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Students make newsprint flowers for local seniors

By Ashleigh Viveiros

A group of Gr. 4 students at Pine Ridge Elementary School have spent the past few weeks finding unique uses for leftover newspapers.

Music teacher Cecilia Gil has been leading her class in a project to utilize newspaper pages in making music and art.

"I've had to be very creative with how to teach music because we are not allowed to sing right now," she explained.

Singing in close quarters is considered to have a high risk of transmitting COVID-19, so schools have had to push pause on their usual music programming.

But that doesn't mean they can't still have some fun in music class.

Gil's students last week were using newsprint to create flowers with a special song lyric attached to the stem. They plan to drop them off as gifts for the residents of the Buhler Active Living Centre.

The songs all come from the '60s and the kids hope the craft will put a smile on the faces of the seniors who recall the decade well.

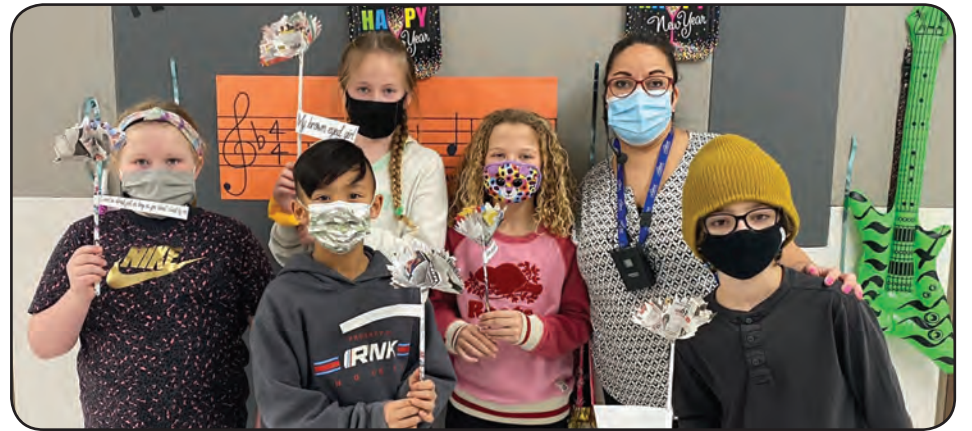
"We want them to be happy and maybe listen to their childhood songs to bring up some good memories," said Makenna Wilson during a Zoom interview with the Voice on Friday.

"It's a really fun craft," added classmate Gavin Gacutan, explaining the class was using an assembly line of sorts to carefully put the dozens of

newspaper flowers together, each group responsible for a different part. "We're making a lot," chimed in Smith Johnston. "And every flower is different."

Music was the common thread behind all of the projects of the past few weeks, which included creating musical poems using cut-out words, using the papers to block their faces before pulling them down to demonstrate a variety of different emotions, and putting the newsprint to use for a social-distancing dance exercise.

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Pine Ridge music teacher Cecilia Gil with students Amelia Plett, Gavin Gacutan, Makenna Wilson, Norah Friesen, and Smith Johnston and some of the newspaper flowers their Gr. 4 class made for residents of the Buhler Active Living Centre. Each flower includes a song lyric.



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New food hall offering up a diversity of good eats

By Lorne Stelmach

The Morden Food Hall and Market opened for business over the holidays, and the incubator style mall on the east end of the city has been an early success.

It showcases some of the area's cultural diversity through authentic cuisine from the Orient as well as Turkish doner kebabs, handmade Italian pasta, and East Indian dishes, and it has provided an easier way for these vendors to start to make their business dreams come true.

"We have such a variety of residents who have immigrated into Morden over the last number of years. To see them build a business and succeed is not just satisfying but also exciting," said Shelly Voht, immigration co-ordinator for the City of Morden. "Now we have the opportunity to experience traditional cultural foods and flavors they bring with them when they move and call Morden their home."

"This unique space delivers a dual benefit to the city by offering customers a variety of quality culinary options under one roof as well as offering new restaurant startups the chance to develop their business," added Jason Dyck, economic development officer for the City of Morden.

"Having the opportunity to walk alongside these entrepreneurs and helping them make their dream a reality has been rewarding. Now the real work has begun for each of them," noted Liz Reimer, MCDC business development specialist. "I will be continuing to assist them as they navigate the twists and turns a new business may encounter."

The Morden Food Hall and Market is home to WangDao Bistro, Ichkaben Doner Kabab, Kitchen of Spices, and the Oja Food Store.



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From left: Liz Reimer, business development specialist with MCDC, Esther Omoleye of Oja Food Store, Louanes Harra of Ichkaben, Eileen Min and Sam Yang of Wangdao Bistro, Ankur Aggarwal of Kitchen of Spices, and Jason Dyck, Morden economic development officer at the new Food Hall and Market.

Wangdao Bistro is serving authentic Oriental cuisine while Ichkaben is serving either chicken or beef Turkish doner specialities and Italian pastas and Oja Foods has a variety of African and Asian food products. The final addition to the facility last week was Kitchen of Spices with a menu of East Indian food.

Pingchuan Li and Eileen Min of Wangdao Bistro were grateful to the City of Morden for its assistance in "providing us with such a platform and opportunity to start our small business in this community and get their best support and help.

"We are a restaurant dedicated to making healthy and traditional Chinese cuisine," they offered by e-mail. "We want to bring the different Chinese healthy and traditional cuisines to our community so that people can

taste many different Chinese specialities with different flavors.

"We are currently starting with Sichuan Chinese cuisine, and we will gradually add more other Chinese cuisine flavors to enrich the community's food culture and make our contribution to the economic development of our community."

"It's a big pleasure to serve this beautiful community," said Louanes Harra, who together with his wife Rachida Aberkane own and operate Ichkaben Doner Kebab. "All I can say is that my dream came true in our new home of Morden, this friendly community, with the support of the City of Morden and particularly Liz Reimer and Jason Dyck.

"Our experience we wanted to bring here ... and I wanted to make something different here in the area," he

said. "It's been very good. We have had more customers than we expected. People seem happy to have something new in the area."

Dyck said the concept to have a local incubation space which encourages new retail and food service businesses to grow in a low-risk environment was modelled on Morden's success with its industrial equivalent.

"The success of the industrial incubator mall was really the inspiration behind this project, which was initiated three years ago thanks to financial support from the provincial government, the City of Morden, and the MCDC.

"While there were a number of construction challenges along the way which delayed its opening, the wait has been worth it, as the food is phenomenal and so is the community support," he added. "At the heart of it all is a group of talented chef and entrepreneurs eager to show the city their culinary skills.

"Food halls of this kind are popping up in cities across Canada as a new approach to economic development which supports the growth or incubation of small businesses in the hospitality and retail sectors," Dyck concluded. "In this way, the Food Hall and Market in Morden is a homegrown approach to economic development which offers not only great food to customers but also offers the businesses enrolled in the program support to grow their business through flexible leases, savings on start-up costs, mentorship, and access to subject matter experts."



> NEWSPAPER FLOWERS, FROM PG. 3

"The kids had to make long ropes out of newspaper," Gil explained. "We cannot touch each other right now so the rope had to be six feet long and they had to figure out how to make it without using any tape or glue. And then they used the rope as an exten-

Gr. 4 students at Pine Ridge Elementary School in Winkler made newspaper flowers for residents of the Buhler Active Living Centre last week.

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sion of their hand to dance together."

Smith noted he most enjoyed "doing the funny faces." Most of his peers, though, listed making flowers as a highlight of the past two weeks.

Ditto for Gil, who hopes they bring some joy to the BALC residents

"I really wanted to bring all the arts together and also give something back to the community," she said of the inspiration for these projects.

Canadian Fossil Discovery Centre celebrating 50 years

By Lorne Stelmach

It remains uncertain what awaits the Canadian Fossil Discovery Centre in 2021, but the facility regardless marks a major milestone this year.

The centre, which has been closed as a result of pandemic restrictions, began life as the Morden and District Museum 50 years ago when it was opened in 1971 during the Morden Corn and Apple Festival.

Despite the current circumstances, executive director Adolfo Cuetara is still optimistic about not only what the next 12 months may hold for the museum but the longer-term future as well with planning for a new stand-alone building ongoing.

"Everything has a positive side," Cuetara said recently as he continued working on a number of new exhibits. "In a way, we are more busy than when we are open because there are all these things that are almost impossible to handle when we are open.

"In this case, we are working on new exhibits and new displays," he continued. "When we are open, it is almost impossible to work on it. We are changing some exhibits in the galleries and some displays.

"We are working on some new cabinets for display in the mosasaur hall," said Cuetara, explaining his hope

is to have the actual fossils of Bruce the mosasaur eventually on display alongside the full-size replica.

"We have a very spectacular skeleton hanging in the Mosasaur Hall, but those are replicas ... people ask where are the original fossils?" said Cuetara, who is also developing another new mounted display of a smaller mosasaur that will feature the actual fossil bones. "It will be almost 25 feet long ... and it is about 85 per cent complete."

One in-the-works display will highlight the process of continental drifting, while another features the Micro-eye Discovery Station, which uses a special microscope to put a spotlight on the smallest pieces in the CFDC collection.

"We have some very special fossils that are very tiny," Cuetara noted. "People will be able to see these smallest fossils on a big screen."

In addition to display development, work continues on implementing new collection management software Cuetara sees as vital in allowing researchers from anywhere to be able to have remote access to the collection.

"We have also been working on a new website because more than ever we need the online presence now," he said. "More important than ever is the new online gift shop. For us, it's the only way to have some income when we are closed.

"We are working hard to maintain the museum. We are trying to improve our online presence, and we are trying to improve the museum for the future when are able to open. We are doing all we can do right now."

Looking to the future, the CFDC has not given up on its dream of having a stand-alone building to call its own.

