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The many signs of spring

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A little snow wasn't going to stop these harbingers of spring from filling the trees of Morden-Winkler last week. Our feathered friends have returned in full force to remind us that warmer, snow-free days are most certainly on the way.

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Staying connected

By Ashleigh Viveiros

Local personal care homes are doing all they can to ensure residents are able to stay connected with loved ones during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Salem Home in Winkler and Tabor Home in Morden both closed their doors to visitors several weeks ago in a bid to keep the virus out, but they haven't let that cut the lines of communication between friends and family members.

Salem has made the most of the large, low windows near its entrance by setting up a "telephone booth" for residents to use.

"We did that almost right away when we went on a complete lockdown," says director of resident services Karin Oliveira. "We have a phone and a nice recliner there where the residents can sit and receive a phone call from a family member that is on the other side of the window."

It's a way for people to not just talk to each other but also see that everyone is well and in good spirits.

"It really goes both ways," says Oliveira. "I think often it's the family that wants to see that their loved one

is still okay. It's a big relief when they can actually see them and not just talk to them on the phone."

The phone booth has proven hugely popular. It's not unusual, Oliveira says, to see several visitors lining up outside (at a distance from one another) waiting to call their parents or grandparents.

Other families are opting to stick with virtual ways of staying in touch, including Skype and FaceTime.

"We set up a private room where the residents can have face-to-face time with their families that way," Oliveira says. "We bring the resident to the room, we help them with the connection."

"The residents are so happy that they can do this," she says. "You can just hear the laughter that comes."

Tabor Home is also making use of video calling apps to help residents reach out to their families.

CEO Carolyn Fenny says they have purchased several iPads for residents to use for this purpose. Staff have also recently set up personal email addresses for residents who didn't already have one.

"We're certainly trying out best to



Salem Home has set up a "telephone booth" at its entrance to allow residents to speak with and see their loved ones while the facility is closed to visitors due to COVID-19.

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connect people and keep people connected," Fenny says.

Since any outside items dropped off for residents must be quarantined for at least two weeks before being passed along, both Salem and Tabor are encouraging anyone who wants to send in letters or photos to email them instead for staff to print out and deliver.

"It's fun to see the volume of letters that are coming in some days," Fenny says.

She notes the community at large is also welcome to send general letters for residents who aren't in touch with many family members of their own. Those emails can be sent to info@taborhome.ca.

KEEPING SPIRITS UP

Both care homes are working hard to keep residents' spirits up during these trying times.

"We don't have big group activities right now, but [recreation staff are] doing things in small care areas," Oliveira says, adding residents also have access to a great many games and activities to take their minds off things. "We want to let them feel as normal as possible in their home."

"Although it's not the same kinds of programs that people might be used to, we're trying to make sure that we're adapting things and not forgetting just how important spiritual care and recreation is in people's lives," says Fenny.

Oliveira says Salem staff are also doing what they can to keep residents

informed about what's going on in the world, while also taking time to look back at similar historical events.

"We've been trying to bring back a little bit of history, maybe events that some of the residents would recognize or remember, like the polio epidemic. Some of them lived through that and so they remember what it means to be quarantined," she says. "We're assuring them that we're taking care and doing what we can to protect them."

The provincial government implemented new screening procedures last week for staff at acute and long-term care facilities.

They include requiring all workers arriving for the start of their shift to have their temperature taken and answer questions about any symptoms they have, their travel history, and their exposure to positive COVID-19 cases.

"We have been communicating a lot with the staff in terms of their responsibilities, not just when they are here but when they are out and not working," Oliveira says. "We're encouraging them to keep social distancing and follow all the recommendations we're getting from Shared Health."

Salem and Tabor have also introduced increased cleaning procedures throughout their facilities.

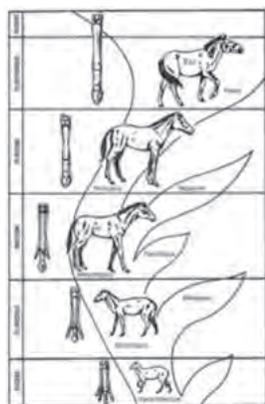
"It is a very difficult time for both families and residents, and staff as well," Fenny says. "But people are very open to the things that we're doing and understanding that we're all trying our very best to keep people safe."

FOSSIL INVENTORY: SURPRISES FOR SOME

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Genesis 1:24

"And God said, Let the earth bring forth the living creature after his kind, cattle, and creeping thing, and beast of the earth after his kind: and it was so."



Everyone will remember those school textbook diagrams showing the ever-upward progression of living organisms, including man. We recall the horse series, found in textbooks and the museum displays showing the evolution of the horse – the first stage as a small mammal and, after several transitions, the modern horse. The claim that fossils in the rock layers show a progression from simple life in the lowest layers to the most complex life at the top accompanies these diagrams.

Recently, the journal *Science*, reported that paleobiologists who study these fossils reevaluated all the fossil-bearing rocks that have been found in the last 180 years. What was their reaction to the meaning of the

fossil record after their new inventory? "We may have been misled for twenty years," said one scientist. Another commented, "For the first time, a large group of people is saying paleobiology has been making a mistake." Why are they reacting this way? They have had to conclude, on the basis of the fossil evidence, that there never was an ever-upward progression of complexity of life forms as they had expected. The species that are represented in the fossil record show no evidence of the classic evolutionary development traditionally found in school textbooks. In short, the fossil record supports the biblical claim that all the kinds of animals appeared about the same time. Author: Paul A. Bartz

Prayer: I thank You, Lord, for the great diversity and beauty You have created in the living world. Amen.

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Community helps couple mark 50 years of marriage—one honk at a time

By Lorne Stelmach

Mordenites came together last month to celebrate a local couple's major milestone.

Friends and strangers alike responded to a call put out on social media to help mark the 50th wedding anniversary of Wayne and Lorraine Kroetsch.

