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Finding their voice

Central Stn. Community Action Program graduates its first class of advocates

By Ashleigh Viveiros

Over the past several weeks, Jessica Henderson and Maria Schellenberg have found they have a lot in common with each other.

Both are single mothers who have had to overcome a myriad of challenges in the past, each struggling to find their voice in this community. And they both now seek to use those experiences to help others.

Henderson and Schellenberg are two of the 10 people who make up the first graduating class of Central Station's Community Action Training (CAT) program.

The group has been gathering weekly at the community centre for the past couple of months to learn the skills needed to stand up for their rights and provide leadership on issues important to them, explains program coordinator Krista Rempel.

"Central Station has always had an interest in peer support ... the concept of people who have had lived experience of inequality, injustice, poverty, any kind of life issues that they've

struggled with, and coming out the other side of that and using those experiences to then advocate and help people going through similar life situations."

Using a similar program successfully operating in Winnipeg as a guide, Central Station created the CAT program, inviting guest speakers and instructors from such community groups and agencies as Genesis House, Regional Connections, the Winkler & District Food Cupboard, Child and Family Services, and Recovery of Hope, among others, to speak to students.

"We learnt how to speak to people as an advocate, and about all the different resources that are out there," said Schellenberg.

"All the organizations out there that people should know and how to gather information that they need to know in order to move forward in where their lives and situations are going," added Henderson.

Both Henderson and Schellenberg wish they had had a greater awareness in the past of all the social supports available to individuals and families.

With this training, they're making it their mission to get the word out to others who find themselves in similar situations.

"When I moved back to this community several years ago, I didn't



PHOTO BY ASHLEIGH VIVEIROS/VOICE

Students in the first session of the Community Action Program at Central Station with instructor Krista Rempel (far left) and their graduation certificates

know all the resources that were really out there and I struggled to find myself," said Schellenberg. "Now I can put that out there and say to a person, 'Hey, I know where to get you help. Let's sit down and see where we can start. Together.' So they don't have to experience it all alone like I did."

CAT graduates are encouraged to take their newfound skills and knowledge and share it wherever they can in their own neighbourhoods.

Central Station is also planning on creating several advocacy offices throughout Winkler over the next few years, all staffed by CAT graduates.

"The whole point is it's people who have had lived experience and they now have learned all the skills that they need to pour into other people's lives," said Rempel.

That personal experience struggling to put food on the table, find an affordable place to live, or overcome an addiction can be a vital point of connection between the advocates and the people coming to them for help.

"When someone has an understanding of what you've been through there's more understanding, there's more empathy there," Rempel said. "It changes the perspective ... you can

give the advice that you know worked for you or had worked in situations that you're aware of. It's everything to that person who is coming in."

Central Station intends to start the next eight-week CAT session this summer. You can contact Rempel at krista@winklercentralstation.ca for details.

"Really, anybody from the community is welcome," she stressed. "We have a focus on people who have had lived experience of those issues I talked about previously, but we will accept any community member who is just interested in learning how to better themselves and their skills so that they can help other people."

Schellenberg and Henderson urge anyone remotely interested to check the program out.

"Anybody who is like me, that's shy, that doesn't know how to open up, that doesn't have a voice for themselves is able to come here and learn their voice and speak out and learn how to help," Henderson she said.

"I would recommend it to anybody who wants help for themselves and also wants to help others," added Schellenberg.



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Salem Home's 'Faspa in a Box' event sells 201



The Salem Foundation and the Salem Ladies Auxiliary didn't let a little thing like a pandemic get in the way of their spring faspa last weekend. This year the Winkler personal care home hosted Faspa in a Box, preparing 201 faspa packages for two for supporters to enjoy at home. Organizers were still crunching the numbers at press time, but say the event brought in about \$12,485 before expenses. Proceeds will go to purchase a new interactive ABBY board for Salem residents to enjoy.

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Pembina man killed in rollover

By Voice staff

An 86-year-old man from the RM of Pembina was killed when his vehicle went off the road over the weekend.

Pembina Valley RCMP were called to a single-vehicle rollover on Road 17 North near the intersection of Road 43 West in the RM of Pembina on Saturday just before noon.

Police say the initial investigation

has determined the vehicle was travelling west on Road 17N when it left the road.

The driver and lone occupant was pronounced dead at the scene.

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Morden-Winkler shows continued growth

2020 Census puts Morden as the fourth-fastest growing community in Manitoba

By Lorne Stelmach

Morden has been among the fastest growing communities in the province over the last five years, according to census figures released last week.

The results of the 2021 national census placed Morden's growth at 14.5 per cent with an increase from 8,668 residents in 2016 to 9,929 last year.

It places Morden as the eighth largest municipality in the province, while Winkler edged into fourth place with 8.6 per cent growth from 12,660 to 13,745.

The population boom didn't come as entirely surprising news to the leaders of either city.

"I think we've made the case the growth is here, and it's permanent, and we're at a point where we need to be paid attention to," said Morden Mayor Brandon Burley. "We have a young population with young families in need of services, so that will be the message we continue to employ with both the federal and provincial government."

"We're prepared for continued growth," said Winkler Mayor Martin Harder.

Oddly though, considering the growth of the region overall, the official census figures also show the RM of Stanley as essentially having had zero growth, with only an increase from 8,969 to 8,981 residents.

That is a statistic that does not seem possible to Reeve Morris Olafson, who suggested the municipality must have had a significant portion of their population not complete the census.

"I have a hard time believing that one ... nobody would have ever guessed it went just 12 people more in five years. That just doesn't compute," he said.

"In my mind, it's not right. We're up by minimum 500 people, if not more. That's a tough one to quantify though. I'm not sure if my thinking has any weight or merit," Olafson continued. "We know how many houses have gone up. Our building numbers are right up. We've had a good year."

The census shows Canada's population is now 36,991,981, which is up 5.2 per cent over the past five years, while the province of Manitoba's population grew five per cent to reach 1,342,153.

Winnipeg had growth of 6.3 per cent to 749,607. Brandon remained the second largest community with five per cent growth to 51,313 residents, with Steinbach in third at 17,806 for an increase of 11.1 per cent since 2016.

Niverville earned honours as the fastest growing municipality in Manitoba with growth of 29 per cent to 5,947 followed by West St. Paul with 25 per cent more at 6,682 and Neepawa with an increase of 23 per cent to 5,685.

Close behind then is Morden with its 14.5 per cent increase, and Burley noted he was confident that strong growth will only continue in the com-

ing years.

"We've been enjoying a substantial amount of growth," he said. "And we know those numbers are not yet even capitalizing on some major industrial traction we've gotten over the last year, so we anticipate those numbers will change even more rapidly over the next two years."

One can look to such data as the increases in both new industrial and residential development, said Burley, who also noted the city has been boosted by immigration growth, not only from outside the country but also from elsewhere within both Canada and Manitoba.

Burley also particularly noted the increased population density in the downtown core as a key success for the city.

"That was really a goal of this council, to increase the number of people who lived in proximity to the downtown core to support the businesses ... that will continue to be a strategy, to increase our downtown population and ensure its responsible density change."

With more residents come a range of challenges, Burley acknowledged, particularly in coming to grips with such issues as water supply and wastewater capacity.

"We recognize the numbers say that there is work to do," he said. "We have rates of growth that are relatively high, so you expect the infrastructure challenges that we are facing right now. Those infrastructure challenges have to be met head on."

"We want to make sure that with the growth that we are maintaining, we're investing into the infrastructure that

we need to ensure that Morden continues to be a great place to live and that it's not crippled by a population count that exceeds its capacity."

Along those lines, Mayor Harder observed that some of the booming bedroom communities near Winnipeg may be getting into difficult positions where the major infrastructure is not in place to handle it. Winkler, though,

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Around the region

Here is a snapshot of how some other communities in the region fared according to the results of the 2021 census:

- Altona - 1.3 per cent increase to 4,267.
- La Riviere - 9.6 per cent increase to 228.
- Manitou - 3.3 per cent decrease to 812.
- Miami - 6.9 per cent increase to 464.
- Pilot Mound - 7.7 per cent increase to 675.
- Plum Coulee - 15 per cent increase to 1,040.
- RM of Dufferin - 4.4 per cent increase to 2,543.
- RM of Pembina - 2.5 per cent increase to 2,406.
- RM of Rhineland - 2.1 per cent decrease to 5,819.
- RM of Roland - 1.4 per cent increase to 1,145.
- RM of Thompson - 6.8 per cent increase to 1,518.

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Province announces plans to upgrade part of PTH 3

By Ashleigh Viveiros

Provincial Trunk Highway 3 will be getting a major upgrade this summer.

Transportation and Infrastructure Minister Doyle Piwniuk on Monday announced the provincial government is investing \$19.6 million to im-

prove about five kilometres of PTH 3 through south-central Manitoba.

"PTH 3 is an important east-west corridor that serves agriculture and the construction industry," Piwniuk said. "It is also an important north to south trade corridor, connecting the international border crossing in the

south.

"Currently, the surface of this infrastructure is in poor condition and requires the road to be reconstructed," the minister continued, noting the condition of the road necessitates spring load restrictions that hamper its use. Those restrictions will no lon-

ger be necessary once the reconstruction project is complete next year.

The province has hired Coco Paving (Canada) Inc. to renew the infrastructure along PTH 3 that runs through Pilot Mound and Crystal City.

