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# Sharing Christmas cheer with the world

Operation Christmas Child regional coordinator Andrea Zammit and her fellow volunteers were hard at work last week rounding up over 5,000 shoeboxes full of gifts for shipment to children around the world. For the full story, see Pg. 3.

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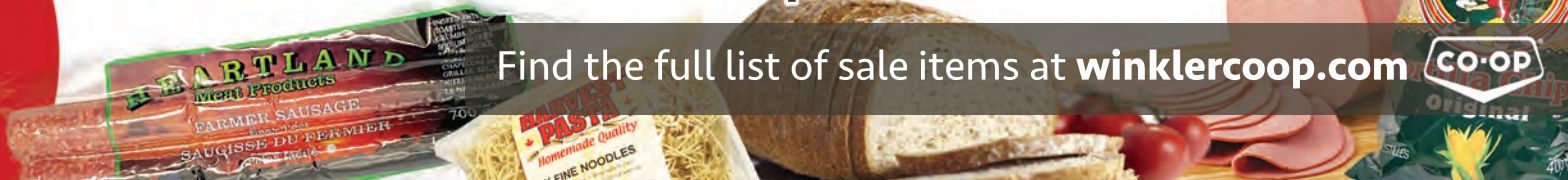
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# Operation Christmas Child collects 5,000 boxes

By Ashleigh Viveiros

Southern Manitoba came through for Operation Christmas Child in a big way last week.

At press time at the start of the week, the local Samaritan's Purse campaign was on track to exceed 5,000 shoeboxes.

That's only a few hundred shy of what the region did last year, and was certainly enough to

put a big smile on the face of rookie regional coordinator Andrea Zammit.

"I'm very pleased with that," she said on Monday, noting she was concerned pandemic restrictions would put a greater dent in donations than it did.

While some shoebox-fillers did struggle to get their shopping done and a few at-risk community groups had to bow out from packing as many boxes as they might normally, overall the campaign went off without too many hitches, Zammit said, with countless individuals, families, church groups, and entire communities stepping up to get as many gifts as possible into the hands of children in need around the world.

Plum Coulee, which always contributes an impressive amount considering its size, hit 1,252 boxes this year. Zammit noted that number doesn't include the Coulee residents who might have dropped off their shoeboxes at the collection site in Winkler directly.

Add those in and, "I think this might be their best year," she said.

Shoeboxes poured into the depot at Gospel Mission Church from all corners of the region last week, leaving Zammit humbled by the outpouring of support.

"People really went with the flow. They adjusted to the new [drop-off week] location, the new person in charge, all the COVID re-



Local volunteers at work packing up thousands of shoeboxes for Samaritan's Purse.

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## Manitoba's active COVID cases hits 8,498

Morden-Winkler-Stanley cases at 133 on Monday—up 56 cases in seven days

By Ashleigh Viveiros

As Manitobans adjust to the increased COVID-19 restrictions rolled out last week, our province's case numbers continue to grow.

Public health officials announced 546 new cases on Monday to bring the total number of lab-confirmed cases in Manitoba to 14,087. That's an increase of 2,748 cases in one week.

At press time, Manitoba had 8,498 active cases of the virus and 5,353 recoveries. There were 296 people in hospital, 52 in intensive care.

Our five-day COVID-19 test positivity rate was 14 per cent.

Officials announced seven additional deaths Monday, bringing the province's death toll to 236.

"[In] just 23 days we've had 161 deaths related to COVID-19. It might be easier to just think of these as numbers, but we all know these are Manitobans, these are people who were loved, who are missed," said Dr. Brent Roussin, chief provincial public health officer. "If we think about all of these deaths, consider how many Manitobans are affected by this. How

many loved ones, family, friends are missing these people now."

Last Friday, the province introduced additional pandemic restrictions in a bid to slow the spread of the virus, including prohibiting Manitobans from hosting non-essential guests in their homes, limiting public gathering sizes to five people both inside and outside, and shutting down the sale of all non-essential items in stores (online and phone sales of non-essential items are allowed for delivery and pick up).

It will be some time before the effects of these restrictions are fully felt, but Roussin did share a cautious note of optimism.

"We have fewer numbers of contacts per case right now, which can certainly be an early indicator that our restrictions are having their intended benefit," he said.

"Again, the message right now at this critical point is to stay home," Roussin stressed. "We all just need to stay home as much as possible."

Manitoba's health-care system is under serious strain right now, he added, and only by stopping the upward trend in cases will we be able al-

leviate that strain.

"We see our health-care system, it's being pushed right to its capacity right now, and we can't expect the number of cases we're seeing right now and the number of deaths we have to report every day as our norm. We have to do better."

Shared Health chief nursing officer Lanette Siragusa noted that 96 of Manitoba's 103 ICU beds were full on Monday, more than half with COVID-19 patients. Forty-three of the 79 people on ventilators at the start of the week were COVID-positive.

Siragusa pointed out that the COVID patients represent all ages.

"While many people envision the elderly in our hospitals, and they certainly are there, specifically in our ICU, we also do have young children,

teenagers, and a number of people in their 20s and 30s," she said. "We are all susceptible to this virus and we need all need to be diligent and careful during these times."

Winkler-Morden-Stanley's active case count jumped from 77 a week ago to 133 on Monday (Winkler leading the way with 85 cases, Morden at 36, and Stanley at 12). Elsewhere in the region, Carman was at 14 active cases, Altona had 65, Morris is at 19, and Lorne/Louise/Pembina area is at 18 active cases.

Cases of COVID-19 have been reported at a number of local facilities, including Tabor Home (a staff member), Salem Home (also staff members), and Buhler Active Living Centre as well as in numerous schools in Winkler, Morden, and Schanzenfeld.

## Morden mayor tests positive for COVID-19

By Lorne Stelmach

The mayor of Morden announced this week that he has tested positive for COVID-19.

Brandon Burley shared the news on social media while also using the opportunity to make a plea to the community to keep up its efforts to combat the spread of the novel coronavirus.

"For anyone who says 'COVID is just a cold, I can confirm it's not, in no way whatsoever,'" Burley wrote in the message posted Monday.

"Tests came back positive in our house, and I feel like I'm dead or dying 23 hours a day. Take this serious folks," he said, adding his entire fam-

ily is now in quarantine. "Don't worry, you won't see us before it's safe."

Burley has used social media to urge people to do their part in protecting the community and particular the elderly and vulnerable.

"By working together we can ensure that we end the province-wide lockdown as quickly as possible," he wrote in one previous post.

"And, remember, lockdown isn't easy for most people, so show empathy, reach out to those who are alone, and do your part to bring some hope to those around you."

Burley could not be reached for further comment as of press time.

### ENTERING IN

He was seventeen when Nancy's dad left the small west coast farm to enlist for the war. Adventure and the sense that "it was the right thing to do" found him on a supply ship, and eventually a Corvette patrolling the waters of the great Atlantic. Leaving behind his sisters and widowed mother, he never anticipated what he was about to experience. The exposure for a then young boy was overwhelming as he witnessed things that the innocence of youth should never see. He talked about it when you asked him, but he seemed to pull back when the dreads of war got too vivid. Maybe when he exposed his heart and deep emotion, he risked that others may not fully appreciate that depth of trauma and pain. How could anyone fully appreciate it unless they were there? He came to visit us in Calgary for a couple of weeks and one evening we took him to visit an elderly friend for tea. Mrs. Milroy had been a nurse in England during the war and eventually the conversation came around to those times. Within seconds they realized that she had nursed at the same hospital and likely the same floor and ward where he visited his closest comrade who had lost his leg from a mortar blast. Immediately he burst into tears. Finally, someone who could "enter in" and understand the pain and trauma that laid at the depths of his being. Someone who had heard the same sounds and smelled and tasted the same sulphur air. There was something about that evening that made us increasingly thankful for those who risked and lost lives so that we could know the freedom we enjoy today. It was in later years that Dad travelled to Europe to remember the now famous beaches and hillsides where battles forged freedom for countries and nations. Considering this, my mind cannot help but think of a hill called Calvary where a battle was fought, not for nations and countries, but a battle to free and redeem eternal souls. This was one singular final battle that conquered for all of mankind, the victory that we so desperately needed over sin, hell, and the grave. Christ's cry from that cross, "It is Finished", completed the work necessary to forgive all of mankind's sin and provide a way to eternal life. 1 Peter 2:24 reminds us, "Who his own self bore our sins in his own body on the tree, that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness: by whose stripes (wounds) ye were healed." Death by way of a Roman cross was a horrific, torturous death. Romans 5:10 reminds us that when we were his enemies, we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son. I cannot help but think that God gets great pleasure when we attempt to "enter in" with hearts of gratitude and appreciation, for what his Son, on the cross, accomplished on our behalf. Thanks be to God for his unspeakable (or indescribable gift). 2 Cor 9:15

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# getheard

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## I need to get moving

I rolled over vigorously in bed the other day and my smart watch congratulated me with a "Well Done!" notification.

Clearly the watch thought I had died at some point due to my increasing decline in activity and was pleasantly surprised (shocked) by my motion.

It must have had a moment before it congratulated me where it had to consider other options.

"Maybe he's being moved by the morticians," it thought, or, "Perhaps the coyotes have gotten to him and he's being dragged away."

It is truly a sad state of affairs when your smart watch congratulates you on an energetic burp or a sudden shiver because of the cold. It does this fairly often these days.

Get up off the couch: "Way to go!"



**By Peter Cantelon**

Walk downstairs to get a screwdriver: "Good job!"

I suspect my watch is a master of sarcasm.

I need to get out more. I mean, I walk every day but I admit my level of higher energy activity has dropped lately.

Some of it likely has to do with our reduction in daily sunlight to approximately 23 minutes from our summer days of 19 hours.

Of course, as is usually the case, my food intake seems to increase inversely to my reduction in activity, which is really a bad combination.

We are moving into the season within which I struggle to remain active. I prefer warm season activities. Although I am fond of downhill skiing my particular style lends itself toward risk taking and possible death.

Given these things, my wife and I are thinking about trying out snowshoeing, this winter. Honestly anything is better than cross-country skiing (or the Devil's Slide, as it is often referred to). I loathe cross-country skiing (sorry Dave Lumgair) for reasons even I don't fully understand. It makes me feel like I am at Disney World going through a hyper realistic *Frozen* out-

door experience except instead of a little car mindlessly pulling me along I have to use my legs like a chump.

Of course, snowshoeing will rely on having enough snow, which has been touch and go around here for a number of years. Just look at snowmobiling as an example. Every year enthusiasts eagerly await having the right depth of snow to actually enjoy the activity only to find themselves waiting until late February to really hit the trails until the melt starts a month later.

Honestly, coming up with healthy winter activities is always a bit of a struggle for me. I like skating but spent most of my skating years on the canal in Ottawa, which has ruined me for monotonously going about in small arena circles for an hour. It would be awesome if a skate trail could run around the lake this winter.

I enjoy biking too, even in winter, but one must be careful of ice and inattentive drivers.

What do you do for exercise and activity in the winter? I especially would love some couples ideas. I have several criteria: I do not want to spend a lot (any) of money ... actually that's probably the only real criteria.

## Letters

### IS THE HOUSE ON FIRE?

In response to the discussions on COVID restrictions in the last few weeks: I believe we are "in this together" as well. United we stand, divided we fall. We all want to stand for truth and feel we are doing what's best for us and those we love. If we simply identify the enemy, we can stand together to stand against it. How do we identify the enemy in this time? Does science have some answers? I think so.

A definition of science: "A systematic knowledge of the physical or

material world gained through observation and experimentation."

What have you observed in the world around you this year? Have you seen your friends and neighbours being infected and dying of COVID? Have you seen the hospitals overflowing all year?

What do you read on the websites of the CDC or the WHO or other similar websites? Do the numbers they observe show that this virus is more dangerous than a bad seasonal flu? When you research the PCR test and read what the inventors of it say, is it a test that is proven to accurately work for this type of testing? Do you

wonder why we talk of "cases" and not of deaths? What has the science been for years regarding the efficacy of masks for protecting you from a virus? What is data on COVID cases where masks are mandated and where they are not? Do masks have significant negative side effects if worn for extended periods of time?

I encourage you to ask questions, ask God for wisdom and courage, and follow the truth. Or just simply follow observable data.

Again, we need to identify the enemy. If I'm asleep and someone set

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# Outbreak at Decor accounts for nine Morden cases

By Lorne Stelmach

Nine recent positive cases of the coronavirus among management at Decor Cabinets in Morden had officials thankful last week for the efforts of both company and public health staff.

CEO Stan Pauls, who himself tested positive for COVID-19, stressed it was a collective effort to follow public health advice that kept the outbreak in check and got them all through it.

"Everyone here is trying really hard. All of us here are trying to promote all of the things the government is putting out," Pauls said in a phone interview last Wednesday after he had been cleared to be back at work.

"I'm so proud of our people. We're trying to remember that the virus is the common enemy, not each other. So often, we forget that as human beings," he said. "I'm very proud of our people. I spent most of the day just going around and encouraging our people."

Pauls said investigations were continuing to determine the origin of their cases, but they were confined to the company's corporate office building.

He noted they had encouraged their people right from early on this year to be aware when they were feeling ill and to follow all of the proper procedures.

"This was a result of people having symptoms," he said. "We isolated

**"THE VIRUS IS THE COMMON ENEMY, NOT EACH OTHER."**

immediately when we showed the symptoms; we went and got tested and isolated further.

"Public Health is trying to figure it out, where it came from," Pauls continued. "We're following all of the steps, and they're still trying to figure out how it got in here."

At the time of the interview, two people were still considered active cases, but Pauls anticipated they were going to be cleared to return to work by this week.

"And there's been many who have been tested and tested negative ... there's quite a few people who got tested," he added.

Pauls felt the company had been doing well to follow the direction of health officials, including having reached the point where they made masks mandatory throughout their operations. They had also undertaken a number of distancing measures back in spring.

"We split up our coffee room. We have three different lunch breaks so that people aren't sitting close together. We removed over half of the



PHOTO BY LORNE STELMACH/VOICE

Decor Cabinets in Morden had an outbreak of nine cases of COVID-19 at its head offices this fall. All are on the mend.

chairs from the lunch room and then we split it up," he explained.

"We've turned some meeting rooms into lunch rooms so we can have people even further apart and give them more options," he continued.

"We're also doing fogging in our offices and in the plant," Pauls added, noting there are some spaces that can be done regularly.

It can be a complex undertaking for a company that employs upwards of 500 people, but it is necessary, and Pauls again applauded Decor staff for their efforts.

"Everybody seems to be in pretty good spirits about it all," he said, laud-

ing again public health officials for all their help. "Manitoba Health did a fantastic job. I feel for the people are following up with it ... I feel so grateful for these people, but I know they are so underappreciated. It is a thankless job, but they do fantastic."

He also offered a final plea to the community.

"Let's take this thing very seriously ... and we'll get through this thing. Nobody likes this, but we need to take this very seriously."

