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Firefighters were on the scene of the Minnewasta Golf & Country Club for hours Saturday trying to contain a blaze that broke out in the clubhouse, destroying it entirely. For more, see Pg. 4.

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Winkler ready to Light Up the Season

By Ashleigh Viveiros

The City of Winkler's Light Up the Season is back for a second year.

The Christmas lighting contest was created last year to replace the usual community holiday celebration, which couldn't be held in-person due to the pandemic.

Communications coordinator Wendy Klassen explains they thought it might be a one-off event for 2020, but the positive response the contest received convinced them to bring it

back.

"We actually thought we wouldn't do it this year but then we had quite a few people asking about it," she says. "So we figured, just in case the restrictions change again and our Christmas plans are kiboshed, we'll do it again, because it's something we can do no matter what."

All Winkler residents and businesses are eligible to compete. The top seven home entries and one business entry will each win \$200 in local gift cards.

Last year's contest had about 30 en-



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Winkler's second annual Light Up the Season holiday lights contest returns next week. Whether you go all out with the lights or have some other creative ideas for making your yard festive, sign up for a chance to be one of seven houses and one business who will win gift card prizes.

tries. Klassen hopes to see that number grow significantly.

She stresses your decorations don't need to be extravagant to compete—this is more about spreading a little extra holiday cheer than anything else.

"We look for creativity, the wow factor, things that really stand out, not necessarily just what is the brightest or the biggest," Klassen says.





Participating homes and businesses must register by Dec. 1 and have their decorations up by Dec. 2.

Winkler city councillors will make their way



around town Dec. 3-5 to select the winners, which will be announced on Dec. 6.

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Wrapping Up a Morden Christmas

Wrapping Up a Morden Christmas promoted local businesses last week Thursday, bringing people into participating locations for some holiday shopping and a chance to win prizes. Above: St. Nick with Nikki Budz of Nikki's Beauty Bar. Far right: Carollers in old-fashioned duds made their way up and down Stephen St. Right, below: Shoppers making the rounds.

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Blaze destroys Morden golf course clubhouse

By Lorne Stelmach

The investigation is underway as to what caused the massive weekend blaze that destroyed the Minnewasta Golf and Country Club restaurant and clubhouse.

The Office of the Fire Commissioner of Manitoba was out on site already Saturday while around 40 firefighters from Morden as well as Winkler continued to control and extinguish the fire that sent a large black cloud of smoke out over the city.

“A building that size ... you’re looking at anywhere from 1,200 to 1,500 degrees in temperature when those big exposed timbers on the inside are burning. That’s a lot of fuel inside there, and it was pretty intense,” said Deputy Fire Chief Tim Reimer.

The call came in at 9:15 a.m., and the main building was already well engulfed at that point, said Reimer, who noted their first priority was a survey of the building and to ensure that no one had been inside at the time.

“The building was as good as fully involved at that point,” he said. “So we went with strictly a defensive attack and also to pro-

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Billowing black smoke could be seen for miles as the clubhouse was utterly destroyed by fire.

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Firefighters worked for hours to quell the blaze.



Firefighters successfully saved the pro shop as the clubhouse burned to the ground meters away.



Looking for hot spots in the rubble.

Health Canada approves COVID-19 shot for children age 5-11

Manitoba ready to get shots in arm ASAP: Premier

By Ashleigh Viveiros

Manitoba's vaccination campaign is expanding to include children age five to 11 now that Health Canada has approved Pfizer-BioNTech's COVID-19 vaccine for younger children.

Government officials announced last week that they would be ready to begin vaccinating children in this age group within a week of the vaccine receiving approval and arriving in Manitoba. That approval came on Friday.

"We are here today to tell you that Manitoba is ready to implement the next phase of our vaccination campaign to protect our children ages five to 11," Premier Heather Stefanson said at a news conference in Winnipeg last Wednesday.

"Vaccines are the way out of this pandemic. They are how we keep our schools, our businesses, and places of

worship open," she said. "And most importantly, they help keep our hospitals and communities safe."

In announcing its approval of the vaccine, Health Canada noted clinical trials have shown it to be 90.7 per cent effective at preventing COVID-19 in children in this age group, with no serious side effects identified.

"After a thorough and independent scientific review of the evidence, the Department has determined that the benefits of this vaccine for children between 5 and 11 years of age outweigh the risks," it said in a release.

The vaccine was initially approved for youth age 16 and older last December and then for children age 12-15 in May.

For the five to 11-year-olds, Health Canada has approved a two-dose regimen of 10 micrograms to be administered three weeks apart, which is a lower dose than the 30 micrograms two-dose regimen authorized for people 12 years of age and older.

Moving forward, Pfizer-BioNTech is required to continue providing information to Health Canada on the safety and efficacy of the vaccine in young

children.

"This will provide the Department with more data from ongoing studies and real-world use to ensure that the benefits of the vaccine continue to outweigh any risks, as well as to detect any potential new safety signals in any age group," the release noted. "Health Canada and the Public Health Agency of Canada will continue to closely monitor the safety of this vaccine, and will take action if any safety concerns are identified."

MANITOBA READY TO GO

Manitoba officials say the vaccine will be available at provincial and regional vaccine clinics, physicians' offices, pharmacies (which, in a change to aid in accessibility, are now able to vaccinate children as young as five), urban Indigenous clinics, and pop-up community clinics about a week after it arrives in the province. In-school vaccinations will also be offered to students with parental consent. Parents were able to start making appointments for their kids on Monday.

Manitoba expects to receive enough supply of the vaccine from Pfizer to allow all children ages five to 11 to get their first dose. Approximately 125,000 children in that age group live in Manitoba

"We know that COVID cases are rising in Manitoba, and children make up many of those cases," Health Minister Audrey Gordon said, noting the risk of infection is especially high in communities where vaccine uptake has been low.

"In the 2021 school year, 13 school outbreaks in children ages 5-11 have resulted in a move to remote learning. More than 6,000 children age 5-11 have been tested positive for COVID-19 in Manitoba throughout this pandemic. Twenty-seven children have been hospitalized with COVID-19 and seven of those were admitted to the ICU. One child has tragically lost their life to COVID-19.

"Although children and youth are less likely than adults to get critically ill from COVID-19, they can still get sick, spread the virus to others, at school and in the community, and experience long-term negative outcomes from the virus," Gordon said.

To support families in making the decision to vaccinate their children, the province will launch a new #ProtectMB Kids information campaign and will provide information and resources on vaccine safety and availability.

Doctors Manitoba is also hosting a virtual town hall about the vaccine next week Tuesday (see story on Pg. 8.)

> FIRE, FROM PG. 4

protect the neighbouring pro shop and golf cart shed.

"At that point, the fire was too intense. Our main concern was the building beside it, so we had crews and lines set up on that side; we had crews all around ... and we had to eliminate any other hazards, which were hydro and gas."

Safety for everyone of course was first and foremost, stressed Reimer, adding that included not only firefighters but also the public.

"We had a lot of onlookers, a lot of spectators, which is always a challenge for us, but I understand people want to see what's going on," he said. "We just get our job done."

The assistance of firefighters and equipment from other departments was integral, Reimer said, noting it meant they had access to three water tankers—something that was vital given there was no fire hydrant connection available right on site.

"We had the ability to draw a lot of water" thanks to that trio of tankers, he said.

Firefighters remained at the scene until late in the day to ensure the blaze was fully out.

"We were there until after dark. I think it was around or after 7 or 8 in the evening ... and we did a call

back when someone had seen some smoke," Reimer said.

Reimer said the fire was an emotional experience for their members. "That's a big loss to the community," he said. "It was very emotional to lose that building. It was a big attraction for the city, and it is a huge loss."

Club president Tyler Sawatzky was out of town when he got the news.

"It was a shock ... it was pretty sad to see that landmark in our city erupt in flames. So it's been a whirlwind. Ever since getting the news, there's been lots of things to take care of," he said, noting they were relieved no one was hurt. "Obviously, none of us have a whole lot of experience with a disaster like this, so we're just going through all the steps."

"The insurance company is still doing their due diligence ... we don't have many answers yet at this point," said Sawatzky, who added the board was planning meetings this week. "Once we have all that information, we can make a plan on how to rebuild and how to manage things the best we can. We'll slowly but surely develop a plan to rebuild."

"All indications are that the pro shop is okay. I'm really thankful for the fire departments and their hard work. We're grateful that they put in an incredible amount of courage and effort to save that building."

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More than just wood and stone

Saturday morning at 9 a.m. we went outside to soak in the hot tub and within minutes we started smelling smoke and seeing an increasingly thick haze.

Not knowing where it was coming from but feeling a growing sense of alarm, we hopped out of the tub and threw on our robes and slippers and went slip-sliding along the icy street to see if the fire department needed to be called.

There was definitely a fire somewhere nearby. As we wandered back to the house the first sirens sounded and we could here trucks speeding west down Thornhill Street. A few minutes later another group of trucks flew past, sirens blaring.

"That's not a good sign" we observed. "Those are probably from Winkler. It must be a big fire."



By Peter Cantelon

After that, another series of sirens.

Of course, rather than hopping in the car and becoming a hazard by driving over to wherever the issue was, I did what any sensible nosy person would do and turned to Facebook. I was not disappointed.

There was a fire at the golf course.

"I hope no one was hurt," my wife said. I agreed.

As the minutes ticked by it became apparent by photos and comments that the golf course clubhouse was ablaze.

For those who have never been there, it is (was) a fantastic large timber frame building which was moved to Morden from a remote location almost 40 km away in the Pembina Valley several years ago. It was truly an amazing building and perfect for the golf course. Its move to town was even the subject of an episode of the documentary television series *Huge Moves*.

My wife and I were married and had our reception there. I have attended several Morden & District Chamber of Commerce events there and had numerous lunches at the restaurant. It was a place of good memories.

The destruction of the clubhouse reminds us that we invest meaning into structures. The buildings themselves are replaceable. They are, after

all, merely wood and metal and stone. The memories, however, are not.

This is why people are sad when a building of significance is destroyed. Remember when the Arlington Hotel had to be torn down after a storm? I would say it is not going too far to say some people were actually traumatized by this—a century building lost to neglect.

I have no doubt a shiny new clubhouse will rise from the ashes of the old and new memories will be built there. Try not to be too hard on those that react to its destruction in a way that you might feel is "over-reacting."

Remember, for many people it is not the loss of the building so much as all that it represented to them. The many weddings, golf games, lunches, awards ceremonies, and more. The first job someone had in the restaurant. These things matter to people and are meaningful.

So the Minnewasta Golf & Country Club clubhouse is no more. Later on when the crowds have cleared we'll wander up and pay our respects. We will stand nearby and remark on where this wedding photo was taken or that, and be happy we had the opportunity to take advantage of the remarkable facility, knowing that something new will come.

Letters

IT IS THE VETERAN

It is the Veteran, not the preacher
Who has given us freedom of religion.

It is the Veteran, not the reporter
Who has given us freedom of press.
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Who has given us freedom to assemble.

It is the Veteran, not the lawyers
Who has given us the right to a fair trial.

It is the Veteran, not the politicians

Who has given us the right to vote.

It is the Veteran, who salutes the flag.

It is the Veteran, who serves under the flag.

Ken Barron

DEEPLY CONCERNED

Recently I had the unanticipated privilege to spend four nights at BTHC not because I wanted to but because I needed to. From the time I was picked up by paramedics all

through ICU to my room stay and to all those working behind the scenes who I did not see I commend all of you on your caring, dedicated and compassionate service. BTHC truly has a highly qualified group of committed servants. You must be commended. Thank you so much.

But here is my concern: I well realize that we are living in very trying times. Everybody is stressed and under pressure due to all that has been

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> LETTERS, FROM PG. 6

happening over the last while but this should not need to interfere with how we serve in our various roles of responsibility. I have been involved with leadership and management for more than 60 years in church, pastoral, farming and with a local business. I understand leadership to some point.

Our hospital staff is overloaded not with caring for the people they love but with the system that controls it. Talking to one of the nurses about this, she would not comment but only said, "We love caring for our people."

Looking beyond the doors of my room I noticed so many things that just didn't make any sense and were so meaningless and placed so much extra burden on staff without justification. I could mention many things from contact tracing to administration that need attention, but will not here. Only to say that this is not wisdom, this is not prudent, this not practicing our rights and freedoms and this is not the Canadian way. This is not China or North Korea.

