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Morden girl launches online cooking show

By Lorne Stelmach

Being the star and driving force behind her own online cooking show is in Sawyer Funk's DNA.

The six-year-old Morden girl featured in *Sawyer and the Funky Bunch* has a chef father in Kevin Funk and a successful entrepreneur mother in Ashley Funk, who until recently operated The Olive Tree.

Make no mistake though, as it was Sawyer who made this happen, but it has also very much become a family passion for the Funk family while housebound during the pandemic.

"Now that we're all stuck at home, we thought it was a good opportunity to start doing things our kids wanted to do, and she wanted a cooking channel," explained Ashley.

"Sawyer has always wanted to have her own cooking channel because she always cooks with her dad in the kitchen. We've never really had time before to film or put anything out there. We've kind of done it at home just for fun."

"I love cooking ... I feel kind of happy ... teaching people how to cook," said Sawyer, who started working in the kitchen with her father at about age three.

You can watch her at work on the *Sawyer and the Funky Bunch* YouTube channel as well as social media such as Facebook and Instagram.

The daily videos feature Sawyer and company baking everything from chicken wings and bread to cinnamon buns, muffins, and cupcakes.

"She wants to do a kitchen safety video here soon," added Ashley. "We've also done some science experiments and things like that."

It is truly a family effort, with brother Oakley working the camera and Kevin assisting the star chef.

"She's pretty much allowed to say whatever she wants to say," said Ashley. "We basically just tell her the proper measurements and she just goes for it."

The Funks like the idea that they can help educate people of all ages about the fun one can have in the kitchen.

"Some of these life skills aren't being taught that much anymore ... this is just bringing it all back home," said Ashley.

"We're going to try to make some videos on making your own homemade chicken broth and stuff like that ... very basic stuff, but it's been slowly getting lost as the years go by here because it's easier to just buy stuff," Kevin suggested.

"We're really trying to promote families getting together in the kitchen, especially during this whole thing where everyone is at home," he added. "It's something to do and can show that cooking can be fun ... trying to bring that all back, working in the kitchen together as a family."

"I think it's something fun that people can watch while they're stuck at home, and they're having a great time watching it," added Ashley. "They think she's hilarious, and she's really good at cooking."

Since they started out with these videos, the local Co-op has come on board to help promote them.

"That was awesome when they gave us a call and told us they wanted to support Sawyer with this," said Kevin. "She was very excited about it. We love the Co-op; they've been very good to us over the



Sawyer Funk with dad Kevin at work in the kitchen as part of her new online cooking show.

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years with The Olive Tree."

They now hope to be able to continue doing *Sawyer and the Funky Bunch* indefinitely.

"She's created this little book of ideas that when she sees things, she writes them down, and we're just kind of checking off all of the ideas in the book," said Ashley. "We're going to keep doing them until she doesn't want to do them anymore. This is pretty much all up to her."

"She keeps saying she wants to be on a cooking show on TV. Who knows? Maybe it will lead to that one day."

Seven-hour police standoff ends peacefully

By Lorne Stelmach

A Morden man is facing multiple charges after a seven-hour armed standoff with police last Thursday.

The 34-year-old, whose name police have not released, is charged with mischief, possession of a dangerous weapon, assault with a weapon, failing to comply with a release order, failing to comply with an undertaking, and breach of probation.

The incident began shortly after 9 a.m. when police were called to the Manitoba Housing complex on Sixth St. by a tenant fearful of a neighbour who was acting irrational and break-

ing through an adjoining wall.

Officers from Morden and Winkler arrived on the scene and tried to speak with the man, but he came to the door brandishing a knife, advancing and yelling at police.

Officers told him to drop the knife, but he refused. A taser was used on the man, but he managed to shut the door and retreat back into the apartment.

After several attempts to make contact with the suspect failed, the regional tactical and crisis negotiation teams were called and the apartment building was evacuated. Residents in nearby homes were also asked to

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Local emergency services came together last Wednesday evening for a special parade. Morden firefighters, police, and RCMP drove through most of the city as a way to spread some smiles and cheer around the community while in the midst of the pandemic. Morden Fire and Rescue is now inviting kids aged three to 12 to participate in a contest by dropping off their homemade posters of the parade for display at the fire hall.

Winkler Fire Dept. to host big, belated birthday bash

Department is going to party once physical distancing restrictions ease

By Ashleigh Viveiros

The Winkler Fire Department is giv-

ing kids something to look forward to once physical distancing restrictions are lifted.

Chief Richard Paetzold says they've received numerous requests over the past month to drive fire trucks past the homes of kids celebrating their birthdays during the COVID-19 pandemic.

While they wish they could fulfil all those requests, considering the service area the department covers and the fact firefighters are working on a reduced schedule due to the virus, it simply isn't possible.

Instead, Winkler Fire is going to hold a huge party at the fire hall for everyone once things start to get back to normal.

"We're going to celebrate all the kid heroes that have not been able to finish school the way they wanted to, the missed birthday parties, not being able to see their friends—all the kid things you look forward to that they're missing out on," Paetzold says.

There will be food, fun activities, tours of the fire hall, and more.

"We want to make it a really memorable event," Paetzold says. "A celebration after working together as a community to get through all this."

"This will be a chance to say well done to everyone."

More details about the party will be released in the months to come.

CHANGES AT THE FIRE HALL

Thanks to COVID-19, the fire department has had to make some changes to how it operates in recent weeks.

Firefighters have been split into platoons operating one week on and one week off to ensure if anyone comes down with COVID-19 it won't mean everyone will have to self-isolate.

"We don't want to see the entire department quarantined," Paetzold says. "This is all part of making sure that we're always operationally ready."

The platoons disinfect the entire fire hall at every shift change, the chief notes.

On the plus side, with most everyone staying homes these days, the number of calls com-

ing in this spring is down from the usual.

"We've had a significant reduction of calls, so we haven't been as busy on that front," Paetzold says.

In March, the department responded to two fires, two motor vehicle accidents, one hazardous materials incident, and six false alarms.

Mary, Mary, your Garden's Quite Contrary

I was about 12 years old when Mary called to ask my Mom if I had the capability and skill to plant a garden. I was thrilled for the opportunity to make \$20 and so the next Saturday I rode my bike across the community to begin my day of work. Mary handed me the seed packages and showed me where the shed and tools were. I tilled and raked and marked the rows in straight lines. I had just started to plant when a more efficient way to complete this operation flashed into my mind. In the shed I found a used tobacco can. I tore open the seed packages and poured them ALL TOGETHER into the can, gave them a little stir, and from that can I planted the garden. I still remember riding home tired but with the satisfaction that the job was complete and the joy of \$20 in my pocket. It was maybe 2 weeks later when the phone rang. It was Mary. She queried why it seemed the corn, lettuce, peas, carrots and beans were all in the same row and growing in no particular order. I was reminded quite forcefully that evening of the verse "Be sure your sins will find you out." Since those days, there is a verse in Hebrews 8:12 that I have come to appreciate even more, "For I will be merciful to their unrighteousness, and their sins and their iniquities will I remember no more." It was at the cross where Christ paid the penalty for all of man sins, including mine. If we admit that we are sinners and trust in Christ, He forgives and cleanses us (I John 1:9) It's then we can sing with the psalmist

"As far as the east is from the west, so far has He removed our transgressions from us (Psalm 103:12).

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'We will get through this,' says retired Decor CEO

By Lorne Stelmach

Local business leaders had an opportunity to get some advice and encouragement from one of their own recently.

A webinar hosted with support from the City of Morden, the Morden and District Chamber of Commerce, and the Morden Community Development Corporation had Larry Dyck discuss leadership during these difficult times.

The former president and CEO of Decor Cabinets for 42 years is now retired but remains passionate about business success through servant leadership.

He says the challenges the COVID-19 pandemic has created are unprecedented.