At press time on Monday, Morden had 36 active cases of COVID-19 and 21 recoveries.

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my house on fire, would it be wise to fight you as you come to rescue me and my family, whether you are wearing a mask or not? I think that would be foolish. Now, If my house is actually not on fire, you must have another reason for disturbing us in the middle of the night and assisting the firefighters in drenching us with icy water.

So, before you attack others for who they are or what group they are in, please take a few minutes to look around and ask yourself a question:

Is "the house on fire"?

Abe Peters,  
Hochfeld

## DOING WHAT'S RIGHT IN DIFFICULT TIMES

Having seen and heard many of the protests and frustrations voiced by some individuals and groups around the current Public Health restrictions

and mask use during this time of COVID, I'm sure we can all agree that this is not an easy time for anyone but especially so for those in health care, in other essential services and those in government needing to make tough decisions.

These are unprecedented times and while I can understand that some of the restrictions may seem severe, I can also sympathize with how difficult it must be to balance the economic stress with the ever growing public health concerns.

Similar pain, anger and frustration can be seen in the United States where mask use and lock downs have also become part of political and religious arguments. In a recent televised interview, U.S. Senator Cory Booker shared a thoughtful viewpoint:

"The wearing of masks is not a surrender of liberties, it is the affirmation of love, that I care enough for other people, I care enough for your

health, your well-being, for your grandparents, for your child that may have other health challenges. I care enough [that] I'm willing to serve you, to sacrifice for you. The least we can do is show that courtesy, that grace by wearing a mask. We have to all be advocates for the right behavior as well as for government leaders that are doing the right thing to help everyone out because we desperately need each

other during this difficult time."

I don't know that Senator Booker is a religious man but his comments certainly embodied some of what it means to live life as a Christian, sacrificing for and serving others, extending grace and love, especially during difficult times.

Ken Hildebrand,  
Morden

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# The Potato Store supporting Genesis House

By Ashleigh Viveiros

The Potato Store in Winkler is hoping to encourage people to support local businesses and causes with a new campaign launching on Monday.

From Nov. 30 to Dec. 5, the Kroeker Farms storefront is selling gift baskets packed full of local and Manitoba made goodies. Ten per cent of all basket sales will be donated to the Genesis House shelter for the victims of domestic violence.

"We were thinking this has been a crazy year for everybody and so we wanted to do something to help the community and also just support local," said manager Liana Fehr. "We already try to sell a lot of local items, we try to support local farmers and local makers, so we thought why not put together some gift baskets this year and put the money back into the community."

The baskets, which will range in price from \$25 to \$75, will be filled with things like candles and speciality foodstuffs like honey, jam, and coffee.

"We're going to make a bunch of different ones for people to choose from," Fehr said. "And then we'll also be able to do custom-made ones. So if people want to shop around and see what they like we can add that to a basket."

The store will have a number of ready-to-go baskets on hand but customers can also call ahead to pre-book or arrange curbside pickup. They can also head to [thepotatostore.com](http://thepotatostore.com).

The store will also be setting up a donation drop-off box for Genesis House. Executive director Ang Braun says they could really use donations of new underwear and socks of all sizes for women and children. Size six diapers are also a high-need item for the shelter.

"I know that it is much more glamorous to buy kid's toys, it's much more fun, but we need these things too," Braun said.

The issue of domestic violence is one that doesn't go away just because we're in a pandemic, Fehr noted.

"COVID or not, the need is there," she said.



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Genesis House executive director Ang Braun (second from left) with (from left) The Potato Store's Julie Ginter, Liana Fehr, and Abe Wieler and the gift baskets and cards the Winkler store is selling on behalf of the shelter next week.

Braun said it's always heartening when local businesses come up with ways to support the shelter, especially this year when so many of their usual fundraising and awareness events have had to be cancelled.

"It has been a tough year and I think this is such a neat idea because it not only benefits the shelter but also all of these local craft-makers," she said. "I think that's really terrific, marrying those two things together."

Speaking of local makers, the store is also one of several area businesses selling Genesis House's homemade greeting cards.

The cards are available by donation and serve not just as a way to celebrate a variety of occasions, but can also potentially be used to spread the word

about the fact the shelter is there for those who need it. The back of each card includes details about the shelter and its 24/7 crisis line.

"So it could just be a Christmas card or a greeting card for somebody, but it could also get the crisis line into somebody's home who might be isolated during this time," said Genesis House's Kari Kauenhofen.

"The artist for each of these is somehow affected or has experienced or knows somebody who has experienced domestic abuse," she said, noting the artists range in age from children to seniors. "We wanted people to see it affects all generations—it doesn't discriminate against age."

You can also call 204-362-0082 or email [resource@genesis-house.ca](mailto:resource@genesis-house.ca) to arrange to purchase the cards.

## MPI speed display boards coming to Winkler, Morden

By Voice staff

Morden and Winkler are two of 13 Manitoba communities getting new speed display boards from Manitoba Public Insurance this winter in a bid to remind lead-footed drivers to ease up on the gas.

The electronic signs use radar to detect the speed of an approaching vehicle and then show that speed on an LED display.

They'll be placed in areas with a high frequency of collisions or those where speeding is a known issue.

"The intent of the speed display board is to encourage compliance with the posted speed limit by making motorists aware of their actual speed," said MPI's Satvir Jatana. "These high visibility signs are intended to be

used as reinforcements to the maximum posted speed signs to encourage compliance when transitioning to a lower posted speed, such as school zones and communities located along

highways."

MPI will be sending out 25 signs over the next few months. Other communities participating include Brandon, Steinbach, Portage la Prairie, and

Altona, to name a few.

The agency notes that last year in Manitoba at least 21 per cent (about one in five) fatalities had speed as a contributing factor.

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restrictions that made it difficult," she said, adding she heard from so many people this fall who were relieved to learn the campaign was still happening in spite of the pandemic. "People were just so focused on getting these shoeboxes out there to the kids."

The region's donations are now headed to the national collection depot in Calgary where they'll be sorted and prepared for shipment to

countries in West Africa and Central America. The Christian ministry also includes religious material with the gifts and hosts a discipleship course for recipients where they are allowed to do so.

Added to the boxes dropped off in-person are those that local people "packed" virtually, Zammit noted.

Prairie Dale School in Schanzenfeld, for example, raised \$2,000

through a few fundraising initiatives—enough to pack 50 boxes.

Boxes can be ordered online at [packabox.ca](http://packabox.ca) until Dec. 31.

Zammit said they've seen a huge jump in virtual boxes packed by Canadians this year. The tally was at 21,000 and counting this week, more than double where it usually is at this time of the year.



# Buhler Industries increasing operations in Morden

## Announces closure of plant in Minnesota

By Lorne Stelmach

The closure of a second U.S. plant within a year by Buhler Industries will mean more production will be centralized in the company's Farm King plant in Morden.

The company announced last week that it was taking further steps to streamline its North American operations by moving product lines currently manufactured in Willmar, Minnesota to Morden. Production in Willmar will cease entirely in early 2021.

It marked a sudden turnaround, as it was only this past May that the company announced it would shut down its Fargo, North Dakota plant in the fall and move that production to Willmar.

The company cited unpredictability in the agriculture commodities market and fluctuations in the exchange rate as range of factors coming into play in the decision.

At the time, the company stated that streamlining would increase its efficiency and reduce overhead costs at the Willmar factory, which manufactures products under the Farm King

brand, and that the change would reduce excess manufacturing capacity and enable the company to remain competitive.

Maxim Loktionov, a vice-president with Buhler Industries, said by e-mail last week that the move to now close down Willmar operations could mean "job creation in Manitoba. Once the transition is complete, the Morden plant will become a sole producer of almost all Farm King product lines.

"We are looking at adding employees and increased efficiencies due to capacity consolidation," he added.

Loktionov also stressed the importance of the plant in Morden as one of the most efficient Buhler Industries factories.

"The Morden plant is Buhler Industries' original and key asset," he said. "It's importance to the company is crucial."

These changes come on the heels of the company reporting net losses of over \$86 million from 2015 to 2019. The plant shutdowns in Willmar and Fargo impacted over 100 employees.

Still, Loktionov sounded a more op-



PHOTO BY LORNE STELMACH/VOICE

Buhler Industries is shutting down its plant in Willmar, Minnesota and moving its production to the Morden factory.

timistic tone about the future.

"With capacity consolidation efforts, our target is to return back to profitability," he said. "COVID-19 times are undoubtedly unprecedented, but our team has so far been successful in managing those challenges."

What grew to become Buhler Industries started in 1932 as an agricultural equipment manufacturer. The company was purchased by John Buhler in 1969 and is today headquartered in Winnipeg. In 2007, combine fac-

tory Rostselmash Ltd, a major combine manufacturer located in Russia, acquired 80 per cent of the common shares of the company.

Buhler manufactures and distributes its product through several brand names including Versatile and Farm King. The Versatile line of equipment focuses on tractors and tillage while Farm King supplies augers, mowers, bale carriers, snowblowers, compact implements, and tillage.

# Staff in Winkler, Morden care homes test positive for COVID-19

By Lorne Stelmach

The personal care homes in both Winkler and Morden have joined the lengthening list of facilities with COVID-19 cases.

There now have been three confirmed cases among staff at Salem Home and one COVID-positive test of a staff member at Tabor Home.

The message from both facilities on Monday was that they are doing everything under their control to keep it in check, but they also stressed they need both communities to do their part.

"We can't stress that enough to people because it's not just their families; it's everybody in the community, and eventually it finds its way into our building," said Salem CEO Sherry Janzen. "It's not just about them ... it's my right to be safe, and it's the residents' right to be safe or as safe as possible."

"That really is the key piece of this," agreed Tabor CEO Carolyn Fenny.

"We really need everybody in the community, not just at Tabor Home

but everybody, to be committing to the public health protocols and ensuring that they're doing everything that they can ... all of those things really matter right now in this community because we have increasing transmission models in the community."

Janzen confirmed that three Salem staff have tested positive over the past few weeks, but she stressed that all were wearing appropriate PPE (personal protective equipment) and following all of the public health guidelines to protect residents.

One of the staff members was working just prior to becoming symptomatic, so the process of tracing their contacts is underway. Those residents who were in contact with the person will be monitored for symptoms. If a resident needs to be tested for COVID-19, their families will be contacted.

"Two of them were not in the building during transmission, and one because [the person] was wearing the PPE appropriately, the risk of transmission was very low," Janzen said of the affected workers. "At this point, we have no residents testing positive, and we're hoping to keep it that way."

"We're doing everything we can. We're trying to do as much planning as we can," she added, acknowledging there is concern that another wave of cases could still further hit this region yet.

"We're trying to be as proactive as we can; we've planned as much as we can, but the scary part is we don't know ... and when you hear some of the stories ... most of my colleagues in Winnipeg are struggling, and that's sad to see."

Meanwhile, Janzen noted they are starting to feel the impact of the provincial directive that anyone in a

household where someone is in isolation awaiting COVID-19 test results must also remain at home.

"That's starting to create some hardships for staffing, but so far we've been fortunate," she said. "Staff have been very gracious to pick up as much as they can."

At press time, Salem was continuing to allow designated family caregivers to visit their loved ones, with appropriate safety precautions in place.

"So, right now, things are 'normal' given the circumstances," Janzen said. "We pray every day ... I know that in itself isn't going to keep COVID out of our building, but we are so blessed to have so much support and prayer from the community, and we can feel that as we make decisions and as we go about our day."

Meanwhile, public health officials had advised Saturday that an outbreak (which requires one positive case) was declared at Tabor Home, which moved the facility to critical/

**"WE'RE COMMITTED TO DOING EVERYTHING WE CAN."**



# Eden raising funds to build a visitor shelter

By Lorne Stelmach

Eden Mental Health Centre is raising funds in support of a plan to help provide a safe place for family and friends to visit patients at the Winkler facility.

It is estimated about \$25,000 is needed for the construction and installation of the visitor pod that will be in close proximity to the main building while meeting the requirements of the restrictions related to COVID-19 safety protocols.

The hope is that the visitor pod can be built now during the code red period and be available down the road when restrictions are relaxed.

"My goal is that it is up and running by the week of Dec. 21 so that it would be accessible for families during the Christmas season," said program director Karma Sheppard. "We're hoping it's a Christmas gift to the patients and their families."

In consultation with local contractors, Eden found that a visitor pod could be installed at the approximate cost of \$25,000, which would be a fraction of the cost of those being provided by the provincial government for long-term care facilities. Eden does



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Eden Health Care Services hopes to raise \$25,000 ASAP to get a visitor shelter up at the Winkler care facility so families can have a private, COVID-safe place to visit with their loved ones in care.

not qualify for those provincially-supplied visitor pods, Sheppard explained, as its focus is to provide an appropriate level of mental health care and as soon as practicable return patients back to their family and com-

munity.

The length of stay can be short, perhaps a few days, ranging to a lengthier stay of months or more.

Regardless of the length of stay, there is significant stress to not hav-

ing contact with loved ones, noted Sheppard, adding that visiting wasn't possible even under lesser COVID-19 restrictions.

"Families sometimes have to drive a far distance and are not able to visit their family member during this pandemic," she said. "So we thought how good would it be to build our own and have something on our site that families and our patients can access."

Sheppard further emphasized the reality is that isolation and separation do not enhance one's well-being and if anything can exacerbate a mental illness.

Eden's main facility is also a very open space that is not conducive to providing privacy for visitations, so the shelter, even after the pandemic, will provide a much-needed place for patients and their families.

"With this pod, my dream for it is that when COVID is no longer a threat, we can use it for families to book it," said Sheppard. "If there's a birthday or a function where families want private space ... that it could be a space that families could use and enjoy a visit with their loved one."

To support the cause, head online to [edenhealthcare.ca/donate](https://edenhealthcare.ca/donate).

## Local companies, projects earn construction awards

### WBS Construction, PTH. 32 twinning earn accolades

By Voice staff

The provincial government handed out the 2020 construction awards at the Manitoba Heavy Construction Association's (MHCA) virtual annual general meeting last week, and a few local projects and companies got the nod for their work.

"It's important to recognize the hard-working people that keep our infrastructure going even during these difficult times," said Infrastructure Minister Ron Schuler in a statement. "Their work ensures that our trucks keep moving goods on our highways, that roadworks are maintained for essential workers to get to their jobs, and that our communities have access to safe and sustainable infrastructure."

The projects were evaluated on quality of work, adherence to contract specifications and design criteria, complexity of project, and being on time and on budget.

Winkler's own WBS Construction was honoured with the Water Management Award for their work on a

pump station and gravity outfall at the Morris Ring Dike.

Winnipeg company Nelson River Construction took home the Urban Works Award for the twinning of PTH. 32 through Winkler, including installing land drainage systems, sidewalks, and traffic signals.