Our medical system desperately needs an overhaul. I would challenge those who have authority in these areas and our elected politicians who have been chosen by the people to represent the people in their respective jurisdictions to take action and address the issues that are failing so badly in so many cases.

May God give you wisdom and direction in your responsibilities.

Lawrence Klassen,
Morden

TAKING INVENTORY

We have all been irrevocably pulled into a contentious COVID-centered world in the last couple of years. Most of us do not relish this new reality. But we are often told that in times of adversity our true character is revealed. If that is true, I wonder what it says about the character of our communities, and about the individuals in them, that it has become so commonplace to demonize local healthcare workers on the basis of complete falsehoods about how patients are treated at the hospital?

What does it say about the nature of our communities when social media posts or Whatsapp messages from unknown, unverifiable sources are taken as unquestioned fact over the physical realities we see every day?

Or that many are willing to use unsubstantiated conspiracies as grounds to treat others poorly?

These are of course mostly rhetorical questions, for they are a clear indication of the torn fabric of a community and vicious individual choices.

Times of crisis provide an opportunity to take inventory of who we are, where we are going, who we should be. It may seem relatively harmless, even cathartic, to consume and disseminate half-baked or false stories about

healthcare workers while you sit in the comfort of your own home. But there are real-world consequences.

While your face is glowing from the light of your device, doctors and nurses are looking your family and friends in the eye to tell them that their only hope is intubation. And as you move on, having mostly forgotten the content of the latest post you shared, overworked, understaffed healthcare workers are thanklessly attempting to care for another patient, to dress another wound, to make another difficult call, to deal with another hostile patient.

This time of transition may be as good a time as any for all of us to ask ultimate questions about our lives. Does my life reflect truth, goodness, and humility? Do I know that what I say about others is true? Do my actions bring life to others? Do I build up or tear down those around me? Am I willing to contribute to the common good of the community or do I care only about myself?

And if you claim to be a Christian, it may be worth a long pause to consider the implications of Jesus' parable of the sheep and the goats.

Carl Friesen,
Morden

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Dr. Alain Kolt,
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Gateway hoping to have recycling depot back next month

By Ashleigh Viveiros

The fire that destroyed the Gateway Resources recycling processing building has put a serious crimp in the region's ability to keep recyclables out of the local landfill.

The Sept. 28 blaze put the Gateway Recycling program out of commission immediately and they are still working on getting things up and running in some capacity, said director of operations Loni Derksen.

"Dealing with insurance is painfully slow and COVID has created delays in receiving the necessary parts," he said, noting two of their smaller balers are repairable, but finding parts to do so amidst a global supply shortage has held everything up. Replacing them outright would take until next spring.

Gateway was expecting to get the last parts it needed by the middle of this week and to have the machines up and running again by early December.

Processing centre staff will then begin sorting materials once again in one of the facility's surviving out-buildings, baling mixed recyclables for further processing elsewhere.

"Unfortunately, because we have no heated building to bale in, some of our staff will need to work in the cold this winter to bale the material we will receive," Derksen said, noting



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Gateway Resources is hoping to be able to begin sorting and shipping recycling from Winkler once again in a few weeks. A fire in September forced them to close their processing lines and drop-off depot.

it's a similar situation as to what happened the last time Gateway suffered fire damage. "It was hard on everybody, but everybody stepped up and did what they had to do."

While Gateway's recycling drop-off depot has been closed to the public since the fire, curbside pick-up in Winkler has continued. Most of that material has ended up in the trash.

"We are storing some but, yes, unfortunately most has been going to the landfill," Derksen said, explaining that without working equipment they haven't been able to compress

the lightweight recycling materials as they normally would for shipment to their buyers or elsewhere for processing. "Because of the system that we use to collect, it's just too hard to ship anywhere."

Nor, he pointed out, did they have the space to store it all, especially with their main recycling building unusable due to the fire.

"We normally receive between 200,000 and 250,000 kilograms of material a month. If we stored everything we would be stacked to the roof in a few days."

It's made for a frustrating couple of months, having to see otherwise recyclable goods wind up in the landfill.

"This is not what we're about," Derksen lamented. "It hurts tremendously to know it's going there but we're just in a bad spot right now and we have very few options."

Once the balers are repaired, Win-

kler's recycling will be diverted from the landfill once again, but Gateway won't be in a position to accept recycling from any other community until likely next summer when they're done rebuilding (here, again, a steel shortage is expected to slow down the project).

When they're operating normally, the Gateway depot processes material brought in from Morden, Plum Coulee, Carman, Roland, St. Leon, and Notre Dame on top of all the Winkler recycling.

MWM Environmental, which picks up recycling in Morden and Carman, among other communities, has been diverting material to processing centres in Altona and Portage la Prairie, Derksen noted. (MWM representatives could not be reached for comment at press time on Monday, but we'll follow up with them for next week's edition.)

While it's disheartening to see recycling finding its way to the landfill, Derksen hopes it doesn't deter people from continuing making the effort to fill up their blue bins—in normal times, it keeps a massive amount of reusable material out of the dump.

"We really don't want people to get out of the habit and just start throwing everything in the garbage," he said. "We are doing everything we can to get up and running as soon as we can."

For Winklerites, hanging onto your recyclables for a few more weeks until Gateway is operational again is one option.

For other regional residents or businesses looking for an alternative to the landfill, Penner Waste in Morden (160 Grant St.) does accept recyclable materials, though there is a drop-off fee to cover the costs of processing.

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Doctors MB hosting vaccination town hall Nov. 30

Vaccine and pediatric specialists to speak to the COVID-19 vaccine for children

By Voice staff

Got questions about COVID-19 vaccination as it relates to your child's health? Doctors Manitoba is offering to answer them at a virtual town hall being held next week.

Vaccine and pediatric specialists will be on hand Tuesday, Nov. 30 to field questions from parents and children about the vaccine, which was approved for use in kids age five to 11 by Health Canada last week.

"It's only natural to have questions about a new vaccine, especially when

it's for children, and that's why we've planned this town hall," said Dr. Kristjan Thompson, president of Doctors Manitoba, which represents the province's physicians. "Hundreds of pediatricians and family physicians across the province are also ready to answer questions one-on-one, and in many cases they will be offering the vaccine in their clinic too."

The town hall will begin at 7 p.m. next Tuesday and be broadcast live on the Doctors Manitoba YouTube page.

Manitobans can submit questions in advance or register for a reminder

email at ManitobaVaccine.ca/town-hall. Questions can also be submitted during the live event.

The panel of medical experts will include:

- Dr. Marni Hanna, president of the Manitoba Pediatric Society
- Dr. Ruth Grimes, president of the Canadian Paediatric Society
- Dr. Jared Bullard, section head of Pediatric Infectious Diseases and associate medical director of Cadham Lab
- Dr. Joss Reimer, provincial COVID-19 vaccine medical lead and medi-

cal officer of health

• Dr. Ashley Chopek, pediatric oncology and bone marrow transplant specialist.

Once the pediatric vaccine is available, pediatricians and physicians offering the vaccine will be added to ManitobaVaccine.ca. The site, created by physicians about COVID-19 vaccines, will also be updated with answers to common questions about the pediatric vaccines.

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Winkler chamber's Holiday Bingo returns

By Lorne Stelmach

You can again earn a chance to win prizes while also doing your part to support local businesses in Winkler this Christmas season.

The Winkler and District Chamber of Commerce kicked off its Holiday Bingo campaign for a second year last week.

"It was a no-brainer for us to do it again this year," said executive director Tanya Chateauf, noting it proved to be a big hit last Christmas amidst the pandemic lockdown.

"Although the restrictions have lifted considerably this year, we found that the community had such a fun time participating in the bingo," she said. "People seemed to really get their families involved ... people took this on as a family affair and really had fun with it. We wanted to still provide a creative way for people to still enjoy shopping locally at a difficult time."

The bingo card offers a variety of challenges for people to complete

ranging from buying gift cards and making purchases at local businesses to taking photos and sharing positive posts in connection to local businesses on social media.

You will need to provide proof of purchase or a photo in order to be eligible for the blackout prize of \$500, but completing just one line also earns you a chance at one of six \$50 gift cards.

The deadline to enter is Dec. 15. Prize winners will be selected Dec. 17. You can get your bingo card from the chamber website (winklerchamber.com) or in person at the chamber office in City Hall.

"We also will be driving around in our Be Kind truck, handing out bingo cards on the street," said Chateauf.

She particularly emphasized the idea of making an act of kindness as an important component of the bingo challenges.

"That is something that we're really trying to promote as well ... just being kind to one another," she said.

It is all part of building a sense of

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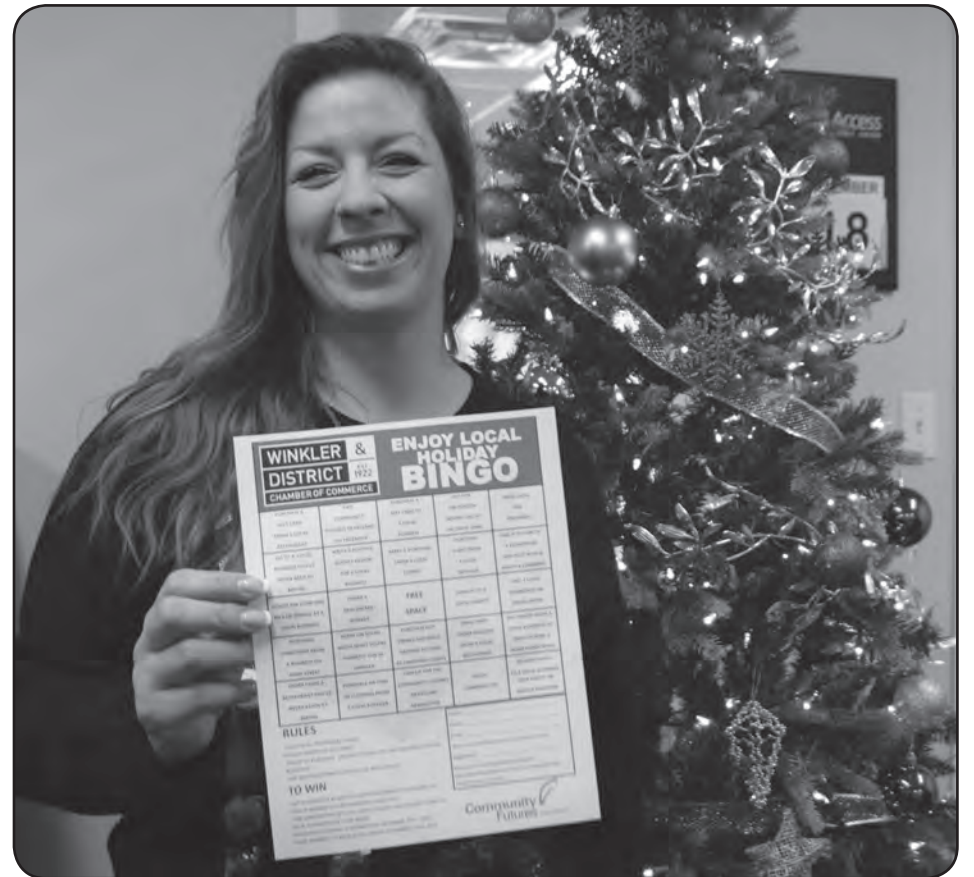


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The Winkler chamber's Tanya Chateauf with the Holiday Bingo card area residents can fill out for a chance to win prizes.

community and supporting local.

"The businesses are here to serve you. They're passionate about what they do, and they want it to be a positive experience and interaction every time you go to their business," Chateauf said. "We want you to spend money in our community in the holiday season ... it's still more important than ever."

Farmer killed in grain bin accident

By Lorne Stelmach

A local man lost his life last week as a result of becoming trapped inside a grain bin.

Area firefighters were called to a farm northeast of Morden around 5 p.m. last Tuesday in hopes of rescuing the man, who was in his early 60s, said Morden Fire Chief Andy Thiessen.

Despite their best efforts, the man's body could only be recovered around 11 p.m. that day.

"We worked there for about six hours to try to locate him ... a lot of hard work because you've got to do it

all manually ... it just takes brute manpower, but luckily we had a lot of guys there," Thiessen said. "As it turned out, he was right at the bottom of the bin."

Thiessen said it appears the man may have been in the full bin trying to clear up a crust or clumps of grain that would have impeded its flow.

It is a practice that is inherently dangerous owing to the risk of entrapment or suffocation within the grain, which can easily shift and settle.