The ongoing pandemic crisis prevented family from gathering for a celebration, so daughter Nikki Bergstresser reached out through the In the Know Morden Facebook page to invite people to drive past her parents' home and give them at least a honk and a wave.

People responded in a big way throughout the day on March 29, and Bergstresser is so thankful to the people of Morden for reaching out.

"Morden people, they go above and beyond. I know the hearts of people in Morden, and it was a fantastic thing that they did. It made me feel very comforted

knowing that the town cares about people so much," she said in an interview by phone from her home in Abbotsford, B.C.

Bergstresser had been planning to come home to celebrate the milestone with her parents, but the global pandemic threw a wrench in the works.

In considering what could be done instead, she thought about how people in B.C. have been driving past loved ones' homes and waving to stay connected during the pandemic.

Bergstresser reached out through social media for some local help and then did her best to keep her request under wraps from her parents.

They were eventually tipped off, but never imagined just how many peo-

ple would step up to help them mark the day.

"We knew something was coming, but we had no idea how it was going to turn out," said Lorraine, who recalled how it started slowly, but soon more and more vehicles started coming by with people honking their horns and waving.

"Wayne said we better get down to the door and wave back," she said.

"It was a stream of cars ... they started coming from both ends of this drive here. We were just having so much fun waving and responding to people ... some would stop for a second or two at the end of the driveway and call out to us.

"There was even one young lady, we don't know her, it turns out she knew Nikki, but she had a sheet that she put a 50 on ... and she had a lovely song playing for us. It was the Anne Murray song 'Can I Have This Dance,'" said Lorraine.

"There was another gentleman ... he opened the window, and he had a speaker he held out the window, and he said 'I've got a song for you folks.'

"There were people walking by with their dogs and they were waving ... or dogs sticking their heads out the windows."

"Mom said she had to stop counting cars at one point because there were just so many people driving around," said Nikki. "All these strangers just loved the idea ... and Mom and Dad had people they knew but also people they didn't know driving around that day.

"It was really sweet ... everybody kind of went above and beyond."

Lorraine said she was very touched that her daughter made this happen, knowing that she had so wanted to



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Wayne and Lorraine Kroetsch marked 50 years of marriage with a little help from the community at large. Above: The Kroetsches today and as they were on their wedding day five decades ago.

come home and do something special for them.

"She was feeling very badly because Nikki always loved to have gatherings, and family has always been very important to her," she said. "So our day was full; even the next day and the day after that, too. We had lots of lovely messages and calls.

"It just proves what we've always felt ... people do rise to all sorts of challenges ... and I've noticed how people are helping one another in ways that you wouldn't have thought of until something like this comes along," said Lorraine.

"Our community is as special as we've always thought. It's not a large community, but it does so much for everybody in one way or another. We've always loved this community. It's a beautiful place to live. That was just kind of verified again for us."

Bergstresser very much shared that sentiment.

"Morden is very close to my heart. I still call it my home," she said. "I'm so thankful to the people of Morden for reaching out, showing their kindness

in such a special way during such uncertain times. Our hearts are full."

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Kids tackling mayor's challenge head-on

By Lorne Stelmach

Mayor Brandon Burley is lending a hand to Morden families facing the challenge of having their young children stuck at home thanks to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Burley issued his first activity challenge a few weeks ago to all Morden kids 12 years old or younger, giving them the opportunity to win a Lego set as a prize.

"I've got four kids, and they're all at home," Burley said of the motivation

to do something for other families who are in the same boat.

"It's an important time and we need to make sure that they stay mentally active and engaged and excited about what they're doing," he said. "The goal is to give them something to do ... it's not an easy time for kids in particular to take the measures we've been asked to take, so I thought I would do something for them."

"The messaging is going out primarily to adults ... children's understanding of what they're being asked to do will be largely communicated to them by the grown-ups in their lives," Burley continued. "We can let them know we are going to engage with them even though it is a tough time."

Burley initially put out a challenge for families to have their children illustrate their stay-at-home fun plans and then to send a photo or scan of their creations to him on Facebook.

At the end of the week, his kids helped him pick two winners to receive Lego sets.

"My kids were enjoying doing the judging as well," Burley said. "I think we had over 100 to 120 entries from the first one."

For week two, Burley challenged kids to make homemade paper from recyclable products and then write a letter on it to somebody in the community who is missing seeing them or even as an open letter to the community.

"I remember making paper as a kid and thinking how cool it was that I can make paper," Burley recalled, adding he has lots of ideas for new weekly challenges moving forward. "We're going to try to make them a little more challenging ... learn some new skills and have a good time doing it."

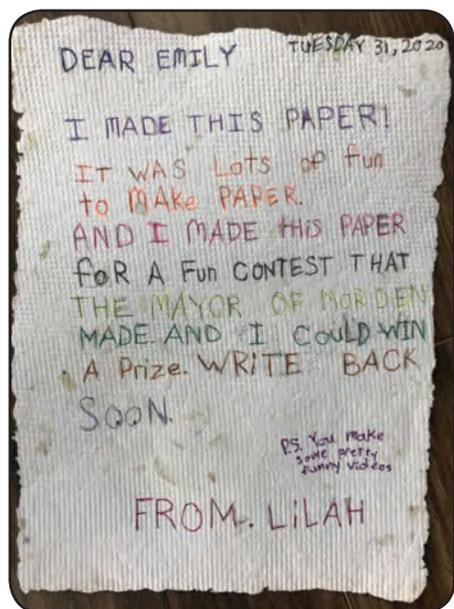
Luke Enns was one of the winners in the first week of Morden Mayor Brandon Burley's weekly challenge to kids. Left: In the second week, Burley challenged them to make their own paper and then write a letter on it.

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Burley plans to continue with the idea as long as there is interest. Several local businesses have already offered to help out by providing prizes.

"We're very appreciative of the kids who have engaged in this, and we're looking, as long as it's possible, we'll keep doing this," he said. "It's been a fun time for us ... and I'm very thankful for the kids."



