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Beating COVID-19



Lena Zacharias, a resident of Salem Home's Maple unit, takes a whack at a COVID-19 pinata as the Winkler care home celebrated finally being virus-free this month. For more, see Pg. 2.

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Salem celebrates end of COVID-19 outbreak

By Ashleigh Viveiros

Salem Home's COVID-19 outbreak was declared over by public health officials last week, much to the relief of staff and residents alike.

The Winkler personal care home had been at outbreak status for over two months. The first resident fell ill Dec. 4. Just as that outbreak was about to be declared over, a staff member tested positive.

In total, seven staff and seven residents tested positive for COVID-19. Two elderly residents succumbed to the illness.

The cases were confined to the home's 60-bed Maple care unit, which celebrated the end of the outbreak by throwing a COVID-free party earlier this month.

A local family working alongside the Winkler Day Care Centre made COVID piñatas filled with encouraging sayings for the residents to take a swing at. Every resident also received a cookie medal to celebrate making it

to the other side of the outbreak.

"They had so much fun," said Salem CEO Sherry Janzen, who went on to emphasize that while the facility is currently COVID-free, they aren't letting their guard down.

"We've gone through the outbreak once and we don't want to have to go through that again," she said, stressing staff are doing everything they can to protect residents in the hopes of keeping the virus out of Salem.

Even before the outbreak the care home had closed the doors between its various units to limit potential viral spread between residents. Staff were also designated to specific units to further clamp down on transmissions. These and other precautions will continue.

What moving out of outbreak status means for Salem is that it is finally able to ease some of its visitation restrictions.

Residents have for the past few months only been allowed visits from a limited number of designated fam-



Irene Thiessen with the cookie medal Salem Home's Maple unit residents received for overcoming the COVID-19 outbreak, which was officially declared over last week.

SALEM HOME PHOTO

ily caregivers.

Now the home can put the temporary visitation centres installed there by the province last fall to use for general visitation.

"They have to adhere to all the precautions—the handwashing, physical distancing, wearing PPE [personal protection equipment, like masks]," Janzen explained, adding the shelters will be cleaned between every visit.

Visits must be pre-booked and only one visitor is allowed at a time. Visitors also have to provide information for contact tracing.

The shelters aren't exactly luxurious (they're former shipping containers, after all) but they'll do the job until the weather warms up enough for outdoor visits or until it's safe once again to have general visitors inside the facility proper.


PULLING TOGETHER

Looking back at the past few months, Janzen has high praise for Salem's staff during what has been a challenging and stressful time for everyone.


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Locals honoured as Manitoba 150 award winners

By Lorne Stelmach

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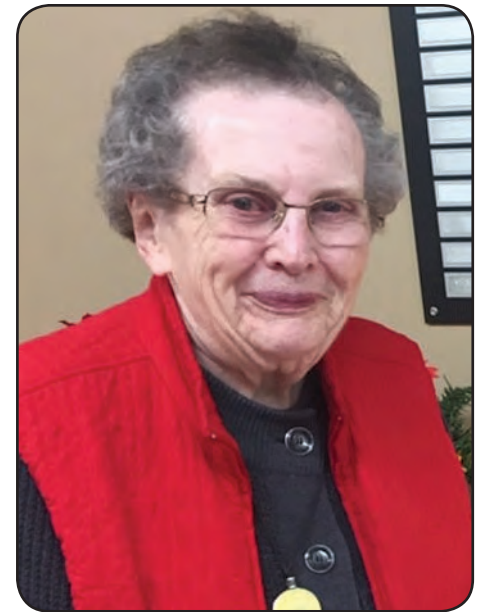
The Manitoba 150 committee introduced the Honour 150 award last year to recognize 150 Manitobans who give back to their communities and enrich the places in which we live, work, play, and come together.

Delayed amidst the pandemic, the honours are now being formally bestowed to a list of Manitobans that includes Clare Agnew of Morden, Gary Gilmour of Winkler and Lois Creith of Manitou.

"I'm very humbled; I'm very grateful that someone thought to nominate me ... but I think there's so many people who make Manitoba awesome," said Agnew. "Although I'm not comfortable being in the spotlight, it's still nice to know that your work and commitment is appreciated."

"I'm pleased and honoured and humbled by this ... but I know the number of people out there who are contributing," echoed Gilmour. "There certainly are a lot of people whom I feel have accomplished more and contributed more than I have, but nevertheless, it's an honour."

Nominated by people from their own communities, the Manitoba 150 award is going to recipients ranging from teenagers to centenarians with a vast array of volunteer engagements, but they share the common element



From left: Morden's Clare Agnew, Winkler's Gary Gilmour, and Manitou's Lois Creith have been named recipients of the Honour 150 award. It's being handed out in recognition of Manitoba's 150th birthday in 2020 to Manitobans who have made a difference in their communities.

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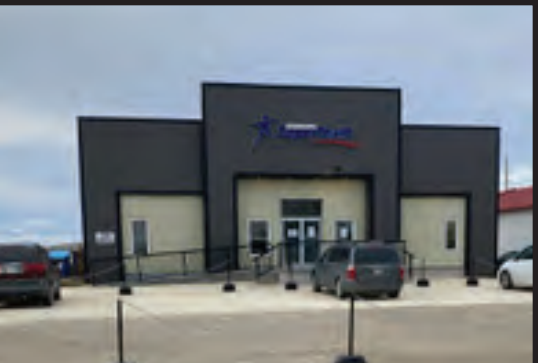
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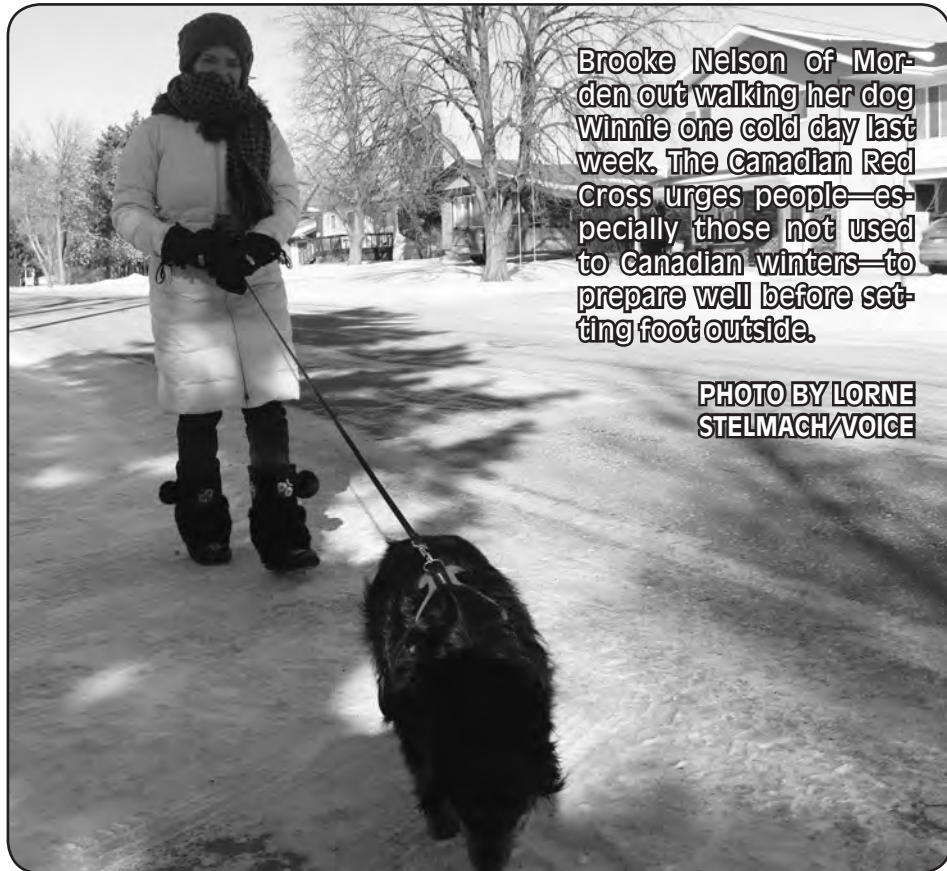
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Planning, preparation key to braving the cold

By Lorne Stelmach

Canadian winter comes down to both planning and prevention.

Being prepared to face the cold of a winter is something that may be taken for



Brooke Nelson of Morden out walking her dog Winnie one cold day last week. The Canadian Red Cross urges people—especially those not used to Canadian winters—to prepare well before setting foot outside.

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granted, but it doesn't take much for a misstep in that preparation to land you in trouble, cautioned Canadian Red Cross representatives last week in the midst of our cold spell.

"Look at the intense wind chill factors we had across the prairies this past week ... frostbite can happen in just a few minutes," noted Lynn Kolba, a Manitoba representative with the Red Cross.

"We sometimes take it for granted, such as with active outdoor recreation communities like Morden, we take it for granted that everybody knows these things, but that's not always the case," she said.

"People may not have all the gear on hand to protect themselves ... or they may have never experienced this kind of weather before," Kolba added, recalling a past experience with an exchange student from India. "She breathed in the cold -40 C air for the first time in life at 20 years old, and she was just incapacitated. She had never experienced that before.

"[Newcomers] may have experienced winter before but perhaps not those -45 wind chills."

Kolba encouraged people to brush up on a number of factors to be prepared during a cold spell. Key things to know include understanding wind chill factors, recognizing hypothermia, and understanding frostbite and how to treat both it and hypothermia.

She reiterated that keeping yourself safe in the cold starts with prevention and planning, especially if you are going to be outside for a length of time for a winter activity.

"You can mitigate a lot of the risk of cold emergencies by preparing, wear-

ing the right gear, layering up ... making sure that you've got a backup pair of socks, an extra pair of sweat pants and a sweater.

"Even packing things like blankets in your car and having a winter emergency kit for the cold is important," Kolba added.

