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# **UV** chamber opens up doors for Salem Home

By Ashleigh Viveiros

Salem Home is once again able to pass along gifts from family members to residents thanks to a high-tech new piece of equipment.

The Winkler personal care home



recently received an Ultraviolet (UV) Disinfection Chamber via a campaign spearheaded by community members.

Altona teacher Karl Enns took the lead on the project alongside Constellation Computer's Justin Zacharias after COVID-19 shut down care homes to visitors in mid-March.

Enns heard about the impact the pandemic restrictions were having on residents from his wife who works at Salem.

"She was sharing stories of residents not being able to communicate properly with some of their loved ones on the outside for lack of an iPad or something like that because they couldn't necessarily bring them in [right away] and disinfect them," he said. "That really resonated with me.

"Having had family members as residents of Salem, I have a close connection with Salem and just thought there's got to be some way that we can allow for objects to be delivered to the



**SUPPLIED PHOTOS** 

Salem's Kim Enns and Ed Rempel with the personal care home's new Ultraviolet Disinfection Chamber, which was delivered just in time to allow Salem residents to receive flowers for Mother's Day.

residents from their loved ones in a safe manner."

Enns' research led him to UV-C light, which has been used for over a century to disinfect items on a microscopic level.

"We just started pulling some of the people and key pieces together and all the research ... the intent was to ... in spite of all of the complicated science behind it, build a device that was simple to use," Enns said. "Something that anybody could be trained to operate."

Project support from Willie Enns of Winkler, D.A. Loewen Electric, Lode King Industries, Serious Marketing, and Constellation Computers got the device built locally in a matter of weeks.

It was then tested by researchers at the University of Manitoba, Brandon University, and Health Sciences Centre to "make sure it was actually doing what we thought it would and should do," said Enns. "It turns out that it did very well and very effectively."

The unit was delivered to Salem just before Mother's Day and allowed for dozens of disinfected flowers to be delivered to residents just in time for the holiday.

"The flowers are a ray of sunshine and colour at a time when many restrictions are in place to keep the residents safe" said Salem Home CEO Sherry Janzen.

Since the pandemic started, anything coming into the care home has had to be quarantined for several days before it could be safely passed on to residents.

Now staff can simply place anything brought into the building into the UV chamber for a few minutes for disinfection.

"It truly is a gift that has opened doors to different opportunities and possibilities for us as we find ways for families and residents to relate to each other," said Janzen, thanking everyone involved in bringing the device to Salem.

"It was a real pleasure," said Enns. "And on a personal note, I am just absolutely amazed and blown away by the sense of community that exists within southern Manitoba.

"When we contacted and approached these different organizations and companies ... there wasn't even a hesitation. It was just, 'Absolutely. How can we help? How can we make this a reality?"

If you'd like information on getting an Ultraviolet Disinfection Chamber built for your own organization or business, contact Constellation Computers for details.





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### "It's through adversity like this that you see people's true colours"

By Lorne Stelmach

Front line workers are being saluted as local heroes in the midst of the pandemic.

Whether it is health care workers or police officers or even staff at the local food stores, however, they all say they are simply pulling together to do what needs to be done.

"I think it's through adversity like this that you see people's true colours," suggested Winkler physician Dr. David Chudley. "I think that it's really been an example of how special the Morden and Winkler community physician group and nursing and health professionals all really are."

Pandemic restrictions forced local clinics to change how they operate, including limiting the number of patients allowed at any given time.

"Just like any other industry, we've had to be quick on our feet and respond to the changes pretty quickly," Chudley said. "But we adjusted well to our new normal, which is doing a lot more virtual medicine ... basically doing visits with patients on the phone and with a webcam.

"I think it's been a huge benefit to patients and to us to allow us to still practise medicine and to connect with our patients who are maybe feeling a bit isolated or who can't leave their residences.

"We've been really happy with how quickly that was rolled out—it was just within a few days that this was approved and that this virtual medicine option became a reality. I think it's got significant benefit to physi-

> "NOW WE'RE REAPING THE BENEFITS OF THE REAL PARTICIPATION OF THE COMMUNITY."

cians and to patients in terms of improving people's access to health care."

Chudley also said there has been "a lot of behind the scenes work by our physician leaders at the hospital, and administration has been working hard to make sure we have all of the supplies available. We're having to use a lot more personal protective equipment for every patient encoun-

"Given how quickly we had to do things, I think things have gone fairly smoothly," he added. "Going into the pandemic at the beginning, just like everyone else, we didn't know what to expect, we didn't know what things were going to look like two weeks down the line, four weeks down the line. We were kind of hoping for the best but preparing for the worst."

Chudley said he's proud of the entire physician group in Morden and Winkler.

"We all kind of connected right away and did a lot of conferencing and virtual communication to make sure we were all on the same page and prepared."

He also lauded the communities for really doing their part.

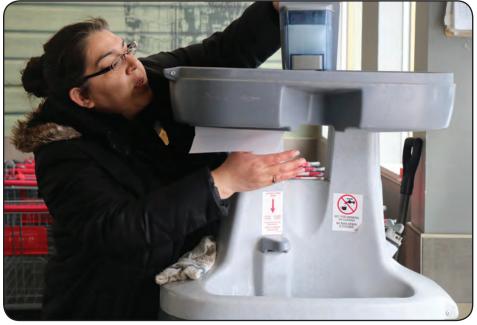
"I'm very impressed with how the local communities here have responded to public health guidance about social distancing. I think that's really saved the communities from a devastating outcome so far.

"The good thing is that we didn't get the influx of cases that we were preparing for," Chudley said. "I think we all recognize we're not quite out of the woods yet ... I think at least now we're reaping the benefits of the real participation of the community."

### "WE CAN'T STOP DOING OUR JOBS"

The pandemic has created some challenges for local police as they work to ensure everyone's safety in situations where physical distancing can be difficult if not impossible.





**VOICE FILE PHOTO** 

A staffer at Morden Co-op wipes down the hand washing station shortly after it was installed at the store at the start of the pandemic.

"Obviously a big part of our job is communication with the public and proactive police work," said Morden Police Chief Brad Neduzak."We pride ourselves on being proactive, not reactive, so that very much had to be cut back and pretty much eliminated with contact with the public except on an emergency basis.

"We can't stop doing our jobs. We still have to arrest people and process them, but with that we've had to put in all the precautions," he said, explaining how they try to screen people they encounter about their health if they can. "You always have it in the back of your mind that, even if you ask these questions, the person could be symptomatic, they could have travelled outside [Manitoba], they could be carrying the virus without

anybody knowing.

"We're very fortunate though that our numbers have been low. We've haven't had a lot of contact with people who are symptomatic, so we didn't need a huge supply of PPE [personal protective equipment]," noted Neduzak."Our situations and our incidents are very low, and when we do go talk to people they are very good and willing to do whatever they need to do to keep themselves safe and everybody else around them."

He also noted they have had to be very strict about disinfecting everything in their office on a regular basis as well as "following a very regimented schedule of disinfecting the police vehicles also ... they are wiped down at the beginning as well as at the end

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# Pembina Valley Humane Society shelter celebrating 10 years

"IT'S AMAZING

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LONG WAY."

By Lorne Stelmach

The Pembina Valley Humane Society is marking a milestone this month with a symbolic fundraising effort.

May 28 will make it a decade since the organization moved into its new facility in Morden's industrial park and set itself up to grow its efforts in rescuing abandoned, unwanted, and abused animals.

Since then, the shelter estimates it has found homes for almost 2,000 cats and dogs in nearly 30 communities throughout the region.

To celebrate, PVHS has launched a Happy Tails fundraising campaign with a goal to raise \$2,000—one dollar for every life saved since 2010.

