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Cards for Care back for another holiday season

By Lorne Stelmach

An idea to simply brighten the day for local seniors last year during the Christmas season became much more than what Shannon Vaughn and Tara Routhier had anticipated, so they are not only doing it again but hoping to expand on it.

Calling it Cards for Care, they are hoping that they may be able to collect and deliver enough cards with greetings and messages of kindness to not only seniors but also health care workers, grocery store cashiers, firefighters, and police in the Morden, Winkler, and Carman areas.

They initiated the idea last Christmas while the province was under extended restrictions as a result of the pandemic, a time when many seniors were feeling especially isolated. The campaign seemed to resonate with a lot of people.

"I think we received close to 600 cards, which really blew us away," said Vaughn. "We're hoping to expand on it, but it depends on how many cards we receive."

"I'm familiar myself with all of the challenges that retail workers have had to adapt to and overcome this year," she added. "We're hoping to get even more this year, so maybe the traction from last year will help because people will be more familiar

with it."

It is a simple gesture, Vaughn reflected, but cards with greetings or just messages of kindness letting these frontline workers know we are thinking of them can be meaningful.

The involvement of students and local schools will be a big part of the effort, especially thanks to the efforts of Routhier.

"She's a teacher at Maple Leaf, so her connection to the schools is really helping to drive this ... and she's reaching out to other schools as well," said Vaughn. "That's really helping to drive this campaign."

"I think the timing around Christmas just really offers a really good opportunity for the students and the schools to kind of make

this into a project," she continued. "I believe that a lot of the schools are taking this on ... they're calling it kindness projects."

Vaughn said they will be dropping off cards at different seniors residences and locations once they have the appropriate amounts and then move on to the next if they get enough.

You can message both Vaughn or Routhier on Facebook if you have cards. They plan to collect them up until Dec. 17.

"It's something that doesn't require a great amount of work on my end," Vaughn noted. "It's really just spreading the word, that's the most important thing here."

"WE'RE HOPING TO EXPAND ON IT, BUT IT DEPENDS ON HOW MANY CARDS WE RECEIVE."



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Cards for Care organizers Shannon Vaughn and Tara Routhier with some of the cards they collected last year for distributions to local seniors. This year they hope to expand the recipient list to include frontline workers.



Winkler hosting online tree lighting, double feature drive-in movie night

Sign up to enjoy The Grinch, Elf Dec. 10

By Ashleigh Viveiros

The City of Winkler is hosting a pair of celebrations to mark the holidays.

Winkler's annual tree lighting will be virtual again this year thanks to the pandemic, with Mayor Martin Harder and Santa Claus flipping the switch on the lights in Bethel Heritage Park on Monday, Dec. 6 at 7 p.m. The ceremony will be streamed live on the

city's social media pages for all to enjoy.

Although some of the Christmas light displays in the park are already on, communications coordinator Wendy Klassen notes they've contracted a company that specializes in lights to add even more this year.

"That lighting will not be on until the tree lighting ceremony," she said.

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Petition to reopen Redhawk Trail intersection headed to the province

By Ashleigh Viveiros

Hundreds of area residents are adding their voices to that of the City of Winkler's in appealing to the Province of Manitoba to reopen Redhawk Trail at Provincial Road 428.

City council last week received a petition with over 500 signatures calling for the intersection, which was barricaded by Manitoba Infrastructure (MI) in February, to be reopened.

"This well-constructed and convenient link to the important PR 428 is vital to the efficient and safe traffic flow of the community," the petition reads.

MI closed off the intersection in accordance with a development agreement that was created when the first buildings were going up in the area over a decade ago.

The agreement called for the closure of the Redhawk intersection once the Northlands Parkway intersection was completed, as the two were deemed too close to one another to meet provincial access spacing requirements.

The City of Winkler completed Northlands Parkway last year but had hoped to convince MI to keep Redhawk Trail open as well, especially considering the speed limits for that stretch on PR. 428 had dropped from 100 km/hr to 50 kph in the years since the agreement was signed.



PHOTO BY ASHLEIGH VIVEIROS/VOICE

A petition has been sent to the Province of Manitoba calling for the Redhawk Trail intersection on Provincial Road 428 to be reopened.

Thus far, though, MI has stood firm in its decision to keep the Redhawk intersection closed.

It's created a lot of headaches for anyone who lives in or travels through the area regularly, said petition spokesman Andrew Elias.

He attends the Reinland Mennonite Church located right off the intersection and has seen firsthand how congested things have become since the barricades went up.

That congestion extends well beyond Sundays to make nearby Northlands Parkway far busier than it needs to be, Elias said, creating a dangerous situation for both residents in the neighbourhood and students of Northlands Parkway Collegiate.

"We want our road open," he stressed. "We want the barricades down."

So does Mayor Martin Harder, who sent the petition to the province along

"WE WANT OUR ROAD OPEN."

with a letter of support from council reiterating its desire to see this matter brought to a resolution that makes sense for the community.

The city has been in communication with MI about the intersection over the past several months, but to no avail.

"The last thing we heard was no, they're not interested in budging," Harder said. "We're going to resubmit [with the petition] and hopefully they'll change their mind."

The petition highlights how important the intersection is to the surrounding neighbourhood, Harder said.

"There's a huge community that is right there and that intersection gives them access without having to put all that traffic down to Northlands Parkway," he said, noting as well the lower speed limit today from when the agreement was signed. "Safetywise, it's a huge difference from what it was before."

No cases of omicron variant in Manitoba yet: officials

By Voice staff

The first cases of the new variant of COVID-19 have been identified in Canada, but Monday's COVID-19 bulletin from the provincial government noted no cases have been detected here yet.

Two cases of the omicron COVID-19 variant, which has been declared the fifth variant of concern by the World Health Organization, were announced in Ontario over the weekend.

The variant was first found in South Africa but has since popped up in other parts of the world, prompting many countries, including Canada, to issue travel bans for certain regions.

Scientists are still doing research to determine how dangerous omicron

might be, including whether it is more transmissible, causes more severe illness, or may have an impact on vaccine efficacy.

"Vaccine still provides one of the best defences against COVID-19," the province stressed in its release, noting it will continue "to monitor the situation and work with federal officials in the fight against COVID-19 and its variants."

In the meantime, Manitoba reported 11 new deaths due to COVID-19 on Monday and 495 new cases of the virus since the previous Thursday. A total of 1,315 Manitobans have died due to COVID-19 since the pandemic began.

Southern Health once again leads the way in new cases with 216, fol-

lowed by Winnipeg with 148, 52 in Prairie Mountain, 50 in the Northern health region, and 29 in Interlake-Eastern.

The new case count for Southern Health numbered 30 on Monday alone, 21 of which were in people who were not fully vaccinated.

Manitoba's active caseload is at 1,493, with 142 people in hospital with COVID-19.

Fifteen of the 25 patients in ICU on Monday due to COVID-19 were from Southern Health, which has the lowest vaccination rate in the province.

Chief provincial public health officer Dr. Brent Roussin expressed his concern over the rising case counts and high test positivity rates in Southern Health at a press conference last

week.

"It's certainly a level of concern right now when you see a test positivity at that level," he said. The last official update from the province had test positivity in the region at over 14 per cent, though there have been media reports putting it at closer to 17 per cent last week.

Roussin wouldn't rule out additional regional restrictions if these numbers continue.

"It's certainly a level of concern right now when you see a test positivity at that level, so I wouldn't say I'm confident that no further restrictions won't be required."

In the Pembina Valley, Winkler was

Mordenites launch Christian devotional app

By Lorne Stelmach

It was a personal search for something to help herself spiritually that led Karla Warkentin and her son Drew to become app developers.

Their Good Ground app, which launched this past weekend with a series in conjunction with Advent, was created to help people grow in meaningful connection to their faith while reducing the clutter and noise that distracts us.

We're spending more time than ever on our phones, yet feel more disconnected from each other and ourselves, the pair note, so they sought to create something that could help people have a meaningful connection with spirituality, faith, and mindful practices.

"We really wanted to create something that was really just enjoyable to use," said Drew, who serves as their head of technology while Karla is the chief content curator. They work with a team of about a dozen other contributors.

"It really is a team full of people doing this together," said Karla, who recalled being at a point last spring where she was searching for something after having left her job and moved just outside of Morden.

"I decided I needed something different in my life at that point to ground me spiritually, so I thought I would find an app," she said.

"There were a lot of options ... but most of them required a lot of thought and decision making ... you had to pick a plan to subscribe to," she noted. "I wanted something easy, and actu-



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Mother-son duo Karla and Drew Warkentin have launched the Good Ground app to help people connect with their faith.



ally a lot of them were very visual, and I also found that to be too much at that time."

She and Drew then had the thought to try to do something different, something "beautiful and simple and elegant that would be attractive to look at and make it that you want to do this every day.

"Different days you need different things, and we wanted to give people options," Karla added, so they set out to offer a variety of content that includes reflections by a diverse team of writers, spiritual formation practices, and artistic elements like music, poetry and visuals.

It kicks off with the Advent content that is free until Dec. 31. Beyond that, some content will continue to be of-

ferred for free but there will also be an opportunity to upgrade to a subscription for more resources and tools.

For Drew, who studied at the University of Waterloo with a focus on software development and who now works for Sportsnet as a web developer, this was an ideal project for him.

"It just made sense that this was something we could partner together on," he said. "We're both passionate about this, and there was a clear problem that we wanted to solve, and the solution seemed to just kind of come up organically."

He said they had three key things in mind for the app: that it could be a beautiful ad-free app, provide top-notch content, and offer it in easy, bite-size pieces.

It was about a 15 month process to pull it all together.

"It's been an incredible journey," said Drew. "There's been so many steps. We knew for the most part what we were getting into, but there were also surprises along the way. What we focused on was taking a few key things and do those really well."

"We realized we knew not nearly as much as we thought we knew, and we needed to do a lot of learning and bring a lot of people on board to help us with this," Karla noted. "But we're really excited about it."

You can find Good Ground in the app store on your mobile device or online at www.goodgroundapp.com.

Provincial dollars for water projects a welcome announcement

By Lorne Stelmach

The City of Morden welcomed news that the province is investing in a number of projects to help secure the water infrastructure needs in the region.

The funding announced Monday goes towards both projects that are already underway to help in the short term as well as ideas being pursued for the long term.

"It's really good news. It's a good day in terms of water for Morden," said Mayor Brandon Burley, who noted the projects are also a benefit beyond Morden. "It does help mitigate some

drought risk throughout the region."

In total, the projects being supported by the province are valued at more than \$17.9 million and are expected to help provide some regional protection against future drought conditions, similar to those experienced in 2021.

The Manitoba government is contributing nearly \$6 million to the projects, which are also receiving support from other sources such as the federal government, municipal governments, and

the Pembina Valley Water Cooperative.

The projects receiving funding from the province include:

- Upgrades to the Pembina Valley Water Co-op water treatment plant at Letellier (\$3.11 million).

- Construction of the Roland Boundary Trails Health Centre pipeline (\$2.15 million).

- Upgrades to the Morden water treatment plant (\$300,000).

- Construction of the Boundary Trails to Morden south pipeline and booster station project (\$300,000).

- Completion of phase two of the alternative water source study for the region (\$55,000).

Burley particularly cited the importance of looking at the long term with these projects.

"Our goal has been to diversify our supply of raw water away from Lake Minnewasta, knowing that we've already exceeded our licence limits quite substantially. For the long term viability of the lake, we need to start looking at other allocations," he said.

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"IT'S A GOOD DAY IN TERMS OF WATER FOR MORDEN."

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Senior centre hosting Volunteer Fair

Needs 23 new volunteers to meet programming needs

By Ashleigh Viveiros

Joanne Greer is a woman on a mission.

That mission is to rebuild the ranks of volunteers at the Winkler Senior Centre (WSC).

“Through COVID and through the changes that came through a few months ago with the vaccine requirements, we have lost quite a lot of volunteers,” says Greer, the centre’s volunteer coordinator. “Which means we’ve been operating at well under our capacity.

