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Morden's Winter Fun Sampler at Lake Minnewasta Saturday gave people the chance to try a host of cold weather activities, including crokicurl. For more photos, see Pg. 14.

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500 Stephen Community Centre opening soon

By Lorne Stelmach

Its opening date remains uncertain, but Morden's community centre is getting closer to becoming a reality.

Renovations are believed to be largely complete at 500 Stephen Street, which is both the address and the name for the centre that will bring a range of services under one roof.

Directors were anticipating last week that a building inspection was to be done soon to give them the all clear to move forward with opening the facility, and it was exciting for them to see that day finally drawing near.

"There's been a lot happening behind the scenes," said Natalie Friesen, who is a board member and has also been involved in fundraising efforts.

"We knew that the building itself needed some repairs and some changes, so a lot of our work so far has been around renovations," she said, noting there was a wide range of work to be done from building doors and walls to ensuring that it all was up to current

building codes. "So we're really close to kind of having the building ready to go and getting furniture all ordered and ready to go as well.

"It's exciting. Our community is one of the last in Manitoba of such a large community to not have a community centre ... it's definitely been a need for some time."

There had been talk for a number of years about the need for a community centre in Morden, and the idea finally started to come together with the Morden Community Development Corporation leasing the building at good rate.

Westside Community Church helped get it off the ground with a two-year commitment of \$20,000 annually to help get the facility established, and a task force of community members quickly came together to oversee the project.

It has been seen as possibly serving as an incubator space of sorts for local non-profit organizations while also providing space for a few key services,



PHOTO BY LORNE STELMACH/VOICE

Work continues on the 500 Stephen Community Centre, which organizers hope will be opening soon.

including Many Hands as an anchor tenant to operate its food bank program.

"Many Hands is starting up the food bank in the back of the community centre, so that had to be done in a very particular way with specific flooring and everything," noted Friesen.

The project has attracted a lot of support since it was announced, including financial donations from a variety of sources.

Some of the more significant donations include separate \$10,000 and \$3,084 grants through the Morden

Area Foundation and \$10,000 from Access Credit Union as well as \$7,000 from the Morden Community Thrift Store and \$5,000 from Co-op.. Many Hands received \$4,200 from the community foundation as well.

"The community has been so generous," said Friesen. "We've had huge amounts of community support, and not just financially but with people who have reached out, wanting to know about the renovations, spreading the word, and people have been

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Local residents wondering where their mail has gotten to

Missing, delayed mail concerns on the rise

By Lorne Stelmach

Rural residents in the region are wondering what is behind interruptions in their mail service and what Canada Post is doing about it.

The issue seems to be particularly a concern on rural routes such as the one that serves Wes Hamm, an RM of Stanley resident who noted mail came to their new "super mailbox" only once over a two week period over the holidays.

The delivery contained only a token of what should have accumulated in that time, said Hamm, who suggested the problem does not lie with the local carriers but more so with the post office in Morden being critically understaffed.

"I think it's been quite under the radar for a lot of people," Hamm said last week. "You would think if any other business operated this way, it wouldn't take long and they would not have business anymore."

"We rely on our postal service," said Yvonne Stoesz, another RM of Stanley resident who has also noticed the recent decline in consistent mail delivery. "People who continue to do some

things by post would definitely be affected ... and there's been nothing to notify us."

Hamm said the one time mail arrived over Christmas and New Year's saw them receive only one bill, a statement, and two pieces of junk mail after six days with no mail.

Hamm didn't fare any better when he stopped by the post office to inquire about packages that had been wrongly recorded as being delivered. When he asked for the items, he was told the rest of his mail had not yet been sorted.

In addition, he noted the Morden post office has been closed at random times recently, presumably due to staffing issues.

"Whenever I've been there, if it's open, there's a really long lineup," said Hamm.

"I don't know how many routes have been affected, but I do know I met a couple neighbours there who were there for the same reason," he said. "I'm guessing it impacts people in town too ... there was a whole day where they were closed ... and they've also been closed at random times during this period."

"We do get parcels at different locations, but still a lot of our mail and a lot of our packages come through the postal service."

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Local residents have voiced their concerns over why they're not receiving mail in a timely manner recently. Canada Post says the pandemic is to blame for staffing shortages and service delays.

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Get a “Faspa in a Box” in support of Salem Home

By Ashleigh Viveiros

It may still be awhile before large groups of people can gather together for an old-fashioned Mennonite faspa, but Salem Home isn't going to let that stop them from getting tasty goodies into the hands of its supporters.

The Salem Foundation and the Salem Ladies Auxiliary are teaming up to present their first ever Faspa in a Box fundraiser next month.

It's a fun spin on the traditional faspas that have been held in support of the Winkler personal care home for years now, said Salem Foundation executive coordinator Susan Hildebrand, adding that it's been an interesting challenge to come up with new ways to fundraise despite pandemic restrictions.

“The auxiliary is always looking at ways to enhance the lives of residents,” she said, noting a big part of that is interacting with and reaching out to the community. The faspas have always been a wonderful way to do that.

The Faspa in a Box packages will be filled with all manner of homemade goodies—enough for two people to enjoy a nice afternoon repast.

“They'll be some kringle, raisin buns, cheese, pickles, jam, sugar cubes, butter, and some really good cookies,” said Salem CEO Sherry Janzen. “Everything you need for a faspa, for a grandma's faspa.”

The suggested minimum donation per box is \$35. Proceeds will go towards the purchase of a new ABBY board for the care home.

ABBY boards are wall-mounted



SUPPLIED PHOTO

The Salem Ladies Auxiliary is serving up Faspa in a Box next month to help the care home purchase a third interactive ABBY board for residents to enjoy.

electronic displays that allow residents to pet a cat, take a virtual drive, or flip and twist old radio and television switches and dials. Salem already has two of these devices for residents to interact with, and they've proven to be a big hit.

“When the Maple unit got their ABBY board one of the ladies sat down at the steering wheel and said, ‘I think I'm driving to Florida,’” Janzen shared, explaining it has had a very calming influence on residents, many of whom live with dementia. “It has been very good for staff to be able to involve residents in activities. And a lot of residents go and will turn the steering wheel themselves or pet the

cat.”

This third board is earmarked for the residents of the Cottonwood unit to enjoy.

You can book your Faspa in a Box in advance until Monday, Feb. 7 by calling 204-325-4316, emailing salem-foundation@salemhome.ca, or heading online to salemhome.ca. Payment can be made online by credit card, e-transfer, or in person.

The packages will be available for pickup on Saturday, Feb. 12, at the care home on 15th St. in Winkler from noon to 6 p.m.

There are only 300 faspa packages being made, so book early to avoid disappointment.

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The last few months have been trying ones at the care home, which has been in outbreak mode for several weeks now. Facilities are considered to be dealing with an outbreak if two or more people (resident or staff) have COVID-19.

The virus of late has been affecting staff more than residents, noted Janzen.

“We're starting to see more staff [fall ill], and I think it's just because of the new variant,” she said, referring to the more contagious omicron variant.

The remaining staff are “managing,” Janzen said when asked about workload at the facility. “Sometimes it's a little more difficult than other times.”

Thankfully, when residents have fallen ill, Salem has thus far been able to prevent the virus from spreading through the facility unchecked, as has happened in other care homes.

“It's not throughout the building and staff have been really good about wearing their PPE [personal protective equipment] and doing their hand hygiene and doing whatever they need to do to keep residents safe,” Janzen said, acknowledging, however, how hard it's been on residents not to be able to have general visitors while the care home is in lockdown.

They've been working hard to keep everyone's spirits up, workers and residents alike. Fun, almost normal events like Faspa in a Box do help on that front, Janzen said, noting the residents will most likely also be enjoying some of the faspa treats on the day they're being handed out.

“Everyone loves faspa,” she said, laughing.

Winkler council approves \$5.4M interim budget

By Ashleigh Viveiros

Winkler city council has approved a \$5.41 million interim budget to cover community costs until the 2022 financial plan is finalized this spring.

“We need to do the necessary things in regards to establishing an interim budget so the bills continue to get paid until the final budget is actu-

ally approved,” noted Mayor Martin Harder at the Jan. 11 council meeting, at which time the temporary budget was approved unanimously by council.

The \$5.41 million breaks down to \$1.5 million for protective services, \$1 million for transportation services, \$628,000 for fiscal services, \$574,000 for general government operations,

\$568,000 for recreation and cultural services, \$317,000 for garbage collection, \$252,000 for planning services, \$252,000 for economic development, \$192,000 for health and welfare costs, \$75,000 for human resources and communications, and \$30,000 for information technology services.

Council also gave first reading to the bylaw outlining how much council-

lors are paid for their work on behalf of the community.

This mayor sees his annual indemnity rise \$914 to \$37,456, the deputy mayor's salary increases \$490 to \$20,084 a year, and all other city councillors will receive \$17,153 for 2022—up \$418 over last year.

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Valley Fiber named top gaming ISP by PCMag

By Lorne Stelmach

Winkler's Valley Fiber recently received recognition for providing top level service particularly for the gaming sector, but the honour goes deeper than that in the eyes of CEO Hank Wall.

Cited recently by *PC Mag* as being a top gaming ISP in 2022, the technology that makes what they provide good for gaming is also good for business, Wall suggested last week.

"Any time you get recognition for being the best ... it's always awesome to be able to step back and acknowledge that you've been able to accomplish what you set out to be able to do," he said. "Being in the industry for only three years, and your competing against competitors who have been in the industry for 30 plus years, that's always a huge feather in our hat."

PC Mag cited Valley Fiber for being among the best with heady numbers backed up by the measured quality of the connections.

When it comes to gaming, a high-quality internet connection is more important than having the fastest download and upload speeds, noted the magazine.

"Valley Fiber will install a duct and fiber to every building in its ever-growing service area, and from the quality it's offering, everyone should want it. Gamers should be flocking to the 'town' of 12,660," it said.

"The really cool thing to take away from this too is that the reason why we won the award is we ultimately have the lowest latency and the lowest jitter," said Wall, who likened latency to being basically how fast you can get from point A to point B.