It is fitting to acknowledge the anniversary by raising funds, as that, coupled with the hard work of devoted volunteers, has been a large part of what has driven the organization's growth over the years.

"It's amazing where we've come from ... we've come

a long way," said Laurie Magotiaux, who has been a volunteer nearly from the start."And the people who started the shelter, I can't say enough about them. It was a great need in the community and they jumped in and got it rolling. They're an amazing group of people."

The Pembina Valley Humane Society started in 2002 with a dog named Buddy who was rescued from unsafe and unsanitary conditions.

PVHS founder Michelle Budz fostered Buddy for six weeks and then Pam Weiss covered his neutering surgery and other medical needs. Buddy was eventually adopted and lived out his life with a family in Carman.

"The joy and rush of rescuing a beautiful dog like Buddy just grew on us," Budz shared previously. "Pam and I decided there was a real need for a pet shelter rescue in our area."

The organization started to take shape with the two of them rescuing surrendered and abandoned animals that were to be euthanized because their owners couldn't be found.

The society was centered at the Budz home on 2nd St. in Morden for its first four years, with a number of foster families stepping up to take in animals in need.

After an awful lot of fundraising and campaigning, the first actual shelter opened up on Grant St. and served the society well for four years before the building was sold.

Community support eventually got

the current Jefferson St. shelter built.

Magotiaux's time with PVHS goes back to that small, basic shelter space on Grant St., and she has remained involved since then in a number of capacities.

"I started walking dogs with my daughter ... and then that evolved into fostering at one point," said Magotiaux. "I've

had different roles since then. I was a chore shift leader, joined the board, served as retail chair.

"It's been pretty rewarding to be involved with the organization," she said. "It's interesting to see what it has evolved into now, especially how we have so many outreach programs. We're offering education to children. We're going to Tabor Home to enrich their lives there with pet visits. There's so many things we've done to be involved in the community."

Magotiaux sees a need for them to further expand into that role, but to do so will require even more space at the shelter.

"We have a lot of educational programs, but in the present shelter we don't have a location where we can



**PVHS PHOTOS** 

The Pembina Valley Humane Society's regional shelter started with a small space on Grant. St. in Morden 10 years ago (above). Today they call a much larger space on Jefferson St. home (below is a look at their cat room), though the agency is looking to expand further in order to continue to meets the needs of the communities they serve.



safely do that," she said. "Also, we would like to develop our retail space, but there is just not the room.

"Every year we're helping more and more animals. We would love to be able to open up more space for cats," Magotiaux continued. "And to have a space for our managers to work more efficiently and to be able to have a more private location.

"It would be great if we could take a step into the future and add more to the shelter."

PVHS public relations chair Holly Thorne noted they are continuing to diversify their fundraising efforts in large part to help meet that very goal.

"We encourage the community to create their own fundraising initiatives as well to help bring awareness to the work that the Pembina Valley Humane Society does," she said.

If you'd like to support the Happy Tails campaign, donations can be made via e-transfer to treasurer@pvhsociety.ca, through the shelter's Facebook page, or by cheque mailed to 462 Jefferson Street, Morden, Mb., R6M 0C3.

### Manitoba's active COVID-19 cases at just 17 on Monday

By Ashleigh Viveiros

Manitoba marked its third day of no new cases of COVID-19 on Monday.

The province's daily update noted that the total number of lab-confirmed positive and probable positive cases in Manitoba remains at 292. That number jumped by just two on May 22 after days of holding steady.

Manitoba started this week off with no individuals in hospital or intensive care with COVID-19.

Seven Manitobans have died of CO-VID-19, while 268 have recovered. The province currently has 17 active cases of the illness.

"So our numbers in Manitoba continue to look favourable," said Dr. Brent Roussin, the province's chief

public health officer, cautioning that Manitobans still need to remain careful.

"As we gradually reopen and continue to reopen in Manitoba, it's certainly not a return to normal," he said. "It's a return to our new normal.

"We still need to be aware of this virus. We still need to be aware of physical distancing whenever possible."

It's also vital that people showing symptoms of respiratory illness stay home to avoid potentially spreading the novel coronavirus, Roussin stressed.

On May 21, the province released its draft plan for the second phase of reopening Manitoba's economy.

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of every shift by each member."

As another precaution, they have also had members on patrol individually other than in extenuating circumstances. They have also divided up into a platoon system with two separate shifts.

"In the event somebody did become ill or contracted the virus, then we are segregated and at least one half would remain healthy," explained Neduzak.

Winkler Police Chief Ryan Hunt said there has been a lot to learn and to adjust along the way through this crisis.

"I think it's been a real challenge for officers ... our policies were changing almost daily for a while there," he said."We were trying to stay on top of all the personal protective equipment options and what we needed to do to keep our officers safe.

"There's so many times, though, as police officers, where we have to just get to a scene and get it under control as fast as possible," he added. "So you don't even necessarily have the opportunity to don personal protective equipment. You show up at a scene where there's people fighting, you've got to get in there and deal with it."

On the upside, the pandemic did cause a drop in calls as more and more people remained at home.

"Our calls for service dropped off quite a bit in the beginning," Hunt said, noting things are starting to pick up again as restrictions ease.

Like Neduzak, Hunt listed reduced contact with the community as a major challenge.

"Closing our office was a big change as well ... that was completely cut off for a while ... we're slowly getting back to normal," he said. "A big part of policing is connecting with the community and people being able to touch base with the officers, and that part had really changed."

### RELISHING THE CHALLENGE

Facing evolving challenges day in and day out as well have been the staff at the Winkler and Morden Coop grocery stores.

There were definitely some challenging times that we've experienced. Lots of changes were happening really quickly," said Winkler employee Kaitlyn Hiebert.

"I've actually really enjoyed it. I am not somebody who likes to just sit back and relax ... it was really, really busy, but I enjoyed that it kept us busy," said Hiebert, who was enlisted to help with an increased demand for grocery deliveries. "I'm really glad that we are able to do this for our community and our customers."

Hiebert noted there were a lot of details that needed to be worked out as the store's plans for customer and staff safety evolved.

"For the most part, customers are very understanding," she said, adding she feels most everyone has pretty much adjusted now into the routine of the new normal. "I'm sure there could be more changes ... but all of the employees here have been able to adapt, and it's worked really well ... we really became a team.

"And we've had lots of volunteers help us as well. We really appreciate all the help ... and the energy they bring," she said, noting how people donated their time to help stock shelves after hours.

Morden Co-op grocery manager Cheryl Shackel said the past several weeks have been "off and on stress-

"Customers have been really, really good about it all," she agreed. "As far as the shortages on our shelves, all of our customers have been understanding, and our warehouse has been trying their best to get us what we need."

Shackel is proud of how her staff have handled things.

"Everyone had a realization of what they needed to do and how they needed to do it and why and just did it, no questions," she said.

"The first couple weeks, staff were working many, many extra hours; it was changing things every day on them, different procedures and policies. In the last month or so, it's kind of leveled out. We have a new normal ... and it's been better for everyone lately.

"The compliments and the feedback we've gotten from customers on how we've handled it has been incredible," Shackel said "I think they see we've gone above and beyond all the government mandates, and they appreciated that and we appreciated them feeling safe here."

### Man charged with sexual assault

A woman in Winkler was able to escape after being sexually assaulted by a man unknown to her earlier this

Shortly after midnight on May 11,

a woman reported to Winkler Police that she had been walking on 2nd St. when a man asked her for directions from inside his vehicle.

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#### **SUBMITTED PHOTO**

Although the Morden Activity Centre has remained closed, some of its members are finding innovative ways to keep up their programs. The line dancers, for example, turned out last Monday evening and used the parking lot to practise their moves while maintaining social distance protocols.