When the call came in, the Winkler Fire Department was immediately called to assist because it has members particularly trained in grain

rescue, Thiessen noted, and they also called in the STARS air ambulance to be prepared if needed.

"STARS was called because if we could do a quick rescue, we know that person's going to need some attention really quick. They were only on scene for a short period of time," he said.

"We worked quite feverishly there for the first half hour because that's our go-to time if there's any rescue possible at all," Thiessen explained. "After that time span, if we haven't located the person, then it's a matter of recovery."

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Morden Habitat house build well on its way

By Lorne Stelmach

The first Morden build of the local Habitat for Humanity chapter continues to take shape.

The project has faced challenges particularly in getting materials and supplies, but the community never fails to come through in various ways.

Whether it's local businesses supplying teams of volunteers or stepping up to get them what they need, Morden-Winkler Habitat chapter directors are eternally grateful for the support that keeps things progressing.

"It is always amazing to see," said Christina Falk, the group's secretary and public relations rep. "It's been a rough year, and everything is kind of harder, so it is really neat to see the community come together and do something together to make a difference."

"IT'S REALLY NEAT TO SEE THE COMMUNITY COME TOGETHER AND DO SOMETHING TOGETHER TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE."

The home at 507 Sixth Street in Morden is being built for the family of Peter and Emily Derksen on a lot at the far north end of the city that was donated by Triple E Developments.

A key piece of the construction came together recently with the completion of the roof, so the home will be able to be closed in well enough to allow work to continue into the winter months.

The roof going up before winter really sets in wouldn't have happened, though, were it not for the intervention of a local company.

"One thing we had trouble sourcing was the rafters for the roof ... and even the metal pieces that you use to put them together are in very short supply ... and we needed to get that roof on before winter," she said. "Grandeur Housing stepped up and said that they would build them for us, which was amazing. So they ended up doing that and we were able to find someone to transport them."

Volunteer teams have also been instrumental in keeping the build progressing steadily, Falk added, noting they have had teams from several local businesses and community groups.

"We've had lots of volunteer days already and several team building ones with different businesses involved, and those are going really well," she said. "We've actually had more team builds this year than individual volunteers, which has actually been really neat."

"Businesses often want to have that



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Habitat for Humanity volunteer Jamel Braun (above) at work on the Morden house site last week. Volunteers have been donating their time to the project—Morden's first Habitat home—for weeks now.

camaraderie among their employees," Falk continued. "The volunteers have had a wonderful time, and we've had some really great comments just about teams working together and enjoying it."

That spirit of camaraderie that develops among the volunteers is an aspect of the project that site supervisor Ryan Rempel very much appreciates.

"It's a lot of fun. You get to see the progress throughout the day ... to get to show people how a home is built is quite rewarding, and they seem to love it," he said.

It is nice as well for the volunteers to have some contact with the family who will call the house home.

"They come every day to see the progress on the house, and every day they're amazed by what we've accomplished throughout the day," Rempel said. "They're quite excited. They can't wait to move in."

The family of course is required to

provide 500 hours of "sweat equity" into the project, and Falk noted the Derksens have been very keen to be involved in various ways.

"Emily has been putting together the lunches for the volunteers, so she has gotten lots of local restaurants in Morden and Winkler to donate food, and she brings it to the volunteers," she said. "It's really neat because she is getting some of her volunteer hours that way and helping out, but she also gets to meet everyone who is helping build the house. I think that is really cool."

One such volunteer last week was Jamel Braun, who is a digital platform manager for Access Credit Union. The first-time volunteer with Habitat for Humanity has wanted to get involved for some time.

"I have wanted to in the past ... this time worked out, and I'm excited to be part of it," said Braun.

"I like to think I'm handy. I use to kind of renovate houses and stuff like that when I was younger," he noted. "I also enjoy working outside, so it was a good opportunity to get out of the office and get some fresh air."

"It's really fulfilling. I've always thought it was a really good program and really important for the community, helping others to have a home," Braun added. "It feels good to be able to give back ... I've been lucky in my life, so I want to do what I can to help others."

Falk said they now look forward to seeing further progress on the build, and they hoped to see some outside work like insulation and siding starting this week.

"Probably the hardest thing has been just getting the supplies that we need," she noted. "They don't always



Eden hires from within for new CEO

Recovery of Hope's Brad Unger steps into the role next week

By Lorne Stelmach

Eden Health Care Services is drawing from within its own ranks to fill its top position.

Assuming the role of chief executive officer as of Dec. 1 will be Brad Unger, who for the last five years has been program director for Eden's Recovery of Hope counselling therapy program.

It will make for an easier transition for Eden, with someone stepping in with Unger's level of knowledge and experience in the organization.

"The benefit I have is having been part of the leadership team ... I have a

good connection to a lot of the amazing staff, so there's some good familiarity," said Unger.

"I'm looking forward to diving in and getting more acquainted with all of the staff and all the programs," he continued. "Eden has a wide range of services all across the spectrum ... and we're able to provide mental health support in a variety of ways and really a holistic approach to mental health."

In a news release, Eden Health Care Services cited Unger's impressive mix of education, experience, and interests.

He comes to the role with degrees in commerce and Christian studies and has led and supported staff for over 15 years in counselling, employment, and housing services.

Unger said he has very much been inspired by the support from the community, faith groups, businesses, government agencies, and others who share the vision for integrated mental

health care, and he looks forward to working together to grow and develop their services so those on the mental health journey can receive hope, healing, and community.

"We have a strong team of leaders who are the program leads," he said. "I have some learning to do, but I know that team and know that there is strong leadership in all areas."

"We need to continue to be diligent," Unger said of continuing to face the challenges posed by the pandemic, but he sees the Eden staff as having been phenomenal in adjusting to continue to provide services in a safe way.

Other priorities include redeveloping space in Winkler with the overall goal of "continuing to make that a real centre of excellence for mental health care in the region."

In addition, Eden is also establishing or expanding on locations and services in both Steinbach and Winnipeg.

"We're working to establish those



Brad Unger

hubs in Steinbach and Winnipeg in the medium term," said Unger, who sees it as a reflection of the continued and increased need for their services. "The demand for services is quite high. Doing everything we can to expand and develop programming is a high priority."

11 more COVID-19 deaths announced Monday

Seven from Southern Health, which accounts for 15 of the 24 COVID-19 ICU patients right now

By Ashleigh Viveiros

Seven people from the Southern Health region were among the 11 new deaths due to COVID-19 reported by the province on Monday.

A woman in her 40s was one of the region's casualties reported since last Thursday, alongside six other residents ranging in age from 60s to 80s. Manitoba's total death toll due to COVID-19 has reached 1,292.

With 258 new cases, Southern Health-Santé Sud, which has the lowest vaccination rate in Manitoba, accounted for the majority of new COVID-19 cases reported in the province from Friday to Monday. Sixty-nine per cent of eligible residents in Southern Health have been vaccinated thus far.

There were also 185 new cases reported in Winnipeg, 85 in Prairie Mountain, 82 in the Northern health region, and 50 in the Interlake.

Manitoba currently has 1,528 active cases of the virus, with 152 people hospitalized and 24 in intensive care

due to COVID-19.

Southern Health accounts for 530 of the active cases, 67 total hospitalizations, and 15 total ICU patients.

In comparison, the Winnipeg health region, which has a population more than three times that of Southern but a vaccination rate 20 per cent higher, has 385 active cases, 42 total hospitalizations, and five ICU patients.

Manitoba's five-day COVID-19 test positivity rate on Monday was 5.7 per cent provincially and 2.9 per cent in Winnipeg.

The province has also been providing test positivity rates every other week for the other health regions. On Nov. 17, Southern Health's rate was 14.4 per cent, the highest in the province.

The case numbers have also been rising steadily in the Pembina Valley in recent weeks.

On Monday, Winkler was reporting 65 cases, Morden 54, Altona 20, Carman 17, and Stanley 16. Other communities in the region had under 10 cases each at press time.

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come when expected, and everybody's kind of dealing with that right now. That's been a bit of a challenge and pushed some of our volunteer days back.

"The next struggle is windows and doors. Everyone knows they have been really hard to source, so we're just hoping that they are coming very soon, but we didn't have a date for that yet ... but with the roof on, we can pretty much close it in, so we'll be okay to keep going through win-

ter."

It is hard to estimate completion, but Falk said they are hoping for sometime in spring.

In the meantime, she noted they are now also looking ahead to their next project.

"We are taking applications now for the next house. We are hoping to build in Winkler in 2022, so we would really love to have people apply," she said. "We are looking for families who are currently renting and

don't own their home. They need to have been working for at least two years ... there's a minimum income of \$26,000."

Anyone wanting more information or wanting to volunteer should head to the Winkler/Morden Habitat for Humanity Chapter Facebook page or go to the Habitat for Humanity Manitoba website at www.habitat.mb.ca.

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BTHC Rehab Services staffer Irma Sawatzky and her grandson Mason Krahn with some of the 1,000 packages of Hey Clay the program received from the Winkler-Morden Co-op recently.

Co-op Hey Clay donations spreading a lot of joy

By Ashleigh Viveiros

There are a lot of happy kids in Morden-Winkler this fall thanks to the Co-op customers who tossed their free Hey Clay packages into the donation box.

Co-op's Connie Bailey explains the promotion where customers get a free packet of clay with their purchase was a big hit again this year, but there are of course always customers who have no need for the colourful art supplies.

"So we had little donation bins at each till and we just asked people if they wanted to keep them or donate them. We had our customers donate nearly 20,000 pieces of Hey Clay," Bailey says. "That's way more than we thought would come in, so we're quite pleased with that."

Co-op then fielded over 85 requests for donations of the extra clay, sending it out to local classrooms, Sunday Schools, pre-schools, day cares, Hutterite colonies, music studios, private schools, and a few home school groups in recent weeks.

In some cases, the Co-op mascot Cooper tagged along with staff as they delivered the goodies.

"It really has been our hope with all of this to bring some joy to our community and there's nothing like seeing a bunch of happy kids," Bailey says.

Some of those happy kid are patients with the Southern Health-Santé Sud Rehabilitation Services program at Boundary Trails Health Centre.

Staffer Irma Sawatzky entered the program into consideration for a clay donation, not sure how much, if any, to expect to get.

"I just thought I'd throw our name in the hat" on behalf of the hospital's children's rehab program, she says.

Not only was the program selected but it received one of the larger donations: 1,000 packages of clay.

"I said, 'Wow, that's a big bag,'" laughs Sawatzky, explaining they'll be handed out to the kids at the end of their appointments. "Something they can take home and play with."

"Usually they'll get a sticker but in this case we can give them an individual Hey Clay to take home ... it's such a fun takeaway," says the program's Gail Brewis.

In addition to being a fun surprise, the gift will also give kids the chance to use their hand skills, explore textures, and develop their imagination and language skills while building Hey Clay creations.

Brewis notes they've also had some therapists request a few packages for their adult patients to aid with their at-home exercises.

Sawatzky and Brewis send out a big thank-you to Co-op and everyone who donated to this initiative.

"It's so nice that they can share with the community," says Sawatzky. "We're very grateful that they were willing to donate a huge amount for us and we will definitely make use of it in our program."

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Winkler Bible Camp hosting drive-thru meal Dec. 1-3

By Lorne Stelmach

The unexpectedly huge success that was the Winkler Bible Camp's last holiday drive-thru meal has the camp expanding its plans this year.

This time around, the camp will be hosting its winter meal over three

days Dec. 1-3 instead of the one night event it was in 2020.

"It became much larger than we had anticipated. We had booked a thousand meals, but two thousand people showed up, and so it was way past

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Winkler Christmas Market starts next weekend

By Ashleigh Viveiros

Facing another pandemic Christmas when so many of the usual community events may have to be cancelled or modified, a few locals have come up with something new to spread holiday cheer.

The Winkler Christmas Market is gearing up for its first year of festive fun the first three weekends of December.

They'll be setting up shop in the New Leaf Garden Center with artisan vendors, musical buskers and other performers, and holiday treats to grab on your way out.

Also in the works are appearances by Santa Claus for some physically-distanced photos.

"We're so excited to have something that the community can come together and celebrate and maybe forget a little bit about this whole pandemic thing for a little while, even though we will be following the rules, but just to get back to being a community that cares for each other and celebrates these things together," said organizer Shirley Janzen. "We hope it goes well because I would love to make this an annual event."

Due to the current public health

orders, the market can't be quite the bustling gathering place they had hoped it would be when they came up with the idea earlier this year.