“Our hope is that we can fully volunteer staff the centre again so we can fully open up all our programs, because all of our programming is available—we just can’t run it without our wonderful volunteers.”

To that end, the senior centre is hosting a Volunteer Fair in its multi-purpose room Dec. 6-9 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

They’ve set a goal of signing up 23 new volunteers that week, which sounds like a lot, Greer admits, but she points out the positions are spread out across multiple WSC programs.

“It’s the full gamut of everything,” she says. “Right now one of our biggest needs is Meals on Wheels drivers. We’ve had an amazing increase in Meals on Wheels recipients ... it’s almost doubled since COVID started, and it means we need drivers.

“Both of our kitchens are really short cooks as well. So we need about eight cooks” to meet the needs of the meal program.

The centre can also use a few extra hands to help serve tea and coffee, volunteer on waffle days, work reception at Cedar Estates, and help out at fundraising events. People can sign-up to help individually or in groups.

A detailed list of available positions and how much of a time commitment they require is available online at

[winklerseniorcentre.com/volunteers.html#/.](http://winklerseniorcentre.com/volunteers.html#/)

Volunteers require a clean Criminal Record Check (which the centre pays for) and, in accordance with public health orders regarding working with vulnerable populations, proof of full vaccination or a willingness to take a rapid test before each shift or every 48 hours (WSC provides the tests).

“We’re happy to have volunteers who aren’t vaccinated as long as they’re okay testing,” Greer stresses, noting mask use and self-screening for symptoms are also requirements.

If enough people step up to volunteer, Greer is optimistic the senior centre will be able to get all the programs it had pre-pandemic back up and running sooner rather than later.

“We’re really excited about the coming year because we really are hoping to open up all of our programming and we’re really excited about that, so we hope people come join us.”

Funding to support continued growth: Helwer

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“We’ve spent about the last seven or eight months exploring a number of different options,” he noted. “We were able to secure a small supply of long term water from Pembina Valley Water Co-op just as a means of diversifying.

“We can produce potable water here at a cheaper rate, and so where we can use our own facility, we would prefer long term to secure raw water that we can process ... our goal was always to increase raw water intake,” he added.

A more long term piece of the puzzle is the idea of drawing excess water from the Pembina River system into a holding facility upstream. A study will be needed to explore that idea, which would have bigger implications given that system crosses the border.

“There’s a few ideas on the table ... anything that’s worth being explored right now is being explored,” said Burley.

Manitoba Central Services Minister Reg Helwer touted the importance of “investing in strategic water infrastructure projects to ensure safe water for communities that will support continued growth in the area while also providing stable, reliable services for current residents.

“The population has grown beyond the capacity of existing infrastructure systems resulting in the need for ad-

ditional water supply solutions and investments like these will allow for additional economic opportunities to these regions.”

Helwer noted these investments build on other water infrastructure projects in the region that have also received provincial support, including the water treatment plant upgrades in

Morris and Stephenfield as well as the first phase of the alternative water source study.

Work on these projects is underway, with most projects scheduled to be complete in 2022. The Letellier plant upgrade is expected to be complete in 2023.

> HOLIDAY CELEBRATIONS, FROM PG. 3

The evening will also include an announcement of the Light Up the Season contest winners, with St. Nick making a stop at all the entries around town to drop off some goodies in thanks for their participation.

Coming together virtually is all fine and good, but nothing beats an in-person outing—even a pandemic-modified one.

That’s why Winklerites are invited to the city’s first Christmas Movie Drive-In at the Meridian Exhibition Centre parking lot (off of Grandeur Ave.) on Friday, Dec. 10.

On the screen will be the 2018 animated version of *The Grinch* at 6 p.m. and the modern-day holiday classic *Elf* at 8 p.m.

As people are required to stay in or around their vehicles with their family groups, vaccination status is not an issue for this public event, Klassen noted, urging people to bundle up and bring their own snacks to enjoy.

There is a limited number of parking spots, however, so you will need to pre-register for each movie online at www.winkler.ca.

> COVID-19, FROM PG. 4

reporting 53 cases at press time, Morden 42, Lorne/Louise/Pembina 39, Altona 30, Carman 12, and Stanley 14. There were also six each in Morris and Red River South, three in Roland/Thompson, and two each

in Grey and MacDonald.

The Salem Home personal care home in Winkler is currently under outbreak status due to a number of residents in its Evergreen unit testing positive for the virus.

Gov't committed to listening and working together: Friesen

Conservatives lay out their plan for new legislative session

By Lorne Stelmach

There was a strong emphasis on collaboration as the Manitoba government set out its new course last week.

The throne speech delivered by Lieutenant Governor Janice Filmon on behalf of new premier Heath Stefanson set out what the government billed as a new vision for a strong economic and social recovery with a focus on the health and well-being of all Manitobans.

The agenda titled the "Path to Progressing Together" focuses on working together with all Manitobans to build a stronger, healthier and more inclusive province, suggested Morden-Winkler MLA Cameron Friesen.

"I heard in the speech a number of times the focus on listening and working together," said Friesen.

The local MLA and justice minister highlighted what he felt were a few key ideas and themes in the throne speech.

"What I felt came through was a renewal of a commitment by this government to collaborate, to co-operate and to pursue reconciliation," said Friesen.

He went on to touch on a few other areas including health care and for example removing barriers that are causing delays for medical procedures as part of an overall goal "to do everything creative to be able to produce the capacity that Manitobans expect and deserve."

There are also other priorities of

particular interest to rural Manitoba, he noted, including addressing nursing shortages and increasing focus on mental health.

Friesen sees a number of other key areas for this region as well, including the intent to build more day care spaces and boost immigration.

"I have heard across Morden, Winkler, and Stanley this theme that we need to be able to, post-pandemic, grow our economy by making this program work for our area," he said.

"Our government is embarking on a path in a new direction. We are committed to working side by side with all Manitobans in the spirit of collaboration, co-operation and reconciliation," said Stefanson.

"As we continue to address the challenges posed by COVID-19, we are also focused on creating a stronger, more sustainable health-care system, providing greater supports for families, seniors and vulnerable Manitobans, improving education and training opportunities and laying the ground work to foster investment, job creation and economic growth."

Key initiatives cited in the throne speech include:

- Working with Indigenous leaders, elders, knowledge keepers, families and community members to advance shared goals and seek reconciliation, healing and a path forward together.
- Removing barriers that delay Manitobans from getting the medical care they urgently need.
- Addressing the nursing shortage

with increased and targeted training opportunities.

- Implementing a renewed seniors strategy so aging Manitobans are able to stay safe in their own homes, close to family and their personal support systems, for as long as they choose.

- Improving access and co-ordination of mental health and addictions services.

- Working with community partners to meet the needs of single parents, Indigenous youth and people with disabilities.

- Expanding supports for those experiencing family violence.

- Accelerating the implementation of the federal-provincial agreement on early learning and child care.

- Improving the kindergarten to Grade 12 education system to better prepare students for their future.

- Promoting collaboration between advanced education and training institutions and employers to provide Manitobans with the right skills to succeed that meet the evolving needs of the labour market.

- Advancing the skills, talent and knowledge Strategy to accelerate post-pandemic economic recovery.

- Ensuring Indigenous and new Ca-



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Morden-Winkler MLA Cameron Friesen says last week's throne speech illustrated the government's commitment to listening to Manitobans.

Canadian students are given opportunities to participate in post-secondary education and training.

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Toddler killed in farm accident

By Voice staff

A young child was killed in a farm accident involving a tractor last week.

Pembina Valley RCMP arrived on the scene Nov. 25 to find a two-year-old boy had been pronounced deceased.

Initial investigation has determined the child was riding on an open tractor with no cab with an adult male.

He fell from the tractor, sustaining fatal injuries.

The investigation continues.

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Morden council under fire for ice plant noise

By Lorne Stelmach

The City of Morden is taking heat from residents over the excessive noise from the new ice plant in operation at the Access Event Centre.

Appearing at a Monday council meeting, four residents expressed the

concerns shared by others as well in the adjacent residential area of 4th Street about the impact it has had on what they say was a nice, quiet neighbourhood.

The city is quite likely in contravention of its own noise bylaw, maintained Chrissy Hildebrand.

"This all could have been avoided," said Hildebrand, who suggested the city not only would have known this could be a problem but could have easily addressed it.

That sentiment was echoed by Faylin Fehr, who noted a measurement taken on what was described as an unusually warm fall day was already 68 decibels, but that was with just two of a possible four fans running. The racket makes it impossible to be outside.

"This has affected my health," said Fehr, citing headaches among the toll that it has taken on her and her family.

Sound mitigation should have been part of the plan from the start, agreed Fehr, who also questioned the decision to locate the plant on the west side of the building rather than on the east side, which would not border residential or other properties.

She also wondered just how well mitigation efforts such as installing a sound barrier wall would really work.

"I feel like this wall is just a band-aid option," she maintained.

"Even with a sound wall in place, there will be noise," she said, suggesting moving the ice plant would be a better longer term solution.

Glenda Wall maintained the impact extends further in the neighbourhood given the noise level, and she also noted how it is noticeable not only outside but inside their homes as well. She too questioned why this wouldn't have been known and addressed before getting to this point.

Lyle Halstead described the noise as excessive at all times of the day. He also cited data of commonly accepted standards for noise which he said the sound level of the ice plant exceeds.

Mayor Brandon Burley noted that council has had some dialogue with area residents already and went out to experience the noise level for themselves.

"I think almost every councillor has been out to yards to hear it ... there's no denying that it is a problem," he acknowledged.

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The new ice plant at the Access Event Centre is generating a great deal of noise in the surrounding residential neighbourhoods.

VOICE FILE PHOTO

Throne speech misses the mark on affordability: NDP

By Ashleigh Viveiros

Official Opposition Leader Wab Kinew of the NDP says last week's Throne Speech from the Conservatives missed the mark on a number of fronts.

"The big thing that stood out to me, that was very notable with its absence, was there was no mention in the throne speech about affordability, inflation, the rising cost of living," Kinew said a few hours after Premier Heather Stefanson's government laid out its plans for the legislative session.

"To me, this is something that's causing so many people pain and stress right now, the fact your groceries are going up, the hydro bill's going up, the price at the pump's going up—everything seems to be getting more expensive and yet the government didn't even mention it.

"To me, Manitobans need some help there and I think they would be reasonable to expect that the government would have at least some ideas for how we could make life more affordable in Manitoba given everything that's going on with inflation rates."

A week before the government's throne speech the NDP released their own alternative throne speech calling for an independent, expert-led inquiry into Manitoba's pandemic re-

sponse.

Kinew was disappointed the government didn't officially commit to such an investigation.

"To me, it's the responsible thing to do after such a big, disruptive experience like the pandemic. We should just take a bit of time and ask what worked, what didn't, what do we have to do now.

"One of the areas that we want to look at in there is seniors care, personal care homes," Kinew continued, noting the throne speech raised this matter as well but in a way that didn't sit well with he and other government critics.

"They're basically patting themselves on the back when it comes to

seniors living in personal care homes, older adults," he said. "To me, that was pretty tough to take given what we know about what's happening with so many families right now, where their loved ones are being moved to personal care homes hundreds of kilometres away from where they live.

"It was just another sign of how the throne speech today seemed to be out of touch with the reality that's facing a lot of people in the province right now.

"We know there's a lot of challenges in personal care homes. We've got to do better."

In the session ahead, the NDP will continue in its role of holding the governing party to account, Kinew said.

> THRONE SPEECH, FROM PG. 7

- Partnering with the federal government to boost immigration and provincial nominee programs.

- Implementing a venture capital framework to attract international investment and help businesses grow at all stages of their development.

- Committing to a renewed partnership with the Government of Canada to advance shared priorities and opportunities including transportation and strategic infrastructure, agriculture and food production.

- Creating a greener Manitoba with an energy policy framework to explore innovative technologies that will reduce emissions and stimulate the economy.