"Check the weather for the day and throughout the day," she continued. "The wind direction and wind chill is going to have a huge impact on how enjoyable your activities for the day outside are actually going to be.

"It's also determining what kind of gear you're really going to need, whether it's going to be snowy and damp or is it just going to be a blowing, biting -50 winds ... that's going to determine whether you need a balaclava or if you need a hat and scarf."

It doesn't take long for something to go wrong, so think about every possibility.

"It's a simple thing ... once any part of your body is exposed ... once they're cold, they're cold. Getting it warmed back up again is really challenging if you're going to continue to be outside."

Kolba said it has been a blessing in disguise that living in the midst of a pandemic has helped encourage people to get out and get active, and she added it is good to see that many municipalities have not only promoted it but also made safety paramount.

"That's been one of the positives of the pandemic is that people have been thrust outdoors to enjoy some recreation. It is important, though, to keep the public informed so that they can feel safe when they go out to enjoy those activities."

Altona is Southern Health's COVID-19 hot spot

By Ashleigh Viveiros

Manitoba's daily COVID-19 case numbers were down, comparatively, heading into the long weekend, with Southern Health-Santé Sud seeing the biggest jump.

Public health officials on Friday announced 81 new cases of the virus. Prairie Mountain Health reported just three cases, there were five in Interlake-Eastern, 20 in Winnipeg, 25 in the Northern health region, and 28 in Southern Health.

Altona seems to be the hot spot in Southern Health, with 21 active cases

there at press time, more than double any other community.

In comparison, Winkler had nine cases as of Sunday, Morden was at four, Lorne/Louise/Pembina had three, Carman had two, MacDonald was at four, and Morris had two cases.

A total of 178 new cases were announced over the weekend, bringing Manitoba's lab-confirmed cases to 30,766. There were no updated numbers released on Louis Riel Day.

Manitoba as a whole had 1,619 active cases and 28,276 recoveries at the start

Heavenly Care Agency Inc. through COVID-19

The Covid-19 pandemic has added significantly to the challenges faced by those caring for older loved ones as well as people with disabilities. One of the most difficult and continued problems is the limited visiting at health care institutions and personal care homes. In an effort to avoid such tragedy, many families are now looking for reliable care that can happen in the home.

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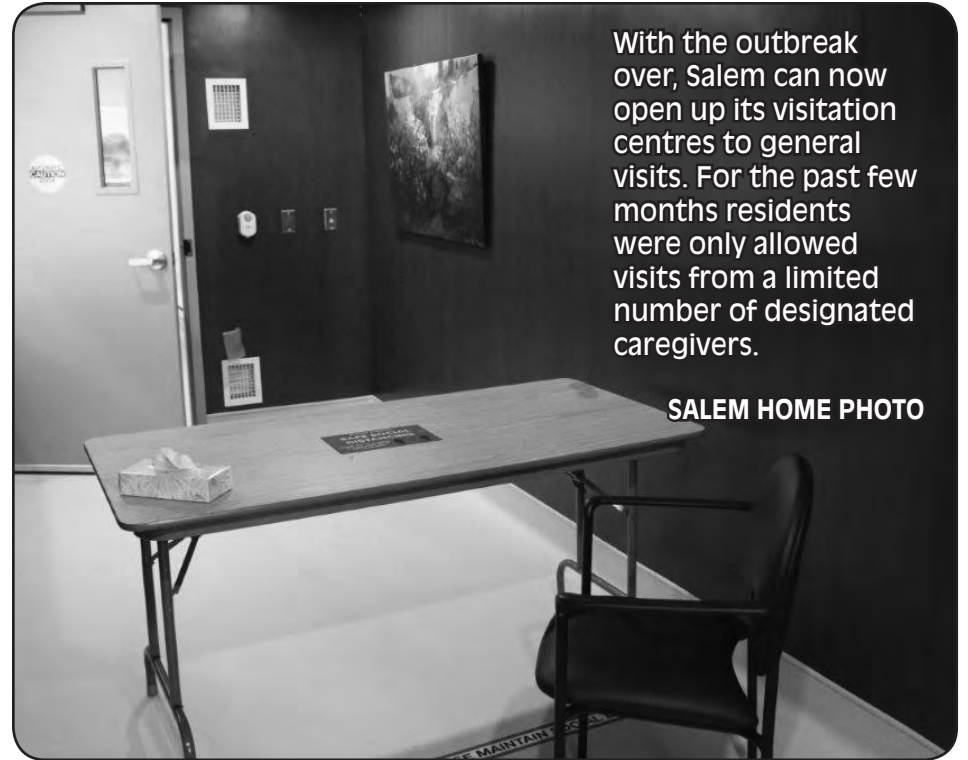
"It's been hard ... but staff pitched in and really helped each other," she said. "Staff from other units were doing things so that the staff on Maple could just focus on resident care."

Seeing how the virus has spread through other care homes in Canada, Janzen remains grateful Salem has thus far avoided the same fate.

"We were very fortunate that we didn't have the entire unit [get sick].

It was a minimal number of residents, thankfully," she said, thanking the community for not just its thoughts and prayers but the overwhelming support that came in by way of Christmas cards, homemade gifts, and words of encouragement. "So many people have been thinking of us, which is heartwarming and encouraging for the staff, for the residents."

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With the outbreak over, Salem can now open up its visitation centres to general visits. For the past few months residents were only allowed visits from a limited number of designated caregivers.

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"Their achievements reflect the amazing deeds that have contributed to Manitoba's reputation as the most generous province in Canada. We have never been prouder to call ourselves Manitoban."

PURSUING OPPORTUNITIES

Agnew was cited for creating new and exciting opportunities for young and old in Morden.

She has been sinking her teeth into nearly every community project that has crossed her path for the past 30 years, including organizing the 1996 Manitoba Summer Games, the 2017 Esso Cup female midget hockey championship, and the 2019 national women's U18 championship.

She has also spent hundreds of hours coaching minor league softball, soccer, and basketball and taken on leadership roles with the Morden Ladies Curling Club.

Agnew is also a longtime volunteer at St. John's Parish, where she was on the church building committee, assisted with fundraising, and has been on the finance committee since 2014.

"I'm passionate about bringing opportunities to the community," said Agnew. "These events provide a sense of community and encourage the participation of many generations.

"Morden is such a great community, and I feel honoured to have

the opportunity to serve," she continued. "I do love Morden, and I love Manitoba ... when I'm doing things because of my love for my community, it is also impacting the province."

MAKING A DIFFERENCE

Gilmour was cited as a member of the Winkler Lions Club from 1976 until its disbandment in 2013, serving as the club's last president. While with Lions, he was an integral part of setting up the Amy Janzen Fund, which assists with medical costs not covered by Manitoba Health.

He was also a member of the group which created the Winkler Flyers junior hockey team, serving on its board for several years.

For the past two decades, Gilmour has served with the Winkler Community Foundation, helping to develop its Youth in Philanthropy program and guide its endowment and scholarship programs.

"It now has endowment assets exceeding \$4.2 million, with the largest

concentration being in scholarship funds," noted Gilmour.

In 2011, Gilmour won the Lieutenant Governor's Make a Difference Community Award for the central region for his work in coordinating blood donor clinics in Winkler, which he has been doing for the past 20 years.

"One always has to look for vehicles that can make a difference in your community," said Gilmour.

'NO PLANS OF SLOWING DOWN'

For Creith, getting involved in her community is simply a way of life.

"My husband and I were active in a small community, and in a small community you have to encourage people to get involved," she said.

The 85-year-old spent most of her life in La Riviere, where she continues to dedicate countless hours to several volunteer jobs.

She played a vital role in starting the Blair Morrison Foundation and the

Wightman Foundation—two organizations that provide funding for community projects.

Creith also worked alongside her late husband, Robert, to open La Riviere Lodge, a 10-suite senior's housing development.

Now living in Manitou, Creith is still going strong. In 2019 alone she volunteered her time as an executive board member, secretary, driver, and thrift store worker.

"It's very important to me to take part in our community and entice young people to get involved. Our communities would not survive without willing volunteers," said Creith. "I've been volunteering for years, and I have no plans of slowing down yet."

Agnew, Gilmour and Creith will each receive a commemorative medal and a \$500 donation to the charitable cause of their choice courtesy of Canada Life and the James W. Burns Trust.

The stories of the Manitoba 150 winners are available at manitoba150.com.

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of the week. A total of 226 people were in hospital due to the virus, 26 in ICU.

The total number of COVID-19 deaths in our province was 871 on Monday.

Chief Provincial Public Health Officer Dr. Brent Roussin said the province is working to identify COVID-19 variants in the population as needed.

"We know that viruses such as the virus that causes COVID-19 change over time and we expect to see many

new variants," he said. "The vast majority of these new variants do not have any clinical concern, but we know some of them can lead to increased transmission or possibly even increased severity."

Three variants of concern are those first identified in the United Kingdom, South Africa, and Brazil.

Earlier last week, Roussin announced Manitoba's first case of the U.K. variant known as B117

He noted that the case was connected to international travel and the individual had already recovered. They self-isolated with their family, none of whom became ill.

Over the weekend, the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs announced there are seven probable B117 cases on the Pauingassi First Nation in eastern Manitoba. Samples have been sent to the National Microbiology Lab for confirmation.

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A song of fire and ice

The nights have been cold; colder than they have been for a while. Frost leaks in under the eaves and through cracks in the doors threatening to strangle us in our sleep ... winter wants us.

Our cats keep a vigilant, yowl-filled watch through the night waiting in desperate hope for the days of sunny warmth and supervised outdoor excursions.

Meanwhile I lay awake at night worrying our furnace will stop working or the power will go out and I will have to store our leopard gecko in my shirt pocket for warmth (hers, not mine).

In the midst of all the ice there is still the respite of a backyard fire, but at these temperatures you need to climb into the middle of it to stay remotely warm.