"For instance, we wanted to have a coffeshop area where people could sit down and listen to music, have a snack ... that probably won't happen the way we had envisioned it, but we're still looking to have opportunity for people to come pick up a coffee and some snacks on their way out as they leave the market," Janzen said.

Holiday baking and craft demonstrations are also off the table this year, but Janzen is optimistic if they get another crack at it in 2022 they'll be able to have those activities along with a bonfire and sleigh rides.

"Those are all on my wish list, but this year we'll do the best that we can ... we're just trying to really work within the parameters that we have," she said, noting the planned activities will still make for a pretty busy trio of weekends. "We thought that already would give us a lot to work with and so we're looking forward to that."

There are about 40 vendors signed up to take part throughout the month, selling a variety of products.

"People will generally find about 20-25 vendors there every weekend," Jan-



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Winkler Christmas Market organizers Lucy Janzen (left) and Shirley Janzen plan to fill the New Leaf Garden Center with vendors and performers the first three weekends in December. Everyone is invited to come enjoy some holiday fun.

zen said, adding "it's a really diverse group" that changes week to week.

"We tried not to have too many of one type of vendor on a particular weekend and that worked out really well. So there's a really wide variety of vendors coming and it should give people some opportunities if they're looking for unique Christmas gifts ... they'll definitely have opportunity for them to find it here."

Musical performers are also lined up for each weekend and the Flatlands Theatre Company will be on hand as well to perform a Christmas radio drama.

Local Special Olympics athletes will there each night to greet market-go-

ers.

"They bring so much joy and excitement to our community and I just thought wouldn't it be great if we could get them involved?" Janzen said. "It allows them to get out a little bit and just share the spirit of Christmas because we know that they do it best."

The market, which is free to attend, is open Dec. 2-4, Dec. 9-11, and Dec. 16-18. The hours are 4-9 p.m. Thursdays, 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Fridays, and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturdays.

For more information, head to the Winkler Christmas market's Facebook or Instagram pages or email winklerchristmasmarket@gmail.com.

United Way puts call out for grant applications

Fall campaign has raised \$68K so far

By Lorne Stelmach

United Way Pembina Valley is into the final push with its annual fundraising campaign, and the agency is also making a last call for organizations that would like to receive a portion of the proceeds.

Vice-president Chris Willsey last week encouraged all local charitable organizations in the Winkler and Morden area to get in their applications for funding.

"It's a pretty simple application," noted Willsey, who said the United Way is anxious to get proposals not only from the many organizations that apply without fail each year but from others in the area as well.

"In a normal year, we see in excess of 20 different agencies make grant applications," he said. "For us, the pri-

mary thing is they need to be a local non-profit doing work in the community, whether it's programs or service.

"It's not restrictive. Every application gets considered," Willsey said. "Every year there's a new one of two that pop up, which is good. We always like to see new different community initiatives that we can support."

Applications for funding need to be in by Dec. 15. The form can be found at www.unitedwaypembinavalley.ca.

Meanwhile, the 2021-2022 campaign

wraps up early in the new year, and the tally was at \$68,000 as of last week.

"We're basically right around the halfway mark," said Willsey, who noted the agency was able to distribute \$135,800 to 23 worthy local charities and community projects with the proceeds of last year's campaign.

"There's always quite a bit that comes in through December," he said. "We would love to be able to give out more than we did last year."

"Giving to the United Way is invest-

ing in your community and allows us to direct resources to these agencies doing the work in our communities," Willsey emphasized. "We give out every dollar that we can ... get all the money back into the community."

The United Way's volunteer board of directors representing residents from both Winkler and Morden will meet next spring to divide up the donations from the community.

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what we had imagined," shared executive director Dale Wiebe.

"So we're preparing for way more ... and we will be doing 600 meals a night," he explained. "It's because we had such an overwhelming response last year that we couldn't even meet it."

Meals will need to be pre-ordered and assigned to a specific half-hour

slot each evening between 5-6:30 p.m. to allow for everyone to be served in a timely manner. They have also doubled the length of the line-up by having it go all the way around the lake.

"It's just spreading out the vehicles so that we don't get a massive amount all at once ... and the drive-thru is twice as large as it was last

year. We've doubled the size of it."

The menu features cranberry chicken, herb mashed potatoes, corn, a bun, coleslaw and white chocolate raspberry cake for dessert.

"It's a free will offering," said Wiebe. "But people need to go online to book a spot."

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Layer Taco Dip

500g sour cream
1 package taco seasoning mix
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Focaccia Bread

1 tsp white sugar
1 (.25 ounce) package active dry yeast
1/3 cup warm water
2 cups all purpose flour
2 tbsp olive oil
Tsp cracked sea salt
Cherry tomatoes (optional)
Tsp herbs (your favourite)

In a small bowl, dissolve sugar and yeast in warm water. Let stand until creamy, about 10 minutes. In a large bowl, combine the yeast mixture with flour, stir well to combine. Stir in additional water, 1 tablespoon at a time, until all of the flour is absorbed. When the dough has pulled together, turn it out onto a lightly floured surface and knead briefly for about one minute. Lightly oil a large bowl, place the dough in the bowl and turn to coat with oil. Cover with a damp cloth and let rise in a warm place until doubled in volume, about 30 minutes. Preheat oven to 475 degrees. Deflate the dough and turn it out onto a lightly floured surface; knead briefly. Pat or roll dough into a sheet and place on a lightly greased baking sheet. Brush the dough with oil and sprinkle with salt, herbs and tomatoes. Bake focaccia in a preheated oven for 10 to 20 minutes. If you like moist and fluffy, wait just about 10 minutes. If you like it crunchier and darker on the outside, wait 20 minutes. * Can use Italian dried herbs and add cherry tomatoes to the top before baking.

Brown Buns

2 eggs
4 tbsp sugar
2 tsp salt
6 tbsp oil
3 cups warm water
2 tsp yeast (instant, fast acting)
7 cups flour (4 cups whole wheat, 3 cups white)
½ cup ground flax

Mix first 5 ingredients. Add some flour, then yeast, then gradually add rest of flour and ground flax. Cover to let rise and double in size, punch down, shape into buns. Cover to let rise for 1 hour or until double in size. Bake 15-18 mins at 350 degrees.

Beverages

Minty White Chocolate Cappucino

1 ½ cup Carnation evaporated milk, heated
1 ¼ cup hot coffee
½ cup white chocolate, chopped
¼ tsp mint extract

Place ingredients in blender. Process until smooth. Serve hot.

Desserts

Best Shortbread Cookie

1/2 cup cornstarch
1/2 cup icing sugar
1 cup flour
3/4 cup soft butter

Put 3 ingredients in a bowl and add butter and make into a soft dough. Shape into small balls and place on a plate and put in fridge for 1/2 hour. Place balls on parchment paper in a cookie sheet spaced 3" apart. Flatten balls with a fork dipped in white sugar with a "x" formation. A maraschino cherry cut in half is another lovely topping. Bake at 300 degree F for approximately 15 minutes. Delicious!

Peanut Butter Rice Krispie Balls

1 cup corn syrup
1 cup sugar
1 cup smooth peanut butter
4 cups rice krispies
½ cup chocolate chips

Place corn syrup, sugar and peanut butter in a saucepan. Bring just to a boil. Remove from heat and pour over rice krispies. Stir well to combine. Butter hands and quickly roll into 48 one-inch balls. Set on a sheet of wax paper to cool. When cooled, place chocolate chips in a plastic bag and microwave until softened. Cut a tiny hole in one corner of the bag and drizzle the chocolate over the balls.

Homemade Turtles

3 cups whole pecans
½ cup butter
1 cup brown sugar
½ cup corn syrup
dash salt
7 oz sweetened condensed milk (half of a 14 oz can)
½ tsp vanilla
1 ½ cups milk chocolate chips
½ tsp vegetable oil or shortening

Place pecans in a single layer on a baking sheet. Bake at 350° for about 10 minutes or till lightly browned and fragrant. Let cool. Arrange in clusters of 3-4 on silicone liners or parchment paper. Combine butter, brown sugar, corn syrup, and salt in a 6 quart pot. Bring to a boil over medium heat. Add the sweetened condensed milk and vanilla. Continue cooking and stirring till mixture reaches 235-240 degrees. Quickly spoon the caramel over the pecan clusters, making sure caramel is touching each of the pecans. Let sit to harden. Melt the chocolate chips and oil in the microwave at half power, stirring often till smooth. Spoon chocolate on top of each layer of caramel. Let sit for 1-2 hours, or till hardened.

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Let's Get Back to That

"It's a sisterhood"

MCC Thrift Shop volunteers hard at work creating Christmas wreaths, arrangements

By Ashleigh Viveiros

It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas at the MCC Thrift Shop in Winkler, and a large part of that is due to the work of a dedicated group of creative volunteers.

On any given day, a visitor behind the scenes at the store will find the ladies in the floral department putting the finishing touches on dozens of wreaths and Christmas planters bound for the sales floor.

One recent Monday morning saw Betty Klassen, Margaret Penner, and Grace Klassen hard at work.

"This work is all year-round, but Christmas is the busiest for us," says Betty, who leads the department.

Indeed, the shelves in the trio's work space are packed full of boxes marked for spring, fall, summer, and any number of other holidays—they make floral arrangements for them all.

But Christmas is the Big Show, when they ramp up their efforts and make thousands of dollars in sales for Men-

nonite Central Committee's global relief efforts in about a month and a half.

Pretty much anything that could be used for a Christmas arrangement—garland, old wreaths, ornaments, floral embellishments, vases—finds its way to the ladies' workbench where they clean it, spruce it up, and very often come up with an entirely new creation.

Sometimes it's a matter of breathing new life into unwanted decorations. Many other times, like new items find their way to MCC for repurposing.

"Some of it still has the price on it—it's brand new, they never used it," says Betty, gesturing to the wall of floral accent pieces that rivals that seen in any craft store or flower shop.

"Come Christmas, we'll have used up almost all of this," adds Margaret.

Most wreaths are priced in the \$15-\$25 range, though some of the more elaborate displays can go for more.

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Betty Klassen (above), Grace Klassen (right), and Margaret Penner (left) hard at work in the Winkler MCC Thrift Shop's floral department, which is always a pretty busy place in the lead-up to Christmas. The floral department last Christmas, even with the store being closed for extended periods due to the pandemic, managed to bring in \$3,000 through the sale of their holiday wreaths and floral arrangements.



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MCC floral department volunteers hard at work last week.



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They also make sure to put together a few more modestly priced wreaths for families who are feeling a financial pinch over the holidays.

For some households, it's become a tradition to stop by the shop for this year's Christmas wreath.

"What happens sometimes is people will buy something here for the season and then return it, so then the next year we can re-sell it," says Betty.

"They have no storage, so we're their storage," laughs Grace.

The chance to do some creative craftwork is a big part of what brings the ladies back day after day, year after year.

"Because we have so many different things here and there's rarely two or three of a kind, you really have to use your noggin," Betty says as she arranges plastic fruit on a wreath just so. "It's incredibly satisfying work."

But it's more than that, adds Margaret.

"It's a sisterhood," she says. "We already almost know how we each think. So there is a relational aspect to it."

"But for me the big thing is that we're looking beyond ourselves for MCC, to what kind of funds we can generate to help support the underprivileged. That is always in the back of my mind," Margaret continues. "Sometimes I think to myself, before I come, it's so enjoyable and so satisfy-

ing to be here that I almost feel selfish that service can be such a fun thing."

"It's actually, I would say, also a slice of mental health," chimes in Grace. "Being able to come, being useful, being caring. And there's also the camaraderie of the people that we work with."

"It's a happy place. It's always a happy place."

Eastman #1 in vehicle-deer collisions

Region averages 2,170 collisions a year

By Voice staff

The Eastman Region remains the most likely place for vehicle-deer collisions in all of Manitoba, according to Manitoba Public Insurance.

MPI released its Top 5 list for high-collision regions earlier this month, and Eastman once again topped it.

Eastman—which includes the communities of Steinbach, Lac du Bonnet, Anola, Birds Hill Park area and Falcon Lake—experienced an average of 2,170 collisions yearly, based on collision statistics collected from 2016 to 2020.

Not far behind in the number two spot was Westman with 2,150 collisions annually followed by the Interlake (1,700), Central Plains (910), and Parkland (900) regions.

On average, almost 500 people are injured in wildlife-related collisions yearly, MPI reports. Over the last 10 years, nine people in Manitoba have been killed in crashes caused by an animal on a road.

