet in the middle of the street from which is hung several bodies. We only see their legs, pinned to which are flyers stating “Befreit Deutschland - Bekaempft die Partei” which translates to “Free Germany - Fight the Party.”

As they stand in front of this scene, 10-year-old Jojo looks up at his mother and asks, “What did they do?” to which she responds, “What they could.”

It is these three words which haunt me: What they could. I have been thinking about them a lot lately with-

in my own context here in the much more enlightened 21st century (sarcasm alert).

My voice has ebbed and flowed from cause to cause and issue to issue over the years, gaining and receding in volume over time as I struggle with what I can do for various people in various circumstances.

Like any good centrist I spend too much time worrying about how much I should or shouldn't do about certain things and tend to avoid taking any specific position like the plague. Mostly I do this because I fear calcification. I fear my positions will turn to stone and I will stop engaging with our ever-changing world and ever-changing ethos and become “set in my ways”—incapable of coherent, critical thought and unwilling to accept when I am wrong.

I wonder sometimes about things I have advocated for. I am a strong supporter of decolonization and of First Nations empowerment but I also worry that I run the risk of colonizing the decolonization movement, if you know what I mean.

From my earliest social advocacy thinking in university in the eighties when many of us were raising our voices against apartheid in South Africa, I have always worried about fall-

ing into the pit of becoming the “great white saviour” to the BIPOC community, women, and the LGBTQ+ family, etc.

Increasingly I have found myself thinking it is not for me to get out in front of such movements, it is more my role to get out of the way, come when I am called, and to do “what I can.” Those three words again.

I don't doubt other colonial white advocates such as myself mean well, but I wonder at where we might best serve and I am starting to believe that out in front may not be the right place.

As a wise person once said to me: “Stop talking so much, be quiet, and just listen.”

It is long past the time when people like me stopped talking so much, embraced the discipline of silence, and listened. When asked to help we must help, otherwise we must do what we can as allies and advocates of our various causes.

This perspective has also helped with resolving the paralysis that can come in the face of such enormous issues. Issues like climate change that are so large and existential that no one person can resolve it, but a large number of individuals doing what they can, will.

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**By Peter Cantelon**

# Letters

## DEAR VETERANS

Those of us who have not served will never fully understand the sacrifices you've made, both in times of peace and war. Thanks to you this is justice.

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this country.

Thank you again.

From the student council and students of Northlands Parkway Collegiate

## KEEPING A GOOD ATTITUDE

This month, Mary Gerbrandt turns 86. Seventy years ago, she had polio and was sent home to die. Today, she

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is the last remaining person in her family. She has the distinction of being the resident who has lived the longest at Tabor Home, over 40 years.

I have the privilege of being her niece. When we were young, my siblings and I would push her to town in her wheelchair to go shopping and out for a meal. Of course, times have changed, but this summer we again went on an outing. As we travelled along to Carman, she leaned back her head with eyes closed and sighed with a gentle euphoria. This was a touch of heaven!

That's something I admire and want to share with you: she has an amazing attitude.

She not only watches life from her window, she celebrates it. When the Tabor staff wave to her while doing their tasks, it brings her joy. The birds at the bird feeder as well. Once, when I joined her at the optometrist, he asked how she was doing. "Well, I have this problem," she replied, "but everyone has their problems."

Last Christmas Day, during COVID, she shared that she could have contentedly spent time in her room colouring, but there was a lady out in the dining room who she went out to spend some time with.

She has her feisty moments, having said, "I can't kick with my feet, but I can use my mouth." She has been a voice for fellow tenants.

A couple of years ago, we had a birthday party for Mary. That same night the town of Morden had their tree lighting ceremony. The fireworks went off and Mary thought perhaps her family had organized fireworks for her.

Last year we did have a show for her. She loved it!

This year, we are having our show Nov. 19, 5:30 p.m. Mary will be watching from her window. If you are in the area for a walk or drive that evening, feel free to say hi or honk! Let's enjoy a touch of heaven!

Sally Brodland, Winkler

## REDIRECT YOUR AD EFFORTS

Every week I open the *Voice* and am baffled by the amount of advertising trying to get people to view Winkler as a place to live, a place with an extreme sense of community, caring and kindness. Perhaps the advertising budget should be redirected to getting the community to roll up their sleeves and get vaccinated.

COVID-19 is surging in this area and we can thank the anti-vaxx mentality and conspiracy theorists. It's time to stop burying your head in the sand, stop blaming all the theories you have convinced yourself are viable reasons not to actually be a responsible community member. Let's protect your neighbours, seniors and those who are struggling in the area.

The damage you are doing to your own reputation and your economic future will be felt for many years to come. Who wants to live, work, visit or play in a city that thinks they are above the rules?

Kathy Peters,  
Morden

## > CANTELON, FROM PG. 8

You may not be able to afford an electric or hybrid vehicle but you can recycle. You do what you can. This is enormous. It is helpful. It is heading in the right direction and not stagnant.

Each of us have different capacities depending upon things like resources, location, etc. In the face of evil it is okay to do what you can and to do so without guilt.

# Genesis House launches men's program

## Reaching out to men a key piece of the puzzle: Braun

By Ashleigh Viveiros

A generous donation has allowed the Genesis House shelter for abused women and their children to address a key piece of the domestic violence puzzle.

The shelter has launched a new men's program, hiring a full-time coordinator who will oversee the return of the Caring Dads program and also offer individual and group counselling for men who have self-identified as using violence/abuse in a relationship or who have been recipients of abusive behaviour.

It's a big step for the women's shelter, but one that's long overdue, said executive director Ang Braun.

"Most of the time, women are saying, 'What about my husband?' because they want them to get help," she said, noting many victims of domestic abuse do return to the relationship in the hopes things will change. "So part of us keeping women safe is listening to that message and then figuring out, well, what about the husbands? How can we reach them?"

To that end, Genesis House in 2019 hosted its first Caring Dads session, aimed at men who were interested in being accountable for their past behaviours and in learning new behaviours that would strengthen their family unit.

It's about interrupting the cycle of violence, Braun said, and the new men's program coordinator is going to play a vital role in helping families do that.

"Prior to this program, there wasn't a lot of specific referrals we could make, until they got themselves into fairly hot water, ending up in trouble with the police and in court ... but most women don't want it to get that far," she said. "So what would happen if we had an intervention program that was voluntary, no charge, long before it got to that point? That's what we're hoping for with this."

Similar intervention programs in other areas have shown that men who participate are much less likely to re-offend.

The problem has long been that there was no funding to make a program like this happen locally. The money Genesis House receives from the provincial government is specifically dedicated to working only with the victims of domestic violence, not the perpetrators, so funding for this pilot project has to come from an outside source.

That source appeared this summer, when a donor contacted the shelter to make a \$40,000 gift that she ultimately decided to designate for this use. This, along with other fundraising efforts and new grants from the province, makes it possible to run the men's program for at least two years.

"At some point we will be calling on the community to say, hey, this program is taking off and we would like your support to make sure it can stay," Braun noted. "We're really hopefully that this will be valuable for families."

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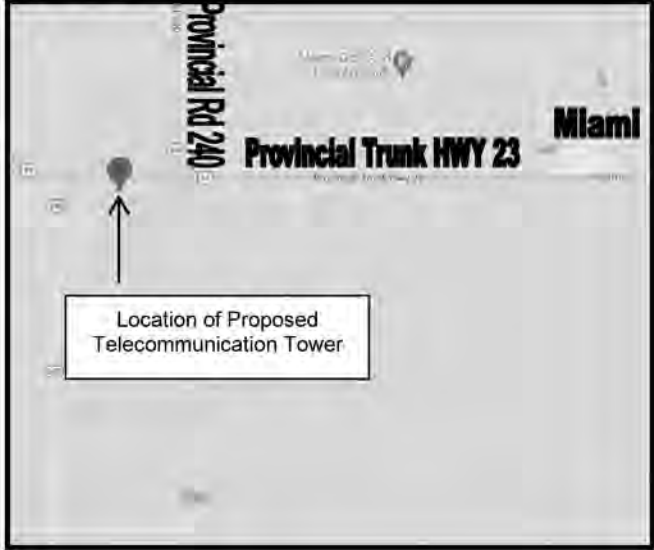
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# Memorial park grateful for community support

By Voice staff

Darlingford Memorial Park committee members Lois Dudgeon, Wilf Klippenstein, and Jo-Anne Robbins recently accepted a donation from BSI reps Griffin McLean and Virginia Halabecki (see photo at left).

BSI's generosity, alongside the Military Memorial Conservation Grant from the provincial government's Historical Resources Branch and support from the Thomas Sill Foundation in 2021, allowed the committee to put funds towards the iron fence cement pillars, chapel cedar shakes as well as the "Lest We Forget" in-ground memorial sign.

This follows up on restoration work done the previous year on the chapel thanks to support once again from the Province of Manitoba and the Pembina Manitou Area Foundation.

The committee sends its thanks out to the community for its support of the memorial.

While this year's July memorial service had to be held virtually, plans are in the works for the 100th anniversary celebration to be held in 2022.

Donations are gratefully accepted year round towards yearly expenses and income tax receipts will be issued. Donations can be mailed to: RR 1, Box 46, Darlingford, MB, R0G 0L0.

# Some local families getting mixed signals

By Lorne Stelmach

COVID cases associated with local schools have been on the rise, and so too has been some uncertainty about what that means for households and close contacts.

Concerns were raised by local parents last week about inconsistent messaging around what is supposed to be stricter household self-isolation rules in Southern Health compared to the rest of the province. The region has lower vaccination rates and is seeing climbing case counts of late.

The direction from public health has been that household members of symptomatic people need to self-isolate until the sick person tests negative, but some Morden-Winkler parents have reported they've received conflicting information, in some cases hearing from contact tracers that they can send non-symptomatic siblings back to school.

A request for comment from the province on this confusion stated simply that contact tracers and public health officials should all be aware of the isolation rules for the region and advising families accordingly. Anyone with questions is directed to the province's website outlining the self-isolation guidelines (<https://www.gov.mb.ca/covid19/testing/monitoring/close-contacts.html>).

Chief provincial public health officer Dr. Brent Roussin also touched on the issue as part of the weekly COVID update last Wednesday.

"We try to provide a consistent message. Sometimes the message might

be different depending on the situation," he said.

"A positive case within a home almost always is going to need the household members to isolate unless they're fully vaccinated," Roussin explained. "Right now, especially in the Southern Health region ... if someone is ill at home, we want everyone to be isolating until a negative result comes back.

"What we're trying to do is really stop those transmission chains, and this is just one way of doing that."

As of Monday, provincial data cited 997 cases associated with schools since Sept. 7, including 850 involving students and 138 involving staff. There has been 263 schools with one or more cases.

Several Morden-Winkler schools have made that list, including, just within the two weeks prior to Nov.

9, 15 cases at École Morden Middle School, four at Minnewasta, two at Morden Collegiate, one at Maple Leaf, eight at Pine Ridge, six at Winkler Elementary, five at Prairie Dale, four at Garden Valley Collegiate, two each at J.R. Walkof Southwood, and one each at Parkland, Emerado, and Northlands Parkway Collegiate.