While it is far from the coldest it has ever been in Manitoba, this is our first real stretch of icy temperatures in some time and so we forget.

My wife reminded me to remember

to pack a hat and gloves in the car for commutes. No one wants to be stranded on a Manitoba highway at 7 a.m. with nothing to keep you warm and spotty cell service. This is a definite recipe for disaster.

It is funny how quickly we forget that long stretches of extremely cold weather are normal for Manitoba. I think we like to forget those experiences we least enjoy. Don't get me wrong: there's a certain allure to short frigid days and long ice-cold, dark nights, particularly if you are a vampire.

Of course, the degradation of the jet stream has led to an increase in the number of times the arctic has slipped south either into Canada, Europe, or Russia.

So here we are. We have spent more than a year confined primarily to the house, but at least we had the outdoors to escape to on occasion. Now when you wake up and it's -33 with a -56 degree Celsius wind-chill even the outdoors becomes an enemy.

Positive things to consider and keep you sane:

- At least it's February and not October.
- There's very little snow for the coming spring melt (note to self: DO

NOT mention previous years when massive snowstorms came as late as May).

- Think of all that time you get to spend with pets and loved ones (in that order).

- There's literally no excuse to not complete EVERY home project you have ever wanted done.

- You can save money by unplugging the freezer and putting it outside.

- You can write columns through the fog of cabin fever insanity.

- Spring is coming.

So many benefits to being locked into your home by ice and snow and viral pandemic infection.

Of course, there is also the added benefit of getting to re-acquaint yourselves

with friends and family who you have not seen in what feels like a decade or more.

Honestly, don't you wish it was -45 degrees all year long!?!)

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By Peter Cantelon

Letters

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History buff uncovers the story behind a long-held photograph

106-year-old article sheds light on the creation of a local motorcycle club

By Lorne Stelmach

Rudy Ens has long had a historic image from Morden's past, but the owner of Gaslight Harley Davidson recently came upon the story that completes the picture.

A news article from 1915 tells the tale behind the photo featuring nine riders taking part in what was the inaugural ride of the Southern Manitoba Motorcycle Club.

The story was also penned by a famous Mordenite who was among those riders, and it captured the interest of Ens, who is passionate not only about Harley Davidson motorcycles in particular but local history as well.

"This story and that picture go hand in hand. Those are the guys on the ride," Ens said last week.

"I've always had this photograph, so I knew there was a lot of local interest, but I didn't know they had organized to be a club. Did they go very far? No ... a day trip was to Roland. But that would have been a big undertaking then.

"Virtually every one of those riders still has a relative in existence around here today. I think there's a lot of people connected to these riders."

The article came to Ens from Ross Metcalfe, a Manitoban who has been president of the Antique Motorcycle Club of America and a co-founder of the Antique Motorcycle Club of Manitoba.

It is penned by J. Les Clubine, which is a name with a strong connection to Morden history.

His father Ezra ran a livery stable and later a bowling alley and Morden Dry Cleaning. Clubine ran Clubine's Garage near the southeast corner of Stephen and Eighth Street and went on to be the local Ford and Lincoln dealer until the early days of the Great Depression in the 1930s.

He also became known simply as the Motorcycle Man and was known to have been selling Harley Davidson motorcycles as early as 1916. Clubine also went on to serve two terms as Morden's mayor in the 1920s and '40s and was active as a volunteer fire-fighter.

Clubine's article details that first run of the club, which saw a group of riders meet up in Winkler and head north to Roland, where they stopped to see a junior baseball game between teams of players representing Winkler and the Mennonite reserve.

The account goes on to make note of a few mishaps on the return trip home, including one in which a rider landed in the ditch.

"Slightly bruised up but game under the taunts of his brother motorists, he straightened up his machine and was not the last to proceed on the journey," Clubine wrote.

Another accident involving a local farmer's dog touts how William "Cyclone Bill" Ens bounced back.

"His condition was viewed very seriously by the boys for a while, but like all men who have the right spark of manhood instilled in them, Ens' plucky spirit overcame his deplorable condition, and after a few minutes, he gamely mounted his machine and was able to finish the balance of the day's entertainment with the boys."

Looking at these artifacts from over 100 years ago, Ens observed that many people would not realize that motorcycles go back that far in history.

"This would have been the natural



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Gaslight Harley Davidson owner Rudy Ens with a photo of J. Les Clubine, who became known as "Motorcycle Man" in local circles a century ago.

replacement for a horse. It made your life a bit simpler," he suggested.

"Motorcycles at that time became super popular, but it waned with time because the comfort of cars became more popular because of the protection you get from the weather, and eventually motorcycles kind of faded away.

"But motorcycles did make a huge comeback," he continued, noting that in the beginning they were predominantly American-made, with Harley Davidson being a favoured brand.

"Harley Davidson is the only one that has survived from that era, so it's always been around," said Ens. "There is something special about a Harley. It's a connection to the past. They have somehow managed to retain that look. When you look at a Harley, a lot of the design features are like 75 or 80 years old.

"So the guys who are into Harleys like that history built into the machine."

These additional pieces of local history now seem destined to figure into

plans for a museum of vintage motorcycles and cars directly north of Gaslight.

"This building has been under construction for quite a few years," said Ens, noting his plans originally had revolved around his purchase of another piece of history a number of years ago.

"The Arlington Hotel might have been the plan at one time," he said of the now demolished fixture in downtown Morden. "I was going to try to revive that building and put this collection of vintage cars and motorcycles in there.

"That wasn't to be, so we redirected our energy into this one, which in the end is going to be a vastly superior building because it is state of the art as far as things like heating and lighting.

"We're actually getting pretty close," Ens noted. "I'm hoping to be complete sometime this year, and we'll open up next year, maybe even later this year.

"We have cars in various locations and motorcycles in various locations, so to see them all under one roof and kind of in chronological order makes sense. I'm looking forward to it."



From left: J. Les Clubine, Henry H. Janzen, Wm. M. Enns, George Doell, Ernie Blyth, Jack Kendall, Wm. J. Braun, Frank M. Enns and A.A. Hildebrand on the Southern Manitoba Motorcycle Club's inaugural ride from Morden to Roland in 1915.

"VIRTUALLY EVERY ONE OF THOSE RIDERS STILL HAS A RELATIVE IN EXISTENCE AROUND HERE TODAY."

GREATEST LOVE STORY WINNER



Submitted by Joe Byers

I found myself in a new town after a bitter divorce. That town was Morden, MB.

I was trying to put myself back together from the feelings of rejection, dejection, and sorrow; moving away from my children as a result of the divorce that I had no say about.

I was in a state of constant fog and depression, moving away from my normal 220 lbs physique to a defeated 160 lbs at my worst. I was undesirable and despondent in life. Then my love appeared into our lives.

She was full of life and optimism! My love took my kids in as her own. My love spent endless hours in my

loneliness, building up myself as a man and human being.

One Christmas my love played Santa Claus. As I had no money to buy gifts for my children, she supplied Christmas for us.

As time grew on we worked together, we played together, and we did everything together until I found myself marrying her on Sept. 27, 2013.

She teaches us selflessness every day. My love for her grows more and more as we are knit into one. I know what she thinks and what she is going to say. She blesses our home, turning my once man cave into a cozy quarters to raise all of our beautiful children.

As the children are now growing older and getting into their own lives, my love has blessed me with four more little ones for us to rear together.

My sweetheart is my confidant, my spouse, my all, and in a lot of ways my saviour on earth to allow me to feel true love for someone who has done so much for me and our children.

We love you honey, more and more every day. You are the most amazing woman.

Thanks for sharing your story with us, Joe! You and your love have won a \$100 gift certificate for a dinner for two by Chef Kevin Funk. Enjoy the meal!

Eden dreaming big in planning new Winkler mental health campus

By Ashleigh Viveiros

Eden Health Care Services has some big dreams for its footprint in Winkler in the years ahead.

The agency is developing plans to build a new mental health centre on the 11 acres of land it owns on Pembina Ave.

The dream, explains CEO Kym Kaufmann, is to not only build a bigger and better care facility, but a much larger, all-encompassing wellness campus.

“What we want to do is transform that section of the community into a health and wellness neighbourhood,” she says.

Kaufmann explains that the old mental health centre has served the community for 54 years, but the time has come for a change.

“It is structurally and functioning obsolete and needs to be replaced,” she says, adding that it has also been described by patients and families as jail-like, and so that’s something they certainly want to address with the

new space. “We want it to be a welcoming, friendly, calming space that’s therapeutic.”

More beds are also big part of the plans. The current facility has 25 in-patient beds. The new one will have at least 40, if not more.

“Although we like to do whatever we can to support people in the community to prevent hospitalization, we know that southern Manitoba is the fastest growing region in the province,” Kaufmann says. “Provincial modelling for the need for in-patient beds here suggests that over the next 20 years it’s probably going to rise about 86 per cent, which is an astronomical amount.

“This is a multi-year project—this isn’t something that we’re going to see happening next week or even next year—so we really need to plan for what the demands are going to be for the next 10, 15, 20 years.”

They not only want to build a more modern, welcoming space for pa-

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“WHAT WE WANT TO DO IS TRANSFORM THAT SECTION OF THE COMMUNITY INTO A HEALTH AND WELLNESS NEIGHBOURHOOD.”

New public health orders allow some biz to reopen

Restaurants, gyms, churches allowed to open with capacity restrictions

By Ashleigh Viveiros

Manitobans got another a small taste of normalcy Friday as new public health orders came into effect throughout the province.

The province’s next steps in its cautious reopening plan gave the green light for restaurants, gyms and fitness centres, art galleries and museums, churches, and a few other public spaces that have remained locked up tight for months to once again welcome patrons, though at limited capacities.

“Today ... is a big day for Manitobans, especially for our local small business owners who are very, very eager to of-

fer their services and products to you,” said Premier Brian Pallister in unveiling the new rules on Feb. 9.