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Dig out a fire hydrant, earn a chance to win a free meal

Morden FD teams up with Subway for a new contest

By Lorne Stelmach

Morden is being called on to give the city and its fire department a helping hand in exchange for the opportunity to win a meal as a reward.

Morden Fire and Rescue is partnering with Subway on the Hydrant Heroes contest in encouraging residents to help clear snow from fire hydrants.

Not having to worry about buried hydrants when arriving at an emergency scene saves the fire department valuable minutes, noted Captain Jonathan Baumgart, public education officer for department.

"Our guys are able to connect to a hydrant and draw water within a minute to a minute and a half," he explained. "If we have to dig out a fire hydrant, we're looking at five to six minutes to get connected, and fire doubles in size every minute, so every minute is crucial ... we don't want to be delayed in any way."

"For myself, when I shovel my driveway I walk down the street and make sure the fire hydrant is cleared. The more we do it, the less effort it takes every time."

Subway wants to award local hydrant heroes of all ages with the possibility of winning a free meal at the

restaurant. Winners will be selected randomly for the rest of February and March.

To enter the contest, tag Morden Fire and Rescue in a photo on social media or send a photo to their Facebook or Instagram pages of yourself, family, and friends shovelling and clearing fire hydrants.

Be sure to have your whole group in the photo as everyone is eligible to win a free meal, and also include the street your hydrant is located on along with a contact phone number.

Residents are asked to clear a three-foot radius around the fire hydrant and a path from it to the street.

"Every hydrant cleared is an entry to the contest, so the more hydrants you clear, the more entries you have in the contest," said Baumgart.

Although the city is responsible for snow clearing, it can be difficult for hydrants to be cleared in a timely fashion given that streets and sidewalks take priority, he noted.

"They're struggling to clear the streets and sidewalks before the next snowfall comes around, so hydrants are lower on their priority at this point," Baumgart suggested. "And for our members to go around and clear every hydrant in town is not feasible ... but to have an individual go down the street in their neighbourhood to clear their hydrants is something we're looking to do."

"We're hoping we get a good response this year ... if it's something Subway is willing to get into with the



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Morden Subway store manager Melissa Wiebe and Morden Fire and Rescue public education officer Jonathan Baumgart.

community again next year, it's something we would do again."

"We're happy to sponsor this ini-

tiative with the Morden fire department," said Morden Subway manager Melissa Wiebe.

"This situation is completely and utterly unacceptable"

RCMP warn protestors against blocking access to health care facilities

By Voice staff

As protests continue across not just Canada but right here in Manitoba, RCMP are making it very clear there are certain actions that will not be tolerated.

In a social media post last week, Manitoba RCMP noted that a 74-year-old man found himself stuck behind the convoy of protestors making their way between Morden and Winkler

on Feb. 3, deliberately slowing traffic in protest of COVID-19 vaccination mandates.

Police say the man was trying to drive his 82-year-old sister to Boundary Trails Health Centre, as she was in dire need of medical care.

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The Conservative problem

Whether you like it (or believe it) or not, the Canadian political reality is this: we are largely a centre-left country in terms of voter preference.

In the past 10 years of federal elections between 2011-2021 the centre-to-left parties (Liberals, NDP, Green, and Bloc Quebecois) have garnered an average of 62.5 percent of the total vote compared to the right-leaning Conservative and now People's Party of Canada (PPC) average of 36.5 percent.

For Conservatives (big C and small) the best thing about the Canadian political landscape is the fragmentation of the left. The bad thing is that even the tiniest fragmentation on the right almost guarantees that a conservative-leaning party will not win.



By Peter Cantelon

Statistically, over the past 10 years voting trends show only a small shift toward the left of about one per cent, but in politics every per cent matters.

All of this means that the ever-present angst of the Canadian federal Conservative strategist is the choice between local/regional values or a national winning strategy. This is why you see such wildly diverging strategies and apparent values between provincial and federal campaigns ... one leans regional, one national.

A federal Conservative party that reflects the far more right-leaning values of the Pembina Valley for instance cannot win a national election under the current demographic. This is not some left-wing media propaganda—this is a statistical reality based on national voter preference.

The Harper years were more about a flagging post-Chretien Liberal party battling popular NDP and Green leaders in Layton and May than about an enormous shift nationally toward conservatism.

The Canadian reality is that Conservatives win federal elections when the left becomes more uncertain and fragmented.

For the Conservative party to win nationally they need to trend closer to the centre AND drive/hope for deep fragmentation of the left—particularly between the Liberal and NDP

parties.

If the Liberals were to merge with either the NDP or the Green party on the left it would spark the end of any right-wing party winning a federal election for the foreseeable future unless a dramatic shift toward the centre were to occur within the Conservative Party and/or further fragmentation of the left were to occur.

This is one of the reasons Conservatives across the country are so rabidly against the rising PPC, whose popularity between the last two elections has grown nationally in the federal vote from 1.6 per cent in 2019 to 4.9 per cent in 2021 (which is enormous growth, by the way). That's enough of a difference to have given the Conservatives a minority win in 2021 had it not been for the PPC.

This is where the real Conservative struggle becomes apparent. The fragmentation on the right is a loss of votes from the extreme right to the PPC and not the centre right. If the party were to accommodate by moving further right it would likely mean even greater losses going to the Liberals from the Conservative centre right.

It's a real conundrum if you are a Conservative political strategist because if your vision depends largely

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letters

THANK YOU TO COUNCIL

I found the article in the Feb. 10, 2022 edition of the *Voice* "City council pledges to tackle ice plant noise" to include very encouraging news.

My neighbors and myself are the people directly affected by the noise pollution from the new ice plant in operation at the Access Event Centre.

Mayor Burley acknowledged that "people shouldn't have to live with

this situation" and that the city council will "deal honestly with us and act in good faith" to rectify the problem as quickly as possible.

I was relieved to read that the council is intent on acting expediently on the engineering consultant report that will identify solutions and projected reductions in the noise pollution.

The warmer weather we have experienced, with temperatures near 0

degrees and +5 degrees on Feb. 10th, certainly produces louder noise for a longer duration from the condenser fans located adjacent to our residential neighborhood.

With spring and warmer temperatures approaching, I appreciate that the city council has committed to rectify this as quickly as possible.

Glenda Wall,
Morden

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letters

KUDOS FOR SUPPORT

Thank you Candice Bergen for supporting the trucker's protest in Ottawa.

It's good to hear your voice again.

Dr Alain Kolt,
Morden

OH CANADA

What we're seeing in the lawless protests happening in Ottawa and other Canadian cities as well as on important transportation corridors isn't some outpouring of patriotism. It isn't, as supporters insist, an expression of the long-suppressed "will of the people."

Organized as a pushback against a requirement for cross border truck drivers to be vaccinated, any number of grievance-holders have glommed onto this thing. Some demand an immediate end to all restrictions, others believe they can replace the government with their own representatives with the help of the Governor General and the Senate, and others simply detest anything attached to the name Trudeau.

The inability of Ottawa's law enforcement to anticipate or in any way deal with this situation will be the subject, I hope, of a thorough review

with measures put in place to ensure the nation's capital is never subjected to this sort of siege again.

To those encouraging this anarchism, including Ms. [Candice] Bergen who is now the interim leader of one of our main political parties, I would point out the hypocrisy of claiming to be the party of law and order while supporting those with decidedly anti-democratic intentions.

We are now aware that significant money and support for this Canadian sedition is coming from sympathizers of the right in the U.S. and elsewhere. We are well aware of Ms. Bergen's affinity for the Trump MAGA universe, but I would hope that Canada can resist importing the worst of that sort of thinking.

All in all, this experience has taught us that our country isn't immune to anti-science, conspiracy-minded and anti-democratic forces. Most Canadians have been supportive of pandemic restrictions and vaccinations that have kept our country from the worst-case scenarios that COVID could have wrought.

It isn't in our nature to wear our national pride on our sleeve, but this is certainly a time when we need to stand on guard against those who worship personal freedom to the ex-

clusion of everything else, who live in information bubbles that negate and deny the value of pulling together as a society in the face of a virus that

couldn't care less whether you think it's real or deadly.

Bill Tiessen,
Crystal City

> CENSUS, FROM PG. 5

he feels remains well-positioned to continue to support further growth.

"I think we're prepared to continue to have the steady growth that we've had," he said. "One of the things that is easier to do when you have modest growth is you are able to keep up with the infrastructure."

He sees much promise for the wider region, and he added that he also found the official numbers for the RM of Stanley very surprising.

"I'm not sure that I believe it," he said, echoing Olafson in wondering if Stanley residents were less likely to complete the census survey.

Harder suggested that he feels Winkler will be continuing to gain in the coming years through a number of factors, including one that he cited in particular.

"Immigration is certainly one of them," he said. "Our opportunities in immigration that we have in Winkler over the last four years has been a little bit subdued compared to previous times ... I think we're pick-

ing that up now; I think we're going to be getting back in the game."

Olafson meanwhile said it was unfortunate that so many residents likely chose to ignore the census.

"We did try to do some advertising when it was going on ... saying this is what it means folks," he said, noting one cost of not having better census numbers is that it has an impact on things such as federal gas tax funding, which is distributed on a per capital basis.

"We get not quite half a million out of that every year. I was hoping that we would have more ... so I am disappointed in those numbers."

Otherwise, Olafson said he feels good about the overall growth in the wider region, which he said is based on a number of factors including having a strong, diversified economy.