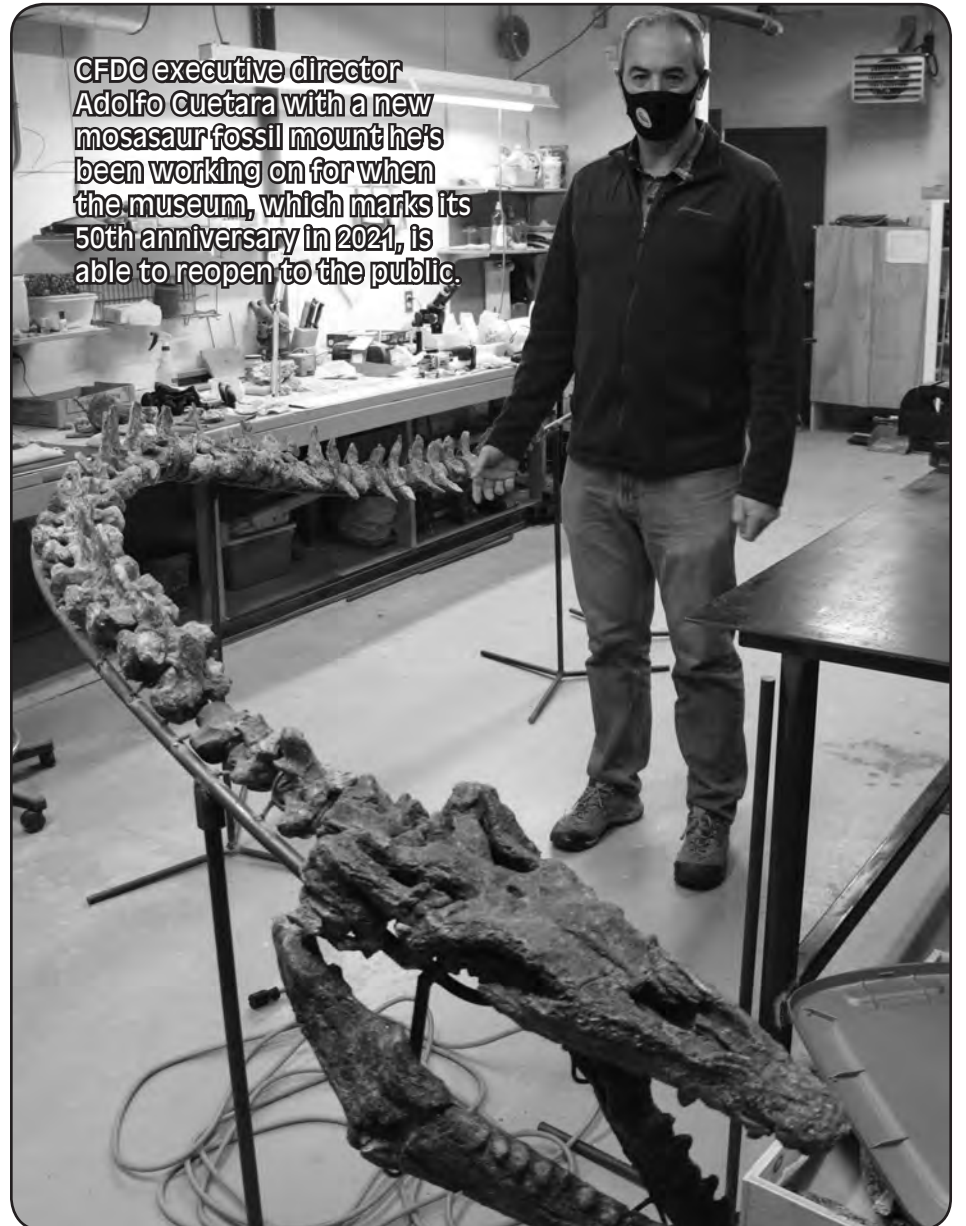
The museum is currently completing a comprehensive feasibility study and business plan for a new facility,

"We are working with a company in Winnipeg to develop the facility study and a business plan," said Cuetara, who hopes they will have something to present to the public within a couple of months. "We are working very hard to design a business plan to show that we can be sustainable financially.

"We have a nice location we will be presenting with the facility study, so I think everything is looking good," said Cuetara. "The conversations with different levels of government are positive."

"So, despite everything with the pandemic, I feel we are in a good position."

Cuetara encourages people to check out the CFDC's new website and gift shop at www.discoverfossils.com.



CFDC executive director Adolfo Cuetara with a new mosasaur fossil mount he's been working on for when the museum, which marks its 50th anniversary in 2021, is able to reopen to the public.

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Cuetara with the new Microeye Discovery Station, which will allow visitors to more easily view the smallest fossil specimens in the museum's collection.



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The importance of criticism

An the critic ... that most loathed and yet necessary member of society whose role, when done well, is to shine a bright and obnoxious light on all things.

Winston Churchill once wrote: "Criticism may not be agreeable, but it is necessary. It fulfils the same function as pain in the human body; it calls attention to the development of an unhealthy state of things. If it is heeded in time, danger may be averted; if it is suppressed, a fatal distemper may develop."

As a columnist I am familiar with criticism. Although, to be honest, it does not come directly



By Peter Cantelon

very often as we live in a passive-aggressive region where criticism prefers to travel the gossipy backroads via coffee shops, church and family gatherings rather than the immediate route to the target.

Anyone who has ever stepped out their front door knows and has been the object of criticism and I can honestly say I do not know a single person who likes it. Not one. If you claim to like criticism I will claim you are not being entirely truthful.

Criticism equates to judgement and none of us enjoys being judged unless that judgement is praise for how we have done or are doing a thing.

One of the great ironies of criticism is that there are critics of critics. What I mean is that there are those who so dislike it when people offer criticism that they lash out at the critics, thus becoming critics themselves.

Whether we like it or not, criticism serves a valuable purpose. It wakes us up to the fact that there are a myriad of perspectives and approaches. It allows us, if we are listening, to contemplate that perhaps we are not always right and should consider other view-

points.

At its most valuable, criticism awakens the target to error and pushes them toward change, saving them (and others) from the damage and destruction of a poor choice or at least offers redemption.

This is not to suggest that all criticism is good criticism. The critic must be select in how they offer up their views lest they come across as the proverbial boy who cried wolf, relegating everything they say to a cloud of noise pollution that is easily ignored.

The critic who invariably hates everything and everyone cannot be taken seriously ... even if they happen to be correct in their opinion from time to time. There has to be a basis for your criticism, an undergirding truth that can be recognized.

The worst criticism of criticism is the inevitable "could you do any better?" statement designed to shut people up. It is the last gasp of a frustrated person flailing about in the conversation and it is unhelpful and easy to ignore.

It has been said before that you do

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• GUEST COMMENTARY

Delivering smiles

Itook a few moments to call a young mom. I could hear her children noisily in the background and I sensed her frazzled nerves as she juggled the phone with the baby that she likely had in her arms.

At the same time, however, I could tell that though she was busy she was also grateful for the call, one with a kind adult voice to talk to in the middle of another hectic day.

I called an elderly friend living alone. I could hear the strength in her voice increase when she realized it wasn't just another survey. She was so grateful I called, grateful for the break in another long, empty day, grateful that someone remembered her and cared enough to take a few minutes to chat.

We live today in digital world where connecting with others is supposed to be so much easier. At a push of a button we can connect with practically anyone—



By Kim Striemer

family, friends, even people we don't know. Yet despite this, astoundingly enough, there is so much isolation, so many who are lonely, countless who feel disconnected and just wish the computer or phone would bring a text, message or call from someone they recognize.

The very act of connecting on a personal and heartfelt level seems to be being lost. People are feeling more alone than ever (and the pandemic is only emphasizing that). Life is busier than ever and despite having more and more opportunity to connect, sadly, many are left "surfing the Net" and scrolling through news feeds at

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• GUEST COMMENTARY

Closure of rural MASC offices a major misstep

By Jordan Siemens

The recent announcement that 21 Agriculture and MASC offices were closing across rural Manitoba is immensely disappointing.

These offices provide vital services to the Manitoban farmers who generate over \$6.4 billion in sales and are responsible for 1 in 10 jobs and 12 per cent of total economic activity in the province.

The agriculture industry is hugely consequential to rural Manitoba, many areas of which are struggling with less and less support from the provincial government. More and more services are being closed or moved to cities, including Manitoba Housing, Manitoba Hydro, emergency rooms, RCMP offices, and now Agriculture offices. It seems likely that Manitoba Highways depots and school divisions are next.

It is not just a matter of how services are provided. Granted, technological changes allow for services to be provided in alternative ways. MASC

in particular has shifted much of its work to online portals and emails over the last number of years, and obviously that can continue from new mega-centers.

However, we have all experienced the different levels of service between a local representative who knows you and an anonymous customer service rep at a call center. The local employees working in these 21 offices know the farmers they work with, they know the complicated businesses that they are running. Once they are closed farmers will no longer have the trusted relationships and local knowledge that now exists.

The Agriculture Minister has stated no jobs will be lost, and that employees were already working from home. He seems to be misinformed as employees in the Altona office (though closed to the public) continued to serve farmers from their office, and have been told their new positions may be at offices between 40 minutes and several hours away.

Furthermore, as employees resign or

retire it is unlikely that new hires will still live in the smaller rural centers that they now do; they will rather live in the large towns or cities where the new mega-centers are being located.

The government claims these 21 offices were only visited 1-2 times a week. While this may be true for some, others had more than 30 times that volume on average, with many more in peak season, and those coming in are often young farmers starting out who need that in-person help. Sure, paperwork can be submitted online, but as we've all found out since the pandemic has started, there is no replacement for in-person relationships.

The \$700,000 the government said this will save represents 0.01 per cent of the direct GDP these farmers generate for Manitoba. It is 0.6 per cent of the \$125 million farmers pay to this

"IT'S JUST ONE MORE HIT FOR RURAL MANITOBANS TO ABSORB."

very department in insurance fees each year. The cost to have local employees based in their communities, providing jobs to rural Manitoba and service to one of the province's most important industries, is less than a rounding error.

Change can be positive. However, the decision to close these offices was seemingly made without consulting farmers, farm groups, municipalities,

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Letters

THANKFUL FOR FRONTLINE WORKERS

I would just like to thank our Manitoba frontline workers who are working tirelessly for our family, friends and neighbours to help them recover from COVID-19.

I just talked to one of my neighbours who just recovered from a severe case and he has nothing but good things to say about the care he received. I was so happy to see him back home and that my prayers were answered for him.

Diane Verrier,
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Southern Health's first jab

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Public Health nurse Julie Hesketh immunized resident Renee Harms at Boyne Lodge last week as the rollout of COVID-19 vaccinations continued in the province. The Carman facility was the first care home in Southern Health-Santé Sud to receive the immunizations, and managers Lisa Dales and Bev Williment were on hand for the occasion. On Monday, the province announced it expects to have given the first dose of the vaccine to all eligible personal care home residents by the end of the month—a week ahead of initial projections.

Crown land lease auctions taking place online

By Voice staff

The Manitoba government is moving into the 21st century when it comes to its agricultural Crown land lease auctions.

The province has announced that these auctions will for the first time be held online next month.

“By modernizing our approach to service delivery we are better able to meet the needs and expectations of our clients,” said Agriculture Minister Blaine Pedersen in a statement. “The new online auction format will ensure we can offer all Manitobans the opportunity to rent additional lands that will support their farming opera-

tions.”

A number of agricultural Crown land parcels will be available to rent for haying, grazing, or cropping. The official listing of agricultural Crown lands available for rent can be found at https://resd.ca/leases_and_permits/LPproperties.aspx.