The relaxing of restrictions come thanks to the work Manitobans have done to curb the spread of COVID-19, Pallister noted.

The new orders include:

- allowing restaurants and licensed premises to reopen at 25 per cent capacity with patron groups limited to members of the same household only;
- allowing outdoor sport facilities to reopen for casual sports as well as organized practices and games, with multi-team tournaments not permitted;
- allowing gyms, fitness centres, and yoga studios to reopen at 25 per cent capacity;
- allowing indoor sporting facilities such as rinks, gymnastic clubs, and martial arts studios to reopen at 25 per cent capacity for individual instruction only;

- allowing places of worship to hold regular religious services if a service does not exceed 10 per cent of usual capacity or 50 people, whichever is lower;

- allowing self-help groups for persons dealing with addictions or other behaviours to hold meetings at 25 per cent capacity of the premise where meetings take place;

- allowing museums, art galleries, and libraries to operate at 25 per cent capacity;

- allowing personal service businesses, such as those providing pedicures, electrolysis, cosmetic application, tanning, tattooing or massage services to reopen at 25 per cent capacity;

- allowing photographers and videographers to offer services to individual clients or those residing in the same household in addition to providing services at weddings, with the exception of visiting client homes;

- allowing the film industry to operate fully with physical distancing and other safety measures in place; and

- allowing up to 10 people to attend a wedding in addition to the officiant and a photographer or videographer.

The orders apply to the entire province, including Northern Manitoba, which had been under additional restrictions due to rising case counts there.

“These new orders are going to allow us to resume many of the activities and services that we enjoy, but we certainly can’t let our guard down yet,” stressed Dr. Brent Roussin, chief provincial health officer. “There’s lots of reasons to remain very cautious, but the hard work of Manitobans have brought us back to a level of community transmission where we can once again get back to these things that we enjoy.”

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New singles from the Monochromatics

By Ashleigh Viveiros

A local punk rock band has been making the most of the pandemic by using their downtime to try and release as much new music as they can.

The Monochromatics have put out two singles since last fall, and lead vocalist and guitarist Gustavo Peters hopes they'll be setting a pace of a new song a month through 2021.

"I was stuck at home for 10 weeks because I couldn't go back to the office," he said in a Zoom interview alongside bandmates Alejandro Penner (bass guitar) and Chris Sawatzky (drums). Missing was guitarist Lucas Wiens.

"I had always told myself I wanted to get into music production and now I finally had the opportunity to dive into it," Peters said. "I figured out that we could do a lot of this by ourselves."

Using tracks recorded before code red restrictions shut things down, Peters was able to put some polish to "About a Girl," a song written several years ago but only released as a single last September.

They then released "Undertow" in December and are working on a third song to be released any day now.

The band has been around in one form or another for over a decade, losing some members and adding others through the years.

The current foursome rebranded

themselves as the Monochromatics in 2017 with the release of their first album *Out of Time*.

They're a punk band, but their songs really run the gamut within that genre, explained Peters.

"We have songs that would be considered pop-punk, songs that would be considered a little harder, and we also have an acoustic song," he said. "I like to think we have a decent spectrum."

"We've never really tried to say we're a pop-punk band so we have to stick to just that," agreed Sawatzky, adding that their process of creating songs has always been pretty organic. "Most of our songwriting happens from just someone coming to practice and during warmups we'll starting playing something and it kind of catches everyone else's ears and we just start jamming."

"It's like, is this a song already? What are we playing? And then Goose [Peters] will have lyrics in his head already and we've never played it before, but it's a song."

"Every song that we enjoy to play the most has come out within 10 minutes of us goofing around," added Peters.

While another full album could certainly be on the horizon, Penner noted for right now they're enjoying the idea of sticking to singles, improving their production skills with each new offer-



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Local punk rock band the Monochromatics features the talents of Lucas Wiens, Chris Sawatzky, Alejandro Penner, and Gustavo Peters.

ing.

"We like the structure of releasing one song at a time," he said. "A lot of times when people listen to an album they neglect a lot of the album, they listen to the one song and that's it. When we release one song at a time I hope at least that they listen to the whole thing multiple times."

Thus far, the response has been good, with plenty of likes and listens generated.

But perhaps the greatest sign of success is hearing one's song out in the wild.

"I was at the skatepark and someone had a bluetooth speaker and he was playing "About a Girl," Sawatzky recalled, laughing at the shock of hearing his music booming through the park. "It was so weird."

Seeing people enjoying their music is only part of what keeps the group playing.

"It's a release and we enjoy it," said Penner. "We know we probably won't get famous or make a lot of money off this, but that shouldn't stop you from creating music."

"There's four of us in Winkler-Morden who love punk rock as much as we do and we found each other," said Peters. "It's really hard to keep a band together, and so when you find four guys that gel and can stay together for years, why would you stop?"

You can find The Monochromatics on Spotify, Apple Music, and Google Play Music or follow them on social media.

City of Morden launches calendar photo contest

By Lorne Stelmach

Morden officials hope a photo contest that kicked off this past week will not only serve as a promotional tool for the city but also as a way to get people engaged in their community.

The end result will be a 2022 City of Morden calendar, but just as important is the process, suggested Daniel Rocha Lopez, who is the new marketing and communications co-ordinator for the City of Morden.

"We want to connect with our resi-

dents, so I think it's a great project," said Lopez.

"We think that having the contest will help get residents closer to the community where they live by capturing the landscapes and landmarks and the beauty of Morden," he said. "It will also help the city because we will be able to use these not just for the calendar but for future marketing campaigns we may have."

Residents are invited to enter high-resolution photos for a chance to be featured in the city's calendar as well

as to be eligible for prizes.

In addition to being part of the calendar, the winners will receive recognition at the Meet the Mayor livestream on Facebook and featured on the city's social media channels, while runner-ups will appear on the back cover of the calendar as well.

Prizes include weekend camping passes at Lake Minnewasta, free kayak and paddle board rentals, passes to Splish Splash Water Park, and free copies of the calendar.

The contest submission periods in-

clude Feb. 11 to March 10, April 15 to May 12, June 17 to July 14, and Sept. 12-29.

Photographs must have been taken within the city and not previously published (photographs originally posted to Instagram may be submitted). Each participant may enter up to three photographs per category. Entries must be suitable for display on a public website.

Full contest details are available online at www.mymorden.ca/2021photocontest.

Local artist fulfills lifelong dream of being an author



PHOTO BY LORNE STELMACH/VOICE
Local artist Tammy Hendrickx has written and illustrated a pair of children's books.

By Lorne Stelmach

A local artist's release of two illustrated children's books is the realization of a longtime dream.

The genesis of the two books entitled *I'm So Glad It's Spring* and *My Grandma's Doll* both go back a long, long way for Tammy Hendrickx, and it was recent circumstances which finally led to their release.

"Both of those books sat in a drawer for quite a while until COVID-19 came along and I lost my job," Hendrickx shared. "So I thought, okay, I can sit around and cry about this, or I could take some initiative and do something with what I've always wanted to do."

There was a long journey before these books became a reality for Hendrickx, who grew up in Morden and went on to study fine arts.

"Art has always been a passion of mine," she said. "As I studied, I realized paintings go in galleries, but il-

lustrations travel in books, and they travel in a different way, kind of a timeless way.

"So that was always a dream of mine. I thought it would be great to be a children's illustrator. I kept on with my art ... but that though was always in my head."

"One day I drew some drawings for my mom, and that's how it started. I wanted to tell her how happy my childhood was, and I just drew some little small drawings of my happy times."

The idea of forming that into a storybook goes all the way back to 1993.

"This is not something that happened overnight," Hendrickx said with a laugh.

"I carried the story with me to Europe," she noted, as she and her husband moved to Germany, where he encouraged her to follow her dream.

"I spent hours on these drawings, recreating them and enlarging them. It took a lot of time to do them because I didn't just shade them in, I really layered it. I think every picture took at least five hours."

Even then, though, the project didn't get off the ground after she was not able to get anywhere with a number of publishers.

"So I put it aside for a long time, but it was always still on my list of things to do. At that time, I had no idea about self-publishing," Hendrickx said, adding that over the years she had a lot of questions for others who had done it. She eventually came to have an opportunity to discuss it with former Winnipeg Police chief Devin Clunis, who had also written a children's book and was encouraging to Hendrickx.

It was while living in Europe in 2010 when her grandmother was in Tabor Home and not doing well that Hendrickx decided she needed to get this story done so her grandmother could

see it before she died.

My Grandma's Doll was inspired by Hendrickx visiting her grandmother a lot after school and hearing many stories about not having much at all growing up.

"It was a hard life ... but she talked about how happy she was when she got her first doll," Hendrickx remembered. "She had dolls all over her house. She worked at the thrift store, and she would feel so sorry for the dolls that never got chosen that she would take them home herself."

Meanwhile, *I'm So Glad It's Spring* features drawings which are actually set largely in winter, but a common thread for Hendrickx was anxiously looking forward to spring.

"It just goes through the seasons basically ... and all of it takes place in Morden. Some of my childhood friends go 'Hey, I remember that tree'."

While some of the illustrations are based on some local scenes, she didn't work from photographs.

"I kind of just tried to draw them from memory ... it just comes back to you as you're drawing it. It's more about the feeling of it."

For Hendrickx, her hope now for the books is simply that they might inspire children to similarly treasure their own families and experiences.

"It's not about earning a lot of money or being a top children's illustrator or writer," she said. "For me, it's about fulfilling a dream."

"I see children not paying attention really to their grandparents or their parents stories," Hendrickx added, so she hopes to perhaps "help children to think about their own family stories. Those stories are part of their lives, and this story is a part of me."

The books are available online at tammyhendrickx.ca and will soon be available at the Pembina Hills Gallery in Morden.