Fellow Winnipeg business Maple Leaf Construction Ltd. won the Paving Award for their work on PTH. 3 in the RMs of Roland, Grey, and Dufferin. The company also received the Special Projects Award for paving and shoulder work on PR. 227 in the RM of Woodlands.

Other awards for projects across the province went to Earthmax Construction Ltd. (Grading Award), M.D. Steele Construction Ltd. (Major Structures Award), and Coco Paving (Canada) Inc. (Minor Structures Award).

"The long history of these awards shows the strength of the working relationship between Manitoba Infrastructure and the heavy construction industry," said MHCA president Chris Lorenc. "The Highways Capital program runs by annual budgets, but

it is this relationship of trust and respect between our industry and the department that ensures the program rolls out successfully, each year."

The provincial government last week also released its 2021-22 fall advertising schedule for construction, engineering service provider, and material supply tenders.

The 2021-22 tendering list includes projects such as intersection improvements at the Trans-Canada Highway and PTH 16, upgrading 61 km of PTH 59 to improve trade from the U.S. border to PTH 52, and upgrading 91 km of PTH 23 to remove spring road restrictions.

Other work includes surfacing, grading, structures, intersection improvements, culverts, and dust control.

## Winkler bank robbed

By Voice staff

One of Winkler's downtown financial institutions was the victim of a robbery last week Thursday.

Winkler Police say a male suspect walked into the business while concealing his identity and robbed it using a note.

While officers were on the scene almost immediately, the suspect had fled before they arrived, making away with an undisclosed amount

of money. No one was injured in the robbery.

Winkler officers were joined by officers from the Morden Police Service in a search of the area, but they were unable to locate the suspect.

Police were not releasing the name of the financial institution or any other information related to the investigation at press time.

They ask anyone with any information that could assist them to call 204-325-9990.



# From Everywhere to Bethlehem cancelled

By Ashleigh Viveiros

A Winkler Christmas tradition has become the latest casualty of the pandemic restrictions.

The popular *From Everywhere to Bethlehem* living nativity play has had to cancel its shows this year.

Originally set to take place in the Winkler campground loop Dec. 4-6 in a drive-thru format, organizer Cyndie Toews said the province's elevation to critical/red on the pandemic response system foiled even those modified plans.

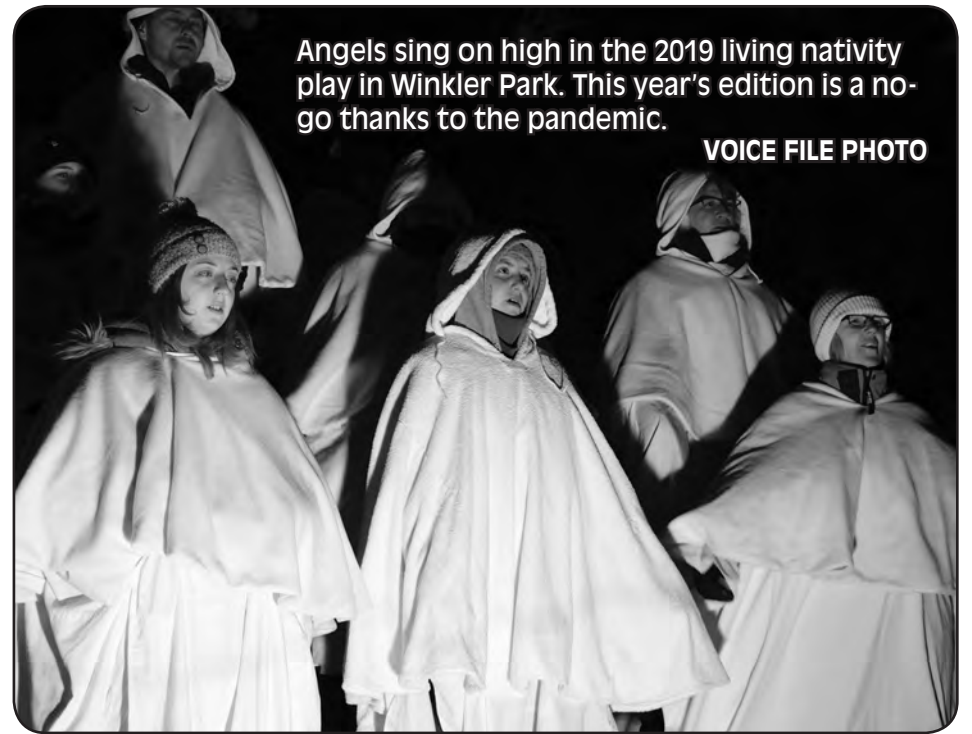
"The decision to cancel the FETB ministry this year hinged on a direct question asked of our provincial authorities based on the latest code red restrictions," she said via e-mail last week. "Their guidance came back to us that no drive-in or drive-through church services of any kind would be permitted until the code red orders

were revoked."

Organized by the Winkler EMMC and the Christian Faith Church, the play has for years brought to life the story of the birth of Jesus in an interactive way, with actors guiding audience members through the town of Bethlehem on their way to see a very special babe lying in manger.

It's always been a special event for the faith community, its 13th edition last year drawing nearly 3,200 visitors and collecting over 2,800 pounds of food donations for the Winkler Food Cupboard by way of admission. Organizers urge those who would have otherwise attended to still make a donation to their local food bank.

"While we're certainly disappointed at having to cancel this by now long-standing cherished and enjoyed start to many Christmas celebrations, we can appreciate the province's stance," Toews said.



Angels sing on high in the 2019 living nativity play in Winkler Park. This year's edition is a no-go thanks to the pandemic.

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"Thank you to everyone who was involved in the process, and to those who already spread the good news by sharing our plans," she added. "We hope you'll take that excitement and continue to share the true good news of Christmas with those around you."

The organizing committee also sends its thanks out to the volunteers who helped build this year's new sets

and to New Leaf Garden Center, Enviro-Tech, Icon Technologies, Jelcan Inc., IroSteel, Rona, Canadian Lumber, and Parkside Lumber for the resources to build them.

"Our prayer is that we will be able to once again host this important community celebration and ministry in 2021."

# Genesis House kicking off 16 Days of Activism

By Ashleigh Viveiros

The Genesis House shelter for the victims of domestic violence is wrapping up a Domestic Violence Awareness Month like no other.

Thanks to the pandemic, the annual Peace Begins at Home hockey games, Power of the PJs donation drive, and even the big Unmasking Masquerade Gala had to be cancelled.

Instead, the shelter has spent the month sharing stories, statistics, and other information about domestic violence on its social media pages in the hopes of keeping the conversation going despite the lack of in-person awareness events.

"You don't want to point fingers or to blame or shame anyone, but most definitely we want to bring the topic to the forefront so that people who are possibly being victimized know there is help out there for them," said executive director Ang Braun.

It's a discussion the shelter tries to generate in a variety of ways throughout the year, engaging different community leaders and groups.

For example, a few weeks before Manitoba's pandemic restrictions tightened, they were able to host a small workshop for local pastors.

"It was just an awesome day," Braun

said, noting that even with the reduced numbers it provided a valuable chance to discuss with faith leaders some of the issues our community faces when it comes to identifying and addressing domestic abuse. "I think it was really thought-provoking for everyone that was there."

The discussion explored what abuse looks like and how those involved in pastoral care might be able to identify those signs and provide help.

"A pastor has to walk a very tough line because they're dealing with the husband and the wife and the community," Braun noted. "And so their

mandate is so different than ours."

Braun said the day generated a lot of fruitful discussion from participants, who represented a number of area churches.

"It's definitely something we would like to do again," she said.

As the November awareness month draws to a close, the shelter is now turning its attention to participating in the 16 Days of Activism Against Gender-Based Violence Nov. 25 to Dec. 10.

The campaign encompasses Canada's National Day of Remembrance and Action on Violence against Wom-

en on Dec. 6, which is the anniversary of the École Polytechnique mass shooting that left 14 young female students dead in 1989.

"For us, as an organization that deals with violence against women, we always recognize that as a day of remembrance," Braun said, encouraging people to check the shelter out on Facebook or Instagram to learn more.

For more information about Genesis House, including how you can donate to the cause, check out their website at [genesishouseshelter.ca](http://genesishouseshelter.ca).

If you need help, you can reach the shelter's crisis line at 1-877-977-0007.

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code red on the pandemic response system as well.

Fenny confirmed that outbreak protocols were implemented as of Friday in response to a staff member testing positive, but no further details were provided.

"We understand that this is unsettling news for both residents and their loved ones, and we're working with the infection prevention and control team to carry out all appropriate precautionary measures

including the ongoing use of PPE, physical distancing and visitor restrictions," Fenny said in a statement.

"Contact tracing is underway as we work to mitigate the spread of the virus and to ensure safety for residents and staff."

Fenny also offered assurances to the community that Tabor Home is doing everything that is necessary.

"We are making sure we are very, very diligent with our PPE and physical distancing. We have cancelled

group activities and social gatherings. We are currently not admitting to Tabor Home at this time. We are continuing to actively screening both residents and staff for symptoms.

"It's a tough time for everyone," Fenny said. "We're trying to prevent things from happening rather than trying to respond. We're doing everything we can. We're following all the provincial guidelines, and we're committed to doing everything we can."



# Music school launches Trees for a Change campaign

By Ashleigh Viveiros

Donations tables at local stores and in-person chocolate sales are out of the question this year, so the Douglas Kuhl School of Music is trying something new for its fall fundraiser.

In addition to raising funds for its own music education programs, the

non-profit is also supporting the Trees for a Change campaign, which plants native species of trees in forests across North America.

"Through this platform we're inviting folks to purchase tree gift cards," explains DKSM administrative director Kayla Drudge. "Those gift cards are \$15 each and they each plant a

tree and also go to support DKSM's programs. So it's a dual supporting of music education programming and then also the work of replanting some of the forests that were lost in the wildfire season this summer."

DKSM receives \$6 for each gift card sold, which, if they sell enough, will help a great deal when it comes to defraying the cost of running its various programs.

"It's a very new campaign and we're not sure how it's going to be received in our community," Drudge says, "so we're just hoping for the best."

Each gift card purchase includes the planting of one tree, a printable card explaining the gift, and access to photos and information about where ex-

actly the tree was planted.

You can order your gift card online at [dougkaskuhlschoolofmusic.com](http://dougkaskuhlschoolofmusic.com).

DKSM had until recently been able to offer its usual fall programs by creating smaller class sizes for its various strings ensembles and doing online-only sessions for its choral students.

The strings programs had hoped to share an online concert next week, but the show had to be cancelled as the recent increased pandemic restrictions made in-person rehearsals and song tapings impossible.

"We're hoping to maybe pick things up in the new year," Drudge says.

"We're leaving open the possibility of maybe a February concert online, but we'll have to see how things play out."



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The Douglas Kuhl School of Music has been doing online choral lessons for its Homeschool Choir program this fall.

## Western SD moving some students to remote learning

By Lorne Stelmach

A portion of K-8 students in Morden are switching to learning from home this week.

It is part of Western School Division adopting the temporary remote learning option put forward by the province. All of Manitoba is at critical/red pandemic response system right now while schools remain in the restricted/orange level.

Local officials did not have a final tally of how many students might make the change, but almost 800 families completed a recent survey on temporary remote learning, and there were around 20 per cent who indicated they would consider it.

"Our numbers right now are tracking lower than that ... I think we will see less than that," suggested superintendent Stephen Ross last week.

Those families that opt to make the move to remote learning will see their children do so until the province moves schools out of the restricted level.

Aiding the transition was the fact Monday was set aside as an additional day of no classes, so it was used as a planning day for school staff.

Guidelines set out that the decision to offer temporary remote learning needed to be based on three criteria: whether there is a significant increase in student absenteeism, increased cases in a school community, and expressions of interest from families.

The division so far has been fortunate to not see any school-based

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transmission, noted Ross, but they did come to feel it would be a proactive move to initiate temporary remote learning now based on the feedback from the community.

"Here in Western, we've always tried to sort of read the room and not be too late to move, so we're one of the few divisions right now that's already starting our move," he said. "We just felt the time was right for us now to provide that opportunity for parents who felt that was the option they might want."

"We wanted to get some perspective from parents," Ross continued. "I know it's a hard choice for parents right now because most parents want their kid in school every day, but there's a certain degree for them where they would say okay, I think I've hit my point now where I'm going to take my kid out."

"The reality is that we have to plan for that ... it's really hard for us to organize learning that way," Ross said. "If we didn't feel we had the ability to provide this opportunity, we wouldn't

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# Morden residents sound alarm over damaged trees

## Concerned fibre internet installation has done fatal damage to towering trees

By Lorne Stelmach

A few residents are wondering about the potential impact on the community's trees as a result of the fibre optic installation in Morden.

Fears stemming from what they viewed done in and around a pair of mature trees near their home on 10th St. led Tanya and Derrick Wainio and neighbour Joyce Olfert to voice their concerns recently.

"We're just wondering why wasn't there more care taken?" said Tanya Wainio as the trio pointed towards a healthy 60 foot Linden on a neighbour's yard where they say they feel the work done with a backhoe inches away from its trunk and damage done to its root system will likely lead to its demise. "This one I think is going to be gone."

"If we've put such effort into Morden's urban forest, couldn't we have a little bit more effort on this project?" she continued. "We have experts in the city. The city knows what the trees are worth, so was there anybody looking at the type of damage and preventing it because it could have been

prevented?"

Wainio noted they understand the importance of this project to the community but don't see that it needs to come with an environmental cost.

As well, she noted that Morden has a tree protection policy, so they expect that the city would be following it and that it would set out procedures to be followed.

Wainio cited by comparison how the city had worked closely with contractors during construction on Thornhill St. to ensure those large trees were protected.

"The city should be doing that with this project as well," she said. "I think they could have or at least taken some mitigation to save some of the roots of the trees. Are they utilizing their experts on this project? Was there any city supervision of this project?"

Derek Wainio agreed they at least want to know the work is being closely watched and supervised and that strategies have been implemented to protect and preserve one of Morden's outstanding features as this project proceeds.

"They have excellent technology.



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Morden residents are concerned this kind of damage done on 10th St. as workers installed fibre internet is ultimately going to prove fatal to the affected trees.

These drillers are competent drillers," he said. "Why couldn't they have come out here a little bit past the root ball and gone around it?"

"I've been here 48 years ... and we've always been proud of our trees," add-

ed Olfert. "I understand the technology is important, but I do think some consideration should be given to how they do their digging."

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# Winklerites encouraged to help 'Light Up the Season'

By Ashleigh Viveiros

The City of Winkler is looking to spread some holiday cheer with its first community-wide Christmas lights competition.

Light Up the Season kicks off this

Thursday, Nov. 26 with Santa Claus driving through the city to check out the registered entries.

St. Nick will also join dignitaries at 7 p.m. that night on the City of Winkler's Facebook page to ring in the holiday season with a special live stream lighting event.

It's not the Christmas celebration the city usually hosts, but organizer Wendy Klassen hopes the contest will inspire more people than ever to decorate their yards and businesses and bring some much-needed joy during these challenging times.