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# Speaking our pain

t a primal level we understand that our survival and well-being require of us that we communicate our pain to community.

Therefore we cry out when we are injured instead of remaining silent and simply feeling pain in isolation.

It works that way for other emotions as well. We have evolved as community-minded animals and this is evidenced in our instincts to laugh, cry, scream and otherwise emote ... even when no one is around.



By Peter Cantelon

I am in pain; I scream so that you, or someone else nearby, will come to help me.

As a social species it is the responsibility of the community to come to our aid when we cry out. That's how we all succeed and move into the future. That's how we thrive. Out of our instinct to cry out has arisen a myriad of community-based organizations

designed to carry out our species' mandated response to help, be they food cupboards, shelters, hotlines and the like.

Ironically, as our community sensibilities have evolved, we have often sought to curtail these instincts to not burden or otherwise bother others, especially when it comes to emotional pain.

The thing is these drives to hide our pain do not rise in a vacuum. They come because parts of our community have, at times, sent a message that they do not necessarily like to or want to carry our burdens.

We learn that, while survival has programmed a response to our cries for help, that does not stop the helper from projecting resentment at times. When this happens another instinct designed for survival kicks in: the instinct to not hurt or cause pain in others.

When we sense our pain may burden others this instinct tells us that we should simply bear it on our own and suck it up.

So many instincts competing with one another. We are such a complex species.

"I don't understand why people don't simply tell us what they need? We can't help them if we don't know."

So goes the lament of the person who wants to help but does not know

where the need is.

The thing is, deep down, we all know this instinct to close up and hide our pain away.

Some people grew up having to deal with being called lazy for using a food cupboard during a jobless time. Others grew up in a house where a stoic parent told us to "be a man" or "stop complaining." Still others have had to face the condemnation of others who do not understand the mental illness or the complexities of addiction. In all of these circumstances the clear message being delivered was the same: your pain is your own problem ... and we learned to treat it as such.

As a result, many go home at the end of the day to curl up alone in their beds and cry. But know this: the crying is a desire for help. It is a primal call to others who cannot hear you when you do it alone.

As tough as it can be, we need to be willing to do it publicly so that our community can hear us and respond.

To the community: resist the urge to judge. Trust that a person crying out is truly in need. Discard your resentment and do what you can to gather round them, lift them up and bring healing.

This is why we speak our pain. It is not a weakness. It is critical to all our survival.

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### > COVID-19, FROM PG. 4

"We thank Manitobans for their diligence in respecting physical distancing guidelines, and we hope to be in a position to move forward and ease some additional restrictions while ensuring the health and wellbeing of all Manitobans," said Premier Brian Pallister.

The plan paves the way for the reopening of things like pools and fitness centres, indoor restaurant dining rooms, bars, community centres, outdoor church services, and tanning parlours, among numerous other sites, with some limitations.

The province is also looking at starting the 2020-2021 school year

early this fall, on Aug. 31, in addition to potentially opening up schools in June for limited access to students for one-on-one learning, assessment, and specific programming.

Firmer details on the rollout of phase two were expected this week.

In the meantime, the province last Friday increased gathering sizes to 25 people indoors and 50 people outdoors.

Personal care homes and long-term care facilities are also now allowed to have visits outdoors.

Every phase of reopening will be done after careful consideration, noted Dr. Roussin.

"We look at a number of key factors when making these recommendations, including how the spread of the virus has been controlled, the stability of the health system's capacity, public health capacity and the number of outbreaks in vulnerable settings," he said.

"We will only take additional steps to safely restore services based on this data, as well as on case numbers, testing data and other public health information. Any further changes will be considered based on this data in the coming days and weeks."

# **ÉMMS** staff on parade





PHOTOS BY LORNE STELMACH/VOICE

École Morden Middle School staff organized a parade last Tuesday in an effort to help maintain connection with and show appreciation for their school community. Students and families were encouraged to make signs and bring noisemakers. Joining the fun were members of the Morden Police and the school's mascot Blaze.

# Chamber emphasizes local support at its AGM

By Lorne Stelmach

Small business took the spotlight as the Morden and District Chamber of Commerce went online for its annual general meeting last Thursday.

Chamber officials from both the local and provincial levels as well as Morden Mayor Brandon Burley touched on the importance of supporting local business, especially in a time of crisis.

"Businesses are part of our foundation, and they have an outsized influence on the quality of our lives, on our community growth and our own stability," said Burley.

As the AGM would normally feature the state of the city address, Burley took the opportunity to highlight a few initiatives and priorities for the city.

He touched on such key things as bringing better high speed service options to Morden to having the province lift the freeze on new development because of lagoon capacity, while acknowledging the latter is a short term solution.

Burley also stressed the importance of expanding partnerships with organizations like the chamber.

"The city remains committed to ensuring the success of our business community. We want you to know that we are still, now more than ever, a great place to do business," he said.

"Our community is strong, we support each other, and all the signals are in place to let you know that now is a time for investment, now is a time for growth, now is a time to support each other now more than ever before," said Burley. "Let's get Morden going together in the right direction, because our trajectory is correct."

Outgoing chamber chair Michelle Sawatzky suggested the organization has played a vital role in helping the business community during the pandemic

"I'm very proud of how the Morden chamber has stepped up as a community leader during COVID-19," she said. "We were quick to respond to the crisis, being a trusted source of information and playing a key role as the voice of business."

Sawatzky also offered a message of encouragement for the community to continue to rally behind local businesses.

"When it comes to the City of Morden, local business is what makes our heartbeat, so now more than ever we need to support our locally owned businesses," she said. "These business owners live right here. We know them; they are our friends, they are our family, they are our neighbours.

"So collectively, let's help them get through this very tough time. The difference in how we spend our money is powerful. Every local dollar we spend equals local jobs, local taxes and community growth."

Chuck Davidson, president and CEO of the Manitoba Chambers of Commerce, also addressed the meeting.

"I think what's become apparent over the course of these last two and a half challenging months is really the importance of the chamber network ... really in terms of sharing information, providing programs that we know are going to be important to our members," he suggested.

The organization has strived to look hard at the whole range of federal and provincial programs and supports and offer their analysis.

"We're providing that content out to the chambers and out to your members as well so they have a better understanding as to what they can potentially apply on and what's there for them," said Davidson.

"As these programs are being rolled out, we're able to get almost instantaneous feedback from businesses throughout Manitoba in terms of whether or not the programs are working and then to be able to advocate on your behalf at both the provincial and the federal level to make sure that these programs are in the best interests of business."

In looking back at the past year, financial reports show the Morden chamber came out of 2019 with a surplus of just over \$2,200.

As a result of the pandemic, which is forcing the cancellation of some chamber events, the organization is projecting a shortfall of about \$17,000 for 2020, although they are applying for some federal assistance to help bridge the gap.

### **Applications open for Emergency Community Support Fund**

The Winkler Community Foundation will be overseeing the distribution of \$40,000 made available from the federal government for COV-ID-19 relief.

The foundation put out a call last week for local applications for the new Emergency Community Support Fund.

"This is a major step in the fight Winkler and surrounding area has to wage against COVID-19," said executive director Myra Peters.

"Local community organizations, which have been deeply affected by the crisis, have also been working tirelessly to support those who need it most right now," she said. "We thank the federal government for its commitment and are looking

forward to transfer these funds as quickly as possible to the organizations that are helping the most vulnerable in these difficult times."

The support fund was created by the Government of Canada in partnership with Community Foundations of Canada, United Way Centraide Canada, and the Canadian Red Cross, who will also make their own granting programs available.