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Eye-catching look for CFDC's new field vehicle

By Lorne Stelmach

The Canadian Fossil Discovery Centre will be better equipped whenever it can get back to work out in the field this season.

The museum in Morden recently unveiled its new vehicle: a 2020 Ram 1500 truck outfitted with an eye-catching promotional design.

It replaces an outdated van that was not only becoming costly to run but was also not well-suited to reaching dig sites.

"The vehicle we need to do field work is a truck," explained executive director Adolfo Cuetara. "We had huge problems the last few years because we had to park the van on the road and just walk maybe 20 minutes with all the equipment to the dig site.

"Another problem that we had was we had spent about \$15,000 in repairs in the last two years," he added.

The new vehicle is a welcome gift for the museum as it continues to not only recover from the impact of the pandemic shutdown but also celebrate its 50th anniversary in 2021.

It has been a year of intense finan-



The CFDC has a new vehicle better suited to both field work and promotions.

SUBMITTED PHOTO

cial restructuring at the CFDC, said Cuetara, with the museum coping with a five month closure but still also seeking to develop projects like its revamped website and new educational displays.

The purchase of the truck came about with the support of some sponsors as well as government funding.

The design and complicated wrapping was done locally by Checker Signs and Shine Paint Protection.

"We tried to make all the investment locally," said Cuetara.

He added as well that the museum benefitted from the support of Travel Manitoba, which has taken on doing marketing and promotion for the

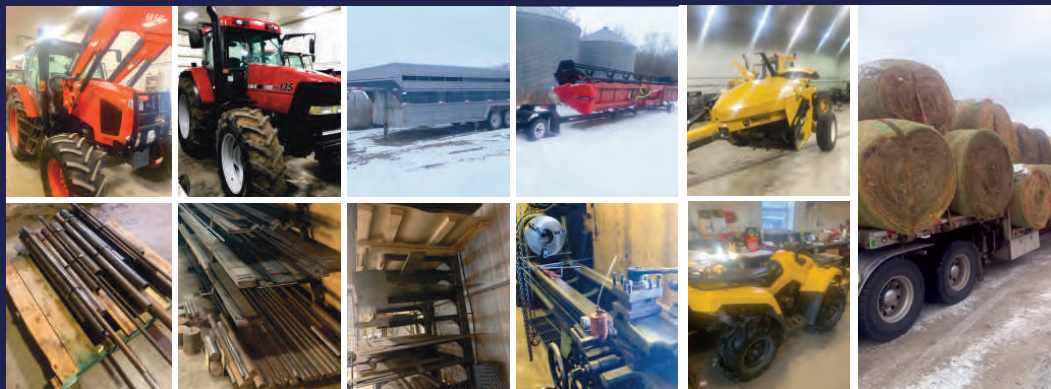
CFDC this year, freeing up money to be put to different use.

"We decided to spend that money on the wrapping of the vehicle ... we can use it as a marketing tool," Cuetara said. "So I think it's the perfect vehicle for us, not only to reach all our dig sites but at the same time have the image out there for promotion."

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Boundary Trails Nordic club waiting for snow

By Lorne Stelmach

Boundary Trails Nordic Club.

It's been a frustrating winter for the

At a time when the pandemic restrictions should make an outdoor activity



BOUNDARY TRAILS NORDIC CLUB PHOTO

A lack of snow this winter has made it difficult for the Boundary Trails Nordic Club to groom its trails.

like cross country skiing an ideal option, the shortage of snow has largely made the season a write-off so far.

"We haven't really had anything going on here this year," club rep. Vera Froese said last week. "The one day we had some activity was Jan. 30. It was a lovely day, and there had been a wee bit of snow, and you could just tell that people were aching to get out and ski."

Burwalde Woods is the main facility used by the club, with the Hwy. 3 location three miles north of Hwy. 14 offering a network of trails of varying distances. The other popular site is Shannondale located a mile north of Thornhill with trails that range in difficulty from easy to challenging.

At Burwalde, a little bit of fresh snow by the end of 2020 had given hope for some skiing this winter with some limited trail grooming started, but there just hasn't been enough since.

"The tracks have been pretty much ice-filled with dirt and snow ... every time the wind blows, it just gets worse," said Froese. "It's a downer ... but we can hope for some snow, and if there is some snow, we will be tracking everything that we can."

If Mother Nature had cooperated,

Froese would have expected to see the trails used heavily this winter as people sought out alternative activities that didn't run afoul of code red restrictions.

"This would be the year that people would be out every day for good skiing," she said. "There are people who really like to skate ski and you can actually classic ski on a skate ski trail ... you need the depth to set a classic track, and we just don't have that depth."

If more snow falls in the coming weeks, the club is ready for it, including with a COVID-19 plan to keep visitors safe.

That plan includes limiting the number of skiers at any one time as well possibly closing trails during high usage times to keep numbers down. Warming huts and ski rentals are also cancelled for this season.

To keep up to date on trail conditions, head to btncski.wordpress.com or follow the club on Facebook. Froese also encourages people to find out more information through the Cross Country Ski Association of Manitoba at www.ccsam.ca.

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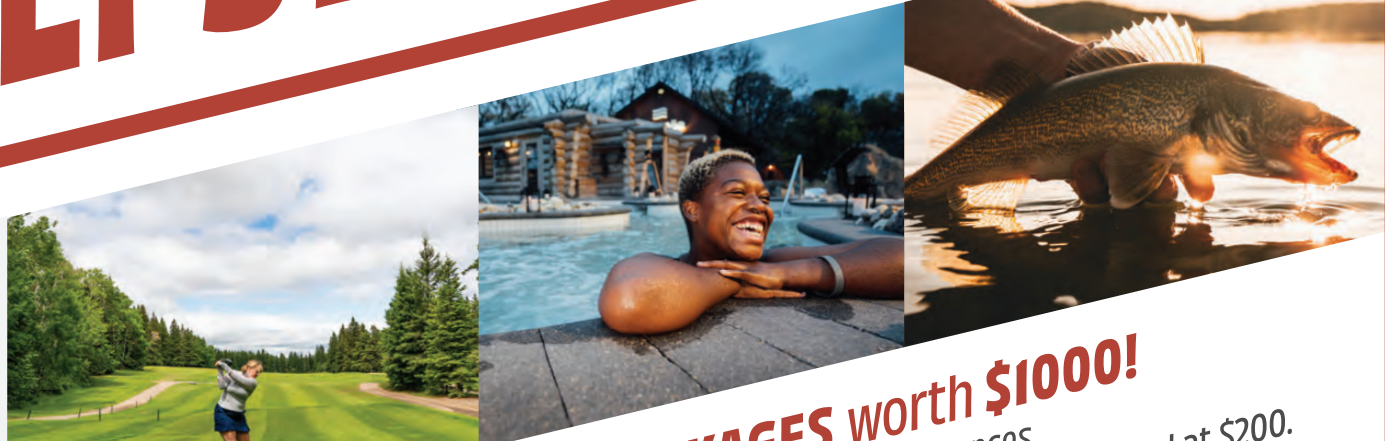
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CANADA'S HEART BEATS

Manitou arena benefitting from outpouring of community support

By Lorne Stelmach

The Manitou arena is getting a major overhaul this year with plans in place for artificial ice.

Not only is that expected to happen this fall but the success of fundraising efforts for that project now have committee members looking ahead to a possible second phase of improvements.

"We'll start this fall for sure. We should be making ice late September, early October. That will get done; we'll see how we make out with phase two," said spokesperson Don McLean.

The arena had been using a geothermal system to make ice and cool the facility, but it has limited the length of their season for having ice, and that has increasingly become an issue for users.

"Over the past number of years it's become more and more apparent that having ice earlier on in the season and later in the season has become more and more important," said McLean.

"What some of our families locally have been finding is that they're having to drive their kids a half an hour or 45 minutes maybe to practise in October and November before Manitou gets ice. Some families are struggling with that ... having to take time off work and the cost of travel and things like that.

"So we've been wanting to get a real



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The Manitou arena's new ice-making machine will allow the rink to make artificial ice earlier in the year and keep it going later.

artificial ice plant for quite a while, but the price tag on a full blown ice system was out of our reach."

That all changed this past fall when equipment became available by donation from a vegetable storage facility that, with a few modifications, could be used as a full-blown ice plant.

"We decided in October we were going to have to start raising some money to get this thing installed," said McLean, who noted the cost was estimated at \$120,000, with the arena also needing some electrical upgrades.

The support of the community—with donations coming in from many area businesses—made the project

possible.

"At Christmas, we were about halfway to our goal ... so we went to the public locally," said McLean. "We got a couple grants, and by the end of January we reached \$120,000."

Meanwhile, with some other grants still pending, that then got them thinking about what the next step might be for further improving the arena. The recommendation was that raising piping from 16 up to six inches could help increase the efficiency.

"And if you want to go the full deal to increase your efficiency with water usage again ... you pour concrete," said McLean, noting that going to

a concrete surface could cost in the \$200,000 range.

"If phase two becomes a possibility this summer, I think there won't be anything going on in that building, so if we can get the money together in the next three, four months, that might happen as well," he suggested.

"It's kind of taking advantage of a bad situation," McLean added, noting use of the arena may continue to be impacted by pandemic restrictions. "There's going to be an opportunity to get some work done without getting in anybody's way."

They are hopeful the support could all fall into place to make this happen.

"Clearly, everyone understands that having artificial ice is extremely important ... and having a system that can go longer in the season and start earlier was obviously a priority," said McLean, noting this project opens up a lot more possibilities to be open "all year long if we can go this next step. It can really open up some possibilities for 12 months a year."

"And our goal from the beginning has been to not pressure the public for money," he concluded, noting they are especially grateful for the support that has come from the wider region.

"Businesses in Morden and Winkler, I can't speak highly enough ... for what they have donated to us ... it was a pleasant surprise, and some of the donations we have seen coming from down that way have been pretty big."