The online auctions will be hosted by Garton's Auction Service from Feb. 8-12, with further information to follow online at gartonsauction.com.

Allocating agricultural Crown land leases by way of a public auction is part of the modernization of the Agricultural Crown Lands Program, Pedersen noted.

> STRIEMER, FROM PG. 6

best to find something to fill their days with (and that is IF they have technology; not everyone has a computer or cell, so those who don't can feel even more alone and forgotten).

Most everyone has a phone, but even then, although it has the capability to ring and connect us with a friendly voice, many wait for a call that never comes.

We may “think” of others often, but it can be months (or even years) before we get around to actually dialing their number, and so there are a LOT of long empty days in between for the person waiting on the other end.

Of course, we can't always “be there” for others, but a short call to say “Hi” can close the distance and go a long way, offering a verbal hug and giving them a break in their day with something else to think about.

So if a personal card or letter, text, or e-mail can brighten someone's day, think of how much more a person reaching out to say “Hi” can do! We all have the ability to bring a smile to a someone's day, for even leaving a short voice mail leaves the message that at least someone cares.

Don't know what to say when you call? Then READ! A poem, short story, newspaper article, encouraging phrase ... anything. It may even start a conversation that takes you both in

a delightfully, unexpected direction!

Reading is one of the first things we learn to do in life and it's something we can do on our own or we can decide to use it to help others! There's just something so deeply human and connecting when we reach out to others and though we may not be able to save the world, if we could even just read to one or two others now and then, imagine how connected we would feel and the difference we could make within the world.

So what if we made a point of connecting with someone once a week or even once a month? It doesn't take a pandemic to give us a reason to reach out and brighten someone's day and it doesn't even have to take long. Just knowing someone cares enough to call for a few minutes, makes the difference and would help them feel good and give them something to look forward to, while making you feel good too.

Think you are just one person and you can't make a difference? Pandemic or not, you ARE the difference!

Kimberly Striemer is from Morden and has been enjoying finding ways to reach out and help make a difference for others during the pandemic.

> CANTELON, FROM PG. 6

not need to be a carpenter to recognize a poorly made chair. Similarly, you do not need to be a mechanic to know your car was not repaired, you do not need to be a journalist to recognize a poor article or column, and you do not need to be a politician to recognize a bad decision.

A good leader listens, always and to everything. A good leader consumes criticism accepting the truth that may be there, adapting, and discarding the garbage that is sim-

ply unhelpful hot air. A poor leader ignores all criticism as envy or sour grapes.

The best leaders immerse themselves into the unflattering white light to highlight their blemishes so that they know where to work. The worst leaders seek to be bathed constantly in the golden, sycophantic light of sunset that they may never have to confront their shortcomings.

Face it—we all need critics, especially our leaders.

> SIEMENS, FROM PG. 7

or the staff working in these locations.

There are almost certainly ways to improve service to farmers while reducing office costs. But to forge ahead with a plan to centralize employees in urban offices without any consultation does not do that. It's just one more hit for rural Manitobans to absorb.

This current government was elected by MLAs covering the exact parts of rural Manitoba where

these offices are going to be closed. I am asking our Premier, Agriculture Minister, and MLA to stand up for our small towns and rural communities, to ask questions and listen to those who you represent, and reverse or adjust decisions like these accordingly.

Jordan Siemens is the Deputy Mayor of the Town of Altona and works full-time as a Precision Agriculture Specialist.

Bergen reps says MAGA hat was not hers

MP condemns “violence incited by outgoing President Trump”

By Lorne Stelmach

A controversial photo that emerged on social media recently had Conservative deputy leader and Portage-Lisgar MP Candice Bergen condemning the violence incited by outgoing U.S. President Donald Trump.

The undated and unsourced photo started circulating on social media after pro-Trump rioters invaded the U.S. Capitol earlier this month.

It showed Bergen wearing a camouflage hat with the “Make America Great Again” slogan that became synonymous with the outgoing U.S. president during his 2016 election campaign.

Responding by email to the *Voice’s*

requests for comment on the photo last week, John Nieuwenhuis, senior advisor to the Conservative Party of Canada deputy leader, stated that the hat did not belong to Bergen. He said she was at an event a few years ago and someone handed her the hat and asked for a photo with it.

Bergen, meanwhile, offered the following statement to media in response to the photo controversy:

“I, like many people in Portage-Lisgar, was shocked and horrified to see the events unfolding in and around the Capitol Building in Washington.

“The United States is our closest friend and ally, and the people of Portage-Lisgar and I wish to see our

friends and neighbours to the south undergo an orderly and peaceful transition of power.

“That is why I strongly condemn the violence incited by outgoing President Trump. There is no place for such actions in a peaceful democracy.

“Conservatives call on President Trump and his supporters to respect the will of the American people, the will of the states who have confirmed these results, and the will of the American courts that have reaffirmed these results.”

President Trump’s time in office comes to an end this week with the inauguration of Joe Biden as president on Wednesday.



This undated photo of MP Candice Bergen wearing a Make America Great Again hat was posted by an unknown source on social media earlier this month.

“Staying connected has been tough”

Alzheimer Society of Manitoba helping families navigate uncertain times

By Ashleigh Viveiros

While COVID-19 has understandably dominated the headlines over the past year, the pandemic didn’t mean families coping with Alzheimer’s disease got a reprieve from their journey with the illness.

In fact, pandemic restrictions have created a whole new host of challenges for dementia patients, their caregivers, and loved ones, shared Kathy Fehr, regional coordinator for the Alzheimer Society of Manitoba, in promoting January as Alzheimer’s Awareness Month.

“Staying connected has been tough,” she said, explaining many families unable to visit in person have turned to video conferencing to stay in touch.

“Depending on where you are on the journey, early to mid-stage Alzheimer’s often they can still Zoom and they can still recognize their loved ones and know who they are,” Fehr said. “But later on in the disease it can be hard for them to tell the difference between, let’s say, a TV program and a family member on the screen in front of them.

“It’s definitely created a lot of added confusion for people who are already struggling with confusion.”

More than 23,000 Manitobans live with dementia today. The Alzheimer Society is there to provide resources to patients and families alike as they navigate their diagnosis.

“We offer a lot of supports, a lot of different ways for them to navigate different things,” Fehr said. “We’re really a liaison to bring different programs and supports to their attention, different steps they need to take to make sure things are looked after, like their wills, their powers of attorney ... addressing safety issues in their homes.”

And sometimes it’s simply a matter of providing a sympathetic ear.

“Just having someone they’re able to share their story with,” Fehr said. “Often, caregivers just want someone to listen and that’s what we’re here for

too.”

Like many people, Fehr has found herself working from home during code red, but that hasn’t meant the calls for support have stopped, though she does miss the in-person connections her job usually entails.

“It’s been a challenge, for sure,” she said, noting things like support groups have had to move online entirely, though that actually came with a silver lining: it has vastly opened up the number of support groups to locals, as they’re no longer bound by geography. “With no borders they can go online and enter any one they like.

There’s evening ones, afternoon ones; a huge variety of different days.”

Other Alzheimer Society offerings such as its Minds in Motion program and Living with Alzheimer information sessions are also being offered online to great success.

“We have a lot of education that is happening by Zoom,” Fehr said, encouraging people to check it out.

For details on the programs available, head to alzheimer.mb.ca. You can reach Fehr at the South Central Region office at 204-325-5634 or alzsc@alzheimer.mb.ca.

Regional approach to restrictions “on the table”

By Lorne Stelmach

There was some cautious optimism as provincial health officials offered their COVID-19 update Monday.

Officials hinted at more information coming out this week about possible changes to the restrictions under the public health order while also touting progress being made on vaccinations despite a delay in the delivery of the Pfizer vaccine.

“We’re definitely not out of the woods. We certainly still have a long way to go before we can return to normal. If we let up now, if we in-

creased the amount of close contacts we have, we’re going to see those numbers climb again,” cautioned Dr. Brent Roussin, chief provincial public health officer.

“In order to start our reopening process, we need to do it in a continuous fashion, in a cautious fashion. We don’t want to yo-yo, we don’t want to have openings then require closures again if our numbers get high.”

While not hinting at what might be under consideration in terms of easing restrictions, Roussin did allow, if possible, that they would like to

again be able to take a regional approach where the numbers are better.

“That’s not off the table. I think we want to try to get back to that regional approach. I think it’s challenging when you’re in the red and seeing the numbers that we had to take a very regional approach because there’s a lot of mobility.”

Four additional COVID-19 deaths were reported Monday to bring the total number of deaths in Manitoba to 773.

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Legion banners now on display year-round

By Lorne Stelmach

The commemorative banners honouring local veterans are getting a continued presence in the community with the support of a local business.

The project of the Morden Legion spearheaded by member Ken Wiebe originally saw the banners displayed throughout the community around Remembrance Day, but Dave Destoop of Morklers recently approached them about continuing to display them on their storefront windows for the rest of the year.

"I've been a supporter of the Legion for a long time," said Destoop. "I thought it would be a good idea to display them a bit longer and maybe a bit closer up so people could stop, take a look at it and read the bios because we want the bios posted next to the pictures.

"Hopefully, people will come to understand a little bit more about these people from around here."

Wiebe welcomed the offer, noting they did have the idea of having the banners on display at the Morden Legion on a rotating basis, but the Legion currently remains closed due to



PHOTO BY LORNE STELMACH/VOICE

Dave Destoop of Morklers and the Morden Legion's Ken Wiebe with one of the banners now on display at the downtown store.

pandemic restrictions.

"We started it just before Christmas. We gave him a couple and we put them up. The feedback had been very positive," said Wiebe. "We leave them up for a week or two ... then we'll put

some more up."

"I think it's a great thing because we have these people who were a part of this community and served their country, and by and large it's mostly forgotten what they did," he said. "Ev-

erybody has a story, so that's what we have done ... it tells a bit of the person's story and their connection to the community."

Over the past two years the Legion has created 41 banners honouring men and women who have served our country in both war and peacetime.

Families submit a photo of the person and a little bit of their service history. Some of the banners feature a poppy to signify that person died in service.

Wiebe says they plan to unveil even more banners this fall.

"We're extending the banner project another year, so we have slots for 19 more banners this year," he said, encouraging anyone who may be interested in sponsoring a banner to contact him or the Legion for more information.

Destoop was glad to hear the project will be continuing.

"I think it's a great project, and hopefully they will expand upon it a bit more. We had really good response from the first two that we put up," he said. "There's amazing stories behind all these people."

Diversitas speaker series returns Feb. 3

By Lorne Stelmach

A speaker series with a focus on the diversity of humanity is returning with a topic which the organizer believes will be a timely one.