"For gaming, it's extremely impor-



VOICE FILE PHOTO

Valley Fiber CEO Hank Wall is proud of the company's growing reputation for quality. It was recently named a top gaming internet service provider by PCMag.

tant, but it's also extremely important for telecommunications ... you can also do multimedia extremely well," he said. "Not only can you game well, but you can also work from afar very well, and that's really critical for us because we obviously are aware of what's happening with COVID. We understand people have to work from home and businesses have to adapt.

"Ultimately, that's what technology should do for you. Technology should allow you to do things the same, as close as you can, to the same experi-

ence as if you were there," Wall said. "This is step one in the greater technology play, but this is the biggest step that most ISPs cannot make because they're using shared technology versus dedicated technology."

He gave credit to all of the staff who are part of the Valley Fiber team for their contributions to the company's continued success as it continues to expand.

"It is a huge win for the whole team at Valley Fiber," Wall said. "It's been a team effort to implement."

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"I'm a fairly laid back person," noted Stoesz. "I can't say it's really affected me in a big way, but I have noticed that there is often no mail at all, and there's been no notice.

"We've been frustrated already with our new postal codes ... many places don't accept that postal code when I'm trying to pay for something," she added.

Her hope is that Canada Post will do something soon "to remedy the situation, notify residents, and at least provide some explanation.

"We want assurances that our mail will get to us, that's it not going to

be lost."

The *Voice* reached out to Canada Post to discuss this matter, either with a local or national representative. They declined an interview but issued a statement.

"With the rapidly changing situation regarding COVID-19 and the omicron variant across Canada, we're experiencing an impact on staffing," it read. "We're responding by implementing contingency plans where necessary and adjusting our operations to serve Canadians.

"This situation is fluid across the country, and customers may experience delays over the next few weeks," Canada Post said, noting they are keeping customers apprised of the situation through its website and mobile tracking site.

"We continue to prioritize the health and safety of our people and the communities we serve. In addition to our mandatory vaccination practice, we're continuing to follow COVID-19 safety protocols in the workplace."

The *Voice* also reached out to the Canadian Union of Postal Workers for comment, but had not received a response as of press time.

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Rage against the machine

Systems can be important and they exist and are created to create equity and efficiencies, but like anything, they need to be held in check and evolve over time.

There are good systems and bad systems and a lot of in-between systems.

Canada's health care system for example is a relatively good government-run system, in comparison to other countries. One of the most telling examples of a good system is that it levels the playing field between those with a lot and those with little.

An example of a terrible system is Canada's residential school system. This is a system that did everything it could to maximize the power differential between those with a lot (colonial Canada) and those with little (First Nations). This is another example of a system created, run by, and maintained by government.

Somewhere in the middle is the education system. I say the middle because there is a great deal of diversity

in terms of performance from province to province and region to region with this government-run system.

A lot of systems are built and maintained by various levels of government. Not surprisingly, systems can lead to systemic thinking. This is a kind of inside-the-box thinking that self-perpetuates. It is thinking that struggles to perceive of any other way of doing a thing and so it accepts and reinforces limitations in a "these are the rules we have to follow" sort of way.

Of course we need rules and systems to ensure a level of order. The best systems are like sports fields or rinks. There are boundaries and rules of play within which you have quite a lot of freedom. Like sports, the best systems are also malleable. They change and, most importantly, are open to change so that the sport/system remains fair.

Rules, laws, and even the Constitution can be challenged and changed when necessary. Boundaries can be extended for the sake of fairness and equity. Most importantly, these systems and the people that maintain and sustain them can take and even expect outside criticism as a method of moving the ball forward and highlighting problems the caretakers and participants may be too close to see.

The fantastic band Rage Against the Machine says it best in its song "Take the Power Back" when they sing, with Tom Morello's astounding guitar undergirding the whole thing: "In the right light, study becomes insight but

the system that dissed us teaches us to read and write."

The song and its lyrics are an expression of deep frustration with systems of culture and education that have become so stagnant and domineering that they have devolved to teaching inequity to those crushed by it. The system is no longer beneficial to everyone or even the majority and simply supports itself, a powerful few and its own existence, in large part thanks to those bureaucrats who blindly maintain it and the rest of us who cannot see another way or simply accept the excuses we are given.

Those in government tasked with creating and upholding systems have the greatest ability and responsibility to challenge and change them. In fact, this is why many politicians become politicians.

Journalism at its most noble questions systems and power. In this sense good journalism and good politics are peers because they aim for the same thing. Unfortunately, it is hard to find either these days.

My challenge to you (and myself) this year is to consider which systems you are a part of and what we could do in our own small way to change those systems to ensure greater equity, compassion, and justice.

Consider also, if you are a steward of systems, whether you receive criticism well or deflect it defensively. The difference is very important to which systems are good and which are bad, and which in the end continue.



By Peter Cantelon

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donating their time and their resources and their skills.

"There's been so much outpouring of support for the community centre, and I don't think we would be as far ahead as we are now without the support of such a generous community.

"I think the word of mouth has gotten out there," said Friesen. "It's going to be cool to have everything under one roof and to have these re-

sources available there ... I think it's going to be really beneficial for the community."

She noted there has been a lot of interest from various organizations and non-profits, and those details are all still being finalized that is all still being finalized, though there is no doubt about the space being full.

"It sounds like a lot of organizations want a piece of it," she said. "We're trying to sort out who is go-

ing to be where and when and how to do the co-ordination of it all."

They are excited that the vision for the centre is being embraced so well in the community and look forward to opening day.

"We are hoping soon, but it's still to be determined. It could be close," she said. "We want to make it a warm and welcoming place. That was one of our top things."

SCRL family PJ party goes virtual this year

By Lorne Stelmach

The South Central Regional Library's annual family literacy pajama party is a go for 2022, though it will be held online due to pandemic restrictions.

"It's too bad that we can't do it in person, but it is safer this way," said director of library services Cathy Ching.

"Our last one was in 2019 before things shut down," she noted. "So we're looking forward to when we can have everybody back in their PJs and have people reading stories to children in person again, but this is the safest way for now."

Instead of gathering at the library, families are invited to tune in to the SCRL's YouTube channel on Thursday, Jan. 27 at 7 p.m. for a virtual celebration. The video will also remain up af-

terwards for later viewing.

Ching said library staff have been hard at work to prepare a video that will be as entertaining and engaging as possible.

"They're recording stories at the Winkler branch. They're bringing in some of the staff members' children to be our audience, and they're going to read the stories," she explained.

One factor working in their favour now, she noted, is that the library has a subscription that gives them access to using some material otherwise under copyright restrictions.

"That's kind of nice because that was a limiting factor in terms of what books we could read before, so now we have a lot more options."

This event has always been a popular one at SCRL's various branches across the region. Ching noted that one upside to doing it online is that it



SCRL PHOTO

An in-person event isn't possible this year, but the South Central Regional Library still invites families to come enjoy a virtual pajama party Jan. 27 in celebration of Family Literacy Day.

is potentially accessible to even more people than usual.

"We were limited, no matter what, because of capacity, and this way peo-

ple can watch our videos whenever it suits them the best, so we're hoping the classroom teachers will show the stories during school time."

RCMP Internet Child Exploitation Unit arrests man on numerous charges

By Voice staff

The Manitoba RCMP Internet Child Exploitation Unit (ICE) arrested Bradley Schroeder, 18, of Winnipeg, in relation to online communication with children for a sexual purpose and

sexual assault charges on Jan. 6.

The offences occurred between April and July of 2021. Investigators believe there may be more victims and encourage anyone with information to contact their local police.

The Snapchat username used by Schroeder is "notelectric." The RCMP are releasing his avatar as it may assist in furthering the investigation.

Schroeder is charged with two counts of luring a child, two counts of sexual assault, two counts of sexual interference, and one count of possession of



RCMP HANDOUT

RCMP have released this Snapchat avatar in connection with a man arrested earlier this month.

child pornography.

He has been released from custody and will appear in court on Feb. 3 in Winnipeg.

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Harder noted the increases are "consistent with the City of Winkler salary increases" for its staff.

The bylaw also lays out the per diem and other payments councillors receive when seeing to city business, including attending council and committee meetings or appearing at functions on behalf of council. Those payments remain unchanged from the year before.

A few other odds and ends from last week's council meeting:

- Council gave final approval to change the name of Burbank St. in east Winkler to Icon Drive. The request was made by Icon Technologies, which has its facility there.

- Also approved was a request for a variation and a conditional use that will allow Faith Mission to build a new clothing recycling depot on Circle K Drive. The mission sorts and bales clothing for shipment to those in need overseas.

The variation allows for a smaller rear yard than is usual. The conditional use is required because the land is currently zoned as commercial general.

No objections were voiced at the public hearings and both requests were approved unanimously by council.

- For the meeting's community spotlight portion, Ruth Reimer from Katie Cares and

the Katie's Cottage respite home shared with council some of the challenges they've had over the past couple of years.

Reimer noted in 2019 they rented out 952 rooms to 500 guests. In 2020, those numbers dropped to 392 rooms and 157 guests due to the pandemic. In 2021, it was 344 rooms and 102 guests.

Reimer is optimistic the numbers will get back to normal once things at the hospital do. Currently, many surgeries and procedures are on hold to make room for COVID-19 patients.

"We're hoping that things will improve over time and that we can carry on," she said, stressing "we do know that the service is vital for those that do come in."

The funding the City of Winkler provides Katie Cares has helped them "keep our head above water and continue" during a time when normal fundraising activities simply aren't possible, Reimer said, noting they had to cancel their biggest event, the fashion show, again in 2021.

On the upside, the construction of the facility, with each guest room having its own fresh air intake, has made it much easier to ensure guests are safe when staying at Katie's Cottage. Reimer noted they've been successful in keeping COVID-19 out of the building entirely.

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Province shifting from prevention to mitigation with COVID-19

By Ashleigh Viveiros

As the more contagious omicron variant of COVID-19 continues to spread, Manitoba is shifting its focus from prevention to mitigation, officials announced last week.