"There's jobs out there," he suggested. "We've got a lot of good things happening here. To me, it's just a good area."

> CANTELON, FROM PG. 6

on outside forces like the state of other parties you don't really have a lot of control over your future. You are sailing stormy seas without a rudder and using a plank of wood and hope instead.

Erin O'Toole understood this when he ran as leader of the Conservative Party but he cynically did not believe he could win the leadership without appealing to the party's more extreme right wing. Then, once he won, he spun straight for the centre and is now rightly in trouble with the base he initially tried to appeal to.

If I were a Conservative strategist I

would be advising a solid move toward right of centre nationally leaving the more right-leaning politics to my provincial counterparts, but honestly this would be tenuous at best and could create wedge issues between them both.

How about the next election?

If Trudeau's popularity continues to flag and Singh's grows it could mean a legitimate chance at a minority for the Conservatives, but the PPC would have to be dealt with and even then it's less a vote for Conservatism and more a result of left wing confusion.

But hey—a win's a win, right?

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SCRL's Cathy Ching says their I Love to Read Month activities aim to get kids enjoying reading. Above: A new book walk is up at store-fronts on Morden's Stephen St., starting at the Morden Library.

Celebrating a love of reading

By Lorne Stelmach

The ultimate goal of I Love To Read Month is more about what stands to be gained in the long term rather than the short term.

There are a variety of activities in both the schools and in the community throughout February, and the hope with them all is to instill a love for reading that will carry on in life.

"I think we're seeing that more and more, that kids are getting more engaged in reading," said Anna Reimer of Winkler's Emerado Centennial School, which, like all local schools, is doing a variety of events to mark I Love to Read Month.

"It's important to get them engaged in reading and excited about reading. That engagement is important, and I think the classroom teachers are doing an awesome job of that, bringing

books to life in the classroom."

"We really do need to get kids interested in reading," agreed Cathy Ching, director of library services for the South Central Regional Library, which also has a lot going on all through the month.

The five branch libraries in Winkler, Morden, Altona, Miami, and Manitou are holding a number of fun activities for readers of all ages, including scav-

enger hunts and a month-long contest. There is also another story walk posted at the business windows on Stephen Street starting from the Morden Library.

Weekly contest challenges have sought to encourage people to borrow material from the library they might not normally, including certain books, audiobooks and DVDs, magazines, and so on. Each completed challenge earns participants a contest ticket.

"We thought to change it up so that it's not all one thing. We were encouraging people to stop in and see what's

going on," said Ching.

"And we want to get them reading something different ... maybe something a little different that they wouldn't have thought of reading before because it wasn't on your radar," said Ching, who cited the example of a Black History Month display at the Altona branch. "That's a really good educational eye opener, even just to see what we have available."

"Now we have puzzles in all of our branches, and they are going out like

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Public health restrictions on their way out

Province announces a relaxation of some restrictions this week already, plans to lift mask, vaccination mandates next month

By Ashleigh Viveiros

Manitoba is speeding up its plans to do away with most public health restrictions before spring.

Last Friday, Premier Heather Stefanson and Chief Provincial Public Health Officer Dr. Brent Roussin unveiled the new public health orders that went into effect on Tuesday, Feb. 15.

There are no longer any capacity limits at places such as restaurants, entertainment venues, and indoor and outdoor sporting events. Nor are there restrictions on any gatherings at private residences.

Capacity limits have been removed as well for outdoor public gatherings, though indoor public gatherings are limited to 50 people unless proof of

vaccination is required.

Youth age 12 to 17 participating in indoor sports and recreation are no longer required to provide proof of vaccination or recent testing.

There were no changes to retail and personal services.

There are no longer self-isolation requirements for close contacts of someone who tests positive for COVID-19, and self-isolation for people who live in a household with others who have symptoms is now only recommended, not required.

Likewise, travellers entering Manitoba no longer need to self-isolate, though those coming in from international destinations still need to meet requirements under the federal Quarantine Act. Travel restrictions to northern Manitoba remain in place.

The past two years have been filled with financial hardships and countless missed celebrations and life experiences, the premier said.

"Manitobans have put their lives on hold and it's time that we give them their lives back," she said. "Today we offer hope to those who have been waiting for a long time to see that light at the end of the tunnel."

"The restrictions have placed many burdens on Manitobans, and now that we see the pressure of our hospital system starting to ease it's our responsibility [as] government to ease those restrictions on Manitobans."

The province intends to take the next step on March 1, removing proof of vaccination requirements entirely.

Starting March 8, notification of

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Enjoy a Big Night In in support of Big Brothers, Big Sisters

By Ashleigh Viveiros

Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Pembina Valley is teaming up with Mulligans Restaurant & Lounge in Winkler for the second annual Big Night In next month.

Tickets are on sale now for the March 2-3 fundraiser, which the mentoring agency is hosting in lieu of its usual Bowl for Kids' Sake.

Executive director Jenelle Neufeld said they're thrilled to be partnering with the restaurant on this.

"We wanted to support a local business, so we figured partnering with Mulligans was a really good choice," she said. "They have incredible food and they support organizations in the community."

Having the restaurant on board does change the event somewhat from last year, where participants were given a box of ingredients and a link to a video to follow along to create their meal.

It was well-received, but they decided to mix things up this year—ticket holders will simply pick up their ready-to-enjoy meals from the restaurant as a takeout order.

Tickets are \$100 and include a dinner featuring ribs, coleslaw, potatoes, brownies, and your choice of a bottle red or white wine or a non-alcoholic beverage.

"Each meal will serve two people," Neufeld said, calling it a fun date night for couples that does double-duty as a way to support for a great cause.

Last year's Big Night In was a success, raising about \$14,000 for the non-profit's mentoring programs and prompting them to extend it to two nights this year.

It's been a challenging time to try and figure out how to host fundraising events that meet public health orders and aren't at potential risk of being cancelled should those orders change, Neufeld said.

Big Bros has tried to host a few trivia nights in recent months, for example, but found most people aren't quite comfortable gathering in that way just yet.

"You have to find something that people are going to want to participate in, and I think food is always a good option," Neufeld said, laughing.

Big Night In is the perfect solution, she added, as restaurants are able to offer takeout no matter what for everyone to enjoy from the safety and comfort of their own homes.

Proceeds go to support Big Brothers

Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Pembina Valley executive director Jenelle Neufeld with the meal kit they offered for last year's Big Night In event. This year they're teaming up with Mulligans Restaurant in Winkler for a ready-to-eat meal for two March 2-3.

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Big Sisters' community, in-school, and group mentoring programs.

Neufeld said they were able to host a few Go Girls! group sessions over the past year, and while the in-school mentoring matches have been on hold, many ended up transitioning into community matches to provide a bit more flexibility for the Big and Littles to get together outside of school hours.

In all, 15 kids have been meeting or staying in touch in other ways with their volunteer mentors.

"All of the restrictions and everything that's been going on the past two years has changed our expectations as an organization for what a match looks like," Neufeld said, observing that while they used to ask volunteers to get together with their Littles for a few hours every week, "now we're at the point where we're saying, 'Maintain your connection, maintain your relationship however that looks like to you, as long as you're both on the same page.'"

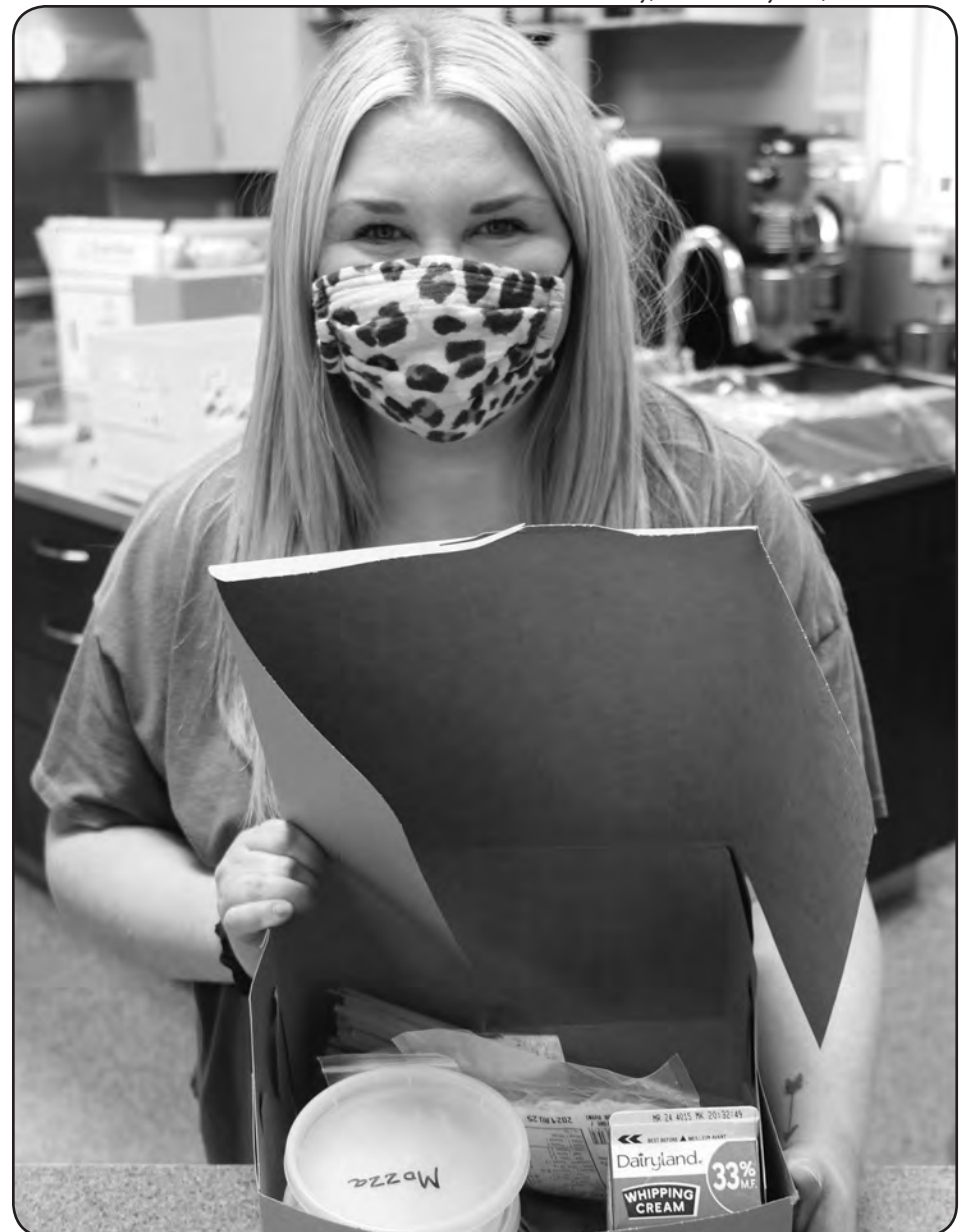
"It's working. We've had a few matches close due to complications with the pandemic ... but not nearly as many as I had thought we might."