Overall, Manitobans are involved in more than 14,000 vehicle-wildlife collisions every year.

"At this time of year in particular, there's an increased likelihood of encountering these animals when traveling through these zones. Awareness is one key to preventing a collision," said MPI's Satvir Jatana. "With over 9,000 vehicle-deer collisions yearly in Manitoba, our goal is to see that reduced through education, awareness, emerging driver-assist technologies,

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Morden kicks off the holiday season

Morden's annual tree lighting celebration took over downtown last Friday night. Attendees enjoyed marshmallows over a bonfire, snapped photos with the displays set up in front of the civic centre, were treated to a performance from Fun & Fire, and got to do physically-distanced photos with Santa Claus. The evening also included a tree lighting countdown and fireworks.



Public Notice Proposed Valley Fiber Radio Communications Project Telecommunications Tower

Valley Fiber Limited is a locally owned and operated technology firm based out of Winkler, MB. The ever-growing need for fast and reliable telecommunications has spurred innovation. To continue this innovation, Valley Fiber in partnership with the RM of Pembina, is proposing to construct a 58m tower in Darlingford. The towers location was chosen in close consultation with the local RM. The Tower will support communication equipment and all Transport Canada required lighting. The tower will require a small 3.6m x 4.2m ancillary building at the base of the tower. Based on a review by Valley Fiber, there were no available existing location or facilities that would suit the project requirements. Valley Fiber is inviting the public to comment on the proposed tower location prior to

December 27th, 2021.

This tower is going to be constructed and operated to be fully compliant with Industry Canada guidelines found in the client procedures circular (CPC-2-0-03, including Safety code 6 and CEAA 2012). For more information on Industry Canada's requirements please see (www.ic.gc.ca/towers).

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Let's Get Back to That

SCRL launches 12 Crafts of Christmas series

By Lorne Stelmach

The South Central Regional Library is again going online to give families some simple and fun activities to enjoy this holiday season.

The library last week kicked off its 12 Crafts of Christmas video series that aims to help fill the void while pandemic restrictions still limit what community gatherings are possible.

"I think it went over pretty well last year," said Raina Teigrob, who is overseeing the series this year. "With COVID, it's nice to have options for people to be able to do at home."

Each video in the series features a craft that families can do simply at home without requiring a lot of materials.

"We try to make all the items acces-

sible, so kind of dollar store items that anyone can get their hands on," said Teigrob.

There will be a few recipe editions such as gingerbread cookies and decorations as well as apple cider, she noted, and there will also be something on making a do-it-yourself Christmas village building.

"We've also got some pet treats we're going to do as well, and then we're going to do things like do-it-yourself ornaments. We have a few different crafts for that, and we've got some origami

crafts coming up as well."

The short videos of just a few minutes in length are being posted twice a week on the SCRL's YouTube channel, Facebook page, and Instagram.

"We were planning to do some craft kits based on the videos so people

"WE TRY TO MAKE ALL THE [SUPPLIES] ACCESSIBLE ..."



SCRL PHOTOS

Twice a week for the next few weeks the South Central Regional Library will be posting videos with simple but fun holiday crafts families can tackle at home.

come and pick up their own kits and do themselves at home as well," added Teigrob, who kicked things off last Tuesday with homemade cork drink coasters.

"It's something we can do it no matter what ... and it's probably some-

thing we will continue with even in the future. It will be a good option to offer," she suggested. "We just hope it will help people get into the Christmas spirit. It's hard to do that sometimes with COVID."

> DEER COLLISIONS, FROM PG. 20

and drivers taking preventative steps."

In addition to raising awareness of high-collision hotspots by publishing its annual listing, MPI works in partnership with the City of Winnipeg (which was number seven on the list) to place high visibility message signs at strategic locations identified as key wildlife-vehicle collisions areas. In total, eight signs will be rotating across 21 identified locations this year.

In rural Manitoba, Riding Mountain National Park has a high-visibility sign warning drivers of the potential danger of collision with wildlife and encouraging safe speeds, particularly between dusk and dawn.

"These signs warn drivers to remain alert for deer, and watch for them in these high-collision areas," said Jatana. "It's important that driv-

ers are aware when they're entering an area where deer frequent and pay close attention to their surroundings. The boards are up during what is typically the highest collision period."

Tips to help keep you safe:

- Slow down when you see wildlife crossing signs and drive with extreme caution, scanning the road ahead as well as shoulders and ditches.
- Animals are normally more active at dawn, dusk and at night.
- Be especially alert where brush and tall grass grow near the road.
- Watch for the reflection of headlights in the eyes of a deer, or a dark silhouette.
- Do not swerve if an animal does cross in front of your vehicle—brake firmly to reduce the impact between the animal and your vehicle.

Attention Kids...

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2. Tell us a story written from the point of view of a Christmas tree ornament.
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Siblings Gabrielle, Tabitha, and Zach Rempel with the dozens of boxes their family filled for Operation Christmas Child. Below: The drop-off depot in Winkler was a hopping place last week.



Region fills 5,900 shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child

By Ashleigh Viveiros

The Gospel Mission Church in Winkler was a hive of activity last week as thousands of Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes poured in from across the Pembina Valley.

The church served once again as the regional drop-off depot for Samaritan Purse's National Collection Week, and local coordinator Andrea Zammit was kept hopping every single day.

"The boxes just kept coming," she said Monday night after the last of the 5,900 shoeboxes had been sent on their way to the depot in Calgary. It's the first leg of a trip that will end with them being placed in the hands of children in need in West Africa and Central America.

The shoeboxes are filled with toys, candies, school supplies, and other small gifts and are meant to let children who might otherwise go without know people are thinking of them halfway around the world. The Christian ministry also includes religious material with the gifts.

"It's all about the kids," Zammit said of what she heard from people again and again as they dropped off shoe-

boxes. "We have so much here; it's always just about those kids."

Some families packed a handful of boxes, others hundreds. School classrooms held packing parties, churches rallied their members to beat last year's tallies, and some small communities donated more boxes than they have residents (1,082 boxes came in from Plum Coulee, for example).

"This whole area, it's such a generous community," Zammit said, adding everyone really came together for this project in the spirit of cooperation and Christmas. "It was all about the excitement of the shoeboxes. People would come in and tell me about their year and how they packed and what their goal is for next year. It was really nice to see."

It's not too late to contribute to the cause. You can pack a box virtually at packabox.ca until Dec. 31.

"I'd love to see that number hit over 6,000. I think we can do it," Zammit said, noting last year the Pembina Valley impressed with the amount of virtual donations that came in between collection week and the end of December.



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Enbridge's Line 3 safely taken out of service

By Voice staff

Enbridge managed to successfully get the first segment of its Line 3 pipeline decommissioned before winter hit.

Line 3, which for the past 50 years had carried oil from Alberta to refineries across North America, has been replaced by a new pipeline, Line 93, which stretches 1,765 kilometres from Edmonton, Alberta to Superior, Wisconsin.

Work on removing the first of four segments of the old pipeline began in August and was completed ahead of schedule in Manitoba by mid-October, the company reports, with no safety or environmental incidents.

A joint venture of Métis N4 Construction and Steel River Solutions served as general contractor for an area covering 260 km from Cromer to Gretna, with a peak workforce of 55 persons.

"Decommissioning is a logistically challenging job that N4-Steel River handled very successfully," says Enbridge construction manager Allen Sawatzky. "It's different than building a pipeline—you don't just work from kilometre zero to kilometre 100 in a straight line. You go back-and-forth, from site-to-site, and this particular job involved 31 different locations for segmentation, valve isolation and railway fill."



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Inspector Sandy Armstrong shows a section of pipe following installation of a steel cap. After the pipe segment is cut, a cap is fabricated onto the ends and coated with epoxy. This permanently seals the pipeline at that location and backfill can then be completed (below).



MFGA holds fourth annual regenerative ag conference

By Sydney Lockhart

Manitoba Forage and Grasslands Association held its fourth annual regenerative agriculture conference in Brandon, where specialists from around the world shared their expertise.

The three daylong conference gathered hundreds of producers together in a hybrid in-person and online format that allowed people to join in even if they were not able to travel to Brandon or felt uncomfortable in public situations during the pandemic.

The volunteer-run association has been around for over 30 years, and executive director of Manitoba Forage and Grasslands Association (MFGA) Duncan Morrison said that the conferences they have created have served as not only an educational tool

but also a place for producers across the province to speak with each other.

"They appreciate the ability to hear from other producers on our panel, and from global keynotes," said Morrison. "They respect the organization's work on it and then they go back to their own farms and decide, you know, what exactly do I want to implement?"

The conference had speakers such as Walter Jehne, an Australian soil microbiologist, present remotely about soil and water management, Bertie Coetzee from South Africa who spoke about crop management, and Blake Vince from Ontario who spoke about nutrient and soil management, among many other presenters.

"Manitoba farmers that are investigating regenerative agriculture practices are looking to mimic nature," Morrison noted. "That means that

they're looking to put into soil health practices that help for water infiltration that help the root systems. With that becomes biodiversity enhances with healthier lands, more animals can live."

The conference, which ran from Nov. 15-17, not only had presentations, panels, trade shows and silent auctions, but it also gave producers the opportunity to ask questions in Q & A sessions after big presentations allowing them to pick the proverbial brains of the keynote speakers.

"To explore the realities and challenges grazing and we must face, and some of the options we have to address them," said Jehne, "Grasslands, herbivores and graziers are fundamental in securing these Biosystems and humanity's saved future through them."

On the opening night Wednesday Jehne gave his virtual presentation on soil presenting the concept of adding biomass and microbial ecologies to soil to create a soil carbon that is stable.

"This enables us to bias sequester and draw down 20 billion tons of carbon per annum globally. This is more than our fossil fuel emissions of eight billion tons of carbon per year. And could get us to negative net emissions by 2030, if we chose to do so," he said.

The conference is still available to view online. For more information on the 2021 MFGA Regenerative Ag Conference and bios of all speakers go to <https://mfga.net/regen-ag-conference>.

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Fighting for change: the White Ribbon Project

By Becca Myskiw

A few Miami residents are joining the movement to promote awareness



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Eugene Prokopchuk and his family are taking part in the White Ribbon Project to raise awareness around the underfunded cancer.

for lung cancer.

April Hildebrand and her family are part of the White Ribbon Project, a campaign to get healthcare and cancer centres to recognize Lung Cancer Awareness Month in November.

According to the White Ribbon Project's website, the stigma against cancer results from years of misleading campaigns, implying it stems from one thing: smoking, and that's not true. Unfortunately, that misconception has proven to be a barrier in recognition, patient advocacy, fundraising, and research on lung cancer, making it one of the most underfunded cancers.

The Canadian Cancer Society says lung cancer is the most commonly diagnosed cancer in Canada, excluding non-melanoma skin cancers. It is also the leading cause of death from cancer for men and women in the country.

They estimate that 29,600 Canadians will be diagnosed with lung cancer this year, accounting for 13 percent of all new cancer cases in 2021. Fourteen thousand eight hundred men and 14,800 women will be diagnosed with

"IT'S REALLY HARD FOR ANYONE WITH CANCER GOING THROUGH THE JOURNEY."

lung cancer. For men, 10,800 will die and for women 10,300 will die.

They also estimate 21,000 Canadians will die of cancer this year, accounting for a quarter of all cancer deaths in the country. In addition, 81 Canadians will be diagnosed with lung cancer every day and 58 will die from it every day. It's estimated one in 15 Canadian men will develop lung cancer in their lifetime and one in 18 will die from it. One in 15 will also get it for women, and one in 20 will die from it.

Hildebrand's father is one of the one in 15 who was diagnosed with lung cancer. They received the news in the spring of 2018 and have since been trying anything to prolong his life and improve his quality of life.

"It's really hard for anyone with cancer going through the journey," said Hildebrand. "Even more so with lung

cancer due to the lack of resources and funding. He got on a clinical trial, and it provided him with a stable year, he still had a good quality of life, but it's always a battle trying to find one or getting on one to provide some kind of cure or something that would help prolong life."

Her dad has a 22 per cent survival rate over five years—a lower prognosis than other cancers have. He's currently on a palliative care program at home, living with an oxygen tank, taking a lot of medications, and waiting to get on another clinical trial.

For now, that's all he can do while the White Ribbon Project raises awareness around his disease. Hildebrand said the purpose of the movement is to decrease the stigma and get more funding so the statistics can change.

• BEHIND THE COUNTER

Tips for visiting the pharmacy for someone else

Since the pandemic began, I've seen many people in Winkler jump in to support older people in our community, which has been truly inspiring.