"It's Christmas. We had to do something," she said, noting they had already laid the groundwork for a self-guided tour with the Canada Day yard decorating contest this summer.

"With everything cancelled, this is something people can do with their families," Klassen said. "Getting into your car with people you live with is completely safe. Just print out the map and go for a drive."

At press time, nearly two dozen homes had signed up to take part (the deadline was Tuesday). A complete map of entries is available online at [lightuptheseason.ca](http://lightuptheseason.ca).

The community at large is invited to head to the website to vote on their favourite home and business entries until Dec. 3.

The top three home entries and the top business display will be announced on Dec. 4.

## Two contests going on in Morden

By Lorne Stelmach

Mordenites are being encouraged to light up their homes and businesses for the Christmas season.

Not only is the City of Morden again promoting its weekly contest but another competition has been initiated by resident Kendra Penner.

"It kind of started with my daughter being upset that COVID restrictions might mean that people wouldn't want to do their Christmas lights," she said. "So we got to talking and won-

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The Bethel Heritage Park displays will be lit up this Thursday.

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## Appetizers

### Devonshire Pasties

1lb ground beef  
 ¾ cup finely chopped onion  
 ¼ cup finely chopped celery  
 2 tbsp flour  
 ½ tsp salt  
 ¼ tsp pepper  
 ¼ tsp dry mustard  
 Pinch dried savory  
 1 cup beef stock (I use Campbells Beef Broth in the can)

**Pastry:**  
 4 cups flour  
 1 tsp salt  
 2 cups shortening  
 ½ cup (approx.) ice water

**Glaze:**  
 ¼ cup (approx.) milk or light cream  
**Filling:** Cook meat in skillet over medium heat, stirring constantly, until beef is no longer pink. Add onion and celery. Reduce heat to medium; cook, stirring often, about 4 minutes or until vegetables are tender. Stir in flour, salt, pepper, mustard, thyme, sage and

savory; cook for 2 minutes. Pour in stock; bring to simmer and cook uncovered for 5 minutes or until thickened. Taste and adjust seasoning if necessary. Let cool. (Filling can be made ahead and refrigerated).

**Pastry:** In large bowl, stir together flour and salt. Using pastry blender or 2 knives, cut in shortening until mixture resembles coarse crumbs. Stirring briskly with fork, gradually add water 1 tablespoon at a time to make dough hold together. Press into ball. Divide pastry into quarters. (Pastry can be made ahead and frozen).

**Assemble:** Roll out pastry, a quarter at a time, 1/8 inch thick. Cut out six 3-inch circles. Divide filling into quarters. Place 2 teaspoons of filling in upper half of each pastry circle, leaving 1/2-inch border. Brush border around

filling with a little milk; fold bottom half over filling. Press edges together with fingers, seal with fork. Transfer pastry to baking sheet. Lightly brush top with milk and prick once. Repeat with remaining pastry and filling. Bake in 400F degree F oven for 5 minutes. Reduce heat to 350 degrees F; bake for 20 to 25 minutes longer until pastry is golden brown.

Transfer to rack if making ahead or serve immediately. Makes about 24 pasties.

**Note:** I use my regular pie pastry instead of the above recipe and it works fine.

*June Letkemen, Plum Coulee*

### Swedish Nuts

1 ½ cups almonds (blanched and skins removed)

2 cups Walnut halves  
 2 egg whites  
 1 cup granulated sugar  
 ½ cup butter or margarine

Toast almonds and walnuts in slow oven (325 F) until light brown. Beat egg whites and dash salt until soft mounds form; gradually add sugar and beat to stiff peaks. Fold nuts into meringue. Melt butter in 15 1/2 x 10 1/2 x 1 inch pan. Spread nut mixture over butter. Bake at 325 F about 30 minutes, stirring or turning gently every 10 minutes (or more often) until nuts are coated with a brown covering and no butter remains in pan. Cool. Makes 5 to 6 cups.

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## Salads & Pickles

### Mandarin and Lettuce Salad

- 1 cup chopped celery
- ¼ head romaine lettuce
- ¼ head iceberg lettuce
- 1 cup cauliflower flowerets (optional)
- 1 can mandarin oranges
- 2 green onions, chopped
- ½ cup sliced almonds
- 3 tbsp sugar

- Dressing:**
- ½ tsp salt
  - Dash of pepper
  - 2 tbsp sugar
  - 2 tbsp vinegar
  - ¼ cup vegetable oil
  - 1 tbsp chopped parsley (optional)
  - Dash of Tabasco sauce

In small pan, slowly heat sugar and almonds together until sugar is melted and nuts are coated (watch carefully as it burns easily). Cool and store in airtight container. Mix salt, pepper, sugar, vinegar vegetable oil, chopped parsley and tabasco sauce together for dressing. Mix lettuce, celery and cauliflower, add almonds and oranges. Toss with dressing and serve.

June Letkeman, Plum Coulee

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## Baking & Desserts

### Gingerbread Men

- |                                  |                           |
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| 1 cup molasses                   | 1 cup butter or margarine |
| 4 ¾ cups flour                   | 1 ½ tsp salt              |
| 1 tsp baking powder              | 2 ½ tsp cinnamon          |
| ¾ tsp soda                       | 2 tsp nutmeg              |
| 2 ½ tsp ginger                   | 2 tsp nutmeg              |
| 1 cup firmly packed brown sugar  |                           |
| 1 large egg (or two medium eggs) |                           |

Heat molasses slowly in a saucepan big enough for mixing cookies. Remove from heat. Add butter and stir until melted. Cool. Sift together next 7 ingredients. Mix with brown sugar and stir into the mixture. Add egg. Chill until stiff enough to handle. Roll 1/4 to 1/8-inch-thick on a lightly floured board. Cut with gingerbread boy cookie cutter. Place on lightly greased cookie sheets and bake at 350F for 12 to 15 minutes. Decorate. Yield 48 boys 6 inches tall.

\*Tip - I don't chill very long and I use my hands to mix. It's a very thick dough. Also, I tend to make my boys a bit thicker and usually get 24 - 36. I'm generous with the spices and turn the cookies upside down and decorate them as reindeer.

Brenda Johnson, Morden

### Chocolate Cherry Shortbread

This recipe is good for Christmas as it has red and green candied cherries in it. I like the combo of chocolate and cherries. I used dark chocolate chips for a deep chocolate flavour. Cornstarch gives this shortbread a very fine delicate texture, which is lovely but also means the cookies can be fragile. Handle and store with care. Recipe can be halved.

- 2 cups (500mL) butter, softened
- 1 cup (250mL) icing sugar
- 2 tsp (10mL) vanilla
- 3 cups (750mL) all purpose flour
- 1 cup (250mL) cornstarch
- 1 1/3 (325mL) semi-sweet chocolate chips
- 1 cup (250mL) chopped red and green candied cherries

Preheat oven to 300F (150C). In a large bowl, using electric mixer, medium speed, cream butter until light. Gradually add icing sugar and vanilla. Beat until creamy. Gradually add flour and cornstarch, beating until smooth. Stir in chips and cherries. Drop by spoonfuls onto ungreased cookie sheet. (for a more "professional" look, you can roll them in balls and they will stay that way). Bake in center of oven for 25-30 minutes or until just set and starting to brown around edges.

Marion E. Hodgson, Roland

### Filled Strawberries

- 36 large strawberries
  - 1 ¼ pkg cream cheese, softened
  - ½ cup icing sugar
  - ¼ tsp almond extract
  - grated milk chocolate
- Remove stems and cut a deep X in top of each berry. Gently spread open. Beat cream cheese, icing sugar and almond extract. Fill each berry with approx. 2 teaspoons of filling. Sprinkle with grated chocolate. Keep chilled until serving. They are great.

Janice Thiessen, Selkirk

### Rum and Butter Toffee

- 1 cup sugar
- ¾ cup corn syrup
- ¾ cup half and half
- ¼ tsp salt
- 2 tbsp butter
- 3 tbsp rum

Place sugar, corn syrup, cream and salt in heavy saucepan, stirring constantly. Cook over medium heat until sugar dissolves and mixture boils. Cook without stirring till your candy thermometer reaches 244F. Mixture comes to a medium boil. Add butter. Continue to cook until candy thermometer reaches 262F or until hard boil. Remove from heat. Stir in rum. Pour into buttered 8x8 inch pans. Cool, then chill. Break into small pieces and enjoy.

Deb Wolfe, Winkler

### Gum Drop Cake

- |  |               |
|--|---------------|
| 1 cup butter                                     | 1 cup sugar   |
| 4 eggs   | ½ tsp vanilla |
| 2 ½ cups flour                                   | ½ tsp salt    |
| 1 tsp baking powder                              | 1 cup milk    |
| ¾ lb. (2 cups) gumdrops (no black ones), chopped |               |
| 1 cup candied cherries, cut in half              |               |
| 1 cup light or white raisins                     |               |
| ¾ (1 ½ cups) mixed peel                          |               |

Beat butter and sugar. Add eggs and beat. Add vanilla and mix. Sift flour, salt and baking powder. Add this alternately with the milk. Stir in gumdrops, cherries, raisins and peel. Pour into 2 loaf pans and bake at 275 degrees F for 2 ½ hours. Place a pan of water underneath the cakes in the oven.

Lal Froebe, Carman

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## Baking & Desserts

### Caramel Toffee Squares

The hard part is not eating them before you freeze them!

**Base:**  
 ½ cup (125 mL) plus 2 tsp (10mL) soft butter  
 ¼ cup (50 mL) white sugar  
 1 ¼ cups (300 mL) all purpose flour  
 Mix well and press into 9"x9" (22cm) pan  
 Bake at 350F (180C) for 20 minutes. Cool.

**Filling:**  
 ½ cup (125 mL) brown sugar  
 ½ cup (125 mL) butter  
 dash of salt  
 2 tbsp (30 mL) corn syrup

½ cup (125 mL) Eagle Brand sweetened condensed milk  
 ½ tsp vanilla  
 Combine in a double boiler and bring to a boil. Boil and stir for 5 minutes. Remove from heat, beat and pour over cooked base. Refrigerate until set.

**Topping:**  
 1- 6oz (175g) package semi-sweet chocolate chips  
 2 tsp (10mL) butter  
 Melt chips and butter over low heat. Pour over the now cooled filling layer. Refrigerate or freeze. Cut into 36 squares.

Marion E. Hodgson, Roland



## Main Courses

Preheat the oven to 500F. Place the beef on a baking sheet and pat the outside dry with a paper towel. Spread the butter on with your hands. Sprinkle evenly with the salt and pepper. Roast in the oven for exactly 22 minutes for rare and 25 minutes for medium rare. Remove the beef from the oven, cover it tightly with aluminum foil and allow to rest at room temperature for 20 minutes. Remove the strings and slice the filet thickly.

June Letkeman, Plum Coulee

## Spaghetti Squash Au Gratin

Tastes like a Potato Casserole without all the carbs!

1 medium spaghetti squash  
 3 tbsp butter  
 1 small yellow onion, very thinly sliced  
 1 tsp red pepper flakes  
 ¼ tsp garlic salt  
 Salt and Pepper to taste  
 ¾ cup sour cream  
 1 cup shredded cheddar cheese

Cut the spaghetti squash in half and remove the seeds. Place in a covered dish with a ¼ inch of water and microwave for 10-12 minutes. In a medium sized skillet over medium heat, add the butter, onions, red pepper, garlic salt, salt and pepper and cook until the onions are brown in color. Using a fork, scrape the insides of the

squash and transfer to a small bowl. Mix the squash, onions, sour cream and half the cheese together and mix well. Transfer the mixture to a buttered baking dish and top with remaining cheese. Place into a pan and bake at 375F for 20-25 minutes. Put on broil for the last minute until golden brown on top.

Noreen Grenier, St. Leon

## Parsnip Fritters

2 large parsnips, grated ½ teaspoon salt  
 Hot water ¾ cup flour  
 ½ tsp salt 1 ½ tsp sugar  
 1 tsp baking powder 1 egg, beaten  
 ½ cup milk  
 Shortening for frying  
 Barely cover parsnips with hot water and simmer 5 minutes. Drain. Sift dry ingredients together and add to combined egg and milk and beat until smooth. Stir in parsnips. Drop by spoonful into hot fat and fry until nicely browned on both sides. Cook's tip: serve with salsa.

Islay Jack, Teulon (from the Modern Encyclopedia of Cooking published in 1953)

## Sweet n' Sour Meatballs

**Meatballs:**  
 5 lbs ground beef  
 2 ½ cups rolled oats or dry breadcrumbs  
 5 eggs, lightly beaten  
 1 ¼ cups milk  
 4 tsp salt and pepper (you gage how you like it)  
 1 large onion, chopped

Combine all ingredients and then make meatballs and put onto a cookie sheet. Bake in a 350F oven until gently browned and grease has come out.

**Sauce:**  
 2 ½ cups water  
 2 ½ cups brown sugar  
 1 cup ketchup  
 ¼ cup Smoked Lime & Tequila BBQ sauce or Habanero BBQ sauce  
 2 ½ tbsp cornstarch  
 5 tbsp soya sauce

Combine. Bring to boil in a saucepan. Put browned meatballs and sauce into slow cooker and cook on low for 6-8 hours or bake in oven at 350F for 1 ½ hours.

Deb Wolfe, Winkler - Family favorite recipe

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## Filet of Beef

1 whole filet of beef (4 - 5 lbs), trimmed and tied  
 2 tbsp. unsalted butter at room temperature  
 1 tbsp. kosher salt  
 1 tbsp coarsely ground black pepper

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## Ethnic Favourites

### Flourless German Fruitcake

Cut up the following:

- ½ lb glazed red cherries
  - ½ lb glazed green cherries
  - ½ lb dates
  - ½ lb Brazil nuts
  - 2 slices red pineapple
  - 2 slices green pineapple
  - Mix above and add:
  - ½ lb fine shredded coconut
  - Dash salt
  - 15oz can condensed sweetened milk
- Combine and place in 8 x 8 x 2" pan lined with parchment paper, greased. Bake for one hour at 350F.

Submitted by Vera Loewen, Moosehorn

## Mom's Bannock

- 2 cups flour
- 4 tsp baking powder
- 1 tsp salt
- ¼ cup lard
- 1 cup half and half cream

Mix in bowl, cut in lard until pea size. Add cream. Work gently just until dough forms. Place on floured surface and work into form and roll top with rolling pin and prick with a fork. Bake about 22 minutes at 450F.

This was my mother Betty Burzuik Lee's recipe. She passed away eight years ago.