Premier Heather Stefanson was joined by Health Minister Audrey Gordon, Deputy Chief Public Health Officer Dr. Jazz Atwal, and Vaccine Task Force medical lead Dr. Joss Reimer at a news conference in Winnipeg Jan. 12.

"COVID-19 is no longer an emerging illness," said Dr. Atwal. "It is here to stay, and our ability to contain the virus is limited. It is highly likely that everyone will be exposed to the virus in the coming weeks.

"Some Manitobans will have immunity from a previous infection or vaccines," he continued. "This will make COVID cases less severe, but the sheer number of cases still has the potential to overwhelm our health care system, which is something we are monitoring closely."

Due to how fast omicron spreads compared to earlier forms of the virus, the province is moving away from individual case management to instead managing risk at the community level, Atwal said.

"We have to shift to mitigating the impact of COVID-19 and away from containing the virus," he said, stressing that this shift "does not mean public health has given up the fight against COVID-19. It means we are shifting our approaches to focus our efforts and our resources to best manage the risks."

That includes increasing vaccination appointments, shifting medical staff

"WE NEED TO START LOOKING AT LONGER TERM AND HOW WE'RE GOING TO LIVE WITH THIS VIRUS."

to needed areas, and also identifying those patients eligible for antibody and antiviral treatments, Atwal said.

Premier Stefanson urged Manitobans to continue to do their part to protect themselves.

"As Manitobans we all have a role to play. Follow the fundamentals. Mitigate your own risk and get fully vaccinated," she said. "Vaccines work. And now more than ever with the omicron variant circulating throughout Manitoba it's crucial that all Manitobans get fully vaccinated, including the third dose when you're eligible."

Stefanson was asked repeatedly whether the government had received recommendations from public health for stricter restrictions to try and curb the spread of omicron.

"We have already some of the most stringent rules in place. We put those in place, also, just a reminder, earlier than other provinces," she said in response.

The premier also noted the government is taking advice from more than just public health officials.

"I think what we need is to go and have a more balanced approach moving forward," she said. "I certainly have been reaching out to [the] business community, we know that pediatricians were out earlier this week talking about the importance of getting kids back to school. This is all of

the advice that we need to get from professionals out there, so it's not just falling at the feet of public health.

"At the end of the day, we'll take advice from public health, but we will be taking advice from other Manitobans as well moving forward," Stefanson said. "We need to start looking at longer term and how we're going to live with this virus."

Stefanson said the province has plans in place to provide the health care system with needed resources and staff, including bringing in internationally trained nurses to fill some of the gaps.

"As a government we are committed to providing additional support and staffing help as we continue to navigate these unprecedented COVID challenges."

VACCINE PROTECTION

Officials continue to stress the importance of vaccination when it comes to protecting oneself against severe COVID-19 outcomes.

Dr. Reimer shared data compiled in Manitoba from Nov. 22 to Jan. 3 that shows someone with just one dose of vaccine is three times less likely to end up in an intensive care unit due to COVID-19 than someone who is unvaccinated.

Further, someone with two doses of vaccine is 19 times less likely to need

ICU care than an unvaccinated individual. That number jumps to 139 times less likely once you receive the booster shot.

Similarly, the risk of death for a vaccinated person compared to an unvaccinated person who contracts COVID-19 is 63 times less likely with three shots, 19 times less likely with two, and 11 times less likely with one dose.

"The vaccine is not providing the protection we have hoped against omicron infection overall," Reimer said, acknowledging that vaccinated individuals can still contract the virus, though they generally fall far less ill with it than unvaccinated individuals. "This data—that comes from December and is Manitoba data—is very reassuring about how we can continue to protect ourselves against ending up in the hospital or worse."

Manitoba has a limited number of intensive care unit beds—beds that are needed as well for non-COVID-19 health care emergencies—so keeping people out of them is paramount. Before the pandemic, Manitoba's ICU capacity was 72. Now there are around 110 beds.

As of Monday, there were 601 people hospitalized with COVID-19 in Manitoba and 47 people in ICU.

In Monday's COVID-19 bulletin, the province noted that over seven days ending Jan. 13, there were 335 new hospitalization—a 40.2 per cent increase over the previous week—and 37 new ICU cases—an 85 per cent increase.

The province also announced 20 more deaths due to COVID-19 on Monday, bringing the death toll to 1,463.

Schools no longer notifying close contacts

By Ashleigh Viveiros

Manitoba is changing the way it does contact tracing when it comes to staff and students getting sick in schools.

Education Minister Cliff Cullen announced last week that schools will no longer provide close contact notification and notification letters on individual cases.

"We are dealing with a different virus," he said, referring to the more contagious omicron variant that is causing Manitoba's number of cases to skyrocket. "This means we must shift the way we case manage and contact tracing occurs."

Moving forward, schools will report on absenteeism due to the virus in-

stead of close contact notifications, Chief Provincial Public Health Officer Dr. Brent Roussin said.

"Given that transmissibility of omicron, given the shorter incubation period, it's not possible to manage cases at that individual level anymore," he said. "We have to focus on managing that risk at the community level."

Public health officials will continue to monitor confirmed cases in schools for evidence of increased transmission above levels expected in the community. Should that occur, officials may recommend a period of rapid antigen testing or other preventive measures in a school, such as reducing higher-risk activities. Periods of

remote learning are also a possibility in facilities where high transmission is affecting school operations.

"We know COVID is here with us, it's going to be here with us for the foreseeable future, and so we have to not consider that we're going to eliminate this virus—we need to find ways to mitigate our risk related to this virus," Roussin said.

Looking at the data related to school-age children who contracted COVID-19 over the past month, Roussin said the risk of severe illness requiring hospitalization for most kids is relatively low.

"So we also need to weigh what are the benefits of having these children

in school ... and we know that is very large, there's a huge benefit to having kids in class learning," he said, pointing to improved mental health for students and better learning outcomes when it comes to in-person learning. Those benefits are "outweighing the risks."

Cullen echoed that sentiment, noting as well that investments have been made in schools to mitigate the risk of COVID through rapid testing programs, medical masks and other personal protective equipment, enhanced cleaning measures, and improved ventilation systems.

Manitoba students headed back to in-person classes on Monday.

Get your Family Fun Feb. prize calendar

By Ashleigh Viveiros

If you haven't gotten one yet, there's still time to nab a copy of the Family Fun February prize draw calendar.

With proceeds going to the Winkler Family Resource Centre and the Morden and Parent Child Resource Centre, the calendar will see a lucky prize winner selected every single day in February.

"It's something fun to look forward to," explains executive director Cathy Savage. "February can be a 'blah' month."

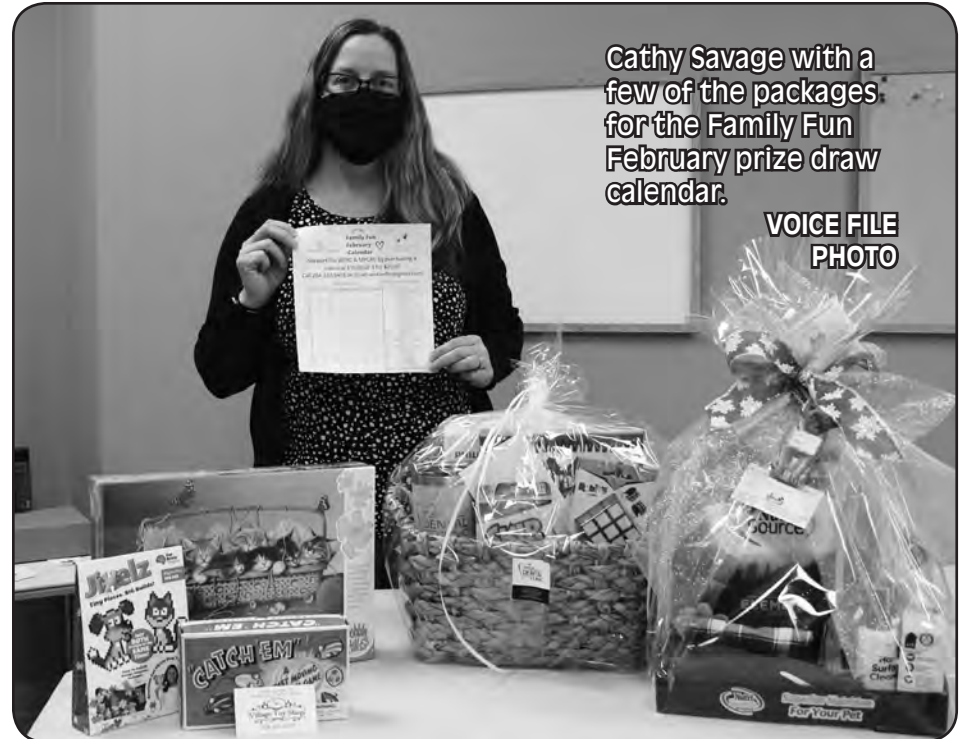
Prizes include things like a Winkler Flyers game day party pack complete with skybox seats and a meet and greet with the players, a half-hour airplane ride, one night stays at local hotels, a family photo session, and countless other gift cards to local businesses

and attractions. A complete prize list can be found on the Winkler Family Resource Centre and Morden Parent and Child Resource Centre Facebook pages.

They've been doing pre-sales since before Christmas, but there are still calendars left and plenty of time to buy one before the first draw Feb. 1.

"We're hoping to sell 250 calendars," Savage says, noting it makes for pretty good odds for everyone and each winner will have certainly gotten their money's worth when you tally up what's in each prize pack. "The prizes are huge."

Calendars are \$10 each or 3 for \$25. Each calendar equals one prize ticket—once you win, that ticket is out of the running for future prizes. Winners will be announced daily on the two agencies' social media pages.



Contact Savage at 204-332-9418 or winklerfrc@gmail.com to purchase a calendar (you can get a hard copy or have one emailed to you). You can also specify whether you'd like your purchase to go to support early childhood education programming in Winkler or Morden.

If they don't sell out, calendars will be sold through the first week of February, though latecomers would miss out on those first few days of prize draws.