- Preserving nature and heritage spaces, and promoting tourism and the arts and culture sector throughout Manitoba.

"Our government is here to listen to Manitobans, to engage and collaborate with Indigenous leaders, all levels of government, business leaders

"I think there's still a lot of those lingering questions about health care, many rural centres that are dealing with closures or even temporary shutdowns of health facilities in their region, so we've got to deal with those issues, including health care for seniors.

"And then at the same time we want to bring forward some of our plans and ideas, like for example our need for an inquiry to give us some recommendations for after the pandemic. How can we strengthen the economy, strengthen health care, improve mental health, improve education? Those will be some of our focuses as we go through this session."

and owners, members of the public sector, the private sector and non-profit organizations so we can emerge from this pandemic together," said Stefanson.

"While we still face difficulties, I am confident that together, we can build a more prosperous, inclusive and safe future for all Manitobans."

To read the speech from the throne in full, you can visit www.manitoba.ca/thronespeech.

New board chair for Winkler Imagination Library

By Ashleigh Viveiros

After over seven years heading up the Winkler Imagination Library, Joyce Sawatzky is passing on the torch.

Sawatzky, who was part of the founding group who brought Dolly Parton's early childhood literacy initiative to the Winkler area, steps down as chair at the end of the year.

"It will always be in my heart ... but you just realize all of a sudden everything is changing and we just needed fresh blood and leadership," said Sawatzky. "I'll still help with fundraisers but I won't have an official role on the board anymore. I'll just be a volunteer."

The Winkler Imagination Library sends out free books to about 800 preschool aged children in the Winkler and Plum Coulee area every month.

Since getting going in early 2015, the program has gifted 62,751 books and played a big part in helping improve childhood literacy rates in the area.

"We've seen the statistics from Garden Valley School Division and how their numbers just keep going up and up and up," Sawatzky said. "We realize it's not just the Imagination Library, it's also the division's literacy focus, but we know we've had a part in it. There are books in homes that



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Winkler Imagination Library board members (from left) Judy Unrau, Judith Baerg, Vicki Doell, Joyce Sawatzky (who steps down as chair later this month), Dorothy Derksen, and incoming board chair Tina Fehr Kehler. Missing are committee members Carol Ann Braun, Debbie Doell, and Rachel James.

had never had books before, so that just thrills our hearts."

Stepping up to fill Sawatzky's shoes as board chair is Tina Fehr Kehler.

"She's got great ideas and she's full of excitement and energy," said Sawatzky, noting she knows she's leaving the program in good hands with Fehr Kehler and the rest of the committee. "That was my biggest thing—I did not want it to just die out ... I wanted to see it continue and so I'm very happy that she was willing to take this on."

Fehr Kehler got to know about the Imagination Library during her time chairing the Winkler Family Resource

Centre (WFRC) board.

"Through that I learned about them and what they did and have been a supporter of the program ever since," Fehr Kehler said, noting when her term with WFRC came to an end earlier this year, joining the Imagination Library team seemed like the right move. "I've always been a huge fan of literacy, and books are big in my house, so this is totally a good fit."

Fehr Kehler has big dreams for the Imagination Library in southern Manitoba.

"I do have a vision to grow the program," she said, explaining she'd love to see other communities in the area

start up their own committees to get books into the hands of kids. Anyone interested in learning more about getting involved can connect with the Winkler Imagination Library online at www.winklerfamilyresourcecentre.com.

The program is made possible thanks to community donations. It costs about \$36,000 a year to send books to 800 kids.

If you'd like to make a donation, head to the website above or makes cheques payable to Winkler Family Resource Centre: Winkler Imagination Library and mail them to WFRC, Box 997, Winkler, MB R6W 4B1.

"I DO HAVE A VISION TO GROW THE PROGRAM."

Be careful when sending e-transfers: RCMP

Don't let yourself be scammed by fake online sellers

By Lorne Stelmach

RCMP are warning about the increasing incidence of fraud involving e-transfers.

It is a scam that is becoming more prevalent with the increased use of e-transfers, and Pembina Valley RCMP say they have seen an increase here in this form of fraud especially associated with buying goods on various online buy and sell platforms.

"This is becoming more common.

Last week, Pembina Valley RCMP received three complaints of this scam tactic," Sgt. Christopher Johnson said, adding that it is likely more of a concern than what they are aware of. "I believe these often go unreported, as the deposit may be \$50, maybe \$100, and the victim sums this up to a lesson learned."

How it typically works is a fraudster will ask for a deposit to be sent via e-transfer to hold an item until the buyer can meet for final sale.

In making the encounter seem legitimate, the fraudster will offer to call you and speak about the item and may even provide a serial number or other intricate details about the item if requested.

The person will often be well spo-

ken, courteous, and be knowledgeable about the item. To further gain the buyer's trust, they may provide a valid address nearby to meet and complete the sale at a later date before requesting a deposit via e-transfer to hold the item.

Once the deposit has been made, the fraudster may still take calls from the victim but will be unavailable for a variety of reasons to meet and complete the sale. If the victim goes to the address, they will likely learn the individual they were speaking with does not exist.

These frauds tend to be less than \$200, Johnson noted, which leads to their suspicion that many more people have fallen victim but are not reporting it due to embarrassment and

the relatively small amount of money lost.

Johnson emphasized the public should not send e-transfers when using any online buy and sell platform such as Kijiji, Hello Good Buy, or any other similar website unless they personally know the individual selling the product or item or it is a known reputable business. Otherwise you risk falling victim to a scam.

"Complete the transaction in person with cash with the seller and the item or in person with the seller and the item, and you send an e-transfer at that time," urged Johnson. "Basically, sending a deposit to an unknown person on an online platform is setting yourself up to be scammed."

Regional library gets a big boost in provincial funding

By Lorne Stelmach

The South Central Regional Library recently welcomed the arrival of an early Christmas present from the province in the form of a financial boost.

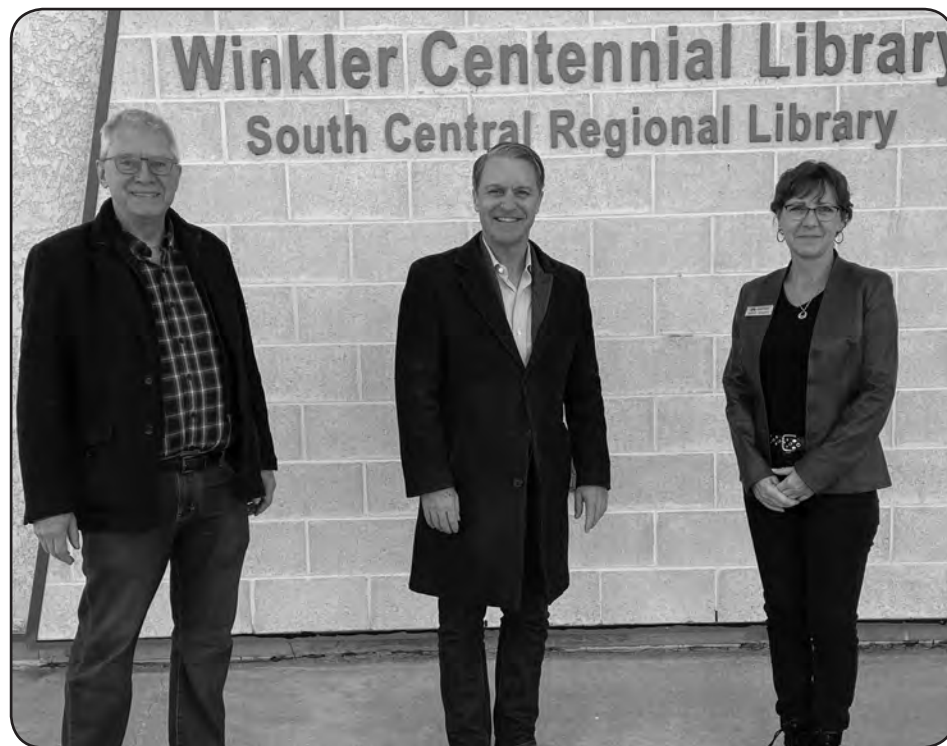
The Manitoba government is increasing funding to libraries, and it brought a 20 per cent increase of about \$63,000 more in support for the local library system.

Morden-Winkler MLA Cameron Friesen acknowledged libraries have been looking for a funding increase for some time, so the government was happy to be able to deliver now when the increased support is especially needed.

"The funding comes at a critical time for them, and it's designed, of course, to make our local library sustainable, accessible, and responsive to local needs," he said.

"It was very unexpected and very much appreciated," said Cathy Ching, director of library services for the South Central Regional Library.

All libraries have been impacted negatively throughout the pandemic, Ching noted, so the increased support is important not only for right now but is also vital in terms of having an ongoing increase in their annual per capita funding.



Morden-Winkler MLA Cameron Friesen (centre) with the South Central Regional Library's Marvin Plett and Cathy Ching recently celebrating a major increase in library funding from the provincial government.

"It's something for us to really look forward to going ahead," she said. "It's nice that we can kind of close the gap on some things that are needing to be done and going into the new year looking a little happier."

Ching sees the increased funding

particularly being targeted at a couple areas.

"We've had to really tighten our belts the last few years. Staff had not received any wage increase except for the minimum wage for our lower paid people, so we can see a slight increase

in our staff wages.

"There will definitely be an increase in our book buying budget," she continued.

"When you have to cut corners, that's one of the things that has to go a little bit," Ching said, noting that portion of their budget had declined from 19 to 16 per cent last year. "We always have some new books, but we can actually fill the holes in some of the collections that we haven't been able to, so that will be nice to do."

Meanwhile, in addition to the increased base support, the government also renewed the Rural Library Technological Sustainability Grant.

For the South Central Regional Library, that grant comes to just over \$21,500.

"This has been important for libraries like ours because even during COVID, it's allowed them to keep the Wi-Fi signal and to create spaces for people who don't have access to a computer terminal," noted Friesen.

"We can provide free internet access to our patrons," explained Ching. "So even when we were closed, every library posted the password if they needed one so that people could still sit out in the cars and download documents they needed, for example."

"It's an important service for the community."

Federal throne speech full of recycled promises: Bergen

By Ashleigh Viveiros

The Liberal federal government's speech from the throne in Parliament didn't illicit much confidence from Portage-Lisgar MP Candice Bergen last week.

Bergen, who is also the Conservative Deputy Leader, voiced her concerns about what the 44th parliamentary session will accomplish in the weeks ahead.

"After waiting over two months to bring Parliament back following the federal election, Justin Trudeau has returned with the same recycled promises as before with no plan to curb inflation, fix supply chain issues and make life affordable for Canadian families," Bergen said. "As a Western-Canadian MP, I'm nervous about the blatant neglect of the agricultural sector and the doubling-down of Justin Trudeau's attack on our energy workers."

"In Portage-Lisgar, businesses are continuing to experience staffing

shortages, farmers are still being hit with the carbon tax, and the cost of everyday items are skyrocketing," she continued. "Instead of focusing on these important issues, Justin Trudeau is more interested in focusing on issues that divide Canadians."

Premier Trudeau stressed in a released statement that the fall election gave the Liberals "a clear direction to work together to put the COVID-19 crisis behind us and find the real solutions needed to build a better future for all Canadians."

"The Government of Canada has listened to Canadians, and we are ready

> COUNCIL, FROM PG. 8

"We can't affect adjacent properties like this ... it is loud," he said. "While it is amazing to have a high efficiency ice plant, nobody was expecting there to be such a level of noise being generated from it."

He noted that the city has already started exploring options for address-

ing the issue.

"There is a different motor that can be substituted, and that will reduce volume by 13 decibels," he said. "Then there's as well a sound wall that could be put up that would deflect and absorb sound."

"Both of those are viable options,"

ans safe and healthy now and into the future."

Bergen noted the Conservatives will be holding the Liberals to account in this session, in addition to "presenting solutions to the inflation crisis, labour shortages and skyrocketing deficits. Conservatives will be focused on a recovery that champions jobs, the economy and Canadian energy."