Whether we're offering to pick up their groceries, mow a neighbour's lawn, or visit the pharmacy, we have been reminded of the importance of taking care of the people around us—particularly our seniors. I hope this continues to remain a priority.

There are a few things you should know before you come in if you're visiting the pharmacy on behalf of a neighbour or loved one. As a front-line health care worker, I am here to support you and your loved ones dur-

ing the pandemic and beyond. Below are my top tips to keep in mind when you're planning a visit to the pharmacy on behalf of someone else, old or young:

- Give us a call: If you're picking up a prescription for someone else, please ask the prescription holder to give us a call before you come in to alert us that someone else will be picking up the prescription. This will ensure the process is quick and easy, without any surprises.

- Take notes: Whether you are picking up a new prescription or just a refill, we'll walk you through how to take the medications you are picking

up. Come prepared to take notes and ask any questions you have, so you can accurately share this essential information with the prescription owner as well as any prescription information sheets we provide. Please give us a call so we can answer any questions if they come up after you've left

- Ask about medication reminder devices: It can be difficult to keep track of medications, particularly if there are multiple different ones. Missing a dose of daily medication, or taking a double dose, can be a health risk. If your neighbour or loved one needs support with remembering to take medication, ask your local pharmacist about getting medication provided in a blister pack, dosette, or other compliance aide.

- Medication reviews: If your neighbour or loved one is taking multiple medications, consider bringing them

into the pharmacy for a medication review with their local pharmacist.

A medication review can help them understand how to best take prescriptions, what each one is for, common side effects and how to manage them. Non-prescription products and the foods we eat can affect how prescriptions work and how well they address the ailment they were prescribed to treat. Appointments typically last 20 to 30 minutes.

Your local pharmacist is here to make your in-pharmacy experience, whether for yourself or someone else, as easy as possible. If you have any questions, give us a call, we're here to help!

Zahid Zehri is the pharmacist and owner at the Shoppers Drug Mart in Winkler.



By Zahid Zehri

• INCREDIBLE CREATURES

Nuts over red squirrels

By John Gavloski

One animal that we will continue to see in our yards and wild areas all winter is the red squirrel. These playful acrobats can keep us entertained on all but the coldest days. In this month's Incredible Creatures we will explore some of the behaviours and antics of red squirrels.

Ten species of squirrels can be found in Manitoba. Two are species of chipmunks, three are types of ground squirrels, we have a species of flying squirrel called the northern flying squirrel, and three species of tree squirrels (including the red squirrel).

Tree squirrels are highly specialized for living in the trees; they typically have larger eyes and ears than ground dwelling squirrels, as well as longer, bushier tails to better balance in the treetops.

With their well muscled hind legs for leaping and curved claws for climbing, tree squirrels rely on trees for shelter and food, and use the maze of branches as transportation routes.

While most species of ground squirrels hibernate in the winter, tree squirrels are non-hibernating. In northern areas they must store enormous amounts of food to survive the winter.

Red squirrels are easy to identify by their rusty red coats, white undersides and white eye rings. They get all new fur on their bodies twice a year, and once a year on their tail. Mothers gives birth to one to eight young, averaging about four.

Newborn red squirrels have no hair except for whiskers and some soft hairs on their chins. Their eyes open after 26 to 35 days, and they have all of their fur after 40 days. The young drink milk from

their mother for the first 70 days.

Red squirrels average lifespan is five years. However, red squirrels have difficulty surviving past one year old. Only 25 per cent of red squirrels survive past one year.

To communicate, a red squirrel makes a lengthy, descending trill and a chatter of assorted notes and chucks. They use vocal communication to advertise their territories and to threaten other squirrels. Red squirrels may even be able to recognize each other by individual calls.

Red squirrel nests are in holes in trees, in the leaves, or can even be underground. They make nests out of grass, moss, parts of plants, shredded bark, feathers, or fur. They usually build nests within 30m. of where they have stored food.

Red squirrels spend the day collecting cones from pine, spruce or fir trees, seeds, nuts, fruit, and mushrooms. They will also feed on buds, flowers, bark, berries, insects, eggs, mice and young of small mammals when the opportunity arises. Seeds of pine cones are a favourite.

Some of this food is stored for the winter. They store nuts and seeds in piles called middens under logs, at the base of trees and underground.

They store up enough food to last one or two seasons.

Red squirrels remain active throughout the winter, except in severely cold weather. In the winter, red squirrels peak their activity around midday to take advantage of warmer temperatures. Adverse weather may result in reduced activity, but it is unlikely that squirrels will remain in the nest for more than one day without foraging. As the temperatures



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Ten species of the red squirrel can be found in Manitoba.

drop, squirrels become less active, and it has been reported that at temperatures of about -32 degrees Celsius, red squirrels become completely inactive.

Even in the cold of winter, red squirrels can keep us entertained with their acrobatics and chatter.

• FAITH FOCUS

No surprises

Not that long ago I came across a quote on the internet: "Life's hard, but it's harder when you're stupid." Don't see that one on too many livingroom walls!

The idea behind the quote actually gets reflected a fair bit in a letter in the Bible written by the apostle Peter (1 Peter). He reminds those early believers, life's hard, don't make it

harder on yourself, be mindful of how you live in a hostile culture: be humble, be willing sacrifice and suffer for others, and make sure your words and your lifestyle line up with integrity.

In fact he goes on to say, "Dear friends, don't be surprised at the fiery trials you are going through, as if something strange were happening to you."

The thing with surprises is that causes involuntary responses; it often triggers a fight or flight response. Surprises can cause us to act in ways that we didn't plan on, cause involuntary doubt about our reality. That's why Peter doesn't want followers of Jesus to be caught off guard when



By Terry Dueck

difficulties come our way. Instead, he wants us to understand that our suffering makes us "partners with Christ."

It's one of the unique aspects of our Christian worldview. We believe suffering has a purpose. It's an essential component to our maturity and not only becoming more like Jesus, but growing in intimacy and dependency on him.

Alexander Solzhenitsyn, a famous Russian writer and survivor of the Russian gulag, wrote: "Bless you prison, bless you for being in my life. For there, lying upon the rotting prison straw, I came to realize that the object of life is not prosperity as we are made to believe, but the maturity of the human soul."

I can tell you firsthand when we thought we might lose our daughter to liver disease, how close to Jesus we became in the midst of heartache and pain.

Suffering provides us as Christ-followers a unique and powerful apologetic to those without faith. Through our faith in something bigger and greater than our circumstances, our belief in a loving God that is in control and will ultimately restore all things through Jesus, we are not afraid to suffer.

It's because we have eternity in our hearts, it's because we hold onto to a hope that no set of circumstances can defeat, that people begin to see something different in how we live, how we face suffering.

What if you could have a hope that no suffering could eradicate or take away? A hope that is eternal, that not even death can stop? That's we find in a relationship with Jesus, salvation, new life, everlasting hope.

Interestingly in those early years in which Peter was writing this letter, the church wasn't called Christians,

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The largest pea plant in the world opens in Portage la Prairie

Roquette opens \$600M, 67-acre pea processing facility

By Becca Myskiw

Manitoba is officially home to the largest pea protein plant in the world.

On Wednesday, Nov. 17, Roquette, a “pioneer of plant proteins,” held the virtual grand opening of their newest facility in Portage la Prairie. The company is based in France, with facilities there and in the Netherlands.

The Portage plant is a \$600 million, 200,000 square-foot facility. It sits on a 200-acre parcel of land, with just 67 of those acres developed. At the pea protein plant, yellow peas will be processed into powdered fibres, protein, and starch, which have pharmaceutical, nutrition, and food sector benefits.

Ingredients produced at the Roquette plant will be available under the NUTRALYS brand. Products created from their pea proteins range from snacks to soups to sauces, pasta, biscuits, to meat analogues. As none of these products contain meat, they’re all vegetarian.

At the virtual grand opening, president and CEO of Beyond Meat Ethan Brown spoke about why plant protein options are so crucial for the environment. Beyond Meat has been working with Roquette since 2010.

“As a global governmental community, we cannot seem to solve [climate change],” he said. “But consumers can solve this problem, and they can do it faster than the government can.”



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The world’s largest pea protein plant, owned by Roquette, just opened in Portage la Prairie. Pea plant protein is used in all kinds of meat alternative foods.

According to a University of British Columbia (UBC) study, most greenhouse gases come from livestock waste production, primarily methane, more destructive than carbon dioxide. Animal agriculture, they say, accounts for 18 per cent of all greenhouse gases.

Along with that, up to 90 per cent of US water consumption is from agriculture production, including what is needed to grow crops the animals eat, the water they directly consume, water used to scald them, and anything used for processing.

Brown also said plant farmers use 93 per cent less land to produce the same number of burgers as animal crops. In addition, by swapping meat products for plant protein products, the demand for meat products lessens and affects the environment.

Peas are also an excellent source of protein, high in fiber, and low in fat.

In addition, they’re easily digestible, gluten-free, non-GMO, and have low allergenicity. They also require less water to grow than most crops and use less nitrogen fertilizer, benefiting soil health.

Roquette officials said the Portage la Prairie facility has the resources to meet the global demand for pea plant protein. What that demand is, though, they’re unsure.

“It’s a fast-moving target,” said Jeremy Burks, senior vice president of plant proteins at Roquette.

He said their objective is to meet the constant demand, whatever it may be. They’re expecting a global growth rate between 15 and 24 per cent over the next decade.

Roquette chose to build their new plant in Canada because it’s one of the world’s biggest pea-producing countries, accounting for 30 per cent

of the global production. They also chose to build in Manitoba specifically because of its reliable and sustainable hydroelectric power and the highly skilled and well-educated labour.

Peas used at the Roquette facility will come mainly from western Canada and local growers. It has the capacity to process 125,000 tons of yellow peas per year. Combined with the plant in place, the company’s capacity now rises to 150,000 tons of peas produced per year.

The opening of the pea protein plant created 120 jobs, 114 of which were filled as of the grand opening. Roquette expects it to reach full production capacity early in the new year.

Hosting the virtual grand opening was astronaut and Portage la Prairie native Chris Hadfield. He was joined by many Roquette employees, prime minister Justin Trudeau, chef Michael Smith from Prince Edward Island, minister of agriculture and resource development Ralph Eichler, and ambassador of France in Canada madame Karen Rispal.

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but followers of the way of Jesus, or just “followers of the way.”

Ironically the early church was considered atheists because they didn’t believe in all the Roman Gods, and eventually to make fun of the church, people started calling these followers of the way, a derogatory term, “Christians” or essentially “little Christs.”

The church, though, actually loved the name and we claimed it as our own! Peter in his letter says we should wear the name of Jesus with gladness and be so united with Jesus, that when people see you, they see Jesus. When they see you suffer, they see Jesus suffer.

Church, I remind you that Jesus suffered and sacrificed not for the rights of the religious, but for the poor, the marginalized, and those abused by the systems of oppression. May our suffering and what we choose to sacrifice for lead people to Jesus.

—Terry Dueck is the lead pastor at the Winkler MB Church

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Flyers take two from Selkirk

By Ashleigh Viveiros

The Winkler Flyer added two more to the win column in going up against the Selkirk Steelers last week.

The last two games of a four-game stretch between the two teams took place in Winkler Nov. 17 and Selkirk Nov. 20.

The Wednesday night game saw the two rivals evenly matched in every way: 32 shots on goal for each and neither team managing to take the lead for very long throughout.

Goals from Jayden McCarthy and Josh Beauchemin had the Flyers up 2-1 heading into the final period.

Selkirk tied things up six minutes in, but another from Beauchemin put the Flyers back in the lead until the last few minutes when the Steelers got what they needed to force overtime.

The extra minutes decided nothing, sending the game to a shootout.

Beauchemin came through for Winkler once again, scoring the first shot. McCarthy missed the mark in round two but then Gavin Waltz won it with the third. The Steelers missed both their shots.

Dylan Meilun made 29 saves in the game plus two more in the shootout.

The Flyers took the Friday night game by an even wider margin, though things got off to a rocky start.

High on hometown advantage, Selkirk was up 2-0 at the first intermission.

Winkler's offense finally started making headway in the second period, with three goals coming in from Trent Penner, Justin Svenson, and McCarthy.

Svenson and Penner added one more each in the third, sandwiching Selkirk's third and final goal for the 5-3 win.

Meilun faced 35 shots in net, denying 32. His teammates sent 24 the other way.