The Emergency Community Support Fund is endowed with \$350 million to be distributed across the country.

"Canadian charities and not for profits are always there to help you, in your time of need. But the CO-VID-19 pandemic is bringing real challenges to these important organizations," said Ahmed Hussen, Minister of Families, Children and Social Development. "With this announcement, the Government of Canada will be there for them so they can continue to be there for Canadians."

WCF began accepting applications for funding from qualified organizations last week. Grants can be used for a variety of purposes, including to cover staffing or resource needs, purchase materials or equipment, and more. Funding will be issued on an ongoing basis through the end of July 2020.

For application information, head to communityfoundations.ca/initiatives/emergency-community-support-fund.

### Mikaela Warkentin named Make It a Reality award recipient

By Ashleigh Viveiros

The latest recipient of the Gordon Wiebe Make It A Reality Scholarship not only has all the makings of a future leader, but has already taken the initiative to make her community a better place.

The Winkler Community Foundation presented Garden Valley Collegiate Gr. 12 student Mikaela Warkentin with the \$20,000 award last week.

"Our scholarship committee was impressed with her commitment to serving her community in the RM of Stanley, her resilience and tenacity in navigating barriers, and the leadership that she has shown in her drive to realize her life goals," said scholarships committee chair Corey Hildeb-

"Mikaela is a leader, evidenced by her ability to rally her community of Osterwick around a common cause:

the need for a new outdoor rink ary education is covered. warming shack," he continued, noting the 17-year-old spearheaded a fundraiser to get a new shack built last winter. "She saw not just a problem, but a solution."

That's exactly the kind of drive and spirit the late Gordon Wiebe would have wanted to see in the recipients of the scholarships his bequest of \$2.2 million made possible through the education endowment fund that bears his name, Hildebrand noted.

The ice shack project is just one way Warkentin has stepped up.

"Mikaela continues to give back to her community, spending many hours volunteering on student council, making contributions to the Stanley Agricultural Society, and also by volunteering in her church," Hildebrand said.

For Warkentin, this award is a gamechanger.

"When I got that call I started crying," she recalled." I did not think that I would get it ... I was very surprised and very overjoyed.

The award, which is distributed \$5,000 a year for four years, coupled with other scholarships means Warkentin's first year of post-second-

"It felt kind of like a weight had been lifted off my shoulders a little bit," she said. "For me it means that I can go to university ... I don't have any pressure when it comes to finances.

"This scholarship has really opened a door for me."

Warkentin will take her first-year courses at the University of Manitoba this fall. She plans to pursue studies in science or the arts and is considering becoming a teacher.

"I'm not quite sure yet. I want to leave my doors open in life," she said, noting, however, that she has been inspired by the teachers she's encountered during her time in school and would like to have that kind of impact on the next generation.

Leaving her mark is nothing new for Warkentin, who explained that she gets involved because it's a way to be part of a community.

"In school, I like to be a part of a community ... whether it's in student council or choir or the music council, because I think it's very valuable," she

Her involvement as a teacher with

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### Deacon marks 45 years of service to his church community

By Lorne Stelmach

A Morden church community had a special celebration for a long serving leader last week.

A number of parishioners from St. Thomas Anglican Church stopped by the home of Rev. Deacon Ed Maddock last Thursday.

They wanted to honour Maddock on the occasion of it being 45 years since he was ordained here in Morden.

Restricted in what they could do for a celebration, a small group nevertheless showed up outside his home armed with pots and pans as instruments to show their appreciation for Maddock, who is turning 95 this sum-



mer and still serves at the church.

"Ed has been a big part of it," said Rev. Brian Minaker, who came in 1999 to serve at St. Thomas Anglican. Founded in 1885, the church is the oldest continuously worshipping and serving church in Morden.

Minaker said what has stood out to him about Maddock over the years is "his faithfulness in good times and in lean times. He has been faithful to be there, and I think that's very, very worthy and a testament to his great character.

"I would think that what people have seen in Ed is the love that God has for his people and showing very practical love in sickness and in health."

"Ed has been an inspiration to many," added Rev. Diane Guilford. "I know he has served not just St. Thomas Anglican Church but served many people in this community in a variety of different ways as well as being such a faithful family member.

"I admire his faithfulness, not just in the church but also in the community," she added, noting Maddock only stepped down from the church board earlier this year. "So we're grateful that he moved from Winnipeg when he was a young man. He has a faith that inspires others, so you couldn't ask for anything more."

Maddock simply said that he has al-



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Rev. Diane Guilford with Rev. Deacon Ed Maddock, who marked 45 years of service to his church last week. Left: Parishioners stopped by the 94-year-old's Morden home to help him celebrate the milestone from a safe distance due to COVID-19.

ways gained as much or more as he has given from being involved in the church community.

"I just like doing it and the people that I work with and just being with the general public at the church," he said."I used to go out and visit people

and do some counselling.

"I get a real help all the time ... and I feel like I belong and I'm glad of it," Maddock continued. "I've done it for so many years, and I just enjoy it still. I'll keep going as long as I can."



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# Cousins step up to restore overgrown family cemetery

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By Lorne Stelmach

A long forgotten family cemetery near the village of Reinfeld has been restored thanks to the efforts of two descendants of those laid to rest there.

Cousins Ernie Doell and Henry Wiebe now hope to find others who are connected to the family of Franz Enns to help care for the site now that it has been reclaimed after decades.

"It was totally neglected for years and years," said Doell, who lives in the Carman area and who took on this project this spring alongside Wiebe, who calls Winnipeg home. "The condition of that

cemetery became a concern for us, so we decided as a sign of respect that we should do something about it to restore it." The long forgotten family cemetery south of Reinfeld (which has also been referred to as Nue Rhineland Cemetery) is easy to miss located out in the middle of four quarter sections of land

"As frequently happened in those days ... [Enns'] farmhouse was located right there," explained Doell. "Lacking probably any other place, they started burial sites right beside the yard.

"This thing is land-

"This thing is land-locked out in the middle of a section, has no road access to it, and it has been neglected," he said, noting that "the last known activity that

we see there is somewhere around 1969 somebody put up fence posts."

After first becoming aware of the cemetery a few years ago, Doell and



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The Reinfeld area cemetery before (right) and after (above) cousins Ernie Doell and Henry Wiebe and Winkler's John Goertzen rolled up their sleeves and got to work reclaiming the overgrown site earlier this spring.

Wiebe had hoped to clean it up last fall, but those plans were dashed due to poor weather.

They returned again this spring and realized they had quite a task on their hands.

"The main difficulty with that grave site was it was drifted over with soil and weeds and grass to a depth of approximately a foot and a half to two feet," said Doell. "Some of the headstones were completely buried, some were partly buried."

"Carefully with a backhoe we excavated between the headstones and cleared the excess soil out," he continued." Now we've leveled it all out ... we got the headstones straightened out ... and we planted grass seed, which we hope is going to grow but we've got

no watering system there."

The clean-up included a number of discoveries along the way, including finding one small stone with the name Henry on it.

They originally believed it to be the youngest child of Isaac Enns, one of

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Franz Enns' sons, but after more investigation have come to believe it was the son of Gerhart Enns, a brother to Isaac.

Wiebe and Doell got help on the restoration project from the Winkler Heritage Society's John Goertzen.

Goertzen not only assisted with the heavy work but also with cleaning and detailing the headstones, of which there are about two dozen in total.



Also involved was the society's Joanne Bergen, who is rounding up the life stories of people buried in local cemeteries for the Stones and Stories project.

That information could come in handy, Doell noted, as they are not only looking for more stories related to the family's history but also for people with ties to those laid to rest at the cemetery to get involved with the site.