Planning continues for Winkler Harvest Festival

By Ashleigh Viveiros

There's a lot of uncertainty in the world today, but organizers of the Winkler Harvest Festival are holding out hope the August celebration will be a go.

Planning began with the festival committee's first meeting earlier this year and will continue until it becomes clear how long social distancing restrictions will be in place, says City of Winkler community events planner

Nolan Dueck.

"With everything that's going on, it's a little wary as to what's going happen, when you're supposed to make the decision to say yes or no for it," he said, noting it's likely that decision will have to be made sometime in late June or early July. "We're obviously very hopeful, but we do want to make sure that people are safe."

"Right now, we're still moving forward as planned," Dueck said. "We've been talking a lot about some of the options that we have for this year."

Assuming the festival is able to take place, some changes to the layout will be needed to accommodate the under-construction Meridian Exhibition Centre.

"We'll have to rejig some of the layout again to deal with that," Dueck said, adding they're also looking at beefing up their vendor offerings.

"We're trying to add a few things that we think will draw in more people. One of those is we're teaming up with Fawn & Cub Market to host a craft market during our festival. I think that might draw in a different kind of crowd."

Dueck said he's also in the midst of booking stage entertainment and looks forward to sharing that lineup with the community in the months ahead.

Should the worst come to bear and the festival be forced to cancel, Dueck is committed to

ensuring the next community celebration will more than make up for it.

"Our thought is if we do what we can and try to plan for as many contingencies that we can, we'll be able to make sure that something will be able to be possible for the citizens of Winkler," he said. "Hopefully the festival will be able to work out, but if not we're going to work hard to try and make sure that we can have a celebration of Winkler at some point when it's safe to do so."

NOMINATE A PARADE GRAND MARSHAL

The festival committee has put out a call for this year's parade grand marshal. The grand marshal sits at the front of the Saturday morning parade.

"We're looking for someone or a group of people in our community that really stood out over the last year," said Dueck, explaining that includes success in sports, arts, or other achievements. "Anybody that strives to be great. We want to make sure that those people are highlighted in our community."

The deadline to nominate someone is June 1. Details area available online at winklerharvest-festival.com/parade-marshall-nomination.

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Manitoba's COVID-19 cases surpass 200

By Ashleigh Viveiros

The number of COVID-19 cases in Manitoba topped 200 this week.

The provincial government announced one new case of the disease on Monday, bringing the total number of lab-confirmed positive and probable positive cases here to 204.

Eleven people are currently hospitalized, including seven in intensive care. Two people have died of the illness. Seventeen have recovered.

Chief provincial public health of-

ficer Dr. Brent Roussin said at Monday's press briefing that while respiratory droplets from symptomatic individuals account for most of the spread of the novel coronavirus, there is growing evidence for asymptomatic transmission as well.

"Because of this, Canadian medical experts now agree that wearing a non-medical mask, even if you have no symptoms, may provide additional protection to others," he said.

"It should be clear that wearing these masks are very unlikely to protect the individual who is wearing the mask," Roussin added. "It's more to protect the people around them."

Manitobans should not be using medical grade masks for personal protection, Roussin said.

"Let's save that supply for the hard-working health care workers that are on the front line battling this virus."

Wearing a mask is only one tool in slowing the spread of the virus.

"Certainly the main message of

staying home, of ensuring adequate social distancing at all times does not change and by far is a much more important message," Roussin stressed.

Public health orders in recent weeks have closed down non-critical businesses and limited public gatherings to 10 people or less.

Manitobans are also asked to maintain a distance of two metres from one another in public settings and to self-isolate for 14 days if they are returning from travelling outside the province.

Public health is also advising people to remain within or close to their home communities. This includes limiting travel, even within Manitoba, to essential trips only.

"These measures apply to family get-togethers, especially in the holiday season," Roussin said. "We know Easter and Passover are coming. These measures are still in place. They apply to these meetings."

"We should not be having family gatherings at this time. Transmission

of this virus can occur in these settings," he said. "So meet with family, stay in touch with family through virtual means."

"We are not helpless against this virus. We have many strategies in place right now designed to flatten the curve, to interrupt the transmission of the virus," Roussin said. "But we need all Manitobans to work together."

"Stay home. If you do have to go out, [do so] for necessities only. If you can, go out alone. Wash your hands frequently. Maintain that social distancing at all times."

Anyone with questions, concerns, or complaints about non-compliance regarding self-isolation or public gatherings should call the Manitoba Government Inquiry line at 1-866-626-4862 or email mgi@gov.mb.ca.

Any person concerned about their exposure to or risk of having COVID-19 should call Health Links-Info Santé toll-free at 1-888-315-9257 to be screened to see if a test is required.

Hwy. 32 goes to tender

By Lorne Stelmach

The long awaited twinning of Hwy. 32 already received the go-ahead earlier this year, but it became even more official as the project was cited as one of the priorities in the recent provincial budget.

Morden-Winkler MLA Cameron Friesen heralded the project as an example of the kind of key investments in infrastructure that are needed now even while the government aims to continue to get the province's financial house in order.

"It's not just for Winkler," he stressed. "I always say it's both a local road and important regional route because it leads to the border ... it's a major route for the entire region."

The project (tender on which closed last week) will see Hwy. 32 reconstructed and twinned from Victoria Street to Norquay Drive just south of Hwy. 14.

It is about a 1.2 km stretch of road that will also see curbing and gutters installed as well as more controlled access points.

There will be upgraded traffic lights at the two intersections of Roblin Boulevard and Cargill Road as well as new traffic lights at Mountain Avenue. In addition, there will be walking path on the east side of the road and upgrades to the railway crossing.

"Highway 32 seems to be a done deal. The money is there in the budget," Winkler Mayor Martin Harder said.

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Schools shut down indefinitely

School is out now for the long haul.

Premier Brian Pallister and Education Minister Kelvin Goertzen announced last week that Manitoba is suspending classroom for K-12 students indefinitely for this school year to help reduce the impact of COVID-19.