The province's direction online for those identified as close contacts of someone who has COVID-19 requires

that person, unless otherwise exempt (i.e.: fully vaccinated or had COVID within the past six months and are not showing symptoms) to self-isolate for 10 days from the time they were exposed. Household members in these cases do not need to self-isolate as long as you or they do not have symptoms of COVID-19.

Meanwhile, letters sent home to local parents have addressed some of the other household self-isolation or quarantine requirements in Southern Health, including:

- Household members of symptomatic people need to self-isolate until the symptomatic individual tests negative. If not tested, household members should self-isolate or quarantine for the same period as the symptomatic person.

- Fully vaccinated people with two doses or recently infected (within six months)

people are exempt from the above requirement.

- Asymptomatic designated workers who are not fully vaccinated but are part of a regular rapid testing program are also exempt. If the worker has symptoms or if there is a close contact in the household that has symptoms, the exemption does not apply.

- All individuals exempt from self-isolation requirements should continue to self-monitor for symptoms and

isolate immediately if any develop and go for testing.

When questioned whether further and more strict measures may be needed, especially in Southern Health, Roussin repeated the message that they have always sought to find a balance, given the importance of having kids in school

"There's been targeted places where we've had remote learning have to occur where we have the outbreaks, and we'll continue to follow that," he maintained. "We just know there's a huge impact in sending kids home from school and so we have to balance it."

Increasing cases in school age children goes hand in hand with high levels of community transmission overall, Roussin pointed out.

He also acknowledged concerns around such factors as lower testing and absenteeism without positive tests in that it "impairs public health's ability to be able to manage things and know and have enhanced surveillance on sites to how to manage things.

"It's difficult to know precisely where people are acquiring it ... in schools, we have such a controlled scenario there that we're able to have a pretty good judge of whether there's transmission occurring there," said Roussin. "Testing is always an option ... it is another tool in the toolbox. It's something that we do consider, but it's not the only measure that we need ... what we really need to do is reduce that transmission."

**"IF SOMEONE IS ILL AT HOME, WE WANT EVERYONE ISOLATING UNTIL A NEGATIVE RESULT COMES BACK."**

# SSMA launches fall tree sale

By Lorne Stelmach

If the level of interest last year is any indication, Richard Warkentin might expect to be selling a huge amount of trees again this year.

The technician with the Stanley Soil Management Association (SSMA) is preparing for what he thinks may be another successful fall tree sale by the organization.

"There's always been good uptake ... but last year, actually, there was big uptake. We sold over 18,000 trees just last year," he noted last week as the annual campaign got underway.

"People seem to be interested in planting ... so I think it is a good program. I think everybody's happy with it."

SSMA took up the initiative in 2014 after the former research facility based in Indian Head, Saskatchewan shut down the year before.

Without having that source of free trees, the association here decided to take it on and began selling trees they were able to access from various sup-

pliers at a reasonable price.

A large amount of the trees are being sold to rural landowners and farmers, Warkentin noted.

"The RM of Stanley is also kind of hopping on board a bit. They are offering a small rebate to people in the RM of Stanley who plant, and these are for field shelterbelts," he said.

The association has also had interest from all directions beyond the region, such as Selkirk, Emerson, and Cartwright.

It works in partnership and with the support of the Pembina Valley Watershed District. Warkentin sees it as a benefit to both organizations.

"We did a lot of specialty ordering ... there were about 20 different kinds of trees that we supplied," he said. "We're very encouraged to have such a good response."

The trees and shrubs that are available are conservation grade bare root or one year plugs depending on the variety, and they are available to any private landowners, community or conservation group.



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The Stanley Soil Management Association in partnership with the Pembina Valley Watershed District is once again offering rural landowners and farmers affordable trees to plant, to be delivered next spring.

Trees must be ordered in bundles of 25. The price varies according to number of bundles ordered: 1-5 for \$90; 6-10 for \$85; 11-15 for \$78, 16-20 for \$75, and 21 or more for \$70. There is a 10 per cent increase in price for orders placed after the Dec. 18 deadline.

Payment must be included with order and may be made by cash, cheque

or e-transfer.

Trees can be picked up next spring (likely early May) at either the watershed's offices in Manitou or SSMA's facility in Osterwick, although special delivery arrangements may be made for larger orders.

Order forms are available through the association by calling 204-362-0352 or e-mail to stanleysoil@outlook.com or the watershed district at 204-242-3267 or email to pvwd@mtmail.ca

## All Manitobans now eligible for third dose of COVID-19 vaccine

By Ashleigh Viveiros

All Manitobans age 18 and up are now eligible to receive a third dose of the COVID-19 vaccine, as long as six months has passed since their second dose.

Public health officials announced the expansion in access last week, but noted their recommendation is focused on those who are at an increased risk of serious illness from COVID-19, their caregivers, and close contacts.

"While this third dose is now an option to all adults who are at least six months past their second dose, I want to be clear that from a public health perspective there are some groups of people where we would go one step further to actually recommend that booster," said Dr. Joss Reimer, medical lead of the province's vaccination task force.

Manitobans over the age of 70, peo-

ple who are immunocompromised, Indigenous people, people with certain chronic health conditions, and frontline health-care workers should all seriously consider the booster shot, she said.

Most health-care workers, Reimer noted, received their first COVID-19 vaccination at the start of the year, which means their level of protection may have naturally waned somewhat since.

"This doesn't mean that health-care workers have no protection after six months, but their bodies, their immune system, their ability to fight off the virus could benefit from a boost once they hit that six month mark," she said.

Third doses can be booked at any location that offers the COVID-19 vaccine.

Most people are required to have six months between the second and third dose, but there are a few cases where

people who are moderately to severely immunocompromised or who require another dose for travel may be able to get it earlier. A prescription from a doctor is required for an earlier dose.

If you're not sure when the date of your last immunization was, you can check it out online at <https://www.gov.mb.ca/covid19/vaccine/immunizationrecord/residents.html#immunization-records/>.

Even as third doses start to roll out in Manitoba, Reimer stressed the importance of the first and second shot of the vaccine for those who have not yet been immunized.

"Our top priority remains to immunize everyone who has yet to receive their first and second doses, because we know that the largest increase in protection comes from that primary series."

### > RESTRICTIONS, FROM PG. 7

"These orders will continue to allow fully vaccinated Manitobans to enjoy as much freedom and as few restrictions as possible while unvaccinated individuals will continue to be restricted in their activities in order to reduce transmission and, really, that risk.

"These are our fellow Manitobans

that are falling ill, being admitted to ICU, unfortunately some still dying, and the more that we can get vaccinated, the more that the unvaccinated are limited in the interaction amongst others, the more Manitobans we're going to protect from COVID."

If these measures are not effective

in bringing cases down, health officials may have to reintroduce wider restrictions for all Manitobans, vaccinated people included.

"If we continue to see strain on our health-care system, further steps may be required," said Roussin.

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# Falk Fehr Fdn. gives back

By Lorne Stelmach

Three local organizations are benefitting from the Falk Fehr Foundation's summer fundraiser.

The proceeds from the Hockey Champions charity golf tournament Aug. 20 at the Winkler Centennial Golf Course were presented Monday to the Eden Foundation, Canadian Tire Jumpstart, and Winkler Bible Camp.

The \$50,000 was divvied up with Eden receiving \$25,000 and Jumpstart and the bible camp each getting \$12,500, and it felt rewarding for Eric Fehr, Justin Falk, and Marlin Froese to be able to support the three organizations.

The Falk Fehr Foundation was started to give back to the Winkler and the surrounding community.

"This is a big day for us," said Fehr. "We're very grateful for the support and the help we've received from our golf tournament and excited to pass along the funds to some worthy causes."

The Falk Fehr Foundation aims to improve the quality of life in the Winkler and surrounding area, and Fehr said the three organizations represent their mission and values.

He said they especially wanted to support mental health, but it also was important to support something like Jumpstart to give everybody an opportunity to play sport and something like the camp that helps people become leaders.

"We want to give everybody an opportunity to succeed," said Fehr.

"This is an example of what the shape of hope looks like," said Earl Reimer, director of development for the Eden Foundation.

He said the support will go a long way to helping provide a greater sense of healing and community for people on a mental health journey, whether it is through supporting personal counselling, boosting supports, or aiding program development.

If it costs perhaps about a \$100 to get a kid enrolled in a sport, this support could help provide opportunities for over a hundred kids, noted Glenn McLean, regional manager for Canadian Tire Jumpstart Charities.

"It's going to play a huge role in giving more kids access to sport and recreation opportunities that they wouldn't otherwise have," he said.

"The money is allocated to the local chapter," McLean added. "It will go to help kids within the Pembina Valley chapter."

Winkler Bible Camp representatives could not be reached for comment at press time.

Fehr said it felt good for them to be able to give back to the community that did so much to support them during their professional hockey careers.

"This city is just so giving and so caring. It's just amazing how much they can help with an event like this," he concluded. "I've always said I could feel the support from Winkler. It didn't matter what city I was playing in; I could feel the support from home. It's important for us now to come back to the city and give back."



Falk Fehr Foundation reps Justin Falk, Marlin Froese, and Eric Fehr presented the proceeds from their 2021 golf tournament on Monday. Above: The trio with the Eden Foundation's Earl Reimer and Myra Peters from the Winkler Community Foundation. Below: With Jumpstart's David Dunseath (far left) and Glenn McLean.



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## Suspect arrested in Winkler stabbing

By Voice staff

A 23-year-old man from Winkler was arrested Sunday in connection to a stabbing that took place at a local motel.

Winkler Police were called to the motel at approximately 4:35 a.m. where they found a 48-year-old man suffering from multiple stab wounds. The suspect had fled from the scene.

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# Backyard rinks a no-go in Morden this winter

## Extreme drought conditions mean you can't use city water to flood them

By Lorne Stelmach

If backyard rinks are going to be a popular draw again this winter, it will be more challenging to do them in Morden.

With extreme drought conditions persisting, the city is asking residents not to use the city water supply for making outdoor rinks. Even though water use obviously does go down in the winter months, Morden remains in a position where conservation needs to continue to be a priority.

"If we could save even more than our normal usage in winter, that will be helpful, so we need that," said Santokh Singh Randhawa, deputy city manager of operations for the City of Morden.

The current lake level had been at 11.5 feet below full supply level, but it is expected that would be further depleting at a rate of about a foot per

month, he noted.