On Wednesday, Winkler fell to the Swan Valley Stampede 4-1 in Portage at the MJHL Showcase. Waltz got the Flyers' lone goal in the final few minutes of the game while Meilun made 16 saves in net. Winkler outshot their opponents 27-21.

Last week's wins cemented Win-



PHOTO BY RICK HIEBERT/VOICE

Winkler's Josh Beauchemin just gets the puck past the out stretched pad of Selkirk's Hunter Tarves to score the first goal in the shoot out last Wednesday. The Flyers won it 4-3.

kler's seat in third in the East Division with a 12-8-0-1 record and 25 points. They trail the top two teams, the Winnipeg Blues and Steinbach Pistons, by

six points and have a five-point lead over the Selkirk Steelers in fourth place.

The Flyers' get another crack at the

Stampede Friday and Saturday. They also have a game against Virden Wednesday in Portage.

Hawks split games with Dauphin

By Lorne Stelmach

The male U18 Pembina Valley Hawks earned a split on a weekend road trip to Dauphin.

The Hawks bounced back from a 5-2 loss to Parkland Friday evening by edging the Rangers 5-4 in overtime Saturday afternoon.

Special teams were in the spotlight Friday as the Rangers went three for seven on the powerplay while the Hawks capitalized on only two of their eight man advantages.

Mitchell Hlady and Logan Fillion scored on third period powerplays for the Hawks while Bryson Yaschyshyn made 28 saves with Parkland holding a 33-29 edge in shots on goal.

On Saturday, Pembina Valley spotted the Rangers a 3-0 lead before rattling off three unanswered goals in the second period to get back into the game.

Keston Worley was the hero this time with the winner at 3:10 of overtime completing his hat trick. Cameron Parr and Marek Miller also scored for the Hawks, and Matthew Grysiuk

made 27 saves with the shots ending up 31-30 in favour of Parkland.

The Hawks have slipped to 10th place on a record of 7-8-2-0 for 16 points, but they are just two back of Yellowhead and three behind Norman and the Winnipeg Bruins.

This week, the Hawks had a tough matchup Wednesday in Morden with first place Brandon, and they have a key doubleheader this weekend in Shoal Lake with Yellowhead.



Thunder down Mustangs

Morden Thunder goalie Kohl Robertson makes a glove save on a shot from the slot by the Mountain Mustang's Joel Vigier in last Thursday's game, which the Thunder took 2-1 thanks to goals from Sam Blatz and Acoven Fehr. With a 5-2 record, the Thunder are in third place in the Zone 4 High School Hockey League standings, trailing the WC Miller Aces in first and the PCI Trojans in second. The GVC Zodiacs are in seventh place while the NPC Nighthawks are in ninth and last place.

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Female Hawks bounce back from Avros loss to beat Interlake

By Lorne Stelmach

A weekend road trip ended on a winning note for the female U18 Pembina Valley Hawks.

The Hawks fell 6-4 to the Winnipeg Avros Friday evening but came back to earn a 3-2 win Sunday afternoon over Interlake.

Abbey Bourdeaud'hui had a hat trick Friday for the Hawks, who trailed 2-0 and 4-1 at the intermissions before making a third period push with three goals.

Ava Dalebozik scored the other Pembina Valley goal, while Tria Enns made 24 saves as Winnipeg outshot Pembina Valley 30-21.

The Hawks took a 2-1 first period lead against Interlake and then trad-

ed goals with the Lightning in the second followed by a scoreless final frame.

Scoring for Pembina Valley were Bourdeaud'hui, Cambree Martens and Mya Pearce. Kaylee Franz was called on to make 31 saves with the Hawks holding a massive 54-33 margin in shots on net.

The results kept the Hawks at .500 with a 6-6-0 record for 12 points. They remain in fifth place and two points back of the Winnipeg Ice and three up on Eastman and Central Plains.

Their week began with a visit to Niverville Wednesday to take on Eastman, and they are on the road again this weekend with Yellowhead Saturday in Shoal Lake and Westman Sunday afternoon in Hartney.

Winkler Royals fall to Mercs, best Hawks

By Ashleigh Viveiros

The Winkler Royals had mixed results in South Eastern Manitoba Hockey League action last weekend.

On Friday, the Royals fell to the Warren Mercs 5-2 on the road.

The boys were down 4-0 before Jordan Wall got Winkler on the board early in the second period. Warren scored their final goal of the night a few minutes later and then Lee Christensen contributed Winkler's last in the period's final minutes. Neither team made any further headway in the final period.

Jayne Janzen took the loss in net with 39 saves out of 44 shots. His teammates sent 30 the other way.

A game two nights later in Notre Dame needed a shootout to decide things.

The Hawks were ahead 4-2 after 40 minutes, Winkler's goals coming from Cole Smith in the first and Phil Letkeman in the second.

Two more goals courtesy of Royals Remi Laurencelle and Austin Wiebe

tied things up to force overtime, which proved to be scoreless. The resulting shootout broke Winkler's way to give them the win 5-4.

Travis Klassen was in net for the duration, making 20 saves off 24 shots. Across the rink, Notre Dame's net-minder faced 28 shots on goal from the Royals.

The Morden Bombers, meanwhile, won their lone game of the weekend against Altona, doubling up on the Maroons 6-3.

Adam Hughesman had scored a hat trick for the Bombers while Matt Sibbald, Phoenix McElroy-Scott, and Mike Rey contributed singles.

Ted Lea went the distance in net, making 36 saves as Morden outshot Altona 42-39.

With that, the Bombers are in fifth place in the seven-team league with a 2-1 record for four points. Winkler is in sixth place at 1-4 for two points.

Coming up, Morden hosts Portage Thursday and Winkler on Saturday. The Royals also have a home game against Altona Wednesday night.

Twisters win two at home

By Lorne Stelmach

The Pembina Valley Twisters kept right in the thick of the battle for first place in the MMJHL with a pair of wins on home ice in Morris this past weekend.

The Twisters needed a shootout Friday before edging St. Vital 3-2. They then beat Charleswood 4-1 Sunday.

Pembina Valley and the Victorias traded two goals each in the second period Friday, and the shootout needed to go seven rounds before Travis Penner scored to give the Twisters the 3-2 edge.

Jacob Carels and Caalen Russell scored in regulation for Pembina Valley, while Logan Enns made 22 saves as the Twisters held a 27-24 edge in

shots on goal.

The Twisters spotted the Hawks an early powerplay goal just over a minute in on Sunday but then shut them down the rest of the way.

Merek Degraeve scored twice (including an empty netter that sealed the deal) while Penner and TJ Matuszewski contributed singles. Shots on goal were 26-22 in favour of Pembina Valley, and Enns got the win in net with 21 saves.

The Twisters improved to 12-3-2 for 26 points and remain just three points back of St. James and four behind Transcona.

That sets up a big meeting Friday in Transcona with the Railer Express. The Twisters then host the Raiders Sunday evening.

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Morden Fire's new water tanker hits the streets

By Lorne Stelmach

Morden Fire and Rescue welcomed the addition of the latest tool that it now has at its disposal last week.

The department had recently received its new water tanker truck, and they added a few tweaks to the massive vehicle before putting it into service.

"It's a big beast. It doesn't get there in a hurry, but we just sure need it to get there," said Chief Andy Thiessen. "It's like any piece of our emergency equipment. We would rather never have to use it, but we know we will need it."

The water tanker has a 4,000 imperial gallon supply of water, so it will provide a more readily and immediately accessible source that can be right close to the scene. It will especially improve the level of service for areas that don't have easy access to water.

"The main benefit is for the rural municipality where there isn't a wa-



MORDEN FIRE PHOTO

Morden Fire & Rescue has a new water tanker in its arsenal thanks to the support of the community.

ter source ... we knew we had to do something because there's acreages popping up all over the place now,"

said Thiessen. "It also benefits the city somewhat where now we have good fire suppression for at the airport and

a couple outlying areas that do not have water supply.

"It gives us a much better result if we have the water right there to fight fires," the chief said, adding it can also be put to use with highway incidents as a lane-blocking vehicle.

Fire department members will spend the next few weeks training and familiarizing themselves with features found on the new truck.

The tanker came at a cost of about \$380,000, and it was purchased predominantly with funds made available through the provincial fire protection grant program. About \$260,000 is coming through that Manitoba government program created to support fire protection and emergency response across the province.

Additional grants from the City of Morden, RM of Stanley, Enbridge, Morden Community Thrift Store, and the local firefighters association meant there was only about \$40,000 left to be paid for the tanker.

Communities step up to support local foundations

By Lorne Stelmach

The local community foundations were pleased with the response last week to the annual Endow Manitoba Giving Challenge.

During the week of Nov. 15-21, a \$5 donation turned into \$7 thanks to support from the Winnipeg Foundation and the Province of Manitoba, and the foundations in Winkler and Morden also had other partners that further stretched the community contributions.

In Winkler, additional funds came from the City of Winkler, Access Credit Union, Protec Plumbing, Elias Woodwork, Triple E, GTP, Parkland Place and Winkler Concrete, so it meant that every \$20 donation turned into \$40 for the foundation. Thanks to the sponsor stretch, the foundation's community endowment fund grew by \$114,865.

"We're really excited about the response we received in our commu-

nity. I'm excited for the impact that this will have on our community fund moving forward," said executive director Myra Peters.

Last year, nearly \$45,000 was raised for the community endowment fund, so they were aiming high with this year's campaign in hoping to reach \$75,000. They ended up surpassing that goal, and Peters felt it is a reflection of how the giving challenge campaign has really caught on now.

"We know donors wait for this time of year. They may as well have their dollars stretched and have a larger impact than with just what they gave," she suggested. "Interest in giving at this time of year has grown and just the awareness of it. We've seen new donors again this year which is really

exciting."

In Morden, the foundation was receiving additional stretching funds from Access Credit Union's Morden branch on top of those from the Win-

nipeg Foundation, so it meant a \$100 donation, for example, became \$160 for the foundation's general community fund.

Executive director Lynda Lambert said the donations brought them to nearly \$29,500.

"Just a smidge more than last

year," she said. "The exciting news is that this year we had several new donors that have never made a gift to the foundation before. So the message is getting out there, and people are loving what they are hearing and are choosing to be honest part of Morden's

future by leaving a legacy gift.

"With the regular annual donors and the new ones, I believe more are seeing the benefits for the community and want to be part of the movement and longevity of Morden and sustainability of organizations attempting to answer the needs of the community."

The Plum Coulee Community Foundation also had their dollars stretched with sponsors that included Access Credit Union, Sunvalley Tire, and Mandako, and they also surpassed their goal.

"We were really happy," said foundation rep Moira Porte, noting their tally of \$24,330 was an increase from about \$20,000 two years ago and \$16,000 last year.

"People wait for November to make their donations to stretch the dollars. We're really appreciative of the government of Manitoba and the Winnipeg Foundation ... and we really appreciated the sponsors."

"I'M EXCITED FOR THE IMPACT THAT THIS WILL HAVE ON OUR COMMUNITY FUND MOVING FORWARD."

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1. Interested parties must rely on their own inspection and knowledge of the property. Any specific questions pertaining to the property should be directed to Scott W. Johnston at (204) 745-2546.
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The City of Winkler purchases approximately 35% of its water from the Pembina Valley Water Cooperative (PVWC). The Public Utility Board has approved a rate increase for PVWC in the amount of \$0.19/1000 gallons, effective January 1, 2022. This rate increase reflects a "pass through" rate increase of .07/1000 gallons for Winkler consumers.

Public notice is hereby given that the water rate increase will be 0.07/1000 gallons effective for the March 15, 2022 quarterly billing in the City of Winkler. That being from the present water rate of \$9.91/1000 gallons to \$9.98/1000 gallons. The sewer rate will remain as it presently is, being \$6.42/1000 gallons.