"I led a company for over 40 years and I have never experienced something like this," Dyck said. "I dealt with 18 to 20 per cent interest rates, I dealt with more than a number of recessions ... but nothing like this.

"We have to recognize the unprecedentedness of this, and that it's certainly not an easy situation for anybody," he continued. "We will get through this, though ... it may look different, business probably will look different coming out the other side, but we will get there ... be prepared to adapt and to change your direction and focus."

The economic challenges local companies are dealing with vary widely, Dyck said. Some are facing layoffs while others struggle to find workers as they ramp up production for newly in-demand products. Many businesses are also facing challenges related to breaks in the supply chain.

"Obviously it's going to be very difficult to replenish that ... it's an example of how the supply chains function in this kind of a situation. It's difficult to bring them back once

they break," said Dyck.

"Every day seems to bring new surprises," he added. "That creates all kinds of additional challenges. What you thought you were dealing with as a solution possibly yesterday all of a sudden doesn't work.

"There's no clarity when this ends ... it's probably going to take longer than we thought."

Dyck touched on the acronym VUCA, which is a concept that described the "volatility, uncertainty, complexity and ambiguity" of the world after the Cold War and now is gaining new relevance in the current environment and the leadership required to navigate it successfully.

"There is nothing predictable about what is going on here," he said in touching on those four characteristics. "It feels like we don't even know what the right question is either."

He went on to focus on what he feels are key questions for leaders at all levels:

- Where are we going? What are the goals for the organization, Dyck asked, stressing that right now they may need to be more intermediate rather than long term.

"What is it that we really need to address over the course of the next three months, six months ... what is something your organization needs to do in the immediate [future]?"

- What are we doing to get there? Formulate a plan and ensure it is communicated throughout the organization.

- How can I contribute? "Each one that is a stakeholder in an organization needs to understand this," Dyck stressed. "What's the role that is expected of me?"

- What's in for me? Dyck touched on the impact of leaving key questions unanswered.

"This is one of the ones that I struggled with over the years. How much information do I share with my organization? I realized that unanswered questions really lead into a spiral," he said. "Silence leads to uncertainty ... uncertainty leads to fear ... fear leads to panic ... and panic leads to worst case thinking."

He also stressed the need for leadership teams to have a unified message.

"[There is] nothing worse in an organization than having different people have a different message."



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Larry Dyck spoke in a webinar earlier this month on the challenges facing businesses today.

Finally, he encouraged everyone to stay connected while navigating uncertain waters, including with other businesses and other leaders.

"And be open to advice ... many of the business leaders in this community have gone through a lot," Dyck said. "All of us are in this ... we want to do the right thing ... we want to make sure our businesses will be successful."

> STANDOFF, FROM PG. 3

shelter in place. The entire block was closed to the public.

The standoff finally ended around 4:30 p.m. when the man surrendered and was safely taken into custody.

"It is just reassuring when no one is hurt and everybody gets to go home safe," said Chief Brad Neduzak the next day.

"We see more and more need for specialized services like the regional tactical team as well as the regional crisis negotiation team that was just recently formed," he said. "It was great to see the collaboration by

all the units. We have worked very closely over the years, and we have only become stronger and more effective working together.

"The aim is for everybody to be safe ... individuals are dealt with in a safe manner, our officers are safe and the public is safe."

Bruce Robert was among the nearby residents told to stay indoors.

"This street has a lot of families and kids," he noted, adding he was impressed to see how police and fire crews worked together to quickly lock down the area.

"Right when I walked outside, I saw them immediately evacuating everyone from the area," he said. "Right after that, there was a policeman going to each door here and very quickly telling everybody to stay inside."

"The quick response and the way that they handled things, it just makes me glad that we're safe here," Robert said. "It certainly opened my eyes that it can happen here. When something like this happens, it heightens your awareness that it can happen here."



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PVHS issues spring message about getting your cats fixed

By Lorne Stelmach

The arrival of spring also brings with it what the Pembina Valley Humane Society calls kitten season.

At this time of the year, the society tries to educate the public on what to do if one finds abandoned kittens and also urges people to spay and neuter their pets.

Doing that and taking all the proper measures can obviously have a positive impact not only on the organization but the community as a whole, say directors.

"If we're able to do more outreach ... we hope that it really helps to hit home the importance of this in our communities," said Dr. Stephani McLean, a veterinarian and PVHS board chair.

They see this as an ideal time to get their message out as the arrival of warmer weather means animals are suddenly more out and about, she explained.

"In general, in spring time, a lot of animals are moving around ... once the weather starts warming up, they start leaving their areas ... as they start moving, they'll be finding potentially new mates or other animals to fight with," said McLean.

"Cats are not seasonal breeders, but we do find in the spring time, because of that movement, we're more likely to see more litters and especially more litters surviving," she continued.

"So we always talk about the importance of spaying and neutering," said McLean, who highlighted the fact the society offers a low cost spay and neuter program for families and individuals who may not be able to afford the surgery. For \$50, families can get up to two cats in their household spayed or neutered. To qualify, an individual needs to make less than \$30,000 per year or the household needs to make less than \$50,000 per year.

Spaying or neutering cats prevents unwanted births, which helps reduce overpopulation in shelters, reduces disease in the community, and reduces or eliminates sexual behavior in cats that can be dangerous to other animals. In most male cats, neutering reduces roaming, urine spraying, and fights with other cats.

"And we know that cats can reproduce exponentially. Even just within just one year, two cats can produce another 12 cats, and within two years, it can be 67, so it's quite significant," said McLean.

FINDING KITTENS

PVHS has also been offering some advice on what to do if you come across a lone kitten or a litter of unattended kittens, as your first instinct may be to scoop them up and bring them indoors. But that might not be the best thing for them.

Separating kittens from their mother too early can cause problems, especially if the kittens are still nursing, and taking them puts them at a greater chance of illness and puts the mother cat at risk for mastitis, a painful and life threatening condition.

Here's how to best help kittens found outdoors:

- Wait for the mother to return. If the kittens are in an exposed or unsafe location, you can move them a short distance away like under a nearby bush.

- If the mother returns and it seems friendly, you may opt to bring them all into your home. It's best to keep them all together in a quiet,



PVHS PHOTO

Posie was a kitten surrendered to the local animal shelter last year who went on to find a good home.

enclosed space with food, water, and a litter box and away from other family pets

Be sure to check the mother for a tattoo (usually found in the right ear) and check lost and found pages on social media.

If the mother cat is feral, you should leave the kittens with her outdoors unless there is a threat to their safety.

If after a few days there is no sign of owners, call your local animal control so they can come and collect the family and take them to the community pound. Alternatively, you can continue to care for the family and start socializing the kittens.

- If it has been several hours and no mother cat returns, you may decide to take in the litter. Keep in mind, though, that many shelters, including the PVHS, are unable to take young kittens due to limited resources and foster home availability.

If you choose to care for the litter until they are old enough to be adopted, call a veterinarian to learn the best practices and specific care needs. You may also want to try to find a home for them on your own, but surrendering them when they're old enough to a shelter like the humane society means they will get their vet checkups and needed vaccinations.

You can find more online at pvhsociety.ca.

MPI announces rebates for ratepayers

Manitoba Public Insurance ratepayers will have a few extra dollars in their pockets this spring.

The Crown corporation announced last week that it will be returning up to \$110 million to policy holders to

provide financial relief amidst the COVID-19 pandemic.

"Many Manitobans have been financially impacted by this crisis," said Crown Services Minister Jeff Wharton. "MPI is proactively providing re-

lief when it is needed most by issuing rebates to its customers as an alternative to future reduced premiums."

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Morden city council looking into potential library expansion

By Lorne Stelmach

The City of Morden will be exploring the feasibility of expanded library space downtown.

Council approved a proposal at its April 20 meeting to get estimates for the potential use of space in the adjacent vacant property to the east of the library.