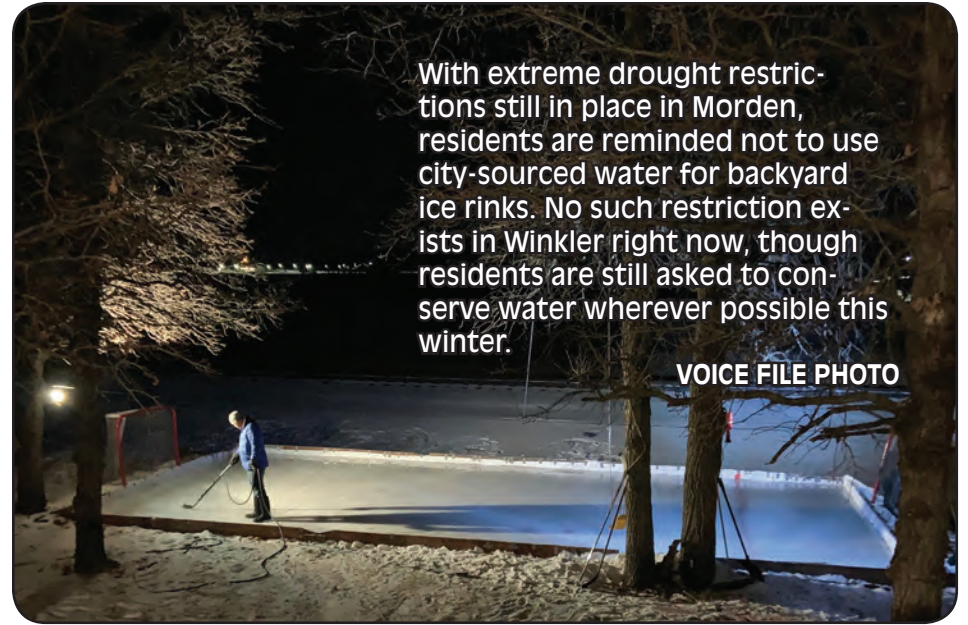
"We have about five months ahead of us where there will be no inflow into the lake until March or April, so that means that by close to the end of this winter, the lake level will go down to about 16 to 17 feet below the full supply level," said Randhawa.

Consider then as well that ice will perhaps take up another two to three feet, he added.

"So that means we would be very close to our intake level, which is at 23 feet below the full supply level."

While continuing to stress the need for conservation, the city also continues to pursue other measures and is working closely with the Pembina Valley Water Co-op (PVWC), noted Randhawa.

"We are working on a new booster station to pump more water from the PVWC, and that is a joint effort between PVWC, City of Morden and



With extreme drought restrictions still in place in Morden, residents are reminded not to use city-sourced water for backyard ice rinks. No such restriction exists in Winkler right now, though residents are still asked to conserve water wherever possible this winter.

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Manitoba Water Services Board ... but that station won't be ready until February.

"So these are the reasons we are still asking people to conserve more and try to conserve as much as we can," said Randhawa. "Even the forecast for this winter and next summer, I believe, the predictions are that the drought may persist."

Meanwhile, the situation is somewhat different in the City of Winkler, where conservation is still encouraged where possible but not as urgent as in Morden.

"We're now in moderate drought level two ... so outdoor leisure use is a voluntary reduction under that level,"

said city manager Jody Penner. "We're looking at outdoor rinks as something that would be a voluntary reduction."

"The other thing for us is that in past winters we haven't seen a huge uptake in water usage because of outdoor rinks; certainly not the way we do with, for example, pool filling season. It's not anywhere equivalent to that," he continued.

"So we were thinking it wouldn't be a big strain, and we're not going to restrict that this winter," said Penner. "Even residential indoor use is still considered a voluntary reduction under this level ... but we're still asking people to do their best to conserve water."

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The Pembina Valley Hawks hockey team were put to work at the Morden McDonald's on Saturday in support of Ronald McDonald House.

# Hawks help out at Morden McDonald's

By Lorne Stelmach

A rare weekend off gave the male U18 Pembina Valley Hawks an opportunity for some team bonding.

It was also a chance for them to give back to the community as the Hawks took part in a fundraiser at the Morden McDonald's location in support of Ronald McDonald House.

The players were there over the lunch hour to not only help out in the restaurant but also hand out colouring books and balloons to children. McDonald's also teamed up with multiple local businesses for a prize raffle.

It was a good opportunity for the players, especially given team events in the community have largely not been possible throughout the pandemic.

"It feels good to help out the community and helping others ... with COVID, we can't do too much, so this is nice to hang out with the boys and help the community," said forward Cohen Thomas. "It's good to bring the

boys together."

"It's good team bonding, and it's good to have all the guys out at one event ... it's for a good cause, so we're happy to be here," said fellow forward Carter Sotheran. "This is a special moment for us, so we're just going to take it all and enjoy it ... we felt we could do something for the community."

It was unfortunate the poor weather may have dissuaded some people from coming out, but McDonald's guest experience support manager Carter Wiebe said it was a good time for everyone who did.

"It was fun to get local businesses on board with our fundraiser. The community support we have in this area is just wonderful," he said. "I think it was a fantastic way for us and the Hawks to give back to the community that has helped support us. Without the support of this community, we would have nothing and this is the least we could do."

"Thanks to everyone for taking the time to come out and visit us during this fundraiser."



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## > STABBING, FROM PG. 12

Police administered first aid to the victim until paramedics from Boundary Trails Health Centre arrived and transported the man to hospital.

While helping the victim, police were dispatched to a report of a male acting suspicious at a nearby gas station. Based on the investigation to this point, police believed this suspicious person to be the suspect in the stabbing.

Officers responded to the gas station and took

an adult male into custody in relation to the stabbing.

The man will be charged with aggravated assault and two counts of failing to comply with a release order. He remained in custody on Monday.

Police say the victim and the accused were known to each other.



# COMMUNITY NEWS



## 'Follow the Farmers' educating kids about agriculture in MB

Virtual farm tours have proven to be a hit for Agriculture in the Classroom MB

By Lorne Stelmach

A new program is bringing farming and agriculture to classrooms across the province at a time when getting students out to a farm is just not possible.

The Follow the Farmers virtual farm tour program is a way for Agriculture in the Classroom Manitoba to still give Grade 3-6 students the opportunity to learn about farming, ask questions, and increase their overall agricultural literacy.

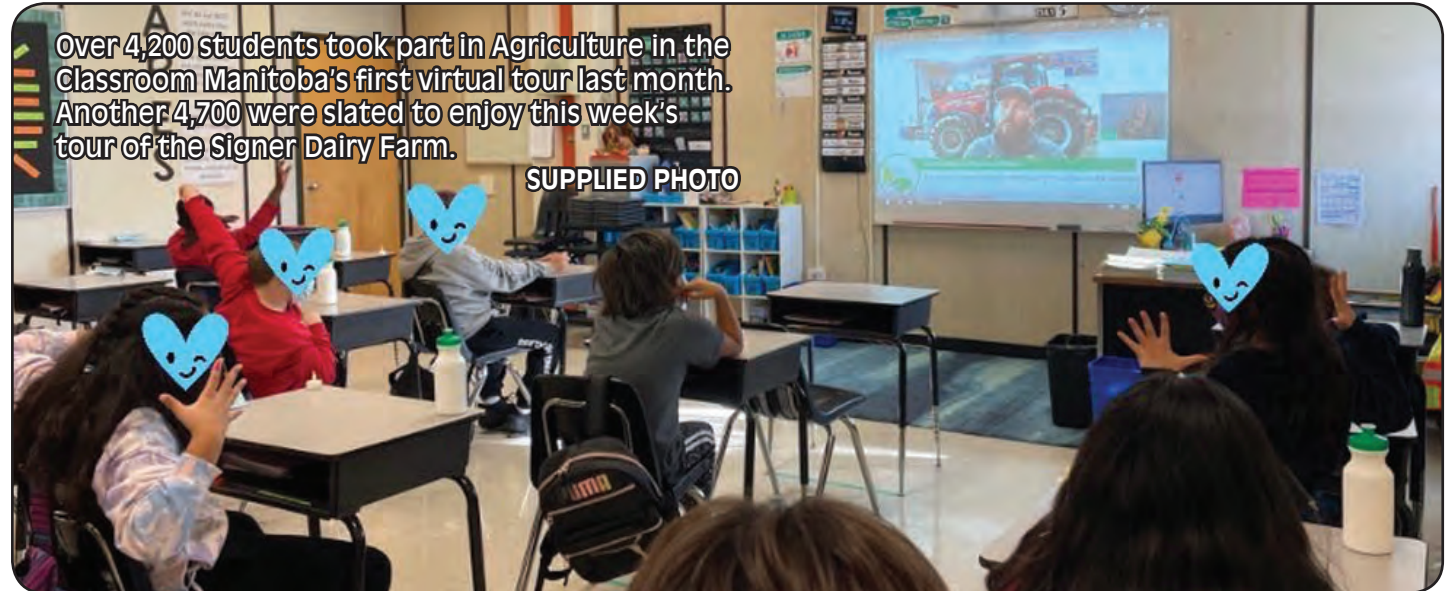
"Nothing will replace the in-person visits, the in-person field trips and programming that we do," said executive director Sue Clayton. "But during COVID, we tested out virtual farm tours in the spring and it went over really well. The students were able to see what was happening on the farm, they were able to ask questions live with the farmer, and we had classrooms from all over the province."

Agriculture in the Classroom Manitoba is a non-profit organization dedicated to developing curriculum-linked programs, resources, and activities for teachers and students to learn more about the importance of agriculture in Manitoba.

It envisions a future where every student knows where and how their food is grown, every teacher has the tools to inspire tomorrow's innovators, consumers and decision-makers, and every Manitoban understands the issues and challenges our province's largest industry faces in its efforts to nourish the world safely and sustainably.

Their ultimate goal is to reach into every classroom in Manitoba, said Clayton, so the virtual tours are a great way to work towards that aim.

Coming on board as an important partner was Penner Farm Services, which has paid for all of the professional video production for the program.



"They were so excited to be part of this ... that type of offer was really amazing, and it made it possible for us," Clayton said.

"It's so important to teach kids where their food comes from ... that's why we're so happy to partner on this program to help bring the farm to students and really show them what agriculture is all about," said Ashley Graye of Penner Farm Services.

The virtual tours began Oct. 26 with a visit to Herbsigwil Farms to learn about how weather impacts farming

This Wednesday, Nov. 17, the second tour stop was Signer Dairy Farm, where the students learned about dairy cows and their habitat.

Planned for the new year are visits to Blue Ribbon Swine and Prairie View Pork and the sheep farm Dusty Ridge Ranch.

Each tour will also have a curriculum-linked activity or resource for the teachers to use along with a lesson plan to bring it all together.

Clayton is encouraged by the strong initial response to this program.

"The number of students who are being exposed to this is absolutely fantastic. The weather event had over 4,200 students registered ... and for the dairy event, we had over 4,700 students registered," she noted. "So the impact is absolutely terrific, and the feedback has been really, really positive ... so we believe it will just keep getting better and better."

She believes it is of real benefit not only to the students but also the farms

as well.

"I believe that the farmers find it useful and that they are really engaged with the students, and they are able to help educate a lot of students about what is happening on a farm and where their food comes from."

And she added it increasingly benefits rural as well as urban students.

"More and more, even in rural com-

munities, the students are not as exposed to what actually happens on a farm," Clayton suggested.