Challenges remain, however. Neufeld said that while the 2020-2021 fiscal year's shortfalls were able to be offset by numerous pandemic-related grants, many of those sources of funding don't exist this year, putting a bit of a question mark over the agency's financial outcomes for 2021-2022 and beyond.

"Compared to last year, this year will be a lot different financially for us as we end our fiscal year. But, our fiscal year ends March 31, so we're hoping this will be a last little push to bring in a good chunk to put towards our operating expenses for the year."

Big Night In tickets are available by calling Mulligans at 204-325-9499 from now until Friday, Feb. 25.

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Local parents, students celebrating “French February”



By Lorne Stelmach

A community-based group is working to offer and promote more opportunities and resources for children learning French in Morden.

The local chapter of Canadian Parents for French has remained active even throughout the pandemic with a number of activities going on this month as part of French February.

The hope is that encouraging kids to

learn and use French as much as possible will provide long-term enrichment, said Sara Convery, a chapter representative.

“You do it because it’s another tool, another life experience for your child ... and it can open up opportunities for them,” said Convery.

“It’s neat to be able to see and hear your kids interact in French with other kids,” she said. “It kind of solidifies why you chose French Immersion for



SUBMITTED PHOTOS

The local chapter of Canadian Parents for French has hosted a few fun events for families recently, including a painting party (left) and online French bingo (above).

your children. I think people choose French Immersion for different reasons ... you don’t know if your child will use French when they become an

adult.”

There had been a local chapter of Canadian Parents for French for a number of years, but it had disbanded for a short time before being re-established in 2016.

Since then, the group has maintained a good level of interest and parent volunteer involvement, said Convery.

“The response has been very positive. We’ve had lots of interest from parents and students with the activities that we have,” she said.

Convery feels it is a reflection of how there has been strong interest in the French Immersion program here in Western School Division.

With about a thousand students currently enrolled in the K-8 schools which have French Immersion, a little over 300 are enrolled in the program.

“I think that’s been true across Canada,” Convery suggested. “I think our enrolment in Western School Division has been steady if not increasing. Definitely the program is being well received.”

The group organizes a variety of activities to help provide further opportunities for enrichment outside of the classroom setting.

In recent years, students have been involved in French speaking competitions where a number of local students have done well, and there has also been a summer camp program.

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> I LOVE TO READ MONTH, FROM PG. 8

crazy," she added, noting they are encouraged to see more people feeling more safe to return in-person. "We have noticed that people are coming back. I think people are feeling just a little more relaxed ... we still have the mask mandate for our libraries, but people are coming back and our circulation is up."

Ching noted the month of activities also will include a book sale in conjunction with a bake sale at the Morden Legion. It was being planned for Thursday, Feb. 24 from 4-8 p.m., Friday, Feb. 25 from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m., and Saturday, Feb. 26 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Meanwhile, schools throughout Winkler and Morden are also hosting



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The Altona library is not just celebrating I Love to Read Month but also Black History Month with a selection of books on display.

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their own I Love To Read Month activities.

For example, Prairie Dale School in Winkler is 'Going for Gold' with a Reading Olympics where each student will work to read as much as possible through the month and log the minutes they read each week.

At Southwood School in Schanzenfeld, the students have been working on completing reading goals by completing lines on a reading bingo card. The school has also hosted a bunch of themed days, encouraging kids to wear a shirt with words or dress up as their favourite animal.

There are themed dress-up days over at Minnewasta School in Morden as well, along with Drop Everything and Read sessions, virtual guest readers, and a donation drive for the Pembina Valley Humane Society.

At École Morden Middle School, they were highlighting alternative forms of reading and doing a number of fun challenges including video

gaming, watching movies, filing a tax return, and geocaching. Classes also have had the chance to complete challenges and enter to win new books for their classroom.

Back in Winkler at Emerado, there was a contest for the highest minutes of reading at each grade and also a "Guess That Book Tuesdays" competition.

"This year we can't bring in guest readers, but we've had videos," noted Reimer. "Some of the Winkler Flyers' players were reading books on video."

"Because of the restrictions, we're trying to keep it classroom based activities ... but we're encouraging lots of at-home reading as well as in school reading with stop, drop and read every day," she said. "Kids can get really engaged in that when you're sharing a book together in class. I see a lot of classrooms doing it."

"We have to adapt and do things a little differently, but it's still fun for the kids."

MSTW Planning District saw solid growth in 2021

By Ashleigh Viveiros

The pandemic didn't put much of a damper on growth across the region, according to the Morden-Stanley-Thompson-Winkler (MSTW) Planning District's year-end report.

General manager Glen Wieler says that while there were some challenges for builders—chief among them being access to and cost of materials—the permit numbers for 2021 were right in line with expected growth.

"Overall, when I look at '18, '19, '20, a lot of the numbers are a little higher than that as well, so it has been, comparing the last three years, still a very good year," he said.

The start of 2021 saw a renewed focus on residential building permits, as people tackled a myriad of home improvement projects.

"The back patio, putting an addition

on the house, adding onto the garage, doing a man cave—across the board there was just lots of stuff going on," said Wieler.

"That typically slows down for the fall and winter," he observed. "But then we saw a lot of the industrial and commercial activities start, and that's still going quite strong."

Across the region, construction work valued over \$108 million, with Winkler leading the way with \$52.8 million of that.

"Generally Winkler is close to half of everything that happen within our area ... that's very consistent with previous years," noted Wieler.

The city did see a decrease in total permits (from 275 in 2020 to 263 in 2021), but the value of the work jumped from \$40.2 million in 2020 to \$52.8 million in 2021.

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Learning the ropes

Rookies try their hands at knitting

By Lorne Stelmach

There's something more to it than just learning a traditional and prac-

tical skill for the eight students who are taking the Knitting for Beginners class right now at the Pembina Hills Arts Council.



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Instructor Agatha Massey gives her students a hand in the Knitting for Beginners class happening every week at the Pembina Hills gallery in Morden.



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3. You're not immune to error.

While some software programs are easy to understand, completing a tax return is often more complex than it seems. One small mistake can be far more costly than the services of an accountant.

4. Maybe you don't know everything.

Taxpayers who file their own tax returns often omit such things as medical expenses, for example, and don't always know which refunds they are entitled to and which programs they are eligible for.

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• A LOOK BACK

Random acts of kindness

Random Acts of Kindness Day is Thursday, Feb. 17, 2022, and Random Acts of Kindness Week is Feb. 13-19, 2022.

These days were put into motion by Anne Herbert in 1982 when she wrote “practice random acts of kindness and random acts of beauty” on a napkin in a restaurant in Sausalito, California.

She wanted words to erase the common phrase “random acts of violence and random acts of cruelty” often found in newspapers in the ‘80s. Random acts of kindness are unexpected, possibly undeserved but so appreciated when you are the reciprocate.

My late husband Ron did not often surprise me with large gifts. But he surprised me with an abundance of meaningful, smaller gifts. Red roses for Valentine’s Day, a dinner out for my birthday, a book he remembered me mentioning for Christmas. He was interested in my teaching, my writing, my friends, my sports and my travels. He was known among our friends for his hearty laugh and delighted us all with it. He always asked about my day. Not having ‘that special someone’ who

cares about every part of your life and is continually surprising you with random acts of kindness is probably the most difficult aspect of losing a spouse.

Ron was already very ill when Simon Funk, a local cellist, walked into his room at hospice and began playing for him. Ron stirred in his drug-induced sleep, sat up, put his legs over the edge of the bed and began tapping to the music. Ron always enjoyed classical music. When Simon stopped playing, they both discussed their Mennonite roots. What an incredible act of kindness that was for Ron!