Formerly home to Variety Advertising, the property had then been eyed for the North Forge South project to provide technology and innovation resources to business in the region. After that initiative fell through, ownership of the property went to the Morden Community Development Corporation.

"There was some discussion held by MCDC about disposal of that property, and we want to know before that happens whether or not there's any alternate use relative to the library that we would be interested in holding that property for it," said Mayor Brandon Burley.

"We know the value of that spot, that real estate on Stephen Street ... we want to make sure that when that redevelopment occurs, if it does, it is done the right way," he said. "We don't want to give up those locations either

and then regret later having done so."

"If we can look at opportunities to provide a more multi-use [space] or expand the meeting spaces for the community, I think it's a real positive move here," agreed Councillor Nancy Penner.

In other matters, while the City of Morden begins its search for a new manager, an interim chief administrative officer is now in place.

During a recent online Meet the Mayor, Burley announced the appointment of Nicole Enns to the role.

Burley noted Enns comes with the experience of having served as CAO for the RM of Thompson for the past five years.

"Prior to that, she was finance officer in the City of Morden for 10 years, so she's certainly familiar with our organization," he said. "We're very excited to have her on board during these times."

Burley said the city will soon be initiating the search for a new permanent CAO or city manager following the recent departure of Faisal Anwar.

Also last week, council gave final approval to giving an honorary street name designation in tribute to a family with deep ties to the community.

Thirteenth St. between Stephen and



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The City of Morden is eyeing the empty space beside the Morden Library for a potential library expansion.

Thornhill will now also be known as Larke Lane.

Burley noted the Larke family has had a significant impact on the community through its history, including via Morden's very first police chief, Bill Larke, who served for 28 years.

A ceremony to mark the honorary naming of 13th Street will be held sometime later this year.

Council also approved an amendment to its own compensation bylaw that will remove the \$100 per month

allowance for mileage.

"I don't necessarily think that's really something that should be there. I mean, if you're going outside your region ... you can claim your mileage on an individual basis," explained Councillor Garry Hiebert of the decision. "A hundred dollars a month would be probably more than anybody would need or use."

"The concern was of course that there could be a sense of double dipping," agreed Burley.

Nominations open for Winkler Citizen of the Year

Morden-Winkler residents also invited to share Pay It Forward stories next month

By Ashleigh Viveiros

The Winkler Community Foundation is looking to honour those who step up to make our community a better place.

The foundation has put out a call for 2020 Citizen of the Year nominations.

Executive director Myra Peters says that while the global pandemic has things up in the air as far as whether a fall awards banquet will be possible, they still felt it was important to start the nomination process.

"Our board felt it was important to continue to recognize the efforts of individuals," she says. "Right now, especially, we all need to hear the good things that are happening in our community."

The award is the community's chance to shine a spotlight on the Winklerites who get involved.

"People who have made a difference in our community and gone above and beyond," Peters says.

The plan is to hand out the award at a banquet in October. Should large public gatherings still not be allowed by then, the foundation will look for alternative ways of honouring the award recipient.

"It may look different in how we present the award, but we're really hopeful that we can recognize this individual in person," Peters says. "If not, we know that there are some other ways that we can do it—we may have to get creative this year—but

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Valley Fiber partners with global investment firm

By Lorne Stelmach

An investment partner will help Valley Fiber expand its high speed internet service further across southern Manitoba.

The capital partnership agreement announced last week with DIF Capital Partners will provide the Winkler-based Valley Fiber the infrastructure funding required to bring dedicated fiber internet, television and soon home phone services to more communities throughout Manitoba.

Company officials said this investment will allow Valley Fiber to connect more than 15,000 more homes and businesses to fiber over the next two years.

"For Valley Fiber, the biggest change that this is going to give is the ability to access the capital to be able to continue our rural expansion," said CEO Hank Wall last week. "For us, we are now finally able to have a funding partner that lets us keep on building out."

A key factor for Wall was finding a long-term partner that shared the same values and vision of how to bring the best-in-class fiber and tele-

communication infrastructure to the region. He feels strongly that they found that in DIF Capital Partners.

DIF is a leading global independent infrastructure fund manager with \$7.4 billion in assets under management across nine closed-end infrastructure funds and several co-investment vehicles.

"We've been looking for a capital partner for quite some time. It was very important for us to find somebody that shared the same passion and vision as to what a Valley Fiber dedicated fiber build looks like," said Wall.

"We're very customer service oriented, and this is our back yard that we're working very extensively on improving ... we're very fortunate to find a partner that was willing to invest in us.

"Not only was the investment financial, it was also giving us the ability to gain access to other resources that they would have," Wall added. "For us, being able to have the ability to partner with somebody that's got some extensive experience, to gain access to capital and is ultimately looking to us to run the company as we have

"THE BIGGEST CHANGE THAT THIS IS GOING TO GIVE IS THE ABILITY TO ACCESS THE CAPITAL TO BE ABLE TO CONTINUE OUR RURAL EXPANSION."

been, just with some more backing and some more management and resources."

The day-to-day operation of the company will remain the same, Wall said, noting they've announced several big expansions in recent months, including agreements with the RMs of Rhineland and Stanley and the City of Morden.

"It is a necessity," he said of reliable high-speed internet, "and in order for the economic structure of the community to remain, especially in times like this, it's very important to have that connectivity.

"For us, it's been awesome to be able to work with all of the local municipalities and cities ... and as we continue to keep on spreading out into south central Manitoba, there will be some announcements that will be coming out."

"Our goal is to keep that technology as accessible as possible, so you'll see pricing in the metropolis of Horn-dean will still be the same as what it

would in Winkler," Wall added.

As far as timelines, Wall said they are eager to hit the ground running, but where they expand first depends on preliminary planning and design as well as the demand.

"We're still finalizing exactly which regions will be ready at what times," he said. "We have many communities that will be in 2020 and 2021 ... really, wherever the sign ups happen the fastest, that's where we're going to go first. Wherever the demand is, that's where we're going to be going.

"If we can get everything done in 2020, great, but we definitely anticipate there will still be quite a bit of construction still to do in 2021."

Wall did note the initial response from Morden has been very positive.

"We've had an amazing response from the community ... Morden's definitely been thirsty for getting a good reliable ISP, so the feedback has been great, and we're very excited to be providing the service they're asking for as soon as we possibly can."



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we are hopeful we won't have to go that route."

Nomination forms are available online at winklercommunityfoundation.com or by calling 204-362-9292.

Nominations will be accepted from now through to June 1.

PAY IT FORWARD MAY

Another campaign closer at hand that definitely has to be reworked this year is Pay It Forward May, which the Winkler foundation hosts annually alongside the Morden Area Foundation.

It's not possible to host big community-sized acts of kindness events this year, but that doesn't mean people can't pay it forward on a smaller scale.

"Now more than ever we need encouragement and we need to share kindness," Peters says, noting doing something nice for another person, even something simple, has a ripple effect and can brighten not just

your own day but those of countless others.

The Morden-Winkler area has in many ways gotten a head start on Pay It Forward May, what with all the volunteers who have stepped up over the last six weeks to lend a helping hand to those in need in the midst of the pandemic.

The foundations are asking people to share stories of kindness—whether it be acts you've done yourself or something you were the recipient of—with them so they can in turn share them with the community at large.

"Let's share kindness and encourage others to do the same," Peters says.

You can send in Pay It Forward stories via email to admin@winklercommunityfoundation.com or info@mordenfoundation.ca or on both foundations' social media pages. You can also use #PIFMay and tag the foundations in your social media posts.

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City overseeing community gardens for another year

By Lorne Stelmach

The community gardens in Morden will remain under the administration of the city at least for one more year.

The city announced last week that Morden Community Services and Events will oversee garden registrations and upkeep this summer with the support of the Parks & Urban Forestry department.