"It was surprising to me when I first started doing this kind of work, to be standing in a classroom, and you could have 30 students in a classroom, and there's a field of canola outside

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# Spotlight on Indigenous art at PHAC for Nov., Dec.

By Lorne Stelmach

The first of two shows this month and in December at the Pembina Hills Gallery tie together as an exhibition series organized by the local Truth and Action Working Group.

The artwork that makes up the shows offer a striking contrast in media and approach while still being connected under the group's mission of helping build greater awareness around Indigenous issues.

"I just really hope that people go to take a look at it and learn from a different perspective," said Tammy Hendrickx, who helped co-ordinate the exhibits.

"I'm taking this opportunity to fit as much in these two months as possible because this is such a great chance for us," she said. "It's a great opportunity for Morden to see something that's different ... these artists are very well known in Winnipeg."

The exhibit on now at the gallery in downtown Morden features both Landscapes of Resiliency by Vanda

Fleury-Green as well as My Medicine by Lita Fontaine.

Fontaine is both an art educator and visual artist including having served as artist in residence in Seven Oaks School Division for two decades, and she loves that a big part of her work revolves around integrating art experience into the curriculum.

"I have the best job in the world ... it's not every day that you get to play and make art and be with the kids. You know kids love art, and I get to experience their excitement about it."

She had always been drawn to art since her childhood. Growing with nine siblings, she had to get creative without much money, so she would, for example, make doll dresses from the remnants of their own home sewn clothing.

"Or there were times we would buy boxes of apples ... I used them to make my doll houses," she added.

"So I've always had those creative urges," said Fontaine, who has become increasingly concerned with environmental issues, with one large-



Lita Fontaine with a few of the pieces she has on display at the Morden gallery this month.

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format photographic work featured in Resilience, a group exhibition showcasing art by 50 Indigenous women on outdoor billboards across Canada.

At one time, she did a lot of collage and mixed media work and she has still done some sewing of traditional dresses, but the common denominator is that her art is very connected to her Indigenous identity.

"My culture definitely first and foremost inspires me and is integrated into my work, and that's just innate ... I come from a very creative culture where we have lots of dance and music and all art forms," she said. "Wherever I'm drawn at the time, I'll experiment with it, and if something neat

comes out of it then I'm happy."

It was while devoting a lot of time to a brother with cancer and with time on her hands over the past year that she was led to the work that forms most of this current exhibit, which features shiny, colourful circular pieces.

"I needed to do something to keep my mind off the situation, so I started creating these wheels," said Fontaine.

"I always had this notion of making medicine wheels ... it's always been in my life; it's been integrated in my life. I just decided to make them now as my way of processing what was happening in my life.

"As a visual artist, I wanted to get

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out of the box ... so when I saw these wheels, I thought that was a good way to get out of it," she continued. "And when I make a wheel, I try to put this energy into it, and I like sparkles, and I like colour, and I like found objects ... whatever I need to do to make that beauty.

She has a couple thoughts about what she hopes people take away from the exhibit.

"Everybody experiences art differently. I would like people to see that, as a nation, we're not stuck in a box," said Fontaine. "I want them to just see its beauty and appreciate what's in front of them. And as an Indigenous woman, I always grew up thinking that I was not appreciated, and if people in turn can appreciate what I make, then that makes me feel good and helps me heal."



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Also on display at the Pembina Hills Art Gallery is Vanda Fleury-Green's Landscapes of Resiliency show. Green (right) says her work strives to articulate her connection to the land.

Meanwhile, the other part of the exhibit features a combination of digital photography and mixed media.

Vanda Fleury-Green is a Métis woman from the prairies of western Manitoba, and she articulates her connection to land and experience through her artwork.

Vanda's story work approach blends Indigenous voices and community narratives with digital, record and object literacy.

Her display features a series of land-based photo narratives and multi-dimensional window arrangements that also have original bricks from the grounds of residential schools interspersed in the display.

"Window as metaphor is powerful theme, as is the shattered glass inte-



grated throughout," she writes on her website. "Each brick is foundational in symbolizing the diverse experiences and voices of Indigenous people across our nations. The mirror centred in the original frame from Birtle challenges each of us to reflect on the legacy of residential schools and to know our colonial history. By design, it is a story about stories.

"I am also concerned with the resignification of space through the lens as I locate my grandpa Fred as a survivor of Lebret residential school," Fleury-Green noted. "I frame my family narratives through a story work approach to remind us of the fine details embedded in land, in memory, in art, in our identities. The roots of our kinship are grounded resiliency; they run deeper than injustice."

Hendrickx is excited to bring the two artists together but especially to feature the work of Fontaine, who has been a friend for years.

"I've just followed her art and her ideas and just learnt a lot from her," she said. "Her work is so colourful, bright and kind of hopeful."

And she first encountered the work of Fleury-Green a few years ago as part of a reconciliation themed art show in Winnipeg.

"It always looks different in a different environment," Hendrickx suggested. "I had just kept her in mind because I thought it was such a great exhibit, and you can learn so much from seeing it ... it's so thoughtful.

"[This show is] a chance to get to know our neighbours ... and we don't often see this rurally," she said. "They were pretty excited about having the opportunity to have a show here."

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the window, and maybe five out of the 30 students know what it is.

"So much industry is still so connected to agriculture, but the students don't tend to see that," Clayton said. "A lot of them don't live on a farm, they don't have relatives who farm ... so we find, interestingly enough, that just because it's a rural area doesn't mean necessarily that the kids know a lot about the agriculture industry ... and one in eight jobs in Canada are directly linked to agriculture.

"That's part of the whole educational aspect of what we do ... making sure that they understand the opportunities that are available."

Clayton sees the program continuing; they are already in discussion for the next couple of years.

"I think next year our focus will be on crops, and this year the focus was on weather and animals," she said.

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# Your FARM



## Woodlands' Current Holsteins farm earns BMO Farm Family Award

By Patricia Barrett

A farm family from Woodlands was honoured last month with a 2020 BMO Farm Family Award for their dedication to agriculture.

Darren Hueging and Allison Pylypjuk and their three children, Jocelyn, 8, Myers, 7, and Madden Hueging, 6, operate a dairy and beef farm called Current Holsteins near Woodlands. They milk 72 purebred Holstein cows and have about 150 beef cattle.

Last March, the family was supposed to receive the award during the 2020 Royal Manitoba Winter Fair, but the event was canceled because of COVID-19. So instead, they were presented with the Bank of Montreal's award on Oct. 27 during the Manitoba Ag Ex event in Brandon.

"It was a surprise for us when we received a phone call saying we had won," said Pylypjuk, who in addition

to farming is a veterinarian. "Somebody had nominated us for the award and a selection committee picked us based on criteria such as environmental sustainability and volunteer work in the community and in the ag industry."

Their children are actively involved in the farm operation, keeping it running smoothly and on schedule. They even own a few cattle.

"They're unbelievable. I can ask them to finish up in the calf barn and they know that means getting water, feeding them hay and washing bottles," said Pylypjuk. "They are a huge help. They're in the barn with us every day."

This year, Manitoba's severe drought was a challenge, she said, forcing them to buy hay for their animals. To save their pastures from over-grazing, they had to sell some of their beef cat-



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Darren Hueging, Allison Pylypjuk and their children Jocelyn, Myers and Madden Hueging earned a 2020 BMO Farm Family Award for their dedication to the agriculture industry.

tle about two months ahead of schedule. They also had a well dug and ran

pipes to a few different pastures to get clean water to their cattle.

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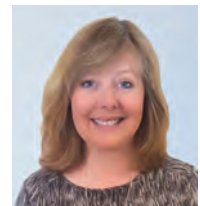
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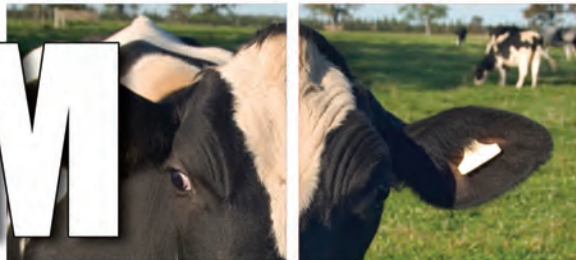


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# Your FARM



## Crop contracts can be beneficial; some companies offer the Act of God clause

By Patricia Barrett

Some Prairie farmers are calling for an overhaul of crop contracts offered by grain companies after hundreds of them reportedly couldn't deliver the yields they promised because of severe drought and are on the hook for the balance of their contract.

But one Municipality of Bifrost-Riverton grain producer said crop contracts are typically beneficial as they more often than not offer farmers higher prices in the spring for the crops they expect to deliver in the fall.

"Farmers will make a contract in the springtime for a fall delivery for a decent price. Crop prices historically drop by fall time, so these guys are taking advantage of that higher price offered by a grain company," said Gordon Klym, who farms near Ledwyn, west of Riverton.

But this year's weather turned everything on its head. He said that many farmers who obtained low yields or

no crops are expected to shell out money to honour their contracts. He personally wasn't negatively affected by contracts, but is aware of a number of farmers who have to pay out a substantial amount of money to fulfil their legal obligation. That includes farmers in Alberta where he heard some owe around \$100,000 on their contract.

"I guess it depends on which side of the fence you're on. It never affected me. This year the price went up but there were no crops, so a lot of people are stuck with their contract and they've got no choice but to buy that contract out," said Klym. "Grain companies, on the other side of the fence, make their sales based on [the amount promised in] these contracts, so you can't really blame them."

Grain yields fluctuate from year to year, said Klym. It depends on weather and other factors such as disease and insects. Grain companies aren't

necessarily the bad guy for having offered farmers a contract in the spring of this year, the third year of Manitoba's drought.

"It was dry all right last year, but we did get a really decent crop. Guys that had contracts last year didn't have bin space. But this year, we didn't get the crops we hoped for and had lots of bin space," said Klym. "This year is a total reversal from last year."

To a certain extent crop insurance will help those who have it, he said, but it's not the answer to paying off a contract.

What would help is grain companies forgiving a contract or rolling it over to next year.

But if grain companies were to start forgiving contracts, Klym said that might lead to instability in the system. The companies themselves have an obligation to deliver a set amount of grain to their buyers. If farmers can't fulfil their contract, the grain company has to solicit farmers without contracts to see if they can make up the shortfall. That could mean having to pay even more for a crop.

"Every farmer would be making a contract if they knew they could just jump out of it a couple of months down the road," said Klym. "A contract is a contract; you have to live up to it or you have to buy it out. Or you can look for a contract with a clause in it that says if [low or no yield] is the result of an Act of God, the farmer is forgiven."

Bunge, an international company that has an office in Altona, is one company that has an Act of God clause in its contract, said Klym. He's not sure whether other grain companies offer similar clauses to protect farmers when excessive heat, drought or

other disasters affect yields and prevent them from delivering what their contract stipulates.

Grain companies likely suffer a financial penalty if they can't deliver to their buyers, he said. Or their reputation would surely take a hit.

"Who's going to come back and buy from that company again if they can't deliver what they said they would?" said Klym.