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The Canadian Museum of Human Rights' Remi Courcelles will be speaking at the next Diversitas session, held via Zoom Feb. 3

Diversitas is back with a Feb. 3 online presentation entitled Communism, Fascism, Oligarchy and COVID-19 in Canada's Democracy: What You Should Know.

The idea arose as a result of Peter Cantelon recognizing some of the misuse and abuse of this terminology being bandied about in today's political and cultural landscape.

"One of the things I noticed was that as people were talking about COVID and the restrictions that were being put into place and the government restrictions and police action and things like that, buzzwords started coming up in conversations a lot, especially online," noted Cantelon. "I think that people are not using the terms accurately. They're using them almost more like curse words than they are with any level of understanding.

"Ideally, we would prefer that people be more knowledgeable," he add-

ed. "If nothing else comes from this session, if people are going to call each other names, I hope at least they know the right names to call each other when we're done with this. At least let people ... know what they are talking about when they use these words."

The online presentation will feature Remi Courcelles of the Canadian Museum for Human Rights.

Courcelles works in the Winnipeg museum's department of research and curation. He has a degree in political science and recently completed his masters in international studies.

His areas of expertise are nationalism and federalism studies, international and human rights law, social movement theory, and European and Spanish studies.

Courcelles' presentation marks the return of Diversitas after about a year's break.

"We had been going pretty solid

with four or more events a year since 2015," Cantelon noted. "We've mined a lot of information, so the ideas we were starting to get pitched were getting a little repetitive, so I thought it was a good time to just sit back and let the well refill a bit and wait for inspiration."

Cantelon hopes to be able to return to in-person events at some point, but he also does see some advantages to the online format.

"This format also means that we can actually have people from outside of the region," he said. "People have also become so used to online technology that I started thinking maybe there was an opportunity to tap into that, and it coincided with some interesting stuff going on with COVID."

Head to diversitas.ca for more information or check out Diversitas on Facebook for a link to the Zoom meeting.

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Jan. 25-31 is Pizza Week in Morden-Winkler

By Lorne Stelmach

Explore Morden Winkler's Burger Week promotion last fall provided a banner week for the 14 locations that got involved, so organizers are looking for even more of the same impact with the upcoming Pizza Week.

The tourism agency expects to see even more businesses take part this time around, says executive director Tyler Hildebrand of the Jan. 25-31 spotlight on the best pizzas in Morden-Winkler.

"It's opening it up to some restaurants who didn't have the opportunity to participate [in Burger Week] and maybe even some restaurants you maybe wouldn't think about for pizza," he said, noting they already had 14 restaurants signed up as of last week, with a few more expected to come on board.

"I'm pretty sure it will be a busy week ... so we've got extra stuff coming in ... we'll be prepared," said Rick Klassen of Winkler Pizza.

Klassen welcomed the opportunity to participate, especially based on what he had heard about the success of Burger Week.

"It's a good promotion for us to get our name out there a little further. We're a small business, so it's nice for us to be able to reach more customers," he said.

"We are just pick up and delivery, so [the pandemic] hasn't affected us as much as others, but I can see that it's still tough for places with the restrictions," Klassen added.

Winkler Pizza's staff have had a blast coming up with their entry for the promotion, which will be unveiled next week.

"We're always making different ones for ourselves that aren't on the menu, but this is one that just might stay on the menu afterwards," Klassen said. "We'll see how it goes."

Hildebrand said they look forward to seeing what the restaurants come up with to wow pizza-lovers.

"With pizza, you can do almost anything. There's almost unlimited ideas, so we're excited to see how it turns out," he said.

"We want people to go online and vote for their favorite pizza, but that's not what this is really all about," Hildebrand added. "It's not a competition. It's about trying out some restau-



PHOTO BY LORNE STELMACH/VOICE

Rick and Jenny Klassen of Winkler Pizza with Tyler Hildebrand, executive director of Explore Morden Winkler. The restaurant is one of 14+ eateries signed up to take part in Pizza Week next week.

rants that maybe you haven't before, and it's a chance for some of these restaurants to get really creative.

"We've got a lot of creative people here in Morden and Winkler. It gives them a chance to show what they can do."

Hildebrand encouraged residents to get involved and follow it all on social media and exploremordenwinkler.com.

"We're something new to our area and something that maybe people aren't familiar with," he said, noting this is further helping Explore Morden Winkler get its brand out there in the region. "We want people to know that we are here to support local businesses and local organizations, and this is a great way to do it."

PCH residents to have first dose by month's end

From Pg. 9

The start of the work week brought 118 new cases of the virus, bringing the total number of lab-confirmed cases in Manitoba to 27,629.

The data included nine new cases in the Southern Health-Santé Sud health region, which had a total of 4,536 cases, including 226 active cases and 22 people in hospital, three in intensive care.

The active case count included 13 in Winkler, four in Morden, one in Stanley, 18 in Lorne/Louise/Pembina, 11 in Altona, and no active cases in Roland, Thompson, or Carman. In the wider region, Red River South was up to 32 active cases.

Meanwhile, the province continues to further rollout its vaccination program with an emphasis right now on immunizing residents of personal care homes.

All eligible residents are expected to be given the first of two doses of the

vaccine by the end of January, which is more than a week ahead of initial projections.

Last week, teams visited 10 personal care homes for consenting residents to be immunized with their first dose, and this week, residents at 51 personal care homes are to be immunized throughout the province.

"I am confident that our plan is sound," said medical officer of health Dr. Joss Reimer, who noted Manitoba is not holding back vaccine for second doses, but it will not book first-dose appointments however unless there is either known inventory or a future federal delivery of vaccine that will allow the second-dose appointment to be booked within 21 days.

All new appointments were paused last Friday due to the uncertainty caused by the Pfizer vaccine supply disruption. Manitoba revised its projections, and eligibility criteria was being expanded to include health care workers who provide direct care

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in long-term care facilities including care homes.

"We wanted to give ourselves some time to look at the impact of those delays before opening the call centre back up," Reimer said. "We have been continuing over the weekend to meet together and to look at the numbers and recalculate and update our strategy in light of the Pfizer disruption."

"We did not over-extend. We did not assume that the future supply would arrive," she added. "Because of that, we're not cancelling any appointments or delaying any of our second doses."

"We want our health care system

and our most vulnerable, our top priority groups, to be fully vaccinated and fully covered."

The province's broader immunization plans however were adjusted based on delays or reductions in Pfizer vaccine shipments from the federal government, which are expected to continue for at least another month.

To date, 17,751 doses of vaccine had been administered including 15,607 first doses and 2,144 second doses. The province is expected to announce additional details on the next steps of its immunization campaign sometime this week.

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

WFRC keeping busy making “busy binders”

By Ashleigh Viveiros

The Winkler Family Resource Centre is putting the money it got from the federal government’s Emergency Community Support Fund by way of

the United Way to good use this winter.

Executive director Cathy Savage, who also heads up the Morden Parent and Child Resource Centre, recently

showed off a few of the preschool activity packs they’ve been able to create to support families stuck at home during the pandemic.

Each binder comes chock full of educational games designed to keep kids busy having fun when they aren’t able to get out to play with their friends.

“It’s going to be our busy binder lending library,” Savage says, explaining families can borrow the binders for free by contacting her at 204-332-9418 or winklerfrc@gmail.com. They’ll be carefully sanitized between users (all reusable pieces are laminated for easier cleaning).

“We’ve got 15 so far and we want to make even more,” Savage says, explaining that while they’ve been successfully able to offer their programming remotely by providing activity packages and hosting group sessions on Zoom, they’ve still heard from a lot of parents looking for more things to keep their tots busy during lockdown.

“We heard from parents that they felt like their toddler was feeling left out as they were doing schoolwork with their older kids [working remotely at home],” Savage says. “Now they can take these books made just

for them to work on.

“There’s math, there’s colours, there’s matching, there’s reading, sorting. We even have ones where they can start working on printing their letters, and we supply you with the dry erase markers so you don’t have to go out and find those.”

You do not need to be registered in a WFRC program to borrow the binders.

“Anybody in the community can use these,” Savage says, adding they’re in the process of making binders for Morden as well.

Meanwhile, the Morden Parent and Child Resource Centre is hard at work on planning for a weeklong virtual literacy fair at the end of the month.

The centre normally hosts an in-person event, but with the pandemic they’re shifting gears.

“Jan. 25-30 we are going to have a secret reader each day posted on our Facebook page,” Savage explains. “We’re going to have somebody special read a themed story every day. One will be about friendship, colours, community helpers, and so on.”

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Winkler Family Resource Centre executive director Cathy Savage with some of the themed activity binders they put together for families to borrow to keep their pre-schoolers busy during the pandemic.

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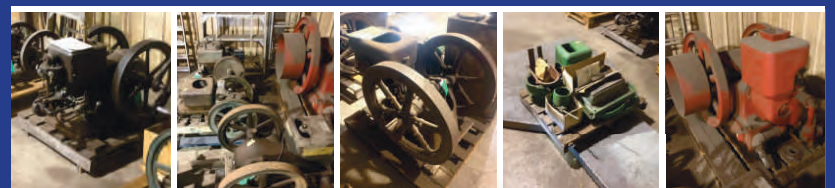
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PHAC shines spotlight on 'Year on the Water'

By Lorne Stelmach

The exhibit featured this month at the Pembina Hills Gallery is very much like a journal for artist Rosemary Dzus.

It documents not only the scene that greeted her each day while living for a year in Ontario but also, she discovered, what she was feeling and experiencing.

"I get that sense of that happening in this work," Dzus said of the show Year On The Water.

"Because we were there for a year, I decided I would make kind of a visual diary of the scene that was right across the street from us," said Dzus, who found it interesting to see how much the same basic scene could vary and feel so different almost every day. "Because I painted throughout the year, you can see things like how the light changes throughout the year ... so it did turn out to be kind of a visual diary."

Dzus recalled that she has been drawing since as early as she can remember, noting that she didn't have television to watch growing up so do-

ing art occupied time for her.

While studying fine arts at the University of Manitoba, she majored in photography and subsequently pursued photography in commercial and industrial settings as well as in her art.

In more recent years, Dzus turned more to painting, drawing, and collage, following a number of different threads including unconventional landscape painting, tree portraits, and explorations of family history.

She has lived in a number of locations across Canada and each have informed her work, as have the human connections made in each place.

"I'm inspired a lot by what surrounds me, the landscapes, and I'm especially interested in the interplay of light and dark ... and of course the colours," said Dzus.

"I was drawn to do this particular body of work [Year On The Water] because I was living in Ontario for a year right on the shores of Lake Erie ... and I was interested in studying clouds and skies and water. Water is a particularly tricky thing to paint," she said. "I picked a time of day that I would go out and I would take photographs and

then I would paint them.