"We must do everything we can to flatten the COVID curve and protect the health and well-being of all Manitobans," said Pallister. "The decision to suspend classroom learning in school indefinitely for this school year is the easiest decision to make because it protects our children and their education—it is the right thing to do."

The province had originally extended spring break to April 10 in a bid to slow the spread of the novel coronavirus, but as the number of new cases in Manitoba continues to rise, sending kids back to school simply wasn't feasible.

No student will be held back due to the COVID-19 pandemic, but students must actively engage in learning. All students on track to graduate will do so.

Teachers will teach remotely, assign work, conduct assessments, and prepare final report cards.

For students in Grade 12, provincial exams will be cancelled, but teacher assessments will be implemented. For students in early and middle years, provincial assessments are

complete for the current school year, but other assessments will continue.

"The efforts and success Manitoba teachers and educators have displayed during this public health pandemic have been inspiring," said Goertzen. "I join all Manitobans in asking educators to continue doing all they can to use remote and in-

novative methods to teach students through the remainder of this school year. Our government is asking for an all-hands-on-deck approach, with their assistance and with that of parents, caregivers, principals, trustees and superintendents for the benefit of all students."

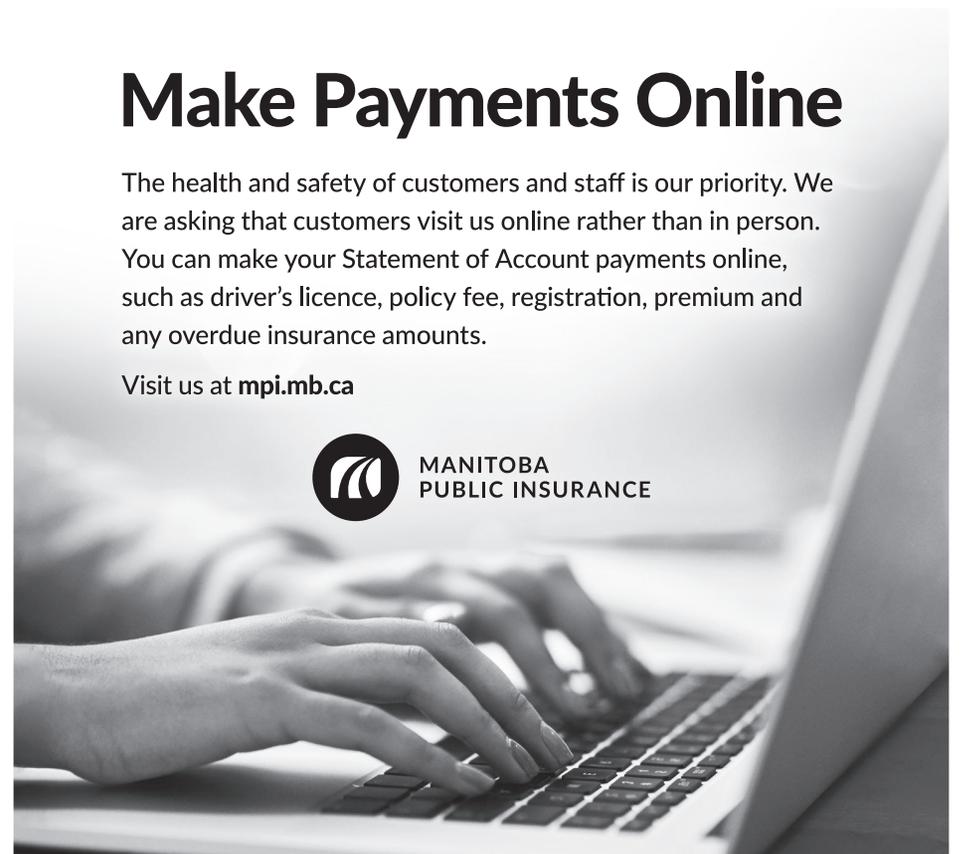
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A COVID-19 refresher course

As the COVID-19 pandemic rages around the globe, Manitobans are being called on to take steps to help slow the spread of it here.

The key words in that sentence are “slow the spread.” Chances are good that many of us will get sick with this virus before a vaccine is developed. The real problem is how many of us do so at one time.

If thousands of Manitobans come down with this all at once, and if even a small percentage of those cases require hospitalization, we'll be in serious trouble.

Manitoba currently has 270 ventilators, with a few more on order. COVID-19 patients aren't the only people who may need those ventilators, of course, and therein lies the problem: what do you do when you run out of machines? How do you choose who lives or dies? Is that a choice you want to make? Is it one you want to force our medical professionals—who are already working long, stressful hours—to have to start making day in and day out?

This can collapse a health care system. It's why we all need to take this seriously.

So what can you do to help slow the spread? If you're confused (and clearly some Morden-Winkler residents are, judging by all the people out shopping when they should be self-isolating, gathering in groups when they shouldn't be, or utterly failing to keep their distance from one another

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when out in public), here's a refresher course on doing your small part in the battle against COVID-19:

- **Wash your hands:** The germaphobe in me profoundly wishes this wasn't something people needed to be reminded to do, pandemic or not. And yet ...

Tapping the soap bar and sprinkling water on your fingers is not washing your hands. Lather up with soap for 20 seconds, really get into all the nooks and crannies, and then rinse. Do this often, especially after coughing or sneezing, going to the bathroom, before eating, and any time you touch something that might have been touched by another germy human.

Hand sanitizer also works in a pinch (if you can find it these days) but soap and water are plentiful and extremely effective.

- **Social/physical distancing:** This is something EVERYONE should be doing right now, sick or not.

It means remaining at least two metres/six feet away from others in public and limiting the amount of close contact you have with people you do not live with to under 10 minutes.

It means going out only when you need to. To all you extroverts out there climbing the walls right now: don't use grocery shopping as a chance to socialize. Do not bring your entire family along. Get in, get what you need, and get the heck out.