The *Voice* reached out to Paterson Grain for comment about contracts and to Bunge for information about its Act of God clause. Neither company responded.

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## > BMO FARM FAMILY AWARD, FROM PG. 19

Darren Hueging said part of the award recognized their environmental sustainability efforts. The family practises rotational grazing so that they don't overtax their pastures, and also plants forage crops such as a grass-alfalfa mix. Forage crops help prevent soil erosion and soil compaction, help improve the condition, and provide food for animals.

"We have forage crops every year. They didn't produce very well this year but we'll plant them again next year. With the dry conditions, we're rotating some of them a little bit sooner than we normally would," said Hueging. "We've had four drier years in a row now and this year was probably the driest, so some of those crops haven't yielded very well. We've taken some out of the rotation and are putting in spring cereals because they'll do better with less moisture."

His biggest concern going into next

year is the grasshoppers, which this year were "really bad and ate a lot of our grass before we were able to get the cows to it," he said.

Spraying wasn't an option for many reasons, including not knowing its impact on beneficial insects, having lots of trees and bush around small pastures, making it difficult to spray, and the short-duration of the insecticide (up to two weeks) and cost.

The Huegings are very involved in the agriculture community, volunteering on numerous organizations to help improve and promote their industry.

Hueging has been the president of the Interlake Holstein Dairy Club for over 10 years. He also sits on an agriculture diploma panel for the University of Manitoba's Faculty of Agriculture and Food Science and on a Dairy Farmers of Manitoba advisory committee, representing the interests of dairy farmers and helping the board

make policy decisions.

Pylypjuk has been active with the Manitoba Veterinary Medical Association for several years and is currently its president. She also participates on or chairs several of its committees including the Food Animal Committee, the Code of Ethics Committee and the Veterinary Shortage Committee.

"We deal with policy-making for the profession as well as policies for protecting the public," she said. "A huge issue we're dealing with right now is a veterinary shortage in the rural area. We're working on identifying ways to recruit veterinarians."

The profession is seeing a lot of burnout because rural vets are expected to be available at all hours, she said. They also work for less pay than other medical professions.

"In rural communities you may be the only vet around and it's hard to have a work-life balance when you're on call 24-7," said Pylypjuk. "It's especially hard for females with a family when they're on call all the time. We

also see death at a higher rate than human physicians do because it often comes down to whether people can afford certain veterinary care."

Hueging and Pylypjuk said it was a "special moment" for them to be recognized for all the "early mornings and late nights" that go into improving their farm operation and providing service to their industry. They also appreciated being invited to the in-person Farm Family Award presentation held in the stunning dome building (also known as the Dominion Display Building) on the Keystone Centre's grounds.

The award was a testament to their dedication to the ag industry.

"We feel very fortunate to be able to raise our children on a farm," said Pylypjuk. "Darren and I are both from dairy and beef farms, and we sure appreciate the work ethic our parents instilled in us. We feel very fortunate to raise our kids with those same values."



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# Grandeur's modular building methods helping northern communities



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By Lorne Stelmach

Grandeur Housing has played a role in providing safe shelter in an isolated Northern Ontario community.

The success of the project in Pikangikum First Nation could be opening up the potential for the Winkler manufacturer to be involved with other similar ventures, a company representative suggested last week.

"It's such a purposeful project, and we're grateful that we get to participate in it," said Gerry Leiding. "You notice even on the production side ... when there's something with this kind of purpose, they just seem to be even more engaged."

The remote community of around 4,000 residents about 230 kilometres north of Kenora has in the past experienced high suicide rates, and the

impact of issues like alcohol abuse was further worsened by a lack of housing and safe places for families facing such crises.

Now, it has the Pikangikum Community Safe House, a multi-unit facility designed to help those in the community with nowhere else to go.

The safe house for residents in crisis can house up to eight families and also includes a hotel with seven suites that can be used to house workers.

Leiding said it was a good experience for Grandeur to be part of the solution to meet a real need in the community.

"We helped with the design process ... they had the ideas, and Grandeur has the experience to help with the design so it can be put together," he said. "For us, with our years of experience and reputation, we can get in-

The Pikangikum First Nation has a new community safe house thanks to the modular construction work of Grandeur Housing, which was able to build the facility in Winkler and ship it to the remote northern Ontario community for assembly.

involved in all of the stages ... the drafting, the site crews, the early consults. We get to play a role in all aspects."

The modular housing approach worked well for this project, especially given its remote location that relies on winter roads for access, and there were, of course, other additional challenges as well.

"We battled through COVID, forest fires, and a short winter road season. All these things we had to deal with, and we did this in nine months," said Leiding.

"You can't site build things like this in that time period," he said, noting production work started here last October, and they were able to make it on to the winter roads in February.

"Once it's on site, we start the in-

stallation process," he said. "The challenge is the winter road season was very short ... it was a fairly tight time frame."

Leiding noted they have now learned of four more communities who are interested in something similar, and there is also work going ahead for an addition for a youth wellness centre to be added to the Pikangikum facility that should be going up there in the next winter road season.

It feels good for the company to be part of something that will have a meaningful impact on a community, he concluded.

"It was a huge success. There were bumps on the road but we were able to overcome them all, and we're very happy with it."

# Winkler council gives second reading to new zoning bylaw

By Lorne Stelmach

A revamp of the City of Winkler's zoning bylaw is largely aiming to simplify and streamline it all, Mayor Martin Harder said last week as it moved one step closer to final approval.

A public hearing before council at its Nov. 9 meeting drew no one to speak either for or against the bylaw, which as a result then received the second of three readings.

Harder suggested the lack of residents attending to speak out about the changes was a reflection of the fact the city aimed to engage the community in the review process.

"I would say people are reasonably happy with it," he said. "We were out

up front ... and asked for their input ... so the adjustments that could be made were able to be made up front."

Harder went on to touch on what he viewed as a few key aspects and aims of the zoning bylaw review.

"The purpose of the review was to streamline things a little bit more," he said. "It's going to make it easier for developers to come in to determine exactly where that building is going to go without needing to come in for a variation or rezoning ... that's a part of it."

"The other part of it is there's a lot of duplications, so it streamlines so that there's less areas that are zoned differently."

There was a specific intent to make

"THE PURPOSE OF THE REVIEW WAS TO STREAMLINE THINGS A LITTLE BIT MORE."

more room to allow duplexes and multiple family developments, he noted.

"The cost of housing is continuing to go up all the time. There's a lot of families who can't afford to move into their own home except if you do duplexes and that type of thing," Harder said. "It makes more room for that, and it makes room for adding multi-level."

Harder also noted how it ties in with the secondary plan that helps guide development on the periphery of Winkler.

"We always believed the city needs to grow from the inside out rather than having the outlying subdivisions, which are difficult to service and much more expensive to maintain,"

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# Humane society launches holiday supply drive

By Ashleigh Viveiros

The 12 Days of Christmas it ain't, but the Pembina Valley Humane Society has its own list of holiday gifts it's hoping for between now and Christmas.

The animal shelter is running its first Operation Santa Paws Nov. 20 to Dec. 18.

Organizers are aiming to stock the shelves with enough supplies to last them through 2022, including 600 cans wet cat food, 350 cans of wet dog food, 200 boxes/bags of clumping cat litter, 200 bottles of bleach, 25 bottles each of dish and laundry detergent, 20 boxes of compostable bags, and 15 jars of peanut butter

They're also accepting donations of dog toys, dog treats, cat treats, gloves, printer paper, and sticky notes.

"This past year was a challenging year for the PVHS," said public relations chair Holly Thorne. "We had a lot of medical and health issues to deal with, including an outbreak of ringworm in our cats, and working to contain it has depleted a lot of the supplies that were meant to last into 2022."

The shelter accepts donations year-round, but they hope people will especially keep them in mind as they do their holiday shopping over the next



few weeks.

"With the holidays just around the corner, people are going to be in stores and we're just encouraging people that when perhaps you see a discount on a box of kitty litter, think of the Pembina Valley Humane Society and grab a box," said Thorne.

Every item you donate gets your name on a ornament to be placed on the shelter's tree. They hope to have it covered in decorations by Christmas.

Thorne is feeling pretty confident the community will come through for them with this supply drive.

"These are numbers that we really hope don't include dealing with outbreaks at the shelter like we did this year," she noted, explaining the supply totals are tied to the number of animals the shelter cares for over the course of a normal year, including those in foster care.

"When we think about what sup-

plies we go through in a year, we don't want to think that it's too lofty a goal, but we haven't done this before," Thorne admitted. "This is something we're hoping will be front and centre in people's minds that they can help us with."

Every donation—large or small—takes a big load of the minds of the shelter's staff and volunteers.

"If we have these supplies, that's one less thing that we don't have to expend energy on trying to get ... we can be focusing our energies on the important things," Thorne said, including animal care, expansion of services, and educating people about the importance of spaying or neutering their pets.

Donations can be dropped off at the shelter in Morden (462 Jefferson St.) and a number of businesses, including the Winkler Collar Club, Flavors of Mexico, Frank + Olive, RuffMutts Morden, Eclipse Salon & Spa, and at Guest Services at CF Polo Park in Winnipeg.

If other local businesses are keen to put out a donation bin for the shelter, they can contact Thorne via email to [publicrelations@pvhsociety.ca](mailto:publicrelations@pvhsociety.ca) for more information.

You can also reach the shelter at 204-822-9413 or via email to [manager@pvhsociety.ca](mailto:manager@pvhsociety.ca)

## Changes made to residential, commercial, and industrial development

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he said. "We're allowing the centre to grow out, and it's becoming easier to service and in fact using existing services to be able to accommodate the developments that are taking place."

A report presented at council highlighted some of the key changes in relation to the different areas of development:

### Residential

- Two-unit dwellings permitted in the residential lower density zone to promote housing choice and affordability.
- Reduction in minimum areas and widths for single-unit and multi-unit dwellings to promote density and affordability.
- Added accessory secondary suites with parking, height and setback requirements to ensure privacy.
- Slight reduction to side yard minimums when located on a corner lot.

### Commercial

- Simplified most commercial uses to retail small and retail large.
- Reduction in minimum parcel size for commercial highway uses for more flexibility.
- Simplified commercial landscaping and screening standards.
- Removed off-street parking minimum requirements for most uses in the downtown/commercial central zone.
- Single-unit dwellings permitted as an accessory use in the downtown/commercial central zone.

### Industrial

- Simplified most industrial uses to light industrial and heavy industrial.
- Simplified industrial landscaping and screening standards.
- Slight increase to rear yard setback minimums to provide additional space between different industrial land uses.

Other key changes include:

- Updated zoning map to reflect updated zones.
- Removal of most spot zones or zones created for a single purpose or parcel.
- Newly added and revised definitions
- Updated provisions that are currently causing variance and conditional use applications.
- Simplified permit and development application requirements.

The results of a community survey showed at least 45 per cent of 28 respondents were supportive of overall direction and proposed changes to the bylaw. Another 40 per cent were uncertain and 15 per cent did not support it.