Sandra Kurbis, Selkirk

## Vinarterta

Dough:

- 1 cup butter
- 3 eggs
- ¼ tsp salt
- 1 tsp vanilla
- 4 cups flour (+)
- 1 ½ cup sugar
- 1/3 cup whipping cream
- 1 tsp almond flavouring
- 3 tsp baking powder

Filling:

- 750 gram pitted prunes
- 1 cup sugar
- 1 tsp cinnamon
- 1 tsp vanilla

Boil prunes until tender about 20 min. Add rest while warm and mix. (I use mixer) Cool. Cream butter with sugar. Add eggs one at a time. Add flavourings. Bake each dough/cookie layer until only light brown. 325F oven for 5-6 min. A vinarterta should be 7 layers. 7 layers of cooked dough with 6 layers of the prune filling between each.

\* Tips - make small Vinarterta so they are easier to make, freeze and take - bake on parchment paper circles - use a 5.5" pot lid as a cutter

This recipe is from my father Laurence S.G. Johnson. He was the Mr. Johnson who taught at the high school in Selkirk. Also noted as Selkirk Citizen of the Year, he was a past president of the Selkirk Bruin Chapter and of the Icelandic National League of North America. They have a Lifetime Achievement Award named after him.

Patsy Zdrill, Selkirk

- ½ cup high fat sour cream
- 2 and ½ cup milk & cold coffee (I do about ½ of each)

Bowl 2: Mix these together and slowly add into bowl 1 mixture- mixing well after each addition.

- 1 ½ cups flour
- 1 tsp baking powder
- ½ tsp salt
- ½ tsp cinnamon

Filling:

I use mix of approximately half brown & white sugar, sprinkle on cooked Pönnukökur. Diabetic/Diet variation - use 1 packet of sugar substitute. Make the batter, then cook the rounds until golden or desired colour on medium element. Thin ones are the best! It takes a few minutes only to brown each side. Loosen the edges all around before you flip. I use a Pönnukökur pan that my parents brought me from Iceland, but a 9-inch pan is good. My dad used butter before cooking each - I use non-stick spray oil. After I make all the Pönnukökur, I fill them & roll them. Enjoy!

Patsy Zdrill, Selkirk

## Welsh Cakes

- 3 cups flour
- 1 cup granulated sugar
- ½ tsp baking soda
- ½ tsp salt
- 1 cup currants
- 1 ½ tsp baking powder
- 1 cup butter (hard)
- 2 eggs
- ¼ cup milk

Mix dry ingredients and currants together in a large bowl. Cut in butter with pastry knife until finely crumbled. Whisk together eggs and milk, then add to dry mixture. Form a dough and roll out to 1/2-inch thickness on a floured surface. Cut into small round shapes. A juice glass works well. Dry fry each cake at 350 degree setting for an electric frying pan. Use semi-high heat if using a regular fry pan on the stove top. No need to oil the pan because the cakes contain butter. Cakes will rise while cooking and cook quickly. Fry each side until golden brown. Enjoy!

I learned this recipe from my children's paternal grandmother who had this recipe passed down to her. It is an instant favourite 'cookie' for everyone who tries these.

Erika Hanneson, Gimli

## Christmas Songs

### Winter Wonderland

Sleigh bells ring  
are you listening  
in the lane  
snow is glistening  
A beautiful sight  
we're happy tonight  
walking in a winter wonderland

Gone away is the bluebird  
here to stay is a new bird  
He sings a love song  
as we go along  
walking in a winter wonderland

In the meadow we can build a snowman  
Then pretend that he is Parson Brown  
He'll say: Are you married?  
we'll say: No man  
But you can do the job  
when you're in town

Later on  
we'll conspire  
as we dream by the fire  
To face unafraid  
the plans that we've made  
walking in a winter wonderland

In the meadow we can build a snowman  
and pretend that he's a circus clown  
We'll have lots of fun with mister snowman

until the the other kids knock him down

When it snows  
ain't it thrilling  
Though your nose gets a chilling  
We'll frolic and play  
the Eskimo way  
walking in a winter wonderland

Walking in a winter wonderland  
walking in a winter wonderland

### Silent Night

Silent night, holy night!  
All is calm, all is bright.  
Round yon Virgin, Mother and Child.  
Holy infant so tender and mild,  
Sleep in heavenly peace,  
Sleep in heavenly peace

Silent night, holy night!  
Shepherds quake at the sight.  
Glories stream from heaven afar  
Heavenly hosts sing Alleluia,  
Christ the Savior is born!  
Christ the Savior is born

Silent night, holy night!  
Son of God love's pure light.  
Radiant beams from Thy holy face  
With dawn of redeeming grace,  
Jesus Lord, at Thy birth  
Jesus Lord, at Thy birth

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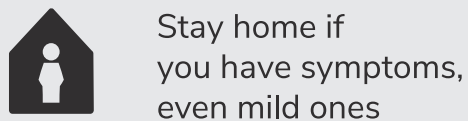
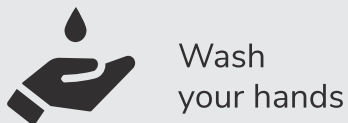
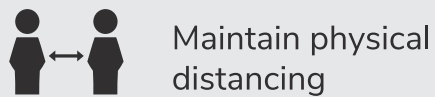
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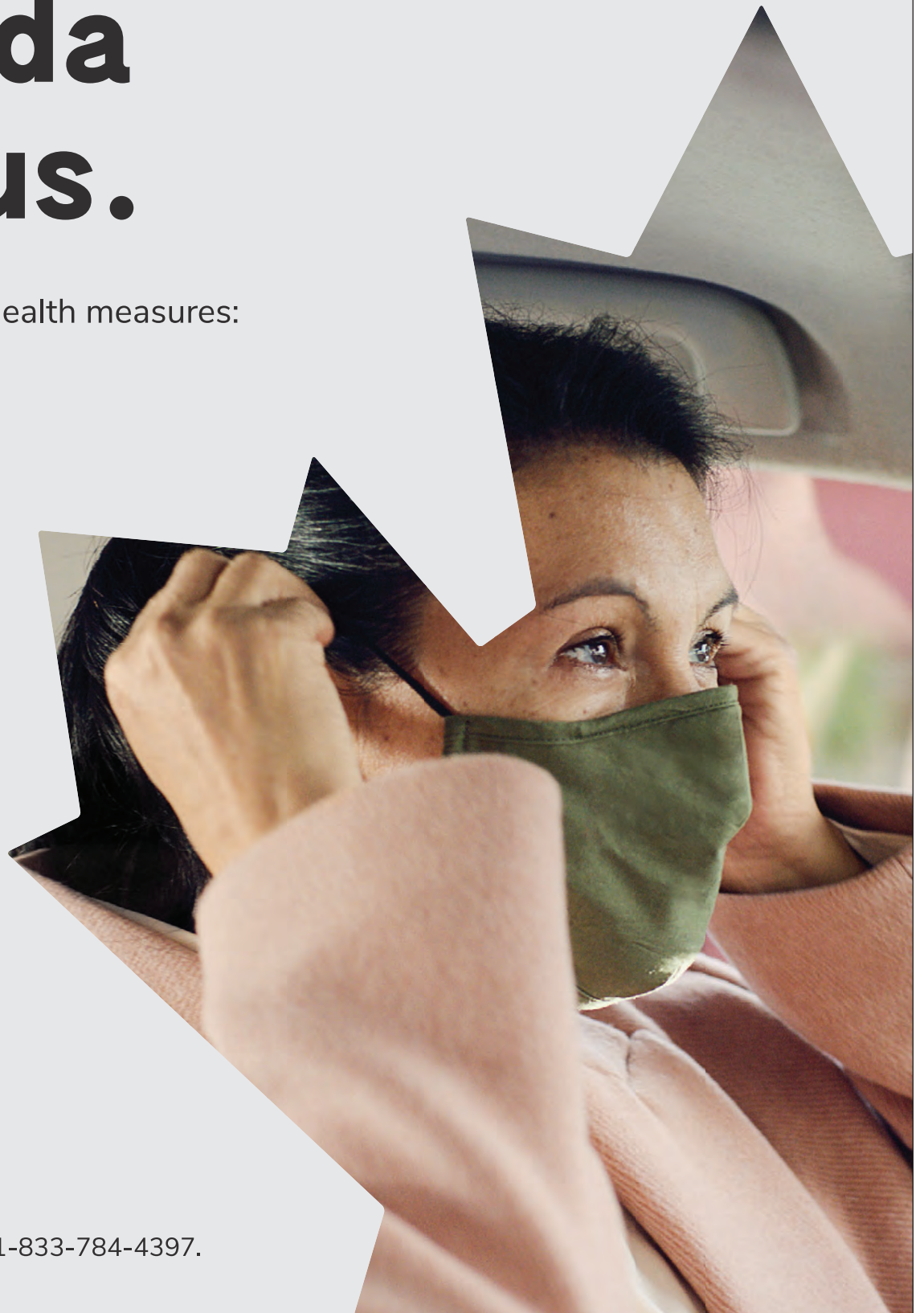


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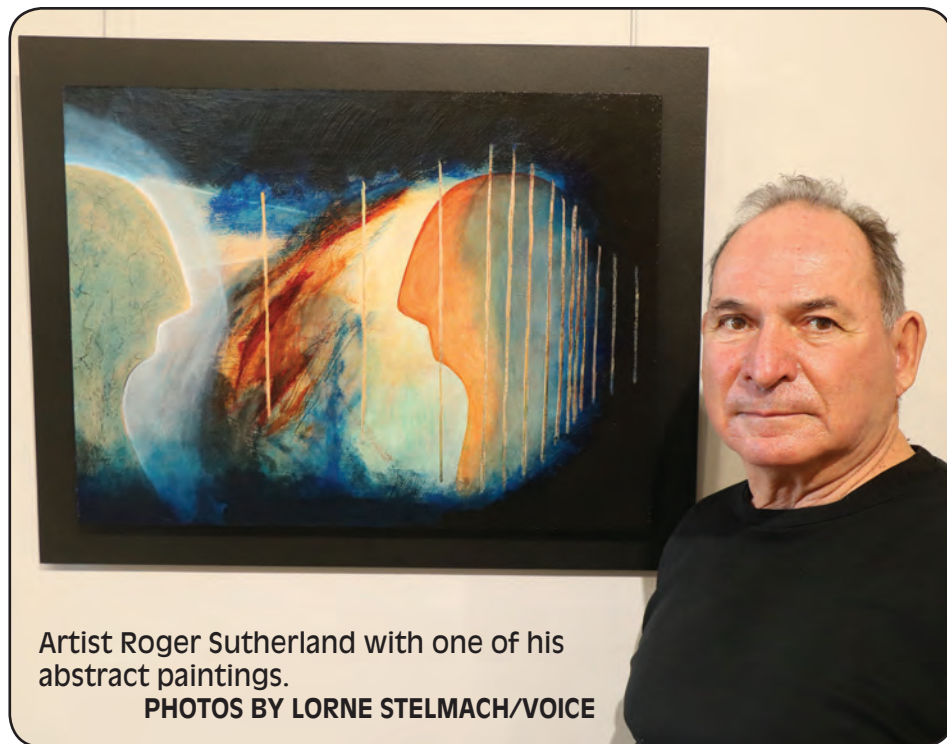
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Artist Roger Sutherland with one of his abstract paintings.

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# Let your imagination run wild

By Lorne Stelmach

He sees his paintings as telling a story that comes from letting his imagination go, and Roger Sutherland hopes people viewing his work will be able to do the same.

Letting yourself be free to create your own narrative is his hope for the exhibit *An Inner Journey* being featured at the Pembina Hills Gallery until Dec. 19. The gallery in downtown Morden is currently closed to the public thanks to the pandemic, but you can take a virtual tour of the show with Sutherland on the PHAC's Facebook page.

"Everybody can write a story here on any one painting," suggested Sutherland, who hails from St. Boniface with parents of French and Metis descent. "They all kind of follow one another. It's a story, and it's a rough story, but each one stands out on its own as well.

A passion for art came along later in life for the 69-year-old Sutherland, who at age 14 started learning his father's trade as a roofer during summer vacations. He and his brother eventually became self-employed roofing subcontractors. In 1975, he started training as a taxidermist with Canada's largest taxidermy company in Winnipeg. He was employed there for five years before starting his own taxidermy company in 1981.

In 1989, he left that behind and took up painting wildlife and prairie landscapes. He began to experiment with painting on plywood, masonite, paper

and canvas using various methods, but his style ultimately evolved into abstract painting that allows him more freedom.

"I wanted to be looser. I wanted to be able to express myself more fully, so I thought abstract and conceptual painting would be much more fun, and it is more fun," said Sutherland, who now, when not doing art, is a self-employed carpenter and renovator in

Winnipeg. "What I like is to deal with emotional part of life ... and when I'm painting, I'll let it talk to me."

What became the exhibit *An Inner Journey* began taking shape a decade ago, he noted, and he sees the work as following a story that goes from pre-birth to becoming conscious as starting points.

"You go journeying; you have life experiences. Sometimes you get in some trouble; sometimes your emotional state is a little upset, so you might consider an invitation into death ... then you come out of that, you work your way through it. From the darkness, you return to light," said Sutherland.

"You start learning things, and you become aware of a mystery, something greater than yourself," he continued. "You come to a point where you have to look within yourself. Why am I like this, why am I living this way, why are my thoughts this way? Am I where I want to be, and where do I want to go if I'm not there yet?"

"The final picture is you look at it, you look at your life again ... you look at what has influenced me?"

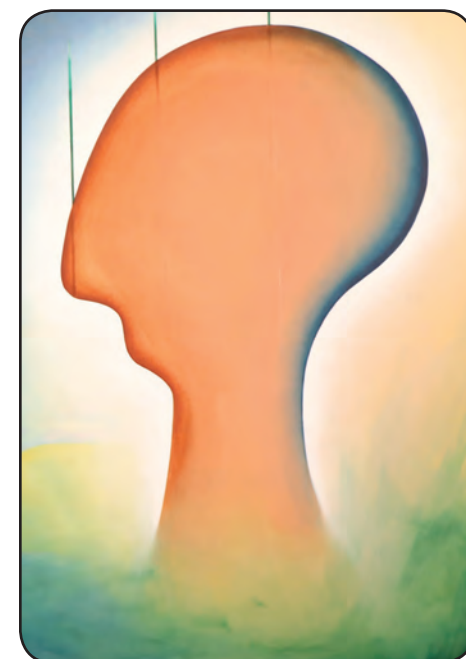
The works are primarily acrylic on masonite with the exception of one larger piece that is acrylic on canvas.

One work entitled "Visage" became a collaborative painting. Sutherland had started it a number of years ago but left it unfinished, so he turned it over to a friend who painted over it and added to it before then giving it back to him to complete.

Now being able to see the finished whole, Sutherland is pleased with it

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## > TREES, FROM PG. 13

Mayor Brandon Burley said the city does have the health of its trees in mind with this—as with any—project.

“There’s a sense of balance obviously there between the function of the utility right of way ... and the protection of trees,” he said.

“That role of the tree protection policy is to ensure that we prioritize tree coverage, and it details how we plan to protect them,” Burley explained, citing for example within utility right of way. “It will depend on tree size, age, value of the tree and things like that ... and as well the health of the tree.