The city had sought a community group to take on the administrative oversight for 2020, but no one came forward.

"I would say it's maybe partly based on everything that's happening now with COVID-19 that it was something that just never materialized," said Clare Agnew, community services

and events manager.

"I offered for community services to take that over," she said. "We felt this would be not a good year for the community gardens to not to be available ... a lot of people might be relying on it. We just really felt like it was a way that we could help by administering the program."

"I think it's a really important service for the community."

The two community gardens are located on 19th Street by the Co-op grocery store and on Grant Street.

One change being made this year is reducing both the plot sizes and the cost in half, while allowing people to rent two plots if they wish and if space is available. Plots this year will be 300 square feet and cost \$25 each.

One new COVID-19 case

By Ashleigh Viveiros

Manitoba public health officials announced just one new case of COVID-19 on Monday.

That brings the tally to of lab-confirmed positive and probable positive cases in our province to 272.

Seven people are currently in hospital with the illness, including two in intensive care.

A total of 205 Manitobans have recovered from COVID-19. Six people have died. That puts the province's active case load at 61.

Manitobans have done a great job in helping to battle the spread of the virus, but now is not the time to lower our guard completely, stressed Dr. Brent Roussin, the province's chief public health officer.

"Our numbers have been stable and reflective of Manitobans' efforts at maintaining and flattening this curve," he said. "It's been challenging time around the world and certainly in Manitoba, but Manitobans have really stepped up."

"At this point, we have not seen significant community-based transmission or outbreaks in personal care homes," Roussin continued. "We have been able to increase our testing criteria. Our health care system continues to expand in preparation for further cases."

"Right now our messaging is still to stay home as much as possible, but we are looking at ways to start gradually lifting these restrictions, reopening parts of our economy," Roussin said. "We are currently looking at certain non-essential businesses that we can safely reopen, while others may

remain closed. We're going to do this very cautiously, very slowly."

The province is also working on continuing to increase the number of people being tested for COVID-19. Earlier this month, the testing criteria was expanded to include all symptomatic staff or volunteers at workplaces identified as essential services as well as people living with health care workers, first-responders, or someone working in congregate settings like shelters or long-term care facilities.

"Many more people can be tested than are seeking a test at this time," Roussin said. "So we have expanded our testing criteria. If you have respiratory symptoms—cough, runny nose, sore throat, fever—even if they appear to be mild, please call Health Links for further directions on how to get tested."

People with these symptoms who meet the testing criteria laid out at manitoba.ca/covid19 should call Health Links at 1-888-315-9257.

Roussin reminded Manitobans that there should still be no non-essential personal travel and that people should continue practicing physical distancing and good hand hygiene.

NEW CARE HOME RULES

Lanette Siragusa, chief nursing officer for Shared Health, also announced Monday that, effective May 1, nursing and support staff who currently work at more than one personal care home will be limited to one site moving forward.



Registration for the community garden plots in Morden is open until May 11.

PHOTO BY LORNE STELMACH/VOICE

Previous plot renters had the first chance to get a space in the gardens last Thursday and Friday, and then registration opened to all this Monday.

"Our hope is to get them all filled," said Agnew, suggesting the smaller sizes and lower cost might make it more appealing and feasible for some people. "We are anticipating a strong interest in gardening and hope we can fill the plots so that lots of healthy food can be grown, enjoyed, and preserved."

She noted precautions will be taken around COVID-19. Physical distancing, hand washing, and staying home when ill will be stressed as key guidelines for all gardeners.

Registrations will be handled by phone out of the Access Event Centre at 204-822-5431 and online at mymorden.ca/gardens until May 11.

Agnew said they would still welcome having a group take over the administration of the gardens in the future. If you're interested, reach her at the number above.



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Flyers get their picks in early bantam draft

By Ashleigh Viveiros

The Manitoba Junior Hockey League may have seen an early end to its 2019-2020 season, but they're using it to their advantage to get a head start on next season.

The league held its annual draft on Sunday, six weeks earlier than usual.

"With the abruptness of season's end and the subsequent cancellation of all hockey activities for the foreseeable future across the province and nation, we felt it was important to provide some much needed excitement and positivity during what has been a disappointing and difficult time for everyone" said commissioner Kim Davis on the decision to get the ball rolling early this spring.

Prior to the draft, the Winkler Flyers opted to use one of its two auto-protects on hometown forward Justin Hildebrand, who played last season with the Pembina Valley Hawks. The team passed on its second auto-protect option in favour of a pick in the draft's eighth round.

Round one saw Winkler pick Brandon native Carter Dittmer, a right-winger for the AAA Wheat Kings.

The Flyers went on to get centre Rhett Marchant, a Winnipegger playing with the Rink Hockey Academy Nationals Bantam Prep team, Brett La-

ing, a defenseman from Boissevain who played with the Southwest Cougars, Tyler Parr, a forward from La Salle playing with Rink Hockey Academy, Carman's Ryan Orchard, who played centre/left-wing for the Hawks, and Carson Bjarnason, a goalie from Carberry who spent last season with the Southwest Cougars.

NEW TEAM CREST

The Flyers will start the 2020-2021 season—their fifth decade in the league—with a brand new team crest prominently featuring the Winkler water tower framed by potato plants and rays of sunshine as a background.

Coach Kelvin Cech unveiled the new logo online on Sunday, noting it was designed by Alice Karolina to "celebrate the traditions that make Winkler strong."

"We skate every day in the shadow of the Winkler water tower," he said. "Even though the tower might not be here forever, with our new crest, it actually will be. And so will the Flyers."

The team will unveil new uniforms and apparel with the crest later this summer.

CECH UP FOR TOP COACH AWARD

The Canadian Junior Hockey League (CJHL), in



The team unveiled a new crest on draft day.

conjunction with the National Hockey League Coaches' Association, announced last week that Cech is in the running for this year's Darcy Haugan/Mark Cross Memorial Award (the league's Coach of the Year honour).

This past season was Cech's first as a junior head coach. He led the Flyers to a third place finish with a strong 38-17-2-3 record for 81 points—30 points more than Winkler had the season before.

Cech is up against five other nominees from across the nation.

Local golf courses ready and raring to go

By Lorne Stelmach

Local golf courses have been preparing to start a new season, although their opening days remain uncertain as a result of the pandemic.

Falling under the provincial public health order that closed them as a non-essential business, the Winkler Golf Club and Minnewasta Golf and Country Club nevertheless are cautiously optimistic the eventual easing of restrictions will clear the way for them to be back in business, although likely in a different way.

"When we can open, it will be a different look for golf, but it will still be golf ... with restrictions in place, like social distancing and all that, which we've pretty much all been preparing for anyway," said Geoff Kehler, head pro at Minnewasta. "It's one of the only sports you can play safely ... you only have to touch your own equipment, there's not going to be touching

any rakes or flags."

"We are of the opinion golf should be one sport that you can do and still maintain social distancing," stressed Greg Hesom, head pro in Winkler. "Obviously we want to keep following the public health notices, that is first and foremost, but if we are able to do that and still golf, we feel we should be able to do that."

Both Kehler and Hesom said there could be a range of measures taken to allow golfing to get underway in a safe and limited manner.

"Obviously, it wouldn't look like normal golf. There would have to be a lot of alterations to the way we do things ... and obviously no leagues,

no tournaments at least for now," said Hesom. "We've been working together with a couple other golf courses in the area ... Morden, Carman and Steinbach in particular ... just to come up with protocols and ways of being able to maintain the public safety and the health protocols and still be able to golf."

"We're all kind of on the same page," said Kehler. "We're doing a conference call twice a week just where we're batting ideas around, coming up with a plan where we're all unified ... our four courses will be safety first and enjoyment as well."

"Hopefully, as the summer goes on, they may ease restrictions, and we can do our tournaments and leagues," he continued. "Every course is trying to

modify it so they can still do it under the guidelines that are going to be provided by the government."