"The early bird catches the worm," Savage says.

Regional tactical team, negotiator called to Winkler incident

By Voice staff

An incident that saw emergency crews block off the area of Stanley Ave. and 2nd Street in Winkler last week ended peaceable.

Winkler Police on Friday were asking the public to avoid the area due to an unfolding incident.

On Monday, police explained that the Regional Support Tactical Team and Regional Crisis Negotiation Unit had been called to the site to communicate with a man who was arrestable under the Mental Health Act but refusing to exit his apartment suite.

Police were eventually able to convince the man to leave his apartment on his own without incident. He was transported to the hospital for treatment.

A few other items of interest in the Winkler and Morden police departments' weekly reports include:

- Jan. 11: Winkler Police received a disclosure of historical sexual assaults and arrested the male suspect for sexual assault as a result. He was later released on an undertaking.

- Jan. 11: Morden police received a call from someone wanting to report damage to their vehicle which occurred overnight. The caller stated that it appeared that someone attempted to break the back window and pry the left rear door open. Noth-

ing was reported as missing or stolen.

- Jan. 12: Morden police received a call from a concerned mother stating that her daughter had been assaulted.

Officers attended the residence and spoke with the victim who stated that her boyfriend became upset with her and started throwing things around her apartment.

She also stated that he threw her around, causing a minor injury to her hand.

Subsequently, a 20-year-old male from Morden was arrested and charged with one count of domestic assault. He will appear in court in March.

- Jan. 12: A complaint was received from staff of a Winkler store regarding a man who left without paying for merchandise.

The male was located and searched,

resulting in police locating items from two other stores as well. He was charged with three counts of theft under \$5,000.

- Jan. 13: Morden police received a report of a break and enter to a vacant house.

The victim reported that when he attended the property to inspect it, he noticed the copper pipes had been removed from the walls and ceiling.

An adult male was arrested and charged with one count of break and enter and was remanded into custody.

A youth was also charged with one count of break and enter and released on an undertaking to appear in Morden Provincial Court in March.

Police are continuing to investigate this matter.

- Jan. 13: Winkler officers conducted a traffic stop on an unregistered ve-

hicle and learned the owner of the vehicle had an outstanding warrant for his arrest.

The man was subsequently arrested and a search of the vehicle resulted in police locating stolen property.

The man was charged with possession of property obtained by crime and later with break, enter and theft.

The female driver of the vehicle was also arrested and charged with property obtained by crime and later with break, enter and theft along with driving without holding a valid driver's licence and driving an unregistered vehicle.

- Jan. 14: Morden Police Service received a complaint of assault to a child. Police are investigating this matter.

Share your thoughts about Manitoba's park system

By Voice staff

The provincial government is looking the public's thoughts on Manitoba's park system.

Conservation and Climate Minister Sarah Guillemard earlier this month announced the launch of an online survey for Manitobans to weigh in on needed improvements and priority

areas in the provincial parks.

"Earlier this year, our government announced the creation of the \$20-million Provincial Parks Endowment Fund to support projects that enhance the ecological integrity and or public experiences at Manitoba provincial parks," Guillemard said. "In support of the funds, we are seek-

ing citizen and stakeholder input to help identify priority project areas or themes for funding through the endowment."

The minister noted the annual public survey will help identify broad priority categories under which specific projects will receive funds.

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Projects completed in 2021 at PTM included repairs to the Reimer House (above) and getting the Siemens House ready for visitors (below).



“We have weathered the storm quite well”

Pembina Threshermen’s Museum reports on a nearly break-even 2021 season

By Lorne Stelmach

It was more or less steady as she goes this past year for the Pembina Threshermen’s Museum.

Looking back and ahead last Thursday during its annual general meeting, board president Ike Elias suggested the pioneer heritage museum remained in a stable position despite the ongoing challenges presented by the pandemic.

They were fortunate that restrictions eased enough to allow them to do a number of its events last season, and the museum came out of 2021 in good enough shape financially in being close to breaking even.

“We have weathered the storm quite well ... we were just a few dollars shy this past year,” Elias said. “All in all, our bank account is reasonably healthy.”

“Under the circumstances, that is excellent, and thanks goes to some excellent sponsorships,” he noted, adding as well the importance of the

support of the municipalities of Winkler, Morden, and Stanley. “There’s support in many different ways and all directions but especially including the cities and the RM.”

The main projects for the museum included improvements to the Reimer House and getting Siemens House in place and fixed up and furnished well enough to open it up to the public.

“A couple of the housing projects that we had going ... the Reimer House and the Siemens House ... both are not a hundred per cent complete, but those are the major projects that we had on the go this past year,” Elias said.

They were especially pleased to open up the Siemens House, which is the most recent addition after having been moved to the heritage village from its longtime home in Winkler, but the Reimer House improvements were also a long time coming.

“The bottom logs were rotten, so we have been putting new logs underneath,” Elias explained.

The heritage buildings obviously are the most vital parts of the museum, said Elias, who noted their collection now shows a good representation of the progression of the pioneer buildings.

“I’m quite pleased that we’re covering the housing from when settlers first came,” he said, adding they have always been open to adding more but are now almost running out of room. “We are a little more selective than we used to be due simply to the fact we are short of space where to put things.”

“We’ve gotten great comments from the public about how nice of a museum we have, and we continue to try to find ways to improve it.”

Guiding them is their overall mission to keep the area’s heritage alive. Elias noted a big part of that is both education and entertainment.

“What we’re trying to accomplish here more is a combination of those two things,” he said. “We have to be able to draw more of the younger generation. The older ones come for old time sake, but with the younger generation, we need to find ways to get them here.”

He also cited the importance of their

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arts & culture

Students share their “Visions of the Future”



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Student artwork is on display at the Pembina Hills Gallery in Morden this month, courtesy of the École Morden Middle School art club. Above: Some of the club’s members at work recently. Right: A few of the pieces in the Visions of the Future show.

Check out the Voice online at www.winklermordenvoice.ca

By Lorne Stelmach

There are few opportunities for youth to show off their artistic skills to the community at large, so École Morden Middle School students embraced the chance to have their work on display this month at the Pembina Hills Gallery in an exhibition entitled Visions of the Future.

Art club students from Grades 5 to 8 were given the opportunity to be featured throughout January, and teacher Jessica Verhoog said it was exciting for those who got to be part of the show.

“There’s work from a lot of them ... I think there’s probably work from at least 35 of the kids up on the wall,” said Verhoog.

“This was a great chance for them. They haven’t been able to have a

lot of things out in the public in the last couple of years, so that’s why we wanted to jump on this and give them a chance to show their work and for people to see it.”

The idea for the show came up last fall when an ÉMMS class visited the gallery in downtown Morden.

Having to learn in cohorts in the interest of public health, this was a way for them to be together at least in spirit with a common project in mind.

“We thought it would be really neat for them to be able to make work to

exhibit together since they don’t get to be physically together as a club,” said Verhoog. “This is the first time since this group has been meeting where they were working on something together from one week to the next to build and make things a little more detailed ... and kind of explore the same idea in more than one medium.

“When it came to picking a theme for it, we picked the future because they’re all kind of annoyed with how things are currently with all the restrictions.”

The students began with two dimensional work first and then made small 3D pieces

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“THERE’S LOTS OF FLYING CARS.”





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> VISIONS OF THE FUTURE, FROM PG. 12

out of clay and painted them and put them together to make a futuristic cityscape.

A nice aspect to the theme was that it left it wide open for the kids to use their imaginations in terms of how they wanted to interpret it.

"There's lots of flying cars," Verhoog said with a chuckle. "It was very open. There's lots of different ideas of what they think the future will be like, so

there's lots of technology," she continued. "It's very interesting, and it's very technicolor. The future is very bright in their minds."

"When you're a kid, you just want to draw a flying car ... I think we could stand to learn a thing or two from kids. They're just drawing for the pure pleasure and enjoyment of it," said Tye Dandridge-Evancio, programs and outreach co-ordinator for the Pembina Hills Arts Council.



na Hills Arts Council.

He would like to see youth be given more opportunities that could help encourage their interest in art.

"They should get more chances because I think that kids are not burdened with the self imposed necessity for being good at something in order to do it," he suggested.

"When you're this age, it's just let me do this, let me do that," said Dandridge-Evancio. "Kids' art can be some of my favorite art because they don't think about skill or anything like that; they just want to draw."

You can check out the show until the end of next week.

> PARKS, FROM PG. 9

These categories, formally established under an endowment fund agreement with The Winnipeg Foundation, include:

- development and maintenance of trails, boardwalks and associated infrastructure;
- public-use facilities such as amphitheaters, shelters, day-use sites, playground equipment, docks and launches;
- park road maintenance;
- habitat restoration and enhancement;
- historical assets and cultural sites;

> PTM, FROM PG. 10

volunteers while putting out an appeal for more people to get involved.

"We have an excellent group of volunteers, although the group is a bit on the small side, so anybody who is at all interested is encouraged to show up," he said.

As for the year ahead, he did not see any significant projects or priorities in the works at this point.

"A lot of things remain uncertain right now on account of COVID," Elias suggested. "We do get a lot of project work done, though ... we get more done when we have the time to spare."

"We're still positive and hoping that things will return more to normal" for the 2022 season.

campground enhancements; and interpretive infrastructure to support programming. The engagement plan seeks input from all provincial park visitors and users, including day-use visitors, overnight campers, cottagers and commercial businesses operating within provincial parks, the minister said.

The province is also planning to host annual meetings beginning in January with park stakeholder groups to seek their input.

"With feedback from Manitobans, we can better identify priority areas for improvements so we can make the best use of the endowment fund and ensure our provincial parks continue to be enjoyed by residents and visitors for

generations to come," said Guillemard.

The public engagement questionnaire on provincial park improvement priorities is available at <https://engamb.ca/>.