“The contractors did agree to abide by it, and they have been ... we’ve had maybe three reports from people who thought there was damage,” said the mayor, who added they were aware of the concerns on 10th Street and there has been consultation with city arborist Shawn Dias.

“One thing that Shawn had emphasized was that it’s the type of root and not the size of the root being taken out that will really affect the health

and vitality of the tree,” Burley said. “In certain cases where they’re digging out utility boxes ... every one of those sites is being inspected by our arborist, and any time there are major roots that need to be taken out, they are supposed to be hand cut, which is what Shawn had requested.”

He acknowledged there is a concern particularly about the horizontal drilling but said they understand that “if there’s resistance, they’re supposed to back off and manually dig those sites.”

“A new contractor, we are aware, took out a fairly large root bulb, but those are few and far between ... we’ve only had a few instances of concern,” he said.

“We are doing whatever we can to protect them, and the contractor has been really good on this front,” Burley stressed. “We’re pretty confident we can deliver it with limited issues ... but certainly, if there are issues, Shawn will be out to look at the trees and assess them and where necessary to nurse them back to health.”



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A worker digs in while installing fiber internet in Morden. Tenth St. residents are concerned about the impact the project is having on some of the trees in the area.

## > LIGHTING CONTESTS, FROM PG. 14

dered is there something we could do to get people to want to put their lights up?”

Her Morden Holiday Display Contest, which can be found on Facebook, is simply something to help brighten things up for the community in a difficult time. Penner has been pleased with the response so far.

“There’s a lot more people wanting to participate than what I had anticipated,” she said. “I thought maybe I would get a handful of people wanting to display, but I had 10 plus people right away who have given me their addresses to put on the list, and every day I get a few more.”

Penner will be posting a map with all the participating addresses so people can check out all the displays. She’s aiming for Dec. 21 as the date for the winners to be chosen.

“I will be putting up a poll for people to vote on their top three, the ones that they think were the most creative and most festive,” she explained. “A handful of local businesses have donated prizes for the

winners.

“It’s inspiring to see [the support]. I’m hoping it will get people out of their houses and will actually enjoy the season because I know a lot of holiday activities and festivities are cancelled, and a lot of people depend on those things.”

Meanwhile, the City of Morden is also encouraging people to register their home or business to be included on a Morden Holiday Lights Map for a chance to win the Lights of the Week yard sign along with a prize sponsored by a local business.

Lights of the Week winners will be selected via a weekly poll from Nov. 27 to Jan. 8.

People are encouraged to submit their registration by Thursday, Nov. 26.

“The more the merrier; the more lights we can get, the better,” said recreation programmer Stephanie Dueck, who expressed her thanks to sponsors Giant Tiger, Home Hardware, Focal Point, Fringe Salon, and Gables Realty for making this competition possible.

## Attention Kids...

### What's Your Christmas story?

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# New home for Morden chamber, festival, and community fdn.

By Lorne Stelmach

Three local community organizations are back where they feel they belong right on the main drag in the heart of downtown Morden.

The executive directors of the Morden and District Chamber of Commerce, Morden Area Foundation, and Morden Corn and Apple Festival cut the ribbon last week to officially mark their return to 379 Stephen Street.

They had previously shared space in the former municipal building that was demolished to make way for a new development that includes space for both residential and commercial use.

"I think it's great to have all three of these community organizations partnering and sharing this office space," said chamber executive director Candace Olafson.

"It's nice to be back in our old location, and I think that the addition of



PHOTO BY LORNE STELMACH/VOICE

From left: Corn and Apple Festival executive director Tim Hodge, the Morden chamber's Candace Olafson, and Lynda Lambert of the Morden Area Foundation cut the ribbon their new home last week.

the project and the whole building in the downtown is huge," she added,

noting the foundation has also provided a grant to assist in purchasing new office furniture. "It's awesome to see more residential units downtown, and I think that can only further support the downtown businesses."

"You're right downtown where the action is, and you're easily accessible to the public, so it's awesome," said foundation executive director Lynda Lambert.

"It's nice to be back, nice to be in a brand new building, and it's also nice to be right on the main route," agreed festival executive director Tim Hodge. "When we get back to having a Corn and Apple Festival, it will be nice to be right here ... it's in the heart of the city but especially right in the heart of the festival too."

The shared office space is currently closed to the public due to the pandemic restrictions, but all three agencies can be contacted by phone, e-mail, or through their websites.

# Connecting with families in spite of the pandemic

By Ashleigh Viveiros

The Winkler and Family and Morden Parent and Child resource centres both had a full slate of free programs ready to go for November and December ... and then COVID-19 reared its ugly head once again.

Rather than closing up shop as they

did last spring, coordinator Cathy Savage says they're trying something different this time around.

"What we've done this time is we've changed our programs from in-person to online," she says. "All our programs are now online in both Morden and in Winkler."

Registered families last week were

invited to stop by to pick up a bag of crafts to tide them over for the next four weeks.

Then, starting this week, each of the programs will hold online Zoom meetings for a touch of social interaction before parents and their tykes tackle the activity bags.

"We'll do a half an hour online and then parents can do the craft after with their children," Savage says.

Simply cancelling programs was something the centres most certainly wanted to avoid having to do again.

"When we had the big shutdown in March, everything shut down and everybody was so confused and just in disorder," Savage says. "But we had the whole summer to plan our programs and wrap our head around COVID. We just want to support our families the best we can."

"A lot of our stay-home caregivers were the ones who were most isolated

and didn't have anything they could do with their younger children," she adds. "We did hear from parents who said it would be nice to have something to do at home when you can't leave the house now."

There are eight numeracy and literacy programs running in Morden, Winkler, and Plum Coulee, each with about a dozen families—caregivers and their infant or toddler-age children—taking part.

The next slate of programs will run in January and February. If the province is still at level orange or red on the pandemic response system, those will be offered online as well.

"They'll be running ... we didn't want to be wishy-washy about," says Savage. "Rather than uncertainty we wanted to add a bit of certainty to people's lives."

Program details and registration will be available in mid-December.



WFRC PHOTO

Families were invited to stop by the Winkler Family Resource Centre and the Morden Parent and Child Resource Centre last week to pick up activity packages for the ongoing programming, which is moving online this week.

**"WE JUST WANT TO SUPPORT OUR FAMILIES THE BEST WE CAN."**

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# CCI looking for donations for online auction

By Lorne Stelmach

Farmers are being encouraged to do some good with their unused machinery and equipment.

Anyone else can also contribute as well to the Auctions for Kids initiative of Children's Camps International, which is working with Bill Klassen Auctions for the online fundraiser.

The Christian ministry is hoping to have anywhere from 50 to 100 items for the auction set for Dec. 11 and would like to raise somewhere in the range of \$50,000 for its evangelical camps for kids around the world.

"We've spent a lot of energy bringing awareness to the organization, working with farmers by doing the world record harvest ... this is another way to continue working along with the farming community," said Dave Thiessen, vice president of Children's Camps International.

"A lot of farmers have a piece of equipment that's parked and that they're not using anymore, but it's too much work for them to take it to the auction mart. So they can donate it, and we will take care of it for them."

"I'm a supporter of Children's Camps International ... whenever they do something, I try to help them along," said Klassen, who eagerly came on board with the initiative.

"I think it's really positive. I've been

a Sunday school superintendent at our church for 13 years way back ... and the time to tell the story to children is when they're young," he said. "I'm a big supporter of that and thought this was a good way for me to get involved."

Klassen said there is a wide array of items that could be great for the auction including any machinery that someone may still use like harrows, swathers or seeders to tools, air compressors, trailers, saws, ladders or even antique cars or trucks, ATVs, motorbikes and more. Donation receipts will be issued if requested for the final sale price of the item.

A lot of this equipment can be hard to sell, and an auction is often an easier and better way to do it, Klassen noted, adding this is not only good for business but also has the bonus of supporting a good cause.

"My auction business is pretty quiet in the winter time ... and I do have employees, so this will give them something to work with," he said.

Thiessen said the idea grew from a discussion about "what kind of things can we do that can create awareness and dollars towards the ministry of sending kids to camp."

"We appreciate that Bill's donating his time and energy towards helping us out," he said. "Everybody has gifts and abilities, and sometimes people



**BILL KLASSEN AUCTIONS PHOTO**

Children's Camps International's online auction will have a little bit of everything up on the auction block Dec. 11. The ministry hopes to raise \$50,000.

are saying how do I use it to help? We have people who have stuff and people who have skills ... as we go forward, we're looking at working with more auctions and how people can use any of their skills and any of their

gifts."

For more information, you can go to the Bill Klassen Auctions or Harvest for Kids websites, call 1-204-331-4003, or e-mail [auktion@harvestforkids.com](mailto:auktion@harvestforkids.com).

## 'You can't rush this stuff. You've got to let it talk to you.'

From Pg. 20

while allowing himself the option to possibly continue with it or add to it.

"I'm glad. I'm not sure that it's over yet, but I'm good where I am now. I might add to it. As you go along, your ideas change or your experiences change, and you see life differently as

you get older," he said.

"I like the way it looks. It would be nice if somebody bought the whole thing ... I would love it if the whole thing stayed together.

"It was a lot of fun to do, but it took a long time ... one of the smaller paintings took a month or month and a half to do, working on it every night," Sutherland noted. "But there's no rush. You can't rush this stuff. You've got to let it talk to you."

For those who view the pieces in the

show, he simply hopes that they are able to open themselves to let it take them wherever it may go.

"I hope they have the courage to have an interpretation ... a lot of times, people don't want to look at what's inside themselves ... have the courage to see," he concluded. "You can interpret it in your own way. Each person will look at this, if they want to be serious about it, if they look at the painting, they'll have their own interpretation."

### > WESTERN SD, FROM PG. 12

be doing it. I feel we've got some fantastic staff, and we feel we have the right options ... to do a pretty good job for those families to be at home. It's not going to be the same for sure ... but hopefully it's going to be fairly good."

Ross noted it made sense to have the temporary remote learning only extended to K-8 given the adjusted learning that is already taking place at the high school.

"Our high school kids are learning remotely every second day at home now anyway," he pointed out.

"We appreciated the province gave local school divisions an opportunity

to make that determination on their own and when they were ready," Ross continued.

"We know the best for kids to learn to get the best out of it is at school, so it's not something that we wanted to just randomly throw in ... it's very complex for schools to offer that simultaneously," he said. "We knew that, quite honestly, when our families in our communities became very concerned about increases in cases that they might vote with their feet, and that would be an indication to us that people would prefer another option, perhaps."



Artist Roger Sutherland and his work.



# The Hub food bank working to meet the need

By Lorne Stelmach

One thing that has remained constant this year throughout the pandemic and the resulting restrictions has been the need for a food bank program in Morden.

The Hub Community Centre has had to adjust how it provides the ser-

vice, but they anticipated the challenges and difficulties faced by many families might have driven up the demand for the service.

"We were prepared for an increase. We had a bit of a lull during the summer, but we've seen that climb back up," said Brian Thiessen, who is a key organizer together with his wife De-

nise. "It could be a variety of different variables that have played a factor in it, but we're just happy we can still be around and still be available for people who require it."

Now operating out of the Morden Mennonite Church, The Hub Community Centre's main service is the weekly food bank program for Manitou, Darlingford, Miami, and Morden residents. It also provides clothing and household items to those who need them.

The food bank is open each Tuesday from 12:30 to 4 p.m. They've had to make a few changes, though, to how things run thanks to increasing pandemic restrictions.

"We're asking that nobody come into the building ... wait in line, and we will bring the hampers out to your vehicle if you have or if you are on foot," said Thiessen, who noted "my suggestion is not to come right at 12:30 because the lineup can be a little long."

"You can usually get your food pretty promptly, though, without having to wait too long," he added. "And we'll continue to do it that way until the restrictions start to lift and we can hopefully go back to people being able to come back inside to pick up their hamper."

Thiessen noted their experience has been that the need does not necessarily lessen or increase significantly at certain times of the year, but they do see some variance in who is coming to make use of the service.

"The clientele is evolving. We see some people come on, some people come off, which is good to be able to see," he said.

"It's good that people can get the assistance that they need and then come through on the other side and find that they no longer require help," Thiessen added. "And sometimes, they can then turn it around and help others, and that's great."

"So it does fluctuate, but the need is pretty constant, and we can always use donations," he said, noting they can be dropped off at the church, Morden Co-op, or Giant Tiger. Tokyo Smoke had also been promoting a food drive in support of The Hub this past week.

Meanwhile, Thiessen noted the Kats for Kids service in conjunction with the Morden and District United Way would soon be available again after a brief pandemic break, with plans for it to be offered online.

"We'll be directing everybody to Facebook. We'll be posting pictures of the items and their sizes," he explained. "You'll be able to browse through what's available online and pick the ones you want and you can then pick them up the following Tuesday."

You can find out more about that and also keep up to date through The Hub's Facebook page or via email to [hubcommunitycentre@gmail.com](mailto:hubcommunitycentre@gmail.com).



PHOTO BY LORNE STELMACH/VOICE

Volunteer Jamie Teichroeb at The Hub in Morden packs up groceries for a family in need last week. The community centre is now doing drive-thru pickups for its weekly food hampers.

## Province hires private firm to help with health orders enforcement

By Ashleigh Viveiros

The Province of Manitoba has hired a private contractor to help enforce public health orders during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Premier Brian Pallister announced last week that Manitoba has signed a contract with security firm G4S Canada to provide personnel to bolster enforcement efforts.

"Our number one priority in the face of this unprecedented pandemic has been to protect our most vulnerable Manitobans and ensure our health-care system is there for all Manitobans when they need it," Pallister said in a media briefing Nov. 17.

While many Manitobans are following public health orders and staying home as much as possible, there are

still some who are not.

"There are a small minority of people who are not doing their part," Pallister said. "They are ignoring the advice of our public health experts, and in doing so they are putting their health and the health of others at risk."

"There are going to be consequences, as there have been, increasingly, for those who disregard public health orders," the premier stressed.

G4S Canada will be providing upwards of 90 staff to the complement of nearly 3,300 provincial and municipal employees already empowered to enforce health orders across Manitoba.

The company's staff are trained at ticket enforcement, Pallister said, noting they've been employed by the City of Winnipeg to issue tickets in the past.

"It's a company that has people who are used to dealing with situations where, let's just say, it's not always pleasant ... as opposed to a lot of our government employees that don't have that experience personally," he said. "This is a group that can bolster our enforcement because they bring that experience with them."

Specialized training through Commissionaires Manitoba is underway for a number of G4S personnel along with provincial employees who are being redeployed to COVID-19 enforcement.

Since enforcement efforts began in April, a total of 307 warnings and 200 tickets have been issued, as of last week.

Manitobans can report compliance and enforcement issues by visit-

ing [manitoba.ca/COVID19](http://manitoba.ca/COVID19) or calling 1-866-626-4862.