Staff at both courses have been hard at work making sure the greens will be ready to go as soon as the province gives them the green light.

"Our grounds crew is getting the course prepped as though we are going to be opening soon," said Hesom. "The course looks good. It's really hard to tell until it starts growing, but certainly at this point it looks like it's come through the winter nicely."

"Once we get some warm weather we'll get to see where the grass comes and where it doesn't ... just on the surface, it looks really good, it does not look like much damage at all."

Grounds aside, Winkler's focus in recent months has very much been on bringing the new clubhouse to completion.

"WHEN WE CAN OPEN, IT WILL BE A DIFFERENT LOOK FOR GOLF, BUT IT WILL STILL BE GOLF."

> GOLF, FROM PG. 14

"It clearly is looking really good. I think they are now prepping for more work on the inside ... it does look fantastic from the outside," Hesom said. "We don't have a set date ... our timeline is just whenever we could open it during the summer."

"Any other projects are going to have to be put on the back burner for now for sure," he added. "We have to wait and see where the year is going to take us with the COVID situation. It looks for sure like we will not have a normal fiscal year."

Minnewasta may also have to put some projects on the back burner for now, noted Kehler, but the course overall is looking good.

"It wintered really well ... normally,

we'd be open by now," he said. "Our average opening day is like April 21, but with the weather, it just hasn't allowed any growing or even thawing really."

"But the course wintered really well. So once we do open, people will be very happy to see the condition of the course."

PHOTO BY LORNE STELMACH/VOICE

Minnewasta golf pro Geoff Kehler says the course came through the winter in good shape. Now they're just waiting for the province to give the green light for golf courses to open during pandemic.



Local athletes named to provincial all-star teams

Several Morden-Winkler high school basketball stars made the cut for Basketball Manitoba's annual award winner's circle this month.

Named to the Manitoba Graduating All-Star

teams were Garden Valley Collegiate's Abby Matuszewski and Morden Collegiate's Brad Peters, Nathan Payne, and Cassidy Curry.

The selections come as part of the nominations

and votes cast from over 100 Manitoba coaches.

Basketball Manitoba were forced to cancel both the awards ceremony and all-star games due to the pandemic.

> MPI REBATE, FROM PG. 6

The rebates will be based on what policyholders paid last year and are expected to be around 11 per cent, or between \$140 to \$160, on average.

Manitobans can expect their rebate cheques at the end of May or early June.

As a public insurance model, MPI operates on a break-even basis and is required to maintain its reserves at a level set by legislation.

This surplus is the result of fewer claims during the COVID period, coupled with strong year-end financial results.

"We have made significant improvements in our operations to deliver value to Manitobans resulting in stronger financial results," said MPI president and CEO Ben Graham.

"With a healthy reserve fund, MPI is in a strong financial situation to move forward with these rebate cheques to support our customers," he said. "This rebate to our customers will not adversely impact the corporation's financial outcomes moving forward. It feels right to give back to our customers when they need it the most."

Under existing legislation, MPI is able to return approximately \$50 million to its ratepayers and will require the approval of the Public Utilities Board (PUB) for the additional \$60 million.

CLAIMS WAY DOWN

As of mid-April, collision claims are down 48 per cent compared to the same month a year ago.

MPI estimates that public health orders directing people to stay at home and for non-essential businesses to cease direct interaction with the public have resulted in approximately \$29 million in fewer basic claims being incurred between March 15 and April 15, 2020.

Based on current projections, MPI says it is confident that due to the extension of public health orders and the provincial state of emergency, related savings to the corporation will continue into the foreseeable future.

GVSD announces vice principal hires

Schools may be closed, but Garden Valley School Division isn't wasting any time making sure they are staffed for the 2020-2021 school year.

The division has announced several administrative appointments to Winkler schools in recent weeks.

Winkler Elementary School will welcome Mary-Anna Aaldyk-Doerksen as its vice-principal this fall. This is a 50 per cent permanent position.

Aaldyk-Doerksen had been filling the role on a term position this school year in addition to her work as a resource teacher. She has been with GVSD for 18 years, teaching grades three, six, seven, and eight along with human ecology.

Northlands Parkway Collegiate also wel-

comes a familiar face to its administrative team.

Raffaele Bagnulo, who has worked at the school since 2013, will spend two-thirds of his time as a teacher and a third as NPC's new vice principal starting this fall.

Bagnulo currently works as a resource teacher at NPC. He has been with GVSD for 11 years.

Finally, J.R. Walkof School's Warren Wall will step into the role of vice principal (25 per cent) and resource/guidance/health teacher (75 per cent).

Wall was already working at the school in this capacity on a term position over the past year. He has been a member of the J.R. Walkof School community for the past 18 years.

Winkler Festival of the Arts cancelled

The Winkler Festival of the Arts, which had originally been hoping to postpone its 2020 season to sometime in May, has announced

it is now cancelling this year's festival entirely due to the global pandemic.

> COVID-19, FROM PG. 13

Other provinces have seen high numbers of COVID-19 deaths once the virus makes its way into care homes, Siragusa said, and this step will help prevent that from happening here.

"As we look towards lifting some of the public health orders and reopening the

province, we really need to take every step possible to insulate the personal care homes from this virus," she said.

"This is a significant shift in operations, but we have been working with all 127 licensed personal care homes in the province to ensure we are ready," Siragusa said.

PVWD eager to plant some trees

The Pembina Valley Watershed District (PVWD) has put out a call for proposals for the Manitoba Hydro Forest Enhancement Program.

The program supports community tree planting and education projects for one year and up to a maximum of \$10,000.

Non-profit organizations, schools, and youth, cultural, heritage, community, or service groups are all welcome

to apply with projects proposals that will benefit their community, their region, or the province as a whole.

PVWD will partner with local projects and assist in a site planting plan, site photos, selecting sizes and species of trees, advise on tree protection, and provide a solid maintenance plan.

For more information, call 204-242-3267 or email pvcd@mtsmail.ca.



The Pembina Valley Watershed District is looking to partner with local tree planting projects with the support of the Manitoba Hydro Forest Enhancement Program.

PVWD PHOTO

'Quaranteam' launches series of wellness workshops

By Lorne Stelmach

A wide array of health and wellness practitioners have joined forces to help people cope and recover as we slowly emerge from the pandemic.

Spearheaded by nutritional therapist Sonia Funk from The Whole Avocado, the "Quaranteam" have set out to address everything from fitness and nutrition to parenting and finances as part of an approach that recognizes how it all is not only connected but impacted by the stress many are facing during recent uncertain times.

"I am very concerned about the fallout when this is over, and it's my main motivation," said Funk, who explained their initiative is aimed at not only the general public but also specifically companies as an employee wellness program.

"I have gotten a few SOS calls from companies whose employees working from home are overwhelmed and getting close to their own personal crisis," Funk said. "Fatigue, lack of concentration and anxiety are the main complaints, and they are to be expected. There is nothing easy about trying to do the job you did before, without contact with colleagues, home schooling and parenting full-time."

Funk suggested it is equally important to address not only the current effects of isolation but also the aftermath, and that is where she feels they can especially fill a void.

"We are able to look at six months and a year from now and what the impact of the collective post traumatic stress will be when this crisis is over."

The team's objectives begin with helping combat the short-term effects of isolation and social distancing by creating a sense of community and belonging and giving people the ability to easily access specific supports.

Another aim of theirs is to spread current health and wellness information on self-care, mental health, and general nutrition in a way that can have a positive impact in people's lives not just today but years from now, Funk added.