"I used a variety of media ... and before I started this process, I thought the harbour would look pretty much the same everyday," Dzus noted. "So I wanted to change the media because I thought I might get bored, but that actually wasn't the case at all because every day was different.

"Every day was different, but I

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The work of artist Rosemary Dzus is on display (virtually) at the Pembina Hills Arts Council in Morden this month.

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City set out to make MEC as accessible as possible: mayor



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By Ashleigh Viveiros

Winkler's new Meridian Exhibition Centre (MEC) stands as one of the most accessible buildings in the community, and a longtime hockey fan got the chance to see it firsthand last week.

Abe Reimer, who uses a walker at home but sticks with a wheelchair when out in public, and his son Larry were taken on a tour of the MEC by Mayor Martin Harder Jan. 14.

It was a chance, Harder explained, to showcase some of the building's features the City is most proud of to someone for whom they were designed.

"There is no part of this building that you can't go to," Harder told Reimer as they walked the path connecting the facility's arena to the convention hall. "That was the basis of the design of this building: to make sure that it

is accessible wherever you're going in here."

To that end, spectator areas in both the rink and the convention hall/soccer pitch feature multiple designated spaces for people to park their wheelchairs and watch the action below.

The rink itself was designed to accommodate sledge hockey, a modified form of hockey for people with physical disabilities. The ice is level at the entrances and the players' benches feature see-through plexiglass at the bottom so players in sledges can see the game without having to try and peer over the boards.

The washrooms and change rooms offer level floors and wide stalls, and the canteen features low countertops easily reachable by someone in a wheelchair.

And, of course, there is an elevator to make the upper levels accessible and

Abe Reimer checks out the wheelchair viewing platforms overlooking the soccer pitch (left) and rink (above) at the Meridian Exhibition Centre. Mayor Martin Harder led Reimer and his son Larry on a tour of the facility's accessibility features last week.

wide doors and walkways throughout to make the entire facility easier to navigate.

"Accessibility was something that was extremely important to me and to the City of Winkler," Harder said. "If you design accessibility in the construction stage it doesn't cost much more, and the building is better for it."

The MEC certainly got a big thumbs up from Reimer.

"I think it is better than I thought it would be," he said as the tour wrapped up. "It's a remarkably well-planned building."

"I'm very happy to live in Winkler and that we have this facility here now ... this is the best community to live in."

Reimer is no stranger to Winkler's old rink, having been involved with the creation of the Winkler Flyers 40 years ago and remaining an avid hockey fan today. He says knowing he can make his way through the new

building in his wheelchair without encountering any real barriers is a big load off his mind and makes him feel more welcome.

"It's just beautiful," he said. "Just so well done."

It was a sentiment echoed by the younger Reimer as he pushed his father's wheelchair through the building.

"It was such an ease of access to get anywhere," said Larry. "There was no real worry as to what route we'd have to take, where we'd end up, whether we'd

have to negotiate something kind of crazy at the end of it to get to where you want to be. It really puts you at ease."

Mayor Harder said work is mostly done on the exhibition centre, barring a few paint jobs and other odds and ends. The plan is to open it up to the community in some capacity as soon as pandemic restrictions allow.

"THERE'S NO PART OF THIS BUILDING THAT YOU CAN'T GO TO."



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The new canteen does away with the high counters of the old rink in favour of a lower, more accessible space.

> LITERACY FAIR, FROM PG. 12

The week wraps up on Saturday, Jan. 30 with an online family paint party at 10 a.m.

For a \$10 donation, participants will have the supplies dropped off at their door so they can follow along step-by-step via Zoom in creating a

painting.

Learn more at the Morden Parent and Child Resource Centre Facebook page or contact them at 204-822-1231 or mordenpcrc@gmail.com to register.

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The famous stained glass windows of the Chartres Cathedral in France are an example of what speaker Brian McMillan will cover in his art talk presentation this week.

Art talks return with a focus on stained glass

By Lorne Stelmach

The Pembina Hills Arts Council is resuming its series of art talks, although pandemic restrictions mean they can only be done online for now.

The presentations have been well received, so they have wanted to carry on with them however possible, said Tricia Dyck, PHAC's programs and outreach co-ordinator.

The aim is to promote more art appreciation in the community and provide a greater understanding that facilitates art appreciation and the opportunity for everyone to experience it. To that end, Dyck noted doing the talks online does offer some advantages.

"There's always that lack of interaction when you're just looking at something on a social media post," she said, noting the gallery has continued to post as much as they can in recent months, but it can still fall somewhat short without the engagement.

"You can still chat. You can still ask questions ... virtual meetings may not be the best way to interact with people, but it's a semblance of it," she suggested. "It's also actually a phenomenal way to share powerpoint information. Seeing slides online can be quite a useful tool in terms of educating people on art genres and topics."

The sessions start this Thursday,

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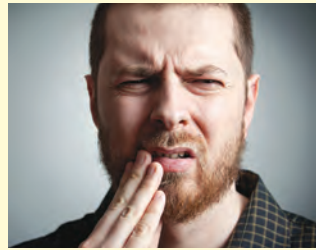
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HIPPY program reaching out to newcomers with pre-schoolers

By Ashleigh Viveiros

Regional Connections has launched a new program to help newcomers to Canada prepare their children for school.

The immigrant services agency is putting the word out that there are still a few spots left in its first session of HIPPY (Home Instruction for Parents of Preschool Youngsters).

"HIPPY is a free in-home support for newcomer mothers of pre-schoolers," explained program coordinator Alesha Hildebrand. "We're essentially filling a gap where newcomer families may not be able to access other pre-school or literacy supports in the community by meeting them in their homes."

Program staff meet with participants once a week (mainly online for the moment but in-person once pandemic restrictions ease) for 30 weeks to walk them through a variety of educational activities that will help them prepare their kids for Kindergarten.

"It's activities that promote literacy learning for children ages of three to five," Hildebrand said, adding that a big part of the program is supporting mothers in being a teacher to their children. "They are, first and foremost, the child's most important

"WE'RE ESSENTIALLY FILLING A GAP ..."

teacher at that age."

Once they've got a handle on the material provided, parents in turn teach it to their kids in 15-20 minute sessions every day.

"If they've got questions about something, if they don't understand something, they can go back to their home visitor for support," said Hildebrand, stressing program staff are well-versed in any language or cultural challenges that might exist.

This program has been successful in countries around the world, including numerous large Canadian cities. Regional Connections is, however, among the first rural agencies in Canada to launch HIPPY.

"There's been a growing need for this here," Hildebrand said. "Families sometimes feel like their child isn't ready for school because maybe they, as parents, aren't feeling ready for it. So we want to make sure we're building that bridge to being prepared for school so both parents and their kids feel confident about it."

"We have really relied a lot on our family resources programming to provide some of these supports, and that has been a big success, but we know that there are families who are just unable to access those programs ... it's really highlighted the need for a home-based program such as this."

Once restrictions allow, the program will also promote group activities so participants and their kids can get out



ABOVE PHOTO BY ASHLEIGH VIVEIROS/VOICE

HIPPY home visitors Helena Martens (left) and Patricia Josephson are meeting with families virtually right now. Left: Pre-schooler Alwaleed with some of the activities he's done as part of the early childhood education program for immigrant families.

and meet others in the community.

"We want to get them out of their homes and out building social networks, especially as their child goes into the school system," said Hildebrand.

BUILDING CONFIDENCE

Reaching out to local families is HIPPY's two home visitors: Helena Martens and Patricia Josephson.

Josephson already has a full slate of 10 families she's communicating with, while Martens has space for four more.

For Josephson, seeing parents and children alike build up their confidence through learning brings her a great deal of joy. It's the reason she wants to pursue a career in education, and HIPPY, which is doing double-duty as an employment development

program for newcomers, is giving her a chance to take her first steps to that goal.

"I have such a passion for this," she said, stressing that early childhood learning really sets kids up to succeed later in life.

Martens, likewise, is looking forward to meeting fellow immigrant parents and helping them find their footing.

"I like meeting new people and to see how they will grow," she said. "Because, for me, if this would have been in place when we moved here, it would have been so very helpful."

The HIPPY program is open for free to newcomers across the Pembina Valley area. All required supplies and technology are provided.

For more information, call 204-325-4059 or email info@regionalconnections.ca.



> STAINED GLASS ART TALK, FROM PG. 16

Jan. 21 at 7:30 p.m. with a history of church stained glass windows by expert Brian McMillan.

"He is a stained glass artist and he has worked on so many churches, so he brings a lot of experience to the topic, and he brings a lot of knowledge," Dyck said.

"Stained glass windows are breathtaking," she added. "Even for people who aren't necessarily drawn to church history, there is that draw to stained glass as an art form. There's an inherent beauty there that transcends."

The art talks, which are free, take

place the third Thursday of every month.

For information on upcoming talks, check out the Pembina Hills Arts Council on Facebook or head to their website peminahillsarts.com.

Putting out a call for 'Art on the Trail' submissions

By Lorne Stelmach

A unique initiative is offering the opportunity for Manitoba artists to showcase their work in the natural beauty of Lake Minnewasta.

The Pembina Hills Arts Council is working with representatives from the City of Morden and the Stanley Trail Association to launch Art on the Trail.

The vision is to have artists design, create, and install sustainable and land-conscious public art near the Lake Minnewasta trails to not only encourage outdoor physical activity but also connect trail users and art.

"The scope of the way people enjoy art had to change in the last year," said Tricia Dyck, PHAC programs and outreach coordinator. "Having been through a really tough year and with our lake being such a beautiful place to go during this past year, we just felt this was a perfect opportunity to connect the two together."

Clare Agnew, director of community services for the City of Morden, suggested "just how important it is to link art, culture and recreation wherever we can in our community. We're so strong in all of those areas that I think it's important that they support each other."

"I love the idea of art that is accessible to everyone, and I think when it comes to public art, people are always delighted with it," said Dyck, who added their hope is Art on the

Trail will celebrate the combination of art and nature with engaging installations that are stimulating and thought provoking.

The inspiration came from Dyck having had an opportunity to see something similar in place where cabin owners had unique artwork set around their lake trails.

"I was kind of enthralled with the idea of this art being in these forested areas," she said, suggesting it seemed like a great way "to connect nature to art to recreation and have trail users experience art and vice versa."

She also noted how usage of the lake and trail here has increased during the pandemic. This is a chance to build on that increased interest.

"What I like about the Art on the Trail idea is it will provide both more awareness about the value of our local trails and hopefully attract people to the trails as well as help trail visitors appreciate the beauty and natural landscape of our trails," said Leanna Fehr, who is involved with the trail association. "The other thing I like is that using nature-based art hopefully the art can increase awareness of some of the natural beauty and perhaps the wildlife and natural landscapes as well as the natural history the area has to offer."