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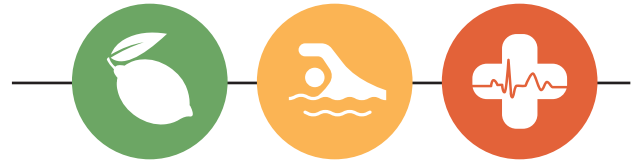
The City of Morden is aiming to encourage more winter recreation this season, and the Winter Fun Sampler afternoon this past Saturday offered a chance for people to explore what all is available to do at Lake Minnewasta. Registered activities included croki-curl, broomball, pond hockey, a guided snowshoe hike, and snowfeet with additional open activities that included skating and tobogganing as well as a chance to try a new ice bike.

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HEALTH talk



The Benefits of a Winter Massage

Having regular massages during winter keeps your body and mind healthier and happier. The longer, darker days can easily leave us feeling fatigued and gloomy. But as soon as you walk into your massage session, you are entering a warm, inviting space that will leave you relaxed and refreshed.

Boosts the immune system

Winter makes us more prone to developing the cold and flu, since our immune systems are weaker during this time. The good news is – massage can boost your immune system and help your body fight off infections.

Massage stimulates the lymph nodes, which allows white blood cells to defend against infec-

tions and disease. Because of this, getting regular massages during winter makes you less likely to develop a cold or have to rely on medications to fend off one.

Eases the winter aches

The cold winter weather can exacerbate any existing pains or injuries you may have, causing chronic discomfort.

One of the most common complaints during winter is the presence of back pain. Back pain can interfere with our daily life, making even basic movements intolerable. If you suffer from back pain or are recovering from an injury, getting a massage can help increase blood flow and circulation, loosening muscles and lubricating joints.

Choosing the correct personal care

Being able to care for oneself independently can be a source of pride. However, illness or age can affect people in ways that require them to seek assistance with medical needs or daily activities for an extended period of time. In such instances, long-term care services can fill a need.

Long-term care assists people in their homes, in the community or in various types of facilities with various daily and medical requirements. According to WebMD, research shows that many people are unaware of long-term care options or may be misinformed about what's out there.

Home care

Various services can be utilized in the comfort of home. According to the Knoxville-Knox County Community Action Committee Office on Aging, services can include home-delivered meals, pest control, minor home modifications, or visiting nurses and health aides. Other benefits may include shopping or physical therapy.

Community care

Community services can include adult day care centers, meal programs, senior centers, community transportation, and others. Community services enable people to continue to live in the community with some support. They also may help family or friends serving as caregivers enjoy a break from the assistance they have been providing.

Care facilities

Long-term care may be mistaken as strictly nursing homes, but facilities

extend to places that provide other services. Here's a look at the care facilities.

- Independent senior living: Independent living facilities may provide assistance only when needed. Amenities are designed to make things easier and more convenient for residents. Fitness centers, pools, dining venues, and transportation may be included. These facilities tend to provide the most independent form of senior living. Some independent living facilities are part of larger continuing care retirement communities that have staged care that goes from independent to skilled nursing.

- Assisted living: These homes provide 24-hour supervision, meals, healthcare services, and other forms of assistance in a home-like setting. Types of services include laundry, housekeeping, medication dispersal, and dressing.

- Skilled nursing homes: Nursing homes provide care for those who cannot care for themselves at home or in the community. These facilities offer many services all under one roof, like rehabilitative services, meals, activities, and around-the-clock care. Some skilled nursing homes offer temporary care after an injury or illness and are used in lieu of an extended hospital stay.

It is never too early to begin planning for elder care that may include long-term care possibilities. Individuals are urged to work with an elder care lawyer to help navigate the complexities of planning for medical care and their potential financial needs.

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Going once, going twice: Pembina Valley Auction Services open for business



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Joel Heide has started up Pembina Valley Auction Services, an online auction service that will take place monthly.

By Becca Myskiw

Pembina Valley residents have a new way to buy and sell whatever they please.

Pembina Valley Auction Services's first online auction went live last week and will run until Jan. 24.

Owner Joel Heide said auctions are a way for people to get a true value for whatever they're selling or buying.

"I've always been interested in auctions," he said. "I've been a consigner and a buyer as long as I can remember. Whenever you just sell something and ask the price, you don't know if it's right or wrong. This way with buyers, you have a true market value."

The new business can't host in-person auctions right now due to COVID-19 restrictions, so everything is being done virtually. People simply

bring Pembina Valley Auction Services in Winkler their goods and then they do all the work, adding items to the site and running the online auction. All consigners have to have their items in two days before each auction.

The bidding for this first auction runs until Jan. 24 with a soft close. If there's a bid on an item in the last three minutes of the auction, the item will be extended for another three minutes and so on.

"It's kind of like the old going once, going twice but it's three minutes," explained Heide.

After the auction, consigners will get a cheque from Pembina Valley Auction Services, and the business will get a commission from each sale. Buyers can pay through cheque, cash, or e transfer.

There are currently 42 items up for

bidding in this first auction, including a trucking supply package, kitchen cabinets, a truck toolbox, a maternity pen, a wood stove, a mitre saw, a treadmill, collector's edition John Deere tractors, and more.

To participate, go to pvauctionservices.nextlot.com/public/sales/96385/lots.

To get in contact with Pembina Valley Auction Services, contact Heide by calling or texting 204-362-4786 or email admin@pvauctionservices.ca.

Heide said once restrictions allow, they'll be doing in-person auctions and will sell anything people want to sell, including farm and household things. He plans to hold at least one sale a month.

"Basically, anything that's legal, we're willing to sell," he said.

Nominations underway for Recreation Manitoba awards

By Jennifer McFee

Do you know an individual or organization that's made a difference in recreation, parks or leisure?

If so, you might want to consider nominating them for a 2022 Recreation Manitoba Award before the Jan. 28 deadline.

Each year, Recreation Manitoba's awards and recognition program honours individuals and organizations that make an outstanding contribution to advance recreation, parks and leisure in Manitoba.

"The annual presentation of these awards reflects Recreation Manitoba's commitment to celebrate and publicly recognize individuals, groups and organizations who have

inspired us and earned our respect," said executive director Shane Ray.

"The nomination form is a simple one-page nomination form, and individuals, organization and facilities are eligible on most categories."

He encourages community members to consider submitting a nomination.

"COVID has highlighted the need for individuals and communities to be active, be social and connect with each other and nature," he said.

"Individuals and organizations who have continued to find ways to provide this to the community should be lauded for providing this essential and vital service."

Recreation and leisure have taken on even more importance during the pandemic.

"COVID has impacted every aspect of our lives, and recreation and leisure have become central to our ability to cope and recover. The spaces, places and people providing these services and programs to Manitobans have twisted and turned with each change, seeking new ways to support communities and individuals," Ray said.

"A nomination is a simple way to acknowledge this contribution to individuals' and communities' well-being. It is a way to say thank you to those organizations, facilities and individuals for their role in helping us all through these difficult times."

The awards fall under six categories:

- The prestigious Prairie Crocus Award honours a professional who has made a significant contribution to recreation, therapeutic recre-

ation, parks or leisure services in Manitoba.

- The Therapeutic Recreation Award of Excellence recognizes a professional who has made a contribution in the field of therapeutic recreation in Manitoba

- The Facilities Award recognizes a Manitoban recreation facility, individual or group with outstanding or unique innovations for providing a place to gather, play and connect.

- The Nature Award recognizes the achievements of individuals, groups or organizations that steward recreational, natural, and green spaces that enhance community quality of life.

- The People and Communities Award recognizes the efforts and dedication of individuals, or groups, who lead and advocate the many benefits of the field.

- The Health and Well-Being Award recognizes nominees that have gone above and beyond to increase opportunities for their community to benefit mentally, physically and socially.

To download a nomination package, visit the Recreation Manitoba website at reconnections.com.

The deadline to apply is Friday, Jan. 28. A selection committee will review the applications and select recipients.

The winners are usually announced as part of an annual conference in March. However, if the pandemic delays the conference, then the timing might change.

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• A LOOK BACK

Memories of Januarys past

January ... what a long and often dreary month! It certainly cannot compete with December, coming as it does after all that excitement and joy. And, of course, in Manitoba, adults had bills and snow and storms to look forward to in the New Year.

We children were, of course, oblivious to those concerns. The snowy winter days were magical for us and our friends.

None of us received the mountain of toys children get today but we had so much fun together. We dressed as warmly as we could with our poor quality snowsuits and boots and went outside.

The sewer hill on the corner of First and Gilmour in Morden was ideal for sledding. We spent hours tumbling down that hill with our sleighs and, later, toboggans. We even tried skiing with an old pair my uncle had left behind in Grandma's attic.

Some years, the deep ditches filled with snow, then melted and froze. Now we tugged on our skates and sometimes skated almost a mile along the ditch.

We also built snowmen and snow forts. The most fun was picking sides, hiding behind our fort and throwing snowballs at our opponents. Our parents never came out to check on us or to make sure we were playing safely.

When our fingers and toes got cold, we went in. We never knew what the temperature was and we certainly did not know about the windchill factor!

Then the games would come out. With our Christmas supply of peanuts, candy and oranges at our side, we played Crokinole and/or Monopoly. Monopoly was played with just the three of us unless we had cousins vis-

iting. Crokinole was played by all the adults. We rarely had family over for Christmas but aunts and uncles and cousins often came for Dad's birthday on New Year's Day. We were not invited to play Crokinole with the adults unless they needed an extra body. But we loved listening to them talking and laughing as they played. In fact, the only time I saw my dad laugh or even smile was when he was together with my mom's sisters and brothers. They all had a great sense of humour and told the funniest jokes!

My dad was born on January 1, 1903. The first baby born in the New Year in Winnipeg and Morden got their picture in the paper and many gifts.

"What did you get when you were born, Dad?" I once asked.

The look he gave me was one of puzzlement.

"What did you get when you were the first baby born in Horndean on January 1?" I asked again.

His answer was a gruff, "Nothing! In those years another baby was not a big deal!"

During my childhood, New Year's Eve was spent at church. Church started late that evening, and after the service was over a delicious lunch was served.

Just before midnight, the adults all knelt to pray in the New Year. Prayers were said for health and for world peace. After shaking hands, hugging and wishing each other a happy new year, we bundled up and stepped out into the cold, dark night to make our way home.