The team includes Funk, naturopathic doctor Andrew Bryk, parent consultant Terry Warburton, athletic therapist Kathlyn Hossack, financial wellness coach Candice Bakx-Friesen, MindBody Works founder Sylvia Marusyk, registered massage therapist and yoga teacher Stacey Lassnig, osteopath Florian Lassnig, hypnotherapist Chantelle Neufeld, social worker and holistic nutritionist Lesley Stepler, MFC choreo and

step, aquafit, and yoga teacher Joelle Borne, and CrossFit coach Jesse Fallis.

Their events began this week with sessions entitled Stress, Anxiety and Depression, Your Money Mindset, Kids Play and Parents Stretch, and Guided Meditation.

Upcoming sessions include Movement and Breath, Grow with Gardening, Parenting Strategies for Stressful Times, and Stressed to Kill.

"There are simultaneous sessions for kids and adults with the goal of entertaining kids so parents can move, stretch and breathe a bit," said Funk, who noted they will have minimal charges for most events, but some will be free. "We have done our best to keep the cost very low and,

if you or someone you know really wants to attend a class but finances are so extreme ... please contact me."

"I want to raise awareness of both the physical and mental 'after shocks' that are coming but to do that, I feel I also need to have a plan to help," Funk said.

"I want to raise awareness of both the physical and mental 'after shocks' and also have a plan - not to mention a bit of prevention. This isn't just about mental health—our mental health has a direct impact on our physical health and vice versa."

You can find more information and register for sessions online at thewholeavocado.com.

Mental Health Week events move online

Educational talks, concert to be streamed live

The City of Morden's Mental Health Week activities are going to look a little different this year.

Thanks to COVID-19, all local Mental Health Week sessions May 3-9 will be held online rather than in-person at the community hall.

This year's theme is social connection and the positive impact it has on one's mental health.

It's common in our society to ask people how they are, notes Morden recreation programmer and event organizer Stephanie Dueck. Unfortunately, it is also common not to provide—or expect—a truthful answer.

"This Mental Health Week, let's say more than just 'I'm fine.' Let's have real conversations with our

friends, neighbours and coworkers about how we're all really doing," Dueck said. "We are in this together. It is time to #GetReal about how we feel and lean on others for support, whether it be through phone calls, video calls or through a window. We don't have to be close to feel close."

Morden will be hosting a series of Mental Health Week Talks on a variety of topics and featuring local mental health and wellness professionals.

The sessions will be streamed live on the City of Morden's Facebook page on Tuesday, May 5 from 3-8:15 p.m. The talks will be made available to view online afterwards as well. People can ask questions live through Facebook or by email to mentalhealthweek@mymorden.ca.

Speakers include Recovery of Hope's Terry Warburton with talks on the importance of even unpleasant emotions (3-3:45 p.m.) and the role of play for emotional wellness

(3:45-4:30 p.m.), Alesha Hildebrand and Diana Suderman from Regional Connections speaking to building social connections and battling loneliness (4:30-5:15 p.m.), registered dietitian Kathryn Penner on the role good food plays in one's mood (5:15-6 p.m.), Charity Hudson from Anxiety Disorders Association of Manitoba on kids and anxiety (6-6:45 p.m.), Apothecary of Morden's Dr. Lisa on sleep strategies (6:45-7:30 p.m.), and stress expert Louise Sanders on conquering stress and building resilience (7:30-8:15 p.m.)

Morden will then wrap up Mental Health Week on Friday, May 8 at 7 p.m. with a special concert streamed live and featuring musicians Patrick Simoens and Paul Bergman.

The music will be a mix of their own songs together with covers that reflect an honest grappling with the struggles and joys of being alive in this world, Dueck said.

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OBITUARY

Helena (Helen) Suderman (nee Harms) 1926 - 2020



Helena Suderman, age 94, passed into eternity on Tuesday, April 21, 2020 at Salem Home with her son at her side.

She was predeceased by her husband, Jacob Suderman in 1977; daughter-in-law, Lynne Suderman; son-in-law, Garry Pudgeon; three brothers and one sister. She will be sadly missed by her children, Jake Suderman, Linda and Keith Angers, Anne Pudgeon, Margaret and Larry Kehler, Mary and Cornie Wall, Abe and Chris Suderman, John Suderman; 13 grandchildren and 15 great-grandchildren.

Mom cherished her family, and would do anything for them, always working hard to make things better. She was strong, gentle and quiet. Rather than words, she expressed her love through her actions.

Helena was born January 29, 1926 at Eichenfeld, Mexico to Abram and Helena Harms. Mom immigrated to Canada with her family as a young girl and grew up in southern Manitoba with her eight siblings. She was baptized upon the confession of her faith as a young woman. Mom and Dad were married on September 2, 1945. As a family, we were blessed by her many talents. She was a gifted seamstress, cook and caregiver. Coming home from school we were frequently welcomed by the smell of fresh-baked buns and cinnamon buns. She liked trying new things from recipes to flowers, and more. Mom really enjoyed her flowers and gladly shared her gardens whenever we came to visit. Mom was always striving to further educate herself. When her children went to school, she was also busy, taking classes and courses, as well as getting her driver's license. A highlight in her life was when she received her health care aid certificate. She enjoyed the many years she spent working with the residents at Salem Home, making personal connections through the compassionate care she showed each one. Due to health issues she needed to retire before she was ready, at the age of 62. Just after her 78th birthday, Mom moved into Salem Home and spent the next 16 years there as a resident. The family is very grateful for the loving care Mom received at Salem Home from the dedicated staff and volunteers. Your kindness helped brighten many moments throughout the years.

Private family service was held on Thursday, April 23, 2020 at Wiebe Funeral Home in Winkler with interment at the Reinfeld Cemetery.

The family would also like to thank Wiebe Funeral Homes for their guidance and compassionate care during this difficult time.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF ROLAND UNDER THE AUTHORITY OF THE PLANNING ACT NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

On the date and at the time and locations shown below, a PUBLIC HEARING will be held to receive representations from any person(s) who wish to make them in respect to the following matter:

R.M. OF ROLAND BY-LAW 5-2020 BEING AN AMENDMENT TO THE R.M. OF ROLAND ZONING BY-LAW 6-2001, AS AMENDED.

HEARING LOCATION: R.M. of Roland Council Chambers, 45-3rd Street, Roland, Manitoba.

DATE & TIME: May 12, 2020 at 9:00a.m.

GENERAL INTENT OF BY-LAW 06-2019: To amend Table 4-5 to allow for residential uses to be considered as conditional uses in the Commercial/Industrial zones.

FOR INFORMATION CONTACT:
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A copy of the above proposal and supporting materials may be inspected at the R.M. of Roland administrative offices during regular hours Monday to Friday.

Please note, social distancing rules are in effect. Concerned or supportive parties are encouraged to provide written submissions to the above email or mailing address.

PUBLIC NOTICE

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE CITY OF MORDEN 2020 FINANCIAL PLAN



Pursuant to Section 162(2) of The Municipal Act, the Council of the City of Morden intends to present its financial plan for the fiscal year 2020 at a public hearing on Thursday, May 28, 2020 at 7:00 P.M.

Due to COVID-19 restrictions, the hearing will be held electronically. It will be live streamed on the City of Morden Facebook page at https://www.facebook.com/cityofmorden/, and posted to the City of Morden website after the meeting at www.mymorden.ca/video. You will be required to pre-register with the Civic Centre by Wednesday, May 27th, 2020 and a link will be forwarded to you to allow you to participate in the hearing.

Council will respond to any person who wishes to make a representation, ask questions, or register an objection to the financial plan, as provided. Copies of the proposed Financial Plan will be available for review after May 22nd, 2020 and may be examined by any person at www.mymorden.ca, or by making arrangement for pickup by calling the Civic Centre at 204-822-4434.

Please note that, in the event that the Province of Manitoba amends its restrictions by May 25, there is the potential to hold this hearing in person at the Access Event Centre, where there would be ample space to continue to follow social distancing guidelines. The City of Morden will continue to keep residents updated as the situation changes. Please visit www.mymorden.ca for the most up-to-date information.