In a bid to stop the larger public get-togethers that are breeding grounds for this virus, the province has also put limits on gatherings to no more than 10 people at one time.

But that's not an invitation to host Easter dinner with exactly 10 family members driving in from all over. If you don't share a home with them it would be prudent to avoid gathering in even small groups, even for special

occasions. It sucks, yes, but stick to phone calls and FaceTime with loved ones until this mess blows over. Do you really want to be responsible for bringing the novel coronavirus home to Grandma?

- **Self-isolation:** If you've just come back from an international trip (attention: snow birds) or even just another province, have come into contact with someone who has tested positive for COVID-19, or are showing symptoms of respiratory illness (fever, cough, sore throat, runny nose), you need to take things one step further and isolate yourself completely from others until you know whether or not you've contracted the virus.

That means you do not go to work. You do not go to the store to “just pick up a few things.” You do not invite friends and family into your home for a visit.

You stay home. For two weeks. 14 days. Period.

You do this because you are a decent human being who cares about spreading a potentially deadly virus to those who may not have an immune system up to the challenge of fighting it off.

I know some of you out there think this is all a big joke, a huge planet-wide overreaction.

But wouldn't you rather overreact than sit around waiting to see if the bodies start piling up? (Spoiler: In some countries, they already are.) Isn't saving lives worth the inconveniences being asked of us?

The economic fallout of this pandemic is going to be staggering, yes, but our country will survive it.

Doing nothing, meanwhile, runs the very real risk that some of us won't survive to see that fallout at all.

Step up, people. Do your part as a member of this community and help us all protect each other.

> HWY. 32, FROM PG. 5

“It's been nothing but a disaster the last number of years ... so for us to be able to say to the region that this is happening is a very positive thing,” he added. “We're very grateful. It's a project that was long over-

due, and we're excited to see activity on the positive side that will take place over the course of the summer.”

Work is expected to begin later this spring.

Stanley Soil assoc. planted thousands of trees in 2019

By Lorne Stelmach

Its work may mostly fly under the radar, but the Stanley Soil Management Association has long played a vital role in the region.

The main work of the organization is with shelterbelts, but its efforts around not only planting but also selling trees as well as a number of other initiatives are more substantial than one might realize.

"We think they're all important services," said director Richard Warkentin, who reviewed the work of the association recently in an interview after it had to cancel its annual meeting as a result of the pandemic.

"Really, our bread and butter projects have been shelterbelts," he said. "We founded it on planting shelterbelts and maintaining shelterbelts, and we've done that now since 1987. That's still what we do the best."

Warkentin estimated they planted close to three and a half miles of shelterbelt last year. In the past, they had done over 30 miles in a year, but there were more subsidies available then to make it more affordable for landowners.

"Over that 3.27 miles, we plant maybe over 3,000 trees ... and there's various types of trees," said Warkentin.

"Trees are the most expensive part of a shelterbelt. There used to be a time trees were free, and now trees are approximately \$3 a tree ... if you plant them eight feet apart on a mile, you would have about 300 trees," he estimated.

"Then we also do a lot of gap planting ... we make sure all the trees are surviving with no gaps in the rows," said Warkentin, noting that they basically charge on a cost recovery basis.

Another important part of this work is tillage and maintenance, including laying plastic sheeting to help with

weed control.

"It also provides some warmth to the area where the tree is so the tree actually grows faster, about 20 per cent faster, over the period of five to six years because of the extra heat," Warkentin estimated.

Their focus is in this specific region, although they have started planting in a bit of a larger area.

"We've kind of expanded beyond our boundaries. We kind of go wherever it's feasible," Warkentin said. "Most of our planting really has been done about an hour and a half distance from Winkler."

The association has also branched off into selling trees now as well. Warkentin sees it as perhaps helping fill a void, noting there at one time were free trees available through the research farm in Indian Head, Saskatchewan.

"We procure trees at a reasonable price ... we've started to grow some of our own trees ... we basically sell them in a bulk basis, like with a minimum of 25 trees that anyone is eligible to buy," he said, estimating it might cost about \$85 for a bundle of 25 trees.

They sell up to 10,000 trees annually. Warkentin already has about 9,000 trees spoken for this spring.

A majority of the sales are for larger corporate farms or operations.

"Maybe 90 per cent of the trees are for rural landscaping, like for farmyards," he said, citing the example of planting a two mile radius around a seed processing facility.

In addition to those initiatives, the association also works in partnership with the Pembina Valley Watershed District in a number of ways, including through shelterbelts.

They work to promote the benefits of shelterbelts, such as the role they can play in the context of the watershed and even helping with the recharge of



STANLEY SOIL MANAGEMENT ASSOCIATION PHOTO
Shelterbelts remain a key focus of the Stanley Soil Management Association, which planted upwards of 3,000 trees last year.

the Winkler aquifer.

"We're also actually promoting the element of keeping shelterbelts then because there are so many of them going down, and we're promoting the benefits of them and maybe promoting the element of renovating them rather than bulldozing them down totally," Warkentin said.

Another initiative he would like to see the association be able to develop further is with the monitoring and eradication of diffuse knapweed,

a noxious weed that is found particularly in the RM of Stanley area.

"We haven't really done much because we haven't had the funding for it," said Warkentin.

"We've been doing a bit of monitoring and raising some awareness of what we should be doing to keep that from spreading," he said. "Right now, our hands are kind of tied ... but it would be a shame if it was to spread more."

FTC moves its rehearsals online

By Ashleigh Viveiros

The Winkler concert hall has been shuttered for weeks thanks to the COVID-19 pandemic, but that hasn't stopped the Flatlands Theatre Company from continuing rehearsals for its spring show.

The theatre troupe was several weeks into preparations for its rendition of Jane Austen's *Emma* when the city shut down all public buildings last month. The show was originally scheduled to run April 30 to May 3.

In the hopes that the show will still be able to go on—be it later this sum-

mer or perhaps via social distancing-friendly online streaming—the cast and crew of *Emma* have moved their rehearsals online with video conferencing.