Both Fehr and Dyck look forward to the selection process for the artwork while recognizing consideration needs to be given to it being done in an eco-friendly way.



PHOTO BY MICHELLE STELMACH/VOICE

The trails around Lake Minnewasta will soon have stations for public art. The Pembina Hills Arts Council is teaming up with the City of Morden and the Stanley Trail Association to make it happen.

"I have had lots of positive feedback already ... it's on people's minds," said Dyck.

"I don't think we're going to restrict the materials, so to speak. Artists can apply with their visions," she suggested. "We're not just looking for art that is made out of natural products, but what message is it sending? What is the intention of the artwork?"

"I do encourage artists, with whatever their vision is, to apply," she stressed.

At this point, they don't have a specific number of pieces in mind.

"If there's very strong proposals, we are probably going to select more. We do want to build on this project yearly,

if we can. We probably won't have a high amount selected this year because it is something that we want to build on," she said. "We want to do it well from the beginning."

The deadline for submission of art proposals is Feb. 16. It is open to all Manitoba artists.

Selected applications will be chosen by the Art on the Trail committee members. Selected artists will receive a \$400 stipend to help with materials, travel, or art installation.

For more information, interested artists can e-mail info@pembinahillsarts.com.

MPI reports 44% jump in insurance fraud charges

By Voice staff

Manitoba Public Insurance saw a huge jump in insurance fraud charges in 2020 compared to the year before.

The agency has announced that a total of 130 charges against 49 people were laid by the end of December. In comparison, 2019 saw 34 people face 90 charges. That's a 44 per cent increase in just one year.

"This increase should not be interpreted as more fraud taking place in our province. The increase reflects MPI's commitment to reviewing suspicious claims," explained Curtis Wenberg, MPI vice-president of customer service and COO.

"Following extensive investigations, these files were forwarded to the provincial prosecution

office for review," he said. "These charges fall within either the Criminal Code, the MPIC Act or Highway Traffic Act. A conviction of any nature is a very serious consequence of auto insurance fraud."

Charges laid run the gamut from making a false statement to fraud over or under \$5,000. Those found guilty could face fines, criminal charges, or be ordered to pay restitution to MPI.

Suspicious claims are handled by MPI's Special Investigation Unit (SIU). The agency says the SIU resulted in claims savings last year of more than \$10 million.

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BTHC welcomes new spiritual care coordinator



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Larry Reimer is BTHC's new spiritual care coordinator. He started in his new role supporting hospital patients and staff alike on Jan. 4.

By Ashleigh Viveiros

Several years ago, Larry Reimer saw firsthand the comfort spiritual care workers can provide people dealing with stressful medical situations.

He and his wife spent a great deal of time in the newborn intensive care unit at St. Boniface Hospital after the birth of their daughter.

"I was sitting in a zero gravity chair with my daughter on my chest listening to a spiritual caregiver on the other side of the wall, the pod," Reimer recalled. "So I was hearing the care that was being given to a family and I thought, 'That's what I want to do for the rest of my life.'"

It took a few years of training and then waiting for a position to open up locally, but now Reimer is able to follow the path he believes God has set out for him. He started as Boundary Trails Health Centre's new spiritual care coordinator earlier this month.

"I was feeling led to apply for the job," Reimer said. His past experience includes serving as a dean at MCI in

Gretna, the director of Altona's Youth for Christ, and a pastor at Winkler's Cornerstone Vineyard Church.

Reimer plans to bring all this experience to bear in his new role, which he sees as providing an extra level of compassionate support to BTHC patients and their families.

"To care for them in a spiritual way, which is oftentimes, not neglected, but perhaps overlooked," he said. "We as humans are spiritual people and we need to be caring for that dynamic as well."

As a Christian, Reimer of course approaches his role from that religious perspective, but that doesn't preclude him from providing comfort to anyone who might need it.

"I believe everybody's made in the image of God ... when you see people through that lens you can talk to anybody because everybody you see is made in the image of God," he said. "You are a human being and God loves you. That's how I try to view my job. Whether somebody knows God or not, whether they're in an active re-

"WE AS HUMANS ARE SPIRITUAL PEOPLE AND WE NEED TO BE CARING FOR THAT DYNAMIC AS WELL."

lationship with God or not, I approach them the same way.

"When I go into a room what I do is I pray, I ask God to give me wisdom, to give me insight at how to care for this person ... I find that that frees me up to minister to anybody, to serve anybody."

That includes BTHC staff, who are navigating unprecedented stresses as a result of the pandemic.

"That's part of my job too is to come alongside staff and encourage them and to be a source of strength and comfort for them as well," Reimer said.

Council holds moment of silence for Herb Dick

Longtime former councillor remembered as "incredibly community-minded"

By Ashleigh Viveiros

Winkler City Council began its Jan. 12 meeting with a moment of silence for former councillor Herb Dick, who passed away on Jan. 9.

Dick's 22 years on council was just one of his many involvements in the community, said Mayor Martin Harder, pointing as well to many terms as a school board trustee, decades on the Winkler Golf Course executive, and, more recently, his time as a volunteer with the Winkler and District Food Cupboard.

"Herb was an incredibly community-minded individual," he said. "Even after he finished serving on council there was never a time when

he wasn't interested and invested in what was going on."

Dick was instrumental in getting the food bank to move into space in the Central Station Community Centre.

"The difference is some people make things happen and then walk away and never look back," Harder said. "But Herb, he got actively involved and served the Food Cupboard until he couldn't do it anymore."

"He was a dedicated individual, a family man who loved his family, loved this community. He'll really be missed."

YOUTH PERSPECTIVE

Council then got the chance to hear a different perspective on the CO-

VID-19 crisis and its impact on Winkler's youngest residents from youth councillor Gwen Freeheart.

"Right now high schools are doing their classes online ... I think a lot of students are having a hard time with it," Freeheart said. "Just the constant uncertainty of whether we'll actually go back to in-person or not and how that's all going to look, week to week, because that's constantly changing. It's something that's overwhelming for a lot of people, including myself."

Gr. 7-12 students headed back to the classroom Monday after a stretch of post-holidays remote learning. Local high school students are now back to being in school every other day.

"I know a lot of students are receiv-

ing lower grade averages this year than they have previous years because I think there's just a collective lack of motivation for students," Freeheart told council, stressing that communication between students and their teachers is paramount to maintaining everyone's mental health.

Council moved on to a few items of note, including adopting an interim budget of just over \$5 million until the 2021 budget can be finalized in March. Mayor Harder noted after the meeting that council will hold its annual planning session in the weeks ahead, COVID-19 restrictions allowing, but due to the pandemic it will be held in town.

The ongoing Fire & Emergency Services Agreement between the City of Winkler and the RM of Stanley was also approved unanimously.

"The benefits to both communities are huge," noted Coun. Henry Siemens. "The opportunity to have a willing partner prepared to engage long-term with us is terrific."

"I'm pleased that the RM of Stanley continues to view us as a valuable partner and that together we can provide the exceptional service that we're able to provide to both our residents."

> DZUS EXHIBIT, FROM PG. 13

did continue with changing the media anyway. It was good practice just to be comfortable with all kinds of media."

When people have an opportunity to see her work, Dzus simply hopes people will have a similar appreciation for the world close to them.

"One of the things I would hope for is perhaps they will be moved to pay more attention to their surroundings and the landscapes around them ... and how things change throughout the season," she concluded.

Pandemic restrictions currently mean the Morden gallery remains

closed, but people can follow the Pembina Hills Arts Council on Facebook for posts on the exhibit.

Dzus is also doing an online workshop on Jan. 23 on painting with palette knives. The two hour session costs \$30. E-mail info@pembinahillsarts.com for more information.

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Manitoba U18 AAA Hockey League committed to restarting its season

By Brian Bowman

The Manitoba U18 AAA Hockey League has announced that it remains committed to restarting its season.

The league has said it has no intention of cancelling the 2020-21 season, even as the province extended red level restrictions to Jan. 22.

"I know our players and coaches are chomping at the bit," said league commissioner Levi Taylor. "We would really like to get back on the ice. We don't want to waste a year of development for these kids, not only on the ice but off the ice with their social and physical development. We want to get this started as soon as possible and we will do so safely as the province reopens our facilities."

The league schedule will have a much different look this season, which includes the Kenora Thistles not being part of the league this year due to travel restrictions imposed by the Province of Ontario.

"Our plan is to go back to our divisional format," Taylor said. "There are three divisions and Norman is the outlier and we will play games within those groupings for the rest of the season."

Taylor said a set number of games has not yet been discussed. It depends on when the province opens up facilities.

"When that happens we'll attempt to get in as many games as possible before summer," he said.

Taylor said teams would need a two-week window for training camp and maybe an exhibition game or two.

"Teams will want to get back playing meaningful games as soon as possible," Taylor reasoned.

The U18 AAA league playoffs usually begin in February and end in April with the Telus Cup Western Regionals but the league is prepared to extend their season into May or potentially June this year.



VOICE FILE PHOTO

The Manitoba U18 AAA Hockey League, which includes the Pembina Valley Hawks (above), hopes to still be able to finish the 2020-2021 season.

SEMHL pulls plug on 2020-2021 season

By Ashleigh Viveiros

After months of waiting and hoping for Manitoba's pandemic situation to change, the South Eastern Manitoba Hockey League has decided to pull the plug on the 2020-2021 campaign.

League officials announced last week that the season has officially been suspended.

Commissioner Tom Vatrt said reps from all seven SEMHL teams met virtually with officials to discuss the province's extension of the code red restrictions to Jan. 22.

"We started a roundtable and had all the members explain the situation in relation to their ice availability, the financial aspects, and also the player commitment component," he said, explaining there was a lot of discussion around the fact no one really knows what the restrictions will look like at the end of January or whether code red will be extended once again.

Further complicating matters is that many players and team managers are involved in the agricultural industry, which makes potentially extending

the season into March problematic as it conflicts with pre-seeding prep work. On top of that, most communities stop making ice for their rinks in late March.

"You start putting that all together and it made the decision easy for the teams," Vatrt said. "And us executive,

we left it up to the teams to decide."

While the 2021-2022 season is a long ways away, Vatrt said the teams have already been hard at work securing sponsorships and player commitments for it, and they're eager to take the ice again later in the year.

"Everyone's looking forward to hav-

ing a restart next fall," he said.

The SEMHL includes the Morden Bombers, Winkler Royals, Carman Beavers, Altona Maroons, Notre Dame Hawks, Warren Mercs, and Portage Islanders.

Winkler Rec. hopes to make more outdoor rinks

By Ashleigh Viveiros

The warm weather and overall lack of snow so far this winter has cut down on the number of outdoor ice rinks the City of Winkler has been able to get up and running.