"We are also looking for interested people to help maintain this maybe on an annual basis," he said. "It needs to get mowed at least once a year, or twice."

The land is rented out for farming by its owner, which means the site can only be accessed outside of the crop season either earlier in spring or later in the fall.

"We're searching for people who would most likely be descendants of this family who would show some interest and maybe volunteer to do some maintenance," said Doell, adding if there was enough interest perhaps a small committee

could be established to oversee it.

"The interest should be wider spread than just the two of us. We know there are Ennses right around in the area."

Whatever comes of the appeal for help, Doell said he's glad to have been able to do his small part for his ancestors

"We really did enjoy it," he said.
"Our primary motive of course was
to restore some respect to these individuals who are buried there."

To get involved or for more information, contact Ernie Doell at 204-750-1606 or Henry Wiebe at 204-612-2898.



A back hoe was used to dig up decades of overgrowth and carefully uncover buried tombstones. Some simple markers included nothing more than a first name and a date.

### THE FEAR THAT FREEZES

A few years ago, we were spending a weekend at the Mall of America where one attraction was called the "Flying Dutchman Rope Course". After buying your ticket, you climb stairs into the rafter area and walk along narrow beams, cables, and suspended timbers, all this done with a safety harness and secure tether. The tethers are short and follow your activity sliding along a safety rail. The worse thing that could possibly happen would be a misstep and a fall of perhaps 1-2 feet. My 4 boys bought tickets and it was not long until I looked up and noticed that one of my boys was frozen. He could not move. Fully supported and safe with the harness and yet fear overtook him and he was stuck. Shaking, afraid to move even one inch, sweating palms - succumbed to the fear of heights. The fear of heights is one thing. The fear of man is another. Proverbs 29:25 tells us "The fear of man, it brings a snare". I think of all the blessings that I have received since the day I trusted Christ as my Saviour. I have fellowship with the God of Heaven. I have the knowledge of sins forgiven. I have inherited all things co-equal with Christ. I experience Peace that Passes all Understanding. There awaits me an eternal home in Heaven, and I could go on and expire this article. I've been commanded to tell the whole world of Gods great FREE offer of Salvation and yet as I try to open my mouth I freeze. I go out with good intentions, but I fear my reputation, a sneer in the workplace, a sideways glance and mocking laugh. Shaking, afraid to move, sweating palms - I've succumbed to the fear of man. Then I'm reminded in 1 Jn 4:18 that "There is no fear in Love, for Perfect love casts out fear" and told in Psalm 118:6 "The LORD is on my side, I will not fear what man can do to me", then reaffirmed in 2 Tim 1:7 that "God has not given us a Spirit of Fear, but of Power and of Love.." Christian, let me encourage you. We live in uncertain days and the Lord's return appears soon. We have the worlds greatest message of God's Salvation, and it must be told. Your safety harness is Isaiah 41:10 . Fear thou not; for I am with thee: be not dismayed; for I am thy God: I will strengthen thee; yea, I will help thee; yea, I will uphold thee with the right hand of my righteousness. Ron Burley www.sermon4u.com

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her church's Sunday School program allows her to pass on the investment her own religious mentors made in her life, Warkentin added.

Likewise, helping out with the Stanley Ag. Society's annual exhibition was her way of making an event she loves the best it could be.

"I want to make an event as fun as I can for everybody," Warkentin said. "If you add the extra drive into it, it's always better."



### > POLICE, FROM PG. 5

Police report that the male drove away but then shortly afterward approached the female on foot and proceeded to assault her in a sexual nature before she managed to escape and run away.

Police later learned of two additional incidents involving a male and vehicle with a matching description.

The first incident involved a man driving erratically, forcing a lone female driver to come to a stop in her vehicle.

The male was wearing a COVID-like mask. While speaking with the female he reached into her vehicle, at which time she drove away.

The second incident involved a male driving erratically while following another lone female driver. The woman continued to drive throughout the city until he stopped following her.

Police located a suspect after viewing video surveillance. He was arrested regarding the first two incidents and charged with sexual assault, criminal harassment, assault, mischief over \$5,000, and disguised with intent to commit an offence.

The man, whose name police have not released, was later released on an undertaking.



### AGRICULTURE

# Top ten things to note at seeding

By Autumn Barnes

The more details noted at seeding time, the more information farmers and agronomists have on hand for future decision making and problem solving.

Here are our Top 10:

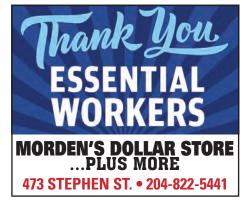
Hybrid name and lot number

Keep a record of hybrid names and seed lots. Keep small samples of all lots in a cool, dry place. Put a minimum 500 ml (two cups) from each seed lot into a seed lab bag. Keep the blue seed tag.

Seed weight for each seed lot

Plug this into the Seeding Rate Calculator at canolacalculator.ca along with estimated emergence percentage to figure out an appropriate seed-





ing rate to hit each target plant density. Seed size will directly influence the seeding rate required to hit the target stand of five to eight plants per square foot. If you don't know the farm's typical emergence percentage, use the industry norm of 50-60 per cent.

### Seeding rate

Keep track of the seeding rate in lb./ ac. for each field. Plug that into the Emergence Calculator at canolacalculator.ca along with seed weight and plant density counts (after the two- to four-leaf stage) to figure out the emergence percentage. We'd like canola growers to work towards 75 per cent emergence or better in the long term.

### Soil temperature

Record the soil temperature at the time of seeding. Cold soils (<5°C) at seeding, and for two weeks following, can increase mortality by 10 to 20 per cent. But given the yield benefit of early seeding, soil temperature of 4°C or 5°C is a reasonable starting point. Recording soil temperature can help when sleuthing potential emergence

### **SUPPLIED PHOTO**

Seeding depth, speed, and packing pressure are just a few of the details producers are advised to record during seeding time.



issues, and can be a useful reference if emergence is very strong.

#### Soil moisture

Note the moisture situation (excess, good, average, dry, etc.) in the seed bed at various locations in the field, including hilltops and lower areas. Soil moisture can influence decisions about seeding depth and whether to

seed at all in very moist conditions. Openers that are caked in mud and smear through the seed bed will lead to compromised seed placement.

Seeding date and time Record the date and also the time of day that each crop was seeded. Com-

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Joanne Bergen is back at work at the Winkler Heritage Museum, which opened its doors May 19 for the first time in weeks. Bergen says the downtime was spent working on the society's Stones and Stories project (which matches life stories to the names of people buried in local cemeteries) and preparing for reopening. COVID-19 safety measures are in place at the Southland Mall museum, which is open Tuesday to Friday from noon to 4 p.m. and Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Bergen hopes they'll be able to expand their hours to Thursday evenings as well in the near future as pandemic restrictions ease further. As always, volunteers are needed. Stop by the museum to learn how you can help.

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## CFDC cuts staff amidst pandemic financial woes

By Lorne Stelmach

It won't be back to business as usual at the Canadian Fossil Discovery Centre in the foreseeable future.

The closure of the museum due to the COVID-19 pandemic has led the facility's board of directors to terminate all staff save executive director Adolfo Cuetara.

The projected loss in revenue this year due to cancelled programs and low attendance led to the difficult decision to eliminate the museum's full-time curator and office manager positions in addition to several part-time positions.

In dealing with the impact of COVID-19, board chairperson Chris Leach said they had to assess "what the necessities are for us to continue operation, anticipating that we are going to have to continue to maintain certain provisions that we will need to address.

"As a consequence, we are clear the staffing levels that we had are too many staff for what we need to deliver the services that we have now," he said. "With reduced revenues, we have to be quite streamlined in the process of what we have to do."