"I would remind again Manitobans who see something to say something," Pallister urged. "If you see a business breaking public health rules I want you to report it. If you see someone hosting a large gathering or a house party that is violating the rules you can report that. Please do. If you suspect that someone is not quarantining when they are supposed to be quarantining, report that as well."

"We're all facing some tough challenges. We're stronger when we work together as a team," Pallister stressed. "I believe with the cooperation and assistance of all Manitobans we can and we will get back to beating COVID the way we have in the past ... we did it once, we can do it again."

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• A LOOK BACK

# Training to be a Manitoba teacher in the 1960s

**W**hat an unusual, troubling time we live in now!  
 Parents and students have difficult decisions to make: Can we trust enough safety measures are in place to prevent the spread of COVID-19 in schools? Should we opt for homeschooling or online learning for our child?

The start of my school years from 1948-1960 had no such road blocks to maneuver. My main concerns were earning enough money during the summer to help pay for new clothes, textbooks, and supplies.

I so enjoyed the social life school provided, I would have been devastated had I not been able to attend. The day I wrote my final Grade 12 exam, I cried as I walked home. I had gone to the same school for seven years.

That sad day was soon forgotten, though, as I faced the reality of 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. shifts at the local canning factory and making the needed preparations for college in fall.

After an unfortunate injury at work my last week, I would be beginning college with my left arm in a sling!

In 1960, Teachers' College was located in a large, beautiful, Tyndall stone structure in Tuxedo, Manitoba. Until 1958, teacher training institutes were called Normal School. I was thankful for the name change to Teachers' College by the time I arrived. In 1965, the University of Manitoba became the training ground for future teachers.

Out of our small graduating class of 33 students, 10 of us were accepted into the one-year teaching program, seven girls and three boys. In addition, we had to attend two months of summer school every summer until we had the equivalent of two years of training.

Our one year of training has been criticized as inadequate but we had excellent teachers and practical lessons in teaching methods and classroom management. The early sixties was also a time of severe teacher shortages in Manitoba.

Mrs. Turner, our primary teacher, taught us printing and cursive writing. She emphasized choosing good literature to read and discuss with our young students. I can still hear her say, "Let them read anything they want but don't waste valuable teaching time reading trashy books." I remembered this when students brought me poorly written books based on popular TV shows or movies.

In our general math classes, we were given sheets of addition columns to add every night. The work was tedious but it did teach us how to add quickly and accurately!

In high school, I studied five core subjects: Math, English, Physics, Chemistry, and German. I delighted to now take Phys. Ed, Art and Drama. I could finally improve my basketball and volleyball skills. My strict Mennonite background forbade dancing but here I learned basic dance steps. Gymnastics and other activities and games suitable to teach young children were introduced. I also had



By Florence Dyck



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The author (far right, back row) attended Teacher's College in Tuxedo (left) in the 1960s. It was a one-year program plus a year's worth of summer classes.

the opportunity to play on a baseball team for the very first time. Thanks to my years of playing back catcher for my brother, I was given that position. Out of 10 competing teams made up of our different halls, our team won the championship!

I was not quite as impressed with my music class. I found out I had to have my voice tested. Class D was called. I did not go. Those from Class D who had not gone were to go. I did not go. All the students from all the classes who had missed had to go. I still did not go. Finally a few names, mine among them, were called. I now knew I had to go.

Shaking and trembling, I stood at the back of the line, always moving to the back when a new straggler came along. Finally, I was the only one left.

Practically in tears, I told Mr. Wally I hadn't showed up earlier because I couldn't sing.

"Nonsense," he said, "everyone can sing!" He proceeded to play our national anthem very loudly and very quickly as I timidly sang along. He was polite enough to invite me to join the general choir.

The drama class with Mr. Turner was the high light of my year. I performed as the

priest's housekeeper in Jean Val Jean. The actor who played Jean Val Jean won the top male actor award. Our performance placed in the top three.

I also joined the speech choir and we performed "The Messiah" alongside the concert choir at Christmas and again at Easter. I later credited the many awards in festival my classes won in speech choirs and spoken poetry to Mr. Turner's excellent teaching.

After I taught for a year at a small country school, I went to the University of Manitoba to earn my permanent certificate.

Later, much later, after being married for 27 years and having five children, I went back to university. In two years, by taking a full load every year, I graduated with a Bachelor of Education degree.

Although I have now been retired for 12 years, I still feel nostalgic every fall as I remember my happy days of going to school, getting children ready for school, and teaching.

*Florence Dyck is a former Mordenite now living in the Okanagan*

## Manitoba RCMP have issued eight COVID-19 fines so far this month

By Voice staff

It's been a busy few weeks for Manitoba's RCMP when it comes to responding to calls related to COVID-19.

The department last week released statistics for the 253 COVID-related calls its detachments across the province received between Nov. 2-13.

In 42 instances, officers issued a verbal warning. In eight, fines were issued under the Public Health Act

for failing to comply with a provincial emergency order.

RCMP included a snapshot of a few of the fined cases:

- Nov. 4: Cross Lake RCMP fined an adult male who was not self-isolating as directed.

- Nov. 7: Cross Lake RCMP fined a Winnipeg teenager for travelling to northern Manitoba.

- Nov. 7: The Pas RCMP fined an adult male who was not self-isolating

as directed.

- Nov. 8: Cross Lake RCMP fined an adult male who was not self-isolating as directed.

- Nov. 12: Fisher Branch RCMP fined an adult male who was not self-isolating as directed.

- Nov. 13: St-Pierre-Jolys RCMP issued a fine to an adult female for having more than five people at her residence.

- Nov. 13: Peguis RCMP fined two

adult females who were not self-isolating as directed.

Since April 9, 2020, Manitoba RCMP have issued 119 warnings and 50 fines.

Manitobans living outside of Winnipeg are reminded not to call 911 for COVID-19 related issues. Reports of non-compliance can be made to the Manitoba Government Inquiry line at 1-866-626-4862.



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## Morden Police warn people to stay off the ice

By Lorne Stelmach

Two recent reports of people being out on foot on local waterways have led police to issue a warning about ice safety.

People should be able to recognize the risk with the current conditions, said Chief Brad Neduzak.

"There's no way you should be on the lake at this time," he stressed. "We normally field calls on this because people are wanting to venture out on to the water at this time of year particularly, which is very risky, obviously. Our temperatures have not been sufficient enough to freeze the water for safety for people to go on there right now, so we are wanting people to stay off for sure."

Police received two separate reports connected to this on Nov. 15.

The first was about a man seen fishing on Lake Minnewasta. Officers arrived and spoke to the individual, who told them that he felt safe but would be leaving shortly.

That same day, police got another call about a man wearing shorts and walking toward the river in Morden Park. Officers again arrived at the location and spoke to the man, who told them that he was doing cold weather



PHOTO BY LORNE STELMACH/VOICE

There may be some ice forming on Lake Minnewasta, but it's nowhere near enough to safely walk on, say Morden Police.

training.

Neduzak cautioned people about venturing out on the water too early before you can be absolutely certain about its safety.

"That's the danger with water ... that in certain areas, it could be fairly thick, good enough for people to walk on, but then a few steps along it's razor thin.

"There are ways to tell, and obviously the open water is a dead giveaway," he noted, "but also the colour of the ice generally indicates its strength and quality. In general, blue ice would indicate that it's the strongest, while the grey coloured ice is usually indicative of it being unsafe. That's just the general rule of thumb; obviously these are not exact."

In terms of thickness, people for certain should stay off anything with less than 7 cm. Ice 10 cm or more thick is often sufficient for activities like ice fishing, walking, or cross country skiing. Meanwhile, light vehicles should only be driven on the ice when it is 20 to 30 cm thick. Again, Neduzak cautions that is only a general rule of thumb.

"You really need to have a look and judge for yourself what is sufficient, but right now, it certainly is not safe. Our temperature has not been

cold enough for a sustained period of time to get the adequate thickness of the ice for safety.

"We suggest you never go out on to the ice by yourself; always take somebody with you, let somebody know where you're going," he added.

For more tips on ice safety, you can go online to [lifesaving.mb.ca/water-smart/winter-safety](https://lifesaving.mb.ca/water-smart/winter-safety).

**"RIGHT NOW, IT CERTAINLY IS NOT SAFE."**

## Red River College to train students to help in care homes

By Voice staff

Winkler is one of five communities selected to offer a new, accelerated training program being launched to get more support into Manitoba's personal care homes.

Health Minister Cameron Friesen announced last week that the provincial government is teaming up with Red River College to roll out a COVID-19 health-care support worker micro-credential.

"Ensuring the appropriate care and support is available to residents of Manitoba personal care homes is a top priority as we see the strain that COVID-19 is placing on personal care home workforce," Friesen said in a news release. "We must do everything possible to ensure we have staff to support the care needs of residents

in our long-term care homes. This requires an immediate increase in the available workforce and this new training program addresses this goal."

RCC will be offering the week-long program to students in Winnipeg, Selkirk, Steinbach, Winkler, and Portage la Prairie starting Nov. 30. They're also exploring expanding it to additional communities in rural and Northern Manitoba.

The condensed program will train students to work as uncertified health-care aides (UHCAs) who will be able to support members of resident care teams in personal care homes, assisting them under the supervised of a manager or nursing supervisor. Duties may include resident observation, companionship, redirection, stocking of supplies, and more.

"As part of our continued efforts,

we've established a Rapid Execution and Deployment Team that will continue to create new and innovative solutions to offer our expertise, facilities, and network of campuses to support all Manitobans in response to COVID-19," said Fred Meier, RRC president and CEO. "I am proud of what we've been able to accomplish to aide in our provincial response, and I want to commend our staff, faculty and instructors for continuing to step up and support our communities."

The course will include a combination of virtual and in-class education and consists of five days of theory offered virtually and two days of in-person skills education.

The first graduates will be ready to be deployed as early as Dec. 8.

Eligible students must be over the age of 18 and possess a minimum of a

Gr. 10 education. Experience in direct care is not a pre-requisite, and the course is being offered tuition-free with a commitment to provide service in a personal care home for a period of three months following completion.

Interested individuals must apply to the COVID-19 casual pool and select the location where they prefer to complete the training.

Employment as UHCAs is also available to first- and second-year students in a health sciences faculty and programs, without the requirement for additional education. Students will be hired directly into the COVID-19 casual pool and assigned to a personal care home.

For more information about the micro-credential and to apply, visit [sharedhealthmb.ca/covid19/providers/jobs/](https://sharedhealthmb.ca/covid19/providers/jobs/).





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Aborist Jake Goertzen led a group of 23 participants in a series of chainsaw operation and maintenance workshops last month.



# Learning the ins and outs of chainsaw use

By Voice staff

Rookie and veteran chainsaw wielders alike took part in a series of chainsaw workshops held in Clearwater and Roseisle last month.

Twenty-three participants signed

up to learn the ins and outs of basic chainsaw operation and maintenance at presentations hosted through a partnership of the Manitoba Forestry Association, the Pembina Valley Watershed District, the Redboine Watershed District, Harvest Moon Society,

and the Pumpkin Creek Ski Club.

"There were both novice and seasoned woodsmen in attendance, and I think everyone went home with some new information and techniques on how to safely harvest trees in many different situations," said Redboine

Watershed technician Colby Desender.

Aborist Jake Goertzen headed up the workshops.

Due to high interest, the hosting partners are considering further workshops in the spring of 2021.

# Manitoba Bridge Grant available for businesses impacted by code red closures

By Voice staff

Tightening pandemic restrictions are hitting Manitoba businesses hard, but the provincial government is hoping a new grant might help them keep their heads above water as we weather the COVID-19 storm.

Premier Brian Pallister announced last week that businesses and organizations required to close under current public health orders are now able to apply online for a \$5,000 Manitoba Bridge Grant

"We recognize the significant sacrifices our local business community has made in the face of this pandemic in order to protect all Manitobans," the premier said. "We have been working and will continue to work side-by-side with our business community to help them do what they do best: employ Manitobans and offer services Manitobans rely and depend on. Many of them

can't do that right now, which is why we offering a \$5,000 grant to help bridge them through this unprecedented time."

The bridge grant program is earmarked for small and medium-sized businesses and organizations that were required to fully close their premises to the public because of the public health orders that went into effect Nov. 12.

The list includes non-essential retailers, restaurants, bars, beverage rooms, brewpubs, microbreweries, distilleries, recreation and sport facilities, museums and galleries, theatres and concert halls, not-for-profit organizations, faith-based organizations, and registered charities.

"The best thing we can do for our businesses is to bend our COVID curve down," Pallister stressed. "I encourage all Manitobans to follow the advice of Dr. Roussin and our health leaders to stay home in order to halt the spread of this virus and protect our most vulnerable Manitobans. Manitobans can safely show their support for our local businesses through online shopping and curb-side pickup and delivery options."

He noted that businesses that received other federal or provincial funding, such as the Manitoba Gap Prevention Program, are welcome to apply for the Manitoba Bridge Grant. The gap prevention program has concluded, Pallister said, with \$59 million paid out to more

than 9,800 businesses in the province.

The bridge grant application deadline is Dec. 15. Should the public health orders remain in place past Jan. 1, 2021, the Manitoba Bridge Grant may be extended to provide an additional \$5,000 to eligible organizations.

Application criteria is available online at [gov.mb.ca/covid19/programs/bridge-grant.html](http://gov.mb.ca/covid19/programs/bridge-grant.html).

For assistance to complete the online form, applicants can contact Manitoba Government Inquiry at 204-945-3744 or toll-free at 1-866-MANITOBA (626-4862).

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# sports & recreation

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## UFC the ultimate future for this Carman native

Jared "The Rebel" Revel is working his way up the ranks

By Dennis Young

Ever watched a UFC match on TV? You know, the ones where two combatants are locked in an octagon ring and fight until one submits or is unconscious? Well, welcome to the world Jared "The Rebel" Revel is making a name for himself.

This former Carmanite moved from Manitoba to B.C. in 2002 at 18 years old to try out for a junior hockey team, which did not work out, but he decided to stay in B.C. anyways.

Revel worked several jobs and was playing beer league hockey when he felt he needed something more for exercise. He and a friend attended a martial arts school to get into shape and to learn something cool.

"I thought I was a tough guy but was quickly humbled by someone a lot smaller than me," said Revel. His coach told him he was a natural and

that he should compete in Jiu Jitsu. He joined and after winning his first tournament he was hooked.

For most of Revel's life he took his talent for granted, never really worked to improve his skill set and was just using his talents to get by, which was usually good enough.

Hanging out and partying was more important to him. Working in the hospitality industry and the late hours opened doors to plenty of that and soon he could not function without alcohol or drugs to make it through the day.

"I was still working, training and even competing and still able to win so it made me think that everything was all good," said Revel.

It was his life for a long stretch and eventually it caught up to him. He eventually found himself in a lot of trouble. With support from family and friends he entered a treatment program and after his release he began to work on his second chance in life.