A selection of comments highlighted in the report offered some of the thoughts of Winkler residents:

"Winkler needs less infill, we do not need smaller lots ... we do not need more multi-unit buildings in the older part of Winkler. There needs to be a more cohesive plan regarding multi-

unit dwellings. Focus on redeveloping older areas of Winkler."

"Encourage dense residential and take into account walkability when approving future residential developments."

"There are way too many multi-family homes/condos in Winkler. Is the idea to destroy all single family homes or just make them unaffordable?"

"I am excited to hear that you are promoting higher density residential zones. Affordable housing is currently very difficult to find ... in an ideal world, there would not be industrial zones so close to residential zones"

"Please consider the impact of car-centric design on the city over the coming decades. Making it possible for citizens to get around without a car makes a city a much more pleasant place to live, with reduction of noise pollution, improved air quality, lower cost of living as well as controlling costs to the taxpayer to maintain infrastructure for suburban sprawl."

Check out the Winkler Morden Voice online at [www.winklermordenvoice.ca](http://www.winklermordenvoice.ca)

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## Morden looking to get a Citizens on Patrol group going

By Lorne Stelmach

Shane Houser is looking to round up some volunteers to give the Morden Police Service a helping hand.

He is spearheading an effort to start up a Citizens On Patrol Program (COPP) in Morden, and police Chief Brad Neduzak welcomes the initiative.

"We tried many years ago to get it off the ground, but there just wasn't the interest from the community at that time," Neduzak said.

"We wanted to give it another opportunity here, and it's great that we had Shane step up. Any time we can have people like that step up and help in the community, we have to take them up on it."

"It's extra ears and eyes for the police," said Houser, who hoped there might be enough potential volunteers come forward at an informational meeting held this past Tuesday. "When you have people out there who are thinking about doing things but not knowing if someone is watching or not, it puts more pressure on them and makes them think twice before they do something."

The Citizens On Patrol Program

mobilizes citizens to work with law enforcement and partners to prevent crime and create a safer environment for all.

The goal is to just be on the lookout for any suspicious or criminal activity, document it and, where appropriate, report it to the police.

Neduzak said COPP has proven to be valuable in helping reduce crime in communities where its volunteers have been active.

He noted the police always encourage people to be alert, but this is a more organized program that designates people to patrol their community on a scheduled basis.

"It certainly has proven to be valuable with the right leadership and people running it and people involved," said Neduzak. "We can't be everywhere at once of course, and our community is growing and sometimes situations take us off the road and in the office for periods of time, so it would be nice if we knew there was somebody out there helping watch."

COPP volunteers get training through the provincial organization that covers the basic dos and don'ts,



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explained Houser, stressing that safety is always top priority, with volunteers never putting themselves in any danger.

"We just observe, record and report. We don't get involved in any confrontational things or anything like that," he said, noting as well that it doesn't need to involve a significant amount of time. "And we never do any patrols in less than groups of two people. They're always partnered up with someone."

Houser suggested they wouldn't necessarily need a large group of volunteers to get the program going, and the meeting this week was going to help gauge what might be possible.

"We were hoping we would see people volunteer and sign up for it," he

said. "It was more informational and to try to find out how much support we might have from the community."

"It will help us determine what we can do and what we can't do," he continued. "I would like to see a strong program out here ... on average, around the province with the groups that they have, it's approximately 10 to 12 people."

"I'm in the process of putting the application through to COPP Manitoba for starting a group here ... and I'll finalize that once we see if we get interest and enough volunteers. Even if we get four to six volunteers, that's enough to get us going," he suggested.

Anyone who is interested or wanting more information can contact the Morden Police Service.

## Influenza not prominent in Canada yet, but doctors recommend the flu shot

By Becca Myskiw

With the colder months comes flu season—here's what that means and what you can do to protect yourself and those around you during it.

Anna Johnston, one of Southern Health-Santé Sud's medical health officers, said seasonal influenza typically starts as early as October and goes into April. Flu season in the northern hemisphere is after flu season in the southern hemisphere, so the World Health Organization (WHO) gets their predictions and information for the north based on what happens in the south.

This year, Johnston said they're seeing a typical fall pattern with other respiratory viruses like the common

cold, but influenza is showing low activity levels in Canada.

"It's difficult to predict because of public health measures for COVID are also effective in preventing transmission of influenza," she said. "We do think [the low levels of activity are] because of restrictions. We're limiting the number of people who can gather; people are wearing masks, people are more aware of hand hygiene and physical distancing."

Though the flu isn't prominent in the country right now, Johnston still encourages people to get vaccinated against it. Influenza can cause severe illness and complications, especially for the elderly, people with compromised immune systems, people with chronic diseases, and newborns.

"The more people immunized, the better those with conditions are protected," she said. "Immunization is the best way to protect you, your family, and the people in your community."

The vaccine is created based on what happened in the southern hemisphere. It includes killed particles of the influenza virus, which your body can then develop antibodies against, so if you're infected, your antibodies recognize the virus and fight it.

In a typical flu season, about 25 per cent of Manitoba's general population gets their flu shot. Over 50 per cent of those people are 65 and older. Last year, because of COVID-19 concerns, over 30 per cent of the population got their flu shot and over 60 per cent of them were 65 years and older.

Johnston said health officials hope the trend continues and there'll be a higher uptake in flu shots this year.

"Some people may get flu-like symptoms for a few days after vaccine," she said. "They might feel achy, get a fever, and think they're getting the flu, but it's just their bodybuilding antibodies to learn to fight the virus. They're side effects of the vaccine, not the actual flu."

She said it's also essential to get your flu shot every year because the flu strain is different every year, so the vaccine is too.

To book a flu shot, call your local pharmacy or medical clinic. Pop-up clinics and supersites are also giving flu shots now and accepting walk-ins.

# sports & recreation

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Off to a good start

PHOTOS BY RICK HIEBERT/VOICE

Only 42 seconds into the game, Winkler's Josh Beauchemin tips this shot past Selkirk goalie Cole Plowman to give the Flyers early momentum in what ended up being a 6-3 win for the home team. Selkirk took game two 3-2 the next night.

By Ashleigh Viveiros

Winkler and Selkirk split a pair of games against each other in Manitoba Junior Hockey League action last weekend.

The Steelers came to Winkler Friday and were sent packing with a 6-3 loss.

Winkler didn't wait long at all to get started on those six goals, with Josh Beauchemin scoring just 42 seconds into the opening frame.

Gavin Waltz made it 2-0 10 minutes later while netminder Dylan Meilun let just one get past him in the period's second-last minute to send it to

first intermission 2-1 for Winkler.

An unanswered goal from Mike Svenson made it 3-1 in the second and then Beauchemin widened the gap further to 4-1 a few minutes into the third.

Selkirk managed two goals in the first half of the period, but that was it for them while Daniel Isaak and Jackson Arpin put the final nails to secure Winkler's win.

Overall, Winkler outshot Selkirk 35-26, with Meilun making 23 saves.

The next night in Selkirk proved to be a much closer match.

It was Selkirk who opened scoring this time around before a hometown crowd, but Arpin managed Winkler's first goal at the 15:00 mark to get his team up on the board.

Period two followed suit, with Selkirk scoring first and Winkler's Ryan Monias getting it back a few minutes later to send things into the final pe-

riod tied at 2-2.

The hard-fought last frame was scoreless right until the very last second, when the Stampeders' Quinton Hill scored the game winner on a power play.

Selkirk won the shot battle this time out, firing 37 to Winkler's 28. Malachi Klassen was in net for Winkler in the loss, making 34 saves.

With that, Winkler is still holding firm on third place in the MJHL's East Division with a record of 10 wins and eight losses for 21 points.

They trail Steinbach and Winnipeg in first and second place by eight and seven points, respectively. Selkirk is two points behind in fourth place.

The Flyers and the Steelers go for round two this week, with Winkler hosting Wednesday night and Selkirk hosting on Saturday. The Flyers then head north to play Swan Valley four times next week.



Friday night's game was part of the Genesis House shelter for the victims of domestic violence's Peace Begins at Home campaign, with shelter reps on hand to raise awareness about their work.

# Hawks fall to Central Plains, best Yellowhead

By Lorne Stelmach

A pair of games on the weekend ended on a positive note for the female U18 Pembina Valley Hawks.

After being shut out 3-0 by the Central Plains Capitals Saturday, the Hawks rebounded Sunday with a 6-2 victory over the Yellowhead Chiefs.

The Hawks handed the Chiefs only their second loss of the season by breaking open a 2-2 game with four unanswered third period goals on home ice in Morden.

Abbey Bourdeaud'hui led the way with a hat trick and a four point game, while other goals came from Jessica Anderson, Janik Grenier, and Quinn McLaren. Cambree Martens contributed a pair of assists, while goalie Tria

Enns stopped 26 of 28 shots.

On Saturday, the Hawks were blanked by Central Plains goaltender Elyse Denbow, who made 28 saves for the shutout, while Hawks netminder Kaylee Franz stopped 22 of 25 shots.

The results kept the Hawks in fifth place at .500 with a record of 5-5-0 for 10 points. They trail the Winnipeg Ice at 12, Winnipeg Avros at 15 and both Yellowhead and Westman who share first place at 18 points on 9-2-0 records. Trailing the Hawks are Central Plains at nine and Eastman at seven followed by winless Interlake.

Pembina Valley is on the road this weekend to first take on the Avros at Seven Oaks Friday then Interlake in Stonewall Sunday afternoon.

# The Funnies

PAVET GARRY

By: Harrison Dell  
Inspired By: Bill Watterton



# Twisters losing streak hits four over the weekend



By Lorne Stelmach

The Pembina Valley Twisters are looking to break out of a slump.

After having opened the MMJHL season by winning 10 of their first 11 including seven in a row, the Twisters have dropped four straight after a pair of losses last weekend.

Pembina Valley was edged 4-3 by the Charleswood Hawks Friday and then at least gained a point Sunday with a 5-4 in shootout loss to the St. James Canucks.

The Twisters trailed 2-0 and 3-2 at the intermissions against the Hawks and then pressed late but couldn't get the equalizer.

Caelen Russell, Riley Goertzen, and TJ Matuszewski scored for Pembina Valley. Martin Gagnon made 26 saves in net. The Twisters held a 35-30 edge in shots on goal.

On Sunday, Pembina Valley forced extra time by tying it up with just 40 seconds left in regulation. After overtime solved nothing, the Canucks won it by a 1-0 count in the shootout.

Scoring for the Twisters were Ethan Carels, Nico Vigier, and Riley Goertzen with a pair. Logan Enns made 29 saves as the Canucks outshot the Hawks 33-31.

The Twisters remain in third place at 10-3-2 for 22 points, which has them trailing St. James at 25 and Transcona at 28 points.

Pembina Valley looks to get back on track this weekend at home in Morris with St. Vital coming to town Friday and then Charleswood on Sunday.

# Male U18 Hawks fall short against Cougars

By Lorne Stelmach

The male U18 Pembina Valley Hawks gave it a solid effort but came up just

short last Wednesday against the Southwest Cougars.