Portage-Lisgar MP hosting virtual town hall Feb. 24

By Ashleigh Viveiros

Portage-Lisgar MP Candice Bergen is inviting constituents to join her Feb. 24 for a virtual town hall meeting.

After months of not being able to hold her usual in-person get-togethers with Portage-Lisgar residents, Bergen is reaching out in a new way.

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"A lot of my work in the riding would normally be getting out, meeting people face-to-face, having town hall meetings, having people come to my office, touring businesses," Bergen said, noting COVID-19 has thrown up roadblocks on all those fronts. "I wanted to find a way that I could still speak to people and try and connect."

The meeting, which will be held at 7 p.m. that evening via Zoom, will also feature Conservative health critic Michelle Rempel Garner and innovation, science, and industry critic James Cumming.

Bergen expects people will have a lot to say about the current pandemic lockdowns and our nation's vaccination strategy, which is why she wanted Rempel Garner and Cumming there with her to share their thoughts and answer any questions.

"Those are both very important and timely issues," she said. "Obviously there's the issues around the vaccine and the delay and what the federal government has told Canadians and how we feel the federal government needs to do more on the health front when it

comes to COVID."

On the economic side of things, Bergen said the nation is "in big trouble economically if we don't have a plan once COVID starts to subside, and so as Conservatives we're very much focused on getting Canadians back to work, getting businesses open."

These are obviously not the only issues Canadians are facing these days, and Bergen expects she may field questions on a range of other topics. Every participant has a chance to submit questions when they sign up.

Space at the virtual table is limited, so people are asked to pre-register by emailing Candice.Bergen.C1B@parl.gc.ca.

If you've never used Zoom before and are unsure of how

to install it on your devices, Bergen encourages you to call her office in Morden at 204-822-7440 (toll-free at 1-866-856-2090) for some over-the-phone help.

"I WANTED TO FIND A WAY THAT I COULD STILL SPEAK TO PEOPLE AND TRY AND CONNECT."

Council applying for trail upkeep funding

City also approves opening MEC walking track, exercise bikes to the public

By Ashleigh Viveiros

The City of Winkler has its fingers crossed it will get some support for the ongoing upkeep of the community's walking path system.

At its Feb. 9 meeting, council unanimously approved an application to Trails Manitoba for a grant to help bolster the dollars the city intends to spend on multi-purpose trail resurfacing throughout the city.

The hope is the provincial program will chip in about half of the more than \$200,000 the city plans to spend in the year ahead.

"If it comes through then we would be able to stretch our dollars further and maybe even add some," said Mayor Martin Harder.

A decision on the grant is expected later this spring, after the city releases its budget. If Winkler receives funding, that will create a surplus that can be put back into the path system, Harder explained.

Work on the city's latest financial plan is ongoing, with an eye to releasing it sometime next month.

Council's recent two-day planning session gave councillors plenty to chew on.

"It went very well," Harder said. "One of the things we have started to do, especially since Scott Toews became our city engineer, is get very much involved with future planning. So when we take a look at the 5, 10, 15-year plans that we have, when we drill it down to what we want to do in a given year, it makes it much easier to decide what we need to do."

Harder noted many of the priorities for the year ahead were spelled out by city staff at the mini-planning session in fall. At the latest session council delved deeper into those priorities and began really crunching the numbers for the budget.

Harder is expected to lay out some of the big projects on the horizon for Winkler at his state of the city address Feb. 25 (hosted virtually as part of the Winkler chamber's AGM), but a few that were at the top of his mind last week included the planned 15th St. roundabout at the Roblin Blvd. intersection and, of course, the region-



PHOTO BY ASHLEIGH VIVEIROS/VOICE

The MEC's walking trail and exercise bikes are now open to the public.

al wastewater facility, which is still awaiting federal approval.

Also at last week's council meeting, council voted unanimously to declare the Meridian Exhibition Centre's walking track and exercise room as a fitness centre.

Doing so allows the city to open those specific areas of the MEC to the public at 25 per cent capacity under the new health orders.

Council's interpretation of the health orders is that by designating those areas as a fitness centre they should be able to allow the public in to use the walking track—something

Harder feels passionate about given the recent cold snap.

"We are very much concerned in regards to the lack of activity for our seniors and other individuals who for health reasons need to do a lot of walking around town in this cold weather," he said.

To ensure capacity limits are being observed, people need to contact the Winkler Rec. Department (204-325-8333 or winkler.ca/p/winkler-reservations) to sign-up for a time slot.

"You need to pre-register," Harder said, further adding that "it's for individual fitness, so no groups."

Tax reduction and COVID relief promised in budget

Rural residents provide input for 2021 provincial budget

By Nicole Buffie

Education taxes on property, healthcare, and senior care were at the top of the list for the 2021 budget for Manitobans living in rural areas as they made their voices heard during a Feb. 3 telephone town hall.

A series of virtual forums were held throughout January and the beginning of February to get input from residents on what they would like to see prioritized from the provincial government on their spending.

For the last virtual meeting residents took to the phone lines to ask Finance Minister Scott Fielding questions regarding the upcoming budget for the fiscal year.

During his opening remarks, Fielding highlighted areas in which the provincial government spent extra money, including mental health and addictions initiatives such as RAAM

clinics and programming for adults and children. He also noted that while the government entered the fiscal year in a \$5 million surplus, they will end it in a \$2 billion deficit due to COVID-19.

"What is important though, and distinguishes ourselves as the government, is we have a plan to get ourselves back into balance once the pandemic is over," Fielding said.

The health minister said the cash went towards responding to the COVID-19 pandemic. Fielding also noted the province issued \$1.2 million in fines related to residents flouting public health orders. The province hopes the money collected will help offset the projected deficit, which is projected to be balanced once again in eight years.

While the projected numbers weren't a point of focus for callers, many inquired about the plan to

eliminate education taxes on property. One caller asked how the province plans to continue funding education without the revenue from the taxes, which will be phased out in the coming years.

"We think we can do it through growth," Fielding answered. "When you have a situation where you're leading the country in things like private sector capital investments, businesses are coming to Manitoba and it's growing, so there's going to be growth that will happen, so obviously we're going to allocate some of that growth dollars to making life a little bit more affordable for you as a Manitoban."

Manitobans also inquired about how seniors programs and healthcare will be funded and how much of the budget will be allocated to it.

The province said they have increased spending on seniors by \$594 million every year since 2016 when the Conservatives took office. Fielding said they will continue to do so to provide more cataract, hip, and knee surgeries.

The province will also continue to reference the VIRGO report, a study commissioned by the province to look at programming and facilities to address mental health and addictions issues, a point of concern for one caller.

"I will say it'll be a priority in this budget coming up," Fielding said. "During this pandemic, it's been very stressful for a lot of people in every walk of life, because it's had such an impact on us. And you can tell that people are struggling with mental health issues and stress. And I think that's going to be a big part of our recovery, not just on an economic basis once we're through the pandemic, like making sure that people are supported from a mental health standpoint and so that's why we really tried to make it a priority, and we're going to continue to do more of that in this budget."

The 2021 budget is expected to be released by the end of February, although no date has been set as the province is still awaiting further information on money allocation from the federal government.

sports & recreation

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Minor hockey leagues cancel remainder of season

By Voice staff

The local minor hockey programs have decided to call it quits on the COVID-plagued season.

Winkler Minor Hockey announced last week that it is cancelling the rest of the season.

"With the most recent announcement from public health, we see no feasible path forward to have our teams continue to play organized hockey under the Winkler Minor Hockey banner this season," the league's executive said in a statement on their website in the wake of new public health orders that came into effect last week. Those orders did not



pave the way for a return to normal hockey, instead allowing only outdoor practises and games for the next three weeks.

"We would like to thank all of those who volunteered their time to get our 2020/2021 season started under tough

conditions," league executive said. "Our coaches, managers, communications officers, executive members and many others pour themselves into making hockey happen every year. It's obviously extremely disappointing that we won't finish what

was started this season."

Morden Minor Hockey had come to a similar decision a few weeks earlier.

"Given the uncertainty of when we would be allowed to play and the limited amount of ice that will be available to us should we be able to return, we have made the difficult decision to end the hockey season for our rostered teams at this time," they said Jan. 26.

Both leagues hope for a return to normal, perhaps for next season.

"The love of the game can't be cancelled and hockey will be back," noted Winkler Minor Hockey. "We look forward to the day when our hockey community can gather once again."

Manitoba Junior Hockey League also pulls the plug

By Voice staff

The Winkler Flyers won't have the chance to return to the ice to finish the 2020-2021 campaign.

The Manitoba Junior Hockey League announced Friday they were cancelling the season in light of ongoing COVID-19 restrictions.

While public health officials eased some restrictions last week, the latest health orders in effect into March do not allow team sports to resume practice and play.

"After multiple discussions with Public Health, representatives of the provincial government, facility managers and stakeholders, the MJHL board of governors have determined that the resumption and completion of the 2020-21 regular league/play-off season is not feasible due to current conditions," commissioner Kevin Saurette said in a statement.

"It has become unrealistic to continue operating in a state of hope with so much uncertainty and no timeline provided. It is unfair to our athletes and staff, our community organizations who have been severely impacted financially, and the communities/regions our organizations support and garner support from."

The MJHL had several return to play scenarios designed to keep everyone safe and had lobbied the government for a chance to put them into practice,

to no avail, Saurette said.

"In the end, our advocacy efforts were not enough for Public Health to allow for a return to on-ice team training activity, even in a non-contact, professionally managed, closed to public, distanced, 100 per cent masked and extremely protected environment," he said. "As a result, the board of governors see no reasonable prospect that future restrictions would be sufficiently altered in time to allow for a feasible gradual return to regular season play this season."

On its social media pages last week,

"IT HAS BECOME UNREALISTIC TO CONTINUE OPERATING IN A STATE OF HOPE ..."

the Flyers noted it was "a sad day for junior hockey."