Director of community services Jordan Driedger said last week that recent conditions have hampered their efforts to get many of the usual rinks built.

"A lack of snow combined with warmer temperatures has not allowed us to build as many rinks as

we had hoped," he said, noting snow is needed to provide a solid base for the rinks.

Thus far, the Parks & Rec. staff have managed to complete only the outdoor rink in Emerado Park, but the hope is the recent forecast for colder, snowier weather will allow them to build a few more in other areas of town.

"We really would like to have a few more outdoor rinks available for the community," Driedger said. "We know people are looking for things to do this winter."

If you're in Morden then you have a few more options to choose from. City staff, working with the fire department, has rinks up at Lake Minnewasta, Lions Park, Morden Park, Elk's Park, and beside the courthouse. There is no rink at the event centre this year.

Wherever you lace up your skates, keep in mind that public health orders still require people of differing households to maintain a distance of six feet from one another. Public gatherings are also limited to five people.

'Coldest Night of the Year' walk looking for supporters

Local team raising funds for Habitat for Humanity

By Ashleigh Viveiros

The Winkler/Morden Habitat for Humanity Chapter is inviting supporters to join them for a COVID-safe, socially-distanced stroll next month.

A small group of locals have already signed up to form team Habitat Winkler Morden for the Coldest Night of the Year virtual walk, but more are most certainly welcome, says chapter rep. Christina Falk.

"The Coldest Night of the Year is a Canada-wide event that's put on every year to raise awareness and funds for issues relating to housing and homelessness," she explains.

Participants are asked to collect pledges for the various charities who support people in need. The local

team will raise funds for Morden-Winkler's Habitat chapter. Their goal is to raise \$5,000.

Walkers earn their pledges by setting out on a walk on a cold night in February to provide some perspective on how winter affects vulnerable Manitobans.

"You can commit to walking two kilometres or five kilometres or however long you would like to," Falk says, adding that while the official night of the walk is Feb. 20, people are welcome to choose a night that works better for them. "The idea is just that you're committing to go for a walk on a cold night."

You can learn more about the Coldest Night of the Year campaign online at cnoy.org. To register to join the local

team or to make an online donation to them, the easiest way is to click on the link on the Winkler/Morden Habitat for Humanity Chapter Facebook page. Registration is free.

The walk comes on the heels of the Habitat chapter's hugely successful 25 Days of Christmas at Home initiative, which had all 200 of its spots filled and raised \$3,500 after expenses.

"It was a lot of fun," Falk says of the campaign, which saw prizes won daily over the holidays. "We had some people who were really into it and just waiting for the results every single day, hoping they could go further. We'll definitely be doing that again."

The success of these and other fundraisers planned for the months ahead will help Habitat get to work on its

first build in Morden later this year.

The chapter will spend the rest of the winter and spring sorting through family applications for the home. A number have come in already.

"We want people to know a lot more people can apply than think they can," Falk stresses. "If you are a family that is currently renting and finding it difficult to save up for a down payment, we want you to apply."

She adds that the selection committee is taking current world events into consideration when looking at an applicant's work history, so if you were laid off in 2020 due to the pandemic but are now working again that certainly doesn't disqualify you from applying.

Email wmhabitatfundraising@gmail.com for full application details.

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10. Soft fabric
12. Covered in flowers
14. Works at a college or university
16. Keeps us cool
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20. Birthplace of Muhammad
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23. Preamble to a book
25. Southern China people
26. Hair product
27. The woman
28. Partner to cheese
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31. Round Dutch cheese
33. Be in awe of
35. Christmas song
37. Emits coherent radiation
38. Something that is comparable to another
40. Monetary unit
41. The cutting part of a drill
42. Resinlike substance secreted by certain insects
44. Touch lightly
45. Toyota SUV
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50. Made less dangerous
52. Assets under management (abbr.)
53. Nostrils
55. Moved quickly
56. Thai isthmus
57. TV personality Roker
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63. Rags
65. One who obtains pleasure from inflicting pain or others
66. Marketplaces
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7. Type of sauce
8. Sharpens
9. Priestess loved by Zeus
10. Jean Henri ___, French entomologist
11. Regulates supply of fuel
13. Disturbing and horrifying
15. Equal (prefix)
17. Hosts film festival
18. Tattered piece of clothing
21. Rich desserts
23. Unique motor (abbr.)
24. Disfigure
27. Chemical substance
29. Slang for famous person
32. Department of Labor
34. The A-team rode around in one
35. Beach cabin
36. Living things
39. Gun (slang)
40. Disconsolate
43. Stroke gently
44. Actress Richards
46. "Cletus Hogg" actor
47. Returned material authorization (abbr.)
49. Brazilian mountain range
51. Upset
54. One with supernatural insight
59. Insecticide
60. Taxi
61. "Much ___ about nothing"
62. Cannister
64. Popular clothing retailer

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> MEAL IDEAS



Chorizo Ragu with Cheesy Toast

over medium heat. Add onions, carrots and salt then cook, stirring occasionally, until vegetables just start to soften, 3-4 minutes. Mince 2 garlic cloves and add to pot with mushrooms; cook about 3 minutes.

Use spoon to push vegetables to edges of pan then add tomato paste, oregano and cumin to center of pan; saute until fragrant, 1-2 minutes.

Increase heat to high and add beef and pork chorizo. Break meat up with spoon but don't over-stir. When beef is no longer pink, pour in tomatoes and bring to simmer. Decrease heat to medium-high and let simmer, stirring occasionally.

While ragu simmers, use fork to mash or whip butter with crema until smooth. Mince or finely grate remaining garlic cloves then stir into crema mixture.

Spread crema mixture evenly over bread, trying to cover as much area as possible. Sprinkle crumbled queso fresco all over and place bread on rimmed baking sheet, cheese side up. Toast 4-5 minutes until cheese is melted and bubbling. Finish under broiler 30-60 seconds for deeper browning, if desired. Cut bread into individual portions.

After about 20 minutes of simmering, ragu should thicken and flavors meld. Swirl in additional crema then serve ragu in bowls with cheesy toast or ladle over pieces of toast.

Recipe courtesy of chef Aarón Sánchez
 3 bolillo-style rolls or 1 long baguette
 2 tablespoons olive oil
 1 yellow or white onion, chopped
 2-3 carrots, chopped
 1/2 teaspoon salt
 6 cloves garlic, divided
 8 ounces white or cremini mushrooms, chopped
 2 tablespoons tomato paste
 1 tablespoon dried oregano
 1 teaspoon ground cumin
 1 1/4 pounds ground beef
 1 package (9 ounces) Cacique Pork Chorizo
 1 can (28 ounces) crushed or pureed tomatoes
 6 tablespoons unsalted butter, softened
 9 tablespoons Cacique Crema Mexicana, plus additional for serving
 1 1/2 cups crumbled Cacique Ranchero Queso Fresco
 Preheat oven to 400 F. Halve bread lengthwise.
 In heavy-bottomed pot, warm olive oil

Parmesan Stuffed Peppers with Rice

Prep time: 15 minutes
 Cook time: 30 minutes
 Servings: 6
 2 bags Success Brown Rice
 2 cups (or 1 can, 15 ounces) tomato sauce, divided
 1/2 cup grated Parmesan cheese, divided
 1/4 cup basil pesto
 3 large bell peppers in assorted colors, halved lengthwise
 1 cup shredded mozzarella cheese
 1/4 cup fresh basil leaves, thinly sliced



Preheat oven to 425 F. Prepare rice according to package directions.

Add 1 1/2 cups tomato sauce to greased 13-by-9-inch baking dish. In bowl, toss rice with remaining tomato sauce, 1/4 cup Parmesan cheese and pesto.

Divide rice mixture evenly among peppers. Place stuffed peppers in prepared baking dish. Sprinkle mozzarella and remaining Parmesan cheese over peppers.

Cover with foil; bake 18-20 minutes, or until peppers are tender, filling is heated through and cheese is melted. Remove foil. Broil 3-5 minutes, or until cheese is golden brown. Garnish with fresh basil.

Substitutions: Use fontina or provolone for mozzarella cheese and olive tapenade for basil pesto.

Expert patient here to help!

By Susie Schwartz

Okay. So for the last few months, you've read my thoughts on aiming to gain less health stress. (If you haven't, check out the archives!) So what makes me qualified to call myself an expert patient? Let me add some colour to the picture for you.

Living with Type 1 diabetes since age nine and collecting a plethora of disease over the years such as neuropathy, Gastroparesis, Fibromyalgia, ME, a brain tumour, Hashimoto's, Retinopathy, well, I get it. Illness can be stressful.

I've also had the honour of speaking to both medical students and support groups for newly diagnosed diabetics, volunteering as a patient for student exams, co-writing and giving input into medical journal articles with my Neuro-gastroenterologist, and have spoken on many a stage regarding life with diabetes and insulin pump therapy. I guess one might say...I get around.

But let's get to the tip, yes?: Treat the doctor like a person and not just a white coat.

But Susie, I am the patient!

Stick with me.

Take a moment to ask your doctor how their day is going or how their family is doing. Yes, you're stressed, but this takes three seconds and by caring about them, the barrier of a shared anonymity falls away. You both become somebody to each other. Make sure your question is genuine, with the goal of relationship building and not to gain 'points.' When you take the time to care, they'll remember— an attribute not possible of 'just a number.' It won't be a waste of time. They'll be likely spend more time with you, not less.



Susie Schwartz

I have such a solid relationship with my GP and his assistant back in Winnipeg, that I often pop in just to say hi when I'm back visiting family. If he's not running late, he calls me in and we have a quick catch up. How is your family? Your health? Taking any holidays? All of which go both ways. He's also asked how the medical systems compare - Canada vs. UK. Sometimes a generic hug is shared. His assistant's daughter is highly intelligent, feisty and a developing young artist. I know this because we discuss the little fireball every time I stop by.

Thanks to our strong relationships, and because I am a trusted patient, she fits me into the doctor's very full schedule every time I need him medically while 'home' visiting.

I couldn't be more grateful.

Less health stress, yes?

A published author and motivational speaker, Susie currently lives in the UK. She welcomes feedback and questions. Find her on FB @ medicalmissstress, Instagram @ medicalmiss_stress and her website lesshealthstress.com

Chicken and Rice Casserole with Spinach and Mushrooms

Prep time: 10 minutes
 Cook time: 10 minutes
 Servings: 4
 1 bag Success Brown Rice
 1/2 cup ricotta cheese
 1/4 cup grated Parmesan cheese
 1 tablespoon chopped Italian parsley
 1 tablespoon olive oil
 1/3 cup chopped onions
 2 garlic cloves, minced
 1/2 package (4 ounces) mushrooms, sliced
 1/4 cup white wine
 4 cups baby spinach leaves
 2 cups shredded, cooked chicken breast
 1/2 teaspoon salt



1/2 teaspoon black pepper
 Prepare rice according to package directions. In small bowl, combine ricotta, Parmesan and parsley; reserve.