Although the province has cleared the way for facilities like museums to reopen, the CFDC is still looking at a very different summer—normally its busiest season thanks to dig tours and other programming—than usual.

"We are looking at how we can fill the staffing require-

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ments in this changed environment," said Leach. "Whether or not [staff] will be able to be rehired will depend on whatever we are able to deem to be the new plan for the new normal once things start to stabilize

"We were doing okay beforehand, but we likely had more staff than was necessary for us to carry on an operation that works effectively."

Leach said they have been in consultation with the other signature museums in the province and they have all pretty much had to follow similar courses of action, but he noted the situation continues to evolve, and they are also making some contingency plans.

"In terms of the science and the research,

there now is a paleontologist at the University of Manitoba who is quite prepared to work in co-operation with the museum and utilizing the resources of the university and the students there," he noted.

"None of this has been finalized; we are still trying to work our way through it all,"he continued. "We're really exploring all the operations we want to continue to have ... and it also is providing us the opportunity of making the actual museum a better place to come and visit."

The museum announced on Monday that it will reopen to the general public on June 1, though its children's activity room will remain closed for now.

### > TOP 10, FROM PG. 13

paring seeding dates, and cross referencing that with soil temperature and moisture conditions, can help determine future decisions with regard to ideal time of seeding and management steps that could be taken to reduce risks for early seeding. Time of day can sort out field order, which can be useful to determine when an equipment problem first occurred.

### Drill performance

Especially seeding depth, seeding speed and packing pressure. Check runs across the drill to see if you have any issues with placement and depth and rates row to row. The canolaencyclopedia.ca has tips on "in-field inspection" in the Equipment Management chapter of the Plant Establishment section.

### Weed pressure

Make a few notes about weeds in the field at the time of seeding. Include weeds per square foot, the most common three species present, and note their size/staging. With a pre-seed burnoff application, these notes will help describe the quality of the job and what weeds seem to have escaped. If pre-seed burnoff was not applied, use this information to assess the efficacy of post-emergence on these larger

weeds.

### Fertilizer blend, rates, placement

Note the product, rate and placement location of all fertilizers applied at the time of seeding. As a test of seed-placed fertilizer and its effect on canola emergence, turn off the seed-placed fertilizer for 50 to 100 feet and mark that spot. Check back regularly. If the non-fertilized area looks better, then the fertilizer had a negative impact and changes should be considered for future years.

### Problem areas in the field

Write down any other observations that may be useful later, including saline patches, gopher holes, etc.

All of this information will help provide insight to canola growers and agronomists who are trying to assess and improve plant establishment.

For tips on what to look for with post-emergence scouting, read "Start scouting 7 to 21 days after seeding" at canolawatch.org.

-Autumn Barnes is an agronomy specialist with the Canola Council of Canada

## Morden Police constable complement back at 13

By Lorne Stelmach

The Morden Police Service is back to a full complement with the hiring of a new officer last week.

Cst. Steven Prentice will bring the department back to 13 constables in addition to two sergeants and the chief of police.

The hiring of the Brandon native fills a position that has been vacant since the retirement of Sgt. Brent Menzies and the subsequent promotion of Cst. Chris Flook to sergeant.

"That was from 2017, so we're just getting around now to getting approval to hire a new constable," said Chief Brad Neduzak.

Finally filling the position now allows the department to look ahead to the possible creation of an inspector position that ideally would be filled from within its own ranks.

"This is kind of a first step to that, and it needed to happen before an inspector position is approved," said Neduzak, explaining an inspector would be "taking on more advanced administrative responsibilities.

"Other than the sergeants, who are doing more supervision of the members, this inspector position would be more administrative, looking after policy and procedures and planning, budgeting and those sorts of things.

"Our numbers are pretty good now, so we would remain at 13," Neduzak noted."If we were approved for the inspector position down the road we would have to take a look at our situation, our staffing levels, our workload requirements, and then make a decision whether we rehire that constable position or go along with the 12 con-

Prentice comes to the Morden Police Service after working with Manitoba Corrections for the past 10 years. He has extensive experience within corrections including as part of their emergency response unit as well as in supervisory and management roles.

"He's got some good credentials on his resume, and we thought he was an excellent fit for our organization," said

Prentice started his police training at the Saskatchewan Police College in January and is completing field training in Morden over the summer before returning to the college in fall for graduation.

"It's been a long road with the training ... with COVID-19, there's been a lot of disruptions. The training was on, then it was off, and it was on again ... there was a lot of unknowns throughout," Neduzak said.

"We're glad he finally made it through this portion," he added. "He normally would have graduated at the end of May, but just due to the circumstances, all the recruits will have to go back in the fall to complete a couple courses in order to graduate then.

"In the meantime, they're all doing their field training back at their respective services ... so he'll get some



Cst. Steven Prentice steps into the Morden constable position that has been vacant for the past three years.

good experience over the summer months when things start to pick up."

### "Treat yourself with the dignity and respect that you deserve"

### Working Towards Parity speakers share their stories of overcoming poor self-image

By Ashleigh Viveiros

Two speakers shared their struggles with self-image and self-esteem as part of the latest Working Towards Parity—Women Speaking Up event last

The speaker series, which has moved online in recent months, heard from Lexie Elias and Steph Klassen May 21 on the topic of selfconfidence.

"Growing up, I often found myself comparing my body to the other girls around me," shared Elias. "I never thought I was thin enough. My skin was too dark compared to others. My nose was too big. I was very confident in my physical capabilities, but when it came to my attributes I was definitely not very confident."

Though athletic as a child, an injury put Elias on the sidelines and she steadily gained weight through her teen and young adult years, further worsening how she saw herself.

But Elias' view of her body and what it was capable of changed significantly when she discovered the sport of powerlifting.

"With the aid of two coaches, I was able physically become stronger than I ever thought was possible," she said.

Over the past five years, Elias has competed at numerous national events and even represented Team Canada at the Commonwealth Games last fall in Newfoundland.

"Powerlifting has changed my life in ways that I never even imagined," she said."My entire adult life I have been overweight. It used to bother me but, to be honest, it rarely does anymore. I've come to terms with what this powerhouse can do."

Demonstrating that strength in front of the supportive powerlifting community has empowered Elias to see herself in a new way.

"Your body does not define you. Your body is a gift, and it allows you to move. It allows you to breathe. And sometimes it even allow you to give

"Whether you're a size two or a size 22, your body deserves to be loved. Treat yourself with the dignity and respect that you deserve," Elias stressed.

"So the next time you catch your-

self saying something negative about yourself, try and remember this: flip the switch and make it an affirmation instead of an insult. Find something within you to make yourself feel strong enough to overpower those negative words.

"We are our biggest critics, and it's time we learn to put an end to the criticism."

Next up, Klassen shared her experiences growing up with Type 1 Diabetes and, as an adult, living with a skin condition called Acne Conglobata.

The latter condition reared its head during a pregnancy that tragically ended in a miscarriage.

"That was another nail in the coffin for me when it came to my body," Klassen shared. "I felt like my body had failed me."

The severe, scarring facial acne returned a few years later after the birth of her youngest son.

"This was a super traumatic experience for me," Klassen said. "It's hard to even put into words the pain that I felt during this time, not just physically but mentally, emotionally. It was hard to go anywhere.

"It took about a month, six weeks into it, and I decided that this was either going to make me or break me."

Klassen threw herself into self-improvement projects, continuing to work out regularly and also striving to come up with positive affirmations about herself each and every day to counter the negative emotions the shame about her acne fueled.

"I started to notice a change in myself," she said. "I decided I didn't owe anyone an explanation for why I looked the way I did. My face was something that I couldn't hide."