They went on to thank the league leadership for trying to find a safe way to play, Flyers governor Dan Giesbrecht for his efforts, and front-line workers for what they're doing for the

community during the pandemic.

"We can't play for you this year, but we will next year," the team said. "We can't wait to play in front of our fabulous fans in Winkler again next season."

Safe at Home MB funding supports Morden programming

By Voice staff

Provincial funding is providing a boost for Morden's efforts to continue to provide recreation programming during the pandemic.

The City of Morden community services department has received funding from Safe At Home Manitoba to help continue online programming for the next month and a half.

"We're thrilled to be included in the Safe at Home Manitoba programming," said Stephanie Dueck, Morden's recreation programmer.

"We still have to fit our programming in before the end of March, so it is a bit of challenge, but we're up for it," she added. "We hope the community will jump in on the activities that are offered."

The slate of programs include world cooking classes, which are running Thursday evenings from Feb. 18 to March 25.

Being offered as well are flow yoga Monday evenings from March 8-29 and Wednesdays evenings from Feb. 23 to March 31, Mindfulness Matters Thursday evenings from Feb. 23 to

March 30, and Tai Chi Monday noon hours from Feb. 22 to March 29 and Wednesday evenings March 3-31.

As well, the plans feature a community fitness challenge from Feb. 22 to March 28 with prizes to be won.

Additional programs and services will be announced soon. Registration opened this past Tuesday.

Dueck noted that class sizes are limited and for Morden and RM of Stanley residents only.

You can find more information and register online at mymorden.ca/recreation.

A Valentine's Day to remember

For this month's story, I tried to think of a special Valentine's Day celebration. My mind came up blank! My husband wasn't a romantic. He would bring flowers and chocolates and suggest dinners out often but not necessarily on special occasions.

Then I remembered ... in 1976, when Ron and I were in our early thirties, we spent Valentine's Day in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.

We were living in Yorkton, Saskatchewan and Ron was working for two young ambitious entrepreneurs. They owned and operated a thriving mobile home company. Ron was their leading salesman and they wished to reward him with a trip of a lifetime. I was extremely happy to be included in this decision.



By Florence Dyck

On a cold February morning we left Winnipeg for Toronto and then on to New York. In the growing darkness, we saw our plane. It was a huge 600+ passenger Pan Am jet that doubled as a cattle transport. My initial excitement was fast fading!

Once aboard, the lingering smell of livestock was evident and the sheer size overwhelmed me. My thoughts were somber. I feared we would surely perish as there was no way this huge beast could fly us safely over moun-

tains and oceans for 12 hours. I was so thankful we had made a will before we left. I just knew I would never see my four young children again!

I could not join Ron in enjoying our meal and a movie. I did watch the stewardesses, though, as they flew around, trying to please their often rude and unruly guests. Those were the days smoking and unlimited drinking were allowed on flights. Imagine the danger! I drifted off to sleep still harbouring my sad dark thoughts and woke up hours later to a beautiful sunny Rio morning.

Our hotel rooms were not yet ready so we were shuttled into waiting buses and given a two hour tour. As tired as we were, we enjoyed driving around the city and out to a nearby rain forest. The flowers were magnificent in all their coloured splendor.

When we finally arrived at our hotel, we were amazed at its size and opulence. It was situated near two world renowned beaches, Ipanema and Copacabana.

We started our day every morning at 6 a.m. with the most sumptuous breakfast buffet we had ever experienced. I still remember the delicious fresh-picked pineapples! Then off to the beach we went to enjoy another first: body surfing. In my bikini days, I wondered whether to pull my top down or my bottoms up as I landed in various ungainly positions on the white sand.

Ron and I did manage to have some interesting experiences on our own. Instead of lounging by the pool as our friends did, when no tours were planned we ventured out.

One day we took the shuttle and a cab to visit a zoo. The zoo was old and neglected. We felt sorry for the enormous gorilla who stomped around his tiny enclosure beating his chest.

After our visit, we walked around until we came to a commercial district

not designed for tourists. We entered some children's shops and were treated royally.

We soon realized we needed to get back to meet our friends for dinner. We had no idea where we were and I panicked when each cab in turn refused to take us. Finally, in desperation, I gave the name of a nearby shopping district instead of our hotel. He agreed and we hopped in. When he stopped, we were relieved to see familiar landmarks. Now we took the shuttle and were back in no time. Only certain cabs were allowed to take passengers to our hotel. Lesson learned!

On another occasion, we were walking in a large square in the flower district. We tried to ignore the pestering of a local who was trying to sell us something. Finally, we stopped to see what he was selling. He looked to have tickets in his hand. Ron thought to purchase some to get rid of him. As we could not understand how much he wanted, Ron took some Brazilian bills out of his wallet. Before we knew what was happening the man grabbed a handful and turned to run. Showing a boldness I did not often exhibit, I grabbed the bills back and we



The author and her husband during their Brazilian Valentine's Day adventure.

left in a hurry. Second lesson learned!

Our trip home was less traumatic. I did not have time to dwell on morbid thoughts as I anticipated the joyful reunion with our children.

I can't remember what exactly we did in Rio on Valentine's Day, but just being there was special. Every day in this exotic city was a splendid adventure and my memories have lasted a lifetime!

Florence Dyck is a former Mordenite now living in the Okanagan

> PUBLIC HEALTH ORDERS, FROM PG. 8

Hand hygiene, physical distancing, mask use, and staying home when ill are all still necessary to avoid seeing the transmission rates go back in the wrong direction, Roussin said.

"This way we can continue with our progress to keep things opening in Manitoba," he said.

Roussin also explained why the province isn't simply opening things up entirely.

"The answer to that is we just can't open everything at once," he said. "If we get back to where we were in October we'll see November numbers.

There's nothing that's changed since then, so we have to have a cautious approach ... or we will have that effect where we have to shut things down again."

Roussin noted that the province considered the priorities of Manitobans who shared their views through online surveys when drafting these new orders.

Over 33,000 responses about Manitoba's reopening plans were received on the EngageMB website over the past few weeks.

> EDEN, FROM PG. 8

tients, but also find new ways invite the community into that space.

"There's some amazing models throughout the country and North America in regards to creating a health and wellness section of your community where you bring in the community to help prevent that invisible wall around the property that further stigmatizes mental health and addictions-related issues and concerns," Kaufmann says.

"So if we can find ways to bring the community in, whether that's with a wellness centre on-site or a coffee shop or restaurant or general housing, we'll find a way to really integrate the centre with the rest of the community."

Eden is also looking at things like expanding its programming and bringing existing programs together at the new centralized location.

They've spent the past few months reaching out to community leaders and stakeholders to get their feedback on the agency's strengths and weaknesses and what programs or features they'd like to see in the new complex.

"Our first steps have been to see really understand what the needs of

the community are and what they'd like to see in that space," Kaufmann says, noting they've heard a great deal about the need for addictions support and programs for both seniors and youth.

It's a consultation process that will continue for the foreseeable future, as will fundraising efforts for the project once plans are firmed up.

"With the new building, it's going to be a lot bigger, it's going to be costly, and so we're looking at a bit of a three-way partnership with our owners [nine Mennonite churches], our community, as well as government," Kaufmann says.

It's too early to put a firm price tag on the project, but Kaufmann notes similar projects in other areas have cost upwards of \$50 million.

It's a huge undertaking, but one she's confident the community will rally behind.

"I am incredible pleased with the support we receive from the community and their connection to the Eden organization," she says. "I think there's really strength in that and partnership to make this something that meets the needs of residents all across southern Manitoba."

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PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE CITY OF MORDEN 2021 FINANCIAL PLAN

Pursuant to Section 162(2) of The Municipal Act, Council of the City of Morden invites all ratepayers of the City of Morden to a Public Hearing in respect to the 2021 Financial Plan (Budget) for the City of Morden. The purpose of the Public Hearing is to allow any interested persons to make a representation, ask questions or register an objection to the Financial Plan.

A presentation of the Financial Plan will be made at the Access Event Centre, 111 Gilmour Street, Morden, Manitoba on **Thursday, March 4, 2021 at 7:00 P.M.** Copies of the Financial Plan will be made available to the public on February 25, 2021.



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Regarding a Local Improvement Plan – By-Law No. 2256-20 for the Waste Water Treatment Facility

The Council of the City of Winkler has scheduled a public hearing at Winkler City Hall, 185 Main Street, Winkler, MB on the 9th day of March, 2021 at 6.30 p.m. to present the following local improvement plan:

Local Improvement Plan No. 41:

The City of Winkler is proposing to construct a new Mechanical Wastewater Treatment Facility (WWTF), which is required in order to meet current wastewater treatment standards. The new WWTF will serve both the City of Winkler and the Rural Municipality (RM) of Stanley for a total future population of 28,800.

The estimated total cost of the project is \$48,775,000, less \$38,182,387 in Federal (\$19,280,000) and Provincial (\$16,066,667) Funding under the Infrastructure Canada's (INFC) New Building Canada Fund – Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program – Green Infrastructure Stream – Environmental Quality Program. The RM of Stanley will also contribute \$2,835,720 as part of a wastewater treatment capacity Agreement.

The City of Winkler will not proceed with the construction of the WWTF, unless funding as outlined above is received.

The balance of the Project cost in the amount of \$10,592,613 is to be borrowed by the City of Winkler over a 15-year period at an estimated interest rate of 4.5% per year. The debt payment of \$986,318.53 will be recovered through a mill rate on all taxable, grant-in-lieu and otherwise exempt properties within the City of Winkler. Based on the latest assessment roll, an estimated mill rate of 1.072 mills will be required.

Calculated on a residential property with a market value of \$250,000 (portioned value of \$112,500), a \$120.60 local improvement tax will be levied annually on property tax bills for 15 years

The annual maintenance cost associate with the local improvement proposed herein will be covered under the City of Winkler Utility Operating Fund's annual budget.