In large skillet over medium heat, heat oil. Add onions and garlic; saute 2 minutes. Add mushrooms and wine to skillet. Continue cooking 3 minutes, stirring occasionally. Add spinach and chicken. Stir until spinach is wilted and chicken is heated through, about 2 minutes. Stir in rice, salt and pepper.

Serve casserole topped with dollops of reserved cheese mixture.

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for rent can be found online at: https://resd.ca/leases_and_permits/LPproperties.aspx. The online auction will take place from February 8-12, 2021, hosted by Garton's Auction Service: <https://gartonsauction.com>. For additional information, please contact your nearest Manitoba Agriculture and Resource Development (ARD) Agricultural Crown Lands District Office (or via email at agcrowlands@gov.mb.ca) or call Real Estate Services Branch at 1-866-210-9589. A listing of ARD Agricultural Crown Lands District Offices can be found online at: <https://www.gov.mb.ca/agriculture/contact/index.html>

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MORTGAGE SALE TENDER

MORTGAGE SALE

The buildings and land known as 455 Thornhill Street, Morden Manitoba and as described in Certificate of Title No. 2938397/4 will be sold at auction on Wednesday, the 10th day of February, 2021, at 10:00 a.m. by a licensed auctioneer, by way of video or teleconference. Attendees are required to pre-register with Taylor McCaffrey LLP at least 24 hours prior to the auction by submitting the following information: 1. your full legal name; 2. your email address; 3. your telephone number; 4. the address of the subject property; and 5. the date and time of the auction by telephone to 204-988-0443 or by e-mail to dransom@tmlawyers.com. On the date of the auction, an email will be sent to all attendees at the email addresses provided. The attendees will need to follow the instructions in the email, which will include a video link or teleconference call-in information. The successful bidder shall have a period of 24 hours to provide the deposit in certified funds payable to Taylor McCaffrey LLP and sign the auction sale conditions.

TO THE BEST of the vendor's knowledge, there is situated on the property 2 1/2 storey single family detached dwelling, built in 1905, approximately 2339 square feet, 8 rooms, 4 bedrooms on the 2nd floor, 1-3 piece bathroom, 2-4 piece bathrooms, full basement unfinished, 3 season sunroom, tandem garage with in-floor heating, located on a 125 x 90 foot lot.

PRIOR ENCUMBRANCES: nil

REALTY TAXES (excluding any accruing water charges) are paid to December 31, 2018.

TERMS OF SALE: The sale shall require a deposit of \$55,000.00 of the purchase price by way of certified cheque or bank draft payable to Taylor McCaffrey LLP, and the balance according to conditions which will be available for public view at the Auctioneer's address above prior to the auction. The property will be sold subject to a Reserve Bid of \$373,500.00 plus such other additional and incidental costs which may be incurred by the Vendor from the 8th day of January, 2021 to the date of auction and which costs will be announced prior to the commencement of the sale. The auction sale will be conducted pursuant to an Order for Sale issued by the District Registrar. Certain parties may be prohibited from purchasing the property, including but not limited to, parties who by virtue of their employment or relationship to a person involved in the sale process would have special knowledge of the circumstances pertaining to the sale. For more information and a list of prohibited purchasers please visit: www.teranetmanitoba.ca.

FURTHER information may be obtained from:

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2200 - 201 Portage Avenue,

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Attention: Daniel Ransom

Phone: 204-988-0443

File No.:86693-119

PUBLIC NOTICE

R.M. OF STANLEY PUBLIC NOTICE REGARDING THE 2021 FINANCIAL PLAN

Public Notice is hereby given pursuant to Subsection 162(2) of The Municipal Act that the Council of the R.M. of Stanley intends to present its Financial Plan for the fiscal year 2021 at a Public Hearing in the Council Chambers of the Municipality on Thursday, February 4, 2021 at 9:30 a.m. Council will hear any person who wishes to make a representation, ask questions, or register an objection to the Financial Plan, as provided. Copies of the 2021 Financial Plan will be available for review prior to the Hearing at the Municipal Office at 23111 PTH 14W in the Rural Municipality of Stanley.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

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IN THE MATTER of the ESTATE of Peter L. Teichroeb, late of the City of Winkler, in Manitoba, deceased.

All claims against the above Estate, duly verified by Statutory Declaration, must be filed with the undersigned at 880 J 15th Street #1, Winkler, Manitoba, R6W 4A4 within thirty (30) days of the date of this publication.

DATED at the City of Winkler, in Manitoba this 21st day of January, 2021.

FRANZ HOEPPNER WIENS LAW OFFICE
Attention: Johanna M Franz -
Solicitor for the Executors

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IN THE MATTER of the Estate of Margaret Hildebrand, late of the City of Winkler, Manitoba, Deceased.

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Western School Division

Kindergarten Registration for September 2021

In order for the schools to prepare for the 2021-2022 school year, it is important that parents register their children for Kindergarten from January 22 to January 29, 2021. Additional information is available at www.westernsd.mb.ca.

Registrations may be completed and submitted electronically, or a registration package can be picked-up at the school and returned between 8:30 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. from January 22 to January 29, 2021. Children born in 2016 or earlier are eligible to enrol. All parents shall include a copy of their child's birth certificate when registering. Please include either a photocopy or a picture of the birth certificate with the completed registration package.

Please enrol in the school within whose catchment area your residence is located. For Kindergarten program and registration information, please call the schools directly.

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Kindergarten Information Session

Western School Division will be holding a Kindergarten Parent Information session on January 21, 2021 from 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. online. You can access the registration link from www.westernsd.mb.ca. We look forward to seeing all the new Kindergarten parents on this evening.

More detailed information is available online at www.westernsd.mb.ca, at the schools, or at Western School Division Office, 204-822-4448.

NOTICE OF TENDER



NOTICE OF TENDER MUNICIPALITY OF PEMBINA MANITOBA CAMPGROUND SERVICING AND WASHROOM BUILDING

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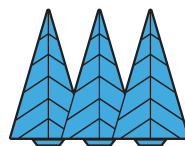
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FARMLAND FOR SALE BY TENDER

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3. Tenders must be accompanied by a deposit of 5% of the amount offered, payable to GILMOUR & BRAUL LAW OFFICE. Deposit cheques accompanying unsuccessful bids will be returned following completion of a binding offer to purchase with the successful bidder.
4. The Purchaser(s) shall be responsible for payment of GST or shall self-assess for GST.
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3. The adjustment for taxes is as of January 1, 2021.
4. Possession is not authorized until acceptable arrangements for full payment are made following acceptance of tender. The Vendor is anticipating a possession date for the sale on or before March 31, 2021.
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OBITUARY

Herbert Ronald Dick 1945 – 2021



Herbert Ronald Dick died peacefully with his family by his side on January 9, 2021 at the family home in Winkler. Left behind are the love of his life, his wife of 54 years, Gloria; his son, Chris and wife, Nancy Dixon and their children, Natalie and Myles; his daughter, Karla and her husband, Mike Penner and their daughters, Hannah, Ellie and Sasha. He also leaves behind two sisters, two brothers and their families.

As a boy, Herb was drawn to sports of all varieties: hockey, baseball, basketball, curling, and his favourite, golf. He had great success at tournaments throughout the region. Herb gave his time investing in the future of golf in Winkler. He was on the Executive of the Winkler Golf Course for 29 years, including 25 years as president and was a co-founder of the International Golf tournament. Herb made friends and connections at countless golf tournaments and curling clubs.

Herb's career included working as a salesman for Weston Bakeries, selling and delivering bakery products for 35 years. He wore his Weston's uniform with pride and continued being "the bread man" in Winkler until his retirement in 2005.

As a life-long citizen of Winkler no one had more pride and affection for their home than Herb did. Getting involved and actively participating in making the community strong was always a part of Herb's life. He served 10 years as a trustee for the Garden Valley School Division and then served 22 years as a city councillor. After retiring from politics, Herb found many ways to continue making Winkler a better place. He spent countless hours volunteering to sing with residents at Salem Home and sang in the Winkler Community Men's choir. What gave him the most joy was serving on the board and volunteering for the Winkler Food Cupboard. He shared that the past few years working at the Food Cupboard were the absolute best of his life. Music and faith went hand-in-hand for Herb. Herb and his family were part of Grace Mennonite Church. One of the most meaningful parts of his life was singing bass in the Grace Men's Quartet. This experience, his pastor Arnie Neufeld and many friends helped bring Herb to the place of being baptised in 1993.

Herb loved to entertain family and friends. Sitting around the table with friends, food, and stories filled Herb up and made him come alive. Being Papa to his five grandkids was the greatest gift and had the most impact on Herb's life. Herb was a devoted and fun-loving grandparent. He made countless trips to Winnipeg to watch sports, listen to choirs, watch recitals and just come for a visit. He was their biggest fan always celebrating their accomplishments with great delight. With the help of Dr. Cornie Woelk, nurses, Karen and Shannon, home care and Leala Kuhl and Sherry Thomas, we were able to care for Herb at home until he passed away peacefully in his favourite place with his family beside him.

Due to COVID restrictions, a private family service was held on January 14, 2021 with interment at Westridge Memorial Gardens. Special thanks to Jake Giesbrecht from Wiebe Funeral Home for the compassionate and thoughtful care he offered. Thank you to the countless friends who supported our family and loved Herb and Gloria over the past few months in many practical and loving ways. We are so grateful. Donations in Herb's memory may be made to the Winkler Food Cupboard (winklercentralstation.com).

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OBITUARY

Susanna (Susie) Waldner

March 4, 1928 - January 13, 2021



Susie Waldner of Morden, MB passed away on Wednesday, January 13, 2021 at the age of 92 at the Tabor Home with family by her side.

Susie had a generous lovey heart, was soft spoken, and had a gentle spirit. She loved all her children and grandchildren equally and made sure she gave each one a gift every Christmas. She had an enormous gift of hospitality in that no one left her house without being given coffee and something to eat, whether they were family, strangers or a salesman calling, and had a ready hug of welcome for anyone that came calling including someone she just met. Her health started to fail 5 months after Dad's passing, but she defied the odds and lived many years longer than the doctors gave her.

She is survived by nine children and their families and nine siblings. She was predeceased by her husband, Jacob; three children, three grandchildren, one great-grandchild, both her parents and eight siblings.

Private graveside service was held at Chapel Cemetery.

We would like to thank the Tabor Home staff for their kindness and care they provided for Mom over the years. We would also like to extend a special thank you to Pastor Weldon Yeo for the many years he dropped by to see Mom and Emma and prayed for them.

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