A few hours before Ron died, I looked up to find my sister, Debbie, standing beside me. She had flown in from Morden sensing I would need her support. She stayed until Ron’s memorial on Dec. 22, putting aside all her family’s Christmas plans. I had not asked her to come. I was not expecting her but, oh, how I needed her. What an amazing, selfless act of kindness that was for me!

The night Ron died, my sister, daughter, and I were at home in shock and tears. Suddenly we heard music. On our front step stood neighbours Brian and Merle Harrison. Brian was playing his bagpipes. A bagpipe’s mournful tune was so fitting for how we felt. Ron had built their beautiful home at Big Horn Mountain, and they, too, were sad about his sudden death. We were touched by this thoughtful gesture!

Since then, I received many random acts of kindness from friends and



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The author’s grandsons, who love to surprise her with unexpected acts of kindness.

from strangers. Friends dropped off favourite scones and casserole dishes and came in for short visits.

Not only had my world fallen apart but my new house started falling apart. First, the garage door malfunctioned. I phoned the company Ron had used to install the door. A technician came immediately and replaced the broken part. He refused payment. “Ron was always so good to us,” he said.

The electrician who fixed a fan, the finish-carpenter who installed bars in the bathroom for Ron, the furnace man who showed me how to program my furnace and the landscaper who programed my irrigation timer all refused payment. They all had stories of how Ron had helped them and were now paying it forward.

The day before my hip replacement surgery, I went to talk to my neighbour across the hall. I asked if I could call on her if I needed help and my daughter was unavailable. We had both just moved in. She couldn’t do enough for me! She brought my paper up every morning and stayed to visit, knowing I was housebound. She brought over several complete dinners. She took me to my physio appointment when Susannah couldn’t. She placed no limits on her acts of kindness!

My 11-year-old granddaughter, Sophia, and I love going out together. One Saturday morning, we had finished our breakfast and were playing a word game on her phone. A stranger came up to our table and said, “It’s so good seeing a grandmother and her granddaughter enjoying each others company. Here’s \$20 for your breakfast.” I was so startled, I could barely get out a “thank you so much” before he was out the door!

Many years ago, Ron was in a grocery line behind a lady who was short \$35. She was trying to decide which items she could put back when Ron reached into his wallet and gave her the money. She was so grateful and promised to pay him back one day. Ron was surprised the day, years later, she walked into his office and handed him the \$35. “My children are older now,” she said, “and I’m working.”

Our daughter, Susannah, was in Grade 2 the day she came home with a note from her teacher saying, “Susannah always come into class with a huge smile and tries to help everyone have a good day!” She still has that note.



By Florence Dyck

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arts&culture

PHAC show highlights diversity, inclusion

By Lorne Stelmach

The exhibit featured this month at the Pembina Hills Gallery in Morden came together as an open-ended invite to artists.

They were offered the opportunity to submit work around the ideas of diversity and inclusivity, but how they chose to interpret that theme left it wide open as to what it would look like, and that suited Tye Dandridge-Evancio just fine.

The programs and outreach coordinator for the Pembina Hills Arts Council likes how the works are so varied but still tied together in at least some way.

"I'm really happy to see how it has come together," Dandridge-Evancio said of the show, which is being held in conjunction with the Pembina Valley Local Immigration Partnership's second annual Connecting Cultures and Communities Celebration being held virtually Feb. 24.

That virtual event will put the spot-

light on the artists who are part of the exhibit, representing both long-time community members and newcomers alike.

"I wasn't sure what would come of the project when we first started because it started very small, like we were going to only have maybe two walls, but then we decided to make a bigger, more full exhibition out of celebrating the diversity within the community," said Dandridge-Evancio.

One of the artists involved had not originally intended to participate in it.

"I walked into the gallery to request information on the upcoming juried exhibit, and it was through my conversation that I found out about this artist's call out," explained Darlene Hunt. "I really wasn't convinced I was interested, but I found myself not able to think of anything else until I started committing pen to paper or brush to tablet."

Hunt submitted a piece that presents the image of two skulls without jaws, which she suggested portrays



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The featured exhibit at the Pembina Hills gallery in Morden is a partnership with the Pembina Valley Local Immigration Partnership and features work from newcomers and longtime community members alike.

"the quiet contemplation needed to come to perhaps the agreement that we are all human."

"I decided to present my artwork as an interpretative piece to attempt to initiate conversation regarding inclusivity," Hunt explained in an interview via email. "It certainly invites people to offer a very unique individual interpretation. I also presented it as a metal print to add to the reflection

that I was trying to convey."

Eram Manzoor interpreted the theme in a different way, including one painting of a peacock.

"My thought behind it is that everyone is beautiful in their own way," she said. "Home is a place where nobody judges you, especially not on your physical appearance."

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> RESTRICTIONS, FROM PG. 8

close contacts in settings such as personal care homes, shelters, and health-care facilities will no longer occur.

Finally, mask requirements and other restrictions will be lifted effective March 15, the province has said.

"Based on our data, on our modelling, we can see that omicron has peaked and is beginning to subside in Manitoba," said Dr. Roussin. "All the indicators that public health considers are moving in the right direction at this point."

Monday's COVID-19 bulletin noted data from the seven days ending Feb. 10 showed a 12.2 per cent decrease in new hospitalizations due to the virus from the week before and a drop of 11.8 per cent in new COVID-19 ICU cases.

The provincial online dashboard had the total number of hospitalization of people with COVID-19 at 633, including 40 ICU patients. The death toll due to COVID-19 was at 1,637—up 37 from the Monday before.

With numbers starting a downward trend, Roussin said Manitoba is moving into a transitional phase in its mandates, moving from public health restrictions to recommendations.

The public health orders were always intended to be temporary, he said.

"We knew that this pandemic would come to an end, we knew that the public health restrictions would come to an end, and we are now on that path moving forward."

Manitobans not yet vaccinated are still encouraged to do so, Stefanson said.

"As a government we have encouraged as many Manitobans to get vaccinated as possible and we will continue with those efforts," she said. "But it's time for a new normal to begin in Manitoba."

"We need to end the divisiveness between families, between communities. We need to move forward. It's time to bring Manitobans back together again."

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> PTH 3 RENEWAL, FROM PG. 4

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> CONVOYS, FROM PG. 5

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> FRENCH FEBRUARY, FROM PG. 10

Whether it's something like a bilingual skating day where they play French music or a bilingual bingo game or a French painting party, additional activities are vital to encourage students to both use and build their language skills, Convery said.

"It's parents volunteering their time to provide different opportunities for the students. It's outside of school time just to engage kids in different activities.

"We also provide support to the schools ... because we're a chapter, we have access to French performers at a discounted rate," she added,

> MSTW, FROM PG. 12

Commercial improvements (\$10.2 million) and new commercial developments (\$9.3 million) together spurred much of the growth in Winkler last year.

Nearly another \$4.7 million was accounted for by way of industrial improvements and new builds, while residential building projects totalled over \$22.6 million (\$13 million of which were new single family dwellings).

Morden saw not only 40 more building permits last year over the year before but also a huge jump in value—from \$18.1 million in 2020 to \$30.4 million in 2021. Commercial projects totalling \$11.4 million and

this spring with all aggregate production, culverts and grade widening work to be completed in the fall of 2022.

The surfacing work is slated to begin in the spring of next year and is anticipated to be completed by the fall of 2023.

"Our government's strategy is de-

veloping a highway network that enables a strong economic activity within and across our borders, enhance transportation mobility and connectivity, and ensures safety and reliability across the highway network," Piwniuk said, noting this is the "key to advancing Manitoba."

themselves in a similar situation, assuming they have a cell phone, to call 911.

Meanwhile, protestors last week set up shop at the Emerson border crossing, completely blocking Highway 75 with semi-trucks, farm equipment, and other vehicles.

Traffic on the highway was still being blocked by about 75 vehicles at press time, though RCMP note emergency vehicles and some livestock transports had been allowed to pass through the blockade. No tickets have been issued and no arrests have been made.

Protestors have also occupied the area around the Manitoba Legisla-

noting for example having brought in entertainers for Festival du Voyageur themed events. "There's lots of opportunities just from having a local chapter here."

In honour of French February, the chapter has organized weekly French challenges, such as watching a TV show or movie, listening to music, or reading a book in the language.

Looking further down the road, there are plans for an in-person summer camp for current students in Gr. 1-4 in mid-August.

"I think most people whose chil-

dren are in French Immersion don't speak French themselves," noted Convery. "So by providing these different opportunities outside of school, you feel that you're contributing to their education, giving them a little bit of enrichment by being able to participate in these activities that are fun. And the kids see that they can use French in other meaningful ways other than just at school."

You can find out more about the Canadian Parents for French Morden chapter by checking out their page on Facebook.

Wieler reminds residents to make sure their permits are in order whenever they tackle a new build or improvements to existing properties.

"I'd like to remind people come spring that if they're putting pools in they need to be permitted and properly fenced for safety and security," he said, adding permits ensure that this and other projects are done to code and taxed fairly.

He noted that most people are pretty good about heeding permit requirements, especially in the urban centres.

residential projects of \$16.4 million led the way there.

Meanwhile, the RM of Stanley saw 19 more permits for the year at 155 in total and values that rose from \$11 million in 2020 to \$21.3 million last year (\$11.7 million in new single family dwelling builds being the highest valued category).

The RM of Thompson added 10 more building permits in 2021 with 23, valued at \$3.8 million—a big jump from the \$843,000 reported the year before. Thompson saw its greatest growth come by way of single family homes (\$1 million) and new commercial projects (\$1.2 million).