"Conservatives have a positive vision that will unify our country and put Canadians first," Bergen said. "I look forward to the new session of Parliament and being the voice of the people of Portage-Lisgar, in Ottawa."

said Burley, who also offered an apology to the area residents while also making a commitment that council would seek to address this issue. "We do need to remedy it ... we do intend to act in good faith."

Coffee and a story

By Ashleigh Viveiros

John Wiebe has lived an adventurous life in his 80 years on the planet, and now he's adding author to his list of accomplishments.

The Winkler man first put pen to paper on what's become the *Cowboy's Trilogy* nearly four decades ago, and last week he finally launched the book surrounded by his daily coffee buddies at Toppers.

It's a fitting location to introduce his writings, Wiebe muses, as it was the stories he heard in other local coffee shops in years past that inspired some of the tales.

"I just had this desire to write about the guys in the coffee shop," he says, noting some of the mostly fictional stories in the trilogy's second section, *Into the Wind*, had their roots in the many mornings and afternoons he spent swapping memories and drinking coffee.

"I just let my mind wander," Wiebe says. "You can tell from the writing how straightforward I am. I don't use highfalutin words. It's just talking, telling straightforward stories."

Into the Wind paints motorcyclists as modern-day cowboys, of a sort. It's a life Wiebe knows well.

There's nothing, he says, like the freedom one finds on the back of a

bike.

"I've been all the way to Florida, to the west coast, all the way down to Cabo San Lucas on the bike, and then all the way back up to California. I've been all over."

The first part of the book, *Into the Sun*, recounts stories from Wiebe's own life growing up in Winkler and his time exploring the world on his bike.

"I was born and raised here, went to school here, and had some of my adventures right here in town," Wiebe says, recalling an active and sometimes mischievous boyhood followed by a varied professional career.

"I was a jack of all trades," Wiebe says, explaining he worked at various points in his life as a teacher, on the pipelines, as a foster parent, at the Morden research station, and as a bus driver.

But his real passion has long been motorcycles.

"I took up motorcycling and that was the love of my life," he says, quickly amending with a chuckle that it was *one* of the loves of his life—he married the other.

Part three of the trilogy is entitled simply *Johnny*. It was inspired by Johnny "Wimpy" Enns, a Schanzenfeld man who lived a life of adventure and died young.

"Everybody here knew him, or knew

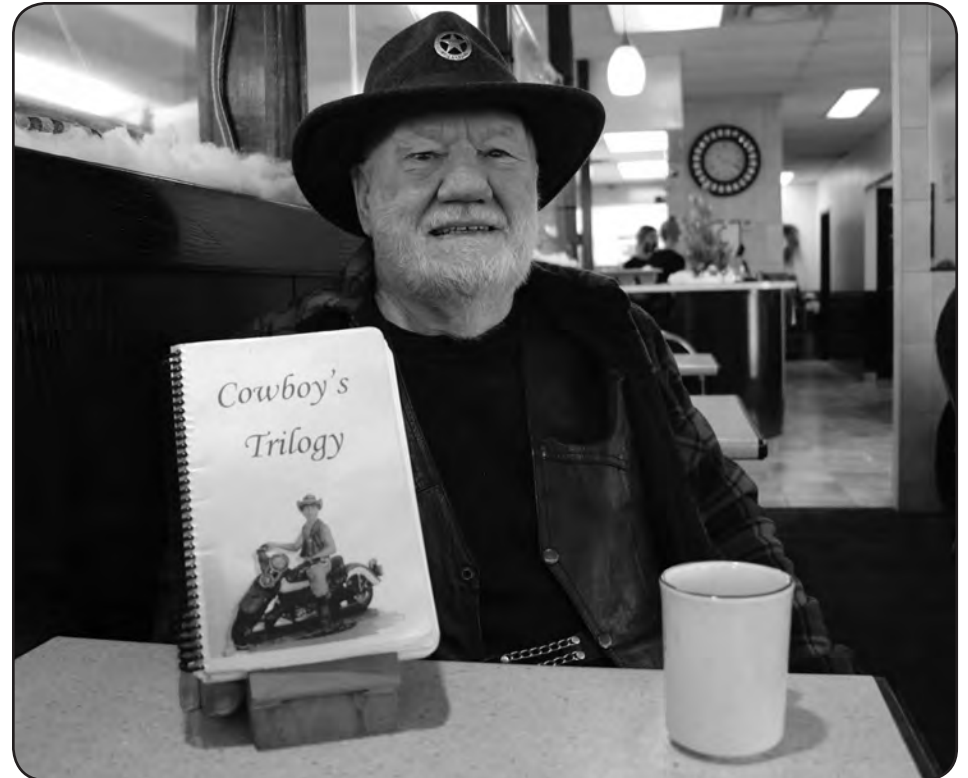


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Winkler's John Wiebe launched his three-part book, *Cowboy Trilogy*, last week. It shares a mix of real-life and fictional stories of today's modern cowboys: motorcyclists.

of him, and could tell stories of him," Wiebe says, explaining the section is based very loosely on Johnny's life "as a real wild man."

"Long live the Johnnys of this world and may his spirit infect us all," Wiebe muses in the book.

Injuries sustained in an accident keep Wiebe off his motorcycle nowadays, but he has enjoyed reliving his glory days through the writing of these

stories—true and fictional alike—as a way for his family to remember him once he's gone.

"I've started to see the value of leaving a legacy, let's say," he says, noting he has plenty more stories to tell, but he might stick to sharing those over a cup of coffee with friends.

If you'd like to learn more about getting a copy of *Cowboy's Trilogy*, give Wiebe a call at 204-331-3535.

Lung Assoc. reaching out to post-COVID Manitobans

By Lorne Stelmach

The Lung Association of Manitoba sees itself as helping fill a void as the pandemic and its impact continues to be felt by so many people.

The organization is coordinating an online support group for people who continue to live with the effects of COVID while also wanting to support research and studies to better understand the long-term effects.

It's about contributing to understanding life after COVID-19 as there remains so many unknowns about what the future will look like post-pandemic, said Hailey Coleman, health programs and operations coordinator for the Lung Association of Manitoba (LAMB).

"People are coming out and saying this is what's happening to me, it's not going away ... so we can give them the information as more comes along," said Coleman. "We needed something started ... so we hope individu-

als take us up on this and ask to join this group because right now there's nothing else."

As part of their efforts, LAMB has connected with leading experts in this field and particularly with Manitoba based studies being conducted by Professor Diana Sanchez-Ramirez, who is an assistant professor in the Department of Respiratory Therapy, College of Rehabilitation Sciences, at the University of Manitoba.

Many people are dealing with a vast difference in the experience of long COVID effects, so continued research is important to help patients and health care providers understand how and why COVID affects the lungs and how it should be treated, said Sanchez-Ramirez.

"There are many unknown aspects of post-COVID-19 that we have yet to unravel. Therefore, we are planning some research studies that will help identify the best ways to optimize rehabilitation interventions for patients

with persistent long COVID symptoms," she noted.

"We have identified that a large proportion of post-COVID-19 patients may experience persistent respiratory symptoms, fatigue, decreased functional capacity and decreased quality of life for up to six months after infection," she said. "However, evidence from the previous coronavirus first identified in 2003 suggested that long-term effects may continue for years."

"As researchers and as health care providers, we must aim to identify the best way to support the recovery of post-COVID patients. I think one of the first steps is to raise awareness and provide patient support," added Sanchez-Ramirez. "That is why I applaud LAMB's initiative to offer a virtual space that could make it easier for patients to connect with their peers, discuss their concerns and needs, and share information on existing local resources."

Coleman said they have seen how

their support groups have good mental health and wellness benefits in other categories of health management, so they wanted to provide that for individuals post-COVID.

One of the first steps to provide patient support is to raise awareness, so that is why it took initiative to offer a virtual space that could make it easier for patients to connect with their peers, discuss their concerns and needs, and share information on existing local resources.

"We've had an influx of calls asking for programming or just what we offer ... we wanted to put together this Facebook support group where individuals can come safely, discuss their post-COVID symptoms," said Coleman.

A priority was to connect people with respiratory therapists and other leading experts to help get them the information they need.

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Don't take the risk—stay off the ice, says police chief

By Lorne Stelmach

Recent reports about a couple local youth venturing out on Lake Minnewasta when it was clearly not yet safe to do so unfortunately didn't come as a complete surprise to Brad

Neduzak.

The Morden police chief said they generally get a few calls every year about people putting not only themselves but others at risk by taking unnecessary chances.

"It should be common sense. Peo-

ple take risks sometimes that they shouldn't," Neduzak said last week as he cautioned residents about going out on any water before it is safe.

"If you're out on the middle of the lake by yourself, sometimes there's not much people can do to help you, so you have to be careful ... before we run into a situation that we don't want to have to deal with and having to get out there to rescue someone."

The province last week as well issued a warning about thin ice on rivers and lakes across Manitoba.

The Nov. 24 notice from the Hydrologic Forecast Centre of Manitoba Infrastructure advised that water bodies in the province were still just in the process of freezing over and that ice is still very thin, with larger rivers still having open water in some areas.

The centre issued a number of cautions for Manitobans to keep in mind for the next few weeks:

- Snowmobilers, skiers and others are advised not to venture on to rivers and lakes if at all possible due to the danger of falling through the ice.
- Thin ice is often covered by snow, which produces weak spots due to its insulating effect.
- Areas of fast-flowing water tend to have thinner ice at this time of the year, which may not be visible.
- Ice conditions on most southern

and central Manitoba rivers may be dangerous now through mid-December.

"We want people to stay off the lake until we've had colder weather," stressed Neduzak.

"Our temperatures have not been conducive to freezing the lake so that it's safe for people to be on it at this point of time," he said. "Anything two inches or less is not recommended to be on ... and I think that's about where we are at still. It's not at that level where people can be on the lake."

He asked people to just always err on the side of caution.

"Our members do try to patrol up there and keep an eye on it ... we can't be there all the time, so we ask people to use that extra caution," he said. "We're not even near it being thick enough for people to be walking on there safely in various areas."



PHOTO BY LORNE STELMACH/VOICE

Lake Minnewasta has some ice on it already but it is nowhere near safe enough to be out on, either with a vehicle or on foot.

Addictions Fdn. offices move from Morden to Winkler

By Ashleigh Viveiros

Addictions Foundation of Manitoba (AFM) is on the move in Morden-Winkler.

As of this Wednesday, Dec. 1, the foundation's Pembina Valley offices are now located in Eden Health's Pathways Community Mental Health Services office at 351 Main St. in Winkler. AFM's former office at 108 8th St. in Morden closed on Tuesday.

"By embedding our office within the Pathways Community Mental Health Service office, our clients will have the opportunity to access both AFM services and programming and the mental health services provided by the Pathways team in one location," said AFM interim chief operating officer Laura Goossen, noting there will be no change in services as a result of the move.

Goossen added "this move will ensure addictions and mental health services are available to Manitoba at the right time and place, which is among the recommendations set out in the Virgo Report."

The report was an extensive review of Manitoba's mental health and ad-

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Schanzenfeld outdoor rink improvements complete

About \$5,000 more in fundraising needed to wrap up project

By Lorne Stelmach

Schanzenfeld residents will be enjoying an improved outdoor rink this winter.

Work is pretty well complete on the project to fix up the village's lone outdoor rink located behind Southwood School. All that remains now is raising about \$5,000 more to finish paying the bills.

"It's been a good project ... we're glad to see it's come as far as it has now," said committee member William Penner.

"We were quite excited to start making ice, and we flooded it already once just to get the snow that we got to settle it down ... and we're hoping to have ice here ready to go in the next week or so."

Penner and several other community members stepped up several years ago when the residents who had long taken care of the aging rink wanted to hand the reigns over to someone new.

Penner said they have been getting good support because everyone recognizes how important the rink is to the community.