SPECIAL COVID-19 PRE-REGISTRATION REQUIREMENT:

Members of the public must confirm if they plan to attend the Public Hearing within 2 Days of the hearing date by contacting admin@cityofwinkler.ca or calling the City Office at 204-325-9524. This pre-registration process will ensure that staff have time to ensure physical distancing is achieved.

A written objection may be filed with the City Manager, at 185 Main Street, Winkler, Manitoba, prior to the commencement of the hearing. At the hearing, Council will hear any potential ratepayer who wishes to make a presentation, ask questions or register an objection to the local improvement plan.

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.

Copies of the local improvement plan are available at the City of Winkler office at 185 Main Street, Winkler, MB, and on the municipal website at www.cityofwinkler.ca.

Dated at the City of Winkler this 10th day of February, 2021, and issued pursuant to Section 318 of The Municipal Act.



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Anne (Schritt) Kroeker

Anne (Schritt) Kroeker, formerly of Winkler, celebrated her 100th birthday at Pembina Place in Winnipeg on Monday, February 8. The staff decorated, sang for her, presented her with a beautiful cake, and read greetings from family, friends, Queen Elizabeth II, and Prime Minister Justin Trudeau. Family watched the party virtually.

OBITUARY

PENNER

Ed (Jacob Edwin) Penner, died on Wednesday, February 10, 2021, at home in Brandon, MB. Left to cherish his memory are his wife, Glenda (née Bartley); daughter, Ashley and son, Dale. His siblings, John (Marilyn) of Winnipeg; Helen (Francis) Kwan of Whitby, ON; Mary (Otto) Zacharias of Winnipeg; Frank of Winnipeg; brother-in-law, Joe Mikolasek of Edmonton, AB; Abe of Chortitz and Irene of Winkler. He was loved by numerous aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces, nephews, brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law. Ed was predeceased by his parents, Frank and Mary and sister, Linda Mikolasek.

A private family service will be held at a later date.

Complete obituary information to follow.

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OBITUARY

James Kinnear Duncan

It is with a deep sense of sadness and loss that we announce the passing of James Kinnear Duncan. He died peacefully in his sleep in the early morning of February 11, 2021.

Jim was predeceased by his brother Wallace Duncan and his sister Mina Eisler. Jim's memory will be cherished by his wife of 70 years, Betty; and his sons Thomas, Alex and his wife Pauline, Michael and his wife Audrey, and Garth. Jim and Betty were blessed with eight grandchildren, Kanesa, Andrew, Nikita, Christopher, Derek, Kelsey, Sabina, and Hannah, and two great-grandchildren, Laola and Ethan.

Jim was born on January 12, 1928 on his parent's farm in the Shadeland district, located a few miles south of Darlingford, Manitoba. In 1950, Jim married Elizabeth Neudorf and over the next 30 years they lived on the farm and worked the land with their four sons. In the late 1970s, Jim and Betty built their dream home overlooking the Minnewasta Golf and Country Club in Morden. After leaving the farm, Jim became the grounds superintendent of the golf course where he worked for the next 15 years. Jim and Betty were fixtures at the Morden golf club in the summer, and they enjoyed many warm winters in Arizona where they were able to further hone their golfing skills. Well into his 80s, Jim was still able to shoot his age on the challenging 18-hole Morden course. It's a testament to Jim's love of the game and his competitive spirit that he was able to golf into his 90s, right up until this past summer.

From a young age, Jim was a hunter and outdoorsman. He had many treasured memories of hunting and fishing trips he participated in throughout his life. Curling was another of Jim's favourite sports. Over the years, he curled with his sons in the Morden men's league and entered many bonspiels in the Morden area. In 1989, Jim skipped his teammates to the Manitoba Masters Men's Championship.

Jim and Betty enjoyed an adventurous and energetic retirement. They travelled to many exotic destinations including Egypt, Turkey, Europe, and Mexico. When he wasn't travelling or pursuing his sporting activities, Jim made sure to have a container of wine fermenting in the basement. After years of practice, he became an expert in the wine making craft. Jim and Betty loved to entertain guests in their beautiful home and enjoyed playing bridge with their friends and neighbours. In their later years they participated in the Morden Senior's Centre bridge club.

In lieu of flowers or gifts, donations can be made in Jim's honour to the Canadian Cancer Society.

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OBITUARY



Isaac Clinton Welch

With deep regret we announce the passing of Clinton Welch of Roland, MB on February 8, 2021 at the age of 94 years.

Clinton was born at Virden, MB on December 6, 1926 to Isaac Bradley Welch and Margaret Agnes Welch. He was raised in the Assiniboine Valley on Glenleod, the family homestead. He was predeceased by his seven siblings, Ruth, Ida, Dede, Ralph, Duncan, Myrtle and Norman.

In 1949 he married Thelma Doreen Kirkness in Brandon, MB. They raised three children, Brenda of Birtle, MB, Heather (deceased) Ron of Bienfait, SK. and Brent of Roland, MB. Their grandchildren Chris, Lance, Rhonda, Grant and Shane have fond memories of their wonderful grandfather, always in good humor and full of fun and stories. He leaves behind several great-grandchildren and numerous nieces and nephews. Everyone he met was a friend.

Clinton was a gifted cabinet maker. He spent many happy years hunting and fishing and studying Canadian History, and birds and animals.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Heart and Stroke Foundation of Manitoba, 1379 Kenaston Blvd. Winnipeg, MB R3P 2T5.

Cremation has taken place and plans for interment will be made at a later date.

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James L. McNeil

James L. McNeil, born in 1964 in Winnipeg, son of Evelyn and Loyd McNeil and only brother of Jeff, passed away peacefully in Bethesda Hospital, December 17, 2020. He had faced several health challenges, especially in the past decade, including brain tumor treatment decline. Then he finally succumbed to an outbreak of COVID-19, after getting some supportive evaluations in closer facilities; sent there for the recommended treatments, unable to recover.

He grew up mainly in Winnipeg, with a brief time in Brandon. Jim's dad had discouraged his interest in semi driving as a career to be like his dad, so by a friend's suggestion he became inclined to pursue his strength in math, with accounting.

After highschool some friends helped him face the idea that his drinking was getting out of control, and then find courage to get

involved with Winnipeg's AAction Group. Later, church home-based care groups became his outlet for staying dry, with many outreach opportunities, to receive & offer "experience, strength & hope". He enjoyed discovering, & discussing ways to share, stories of overcoming, while learning from others' outlooks for personal growth.

After leaving retail training (where he met his wife, Tanis) and completing Red River courses, he studied hard to become a certified CGA Controller while starting a family; wanting to find a way to use his training to help vulnerable people. He began working for Investor's Group and then United Way of Winnipeg, before he moved his family from Winnipeg to Winkler; shortly after the youngest was born (of six- Hannah, Gavin, Christina, Rebecca, Donovan and Vanessa), to fulfill his impact resolution, through years of employment with Gateway Resources, including some time as their CEO.

Personal highlights outside of his job, community & church activities included a camping trip to West Edmonton Mall & the mountains with his family, and later, having a first plane ride, to Mexico for a Leader Impact Group seminar, to share about his work & values. Otherwise, he enjoyed reading & watching movies or (watching) hockey games. Though the past few years were more difficult, to maintain preferred social function, he had some new enjoyment watching his first grandchild, Hazel, grow into preschool age, & older son mastering the skills of parenting.

Many thanks, to Alvin Thiessen and others he enjoyed company of, for much loyal friendship and mentoring along the way. Thanks to the nursing staff and compassionate specialists in Winnipeg HSC and BTHC, as well as Cory of Morris Funeral Chapel, for their sincere support.

There will be a private ceremony conducted in spring/summer for the burial, at the site of his grandparents' resting places in Morris, Mb, where he stayed briefly for visits over the years. He is also predeceased by his father, and his father's parents.

In lieu of flowers etc, if desired, donations can be made on his behalf, to Doctors Without Borders, World Vision, or Christian Truckers' Association; causes that were important to Jim.

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Sudoku Answer

Crossword Answer

CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Big tech firm
 - 4. Picked
 - 10. Type of whale
 - 11. A woman of refinement
 - 12. New England state
 - 14. Common gibbon
 - 15. Tall coniferous tree
 - 16. State capital
 - 18. Making a liquid muddy
 - 22. Vinegary
 - 23. Peninsula
 - 24. Thee
 - 26. Atomic #55
 - 27. Used in units of measurement
 - 28. Welsh female name
 - 30. Arab ruler title
 - 31. One's mother
 - 34. Trap
 - 36. Soviet Socialist Republic
 - 37. Assn. of oil-producing countries
 - 39. Holy fire
 - 40. Emit coherent radiation
 - 41. Atomic #81
 - 42. Orthodox Jewish college
 - 48. Herbs
 - 50. Ran after
 - 51. Begin again
 - 52. Named
 - 53. Barbary sheep
 - 54. Unwell
 - 55. Postscript
 - 56. Drivers
 - 58. One point east (clockwise) of due north
 - 59. Prim
 - 60. A facility equipped for sports or physical training
- CLUES DOWN**
- 1. Small islands
 - 2. Skullcap

X CROSSWORD

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- 3. Unexplained events
- 4. One hundredth of a meter
- 5. Beloved baseball announcer
- 6. Repulsive
- 7. Northern European languages
- 8. Match or surpass
- 9. Northeast
- 12. Chew the fat
- 13. Innovative industry
- 17. Land to put down to grass
- 19. Products
- 20. Nostril
- 21. Surprise Icelandic politician
- 25. Conclusive acts
- 29. Inform on
- 31. Grinding tooth
- 32. Keep up
- 33. Tablelands
- 35. Raising
- 38. Mythical creature
- 41. Hums
- 43. Mountain in Antarctica
- 44. Neighborhood in Manhattan
- 45. Distinctive practice
- 46. Vice president
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- 49. Small bones
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