Trailing 3-2 after 40 minutes before giving up one more early in the third,

the Hawks could only get one back in the final frame to fall 4-3 to the fourth-place Cougars in Morden.

Pembina Valley wrapped up their six

game homestand with three wins and losses and remained in seventh place in the 13 team league with a record of 6-7-2 for 14 points, which has them tied with Parkland and trailing the Winnipeg Bruins by four points.

Cohen Thomas, Griffin Ayotte and Ben Dias scored for the Hawks while Raiden LeGall made 32 saves, with Southwest holding a 36-26 edge in shots on goal.

It was the lone game of the week for Pembina Valley, who hit the road this weekend with the aim of putting a bit of distance between themselves and Parkland. The Rangers host the Hawks for a doubleheader with games in Dauphin Friday evening and Saturday afternoon.

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> MEAL IDEAS



## Apple Oat Crumble and Citrus Caramel Topping

1 tablespoon orange juice  
vanilla ice cream  
Preheat oven to 350 F.  
In bowl, stir together sugar and ground cinnamon.

Toss apples in lemon juice then in cinnamon sugar mixture. Spread in 9-inch pie dish.

In another bowl, stir together brown sugar, flour and oats. Using hands or fork, cut in butter until pea size crumbs form. Sprinkle evenly over apples.

Bake 40-45 minutes until mixture is bubbling and golden brown. Remove from oven and let cool 15 minutes.

In small pot, whisk caramel, salt, orange zest and orange juice until warm.

Spoon apple oat crumble over large scoop vanilla ice cream and top with salted citrus caramel.

3 tablespoons sugar  
1/2 teaspoon ground cinnamon  
2 Envy Apples, diced into large cubes  
1 tablespoon lemon juice  
1/2 cup brown sugar  
1/2 cup all-purpose flour  
1/2 cup old-fashioned oats  
1/2 cup cold butter, diced small  
1/2 cup caramel  
1/4 teaspoon salt  
1/2 orange, zest only



## Apple Stuffing Bites with Rosemary Gravy

In large saute pan, melt butter saute apples and onion until tender. Set aside to cool slightly.

Stir together stuffing and apple mixture. Spread stuffing on sheet tray and allow to cool in refrigerator.

After cooling, form stuffing into medium bites and place on sheet tray lined with parchment paper.

Broil bites until golden brown and slightly crispy.

To make gravy: In small pot, melt butter and whisk in flour. Cook flour 1 minute, whisking frequently.

Whisk in beef broth, salt, pepper and Worcestershire sauce; bring to boil, whisking frequently. Remove from heat and stir in rosemary. If desired, continue gently simmering gravy to thicken.

Arrange stuffing bites in serving dish and drizzle with gravy. Serve hot.

1 box stovetop stuffing  
2 tablespoons butter  
2 cups diced Envy Apples  
1/2 onion, diced small  
Gravy:  
3 tablespoons butter  
3 tablespoons flour  
2 cups beef broth  
2 teaspoons kosher salt  
20 turns fresh cracked pepper  
1 teaspoon Worcestershire sauce  
1 tablespoon finely chopped rosemary  
Preheat broiler.  
Cook stuffing according to package directions; set aside and allow to cool slightly.



## Bell-Issimo Brie Melt

1 round brie (6-8 ounces)  
2 Envy Apples  
1/4 cup walnuts  
1/4 cup dried cranberries  
firm crackers

Unwrap brie and place on microwave-safe dish. Cut off top of brie round and microwave 60 seconds until middle is soft.

Slice apples into thick wedges. Top brie with half the apples, crushed walnuts and dried cranberries.

Serve with firm crackers and remaining apple wedges.

# Sitting all day is bad! Get up with a 5 minute workout

By Julie Germaine

Even as a personal trainer, my job requires me to spend hours at a time on my computer. This goes for many careers – and unfortunately it's not healthy for humans to sit for long periods of time. This can contribute to heart disease, obesity, high blood pressure, and high cholesterol. But thankfully, research shows that by jumping up and interrupt sitting for just 3 to 5 minutes every hours will positively impact your health.

Do it with me now! Here are some simple ways to move your body to feel great and take control:

1. Squats! Stand up and pretend to sit down into an invisible chair. If you have bad knees or feel silly doing this, this actually sit into a chair and stand back up. Now do this 20 times. By engaging the big muscles in your glutes (butt), quads (above the knee), and hamstrings (back of leg), you are burning calories, and kickstarting digestion.

2. Jumping Jacks! This won't be for everyone, but if you're a work-from-home parent, your kids will find this hilarious and join ins. Do 20 jumping jacks, rest for 20 seconds, and repeat 5s times. If jumping is too intense for you, put on your favourite song and dance wildly. If your neighbours see you, no big deal! In fact, you'll likely be invited to their upcoming Christmas party because you're obviously loads of fun.

3. Stairs! Walk then, run them, take them 2 at a time – it doesn't matter, your body will warm up quickly to the challenge. Another great option is to walk around the block with your dog. If you've taken the time to



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bundle up, you may as well make it a 10 to 15 minute walk every 2 hours.

4. Plank! This is a core exercise in which you hold a push-up position from your fore-arms. There are many variations to accommodate different fitness levels and to keep you from getting bored.

5. Get the Paper! Or walk to pick up your mail instead of stopping on your way to work. Find ways in your daily routine to be active so your exercise is built in and happens regularly.

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## Pumpkin Spice Apple Cider

Envy Apple slices, for garnish  
rosemary, for garnish  
cinnamon stick, for garnish  
In pan over medium heat, saute diced apples in butter and pumpkin spice 5-10 minutes.

In glass, combine bourbon and pumpkin spice apple cider; top with sauteed apples.

Add demerara sugar then garnish with apple slices, rosemary and cinnamon stick.

Photo courtesy of Getty Images (apple cider)

1 Envy Apple, diced  
1 tablespoon butter  
1 teaspoon pumpkin spice  
2 ounces bourbon  
4 ounces pumpkin spice apple cider  
demerara sugar

• A LOOK BACK

# Enss, Ens, or Enns?

*This is part two of a five-part series looking at one local family's journey to and settlement in the area.*

In Part One, Franz and Maria (Esau) Ens (Enns) were introduced as a Mennonite family who arrived in Canada from South Russia in 1875, made their way to Manitoba, and eventually set up residence in Neu-Reinland.

They had a struggling beginning, as did other families that came to Canada to begin a new life. Their influence, as from other Mennonite families that settled in the area, had a tremendous effect on the way Winkler developed and the way we know it today.

The family arrived in Quebec on July 6, 1875, via the S.S. Sarmatian No.28. The Quebec Passenger List, with names compared to the Hamburg Passenger Lists and cross referenced to Church Registers, had the Enns Family identified and listed as Franz Enss, 30, wife Maria, 31, and children Franz, 8, Katharina, 7, Elisabeth, 5, Wilhelm, 3, Maria, 2, and Jacob 1.

The spelling of the name Enns can be found in a number of variations. Some are: Ens, Enz, Enis, Enss, Ensz, Entz, and Ehnes. These variations, and others, can all be found in Ancestry and in GRanDMA Online. A variety of these names also appear within the Franz Enns lineage, both in ancestors and in descendants.



By Henry A. Wiebe

One sometimes hears: are you a descendant of a one 'n' Ens or a two 'nn' Enns? The choice is somewhat ambiguous. As, for example, Franz and his family were listed on the immigration passenger list as 'Enss'. On his 1933 gravestone it was engraved as 'Enns'. His wife, Maria, has the surname spelt 'Ens' on her 1915 headstone. The reversed character 'n' used in Ens was also intriguing. Upon checking, the character that looks like a reversed 'n' is actually a Russian character. The reversed 'n' was also used on Aron's gravestone in 1912.

Some other interesting observations were made with regard to surname spelling when examining headstones during the cemetery restoration process.

Franz Jr, the eldest son of Franz and Maria and one of the first to be buried in the Neu-Reinland Mennonite Cemetery in 1901, has his surname spelt 'Enss' on his headstone, and again with the reversed 'n' character.

A different spelling in surname was also noted on the headstones of two Franz Enns granddaughters: Helena 'Enns' in 1907 and Maria 'Ens' in 1908.

In Ancestry, the Canada Census of 1891, 1901, and 1916, all have Franz' surname recorded as 'Ens'.

Of Franz Enns' eight sons, the six that passed from 1929 to 1964, all carry the surname 'Enns' on their headstones. Contrarily, as indicated earlier, son Franz Jr's 1901 headstone spells the surname 'Enss', and son Aron's 1912 headstone spells the surname 'En', using the reversed 'n' each time.

By far the most intriguing observation concerning surnames was that used on the gravestones of Franz Enns and his wife Maria Esau. Maria's 1915 headstone, as mentioned earlier, used the 'Ens' spelling, and Franz' 1933 headstone used the spelling 'Enns'.

This raises the query. Was the spelling of Franz' surname changed during his span of life? If so, why was it



SUPPLIED PHOTOS

The Ens/Enns/Enss family headstones in the Neu-Reinland Mennonite Cemetery south of Reinfeld.



changed and when did this occur? Was it a family decision? Or did it just naturally evolve?

In surfing Ancestry and/or GRanDMA Online, you see different spellings of the surname in the same ancestral lineage. Franz' father, Johann, 1820-1883, had his surname spelled 'Enns'. In the case of Franz' grandfather, Johann Isaac, 1796 - ?, his surname was spelled 'Enz'. Johann Isaac Enz migrated from Prussia to South Russia in 1827. His father, Isaac, also used 'Enz' as a surname.

It would be interesting to hear from

you as to your experiences, understanding, and knowledge of the way the surname is spelled and the changes in spelling that have occurred within the ancestral lineage over time.

Next up: The restoration of the Neu-Reinland Mennonite Cemetery—what was found/not found.

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# Bergen returns as Deputy Leader of the Opposition

By Voice staff

Portage-Lisgar MP Candice Bergen will continue with her post as Conservative Deputy Leader.

Bergen was first appointed Deputy

Leader of the Opposition in fall of 2020 and was re-appointed to the position last week.

In a statement, Bergen noted she was honoured to have been entrusted once again with this role.

"As always, the residents of Portage-Lisgar will continue to be my top priority as we move forward in this new Parliament," Bergen said, "and I'm honoured to have been given the opportunity to be their voice in Ottawa

once again.

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### PUBLIC NOTICE

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Chad Harder  
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### FARMLAND TENDER

### FARM PROPERTY FOR SALE BY TENDER

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#### PROPERTY FOR SALE

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(146 Cultivated Acres – R.M. of Thompson)
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#### CONDITIONS OF TENDER

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2. Tenders must be delivered to McCulloch Mooney Johnston Selby LLP by 2:30 p.m., December 17, 2021. Please mark on front of envelope "Tender".
3. Tenders must be accompanied by a \$10,000.00 deposit cheque payable to McCulloch Mooney Johnston Selby LLP. Deposit cheques accompanying unacceptable bids will be returned.

5. Interested parties may bid on one parcel, two parcels or all three parcels. If not bidding on all three parcels, interested parties are to set out what parcel(s) is being bid on.

#### TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF SALE

1. The bidder(s) whose tender is accepted will be required to complete an Agreement covering the terms and conditions of the sale.
2. Possession date will be January 14, 2022.
3. The successful bidder will be responsible for all realty taxes following January 1, 2022 (the adjustment date).
4. In addition to the deposit, the balance of the accepted tender must be paid on or before the date of closing or evidence provided that the purchase funds will be available under conditions acceptable to the Vendor. If the balance of the purchase price is not paid by the possession date or under such acceptable conditions, the deposit paid shall be forfeited as liquidated damages and not as a penalty.

McCulloch Mooney Johnston Selby LLP  
P.O. Box 1670  
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Carman, Manitoba  
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(204) 745-2546  
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- Possess or the ability to obtain a valid Manitoba Class 2 drivers' license and a valid School Bus Operator's Certificate
- Possess or the ability to obtain a School Bus Trainer's Certificate as endorsed by the Province
- Provide a satisfactory driver's abstract
- Knowledge in the mechanical aspect and safety requirements of school buses is highly desirable.
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> GAMES

## SUDOKU

				3				9
		3	6		1			
	6		9	4				7
			8					
2	4		7	9				
	8			6				
6			1			4		
4		8						3
	7			2			6	1

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**FARMLAND TENDER**

**FARM LAND FOR SALE BY TENDER**

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**PROPERTY FOR SALE (owned by Ron Bartley)**  
NW ¼ 8-5-4 WPM (160 acres)  
(approx. one mile west of Roland, MB)

**CONDITIONS OF TENDER**

- Interested parties must rely on their own inspection and knowledge of the property.
- Tenders must be delivered to **McCulloch Mooney Johnston Selby (Carman Office)** by 2:30 p.m., November 25, 2021.  
Please mark on front of envelope "Tender NW ¼ 8-5-4 WPM".
- Tenders must be accompanied by a \$20,000.00 deposit cheque payable to McCulloch Mooney Johnston Selby LLP. Deposit cheques accompanying unacceptable bids will be returned.
- The highest or any tender will not necessarily be accepted.

**TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF SALE**

- The bidder whose tender is accepted will be required to complete an Agreement covering the terms and conditions of the sale.
- Possession and closing date will be January 7, 2022.
- The successful bidder will be responsible for all realty taxes following January 1, 2022 (the adjustment date).
- In addition to the deposit, the balance of the accepted tender must be paid on or before the date of closing or evidence provided that the purchase funds will be available under conditions acceptable to the Vendor. If the balance of the purchase price is not paid by the possession date or under such acceptable conditions, the deposit paid shall be forfeited as liquidated damages and not as a penalty.
- The Purchaser shall be responsible for payment of GST or shall self-assess for GST.
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For further information contact Tom Mooney at:  
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Email: tom@mmjlaw.com

# X CROSSWORD

**CLUES ACROSS**

- German philosopher
- A type of stock trading (abbr.)
- Cincinnati ballplayers
- Deerlike water buffaloes
- Island
- Jewish calendar month
- Round Dutch cheese
- Unstressed syllable of a metrical foot
- A restaurant needs one
- Decent behaviors
- Groans
- Works hard
- Upset
- A sound made in speech
- One point east of due south
- Boxing's GOAT
- Whittles
- Tailless amphibian
- Surrounded
- Doesn't stay still
- Copycat
- Four-door car
- Morally correct behavior
- Something that is owed
- Pasta needs it
- Ant-Man's last name
- Bravo! Bravo! Bravo!
- Small period of time (abbr.)
- Woman (French)
- On or around
- Fencing swords
- Fonts
- A command in the name of the court
- Sprays with an irritant
- Georgetown athlete
- Dry or withered
- Sign of injury
- Tracts of land (abbr.)
- 365 days
- Physique
- Icelandic poems

**CLUES DOWN**

- Bodily substance
- Internal

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	
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16				17					18			
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			22				23			24		
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49	50			51			52			53		
54		55			56					57	58	59
60					61				62			
63					64				65			
66					67				68			

- Provoke or annoy
- Type of lounge chair
- Losses
- Makes less severe
- Identifies a thing close at hand
- Group of blood disorders (abbr.)
- Rebuilt
- Ancient Greek City
- American investigative journalist
- Partially melted snow
- Take shape
- Mexican beverage
- Patti Hearst's captors
- Jacobs and Summers are two
- Disfigure
- Scientists' tool (abbr.)
- Ill-mannered person
- Overhang
- Famed rat catcher
- Passover feast and ceremony
- Equal to 10 meters
- Central processing unit
- Chinese native religion
- Unfermented juices
- "To the \_\_\_ degree"
- Frozen water
- Medieval circuit courts
- 1,000 cubic feet (abbr.)
- Gossipy
- Shopping is one type
- Palmlike plant
- Partner to "oohed"
- Welsh name meaning "snow"
- Popular Mexican dish
- It helps power devices
- Reddish-brown wildcat
- Impertinence
- Legal financial term (abbr.)
- Atomic #52

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**Sudoku Answer**

1	6	8	9	2	4	5	7	3
3	2	9	6	7	5	8	1	4
7	5	4	3	8	1	6	2	9
2	6	7	9	4	3	6	1	5
8	3	1	5	7	9	6	4	2
6	5	4	2	1	8	7	3	9
5	7	3	8	6	2	9	1	4
4	8	4	1	2	5	3	6	7
9	1	6	7	3	8	2	4	5

**Crossword Answer**

S	V	D	E	D	O	B	R	V	E	A			
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## IN MEMORIAM

**Kristine Friesen (née Penner)**  
December 13, 1933 to November 20, 2018  
It has been three years since we lost our dear wife, mother, grandmother and great-grandmother. The seasons come and go but she is not forgotten. Gifted with creativity and a spirit of generosity, Kristine lived life to the fullest no matter her circumstances. We miss her dearly but continue to take comfort that she is in the presence of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ. In her memory, please read one of her favorite Bible passages, Psalm 103.

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## ENGAGEMENT



Gerry and Sharon Unger of Morden, MB and Terry and Stacy Bridger of Arlington, TX are pleased to announce the engagement of their children Brendan Unger to Hannah Bridger. A December wedding is being planned. God bless you in your new adventure!

## OBITUARY



### Gertrude Helen Giesbrecht (nee Brown) 1925 - 2021

Mom was born on June 23, 1925 to Isaac and Gertrude (nee Giesbrecht) Brown. She was the fifth child of nine; three sisters and five brothers. She grew up and attended school in the Rose farm area.

Mom was baptized in the Lowe Farm Bergthaler Mennonite Church in 1943 and married William (Bill) Giesbrecht in 1944. They were married 65 years until his passing in 2009. Mom and Dad started their own farm in the Kronsweide district, near Lowe Farm and enjoyed seeing their family and farm grow. They were blessed with two children, MaryAnn in 1948 and Rick in 1952. In 1981, Mom

and Dad semi-retired and moved to Winkler. In 2003 they moved into Cedar Estates where they enjoyed visiting with family and friends. After Dad passed, Mom took on some work at MCC and enjoyed the work and friends she met there. In the last few years mom's mobility became more difficult and on Saturday, October 23rd she had a stroke and was taken to Boundary Trails Health Centre where she passed away peacefully on Sunday, November 7th.

Left to mourn her passing is her son, Rick, wife, Liz of Lowe Farm, son-in-law, George Swojanovski of Morden, granddaughters, Sheri (Scott), Jayme (Jason), Dana (Alex), Rhonda (Isaac), and Kim (Devon), 11 great-grandchildren, one sister, Louella Peters, two sisters-in-law, Marie and Sophie Brown, one brother-in-law, Eddie Penner, many nieces and nephews and many from the Giesbrecht step-family. Mom was predeceased by her husband, Bill, and her daughter, MaryAnn.

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

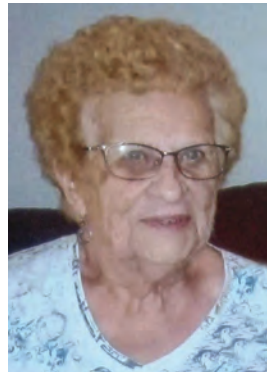
If friends so desire, donations may be made in Gertrude's memory to the MCC.

We want to thank the medical staff of BTHC, Wiebe Funeral Home and Pastor Dean Huber for the care, compassion and support through this difficult time. The Family.

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## OBITUARY



### Agnes Eyrikson (nee Letkeman) 1933 - 2021

On Thursday, November 4, 2021, Agnes passed away peacefully at Boundary Trails Health Centre, at the age of 88.

Agnes is lovingly remembered by her granddaughter, Chelsea (Darren); great-grandson, Griffin; sister, Margaret; brother, Johnny (Linda); step-son, Eric (Jackie) and many nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by husband, Otto Eyrikson in 1996; husband, Pat Hynes in 1979, three sons; Garry, Wayne and Joseph; one daughter, Shirley-Ann; three sisters, Helen, Anne and Mary and four brothers, Peter, Jake, Diedrich and Isaac.

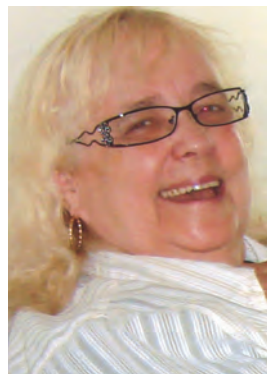
Agnes was born January 18, 1933 in the Village of Osterwick, MB. She married Pat Hynes in 1955 in Shilo, MB. With Pat in the military, they moved to the east coast and later settled in Vernon, BC. There, she enjoyed her job at a Chinese restaurant and always had a love for Chinese food. After Pat's passing, Agnes returned to Manitoba and reconnected with Otto, who she first met in her teenage years while hoeing sugar beets. They were married in 1980 and resided in Walhalla, ND. After Otto's passing she moved back to BC to be closer to her son, Garry and his family. Agnes returned to Manitoba in 2013 where she resided until her passing. Agnes enjoyed travelling to see family and friends, attend bingo and many family reunions. It brought her great joy to spend time with Chelsea and Griffin.

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

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## OBITUARY



### Isabel Esther Braun (nee Fehr) 1942 - 2021

Isabel was born April 5, 1942. The eldest child of David and Helen Fehr, she grew up in Lowe Farm. In 1961 she married Cliff Braun and after many moves around Manitoba, they eventually made their home in Roland. They were married 60 years and raised two sons. After a lengthy hospital stay, she passed away peacefully on Sunday November 7, 2021 with family by her side.

Left to mourn her passing are her sons, Kelly (Laura) and Clint (Pam), her grandsons, Brad (Jenna) and Nathan (Kira) and her step-grandchildren, Tieler (Jenna) and Bailey. She will be sadly missed as the big sister of brothers, Robert and Donald Fehr (Kathy) and sisters, Dorothy (Pete) Enns and Audrey (J.P.) Marentette as well as many nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by her parents.

Private graveside service was held at the Fairview Cemetery in Roland.

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