"We've been doing our rehearsals through Zoom, which is something very new for us," says director Jeanette Hoepfner. "Any time in the past when we've not been able to meet or there's been a scheduling conflict at the concert hall, we've just cancelled our rehearsal."

"But this time, with this being a much longer delay, we decided to do

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Take control of what you can and find peace with the rest: counsellor

By Lorne Stelmach

Coping with all of the challenges being faced now around the growing pandemic can further heighten the stress already in our lives.

It is vital then to have both the strategies and supports around us to deal with it all in a healthy manner, say local health and wellness practitioners.



Sonia Funk of The Whole Avocado has put together a series of videos offering coping skills for people during the COVID-19 pandemic.

"It's also good to remember things that we can be grateful for because we do want to have positive thoughts," said Paul Penner of Pembina Counselling Centre, who stressed the importance of keeping connected to your community. "Granted, we have to do it with virtual contact right now rather than face to face, but it's still important to everybody."

Ensuring clients are still able to get the help they need has been top of mind for the agency in recent weeks.

"We're transferring some of how we do relationship and community to technology ... so we still can actually have involvement with people," Penner said, noting people are voicing their concerns about a range of issues of late. "People's circumstances are different .. some of the issues that are being talked about reflect the unknowns and the uncertainties and the anxieties associated with the pandemic.

"People have their own thoughts, but I think it's validating when they talk about their concerns and they hear from someone else with thoughts about how to manage and deal with it," he said. "People want to have a sense that they are doing things that are good for them to do."

To a large extent, Penner said they end up talking about the practical

things that can be done.

"We need good information because good information reduces our fears. When we feel insecure or uncertain or anxious, we expand, through our thoughts, all that could go wrong," he observed.

Seek out sources of information that can be trusted, Penner stressed, and inform yourself, stay connected and focus on what you need to do to help flatten the curve with COVID-19.

"For the most part, people have taken that seriously ... I would say there are very few who aren't concerning themselves with this. Unfortunately, there are a few who are dismissive and downplay it."

He offered some general advice for people in managing their day-to-day lives:

"There's a need for structure ... we still have to live life, even though we are at home more ... our routines are important," Penner said. "Think about what our needs are, and the insight that we get from reflecting on that informs our actions.

"And we prioritize what's under our control and act on those, and then we get to feel somewhat at peace that we are doing what we can do."

MOVING BEYOND FEAR AND PANIC

Sonia Funk, a nutritional therapist and wellness consultant with The Whole Avocado, joined Penner recently in working with Winkler Co-op on a series of short videos that offer some coping skills for these trying times.

"When we move into fear and panic, which is completely understandable right now, our decision-making comes from a place of ego ... we don't make decisions and choices that are in our actual highest interest right now," Funk said. "We need people to calm down so they can move back into the rational part of their brain, and they can make decisions that are heart-based instead of ego-based."

Funk is looking to connect with other local practitioners to develop an ongoing teleconference series "to cre-

ate a big online community event that would be ongoing for weeks."

In her social media videos, Funk touches on a range of aspects, including "how we can use our breath to inform our nervous system ... whatever it is you need to do to breathe, to bring the stress response down."

Food and nutrition play a vitally important role as well, she stressed.

Funk is also focusing on how parents are coping with their kids and what many of them may be overlooking.

"Parental self care now does really matter. It is parental self care that's probably really going to really matter right now for getting our families through this ... if we're okay, then the kids are going to be okay," she said. "We tend to, in our society, be more about making sure everyone else is okay and then we take care of ourselves, and that is not the strategy that is going to be effective right now."

She also referred to what she called the idea of input equals output.

"What you're putting in, whether it's allowing all this unnecessary fear on social media in ... if you are allowing more sugar, more caffeine, more alcohol in, that means you're allowing more stimulant, more depressant in. Those things are going to be your output, and that is what your kids are going to mirror back to you."

Funk also addressed why some people are struggling to take the pandemic as seriously as they should.

"The reason people aren't social distancing the way they should be is for two different reasons," she said. "One is, of course, there is a lack of trust ... but part of it too is that people aren't able to sit down and absorb the reality and feel the fear that's actually there because their ego shuts it down ... they're actually scared, so they're not going to let themselves feel scared.

"When you are in fight or flight, you can only see the immediate future," Funk said. "The more people are aware of that, the higher the chance of someone taking an extra second or one step back, breathing to move back into the rational part of their brain to make a better long term strategic decision."

Crisis lines are open for those who need help

If you need someone to talk to, there are a number of ways to reach out.

Southern Health-Santé Sud and Eden Health Care Services have launched a confidential wellness support line to connect callers with mental health clinicians who can offer support and referrals to local resources as needed.

Health care workers who need a listening ear are also encouraged to call to talk with someone outside their normal support network and workplace.

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Budget Blinds expands into Morden area

With around 1,100 dealers or territories in North America, including 100 across Canada, Budget Blinds is a brand that can well live up to its tag line of a style and service for every budget.

And it is even further stepping up its presence in this region now with Budget Blinds of Southeast Manitoba operating a new showroom in downtown Morden.

Operating the business here with her husband Gord, Sue Swarbrick said they considered a number of locations before choosing Morden, where they “found the right space and the right atmosphere.”

They have been in the Brandon and Westman market for about eight and a half years now, and they saw a good opportunity to grow the brand in southeastern Manitoba.

“We decided it was time for someone to look after it properly,” said Swarbrick.

“We’ve been actively working in the communities all over southeastern Manitoba for a year ... now we actually operate in pretty much every place south and east and west of Winnipeg. We do pretty much everything outside of the perimeter,” she said.

“We’ve been building the brand ... we work really hard at delivering good quality product in rural Manitoba.”

In Brandon, Budget Blinds has a 2,900 square foot showroom along with their “rolling showrooms.”