"I said we've got to keep it here. I grew up playing hockey on outdoor rinks ... it's something we can't lose."

Work has progressed gradually over

the last three years starting with putting a new concrete floor under the heated shack, but it was a year ago when more substantial work began.

"We were hoping to raise some funds to upgrade the boards because they were getting old, maybe about 20 or 20+ years old," said Penner. "We did raise a little bit of money, and then all of a sudden, last fall, we had a contractor I had been in contact with call me and he said he had a couple week's time, and it was nice out there, so are you guys ready?"

"We hadn't done a lot of fundraising, but we thought here's our opportunity, so let's start knocking on some doors and get the ball rolling," he continued. "It was within a week and a half we had new boards ... by the time the boards were up and the bills had come in, we had raised enough money to pay for that whole part of the project."

The next phase was to put up new lighting and install crushed rock for a new solid base. They raised some money for those parts this past summer, Penner noted, with some of the labour donated for the lighting.

"We do have a few thousand dollars that we're still hoping to raise and pay off those final bills," he said, so donations are still very much welcome.



PHOTO BY ASHLEIGH VIVEIROS/VOICE

Improvements at the Schanzenfeld rink are complete and skaters were able to start enjoying them last weekend. A few thousand more dollars in donations is needed to help pay off the last of the bills.

You can contact any of the committee members to make a donation, including Penner at 204-362-1074, Bill Martens at 204-362-1800, Russ Wolfe at 204-362-0489, and John Banman at 204-332-2524.

The reward for their efforts will be seeing the rink put to good use.

"It's always busy," Penner said, recalling a couple years ago "when we had really cold days ... there were some days, it's minus 30, and you think nobody's going to come ... no matter what the weather was, someone was out there enjoying the rink."

> SUPPORT GROUP, FROM PG. 11

"Because there are such different experiences with post-COVID symptoms, and this is still such a new reality people are dealing with, we wanted to create a support system that anyone can access to work through this uncharted territory," said Coleman.

"It's just a starting foundation so there's somewhere for people to go ... and as the studies progress, we can share the information," she said. "We just felt that at least having this available is what we can offer right now, and it gives individuals a place to come and feel safe to discuss things

with professionals.

"We are seeing an influx of individuals saying how their lung capacity decreases, how they're more fatigued ... so we are seeing long term effects from individuals who have had COVID six plus months ago and still having to deal with lung health issues."

You can find "Manitoba's Post COVID-19 Support Group" on Facebook. You can also find more information and join the study at www.respirabilitylab.com or email to respirabilitylab@gmail.com.

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dictions system. Among its many recommendations for improvement was to better access to programs for all Manitobans.

AFM offers youth community and school-based services, adult community addictions services, family ser-

vices, problem gambling help, and an impaired driver program.

On an average year, the Morden-Winkler office sees nearly 200 clients across all age groups.

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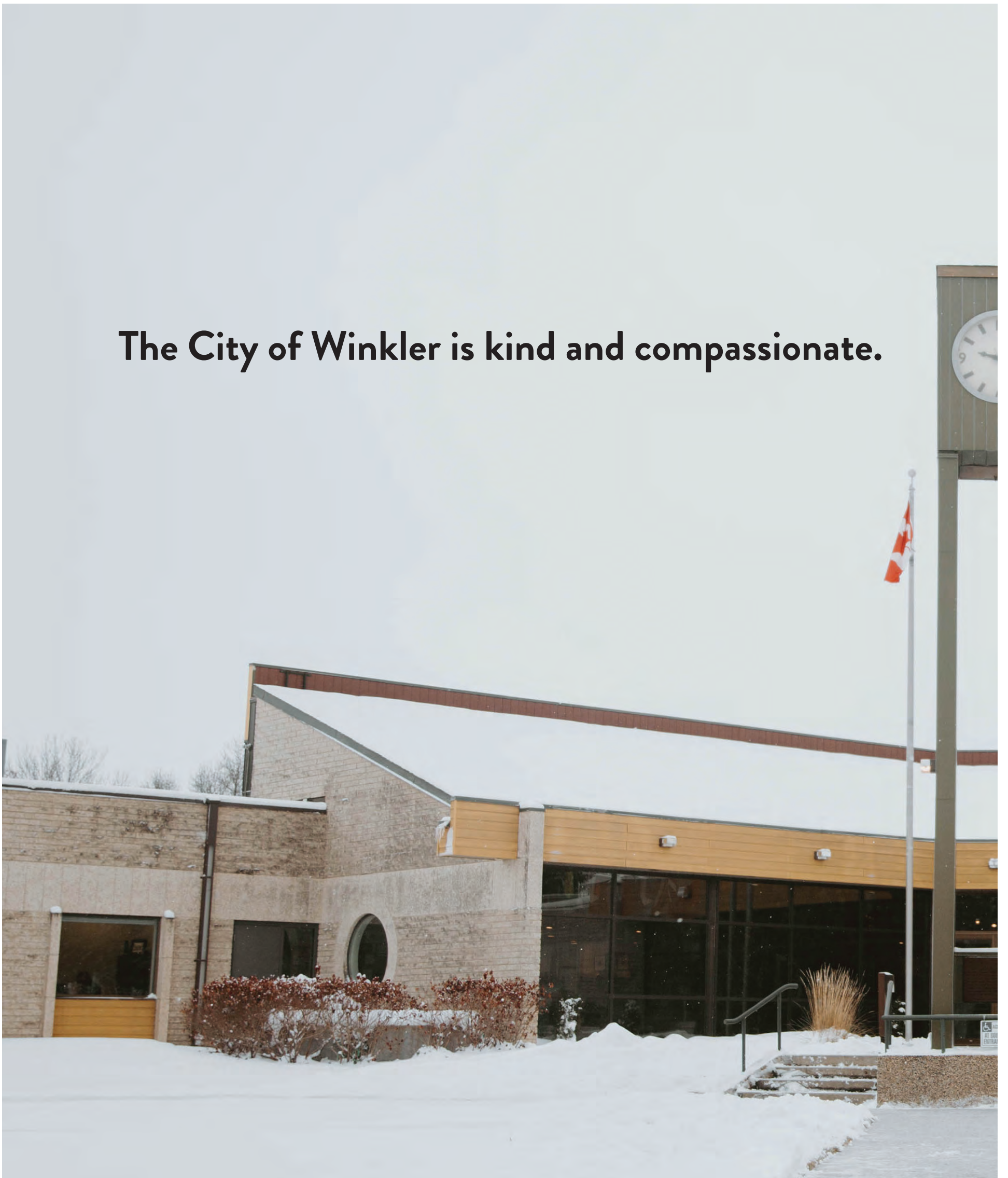
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arts & culture

Enjoy a night of music, theatre in Morden or Manitou Dec. 10-11

By Lorne Stelmach

Quinton Blair is not only happy to be getting back to playing live but also now having the opportunity to do something different with an upcoming show in both Manitou and Morden.



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Quinton Blair takes the stage in Morden and Manitou Dec. 10-11 alongside performances of Candlewick Players' *The Gift of the Magi*.

The special Christmas production next weekend will offer a collaboration that will have Blair and his band performing Christmas songs interspersed with the nostalgic drama *The Gift of the Magi* presented by Candlewick Players.

Preparing for the shows Dec. 10 in Manitou and Dec. 11 in Morden after so much downtime throughout the pandemic really got the four-time Manitoba Country Music Association award winner engaged in the idea.

"I don't often learn a lot of Christmas songs ... I don't typically play a lot of Christmas shows, but it was one thing I could be doing to stay creative and stay on my instrument. I'm learning lots of new music now, and I'm really enjoying it," said Blair, whose most recent single *Man of Constant Sorrow* came out this past April.

"I'm trying to step outside the box a little bit and not just play a bunch of Christmas songs you would be expecting to hear," he noted.

"When you start planning a show like this and dive into the Christmas catalogue ... it's really so interesting," he said. "So we're trying to find a balance between some songs that will be familiar and some songs that people aren't going to know."

Blair's blue collar approach to the music business might normally have him pickin' a guitar nearly every weekend, and through the summer months he is usually moving his band back and forth across the prairies in between hauling his horses to ranch rodeos in Manitoba and Saskatchewan. That, of course, has mostly not been possible throughout the pandemic, so it is exciting for him to be finally getting back to it.

"It's kind of an invigorating feeling," said Blair,

who had recently been in Toronto doing some new recording.

"You don't realize how much it has affected you that you weren't able to play music until you have a gap without it. It feels good to be writing songs again and in the studio and most importantly getting back out and seeing again.

"It's fortunate for me that I play a lot of outdoor shows, so at least we could do that in the summer, but it's been not at all like our normal performance schedule," he continued.

"I think not a lot of music was being written during the pandemic just because it was what's the point? We all maybe had albums we wanted to put out, we all have songs we want to put out, but we can't put it out because we're not going to be able to go out and support it with shows and press and everything that comes with it," Blair suggested. "It was kind of a struggle. Not that I didn't write, but it was not nearly at the same level."

There was a blessing in disguise though, in that he ended up spending a lot more time recharging, enjoying horseback trail rides and playing for people around a campfire.

"That was my way of keeping busy ... I've never seen my horses before as much as I have," Blair said. "Frankly, I quite liked it. It was a lot of fun to be able to do that actually."

Tickets for the shows are \$23 per person including fees and taxes. Showtime is 7:30 p.m. nightly at the Manitou Opera House on the Friday and Saturday at the Kenmor Theatre in Morden.

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Local leaders attend AMM conference

By Lorne Stelmach

Local municipal leaders finally had the opportunity to meet face to face again with their counterparts recently.

The fall meeting of the Association of Manitoba Municipalities was able to happen in-person again with pandemic restrictions having eased, and it was welcomed by local representatives.

"The AMM is a good opportunity to network and to refresh and recharge," said Morden Mayor Brandon Burley. "It's been a long two years, so to be able to meet again was beneficial ... to get everybody back together again in the same room was good.

"It's a good opportunity to learn from each other," he added. "It really is a good opportunity to be around people who understand the things you go through on a daily basis and have the same challenges ... the more you realize municipalities are not the same, the more you realize

they are in most respects."

"I think the central theme is collaboration between municipalities. We are not islands unto ourselves," noted Winkler Mayor Martin Harder.

The AMM is seen as a critical means for municipalities to present a strong united front, and this region is well represented on the board with central region directors RM of Stanley Reeve Morris Olafson and Morden Councillor Nancy Penner.

The conference especially allowed an opportunity for municipal leaders to have most of the provincial government ministers and MLAs taking part.

Municipalities also debated 22 resolutions on a variety of ideas and recommendations to make to the province. They touched on such issues funding for handi-vans and veterinary clinics, property tax reform and a provincial water strat-

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“As municipalities, we’re the closest to the people”

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egy to a provincial five-year capital infrastructure plan, improved high-way maintenance, support for waste disposal grounds and RCMP costs.

Harder agreed that the AMM is a vital forum for municipalities to get

their message and concerns across to the province on a wide range of issues.

“We need each other, and I think that is critical for us going forward ... and we especially need the province on board,” he said.

“As municipalities, we’re the closest

to the people. We deliver the services to the people, and it’s critical for them to understand the value that municipal leaders have to them as a province and the need that we have to be able to work collaboratively with the province.”

Harder added the guest speakers and presentations such as one on cyber security and the risks to municipalities and businesses are also valuable learning opportunities.

“I thought some of the speakers brought some very critical points to the municipalities’ attention,” he said, citing “some of the precautions that municipalities need to take to ensure that they are secure. That was critical information.”

Harder shared some discussion he had around the widespread supply chain issues and critical shortages.

“I think the important part is for municipalities to develop and attract businesses to build these manufacturing plants within their own communities,” he said. “I think the message to the province and the message to municipalities is to work together to do that wherever possible to expand our industrial base.”

Burley noted another important part of the AMM is the Manitoba cities caucus, as these larger municipal communities face some different lev-

els of concern, such as those around justice and policing.