The years I babysat, I watched the arrival of the new year on a small black and white television. New Year's Eve in New York Times Square was celebrated with confetti, cheering, and the dropping of a huge lit up ball. These celebrations were begun in 1907. They were stopped during World War II but people still gathered to pray for peace. Today, since COVID, celebrations have been scaled back. This year visitors were required to show their COVID vaccination passports.



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The author (left) with siblings Jimmy (middle) and Jeanne out enjoying a Manitoba winter as children.

I eagerly headed back to school on January 3. I was anxious to see my friends and, hopefully, begin a new term with a clean slate. My New Year's resolutions were in place and, though usually a good student, I always resolved to do better.

The best January of my growing up years was 1953 when my baby sister was born on Jan. 26. I was 10 years old and the happiest girl in town. My sister and I delighted in helping with her care.

As I think back over my many Januarys since then, there have been other highlights, some happy and some not.

Two of my beloved nieces were born in January. Our only daughter was born on Jan. 11, 1982. We did not see that beautiful baby until Jan. 21, when we officially adopted her and brought her home.

In 2011, our youngest grandchild was born on Jan. 15. Sophia is in Grade 5 and will be 11 years old this month. She is very sweet and, of course, brilliant! I have learned over the years that while it was not considered proper to brag about your children, there are no limitations on bragging about grandchildren.

Sophia's birth was bittersweet, though. I was excited to be invited to attend her delivery in Nelson, B.C. but

instead had to fly to Winnipeg and drive to Morden for my dear mother's death and funeral. She died on Jan. 10, 2011 at the age of 93 years old. We were sad, but happy she had lived a long and interesting life. My mother's name was Katharina, and Sophia was given the German variation of it: Sophia Katrina.

My beloved older sister, Jeanne, died in the early morning hours of Jan. 4, 2019. She had been sick for many years but still her death was unexpected and we continue to grieve her loss. There are times I want to call and ask about an incident in a story I am writing. Despite her years of taking strong medication, her mind was sharp and her memory good.

The last major trip my husband, Ron, and I took together was in January. We, along with my sister Deb and her husband Ken left Vancouver on Jan. 3, 2019 for a cruise through the Panama Canal. Ron had always wanted to see this engineering marvel.

I try to remember that life is a gift to enjoy each day, each month, each year!

A happy and healthy new year to all!

Florence Dyck is a former Mordenite now living in the Okanagan

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Winkler's Nicholas McKee tries to get his stick on this shot to tip it past Wolverines goalie Brett Mirwald in Sunday's home game for the Flyers, which went Waywayseecappo's way 3-2.

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Flyers drop two to Waywayseecappo Wolverines

By Ashleigh Viveiros

The Winkler Flyers dropped a pair of games to the Waywayseecappo Wolverines over the weekend, but retain their third-place spot in the MJHL East Division standings.

Friday and Sunday's defeats at the hands of the Wolverines brought Winkler's record to 13-1-1 for 40 points, leaving them two points behind the Winnipeg Blues in second and 10 behind the Steinbach Pistons in first. The Selkirk Steelers (34 points), Portage Terriers (31), and Winnipeg Freeze (18) round out the division.

Despite outshooting their opponents 32-22 Friday night, Winkler struggled to crack the nut that was Wolverine goalie Brett Mirwald, who denied all comers save Mike Svenson midway through the second period.

Meanwhile, Waywayseecappo managed a goal in the first, two more in the second, and then one more in the game's final minute shorthanded and on an empty net for a 4-1 victory.

In his time between the posts for Winkler, Malachi Klassen faced 21 shots and made 18 saves.

The rematch two nights later could really have gone either way, both

teams barely giving an inch.

The first 20 minutes saw the Wolverines score one at either end of the period, sandwiching a pair of Winkler goals from Derek Wiebe and Gavin Waltz.

That 2-2 tie held all through the second period and nearly two minutes into the third when the Wolverines got their third goal of the night. It proved to be the last time either team would find the back of the net, giving the game to Waywayseecappo 3-2.

The Flyers once again had the edge in shots on goal, this time 35-30. Klassen played the full 60 minutes and

made 27 saves.

This week Winkler takes on the Winnipeg Freeze, playing at home Wednesday night and in the city on Friday. Next week will be a repeat—hosting the Freeze once again Friday, Jan. 28, and then playing them on their home turf the next night.

FUTURE FLYERS

U18 AAA forward Logan Fillion (2004) and defenceman Dobie Unrau (2004) have both signed letters of intent to play for the Flyers this fall.

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Unrau was drafted 36th overall by the Flyers in the 2019 MJHL Draft. He has played the last two seasons with the Winnipeg Thrashers, picking up three goals and 20 assists in 30 games so far this season.

"Dobie has continued to take great strides since training camp," Flyers general manager and head coach Justin Falk said in a statement. "Leading with his Hockey IQ, awareness, and ability to manage the game both with the puck and while defending, Dobie has shown tremendous growth in his two-way game.. Dobie has a high ceiling, and we are excited to have him

join our program"

Fillion, meanwhile, has contributed seven goals and 11 assists in 28 games with the Pembina Valley Hawks this season.

"Logan Fillion is a big player who loves to hit and hit hard," noted Flyers director of play personnel Riley Dudar. "He plays mean, is competitive, and can fill a number of positions up and down the lineup while putting up points and creating opportunities for teammates.

"He will be a welcomed addition to the team and plays a style that will help us win."



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Dobie Unrau (left) and Logan Fillion have signed letters of intent with the Winkler Flyers.

Morden Bombers fall to Islanders, best Mercs

By Ashleigh Viveiros

With just a couple more weeks to go in the regular season, the Morden Bombers added another one to the win column last weekend.

The Bombers welcomed the Warren Mercs to town Saturday, and made short work of them with a 5-1 victory.

Warren got its lone goal past Morden netminder Reed Peters in the first period. Peters went on to make 46 saves overall as the Mercs outshot the Bombers 47-41,

Goals for the Bombers came courtesy of Jaden Townsend and Steve Mullin in the first, Mike Rey in the second, and Adam Hughesman and Rey once more in the third period.

The win was a bounce back for Morden, who a few days earlier fell to the Portage Islanders 7-5 on the road.

Portage was ahead 3-1 after 20 minutes, Morden's goal fired home by Hughesman off a powerplay.

Hughesman added two more in the middle frame for the Bombers, as did Rey. The period ended tied at 5-5.

That was all she wrote for the Bombers, though, while Portage managed two more in the game's final five min-

utes to secure the win.

The match saw Peters face down 57 shots on net, saving 51. His teammates sent 39 the other way.

Coming up, the Bombers host Portage Thursday night and then head into Warren for another rematch Sunday.

Meanwhile, the Winkler Royals' scheduled home game against the Al-

tona Maroons Sunday was postponed to next week Wednesday, Jan. 26.

The final South Eastern Hockey League regular season games are scheduled for the first week of February, with playoffs to follow.

The top three teams in the league will get a break while the others square off in a Survivor Series to secure a spot in the semi-finals.

At press time, Portage (18 points), Carman (18 points), and Warren (17 points) were in the top three spots, with Morden in fourth place at 8-4 and 16 points and Winkler in fifth at 5-7-1 and 11 points. Notre Dame and Altona were in sixth and seventh place, respectively, with 10 and seven points.

Twisters pick up three points

By Lorne Stelmach

The Pembina Valley Twisters picked up a vital three points out of a possible four in MMJHL action this past weekend.

More importantly, the one win came against one of the teams they are pursuing, as the third place Twisters doubled up second place Transcona 4-2 Sunday after Pembina Valley had fallen 6-5 to Charleswood Friday in a shootout.

Two goals within a minute early in the third period provided the margin

of victory against Transcona while the Twisters outshot the Railer Express 34-22.

Tyler Van Deynze, Riley Goertzen, Nathan Ayotte, and Jordan Keck scored for Pembina Valley. Martin Gagnon got the win in net with 20 saves.

The Twisters held period leads of 2-1 and 4-2 before Charleswood fought back in the third to force overtime before then winning it in on the third round of the shootout.

Scoring for Pembina Valley were Van Deynze, Goertzen, Keck, Ayotte, and Curtis Rebeck, while Logan Enns

made 39 saves with the shots on goal 56-44 in favour of the Twisters. Special teams played a big role with Charleswood going 4 for 8 on powerplays while the Twisters were 2 for 7.

Pembina Valley remains in third place at 18-6-4 for 40 points, which is 10 behind Transcona and 11 behind St. James, while St. Vital is right on their heels at 35 points.

The Twisters are on the road in Winnipeg this weekend starting with St. Vital Friday night then Fort Garry Fort Rouge Sunday evening.

Hawks fight hard but fall to Winnipeg Wildcats

By Lorne Stelmach

It was another close, hard-fought game for the female U18 Pembina Valley Hawks, but they came up just short Sunday afternoon against Westman.

The third place Wildcats hung on af-

ter taking period leads of 1-0 and 3-1 to edge the Hawks 3-2 in Morden.

Kaylee Franz helped keep it close for the Hawks in stopping 27 of the 30 shots that she faced in net, while the Hawks were only able to manage a pair of goals on 39 shots.

Mya Pearce scored both for Pembina

Valley, which remains in fifth place but is slipping a bit further back of the four leaders with a record of 9-11-0 for 18 points. They are nine back of the fourth place Winnipeg Ice while five up on Eastman and six ahead of Central Plains.

The Hawks have a busy three game

weekend ahead of them as they head into the final stretch of the regular season.

It starts with visiting the Ice in Winnipeg Friday night before returning home to Morden to host Interlake Saturday and Eastman Sunday.