“Most of our business is done in the home or in the business. The vans are what we call rolling showrooms,” Swarbrick said, explaining they’ll operate in a similar manner here in Morden, though on a smaller scale. “Basically what we set up in Morden is a little sub-outlet of what we do.”

Among the features that she feels sets Budget Blinds apart is that they can offer “a lot of options, a lot of versatility and price point.”



Gord and Sue Swarbrick have brought everything Budget Blinds has to offer to Morden.

“One of the benefits of Budget Blinds is that we have a vendor alliance program, so it’s 27 vendors that we can choose to bring product from,” said Swarbrick.

“The vendor alliance is a really big deal ... we’re not just a one trick pony. If you can’t find a fabric with one of the vendors, I can move to two or three others.”

The response to the new showroom in Morden, which opened in December, has been very good.

“What it allows us to do is show off things that we can’t carry in the van, so we put products in there that are for large window solutions ... and motorization and automation are a little tougher to show in the vehicle as well,” Swarbrick said.

“It’s been really good and really positive for us.”



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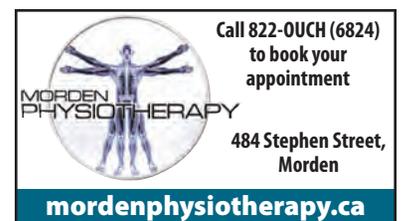
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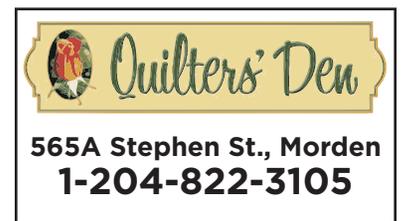
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Corn & Apple Festival now offers online applications

By Lorne Stelmach

What the future holds right now as a result of the pandemic is uncertain, but directors of the Morden Corn and Apple Festival for the moment remain hopeful.

"Right now, we are hoping things will be pretty much back to normal by the time August 28 rolls around," executive director Tim Hodge said last week.

"The board of directors and myself are very aware of the situation out

there right now," he added, noting that they met recently to discuss the festival's future for this year.

"We have decided that we will make an announcement on June 1 about the festival. That will be our go-ahead date or if it has to happen that the festival is cancelled for a year because of the coronavirus."

In the meantime, some early planning is underway, including introducing online applications for artist and artisan ally, parade entries, street space, Comic Con booths, and even

main stage entertainment.

It was something Hodge had in mind when he started as executive director last May, but most applications for the 2019 festival were already in at that point.

"One of the things that I knew early on was I wanted to move all these applications online," he said. "It's much easier from a record keeping perspective as well for us going forward. It just simplifies things a ton; it saves a lot of administration time in the office."

"We want to make the application

process as seamless as possible," Hodge stressed. "We just want to be able to accommodate everyone. We want to make it as simple a process as possible."

Organizers are feeling pretty optimistic about some of the potential for main stage entertainment this year.

"We're working on finalizing our entertainment, so that should be done shortly," Hodge said, suggesting they might be able to make an announcement within a month or so. "We're very excited about our potential lineups for entertainment this year ... we're trying to go with a bit of a Manitoba angle with it being Manitoba's 150th anniversary."

The festival committee usually starts meeting regularly starting in spring, but that's up in the air right now until social distancing orders are rescinded by the government.

Still, Hodge said they have a good lineup of committee chairpersons ready to get together as soon as it's safe to do so.

"A lot of the initiatives come from our committee chairpeople ... it really is our board and committee chairpeople who make our festival so wonderful and special," he said. "Having a good team of people is vital to the Corn and Apple Festival ... they are the stars. They do an incredible amount of work; they do an incredible job of organizing."



VOICE FILE PHOTO

Manitoba 55+ Games cancelled for 2020

By Ashleigh Viveiros

The 2020 Manitoba 55+ Games has become a casualty of the COVID-19 crisis.

Active Aging in Manitoba (AAIM) announced the Games, scheduled for June 16-18 in Selkirk, have officially been cancelled.

"AAIM has been compelled to shift the entire MB 55+ Games program forward to a point beyond the COVID-19 virus risk, particularly to the older adult population we serve," said executive director Jim Evanchuk.

Upwards of 2,000 older adults from communities all across Manitoba were expected to compete at the Games. Events ran the gamut from card games and racket sports to slo-pitch and track.

Team Pembina Valley coordinator Lois Dudgeon said she and the dozens of other locals who take part in the Games every year will miss the

chance to compete.

"People were really looking forward to it," she said.

"It's disappointing, but it was the right decision to cancel," Dudgeon

added, echoing Evanchuk in pointing out the risk COVID-19 poses to older adults.

The provincial event was supposed to be a qualifier for the Canada 55+

Games scheduled for Kamloops this August. The Canadian Senior Games Association has announced it, too, is postponing the competition until 2021.

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what we could to keep it going."

Luckily, the bulk of the stage work—the blocking of actors and so on—had already been completed, Hoepfner says, and virtual rehearsals actually lend themselves well to focusing on character work.

"We were quite a long way into our rehearsals at the point where we had to start working with Zoom entirely, and so the physicality of a lot of the scenes had been done, pretty much," she says. "We're working now on character. This is definitely a meaty enough play that there's a lot of discussions going into the char-

acter and who they are, what their goals are in each scene."

Emma centres on a wealthy young woman in 19th century England who fancies herself a matchmaker and becomes entangled in the romantic lives of those around her.

While a final decision on whether the show will wind up being postponed or have to go with a modified performance has yet to be made, Hoepfner feels continuing rehearsals in the meantime is the right decision.

"We want to keep the creative side of things going," she says. "After an

evening of a Zoom rehearsal that has no physicality, no moving around, I'm still tired because we're thinking about things and discussing things, having a laugh. That's a great part of why people join in with community theatre is that community aspect.

"I think we're definitely still able to keep that part alive."

Updates on the show will be posted online at flatlandstheatre.com.

FTC is also sending weekly emails with creative activities for those stuck at home. If you'd like to sign up to receive it, send an email to flatlandstheatreco@gmail.com.