Jody Penner
City Manager



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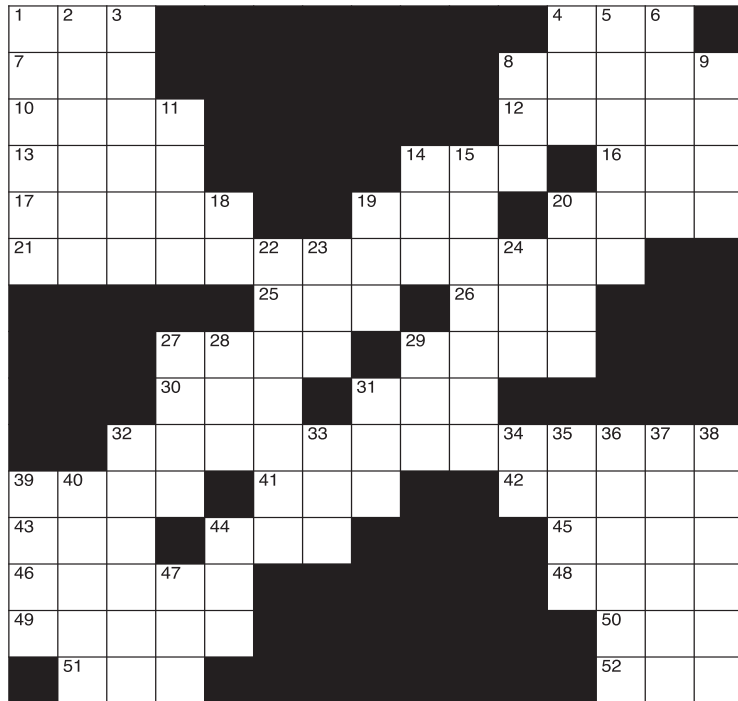
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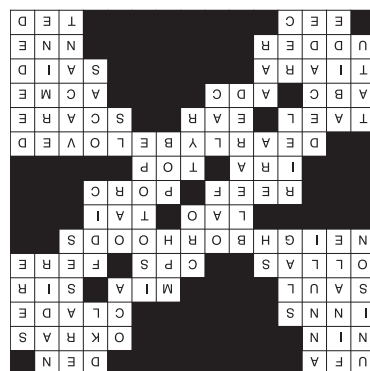
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4. Hideout
7. Trent Reznor's band
8. Old World tropics plants
10. Places to stay
12. Group of organisms from a common ancestor
13. TV character Goodman
14. Not around
16. Title of respect
17. Ceramic jars
19. British legal authority (abbr.)
20. A companion (archaic)
21. Where groups of people live
25. Indigenous person of NE Thailand
26. Red-brown sea bream
27. Ridge of jagged rock
29. Meat from a pig (French)
30. A way to save for the future
31. Opposite of bottom
32. A term of endearment
39. Weight used in China
41. You need it to hear
42. Frighten
43. Basics
44. Computer data collection (abbr.)
45. The best point of something
46. Jewelled headdress
48. Spoke
49. Mammary gland of female cattle
50. Midway between north and northeast
51. Defunct European economic group
52. Foul-mouthed Hollywood bear

CLUES DOWN

1. In tune
2. Ending
3. Ring-shaped objects
4. Equal to 10 liters (abbr.)
5. Removes from record
6. The lowest point

8. Plant cultivated for its tubers
9. Dry or withered
11. Stony waste matter
14. Speedometer reading
15. Each of two or more forms of the same element
18. A baseball stat
19. Corporate PR exec (abbr.)
20. Insures bank's depositors
22. Made dim
23. Uncultured person
24. Paddle
27. Currency of Cambodia
28. Pitching stat
29. A place to put mail
31. God of battle (Scandinavian)
32. 10 years
33. Resinous substance secreted by insects
34. Losses
35. S. American plants
36. Void of thought or knowledge
37. Stout-bodied moth
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The Assistant Director position will be:

- a) Part-time on the floor with the children; and
- b) Part-time helping the Executive Director manage our day-to-day operations and establish and sustain a positive learning environment for children.

The successful applicant will have demonstrable experience in managing all aspects of a daycare centre, as well as strong leadership skills. You should display a friendly demeanour, have a love for children, and strive to create a supportive and encouraging environment for both children and staff.

DUTIES WILL INCLUDE (BUT ARE NOT LIMITED TO):

I. Part of the time - Assisting the Executive Director with:

Administration:

- Carrying out the policies established by the Board
- The general organization and management of the W.D.C.C. in all its activities
- The enforcement of all lawful rules and regulations and observance of the W.D.C.C. policies, and of all legislation applicable to the W.D.C.C.;
- Maintain accurate record keeping
- Complete monthly financial requirements
- Purchase supplies and groceries as needed
- Ensure licensing requirements and policies are being met

Human Resource:

- Arrange staff scheduling to ensure ratios are maintained
- Prescribing the duties of all employees;
- Implement appropriate disciplinary actions

Program/Child Development:

- Ensure safety and wellbeing of all children enrolled at the center
- Ensure the delivery of developmentally appropriate program
- Ensure the implementation of an inclusive program and environment that meets the needs of all children
- Ensure communication with families, and address any concerns in a timely manner

II. Part of the time - working the floor:

ECE III Duties:

- Develop and implement child-care programs that support and promote the physical, cognitive, emotional and social development of children;
- Lead activities by telling or reading stories, teaching songs and taking children to local points of interest
- Provide opportunities to express creativity through art, dramatic play, music and physical activity
- Guide and assist children in the development of proper eating, dressing and toilet habits
- Plan and maintain an environment that protects the health, security and well-being of children
- Assess the abilities, interests and needs of children and discuss progress or problems with parents and other staff members
- Establish and maintain collaborative relationships with co-workers and community service providers working with children

Job Types: Full Time, Contract

Expected Start Date: December 20, 2021

Salary: to be determined based on experience

Benefits:

- 5 miscellaneous days;
- Pension plan;
- Single coverage group insurance;
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As required by Section 9 of *The Public Schools Act* (RSM 1987, c.P250), notice is hereby given that a public hearing of The Board of Reference, appointed as provided under Section 8 of *The Public Schools Act*, will be held as scheduled herein to hear any person or any person on his/her behalf in the matter of a request referred to The Board of Reference in accordance with Section 5 of *The Public Schools Act*.

The hearing will be held virtually via Microsoft Teams on Thursday, December 9, 2021 at 4:00 p.m. to hear the request of Frank and Vanessa Wieler to transfer 7.37 acres known as Lot 1, Plan 62342 located in the Southeast Quarter of Section 3, Township 3, Range 5 West from The Western School Division to The Garden Valley School Division.

Further information with respect to the virtual hearing, including how to join the virtual hearing, may be obtained through the office of the undersigned between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Dated at Winnipeg, Manitoba, November 25, 2021.

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OBITUARY

Leonard Russell Wiebe

1937 - 2021

Leonard Russell Wiebe age 84, of Morden, MB formerly of Myrtle, passed away on Saturday, November 13, 2021. He passed peacefully at his home with his loving wife, Dorothy by his side.

Leonard's life was about his family, his faith, his friends and service. He treasured his family; he lived his faith; he loved his friends and his goal his whole life was to help someone each day. He always had a story to tell and a smile to share.

Leonard met Dorothy Anne Friesen when he was 20 years old. Although Mom was shy – Dad was charming, and they fell in love and married May 14th, 1960. Three daughters soon appeared: Leloni, Julie and Theresa. When asked what made him proudest in his life, he first talked about his wedding to Dorothy and next was the birth of his daughters. Dad loved his family passionately and unconditionally.

Dad accepted Jesus as his person Savior at a young age. He was baptized at the Kane Berghaler church by Pastor Schultz.

Mom and Dad enjoyed 61 years of marriage. They were truly partners. They worked very hard together to build their farm operation. They also enjoyed many travel adventures together. Dad had many good friendships and looked forward to meeting with his coffee friends.

Heaven is rejoicing, but we will miss him.

He is survived by his wife of 61 years, Dorothy Anne (Friesen); daughters Leloni Scott (Jim), Julie Hesketh (Ian), Theresa Petkau (Howard); grandchildren Timothy, Lauren, Jeff and Marc Scott, Andrea (Dexter) and Rachel Hesketh.

Cremation has taken place.

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OBITUARY



Earl Henry Braun

March 28, 1957 – October 20, 2021

Earl Braun born March 28, 1957, in Altona Hospital, the seventh child to Jacob L. and Olga Braun, he passed away peacefully at Boundary Trails Hospital on October 20th, 2021.

He will lovingly be remembered by six sisters and three brothers – Kathy Friesen (George), Joan Loewen (Ben), Eugene Braun (Bev), Milton Braun (Cindy), Arlene Cornelsen (Gil), Bernice Friesen (Richard), Dorothy Peters (Harv), Janet Giesbrecht (Joe), Leslie Braun (Shelly), and many nieces and nephews.

Earl was predeceased by his parents Jacob L. and Olga Braun; one nephew Bradley Loewen; and his grandparents Peter and Helena Braun and Jacob and Helena Schroeder.

Earl grew up on the farm at Kane and went to the Kane School.

Later when we all had left home, he remained living at home helping Dad and Mom after work as Dad was often unwell.

Earl had countless interests - at school it was his friends, and from there it went to cars, to trucks, to motorcycles - from Honda to Harley Davidson bikes and then to tools for his trade. To all of us that have been at his house, apartment, or suite we always looked at his large cabinet of semi trucks, and other mementos to see if there was anything new. In remembering Earl's interest in motorcycles, a lot of us will remember the holiday where Earl and Harv drove their bikes to Detroit Lakes and spent hours polishing them in front of the cabins we stayed. It was here that we realized how much significance the bikes had to him. Even till his death, the car he drives must be perfectly clean.

Earl loved using and showing off his new carpentry tools when they first came out whether it be a lathe, a new router or air hammer. He did not just use these for his job, but he also used them in building a lot of other things for his brothers, sisters, nieces and nephews whether it be a rocking duck or horse, toy kitchens for the young nieces, coffee tables, cabinets, helping to remodel somebody's house, building a deck or whatever else was needed. Even when he had trouble walking and could no longer do the work himself, he sat on a chair teaching his nephew's how to build something special for their mother.

Earl had a weird sense of humor, just like his father, very dry and yet he could have us all laughing. We never knew when he would come out with something like this, but everyone knew it would come sooner or later and everyone always appreciated it. Also, in going through some pictures in Earl's apartment we came across another collection, several boxes of MacDonald's toys - the toys that were always available for children or collectors.

After Mom passed away, and Dad moved into the Davidson Center, Earl moved to Altona. During this time, he built himself a house in Rosenfeld and moved there. When he could not work anymore, he sold his house, moved into Pinetree Apartments in Altona, and continued getting together with his friends. He did not remain here very long until he decided that as he was often driving to Winkler he might as well live there. In Winkler he moved into the Lion's Heritage Manor. He grew to appreciate going to MacDonald's during the pandemic with the men at the Manor, each sitting in their own car, having coffee and visiting. If one didn't find Earl at home, one would drive around town to find him, knowing he would be in his car at MacDonald's or another coffee place. Earl was on a floor where there were mainly older women - who he really got to appreciate, and they really appreciated him. It was so comforting to know that they had become true friends. When the women were told that Earl had passed away, first one woman after another told us Earl had gone to the right place. Several women individually told us that they had asked Earl where he was in his faith - if he believed in God. Earl had said he had accepted Christ as his Savior and he was ready to die. We will all miss Earl, but we know that he is in a better place and his suffering is gone. Rest in Peace, Earl.

As a family we would like to give grateful thanks to Dr. Jacob Miller of C.W. Clinic for his care, the doctors and nurses at Boundary Trails hospital as they cared for Earl numerous times as he was in the hospital, Home Care and their staff for all the care and respect they gave Earl at the Lion's Manor, and Lion's Manor administration and other residents as they supported him and socialized together.

A private by invitation only, funeral will be held due to COVID restrictions.

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OBITUARY



Henry Unger

1946 – 2021

On Thursday, November 18, 2021 at Boundary Trails Health Centre, Henry Unger, age 75 years of Winkler, MB formerly of Mexico went to his eternal rest.

He leaves to mourn his passing, two daughters, three sons, 14 grandchildren and five great-grandchildren. He was predeceased by his wife, Anna (nee Neufeld) in 2016, three children in infancy and 19 siblings.

Funeral service was held on Sunday November 21, 2021 at the Chortitz Old Colony Mennonite Church with interment at the Church Cemetery.

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OBITUARY



Ivy Margaret Desjarlais

Ivy Margaret Desjarlais (nee Clarke) passed peacefully November 13, 2021, Boyne Lodge, Carman, Manitoba. She was 98.

Her husband Emil Desjarlais predeceased her in 1999. She is survived by two sons, Garry, wife Francis, and Ron, wife Linda. She is also survived by her former daughter-in-law Donna, husband Wayne. Ivy's family includes four grandchildren, Michael, Litonya, Treena, and Ryan.

Before and during WWII, Ivy lived in London, England. There, she met and married her Canadian soldier, Emil. After the war, the two moved to Oak

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