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> MEAL IDEAS



Recipe courtesy of chef Nate Appleman on behalf of Abbott

Vinaigrette:
 1/4 cup oil
 1/4 cup fish sauce
 1/4 cup rice wine vinegar
 1/4 cup water
 2 tablespoons raw sugar
 1 cup chopped fresh cilantro
 1 lime, juice only
 1 clove garlic, minced
 1 small Thai bird chile or serrano chile, chopped
 1/4 head finely shaved green cabbage
 1/4 head finely shaved purple cabbage
 2 carrots, thinly julienned
Skirt steak:
 1 1/2 pounds trimmed skirt steak
 1/2 cup coconut milk

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Marinated Skirt Steak

3 cloves garlic, minced
 2 tablespoons lime juice
 1/4 cup chopped fresh cilantro
 2 tablespoons sriracha
 salt, to taste
 3 cups cooked brown rice
 1/2 cup crushed peanuts
 1 lime, quartered, for garnish
To make vinaigrette: In large bowl, mix oil, fish sauce, rice wine vinegar, water, sugar, cilantro, lime juice, garlic and chile. Toss cabbage and carrots in vinaigrette; refrigerate until ready to serve.
To make skirt steak: Marinate steak in coconut milk, garlic, lime juice, cilantro, sriracha and salt, to taste, at least 1 hour, or up to 24 hours.
 Heat grill to high.
 Grill 3-4 minutes each side until medium rare.
 Let rest 3 minutes.
 Thinly slice steaks against grain and serve with vinaigrette, rice and crushed peanuts; garnish with lime wedges.



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Lemon chicken:
 1 whole chicken, cut into eight pieces
 1 ounce minced garlic
 1/4 teaspoon granulated garlic
 1/4 teaspoon paprika
 1/4 teaspoon smoked paprika
 1/4 teaspoon ground fennel seed
 1/4 teaspoon dried oregano
 1/4 teaspoon ground coriander
 1 tablespoon kosher salt
Potatoes:
 2 1/2 pounds Yukon gold potatoes
 salted water
 oil
Cauliflower:
 1 head cauliflower
 salted water
 ice
 2 tablespoons mayonnaise
 1 teaspoon tamarind or soy sauce
 1 tablespoon chopped parsley
Roasted onions:
 1 red onion
 salt
 oil
For serving:

Lemon Chicken with Roasted Red Onions and Potatoes

3 ounces pitted Castelvetrano or green olives, cut into quarters
 5 ounces wild arugula
 1 lemon, quartered
To make lemon chicken: Marinate chicken in mixture of minced garlic, granulated garlic, paprika, smoked paprika, fennel pollen, dried oregano, coriander and salt; let sit overnight.
To make potatoes: Boil potatoes in heavily salted water until tender. Cool, peel and cut into 1 1/2-inch chunks. Toss with oil to coat; reserve.
To make cauliflower: Cut cauliflower into florets and blanch in salted water 1 minute; shock in ice bath. Remove from ice and dry. Toss with mayonnaise, tamarind and parsley; reserve.
To make roasted onions: Preheat oven to 450 F. Peel onion and slice into 1-inch rings. Toss with salt and oil; roast until slightly caramelized with texture. Chill and reserve.
 Preheat oven to 450 F.
 Bake chicken on sheet pan approximately 15 minutes. Add potatoes and cauliflower. Bake approximately 15 minutes then switch oven to broil approximately 10 minutes.
 Squeeze lemon over reserved onion.
 When chicken is crispy and reaches internal temperature of 165 F, remove from oven and add onions and olives. Plate chicken, potatoes, onions, olives and cauliflower on top of arugula and garnish with lemon.

Pay attention to your dreams



By Gwen Randall

Dreams are one way for our subconscious mind to communicate with our conscious mind. The subconscious does not communicate directly, however. It is more like a game of charades, in which the subconscious 'acts out' a message and hopes the conscious mind will pick it up.

The subconscious is where our deepest feelings, desires, fears and vulnerabilities reside. The conscious mind is more like the part we 'dress up' to take out into the world, while the subconscious runs things 'behind the scenes'. The subconscious can certainly sabotage our conscious desires and goals, so it is a good idea to pay some attention to it. If we can decode its messages, there is a greater likelihood that we get all parts of our consciousness working in the same direction.

If you dream of being afraid, of being unsafe, or being chased, the dream may be reflecting your deep feelings of vulnerability. You can look at your waking life and consider in which areas you may be feeling vulnerable. Then you can see what you might do to make yourself feel a little more grounded and secure in that situation, or to look at how you would still be okay even if your worst fears materialized.

If you dream of being lost, it may

be that you are 'off track' in terms of what you really want to be doing in this lifetime. Dreams can also give hints about where our soul really wants us to go, literally figuratively. If you dream repeatedly of the countryside, or of mountains, it may be that your soul yearns to move there.

If you dream of flying, it may be that it is time to give 'wings' to your waking dreams.

If, on the other hand, your dreams are disturbing, and leave you feeling anxious or depressed, and especially if they are recurring, you may benefit from talking with a psychologist. You may have unresolved issues from the past that need to be healed. Sometimes old wounds may be triggered by some current situation, and your conscious mind may not have made the connection. The subconscious may be trying to alert you about something in your life is upsetting you. It could be something related to another person or situation, or it may be something within our own thought processes.

Some people say they do not remember dreams. Sometimes just giving yourself the message, just before you fall asleep, to remember your dreams is helpful. Keeping a notepad by your bed and jotting down even the briefest fragments of dreams can be helpful in recalling them. Once you get up, they may be lost. Pay attention to your dreams, for there may be important subliminal messages in those 'nighttime videos'.

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Recipe courtesy of chef Nate Appleman on behalf of Abbott

Roasted garlic:
 2 heads garlic
 olive oil
 salt
Frittata:
 oil
 2 medium leeks, sliced
 8 ounces blanched, chopped broccoli
 salt, to taste
 9 eggs
 2 tablespoons chopped fresh parsley
 2 ounces grated Parmigiano Reggiano
 2 tablespoons heavy cream

Cheesy Frittata with Veggies

To make roasted garlic: Preheat oven to 400 F.

Slice 1/4 inch off entire heads of garlic and place cut sides down in 1-liter casserole dish. Drizzle with olive oil and sprinkle with salt; cover with lid.

Bake 35-45 minutes until heads of garlic are soft and light brown. Let cool then use back of knife to squeeze garlic from pods.

To make frittata: Lower oven to 375 F.

In saute pan, heat oil over medium-high heat. Cook leeks until soft; add broccoli then season with salt, to taste, and remove from heat.

In mixing bowl, mix roasted garlic, sauteed leeks and broccoli, eggs, parsley, Parmigiano Reggiano and cream; place in 9-inch pie dish and bake approximately 20 minutes until top of frittata is brown. Remove from oven and let cool slightly before cutting and serving.

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CITY OF WINKLER ANNUAL PUBLIC NOTICE ADDITIONS TO THE VOTERS LIST AND/OR PERSONAL SECURITY PROTECTION REQUESTS

In accordance with Section 36 of The Municipal Councils and School Boards Election Act (MCSBEA), the City of Winkler Voters List is open for changes or revisions.

Any person who is eligible to vote in municipal elections in the Local Authority of the City of Winkler can have his or her name added to the Voters List, or have any information about the voter on the Voters List corrected.

VOTER ELIGIBILITY:

A person is eligible to have his or her name added to the Voters List if he or she is:

- 1) A Canadian citizen and at least 18 years of age on election day; and
- 2) A resident of the City of Winkler for at least six months prior to election day, OR a registered owner of land in the City of Winkler for at least six months prior to election day.

Any person can request to have his or her name and address obscured from the Voters List.

A person whose name has been obscured will receive a Personal Security Certificate and identification number. That person may only vote by Sealed Envelope Ballot and cannot vote in person at the regular or advance voting places.

To implement the above, a written request must be submitted to the Senior Election Official, in person, by e-mail, fax or mail to:

City of Winkler
185 Main St., Winkler, MB R6W 1B4

Phone: (204)325-9524

Fax: (204)325-5915

E-mail: seo@cityofwinkler.ca

The next General Election takes place October 26th, 2022.
Barb Dyck, Senior Election Official

PUBLIC NOTICE



R.M. OF STANLEY PUBLIC NOTICE REGARDING THE 2022 FINANCIAL PLAN

Public Notice is hereby given pursuant to Subsection 162(2) of The Municipal Act that the Council of the R.M. of Stanley intends to present its Financial Plan for the fiscal year 2022 at a Public Hearing in the Council Chambers of the Municipality on Thursday, February 3, 2022 at 9:30 a.m. Council will hear any person who wishes to make a representation, ask questions, or register an objection to the Financial Plan, as provided. Copies of the 2022 Financial Plan will be available for review prior to the Hearing at the Municipal Office at 23111 PTH 14W in the Rural Municipality of Stanley.

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EMPLOYMENT



The Redboine Watershed District is currently seeking applicants for the position of

GROW Program Technician

The GROW Technician will work with landowners to plan, design & implement RBWD GROW Program project activities in the Redboine Watershed District.

QUALIFICATIONS:

- Post-secondary education or equivalent experience in Environmental Sciences (e.g. Land & Water Management, GIS/Geomatics, Agriculture etc.)
- Experience with GIS software & GPS/Survey Equipment required
- Ability to work independently, meet deadlines & follow a budget
- Organizational skills & the ability to work with members of the public are a must
- Must hold a valid class 5 driver's license
- Experience operating tractors, ATVs, UTVs, chainsaws, and other equipment is an asset

DUTIES:

Reporting directly to the RBWD GROW Coordinator, & with guidance from the District Manager and RBWD Resource Technician, the successful candidate will be responsible for:

- Meeting & working directly with landowners in the district
- Planning, surveying, designing and supervising construction of GROW Program projects
- Ensuring GROW Program projects are completed according to approved budgets and with all required permits
- Keeping accurate project files and ensuring GROW Program GIS database is up to date
- Assisting the Resource Technician with surveying, designing and construction of RBWD projects
- Supervising summer staff and organizing summer staff schedules
- Providing regular program updates to the GROW Coordinator & the District Manager
- Assisting with fundraising activities to bring additional external funding into the GROW Program
- Performing miscellaneous office duties & other tasks as required

The RBWD GROW Technician position is a flexible 35-hour work week with pension, and health plan options available.