As the building boom continues,

sports & recreation

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Hawks look to thaw Ice in first round of playoffs

By Lorne Stelmach

The female U18 Pembina Valley Hawks not only closed out the regular season with three wins in a row but also wrapped it up with a victory over the team they now need to vanquish in the playoffs.

The 3-1 win Sunday on home ice in Morden over the Winnipeg Ice offered a preview of the quarter-final series that kicks off Thursday in Winnipeg.

The teams split their regular season series with two wins each, so the fourth-place Ice and fifth-place Hawks are evenly matched.

The Ice finished at 15-10-3 for 33 points followed by Pembina Valley, which got their record to .500 at 14-14-0 for 28 points with a 5-4 win Friday over the Eastman Selects followed by the victory over the Ice.

"The team feels really good after this past weekend's results. The girls are buying in, and they're ready to go," said coach Dana Bell on Monday.

"The Ice aren't a team we can take lightly. We have to play a solid 60 minutes of hockey," he said, sounding very optimistic about their chances. "Our



PHOTO BY RICK HIEBERT/VOICE

A falling Marissa Fehr tries to tip a Pembina Valley shot past Eastman goalie Mia Jones in Friday night's game in Morden. The Hawks won it 5-4 and then downed the Winnipeg Ice 3-1 on Sunday to wrap up the regular season in fifth place.

defensive zone is strong right now. We are doing the right things.

"Our atmosphere in the dressing room right now is super exciting. The girls are pumped and ready to go."

The Hawks held period leads of 2-0 and 4-2 over Eastman and then hung on in the final period with Tria Enns backstopping the win with a 35 save performance as Pembina Valley was

outshot 39-36.

Abbey Bourdeaud'hui led the way with a pair of goals while also contributing were Gracie Carels, Janik Grenier, and Quinn McLaren while Erica Fijala chipped in with a pair of assists.

Kaylee Franz then stopped 29 of 30 shots Sunday as the Hawks hung on after taking a 2-0 first period lead on the Ice, who were outshot 38-30. Scor-

ing for the Hawks were Jessica Anderson, Cambree Martens, and Mya Pearce.

The best of five quarter-final is scheduled to continue with game two in Morden Saturday and game three in Winnipeg Sunday. If the series is extended, game four is planned for next Wednesday in Morden.

Winkler Flyers lose two to Pistons, Steelers

By Ashleigh Viveiros

The Winkler Flyers found themselves on the losing end of two 4-1 games last week.

On Wednesday, Feb. 9, the team welcomed the Steinbach Pistons to town for a rematch, having bested them in two games the previous week.

This time around, though, it was the Pistons who came out on top. After Troy Hamilton opened scoring in the first period with what proved to

be Winkler's only goal of the night, Steinbach added two more that period and then another two in the third, including an empty-netter.

The Pistons outshot the Flyers 34-25, Winkler goalie Dylan Meilun making 30 saves.

Two nights later the Flyers found themselves in Selkirk playing the Steelers. Once again Winkler was kept to just one goal—scored by Hamilton early in the third period—while their opponents managed two in the sec-

ond and two more in the final frame (including one on an empty net) en route to victory.

This time around it was Malachi Klassen in goal for Winkler. He faced 26 shots and made 23 saves while his teammates sent 29 the other way.

The Flyers' hopes of revenge against the Pistons Sunday night in Steinbach were foiled due to poor weather and road conditions.

This week the Flyers head into Winnipeg to face the Blues Tuesday night

and then play the Steelers in Selkirk Saturday.

The team are heading into the final few weeks of the Manitoba Junior Hockey League regular season in third place in the East Division standings with a record of 24-15-1-1 for 50 points. That puts them a full 13 points behind the Pistons in first and four points behind the Blues in second place.

Hawks trying to hang on

By Lorne Stelmach

The fate of the male U18 Pembina Valley Hawks may have already been decided heading into their regular season finale this weekend.

The Hawks came into the week in ninth place at four points behind of the Winnipeg Bruins in the race for the eighth and final playoff spot after falling to the Bruins 5-2 this past Sunday, so it set up a must-win situation with the Hawks hosting them in Morden Wednesday.

If Pembina Valley found a way to overcome the Bruins, their task would not be any easier then with fourth-place Yellowhead Chiefs here for a doubleheader Saturday and Sunday.

Against the Bruins this past Sunday, three unanswered third period goals propelled Winnipeg to victory after the Hawks had fought to tie it up at two apiece.

Carter Sotheran and Keston Worley scored for Pembina Valley, while Raiden LeGall made 35 saves as Winnipeg outshot the Hawks 40-28.



PHOTO BY RICK HIEBERT/VOICE

Interlake's Kye Parker tries to stop Pembina Valley's Liam Goertzen from completing a shot in Friday night's game in Morden, which the Hawks won 5-3 to keep their playoff hopes alive. Now it all comes down to how they do against the Winnipeg Bruins on Wednesday.

On Friday, the Hawks had kept their fading playoff hopes alive with a 5-3 win over the last-place Interlake Lightning that was boosted by going three for four on power plays.

Worley, Carter Campbell, Liam Go-

ertzen, Griffin Ayotte, and Marek Miller scored for Pembina Valley, which got 36 saves from Bryson Yachyshyn. Interlake held a slim 39-38 edge in shots.

The results left the Hawks at 14-21-

2 for 30 points while the Bruins were at 15-17-4 for 34. Going into their final encounter this week, the Bruins had won all three games against the Hawks earlier this season.

Twisters riding high on three-game win streak

By Lorne Stelmach

The Pembina Valley Twisters are looking to maintain momentum as they enter the stretch run toward the MMJHL playoffs.

The Twisters, who will be looking for a chance to defend their 2019-20 title, picked up a pair of wins last weekend

to extend their current win streak to three games.

Pembina Valley humbled the cellar dwelling St. Boniface Riels 11-3 Friday and then edged the Fort Garry Fort Rouge Twins 4-3 Saturday. They have now won nine of the last 10 games after starting the new year with a pair of losses.

A number of players padded their stats Friday as the Twisters took period leads of 3-1 and 7-1 on St. Boniface, including league leading scorer TJ Matuszewski having a pair of goals and a big six point night.

Nathan Ayotte and Travis Penner each scored a pair as well, while Merck Degraeve and Tyler Van Deynze

chipped in four and three assists. Also scoring were Ethan Carels, Riley Goertzen, Mike Heppner, Tristan Day, and Jordan Keck.

Martin Gagnon made 29 saves as the Twisters held a 41-22 edge in shots on goal.

The Twisters did all their scoring in the second period against the Twins, including three unanswered markers.

Ayotte, Penner, Curtis Rebeck and Caelen Russell scored for Pembina Valley, which got 27 saves from Logan Enns with the shots 41-30 in the Twisters' favour.

Pembina Valley improved to 26-7-4 for 56 points and are three back of Transcona in second place and six behind St. James in first.

This week, the Twisters face River East Tuesday, the Raiders Friday, and the Jets on Sunday.

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Team McGillivray wins junior curling tour title

From left: Manitoba Junior Curling Tour president Albert Bazinet with skip Thomas McGillivray (St. Adolphe), third Aaron Macdonell (Winnipeg), second John Trinke (Winkler), and lead Brennan Kezema (Winkler). Team McGillivray captured the 2021 MJCT championship title played Feb. 11-13 at the Heather Curling Club in Winnipeg. The foursome managed to go undefeated with a 5-0 record at the event. Next up for Team McGillivray is competing at the U21 Provincial Curling Championships in Brandon Feb. 23-27. You can follow the team's progress on Twitter @McGillivrayTeam or on Facebook @McGillivray Curling.

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Royals down Maroons, move on to face Hawks

By Ashleigh Viveiros

The Winkler Royals knocked the Altona Maroons out of the running in the South Eastern Manitoba Hockey League Survivor Series last week.

Winkler, who finished the regular season in fifth place, doubled up on the sixth-place Maroons 4-2 Friday night

Brett Dudar had a two-goal night, scoring the game's first in the sec-

ond period and then bookending the game with an empty-netter with eight seconds on the clock.

In between, Remi Laurencelle and Phil Letkeman bolstered Winkler's lead with a goals early in the third. Altona's two goals were scored that period as well, following each Winkler goal, but weren't enough to draw even.

Jayne Janzen turned away 35 shots on goal as Winkler outshot Altona 39-

37.

The league's other Survivor Series pitted the Carman Beavers (fourth place) against the Notre Dame Hawks (seventh place), with the Hawks coming out ahead 3-2.

Notre Dame and Winkler now face each other this week in a best-of-three series that started Tuesday night in Winkler. Game two is in Notre Dame Thursday and game three, if needed, is back in Winkler on Saturday.

The Royals bested the Hawks two games to one in the regular season. Notre Dame came out ahead in a big way in the their first match-up 9-3, but Winkler went on to win the second 5-4 in a shootout and the third 5-3.

The winner of the series will move on to place the first-place Portage Islanders in the semi-finals, which will also see Morden and Warren go head to head for a seat at the finals.

> PHAC, FROM PG. 15

"It is supposed to be a safe heaven for every one; where you can be yourself and still feel beautiful. In the same way, a welcoming and diverse community accepts and flaunts all the imperfections of each others."

Manzoor also submitted a painting of the PHAC clocktower building with the thought that "in this multicultural community, with people from all around the globe, there is one thing which unites us all. That is art because art has no divisions and boundaries. It has the ability to bring together those on opposite sides of the same fence.