She started documenting her journey on social media and quickly found that she was not alone, both in struggling with self-image and in dealing with this condition.

"Sharing has been one of the most healing things for me," Klassen said.

"I still have days I look in the mirror and I see all the scarring on my face and I feel like people are always looking at me, judging me because of my scars, but then I remember I don't have to explain this to anyone," she said. "I know where I've been, I know what I've been through, and it's made me a stronger person. I'm really grateful for that.'

The next webinar is scheduled for June 18 and is called "Adjust, Adapt, and Thrive." Register through the Winkler chamber or check out the Working Towards Parity—Women Speaking Up Facebook page for more information.

"WHETHER YOU'RE A SIZE 2 OR 22, YOUR **BODY DESERVES TO BE** LOVED."

## Morden Pride planning modified June activities

By Lorne Stelmach

Organizers behind Morden Pride had been looking forward to building on the momentum from a successful inaugural parade last year.

Despite their recent decision to can-

cel the June 27 rally and march due to concerns around ongoing pandemic restrictions, the group is still anxious to find ways to keep moving forward.

"We were really looking forward to this year's parade ... but we're excited about other initiatives," said spokes-

ndue to person April Neufeld.

"It really wasn't easy for us ... nobody was happy about it, but we did

body was happy about it, but we did recognize that it was the right thing to do at this time," Neufeld said of the decision to cancel. "We had consid-

ered postponing the event indefinitely, but at some point we said we have to make a decision. We have to be able to free up our resources and our mental energy to focus on other options that we have in mind."

Neufeld said they had been excited about the response to the inaugural event last summer, which

drew hundreds of members and supporters of the LGBTQ+ community.

"It was encouraging. It started off the whole official organization of Morden Pride, and it had left us hopeful for this year."

With that in mind, Neufeld said

they are considering a few ideas to mark June as Pride month with a weekly event or community outreach of some form.

Details were still being finalized at press time, but the group were eyeing

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June 6 as the day to raise the Pride flag locally.

Other Saturdays could include a community Pride art wall display and a car parade.

"We want people to know that we are still here. We haven't gone away," Neufeld said. "We especially want people who identify

as LGBTQ+ to know that they have support, and we are working on making a safe community for them."

Check out Morden Pride on Facebook to stay up-to-date on upcoming events.



### Decor Charities Classic cancelled due to COVID-19

Organizers looking for a new way to raise funds in 2020

**Bv Lorne Stelmach** 

The Decor Charities Classic had its best tally ever in its 16th year in 2019, but the fundraising golf tournament won't have the chance to top it in 2020.

The event had been scheduled for Aug. 6 at the Minnewasta Golf and Country Club, but continued public health restrictions led organizers recently to decide to shelve it for this year.

"Golf is still possible ... but anything outside of that is not," said tournament chairperson Dave Schellenberg, noting it would be too difficult to not have people massing in close proximity, even just for registration, and the event's banquet would be a no-go.

Despite making the decision to cancel the tournament, however, organizers are still working on plans to do something that can take its place in order to continue to support Youth for

Christ Morden, the Pembina Counselling Centre and the Pembina Valley Pregnancy Care Centre.

"We're not sure exactly what it is going to look like," said Schellenberg. "We still want to find some creative way of raising money for the charities because they rely heavily on the money from the tournament."

Many of the tournament's sponsors are still very much on board, Schellenberg noted.

"We've heard from a few of our suppliers already that they're still going to sponsor, still give the money," he said. "One of our biggest donors out of Quebec, they're a lumber supplier, they're still going to give the money and we're still going to match it 50 per cent."

The tournament last year raised a record total of \$97,000, bringing the tally to \$1.2 million since its inception.

Updates on the new plans for 2020 can be found at decorcharityclassic.

### Alcohol a factor in one-third of fatal crashes: MPI

For the first four months of 2020, alcohol was involved in nearly one third of the 16 fatal crashes on Manitoba's public roadways, according to Manitoba Public Insurance.

"Consuming alcohol and driving is not only illegal, but it's also a potentially fatal combination as the statistics reflect," said Satvir Jatana, vice-president of employee and community engagement. "Alcohol-related deaths are preventable. And with the

news of these concerning numbers, there's no better time for Manitobans to focus on road safety than Canada Road Safety Week (May 12-18).

"This annual awareness campaign focuses on behaviours that put drivers, passengers and other road users most at risk: distracted driving, impaired driving, non-seatbelt use, speeding and incidents involving vulnerable road users."

The data for the first four months in

2020 shows:

- There were 16 fatal crashes on Manitoba's public roadways resulting in 17 people killed. In comparison, 2010-2019 saw an average of 17 fatal crashes and 19 people killed during the first quarter of the year.
- There were two pedestrians killed in the first four months of 2020, compared to six pedestrians killed in the same period of 2019.
- Although pedestrian fatalities have

decreased in the first four months of 2020, Off-Road Vehicle (ORV) fatalities have increased. There were seven ORV fatalities at the start of 2020, compared to one in the same period of 2019. The five year (2014-2018) average for this time of the year is four.

• Of the 17 people killed in the first quarter of 2020, at least five were alcohol related, and at least two did not wear seatbelt.

### Registration opens for Morden summer day camps for kids

By Lorne Stelmach

The City of Morden is going ahead with its program of summer day camps and swimming lessons.

There will be a range of protocols in place to ensure the safety of both children and staff, stressed recreation programmer Stephanie Dueck.

"The Manitoba government included day camps as something that could go ahead with some adjustments," she said, noting that includes size restrictions and other precautions. "Our activities will try to ensure distancing while also making sure each child has their own cup and materials, so there's no sharing of markers and that kind of thing.

"We will be doing everything that we can to make sure all our materials are sanitized, and we're making sure that we're washing our hands frequently ... all the guidelines that we have been given."

Other than the popular Park Days in Morden Park, the location of the other camps remain up in the air at this point.

"The location is kind of pending on the Access Event Centre being open for some of these," Dueck said. "We'll come up with alternate locations for the others if the centre isn't open.

"There is the potential the [event] centre will be open just for camps and not open to the public," she noted.

The schedule includes Sports Camp July 6-10, Around the World July 13-17, Park Days July 20-24, Discovery Week July 27-31, Kids Camp and Chemistry Camp Aug. 4-7, Sports Camp and Taekwondo Camp Aug. 10-14, and one final round of Park Days Aug. 17-21. Swimming lessons run July 6-17, July 20-31, and Aug. 4-14.

Registration information is available online at mymorden.ca/recreation.



Registration is now open for the City of Morden's summer camps for kids, which will follow all provincial COVID-19 guidelines to keep participants safe.

"We're hopeful it will get a good response. I know there's a lot less available for people this summer ... and they may be looking for other things to do," suggested Dueck. "It's hard to say. There's also some who might

prefer to keep kids at home with still having potential for spreading of the

"It's our hope to keep everyone safe but also to have some fun this sum-

# Spring is a good time for pocket gopher control

By Richard Warkentin, Stanley **Soil Management Association** 

Pocket gopher mounds, commonly referred to as "mole hills," are again cropping up all over the countryside.

They may be a nuisance to many people, but to forage producers they can be a major problem. Manitoba Agriculture estimates that pocket gophers are responsible for losses of \$15-22 million to producers every year. These losses are due to reduced alfalfa yields, reduced quality, and damage to machinery.

Pocket gophers are especially prevalent in pasture and alfalfa fields where they kill plants by eating the

roots. The pocket gopher also builds extensive burrow systems which may extend up to 800 feet. The soil excavated from these burrows is pushed up to the surface and forms mounds. These mounds can suffocate plants above ground as well as cause damage to farm machinery

Effective pocket gopher control requires some knowledge of their life cycle and habits. They are mostly solitary rodents with one animal per burrowing system, except in the spring when females are raising their young. There is one litter of four to six during late May or June. They do not hibernate, but stay active all winter.