If you are interested in applying for the position, please submit your resume & salary expectations before 4:00 pm CST on Friday, February 18, 2022 to:

Redboine Watershed District
Box 220, 109 Broadway Street,
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redboinewd@gmail.com

PUBLIC NOTICE



Western School Division

Kindergarten Registration for September 2022

In order for the schools to prepare for the 2022-2023 school year, it is important that parents register their children for Kindergarten from January 21 to January 28, 2022.

Additional information is available at www.westernsd.mb.ca.

Registrations may be completed and submitted electronically, or a registration package can be picked-up at the school and returned between 8:30 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. from January 21 to January 28, 2022. Children born in 2017 or earlier are eligible to enrol. All parents shall include a copy of their child's birth certificate when registering. Please include either a photocopy or a picture of the birth certificate with the completed registration package.

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

Catchment areas are:

Minnewasta School, 1 Academy Drive, Mr. Geoff Sutton, Principal, 204-822-4580

- Area south of North Railway; area west of Mountain St.; and all rural students.

Maple Leaf School, 225-12th Street, Mr. Samuel Jerema, Principal, 204-822-4458

- Area north of South Railway St.; area east of Mountain St.; and all early years (K-4) French Immersion students.

Kindergarten Information Session

Western School Division will be holding a Kindergarten Parent Information session on January 20, 2021 from 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. online. You can access the registration link from www.westernsd.mb.ca. We look forward to seeing all the new Kindergarten parents on this evening.

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

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Skills Required:

- Experience working in accounts payable and receivable, general ledger, payroll and payroll reports
- Basic knowledge of generally accepted accounting principles
- Proficiency in Microsoft Office and Google Drive as well as SAGE accounting
- Excellent communication skills
- Knowledge of social media
- Compensation is subject to the individuals experience and skill set.
- This position is flexible in location and hours depending on applicant's requirements.
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OBITUARY

Irvin Gerhard Wiebe
1942 – 2022



In the early morning hours of Thursday, January 13, 2022, Irvin Wiebe, 79, of Morden, MB was received into the presence of the God he loved and served all his life.

Irvin was born October 21, 1942, the second of four children born to his parents, John and Mary Wiebe who were farming in La Riviere. He often commented that he had the happiest of childhoods growing up on the farm. After graduating from the University of Manitoba, he worked with Manitoba Agriculture as a farm management specialist for almost 40 years, helping hundreds of farmers across the province solve their financial problems. Irvin was a servant at heart. During his life he served on many boards and committees, 22 in total. They include the Credit Union Deposit

Guarantee Corporation, Morden City Council, Tabor Home, Threshermen's Museum and many positions with his local church. He loved volunteering and has left his fingerprints in so many areas of the community.

Irvin married Annemarie, the love of his life, on April 9, 1977. They enjoyed 44 years together, during which they raised two sons, Nathan and Colin. They later experienced the joy of welcoming two daughters-in-law into the family, Andrea and Meagan and six wonderful grandchildren: Nina, Naya, Niko, Oliver, Felix and Felicity. Irvin is also survived by one brother, two sisters and their families.

A private service was held with interment at the Hillside Cemetery.

The family would like to express their appreciation to the staff at Boundary Trails Health Centre, the Community Emergency Response Team and Wiebe Funeral Home for their compassion and professionalism. Thank you also to the many friends and family members who have reached out to the family during this difficult time.

Donations may be made in Irvin's memory to the Voice of the Martyrs.

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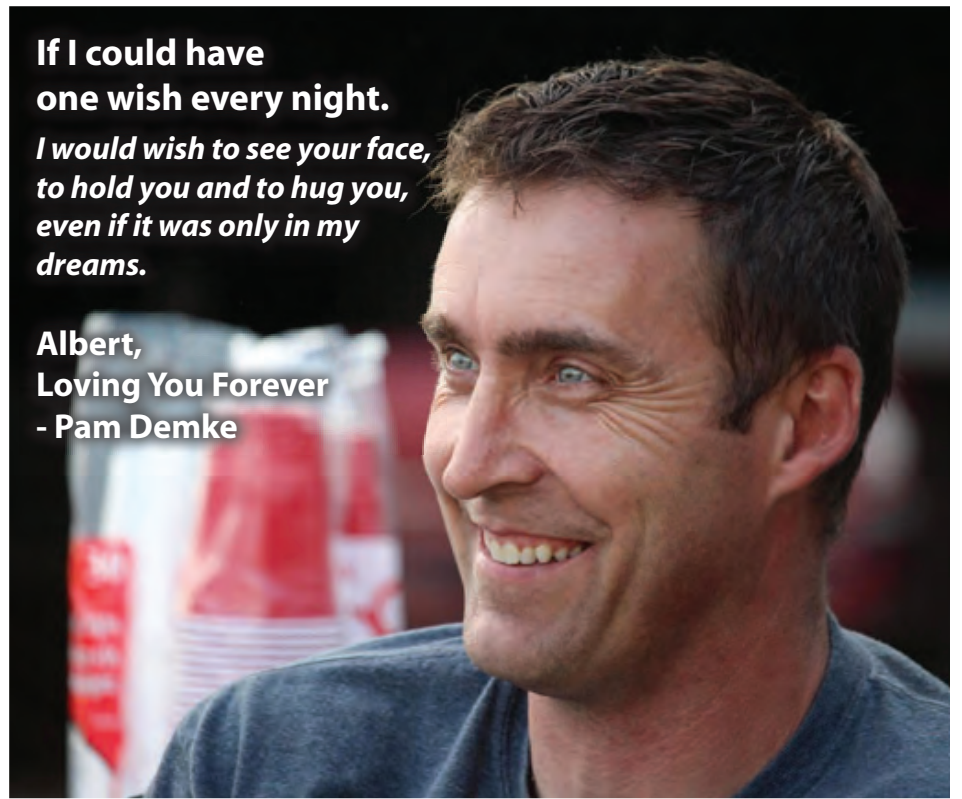


IN MEMORIAM

**If I could have
one wish every night.**

*I would wish to see your face,
to hold you and to hug you,
even if it was only in my
dreams.*

**Albert,
Loving You Forever**
- Pam Demke



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SUDOKU

8			9	7				1
	1	7						
4				5				6
			5			3		
5	8						2	
	3		2	4				
			9			3	2	
6			1					4
				4	9	6		

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8	9	6	4	2	7	1	5	3
4	7	5	8	1	3	2	6	9
2	3	1	5	6	9	8	4	7
5	8	6	7	2	4	3	9	1
7	2	7	4	2	9	3	8	5
9	2	7	4	5	8	3	6	1
6	9	7	1	5	8	3	2	4
3	5	8	2	6	4	7	9	1
1	4	3	2	4	1	5	6	8

Sudoku Answer

V	E	L	E	H	O	V	E	S
S	T	C	E	R	S	I	L	S
N	V	A	B	A	N	S	E	R
A	F	R	O	A	T	N	I	S
R	S	I	R	S	I	C	E	H
E	D	E	O	S	A	V	E	C
E	S	A	T	E	S	E	A	S
S	E	S	S	E	A	S	P	E
T	E	D	S	E	I	N	E	D
H	T	S	A	T	M	A	V	C
S	I	T	I	B	E	L	C	E
S	A	U	S	A	G	T	L	E
S	A	B	O	T	S	E	P	I
R	A	F	A	R	A	P	A	N

Crossword Answer



CROSSWORD

CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Breathe noisily
- 5. ___ Nui, Easter Island
- 9. Reddish browns
- 11. Simple shoes
- 13. Produce alcohol illegally
- 15. Home to famed golf tournament
- 16. Tax collector
- 17. Famous people
- 19. Urban area
- 21. Units of syllable weight
- 22. Pituitary hormone (abbr.)
- 23. Dismounted
- 25. Actor Damon
- 26. Vietnamese offensive
- 27. Retail term
- 29. Netted
- 31. Partner to carrots
- 33. Witnesses
- 34. Caulked
- 36. Satisfy
- 38. R&B performer ___ Lo
- 39. Monetary units of Macao
- 41. Give advice, explain
- 43. Possesses
- 44. Turn back
- 46. Gentlemen
- 48. One who fertilizes
- 52. Italian monk title (prefix)
- 53. Parties
- 54. Type of horse
- 56. Cuts in half
- 57. Raises
- 58. Expresses contempt or disgust
- 59. Ancient Italian-Greek colony

CLUES DOWN

	1	2	3	4			5	6	7	8	
9					10			11			12
13					14		15				
16				17			18				
19			20		21					22	
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		27			28		29		30		
			31			32		33			
				34			35		36		37
	38				39		40		41		42
43					44			45		46	47
48			49	50					51		52
53							54		55		
56								57			
	58									59	

- 1. Illinois city
- 2. One of the original disciples chosen by Christ
- 3. Young form of a louse
- 4. Type of powder
- 5. Finger millet
- 6. Share a common boundary
- 7. Assumed as a fact
- 8. Provide clear evidence of
- 9. Invests in little enterprises
- 10. A way to be
- 11. Monies given in support
- 12. Fashion accessory
- 14. Steal
- 15. Becomes less intense
- 18. Geological times
- 20. Hooray!
- 24. Monetary unit
- 26. Male reproductive organs
- 28. Earnings
- 30. Close by
- 32. Small integers
- 34. Fixed in place
- 35. Used to treat Parkinson's disease
- 37. Large, imposing building
- 38. A rooflike shelter
- 40. Stiff, hairlike structure
- 42. Print errors
- 43. To show disapproval
- 45. Body of traditions
- 47. Without
- 49. ___ Clapton, musician
- 50. Dangerous illegal drug
- 51. Infrequent
- 55. Sound unit

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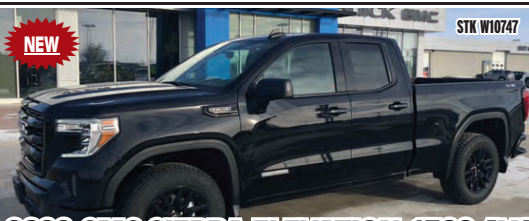
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