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Grant Leiding
who passed away April 11, 2011
and dear husband, dad, grandpa,
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Norman Leiding
who was called to his
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Down the path of memories,
We gently walk today;
Our loving thoughts are with you,
As life goes on its way.
The memories we have of you,
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OBITUARY



**Peter Krahn
1920 – 2020**

On Friday, April 17, 2020, Peter Krahn left this world from Eastview Place in Altona, MB to take up residence in Heaven with his Lord and Saviour.

He was born on August 9, 1920, to Abram and Anna (Wiebe) Krahn in Altona, MB, the third oldest in a family of seven. Though Peter enjoyed reading and talking about the Christian journey through this life, as it was with most young men of his generation, he did the work that was at hand on the family farm. When the family moved from Altona to the Sperling, MB area, he found work as a farmhand for several farmers in the area. Physically strong and dependable, he worked hard and was appreciated by his employers. At this time, he also attended Bible School in Winkler. When the war interrupted, he served two terms as a conscientious objector, one at Wasagaming, MB and one at Kapuskasing, ON. After these challenging work stints, he returned to Bible School where he met Lena Penner, who was from southern Ontario. After finishing Bible school, the two corresponded with letters, so he moved there to work and be near her and her family. In November 1943 they married, and for 20 years they farmed and raised a family there. Tragedy struck in 1963 when he and his family of seven endured the loss of Lena, who died of a brain-tumor. Shortly after, in 1963, he married Anne Penner, Lena's younger sister. Peter and Anne would add three to the family, and in 1971 Peter sold the Ontario farm after a trip to Manitoba where he found an opportunity to work in a field closer to his heart, selling Christian literature. Moving to Winkler, MB he purchased and became the proprietor of the Bible Book Shop. After 18 years of building a successful business, he retired in 1989. The ease of retirement was interrupted when Anne succumbed to Creutzfeldt-Jakob Disease in 1991. In 1992 he married Margaret Dyck and they retired happily in Winkler until 2008, when they moved to Donwood Manor (North Kildonan) in Winnipeg. After Margaret's passing in 2011, he moved back to Altona in March of 2012 to live in a small suite in the Manor of The Gardens on Tenth, an assisted living complex. In December 2016 he moved into Eastview Place, a full care facility in Altona.

He was preceded in death by his wives, Lena (nee Penner) in 1963, Anne (nee Penner) in 1991 and Margaret (nee Dyck) in 2011; by two grandsons and by siblings, Jake (Mary), Helen Epp (Abe), Susie Braun (William), Abe (Grace) and Andy (Edna). Now he reunites with them. He is survived by his 10 children: Dorothy Cheechoo (Roy), Viola Virts (Paul), Art (Marji), Esther Krahn, Elvera Krahn (Dave MacInnes), Dave (Ellen), Dan (Brenda), Paul (Margrute), Marianne Krahn (Vic Bartel), and Tim (Dalila Seckar); 20 grandchildren and 39 great-grandchildren; by his brother, Ben (Shirley), brother-in-law, Jake Penner, sister-in-law, Marie Penner as well as many nieces and nephews.

Private family service was held on Tuesday, April 21, 2020 at Wiebe Funeral Home in Winkler. Interment at a later date at Fairview Cemetery in Port Rowan, ON.

The family thanks the staff of Eastview Place for the high quality of care Peter received while there, especially near the end.

If you want to honour Dad's memory, consider donating to Gideons International or to Mennonite Brethren Missions/Services Canada.

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OBITUARY

**Anna Klassen (nee Klassen)
1921 - 2020**

On Wednesday, April 22, 2020, Anna Klassen went home to be with her Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ.

Mom was born on April 18, 1921 in Chortitz, MB. Mom and Dad got married on July 6th, 1941 and lived in Blumenfeld on a small farm until 1962 when they moved to Winnipeg. They returned back to Winkler in their retirement years enjoying family, friends and fellowship at the Christian Faith Church. Anna was a hard worker and provider for her eight children and husband. She endured much hardship and adversity through the years but never lost her love of life, laughter, gospel music, good books and the BIBLE. Wherever she went, people were touched by her kindness, her gentle spirit and her unwavering compassion for the fallen and broken hearted. With eight children to care for in difficult times, she had an amazing ability to cook meals from very little. She would not eat until all the children had enjoyed a delicious meal and she knew they all had enough to eat. A woman of faith and intercessory prayer who always acted selflessly as a real-life example of a Godly woman as described in Proverbs 31. We can say with gratitude, "well done good and faithful servant, enter into the joy of your Lord".

Mom was predeceased by her husband, Bernhard; her daughter, Anne Truscott and son-in-law, Leigh; sons, Peter and Henry; son-in-law, Murray Pontifex and 13 brothers and sisters. She leaves to mourn her daughters, Mary Fehr (Henry) and Shirley Penner (George); her sons, Barney, John (Susan), David (Greta) and many grandchildren, great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren.

Special thanks to the nurses, caregivers, doctors, and staff of Salem Home. Thank you for lovingly attending to her and caring for her all these years.

Due to the COVID 19 pandemic, a public celebration of Anna's life will be held at a future time pending the lifting of COVID 19 restrictions.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Anna's memory to the Salem Home Foundation Inc.

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OBITUARY



Cedric Russell (Russ) Lynden Amy
1921 - 2020

It is with heavy hearts and so much gratitude we now have to say good-bye to our loving Dad, father-in-law and grandfather - Russ Amy! Our family has been so blessed to have had such a strong, caring, and steadfast Patriarch.

He was predeceased by his loving wife, Ede (Anning); siblings, Betty (Abe Law, Howard Bond), Jim (Nora Chapman), Jack, Elaine (Joe Schmidt) and Bill (Morag Angst). He is survived by his son, Brent (Bonnie); daughters, Joan Kidd (David) and Jan Henderson (David); his six grandchildren, Derek Kidd, Brian Kidd (Jenn), Kevin Amy (Jolene), Ryan Amy (Jasmine), Crystal Henderson (Glen), Michelle Jacobs and eight great-grandchildren as well as his sister-in-law, Mid Amy (Jack) and several nieces and nephews.

Russ was born in Manitou on August 19, 1921. He was the second of six children born to Fred and Norma Amy of Darlingford. Russ lived his entire life in Darlingford except for the years during WW2. He enlisted in the Royal Canadian Air Force and was first stationed at Ryerson University in Toronto where he studied radar operation and was then shipped to England for the duration of the war. At the end of the war Dad happily returned to Darlingford and rekindled his romance with Edith Anning from Manitou. They were married on May 10, 1947 and spent many happy years together until Ede's passing on February 10, 2015. They built a house on a corner of the Amy property located at the North end of Darlingford. This is where they raised their family and where many happy memories were created.

During his retirement years Dad enjoyed working in his large garden and yard. As well, he loved playing many hours of baseball in that yard with his grandchildren. He, along with the help of his family, built an indoor swimming pool and billiards room. This addition became a source of entertainment during our family gatherings and social occasions with their many friends. As a result of his studies at Ryerson, Russ had the basic knowledge to start Darlingford Electric. He expanded that knowledge over the 40 years he operated Darlingford Electric. During the last few years, it was very interesting taking him for drives around the countryside and listen to him point out who lived where in the various yard sites, many of which he could remember doing electrical/plumbing work on. He and his brother, Jack also operated a mink ranch. Their work as mink ranchers produced many awards at fur shows. Growing up Dad was an avid hockey player. He also loved playing tennis on the tennis court located to the south of the family home. Throughout his life he enjoyed duck hunting, a love he shared with his son and son-in-law. In his adult life he coached and umped baseball, was a scout leader, a member of the Darlingford School Board, Darlingford Cemetery Committee, Darlingford and Manitou curling clubs, Manitou Golf Club and Royal Canadian Legion Manitou and Morden branches. Russ loved both curling and golf. He won many bonspiels and golf tournaments. One of his most memorable achievements was being part of the curling team of Mel Pearce, Russ Amy, George McGregor and Tom Kingston when they were victorious at the Manitoba Masters Curling Championship. For most of his life Dad was very fortunate to enjoy good health and this enabled him to golf until the age of 92. In his later years, there was no place he would rather be than on the Manitou Golf Course.