There are several control methods

that are effective:

1. A "Gopher Getter" is a machine that makes an artificial burrow beneath the soil surface and drops bait into the burrow. These artificial burrows are cut at 20-25 feet intervals, intercepting and connecting natural burrows. The pocket gopher's curiosity and territorial nature leads it to explore the artificial burrow, which leads it to the bait.

2. Trapping is labour-intensive, but effective, especially in smaller areas. The box traps work best when they are set up in newly-formed mounds.

Stanley Soil Management Association (SSMA) has been promoting pocket gopher control for several years with a lot of success. We have a tractor-drawn Gopher Getter and a hand-held bait dispenser available at a nominal fee.

This year, the R.M. of Stanley has a Pocket Gopher Program where they are offering a bounty of \$1 for all gophers trapped in the municipality. For more information, call the R.M. of Stanley office at 204 325-4101.

## **Open Farm Day cancelled**

The Stanley Soil Man-

agement **Association** urges landowners to consider using box traps or a Gopher Getter machine to catch pesky gophers this spring.

COVID-19 has forced organizers of Manitoba's Open Farm Day 2020 to pull the plug.

For the past 10 years, the event has given thousands of people the opportunity to experience the agricultural industry by visiting farms and other agricultural sites around the province.

However, due to ongoing physical distancing requirements during the pandemic, the Manitoba Association of Agricultural Societies has announced it can not go ahead with this year's Farm Day, which was scheduled for Sept. 20.

"Our first priority has always been the safety and health of the people

involved, including host sites, invited guests, and the public," said MAAS president Dawn Morin and MAAS executive director Marlene Baskerville in a statement.

"Through conversation with Manitoba Agriculture and Resource Development, the difficult decision to cancel the 2020 Open Farm Day was reached in order to continue to put the safety and health of all participating as our first priority."

Organizers will now turn their attention to planning Open Farm Day 2021. Details will be posted online at openfarmdav.ca.

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### **NOTICE OF SPECIAL MEETING** MEMBERS OF ACCESS CREDIT UNION LIMITED (the "Credit Union") TO: ALL MEMBERS OF THE CREDIT UNION

PURSUANT to the powers enumerated by the Province of Manitoba set out in Section 10(1) and 10(2) of the Emergency Measures Act, the Province of Manitoba has temporarily suspended meeting provisions for credit unions and introduced measures allowing for electronic attendance, delivery of notices, and voting by other means.

TAKE NOTICE THAT a special meeting of the Members of the Credit Union will be held at 7:00 PM CDT on Thursday, the 25th day of June, 2020, via teleconference, for the purpose of announcing the results of the member vote on the proposed Special Resolution for the amalgamation of the Credit Union with Crosstown Civic Credit Union Limited. All members wanting to participate in the special meeting are required to pre-register by calling 1 800 264 2926

The Amalgamation Agreement, proposed by-laws and information package will be available for pickup at any branch of the Credit Union or may be requested by calling 1.800.264.2926. Questions from members regarding the amalgamation should be submitted to together@accesscu.ca or by calling 1.800.264.2926 as voting will end prior to the beginning of the Meeting.

### VOTING

TAKE FURTHER NOTICE THAT Voting on the Special Resolution prior to the Meeting will be by electronic ballot and will be tallied electronically by a third party provider at www.accessvotes.ca. Voting will be open from 8:30 AM CDT on June 23rd until 6:00 PM CDT on the day of the Meeting. Each member may vote on a personal electronic device or should any member prefer, computers/tablets for the purpose of voting will be available at all branches of the Credit Union during operating hours. Voting will end at 6:00 PM CDT, prior to the beginning of the Meeting, with no further votes to be cast at the Meeting.

### PROPOSED SPECIAL RESOLUTION

WHEREAS the Board of Directors of the Credit Union has recommended that the Credit Union amalgamate with Crosstown Civic Credit Union Limited ("CCCU") in accordance with the provisions of Amalgamation Agreement made between the Credit Union and CCCU, dated May 20, 2020 (the "Amalgamation Agreement");

AND WHEREAS it is in the Credit Union's best interests to enter into the Amalgamation Agreement and to amalgamate with CCCU on the terms and conditions set out therein;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED AS A SPECIAL RESOLUTION OF THE CREDIT

- The execution of the Amalgamation Agreement by the Credit Union be and it is hereby ratified and confirmed;
- 2. The amalgamation of the Credit Union with CCCU on the terms and conditions

### **SUMMARY OF AMALGAMATION AGREEMENT**

An Amalgamation Agreement, dated May 20, 2020, has been approved by the Boards of Directors of the Credit Union and CCCU. The agreement provides for the amalgamation of the Credit Union and CCCU into one credit union, to be effective on January 1st, 2021 The credit union resulting from the amalgamation will be called Access Credit Union Limited and will have its registered office in RM of Stanley, Manitoba.

Following amalgamation, all members of the Credit Union and CCCU will be members of the amalgamated credit union and all deposits and shares of or loans owing to either of the predecessor credit unions will be deposits or shares of or loans owing to the amalgamated credit union. The common shares and surplus shares of each of the Credit Union and CCCU will become the common shares and surplus shares of the amalgamated credit union on a one for one basis

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### RIGHT OF DISSENT

TAKE FURTHER NOTICE THAT, under the provisions of Section 127 of The Credit Unions and Caisses Populaires Act, you have the right to dissent to the proposed amalgamation. If you wish to dissent, you must send a written objection to the amalgamation to the Credit Union at or before the meeting of Members referred to in this Notice.

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### AUCTION

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### OBITUARY



### **Margaret Elizabeth** (nee Russell) Tweedie

In loving memory of Margaret Tweedie, age 93 who was promoted to glory peacefully at Rock Lake Personal Care Home in Pilot Mound, MB on May 15th, 2020.

Margaret was predeceased by her husband Robert (Bob) Tweedie who died in September of 1982. She is survived by her children: Graeme Tweedie (Anne) of Halifax, NS, Marilyn Kinsman (Harvey) of Morden, MB and Janet Tweedie of Grand Marais, MB.; four grandchildren: Drew Kinsman of Brandon, Mitchell Kinsman of Winnipeg, Erin Foster (Greg) and Allison Tweedie both of Halifax, NS and two great-grandchildren: Audrey and Henry Foster.

Margaret was born in Lethbridge, AB on June 13, 1926. After completing her schooling she moved to Winnipeg where she

trained as an RN at the Grace General Hospital. She graduated in 1950 and was married later that same year. Margaret and Bob remained in Winnipeg living in the St. James and Westwood areas to raise their young family. She also worked at the Deer Lodge Hospital during that time. They were both active members of the Salvation Army, worshiping at the St James Corps. In 1963 the family moved to La Riviere, MB and later to Pilot Mound, MB in 1971. She worked for many years as a nurse at the Pilot Mound Hospital: finishing up her career at the Rock Lake Personal Care Home. Upon retirement in 1988 Margaret moved to Winnipeg and remained there until 2013 when she moved to the Legion House in Morden, MB. In 2017 Margaret moved back as a resident to Rock Lake Personal Care Home where she lived comfortably with her favourite roommate, her TV (actual quote from Mom), maintaining her sharp mind by completing the crossword puzzle daily. Special thanks to the excellent caregivers there, making her final years the best they could be.

In accordance with Margaret's wishes, her ashes will be interred at the Greenwood Cemetery in Pilot Mound alongside Bob at a later date.

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