"It is a universal language. Art allows people from different cultures and different times to communicate with each other via images, sounds and stories," she said. "That is why, I painted our art gallery as a symbol of a welcoming and diverse community. People will get the importance of this beautiful building and ev-

everything that happens in it because I think art is a vehicle of social change."

Dandridge-Evancio appreciates that the exhibit can include thought-provoking work like Hunt's as well as more straightforward pieces like Manzoor's.

"I think the work is really diverse and really beautiful and speaks in a unique way, not just to the theme of home but the ideas of the artists themselves," he said. "It's the commu-

> ACTS OF KINDNESS, FROM PG. 14

When I think back over my life, I can recall many acts of kindness that helped me along my way. There was the Grade 3 teacher who prayed for our family when my parents were suffering health and financial problems, the Grade 5 teacher who complimented this poor little waif on a dress she was wearing and an elder in our church who encouraged me with my public speaking and debating in high school.

Almost ready to deliver our third child, I was feeling fat and unattract-

nity of unique individuals that makes the cultural mosaic that is the Pembina Valley region.

"So there is that theme there, but it was also a chance to take it and apply your own twists to it. There's a diversity in how the artists interpreted it, and that's what I was hoping for."

He sees it being a good partnership as well in working with the Pembina Valley Local Immigration Partnership, which was filming a short video inter-

view with each of the artists for its upcoming online gathering.

There was particular interest in highlighting work by newcomer artists, but they felt in the end it was good to open it up to others because everyone can offer a perspective on the theme.

"We wanted to keep it open to the entire community because when you think of home, everyone has a story to tell in that regard."

ive when a brother-in-law came to where I was sitting at a family gathering and said, "Florence, you're looking lovely tonight!" Just the words I needed to hear! A perfect stranger came up to me in a shop and said, "You're so pretty when you smile!" Now I try to remember to smile at people as I shop or when I pass them on the street. A life-long friend of Ron's family was devastated on hearing of Ron's sudden death. He emailed me about our recent visit. "I was moved," he said, "by the way Ron looked at you so lov-

ingly and so fondly while you were talking." I will treasure those comments forever!

You see how easy it is to brighten someone's day. A random act of kindness does not have to mean expensive gifts or money. All it takes is a compliment, a smile, or a kind word! We can all help make this world a better place by practicing kindness!

Florence Dyck is a former Mordenite now living in the Okanagan

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> MEAL IDEAS



Fresh Veggie Spring Roll Bites with Peanut Sauce

1/3 cup Georgia Peanuts, plus additional for garnish, divided
lime wedges, for garnish

Fill large bowl about halfway with hot water. Soak each rice paper in water 15 seconds until malleable. Place rice paper on clean work surface. Place four cucumber ribbons in single layer in center of rice paper. Perpendicular to cucumber, add strip of red cabbage, carrots, 1/2 cup basil leaves, 1/3 cup cilantro leaves, 1/3 cup mint leaves and avocado.

To roll, fold edges of rice paper over each end of filling. Working with side of rice paper closest to you, tuck rice paper around filling and roll tightly.

To cut rolls into bites, use sharp knife and gently move it back and forth. Arrange bites on platter. Repeat with remaining rice papers and filling ingredients.

To make sauce: In small bowl, whisk peanut butter, soy sauce, mirin, fish sauce, 1 teaspoon red pepper flakes and lime juice.

Toast 1/3 cup peanuts by placing in dry pan over medium heat. Move peanuts around until fragrant and toasted, 3-5 minutes. Roughly chop and add to sauce.

Serve spring roll bites on large platter with sauce. Garnish with additional herbs, lime wedges, red pepper flakes and peanuts.

Recipe courtesy of Rachael White (setthetableblog.com) on behalf of the Georgia Peanut Commission

Hot water
6 rice papers
3 mini cucumbers, peeled into ribbons
1/4 head red cabbage, finely shredded
1 large carrot, shredded
1/2 cup fresh basil leaves, loosely packed, plus additional for garnish, divided
1/3 cup cilantro leaves, loosely packed, plus additional for garnish, divided
1/3 cup mint leaves, loosely packed, plus additional for garnish, divided
1 large ripe avocado, peeled and sliced
Peanut Sauce:
1/2 cup creamy peanut butter
1 tablespoon soy sauce
1 tablespoon mirin
2 teaspoons fish sauce
1 teaspoon red pepper flakes, plus additional for garnish, divided
2 tablespoons fresh lime juice

> KNITTING, FROM PG. 13

something for their children."

Massey is leading the participants through a crash course that will take them through all of the basics of selecting a pattern and knitting techniques.

There is plenty of helpful guidance and encouragement every step of the way, and Massey is keen to help pass on a skill that she first taught herself as a kid and continued to learn as she grew up.

"You never finish learning," said Massey, who noted the basic knitting techniques can be easily learned—so much so that the students were well on their way with their projects by the second class. "I appreciate the fact that they can pick it up so well and just do it."

There is a timeless appeal to making something yourself by hand, Massey observed.

"It's addicting. It's something I do every day probably ... the day isn't

complete unless I've done some knitting," she said. "For me, it's like I can watch TV and not feel like I'm just wasting time because I'm still also doing something with my hands."

"And then the finished product is so rewarding because you start with a piece of yarn and end up with something beautiful. And it's something you can also put down at any time, as long as you've kept track of where you are with it, and you can just pick it up and go to it again."

Jennifer Laura Heide not only wanted to try it herself but convinced her friend Kayly Sawatzky to take the class with her.

"I think it's really neat to be able to make something, especially something that you can wear or gift. It's a talent that's maybe getting kind of lost now, so it's nice to get back to that," said Heide.

"It's just something made with love," she added. "The first project I'm mak-

Talk to kids about what it means to be a friend



By Gwen Randall

Often parents express the concern that their child has no or few friends. This can happen at any age. Whether the child is six or sixteen, parents may be tempted to become involved in trying to change the situation. When is it appropriate to do so, and when should parents hang back, and let things be?

The first question to be addressed is how the child feels about the situation. If the child feels lonely and isolated, then parents need to try to help. However, if the child is quite content, the issue should not be forced. If the child wants friends but cannot make or keep them, we need to look a little deeper.

We are all different, and some children are loners at different stages of life. A child may be more introspective, and love spending time alone pursuing his or her interests. Creative or intellectual development often happens during quiet times, when the child is alone with his or her own soul. Often very bright children require higher levels of stimulation than that available with their peers.

In many cases, in older grades, they establish deep and enduring friendships with a few, or even one kindred spirit. These children should not be made to feel that something is wrong with them because they do not spend more time socializing with a larger group.

Sometimes children need a respite

from being in a school filled with students all day. They just need some quiet time. They may have a need to spend time with siblings and parents, because familial bonding nurtures and strengthens them. We must allow each child to find his or her own comfort level of interaction within and outside of the family.

If a child clearly wants more involvement with friends and is having difficulty creating that, there are several ways we can help. First, we need to observe how the child interacts with others. Demanding and controlling, or mean behavior will push others away. Talk to your child about what happens when they approach others. You might find that the child does not know how to reach out, and is just waiting for someone who wants to be friends.

We can teach them things to say to someone they want to play with. I have counseled lonely high school students to simply begin smiling at others. I have modeled conversation starters. Sometimes it takes making an effort.

We can talk to children about what it means to be a friend, and what makes others want us for a friend. Being kind and friendly, sharing, and showing an interest in others are good ways to start. Inviting others to participate in activities shows them you want to be friends.

If lack of friends continues to be a problem, it can be helpful to talk to the child's teachers, to see what is happening at school. If the issue does not become resolved despite your best efforts, a couple of visits with a psychologist who works with children can be very helpful.

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ing is for my daughter, so it makes me really happy to be able to do that for her.

"It's very relaxing, and it's nice because you can be just focusing on that; you're not thinking about the grocery list or all the things that need to be done. You just focus on this," Heide said. "At the same time, it's very rhythmic, so I find my body just relaxing."

"I thought it would be a good hobby, something to do inside because all my other hobbies are outside, and the winter is long and cold," said Sawatzky.

"My mom had tried to show me as a kid, and it just didn't stick, but now I'm trying again, and it's working out better," she continued. "Now it's something we can do together ... and she came over on the weekend, and we were working on it together, and it was fun. It was nice to have something

to do together.

"It's good to try something new, and we can come here and do it together," said Sawatzky, who was starting with something simple like a scarf or headband.

"I feel like I'm learning a lot because I came in not knowing anything, and I have three inches done now, so we're getting somewhere," she said. "It feels good to make something from scratch and say that I made it. It's a good hobby, and it's something to share with others."

Massey was pleased to see the students not only taking to it so well but enjoying their time together.

"It's my passion," she said, noting she appreciates having the opportunity to help pass it on to others. "That is the best feeling, seeing that they like it, and we can have fun with it ... and I've made new friends again."

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The estimated cost of the project is \$8,000,000.00 less funding of \$3,500,000.00 from the Manitoba Water Services Board, the Rural Municipality of Stanley will provide \$4,500,000.00 as contribution towards the project.

The Rural Municipality of Stanley intends to receive borrowing approval in the amount of \$4,500,000.00 to be borrowed over a 25-year period at an estimated interest rate of 4.5% per year. The debt payment of \$303,475.63 will be recovered through a mill rate on all taxable and grant in lieu properties within the Rural Municipality of Stanley. Based on the latest assessment roll, an estimated mill rate of 0.462 mills will be required.