“Municipalities by and large that are self-policing are looking for a path forward with the police services act with respect to police boards and how we’re supposed to approach funding and oversight,” he said.

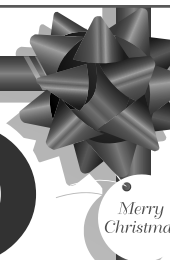
And given Morden’s concerns around water supply, discussions on a provincial water strategy was especially interesting to Burley.

“We’re very hopeful that will move forward, and I think municipalities, not just southern Manitoba but all across Manitoba as a group, need to ensure that water strategy works for all Manitobans including indigenous communities.”

One observation noted by Burley was that there wasn’t the opportunity for one-on-one or open question and answer sessions with government ministers as there had been in the past.


As well, given the the many ongoing concerns around the pandemic, he added that he felt Health Minister Audrey Gordon should have been there.


“That was a little disappointing considering we’re in a pandemic ... a vast majority of the questions were about health,” said Burley.



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Bombers down Portage, Winkler

By Ashleigh Viveiros

The Morden Bombers propelled themselves to the number two spot in the South Eastern Manitoba Hockey League standings with wins over Portage and Winkler last week.

Morden handed the visiting Islanders a 4-3 OT loss and then sent the Royals packing 4-1.

Morden had 2-0 lead in the game against Portage last Thursday evening after 20 minutes thanks to goals from Adam Hughesman and Andrew Clark.

The Islanders halved that lead by scoring the lone goal of the second period and then followed up on Morden's third goal of the night from Jaden Townsend with two more to force overtime.

There, Mike Rey got the game-winner for the Bombers in 38 seconds.

Reed Peters earned the win in net, making 42 saves as the Islanders outshot the Bombers 45-41.

The Winkler Royals then came to town on Saturday.

Morden was up 2-0 once again after the first period thanks to goals from Clark and Townsend, and once again their opponents managed to make it 2-1 in the second, with Marlin Froese scoring for the Royals.

But, unlike Portage, Winkler wasn't able to find the back of the net again in



PHOTO BY RICK HIEBERT/VOICE

Winkler's Phil Letkeman and Morden goalie Reed Peters prepare for the approaching point shot in the Royals-Bombers game last weekend. The Bombers took it 4-1.

the third frame, while Morden added two more from Clark and Townsend.

Peters made 40 saves for Morden between the posts. Across the rink, Jayme Janzen faced 34 shots for Winkler, making 30 saves.

The loss for the Royals came on the heels of a win against the Altona Maroons a few nights earlier.

Playing in Winkler Wednesday night, the Royals doubled up on Altona 6-3. Austin Wiebe and Remi Laurencelle

both had two-goal nights while the others came courtesy of Kevin Schellenberg and Marlin Froese.

Janzen in net gave up all three of Altona's goals in the first period but then stood tall for the rest of the match, making 33 saves overall. Winkler had 48 shots on goal.

With that, the Royals have a record of 2-5 for four points, putting them in sixth place and ahead of Altona in seventh, though the Maroons have

two games in hand.

The Bombers are now 4-1 for eight points, putting them behind Portage in first place. Their record is matched by Warren in third.

This week Morden hits the road to play Notre Dame on Saturday. They also play a rescheduled match against the Merces in Warren next week Tuesday. Winkler, meanwhile, faces the Merces on Saturday in Winkler. Puck drops at 7:30 p.m.

Flyers split games with Swan Valley Stampede

By Ashleigh Viveiros

The Winkler Flyers wrapped up their time at the Manitoba Junior Hockey League showcase in Portage with a win last week before splitting a pair of games with the Swan Valley Stampede.

Following up on a 4-1 loss to the Stampede at the showcase Nov. 22, the Flyers ended things on a high note by downing the Virden Oil Capitals

3-2 two days later.

Goals from Gavin Waltz and Ryan Monias had the Flyers up 2-0 after 20 minutes. Virden got the only period of the second frame and then tied things up a 2-2 in the third's fifth minute. A Winkler goal from Justin Svenson five minutes later on a powerplay proved to be the game winner.

Dylan Meilun made 14 saves in net as Winkler outshot Virden 32-16.

The Flyers then got their revenge on

the Stampede in Swan Valley Friday night.

The game was scoreless all the way until the final four minutes, when Monias finally broke the deadlock with a powerplay goal. Mike Svenson then got one on an empty net with two seconds to go to take in 2-0.

Winkler fired 40 shots on goal while the Swan Valley managed just 23. Malachi Klassen had a shutout night in net.

Playing in Winkler the next night, the Stampede hit the ice hard and were up 3-0 at the first intermission.

Minus one more goal for Swan Valley, period two mostly swung Winkler's way, with Jayden McCarthy, Mike Svenson, and Trent Sambrook all scoring to make it 4-3 heading into the final period.

There, the Stampede widened

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There are a couple of new banners proudly hanging on the wall in Northlands Parkway Collegiate. The varsity boys volleyball team (right) last week captured the South Central Athletic Zone 2 championship by defeating College Beliveau three sets to two. The Nighthawks head to provincials this weekend. Meanwhile, the week before, the junior varsity boys team volleyball team (above) won the Zone 4 banner by downing W.C. Miller three sets to two.

Nighthawks bring home pair of banners



Female Hawks suffer pair of losses on the road

By Lorne Stelmach

A three game road trip this past week did not go as well as one would have hoped for the female U18 Pembina Valley Hawks.

It started off strong with a 2-0 victory over Eastman last Wednesday in Niverville. The weekend, though, saw the Hawks outscored 7-6 by Yellowhead Saturday in Shoal Lake and then bested 3-1 by Westman in Hartney Sunday.

Tria Enns was solid in net with a 36 save shutout performance against Eastman, while the Hawks were opportunistic with 21 shots on goal. Jessica Anderson and Mya Pearce scored for Pembina Valley.

Pembina Valley fell behind 5-2 after 20 minutes against Yellowhead and trailed 7-3 after 40 minutes before making a third period push that came up one goal short.

Abbey Bourdeaud'hui had a hat trick for the Hawks while Zenith

Vanstone scored twice and Jessica Anderson contributed a single. Enns stopped 12 of 17 first period shots before being relieved by Kaylee Franz, who stopped 25 of 27 shots the rest of the way. The Hawks managed 38 shots on net.

Things tightened up considerably against Westman, but the Wildcats scored twice in the third period to break the 1-1 tie after 40 minutes.

Caitlin Anderson scored the lone Hawks goal while Franz made 28

saves as Westman held a 31-16 edge in shots on goal.

The Hawks are in fifth place with a 7-8-0 record for 14 points. They trail the Winnipeg Ice by four points and are ahead of Central Plains by three points.

The Hawks have a break from league play this week as they travel to Ontario to compete in the 2 Nations College Prep tournament that takes place in Brampton and Detroit.

Male Hawks split games with Yellowhead Chiefs

By Lorne Stelmach

The male U18 Pembina Valley Hawks earned a split of their weekend doubleheader with the Yellowhead Chiefs in Shoal Lake.

The Hawks fell 5-3 in game one Saturday then rebounded to edge Yellowhead 3-2 Sunday afternoon. Earlier last week, the Hawks had also suffered a 7-3 loss to Brandon on the Wednesday

Special teams did in the Hawks in game one as they gave up three powerplay goals to the Chiefs while going zero for ten themselves on the man advantage.

Griffin Ayotte, Mitchell Hlady and Liam Goertzen scored for the Hawks, who gave up four unanswered second period goals. Bryson Yaschyshyn made 28 saves with the Chiefs holding a 33-32 edge in shots on goal.

On Sunday, the Hawks capitalized on two first period powerplays, and Ayotte scored the winner at 9:20 of the third period. Carter Sotheran and Keston Worley scored the other goals, and Yaschyshyn made 37 saves with the shots 39-27 in favour of Yellowhead.

The Hawks trailed 3-1 and 5-3 at the intermissions against the first place Wheat Kings, who have not lost in

regulation time to date with only two overtime defeats marring their record.

Cameron Parr scored twice for the Hawks with the other goal coming from Carter Campbell, and Yaschyshyn made 29 saves with the shots on goal 36-25 in favour of the Wheat Kings, who sealed the deal with an empty net goal.

The Hawks remain mired in 10th place at 8-10-2 for 18 points, but they

are only one point back of Norman and the Winnipeg Bruins and two behind Yellowhead.

The Hawks began their week with a visit to Killarney Wednesday to take on Southwest then they are back home in Morden for games with the Winnipeg Wild Friday and Interlake Lightning Saturday.

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their lead to 5-3 early, but a pair of goals from Jayden McCarthy tied things up and sent the game into overtime for a decision. The Stampeders got the game-winner at the 1:01 mark.

Winkler once again won the shot battle, this time 36-27. Meilun made

21 saves in goal.

Winkler remains in third place in the MJHL East Division standings with a record of 14-8-1-1 for 30 points.

Ahead of them are the Steinbach Pistons in first with 37 points and the Winnipeg Blues in second with 35.

They have a five-point lead on the fourth-place Selkirk Steelers.

The week ahead sees the Flyers play a home-and-away pair of games against the Virden Oil Capitals. Friday's game is in Virden while Sunday's is in Winkler.

Katelyn Heppner representing Canada in Switzerland

By Lorne Stelmach

It is one of the ultimate achievements in her athletic career for Katelyn Heppner to represent her country.

The senior defensive star from Winkler in her final year with the Nipissing University hockey team was selected to be part of Team Canada at the 2021 FISU (Fédération Internationale du Sport Universitaire) winter games in Lucerne, Switzerland from Dec. 10-21.

The university in North Bay, Ontario will be well represented with four student athletes competing at the games, including three Lakers hockey players and one nordic skier.

"It's amazing. It's a dream come true to be able to put on a Team Canada jersey," said Heppner. "It's something you've dreamed about ever since you were a little kid. You grow up watching the Olympics and the world juniors and things like that, so to be able to put on the Canada jersey is going to be pretty surreal.

"It's an honour to be able to represent your country while playing the game you love, so this is an amazing opportunity that I will remember forever. Plus it's an added bonus I get to go to Switzerland with a couple of teammates."

Heppner will be joined by teammate

Maria Dominico and skier Alex Maycock as part of Team Canada, while teammate Marilyn Fortin will compete for the Team Switzerland women's hockey team at the games.

The world university games take place every two years, so the opportunity comes just in time with Heppner in her fifth year of studies and fourth of playing hockey after last season was cancelled due to the pandemic.

She has been able to be part of a strong team with the Lakers having gone 14-10-0 in 2018/19 and then 16-8-1 in 2019/20 in conference play, and they started off the current season with four straight wins.

Heppner simply attributed her success to hard work and dedication.

"Last year was kind of tough with COVID, but it was just a matter of being able to stay on top of everything and always just working to the next step and the next goal just to keep motivated," said Heppner.

"It's just training all year round and practicing ... and we're a pretty competitive team here, and we're off to a good start this year."

It further adds to an already impressive resume for Heppner, who has also excelled on the ball diamond, playing baseball on the national stage with Team Manitoba for the nine years.

"I've had the opportunity to play at



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Winkler native Katelyn Heppner, who plays for Nipissing University, is off to represent Canada at the FISU winter games in Switzerland next week.

high levels at both baseball and hockey, so that's been pretty amazing," said Heppner, who added it would be tough for her to choose between the two sports. "It's a close call ... I think hockey has always kind of been my first love ... but I've been lucky to have some success at baseball as well."

She was now entirely focusing on the task at hand, with preparations for the FISU winter games having started

a few weeks ago.

"We've been having bi-weekly Zoom meetings and just getting to know the other players ... they're from all over Canada, so we're just trying to connect," said Heppner, who will meet her teammates in person for the first time Monday when they fly to Europe. "Thankfully, we'll have a couple practices when we get over there before we start playing games."

Twisters riding high on three-game win streak

By Lorne Stelmach

The Pembina Valley Twisters are riding a three game win streak after a 7-3 victory over the Raiders Sunday in Morris.