"I felt I owed it to myself and to all the people who had invested in me to give my best at everything I do and that's been my mindset ever since," Revel said.

He took a job at the gym Revolution where he had been training. His dedication and work ethics paid off and he was offered a partnership after two years. Over the next six years the combined efforts of the owners had huge success, with memberships reaching 650.

"Coming from a family of teachers [Don, Linda and brother Cullen], I never thought that was something I would ever do but found myself teaching people from ages 3-70 years of age in both martial and fitness."

Working and owning the gym, however, gave him the opportunity to pursue his real passion: competing at the highest level on a world stage.

Revel's first MMA fight was back in 2012 as an amateur and over the next two years he collected a 5-1 record while winning the Battlefield Fight League Middleweight Title. In 2014, he made his pro debut for the same promotion and got the win.

In 2019 after 10 pro fights and an 8-2 record, Revel became the Middleweight Champion with a win over George Davis. He successfully de-



SUBMITTED PHOTOS

Jared Revel's promising MMA career is preceded by receiving a black belt and a decorated run competing in jiu-jitsu.

fended that title two times earlier this year before COVID happened.

Revel had some very devastating losses along the way but, as addiction taught him, adversity in life as in sports is an opportunity to see what you're truly made of.

"Your loss or failure won't be the thing that defines you, it's what you do after," he said.

In June of this year he made the choice to go all in on his pro MMA career and sold his share of the gym so he could focus everything on being the best he could be. Revel felt he would always be able to teach and train people in the future but his athletic career only had a few years left.

"I certainly don't want to look back and regret not giving it my absolute best," he said.

After that he got an opportunity to fight on an international level from a new promotion called Taura MMA. They were trying to make waves as competition to the other big organizations. They had just signed a bunch of UFC fighters, too. For an MMA fighter, the UFC is like the NHL—it is the best league where most of the best competitors are.

Revel got signed to fight in Rio Brazil Oct. 23 this year against Sergio

Moraes, who was a former 14-time UFC vet and four-time Brazilian World Champion.

"I was clearly the gringo coming in to lose to a Brazilian legend lol."

However, Revel competed and got the biggest win of his career against a top guy on an international platform.

That huge win put him on a six fight win streak and he hopes punched his ticket to the UFC.

"Obviously at this time it's tough for a Canadian as there aren't any UFC shows in Canada due to the pandemic. So it makes it a little tougher to get visas to fight in the States, etc."

In the meantime, Revel continues to train and be prepared for what the future holds. He is humbled by the support he has been given throughout his career and his life choices, especially those from his hometown of Carman.

"I grew up with an amazing family, two parents who have always given me support and opportunities to succeed in life. And a big brother who consistently challenged me and that brought out the best and sometimes the worst," he said. "It was fortunate that I was not only in a sport oriented family but a community which I have so many great connections and memories."



Revel is on a six fight win streak.



# get inspired

> MEAL IDEAS



## Sherry Cherry Pork Loin Roast

Recipe courtesy of Cate Meade of "Cate's Kitchen Fit"

Prep time: 20 minutes

Cook time: 5-6 hours

Servings: 8-10

7 tablespoons avocado or grapeseed oil, divided

2 large Vidalia onions, halved and thinly sliced

4 teaspoons kosher salt, divided

1 pork loin roast (4-4 1/2 pounds), trimmed and patted dry

3 teaspoons freshly ground black pepper, divided

Sherry Cherry Sauce:

3/4 cup Holland House Sherry Cooking Wine

5-6 cloves garlic

1 cup frozen Bing cherries, divided

1 1/2 tablespoons dry mustard powder

4 tablespoons Holland House Balsamic Vinegar

2 tablespoons soy sauce

1 bunch fresh parsley, large stems removed, plus additional reserved for garnish

3 tablespoons cornstarch (optional)

In large slow cooker on high heat, add 2 tablespoons oil, sliced onions and 1

teaspoon salt.

Season roast evenly on all sides with 2 teaspoons salt and 1 teaspoon pepper.

Place large skillet over medium heat. Add 2 tablespoons oil to pan. Sear pork loin 3 minutes on each side until golden brown. Transfer roast to slow cooker on top of onions.

Cover and cook on low 3 hours.

To make Sherry Cherry Sauce: In blender, blend sherry cooking wine, garlic, 1/2 cup cherries, mustard powder, balsamic vinegar, soy sauce, parsley, remaining olive oil, remaining salt and remaining pepper until smooth; set aside.

After pork loin cooks 3 hours, add Sherry Cherry Sauce around pork roast. Cover and cook 2-3 hours on low.

To glaze, brush roast with warm sauce 3-4 times in last hour of cooking.

Once pork reaches internal temperature of 145 F, remove and let rest 15-20 minutes before slicing.

To finish sauce, remove 1/4 cup cooking liquid and mix with cornstarch to make a slurry. Whisk slurry and remaining cherries into sauce. Cook in slow cooker on high 15 minutes, stirring occasionally.

Slice roast 1/2-inch thick, garnish with fresh parsley and serve with Sherry Cherry Sauce and braised onions.



## Tuscan White Bean Soup

1 cup carrots, diced

6 large cloves garlic, minced

3 cans (15 1/2 ounces each) cannellini beans, rinsed and drained

1 can (13 3/4 ounces) artichoke hearts, rinsed and drained

1 bay leaf

1 teaspoon poultry seasoning

1 teaspoon salt

1 teaspoon ground black pepper

1/4 teaspoon dried rosemary

4 cups kale (about 6 ounces), cleaned, destemmed and chopped

5 ounces pancetta or bacon, diced

8 teaspoons Parmesan cheese, shaved (for garnish)

Place chicken stock, white cooking wine, tomatoes, onion, celery, carrots, garlic, cannellini beans, artichoke hearts, bay leaf, poultry seasoning, salt, pepper and rosemary in slow cooker. Cover and cook on low 7-8 hours or high 4-5 hours.

About 30 minutes before serving soup, stir in kale and cover.

In 10-inch skillet over medium heat, cook pancetta until crispy, about 4 minutes. Move pancetta to paper towel-lined plate to drain.

Ladle soup into bowls and sprinkle with pancetta and Parmesan cheese shavings.

## Expert patient here to help!

By Susie Schwartz

There's no denying that sometimes we need the medical system. You want your team working for and with you. Self-advocacy sits at the heart of this - a skillful art that many have never needed to learn, or don't understand. I want to use my experience to help.

The tip below has 'saved' me more than I can say. It's saved time, errors from being made, and one day might save my life. (Think: high-risk for covid-19 complications or alternatively - car accident.)

Tip: Carry a typed document at all times with your health conditions, medication/doses and the name of your GP or relevant specialists. (Include the date and be sure to keep it current.)

Averaging 100 appointments a year, every new doctor or medical professional I see asks for this information. Their faces light up with surprise and respect as they look it over. I always offer them a copy and knowing they usually keep it, carry two.

But recently, in these confusing covid-19 times, I realised I needed to be even more proactive. With all the talk of hospital/ICU admissions and knowing that our loved ones are no longer always allowed to be at our side to help care for us, for me the aforementioned list is not adequate. Thanks to having Type 1 Diabetes, Gastroparesis, ME/CFS and many food intolerances, a detailed diabetes plan in case of intense weakness or unconsciousness is needed. As an insulin pump user and being a tricky case for regulating blood sugars, even the 'experts' cannot hold the expertise that I and my husband Don carry when it comes to keeping



Susie Schwartz

me out of danger zone. (It really is a matter of life or death.)

I'll be honest. Creating this care-plan has been an emotional process. Picturing myself on a respirator unable to communicate or operate my insulin pump without Don by my side has brought both anxiety and tears. I didn't want to face it. Every time I went to type the necessary instructions, I felt my chest tighten and thought, later.

Guess what? Procrastinating proved worse. Once done (and I asked for input from Don to put it together), I had no anxiety about getting it done. I could rest knowing I'd prepared all I could for myself, and those who care for me. (Bonus tip: This applies to wills, end-of-life directives and funeral wishes, too.)

Trust me. Whether in the hot seat at a new clinic or admitted to hospital, you'll thank yourself.

Less health stress, yes?

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

Recipe courtesy of Jillian Wade of "Food, Folks & Fun"

Prep time: 15 minutes

Cook time: 8 hours

Servings: 8

4 cups chicken stock

1 cup Holland House White Cooking Wine

1 can (14 1/2 ounces) diced tomatoes

1 medium yellow onion, diced small

1 cup celery, diced



## Sweet Potato Casserole with Pecans and Toasted Marshmallows

Servings: 2

1/4 cup chopped pecans

1 pouch Honest Earth Mashed Sweet Potatoes

nonstick cooking spray

1 1/2 cups miniature marshmallows  
Position oven rack in upper one-third of oven. Preheat oven to 350 F.

In blender, blend pecans into sweet potatoes.

Divide between two 1-cup ramekins sprayed with nonstick cooking spray. Sprinkle with marshmallows and bake about 15 minutes, or until marshmallows are toasted and browned.

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DATED at the City of Morden, in Manitoba this 19th day of November, 2020.

**McCULLOCH MOONEY JOHNSTON SELBY LLP**

Attention: **ROBERT H. McCULLOCH**  
Solicitors for the Executors

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2. Tenders must be received on or before 12:00 noon on Friday, December 11, 2020.
3. To be considered, tenders shall be accompanied by a certified cheque in the amount of ten-thousand (\$10,000.00) dollars and shall be payable to "PKF Lawyers in Trust" as a deposit. Cheques accompanying unacceptable bids will be returned.
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**OBITUARY**

**Arthur Peter Falk  
1927 – 2020**



Arthur Falk passed away peacefully at Buhler Active Living Centre on Wednesday November 18, 2020. He is survived by five sons, three daughters and their families. He is also survived by 19 grandchildren and 39 great-grandchildren.

Art was born on September 26, 1927 to Katharina and Peter Falk on their homestead farm at Crystal City, MB. Early in life, he accepted Christ as his Saviour and was baptized on June 1st, 1947 in his home church in Elm Creek. Dad met the love of his life, Erna Janzen, at the Carman Fair. Following a brief courtship, they were married in Winnipeg on September 24, 1949. They lived in a one-room apartment in Winnipeg that first winter. Mom was working for a dry cleaner while Dad was working in a coal yard. In the spring

of 1950, they decided to give farming a try. Renting land from Dad's brother Peter, and planning to work together with another brother, Victor, they moved to a farm near the U.S. border south of Crystal City. Dad and Vic had very little money at the start and therefore shared equipment and a 2-ton truck. The two couples (Art and Erna and Vic and Susie) were often seen driving this vehicle to town or church. The five oldest children were born during these years. Dad worked hard long hours developing a mixed farm to provide for his family while Mom supported him by caring for their young family. He took great pride in farming and instilled the love of farming into his boys. He slowly was able to acquire more land so that if his boys were interested in farming, they would have an opportunity to do so. Following a house fire in 1960, a new home was built on the land purchased on the Snowflake 201 Rd. Here the three youngest children were born. Because some of the boys were interested in farming, Dad and Mom moved down the road a few miles closer to Snowflake and started another homestead.

Dad enjoyed his children's activities, especially baseball and hockey games. Dad and Mom would seldom miss a game and often Dad would stop the combine to join Mom travel around the province to watch baseball games. Later in his retirement years you could find Dad watching his favorite team the Toronto Blue Jays on TV or curling events like the Brier and Scotties. During his life, Dad developed four beautiful yards with shelter belts, trees, shrubs and flowers; but in his later years, even well into his 90s, he was well-known in his family for transplanting shrubs at their condo in Morden. Every summer Dad and Mom took their family on a trip with the camper. Mind you, they couldn't take all the kids on a trip at one time because there wasn't enough room for everyone in the car, so we had to take turns. Dad really enjoyed fishing and bought a boat so he could really enjoy the sport. Dad and Mom spent many summer days at the lake with friends who also enjoyed camping and fishing. Dad also enjoyed ice fishing and of course would never want anyone to know that one winter/spring day while he was fishing, his half-ton truck broke through the ice and sank into the water. In his 60s, he became an avid golfer. Dad enjoyed golfing with his buddies well into his eighties at the La Riviere golf course and I can remember how well he knew where to hit his ball to set himself up for the next shot. He had a hole-in-one on that course. He also enjoyed traveling with Mom to Edinburg, Texas and Apache Junction, Arizona for several winter months each year. In 2009, Dad and Mom moved from Crystal City to a condominium in Morden. Here they resided for the last 10 years, still hosting family gatherings and caring for their yard.

Dad was generous and demonstrated his love for Christ by living out his faith. His support of the Crystal City Mennonite Church, the Canada Food Grains Bank, Mennonite Collegiate Institute and MCC was an indication of his commitment and dedication to his community and his faith.

Dad was predeceased by his wife, Erna in May of last year (2019) and his grandson, Chad in September of 2019, one sister, Elvira, four brothers, Peter, Henry, Victor and Sig and two sisters-in-law, Nettie and Susie. Art will be remembered by his eight children: Don (Erna), Arnie (Carol), Gerry (Elaine), Lynn, Alvin (Erika), Larry (Marlene), Arlene Pooley (Steve), Cheryl Baydak (Brad) and their families. He will be fondly remembered by 20 grandchildren and 39 great grandchildren. He is also survived by three sisters-in-law, Annie, Marge and Ruth.

A private funeral service was held at Wiebe Funeral Chapel, Morden with interment at the Southside Cemetery. The family would like to thank the staff of Silver Lining Care at the Buhler Active Living Center in Winkler for the wonderful care and compassion they showed during the year Dad lived there. Thank you also to Wiebe Funeral Chapel, Morden, for making arrangements and for the kindness they have shown to us. If friends so desire, donations may be made in Art's memory to Canadian Food Grains Bank.

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**OBITUARY**

**Dueck, Jacob (Jake)**

**1936 - November 4, 2020**



Jacob was born June 8, 1936 in Gnadenthal to Peter and Margaret Dueck.

Jake grew up in Blumenfeld. In his early years he was employed as a trucker. After which he was employed as a salesman at Midtown Chev Olds in Morden. Later Jake and his brother John owned

the Morden Dairy Queen started the DJ'S Restaurant and the Dairy Queen in Winkler. After he sold his businesses he went back to trucking and moved to the US to attend Rhema Bible Training School. He then went on several mission trips to Belize, C.A. and Haiti.

Jacob married Jean Ann in 1984, moving to Minn. where they pastored till 1999. Then they moved to Ohio where he trucked again. In 2003 they moved to Pensacola, Fl. where the family is presently.

Jacob was the loving husband to Jean Ann for 36 years. He was a man of deep faith who loved to share the gospel and build up people. He was always willing to help others. They saw the need in Haiti and adopted two lovely daughters.

Jacob is survived by his beloved wife Jean Ann; one son Marvin; two daughters Joy Elizabeth and Jubilee; one granddaughter Justice; two sisters Anna and Marge; four brothers John, Dave, Peter and Jim.

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