Life moves on and it became necessary for Dad and Mom to downsize. They were very sad to leave their beloved Darlingford; but, once settled, they enjoyed their last years in Morden; three years in Oak West and eight years in Homestead South. We cannot express enough our sincere gratitude for the help and compassion Mom and Dad experienced during their years at Homestead South, both from staff and the many homecare aids. But alas, it recently became necessary for Dad to make this final move to Morden Tabor Home. A few weeks later he had a fall resulting in a broken hip. Unfortunately, due to the coronavirus issue, the transition was very tough even though the care was good. Dad closed his eyes for the last time at Boundary Trails Health Centre while recuperating from surgery.

Cremation has taken place and a memorial service will be held at a later date with ash interment at the Darlingford Cemetery.

Donations may be made in Russ' memory to the Darlingford Memorial Park or Darlingford Cemetery.

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OBITUARY



Susanna Dyck (nee Thiessen)
1936 - 2020

We are saddened to announce the passing of Susanna Dyck, wife, mother, grandmother and great-grandmother on Saturday, April 11, 2020 at Tabor Home in Morden after a battle with cancer. She reached the age of 83 years.

Susanna was born on July 1, 1936 in Chortitz, MB to Cornelius and Katharina Thiessen (nee Brown). She was baptized upon the confession of her faith on May 20, 1956 in the Old Colony Church in Chortitz. She was united in marriage on April 28, 1957 to Peter A Dyck. They shared 62 years, 11 months and 13 days. They started their marriage off living in the Miami area and then bought a farm north of Roseisle. They farmed there until they retired and moved to Morden in August of 1998.

She leaves to mourn her passing her husband, Peter and six children: Peter (Sue), Samantha and Dustin, Susie (Terry) Petkau, Bradley and Michael, Herman, Margaret (Ben) Krahn, Sharon and Mark (Megan and Amelia), Darrel, Victor and Trevor, Cornie (Nettie) and Henry (Susie), Ryan, Jason and Jeremy. She is also survived by four sisters, one brother and many nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by her parents, one brother and three sisters.

Private funeral service was held at Wiebe Funeral Chapel in Morden on Friday, April 17, 2020 at 1:30 p.m. with Bishop David Penner officiating and interment at the Reinland Mennonite Church Cemetery in Schanzenfeld.

Special thanks to Bishop David Penner, Wiebe Funeral Chapel, the staff at Tabor Home and the many kind words, phone calls, cards and prayer support.

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Linda May Wark (nee Baskerville)
1944 - 2020

Linda May Wark (nee Baskerville), was born on July 10, 1944 to Harold and May Baskerville of Boissevain. As farm kids, she and her younger brother, Barry, were raised to work hard and uphold their promises, and those characteristics lasted her entire life. Mom attended Bluevale School for elementary and Boissevain Collegiate for high school. After high school, Mom moved to the YWCA in Brandon and worked in the Brandon Woolen Mills while attending Brandon Business College. Mom then moved to Killarney and worked in the bank until she and our dad, Murray Wark, got married on July 25, 1964. They settled in Brandon and had three children: Darwin, Treva, and Lorelea. On weekends in the spring and summer the family would go camping, and later

to the cabin at Minnedosa, and there are many good memories from those trips. Mom loved the outdoors, especially trees, flowers, and birds, and she enjoyed nothing more than to sit at a campsite and read while eating campfire toast.

Throughout her life Mom was a tireless volunteer, firmly believing that our world is a better place when people give their time to others. She served as Brown Owl and Den Mother, taught Sunday School, and was a parent volunteer at our elementary schools. She canvassed for the Heart and Stroke Foundation and the Canadian Cancer Society for decades and served on the Boards for the Brandon Christmas Cheer Registry and the MS Society. She was an active member of the Brandon Crocus Lions Club and loved volunteering at the Boundary Trails Health Centre. She was always doing something for someone else, and she taught us the importance of being kind and generous.

Mom worked at the Panhandler, then moved on to be a receptionist for Dr. Larry Zoerb and later Dr. Trudy Corbett. Mom was excellent at those jobs because she loved talking to people, could start conversations with anyone, and she was always willing to listen. She was non-judgmental and warm and genuine and had a heart of pure gold.

When Dad was diagnosed with MS, Mom was our rock, and when he died, Mom taught us how to cope with a loss with grace and grit: grieve, but remember that life goes on, and while you can mourn for the memories that will no longer be made together, you can never stop making those memories for yourself. While Mom's heart was pure gold, her backbone was solid steel. After Mom met Leo Dupuis, she moved to Emerson with him. They enjoyed many years together, spending several winters in the USA in Leo's fifth wheel. When Leo was diagnosed with cancer Mom once again assumed the role of caregiver with grace and love, never once complaining about life being hard or unfair: she always looked for the positive in any situation. They moved to Morden, and after Leo's death Mom began to establish a circle of friends here, becoming actively involved in St. Paul's United Church and the Morden Activity Centre. Mom had a wide variety of interests and hobbies that included reading, cooking, baking, sewing, playing games, walking and needlework. She loved to travel, and we kids will look back fondly on all of our adventures together, especially our family vacation to Nova Scotia and PEI last summer for Mom's 75th birthday.

Mom had a special bond with each of us three kids, and with her son-in-law, Duncan. Her favourite children, however, were her granddaughters, Kaylee and Kamryn. Mom cherished family and always said that it didn't matter how much money you had, if you had a close relationship with your family you had everything. Mom was a beloved neighbour and friend, and this is evidenced in the outpouring of love and support we have received since her sudden passing on April 23. Some of Mom's best friends - Shirley, Noreen, and Margaret - have been friends for over 60 years. Other friendships - Erle and Julie, Gail and Gordie, Dave and Verna, Edna, and Joan - were forged in Brandon over 50 years ago. Some - Sandra and Rob, Evelyn, Dora, Aileen, Cheryl, and Dennis - were made in the last decade. Through all of these friendships, Mom taught us the importance of being a true and loyal friend, and the value in shared laughter and tears over coffee and something good to eat.

The lessons Mom has taught us about how to be good people, how to treat others, and what is important in life are things we will carry with us forever. We cannot begin to express how much she will be missed by us, and by the wide group of family and friends she leaves behind. Mom was predeceased by her parents, her husbands, Murray and Leo and several of Murray's brothers and their wives. She will be lovingly remembered by her children, Darwin, Treva, Duncan, and Lorelea; granddaughters, Kaylee and Kamryn; brother, Barry Baskerville; brother-in-law, Ken Wark; her sisters-in-law, Helen Wark and Bobbi Wark; her aunt, Melrose; the friends she considered her siblings; numerous nieces and nephews, cousins, an extended Wark family and countless friends.

A memorial service will be held as soon as pandemic restrictions loosen enough for us to have one.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Linda's memory to Katie Cares or to the Boundary Trails Health Centre Foundation.

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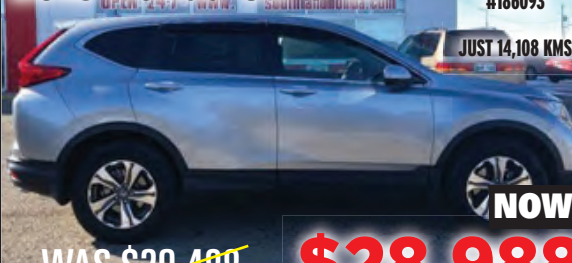
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