It comes after Pembina Valley had found itself in a four game slump, although they did pick up two points from an overtime and a shootout loss during that spell.

The points are all important as the Twisters, who are now at 13-3-2 for 28 points, continue to pursue St. James at 16-1-3 for 35 points and Transcona at 16-2-0 for 32 points.

Against the Raiders, the Twisters scored a pair of powerplay goals and also connected shorthanded while outshooting the Raiders 38-25.

Curtis Rebeck scored both goals on the man advantage as part of his trick. Also scoring for Pembina Valley were Ben Hillhorst, Nico Vigier, Merek Degraeve, and Jordan Keck. Logan Enns

got the win in goal on 22 saves.

It was the only game of the week for the Twisters, as a Friday matchup with

Transcona was postponed due to poor travel conditions.

Pembina Valley remains at home

in Morris this weekend for a pair of games with Fort Garry Fort Rouge Friday and Stonewall Sunday.

Team MB falls just short at World Juniors Qualifier

By Voice staff

It was the end of the road for Team McDonald and Winkler's Reece Hamm over the weekend.

The junior curling team made up of skip Jordan McDonald, second Elias Huminicki, lead Alexandre Fontaine, and Hamm as third represented Manitoba at the 2021 World Juniors Qualifier in Saskatoon last week.

Team McDonald opened the tournament with a 6-3 loss to Ontario's Team Mitchell but then beat Team Burgess (Northern Ontario) 10-3, Team MacMillan (PEI) 12-2, and Team Nowlan (New Brunswick) 11-3.

The foursome went on to lose to Team Tao from Alberta 8-3 and then to Team Young from Newfoundland and Labrador 7-2 to be knocked out of the running.

Team Purcell from Nova Scotia ultimately won the tournament, downing Team Young 10-9 in the championship match.

They, along with Team Isabelle Ladouceur from Northern Ontario, will represent Canada at the 2022 World Junior Curling Championships in Jönköping, Sweden next March.

• A LOOK BACK

The restoration of the Neu-Reinland Cemetery

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

In Part One, an emphasis was struck as to the contributions that one, of many pioneer Mennonite families, made to building and developing a most prosperous city that we know as Winkler. The Franz and Maria (Esau) (Enns) family came to the Neu-Reinland area in 1875 from South Russia to build a new place to call home.

In Part Two, an attempt was made to generate some reasoning behind the variations in the spelling of the family surname, basically, the use of the one 'n' Enns or the two 'nn' Enns. It was also interesting to note that the variation actually existed within the same family lineage. This became even more evident after a study of the family's varying headstone inscriptions.



By Henry A. Wiebe

The Isaac Enns family of descendants (Isaac is the fifth son of Franz and Maria Enns) have had a practice of annual reunions that span almost a hundred years. The first one missed was the 2020 reunion due to COVID restrictions.

The annual get-togethers were always most entertaining, eventful and exciting. It was an event we always looked forward to. It always promoted lively discussions on a variety of topics.

At the 2018 reunion, one such topic, the Neu-Reinland Mennonite Cemetery (sometimes referred to as the

Franz Enns Cemetery), came up as an item that received attention.

The cemetery is located towards the middle of a section of land, namely the south-east inner corner of NW 25-2-4 W1, just south of Reinfeld. It was described by some, in the know, as a cemetery that had suffered severe neglect for over 50 years.

It was a burial site started by Franz Enns on the land that he farmed. Enns family members and a few others were buried there starting in the late 1800s until the last known burial in 1964.

Curiosity prompted a visit to the site on August 25, 2018. Since the crop had already been harvested, it was easy to make a firsthand inspection.

Not surprisingly, the cemetery was, as had been related at the reunion, in a state of gross neglect. It was completely covered and buried with an accumulation of dirt, decayed foliage, and an active growth of vegetation. A sprawling tree, in desperate need of attention, stood lonely amongst the battled disarray.

The cemetery really appeared to be crying for help. The tops of a few headstones were barely visible. Most were buried completely by the annually added accumulation. There were no overt signs as to headstone location and/or arrangement. It was immediately evident that it would require a substantial effort to bring some order to the site.

At the May 2019 reunion, Ernie Doell, a cousin and fellow great grandson of Franz Enns, approached me and volunteered to partner with the cemetery clean-up process.

We set the fall of 2019 as the date but since a long period of unsettled weather presented most unfavourable conditions, we postponed mak-



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Henry Wiebe with cousin and fellow descendent of Franz Enns digging out a buried gravestone at the Neu-Reinland Mennonite Cemetery. The duo spent a great deal of time clearing the overgrown site.

"A STUDY OF THE HEADSTONE INSCRIPTIONS IS A HIGHLIGHT. THEY REALLY TELL PROFOUND UNWRITTEN INTERESTING HISTORICAL STORIES."

ing a beginning to the spring.

Spring 2020 came, and with it an unusually prolonged period of unfavourable seeding conditions. Farmers found themselves patiently waiting for things to improve. This presented us, finally, with an opportunity to begin the restoration process toward the end April.

After an initially clearing of recent dried vegetation and a pre-inspection of partially visible headstones, the removal of the accumulation began, carefully uncovering headstone after headstone over a period of two weeks.

The support and assistance received from the Winkler Heritage Society,

especially that of Joanne Bergen and John Goertzen, was greatly appreciated. And the neighbours and nearby residents who came to visit, brought and shared interesting stories, making it more than just an exercise of labour. It was truly a most satisfying, eventful, morally uplifting, and an informative experience.

Have you made a visit to the cemetery yet? I recommend that you do. The restored appearance of the site even surprised Ernie and me, knowing what it looked like at the beginning. But a study of the headstone inscriptions is a highlight. They really tell profound unwritten interesting historical stories.

Just remember the cemetery is in the middle of a farmed field. You must limit your time of visit to before seeding in the spring and after harvest in the fall.

Next up: What was actually found in the cemetery site vis-a-vis what was expected to be found, but not found.

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Stir in rice, spinach, soy sauce and sesame oil. Stir-fry 2-3 minutes, or until spinach starts to wilt and rice is heated through.

Divide rice between four bowls and top each with one fried egg.

- Prep time: 15 minutes
Cook time: 10 minutes
Servings: 4
- 2 bags Success Basmati Rice
 - 2 tablespoons canola oil
 - 1/2 pound mushrooms, sliced
 - 1 onion, diced
 - 1 cup kimchi, chopped
 - 2 cloves garlic, minced
 - 1 tablespoon ginger, minced
 - 4 cups baby spinach
 - 2 tablespoons soy sauce
 - 4 teaspoons sesame oil



Thai Cashew Chicken Fried Rice

sliced (optional)
3 tablespoons soy sauce
1/3 cup roasted cashews
Prepare rice according to package directions. Let cool completely.

In large wok or skillet over medium-high heat, heat oil. Season chicken with salt. Cook chicken, stirring, 3-5 minutes, or until starting to brown. Stir in sugar snap peas, garlic and chili pepper, if desired. Cook, stirring, 3-5 minutes, or until chicken is cooked through and snap peas are tender-crisp.

Stir in rice. Cook 2-3 minutes, stirring to combine. Stir in soy sauce. Cook 2-3 minutes, or until rice is heated through.

Sprinkle with cashews before serving.

- Prep time: 20 minutes
Cook time: 10 minutes
Servings: 4
- 2 bags Success Jasmine Rice
 - 2 tablespoons canola oil
 - 1/2 teaspoon salt
 - 3/4 pound boneless, skinless chicken breast, cubed
 - 1/2 pound sugar snap peas, trimmed
 - 3 cloves garlic, thinly sliced
 - 1 Thai red chili pepper, thinly



Lemon Cake

1/4 cup fresh lemon juice
1/4 cup limoncello
powdered sugar, for garnish (optional)
dried sweetened lemon rings, for garnish (optional)

Heat oven to 350 F. Oil 8-by-12-by-2-inch pan with olive oil and line bottom with parchment paper.

In bowl, whisk flour, sugars, salt, baking soda and powder. In another bowl, whisk 1 1/3 cups olive oil, milk, eggs, lemon zest, juice and limoncello. Add dry ingredients; whisk until just combined.

Pour batter into prepared pan and bake 60-75 minutes until top is golden and cake tester comes out clean. Transfer cake to rack and let cool 30 minutes.

Run knife around edge of pan, invert cake onto rack and let cool completely, 2 hours.

Sprinkle with powdered sugar, lemon zest and lemon rings right before serving, if desired.

- Prep time: 10 minutes
Cook time: 1 hour, 15 minutes
Servings: 30
- 1 1/3 cups Pompeian Light Taste Olive Oil, plus additional for oiling pan
 - 2 cups all-purpose flour
 - 1 cup sugar
 - 3/4 cup brown sugar
 - 1 1/2 teaspoons kosher salt
 - 1/2 teaspoon baking soda
 - 1/2 teaspoon baking powder
 - 1 1/4 cups whole milk
 - 3 large eggs
 - 1 1/2 tablespoons grated lemon zest, plus additional for garnish (optional)



By Gwen Randall

Do you suffer in silence? Many people do, I am always saddened when I hear that someone has been dealing with a problem and felt that there was no one they could talk to. This happens more often than you might expect.

There are several reasons for this, it might be that there is no one who we feel comfortably close to when it comes to sharing our fears and difficulties. Sometimes there is the feeling that we don't want to burden others with our problems. If we could get past these two barriers, there is still the tendency, in our society, to project that all is well, even if it's not. We do such a good job of this, that when someone is struggling in some aspect of their lives, they feel as though they are the only one with this problem.

We become alienated from ourselves if we are feeling angry, hurt, or depressed inside, while projecting the opposite feelings to those around us. Feelings remain blocked or suppressed inside, and this energy must come out in some way. It may manifest as anger or hostility towards others (taking it out on the children, partner, or co-workers) or as health problems (headaches, ulcers, stress, and tension).

Talking it out can be very healing, but it is important to do this with the right person. It must be someone whom you can trust to keep what you share confidential. It's best if the person is

Suffering in Silence

a good listener who withholds judgment and advice giving. Often as we talk through our difficulties, we find that our own solutions emerge spontaneously.

If you have friends or family members to whom you feel close, but have never really shared deeply, you may find that if you do, the relationship becomes even closer. Chances are that this person will open up in response to your sharing. You may find that you are both relieved to have someone you can really talk to. The floodgates may open, with things coming out that you have held inside for years.

If you share with the intention to understand more deeply, and to create positive outcomes in your life, this kind of sharing can be tremendously healing. If the sharing becomes simply dumping on others who are not present, then you are in a negative process which will ultimately only make things worse.

We all have the ability to support others in positive ways. Right now just about everyone has some struggle in their lives. Perhaps if we stop hiding our pain, we could really be there for each other. Ultimately, that's what life is all about anyway, so we might as well get on with it.

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Sugar Cookies with Orange Glaze

sugar, for topping
To make cookies: Preheat oven to 350 F. Lightly grease baking sheet.

In large bowl, stir flour, sugar, baking powder, baking soda and salt to combine. Add olive oil, vanilla extract and almond extract. Stir until crumbly dough forms.

Add 2 tablespoons milk; stir until soft dough ball forms, adding more milk if needed.

Place dough ball on lightly floured surface. Roll out dough until 1/4-inch thick. Using jar lid or other circular object, cut out cookies; place on baking sheet. Repeat until all dough is used.

Bake 8-10 minutes; do not overbake. Set aside to cool.

To make glaze: In small bowl, stir powdered sugar, 2 tablespoons orange juice and salt until thick glaze forms. Add more juice, if needed, to thin out glaze or add more powdered sugar to thicken.

When cookies are cooled, glaze them. Top with orange slices or blood orange slices and pinch of sugar.