The annual payment may be reduced by use of reserves and/or application of revenue surpluses of the utility.

A written objection may be filed with the Chief Administrative Officer, at 1-23111 PTH 14 in the RM of Stanley prior to the commencement of the hearing. At the hearing, Council will hear any potential taxpayer who wishes to make a presentation, ask questions, or register an objection to the by-law.

All objections, written or verbal, must be filed prior to the adjournment of the hearing and must include the name, address and property description of the person filing the objection and the grounds of their objection. We ask that you consider submitting your comments in writing to our office by email or mail (drop off box located at the office). If you wish to be present at the hearing, we will require you to contact our office a minimum of 2 business days prior to the scheduled hearing so that we can ensure we can meet the physical distancing requirements. If you wish to participate in the hearing electronically, please contact mgroening@rmofstanley.ca or call 204-325-4101.

Copies of the proposed borrowing are available at the municipal office at 1-23111 PTH 14 and on the municipal website at www.rmofstanley.ca. Feel free to call the RM Office for additional information at 204-325-4101.

Dated at the RM of Stanley this 11th day of February 2022 and issued pursuant to Section 169(6) of The Municipal Act.

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	6		5				
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Level: Intermediate

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Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken down into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numeric clues already provided in the boxes. The more numbers you name, the easier it gets to solve the puzzle!

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

Sudoku Answer

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E	T	B	V	S	N								

Crossword Answer

CLUES ACROSS

1. Remain as is
5. Functional
11. News magazine
12. Popular treat
16. Area units
17. Artificial intelligence
18. Marten valued for its fur
19. Forms of matter
24. Home of the Dodgers
25. Bordering
26. Part of the eye
27. It might be nervous
28. Visualizes
29. Crest of a hill
30. Measures engine speed (abbr.)
31. Tears in a garment (Br. Eng.)
33. Not easily explained
34. Song in short stanzas
38. Detonations
39. Intestinal
40. EU cofounder Paul-Henri
43. Balm
44. New Mexico mountain town
45. Gobblers
49. Insecticide
50. Golf scores
51. Has its own altar
53. "Pollock" actor Harris
54. Being livable
56. NHL play-by-play man
58. "The Great Lakes State" (abbr.)

59. Unpainted
 60. Swam underwater
 63. Native American people
 64. Containing salt
 65. Exam
- CLUES DOWN**
1. Small bone in middle ear
 2. Long, angry speech
 3. Move out of
 4. Male organ
 5. Two-toed sloth

CROSSWORD

1	2	3	4		5	6	7	8	9	10				
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60					61	62				63				
			64							65				

6. Making dirty
7. Article
8. Oil company
9. Emits coherent radiation
10. Amounts of time
13. Unit equal to one quintillion bytes (abbr.)
14. Forbidden by law
15. Drains away
20. Not out
21. Sea patrol (abbr.)
22. Bird genus
23. Gratuity
27. ___ and feathers
29. Spiritual part of an individual (ancient Egypt)
30. Hot beverage
31. Pouch
32. It followed the cassette
33. Large northern deer
34. Ones who offer formally
35. Famed genie
36. Bequeathed
37. Skeletal muscle
38. Atomic #56
40. Silk garment
41. They deliver the mail
42. Equally
44. Check
45. Light-colored breed of hound
46. Drug that soothes
47. Railroads
48. Most slick
50. Jacket
51. A radio band
52. Hello
54. His and ___
55. Supporter
57. Popular software suite (abbr.)
61. Railway
62. NY coastal region (abbr.)

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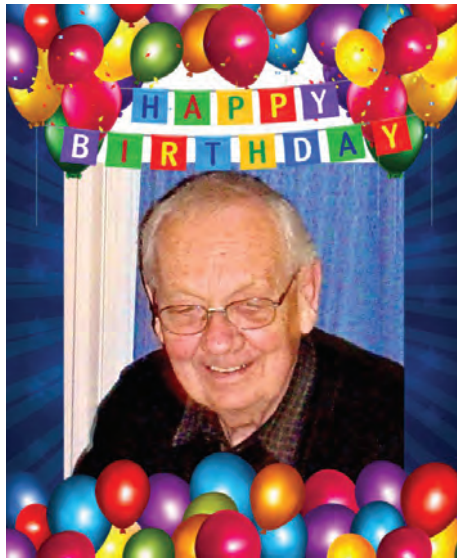
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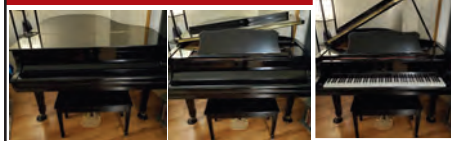


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OBITUARY

Sarah Enns (nee Teichroeb) 1920 - 2022

Sarah Enns, of Winkler, Manitoba peacefully passed away on Monday February 7th, 2022, at Boundary Trails Health Centre at the age of 101.

Sarah was predeceased by her first husband, Johan Wiens in 1947, by her second husband, Jacob T. Gerbrand in 1978, by her third husband, Wm. P.E. Enns in 2012, one son, two sons-in-law and 11 siblings. Sarah is survived by her two daughters, two sons and their wives, 10 grandchildren, 14 great-grandchildren and seven great-great-grandchildren and a great number of others who call her mom and grandma.

Sarah was born in Blumenhof, Saskatchewan on May 4th, 1920. It was there where she met and married Johan Wiens. Johan worked on the railroad while she stayed home with two children. In 1942 the family moved to Vanderhoof, British Columbia, where Johan worked in a sawmill. Sarah continued to stay home with the children, and it was while living in Vanderhoof they had three more children. Johan accidentally passed away in 1947 and their last child was five months old when he passed away in 1948. On July 4th, 1950, Sarah and her four children moved halfway across the country to the Winkler countryside. In August she married Jacob T. Gerbrand. They lived and worked on the farm. The previous years of gardening continued to be an enjoyment for Sarah, not only to help feed her family but to keep her hands busy. Sarah worked on the farm, never working away from the farm. Jacob T. Gerbrand passed away on the farm in 1978. Sarah married Wm. P.E. Enns in 1980. They lived on his farm and then moved into Winkler. Sarah enjoyed flowers and continued to grow them in their flowerbeds. Wm. P.E. Enns passed away in 2012. There were so many things that Sarah would busy herself with when the chores of life were done for the day. She of course enjoyed gardening and other crafty things, such as knitting, crocheting, puzzling, travelling, and painting. There were always one or more of these items around her home, and other people's homes. Although Sarah has lived in the Winkler area for a good portion of her life, she loved Vanderhoof the best. It was there that her family developed their strong family bond. Sarah was well liked at her residence. She was respected by the staff and neighbours. She enjoyed puzzling and visiting with the other residents and neighbours at the Buhler Active Living Centre. In the 101+ years of Sarah's life, she saw and experienced so much; oh, how the world has changed and evolved. She handled life with grace and with so much spunk and those helped her to stay strong till the end. Thank you to each and every one who was a part of Sarah's life.

A celebration of Sarah's life was held with interment at the Waldheim Cemetery.

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OBITUARY

Bernhard (Ben) Bueckert 1953 - 2022

Ben Bueckert, 69, of Winkler MB, passed away peacefully on Sunday, February 6th, 2022 at Salem Home, Winkler, MB.

Ben was born to his parents Isack and Aganetha Bueckert (nee Wiebe) on January 29th, 1953 in Cuauhtémoc, Chihuahua. He was baptized upon his confession of faith at the Old Colony Church by Bishop Ben Rempel in 1972. Dad courted and later married the love of his life, Elizabeth Klassen on July 2nd, 1972. Their life together started in Mexico and four years later they immigrated to Canada for a brighter future and would raise their family here. Dad loved to tinker in his shop and was a gifted self-taught mechanic (we sure took for granted having him as our personal mechanic). Family was very important to him and that meant annual trips back

to Mexico to re-connect. If there was one thing he wanted to imprint on us growing up, it was that family comes first and that siblings are a gift to be cherished.

He is survived by his wife, Elizabeth, three daughters, Nettie and Walter Dueck, Eva and Rick Derksen, Lisa and Abe Sawatzky and two sons, Ben and Kathy Bueckert, John and Lisa Bueckert, as well as 12 grandchildren: Evan Dueck, Reese Dueck, Taylor Neustaeter, Dani Heide, Jaxson Heide, Chloe Bueckert, Caleb Bueckert, Owen Sawatzky, Liam Sawatzky, Rylan Sawatzky, Abigail Bueckert and Madilin Bueckert. He was predeceased by his parents, two brothers, one sister and one daughter in infancy.

Funeral service was held on Friday, February 11, 2022 at the Hochfeld German Old Colony Church with burial at the church cemetery.

The family would like to thank all the doctors, nurses and caregivers at Salem Home for the exceptional care Dad received during his stay there.

Donations in his memory may be made to the Salem Foundation Inc.

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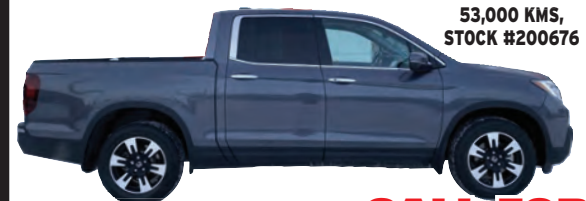
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