- Prep time: 15 minutes
Cook time: 10 minutes
Servings: 36
Cookies:
2 cups all-purpose flour
1 cup cake sugar
1 teaspoon baking powder
1/2 teaspoon baking soda
1/2 teaspoon salt
1/2 cup Pompeian Light Taste Olive Oil
2 teaspoons vanilla extract
1/2 teaspoon almond extract
2-3 tablespoons unsweetened milk of choice
Glaze:
1 cup powdered sugar, plus additional if needed, for thickening
2-3 tablespoons fresh orange juice
1/8 teaspoon salt
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In the matter of the estate of **ABRAHAM GIESBRECHT**, also known as **ABRAHAM P. GIESBRECHT** late of the Village of Reinfeld, in Manitoba, truck-driver, deceased.

All claims against the above estate, duly verified by Statutory Declaration must be filed with the undersigned at Box 99, Winkler, Manitoba, R6W 4A4, on or before the 31st day of December, 2021.

Dated at the City of Winkler, in Manitoba, this 25th day of November, 2021.

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Solicitors for the Executor

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- Tenders must be delivered to **McCulloch Mooney Johnston Selby LLP** by 2:30 p.m., December 17, 2021. Please mark on front of envelope "Tender".
- Tenders must be accompanied by a **\$10,000.00** deposit cheque payable to **McCulloch Mooney Johnston Selby LLP**. Deposit cheques accompanying unacceptable bids will be returned.
- Interested parties may bid on one parcel, two parcels or all three parcels. If not bidding on all three parcels, interested parties are to set out what parcel(s) is being bid on.

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McCulloch Mooney Johnston Selby LLP
P.O. Box 1670
14 Main Street South
Carman, Manitoba
R0G 0J0
(204) 745-2546
Attention: Scott W. Johnston

PUBLIC NOTICE

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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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A cheque for \$10,000.00 must accompany the tender as a down payment. Written tenders must be received by 12:00 p.m. on December 31, 2021. Down payment will be returned if tender not accepted. Closing date for the sale shall be January 28, 2022, by cash or approved loan proceeds. Any loan advances paid after closing date are subject to payment of interest at loan rate during reasonable delay for registration of security. Purchaser shall be responsible for payment of all 2022 property taxes and GST or shall self-assess for GST.

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CAREERS



Winkler Day Care Centre ("W.D.C.C.") is looking for a caring person to assist the Executive Director in leading a team of Early Childhood Educators.

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

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- 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:

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Experience:

- Must have a minimum of ECE III;
- Must have a minimum of 1 year supervisor/management experience in a Manitoba Day Care Centre

COVID-19 precaution(s):

- Remote interview process may be utilized
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Please provide your Cover Letter, Resume and Salary Expectations by email to kneadedtreatmentxr@gmail.com, by December 3, 2021. Only qualified individuals will be contacted.

CAREERS

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Applications received prior to Jan 7, 2022, are assured of careful consideration. An eligibility list may be established to fill similar positions and will remain in effect for 4 months.

For more information and how to apply, please refer to the link below and follow the application instructions:

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PUBLIC NOTICE



**RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF STANLEY
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

On the date and at the time and location shown below, a PUBLIC HEARING will be held to receive representations from any person(s) who wish to make them in respect to the following matter: RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF STANLEY BY-LAW NO. 25-21, an Amendment to the RM of Stanley Zoning By-law 8-18, as amended

HEARING: R.M. of Stanley Council Chamber,
1-23111 PTH 14, SW 7-3-4W
LOCATION:
DATE & TIME: December 16, 2021 at 9:15 a.m.
GENERAL INTENT: 1) To add the definition of "Community Resource Centre"
2) To add the use of "Community Resource Centre" to the Appendix I Use Table as Conditional in the AG, AL, RR, GD and RC Zones

FOR INFORMATION Melissa Groening, Planning and Development Officer
CONTACT: Rural Municipality of Stanley
1-23111 PTH 14, Stanley MB R6P 0B1
Phone: (204) 325-4101
Email: mgroening@rmofstanley.ca

A copy of the above proposal and supporting material may be inspected at the location noted above during normal office hours, Monday to Friday. Copies may be made and extracts taken there from, upon request.

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Sudoku Answer

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Crossword Answer

X CROSSWORD

CLUES ACROSS

1. Topsides
7. Sino-Soviet block (abbr.)
10. A Sultan's court
12. Maine city
13. Largest living land animal
14. Appetizer
15. Encounters
16. Leader
17. The source of bacon
18. Nuclear near reach weapon (abbr.)
19. Celery (Spanish)
21. Pie ___ mode
22. Eye disease
27. Hello (slang)
28. Those in their 80s
33. Law enforcement agency (abbr.)
34. Business organizations
36. Mimic
37. For indicating speed of rotation (abbr.)
38. Feeling
39. Visual way to interact with computers (abbr.)
40. "Let It Snow!" songwriter
41. Essential oil used as perfume
44. Norwegian composer
45. Coast
48. ___ lang syne, good old days
49. Gland behind the stomach
50. Tooth caregiver
51. King of Camelot

CLUES DOWN

1. N. American indigenous people

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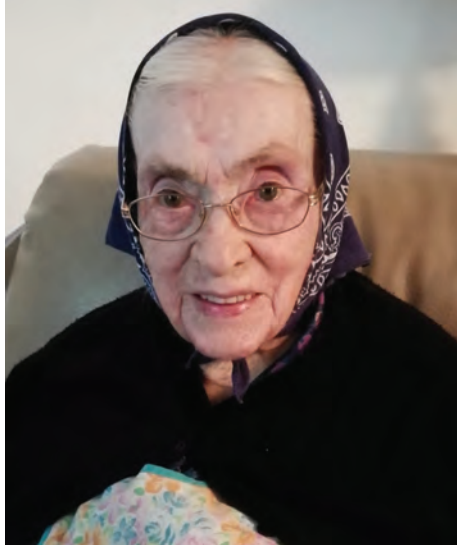
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3. Root of out
4. Patti Hearst's captors
5. Atomic #50
6. Habitual drunkard
7. Arabic for "peace"
8. Trickery
9. One's physique (slang)
10. Not quite there
11. Wistfully mournful
12. Popular dance
14. Cut of meat
17. A way to stand
18. "Gunga Din" screenwriter
20. 10th month of the year (abbr.)
23. A way of jumping
24. Utah town
25. Of I
26. Actress de Armas
29. Silver
30. Play a role
31. ___ Falls
32. Attaches to
35. Japanese title
36. Expressed pleasure
38. Buckets
40. Dirt
41. Hypnotists' group (abbr.)
42. Restaurant drive-___
43. Digs up
44. He voices "Olaf"
45. Relaxing place
46. Body part
47. Pesky house critter

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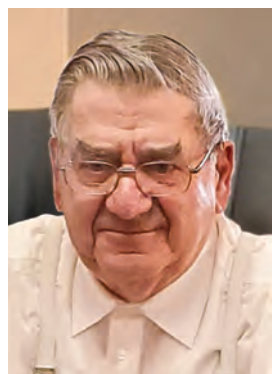
Robert John Krahn
1954 - 2021

Robert "Bob" Krahn passed away from pancreatic cancer, on Monday, November 22, 2021 at the age of 67 at home in Winkler, MB, surrounded by family and friends.
He leaves to mourn his passing his wife of 46 years, Kathy (Klassen); son, Brent, wife, Marcia and their children, Malina, Zoey and Kingston, his son, Nolan Krahn along with many friends and family.
Memorial service was held on Saturday, November 27, 2021 at Emmanuel Mennonite Church.
If friends so desire, donations may be made in Robert's memory to the BTHC Foundation designated to Palliative Care.

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Lester M. Bauman
1941 - 2021

Lester M. Bauman passed away suddenly at his home in Plum Coulee, MB, on Sunday November 21, 2021 at the age of 80 years. He was born on May 9, 1941, to the late Urias and Hannah (Martin) Bauman. Lester was married on May 29, 1963 to Viola Weber, who predeceased him in 2005.
Lovingly remembered by his children, Delphine and Abe Plett of Loch Broom, NS, Leroy and Marilyn of Austin, MB, Bernice of Plum Coulee, MB, Keith and Kathy of Hawkesville, ON, Kevin and Cheryl of Wellesley, ON, Gerald and Valerie of Plum Coulee, MB, Marvin and Cheryl of Wallenstein, ON, Leon and Julia of Plum Coulee, MB, Milo of Plum Coulee, MB, Timothy and Carla of Plum Coulee, MB and Stephen of Elmira, ON. Also remembered by 40 grandchildren and 32 great-grandchildren. Brother to Ornan and Ethel Bauman, Elverne Bauman, Paul and Wilma Bauman, Grace Weber, Clarence and Vera Bauman and Anna Mary and Timothy Martin; brother-in-law to Amzi and Erla Wideman, Harvey and Marie Weber, Edgar and Erma Weber, Marian Weber, Aden and Elsie Weber, Allan and Lorna Weber, Erma and Mahlon Martin, Aleda and Glen Martin and Earl and Joyce Weber. Predeceased by grandson, Travis Bauman; brother-in-law, Wayne Weber and sister-in-law, Eileen Wideman.

Lester and Viola and their family lived in the Elmira, ON area until 1975 when they moved to a new church outreach at Mine Centre, ON. There he enjoyed working in the logging industry. In 1985 they moved to the Winkler, MB area where he began General Metal Fabrication. He valued the many relationships that were formed over the years within each of these communities. Lester was a faithful member of the Horndean Mennonite Church.
A private funeral service was held on Friday, November 26, 2021 at the Zion Mennonite Church followed by interment at the Horndean Mennonite Church Cemetery.
Expressions of sympathy may be made in Lester's memory to Faith Mission (FriedensBote) or Christian Aid Ministries.

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Martha Unrau (nee Dyck)
1943 - 2021



On Monday, November 22, 2021 at Boundary Trails Health Centre, Marth Unrau, 78 of Winkler, MB passed away.
She is survived by her husband, Cornie; children, Phyllis (John); Kaitlin, Sam, Tom, Elizabeth, Tim (Jennifer); Preston, Kaydence, Lisa (Mike); Claire, Orrin, Jocelyn, Daniel. She leaves to mourn her passing numerous siblings, in-laws, nieces and nephews. Martha was predeceased by her parents, Henry and Justina Dyck, stepfather, Jan Michnik, numerous brothers, sisters and in-laws.
Martha (Dyck) Unrau was born October 11, 1943 to Henry and Justina Dyck, in Friedensruh, MB. Martha grew up in Friedensruh and attended school in a one-room schoolhouse. She was baptized in 1962. She married Cornie Unrau on October 29, 1972.

Private service was held at the Sommerfeld Mennonite Church in Reinland with interment at the Reinland Mennonite Church in Schanzenfeld.
The family would like to thank the paramedics, doctors, nurses, Wiebe Funeral Home and all those supporting our family.

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Robert William Wiebe
1959 - 2021



On Tuesday, November 16, 2021 Robert passed away suddenly on the family farm.
He leaves to mourn his passing the love of his life, Shirl and two children, Tim (Meghan) and grandson, Ashur, Lynette (Josh) and grandchildren, Ethan, Alexis, Ashton and Taylor; as well as four siblings sisters, Norma (Abe), Karen (Clint) and brothers, Ken, John (Helen); mother-in-law, Nettie Unrau; brothers-in-law, Gary (Agatha), Harv (Barb); sister-in-law, Brenda (John) and many nieces, nephews, uncles, aunts, cousins and friends.
Robert's passion in life was farming, family and community. You could always see Robert driving around checking crops and if he saw you on the road along the way, you could bet he would stop for a chat! Robert will surely be missed by all who knew him.

Funeral service was held with interment at the Herald Cemetery.
Donations may be made in Robert's memory to STARS Air Ambulance and to the BTHC Foundation designated to Cancer Care.

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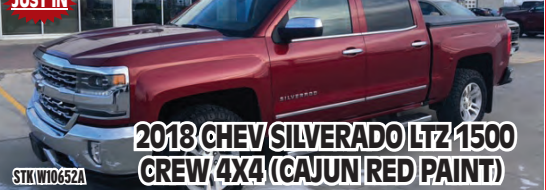


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