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Beware of mixing household chemicals: fire depts.

And don't flush anything except toilet paper: public works

By Ashleigh Viveiros

Municipalities have been issuing a few warnings as people continue to deal with the realities of the COVID-19 pandemic.

The Winkler and Morden fire departments are reminding residents of the dangers of mixing certain household chemicals together.

"Due to the lack of cleaning supplies at stores, some have talked about making their own," noted WFD in a social media post that stressed how dangerous certain chemical mixtures can be.

Namely, bleach and vinegar together make chlorine gas, which can cause coughing, breathing problems, and burning and watery eyes.

Bleach and ammonia produce a toxic gas called chloramine, which causes shortness of breath and chest pain.

And bleach and rubbing alcohol creates chloroform, which is highly toxic.

You should also not combine hydrogen peroxide and vinegar, as this creates a highly corrosive peracetic/peroxyacetic acid.

"For your safety and the safety of others, please do not attempt to make any type of cleaning solvent using

any of these chemical mixes," stressed Morden Fire & Rescue.

Meanwhile, in light of the rush on toilet paper that led to empty store shelves in recent weeks, several area municipalities have reminded residents not to flush toilet paper alternatives.

Public works departments want peo-

ple to know even wipes marketed as flushable are *not* and will cause damage to your pipes, the sewers, and the community's pumping systems, potentially leading to sewer backups.

"Flushable" wipes should be disposed of in the garbage. This holds true as well for napkins, paper towels, baby wipes, feminine hygiene products, and anything else that is not a piece of toilet paper or bodily waste.

Coronavirus cancellations

- The City of Morden has extended its closure of all city-owned buildings, with the exception of emergency services and essential services, to May 1. Emergency services staff will continue to be available by phone.

- The City of Winkler announced last week that, in an effort to ensure no gatherings of 10 people or more

occur, all community athletic fields (soccer, disc golf), basketball courts, tennis courts, baseball diamonds, skate park, and the dog park will be closed to the public until further notice.

- The Morden Festival of the Arts, which had previously postponed its spring sessions, has now officially de-

decided to cancel the 2020 festival.

- The Manitoba Sustainable Energy Association annual conference originally scheduled to take place in Morden April 8 and then postponed indefinitely due to the COVID-19 pandemic is now officially cancelled. Registration fees that have been paid will be refunded.

Flyers announce year-end award winners

The Winkler Flyers have announced their 2019-2020 year end award winners.

"All the players on the roster played a part in this turn around season, but these gentlemen have been singled out for their performance both on and off the ice," the team said in a statement.

Award winners include:

- Defenseman Nathan Poolman: Most Valuable Player. Poolman's game thrived in his only season in Winkler and was crucial to the success that the Flyers' experienced this past season. He exemplified what it means to be a Winkler Flyer.

- Drake Burgin: Top Defenseman. Burgin is a dynamic talent and is the perfect example of a modern defenseman. He led the way offensively from the blueline and made all those around him better. He led all Winkler defenseman in points (53) and led all skaters in assists (41). He was also named the MJHL's Top Defenseman and was the runner up for the MJHL's MVP Award.

- Jayden McCarthy: Top Forward/Leading Scorer. The Winkler Flyers' offensive game went through McCarthy. He ran the first power-play unit and was trusted in all situations. He really came into his own offensively this past season, recording a career high 64 points and 28 goals to

lead all Winkler skaters.

- Defenseman Garrett Szeremley and forward Jaden Townsend: Coaches Award. Both Szeremley and Townsend were heart and soul type players and were the dads of the dressing room. Szeremley kept things light and was not afraid to say what needed to be said. Townsend is a true leader in every sense of the word and the success of this past season would not have been possible without him.

- Forward Jackson Arpin: Most Improved. Arpin came out of nowhere in training camp, not knowing which position he would play or even if he would make the team. Halfway through the season, he became a key member of one of the Flyers very important lines along side Everett Best-

land and Carson Pawlenchuk. He was trusted down the middle and came a long way from the beginning of the season.

- Defenseman Trent Sambrook: Rookie of the Year. Sambrook made the team purely on merit as a 17-year-old. He does not care how big he is and neither do the Flyers. His hockey IQ is off the charts and didn't just survive this season, but thrived. He an a power-play unit for half of the season and really bought in. He got more comfortable as the season progressed and became a leader.

- Defenseman Connor Gallagher: Hardest Worker. Gallagher is constructed in a lab and his work ethic and habits are second to none. He spent the first half of the year playing

midget hockey and came in and dedicated every minute to try and get better, and it really rubbed off on others.

- Forward Ian Tookenay: Unsung Hero. Tookenay picked up off the scrap heap early in the season and the Flyers didn't really know what they were getting. They ended up getting a first line forward and an incredible human being both on and off the ice. The Flyers wish they had three more Ian Tookenays.

- Forward Everett Bestland: Community Award. Bestland is a guy who committed himself to Winkler for three years. He made a huge difference in the dressing room and did the same in the community. He also won the MJHL-RBC Community Ambassador Award this past season

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OBITUARY

Maurice Elmer Rachul 1952 – 2020



It is with heavy hearts that we announce the passing of our son, husband, brother, father, uncle and papa Maurice Rachul. Maurice passed away at Tabor Home, Morden on Friday, March 27, 2020. That is where he had been living due to health issues.

Maurice spent his life driving truck and farming, plus raising cattle. He took his children on many long hauls; Lori went with him sometimes as well and really enjoyed it. After his back surgery, he continued farming for a while especially helping his cousins with crops. Driving combine and tractor were a great joy to him and to be able to help Harvey and Charlie Westfall meant a lot to him. He could work and visit at the same time. His two grandchildren were

the world to him. Jericho would come in summertime and Charity lived on the same yard. After spending many times in hospital, it was decided that he would move to Tabor where he would have 24-hour care. Once he got an electric wheelchair, getting around became easier. He then got a scooter which made going up town easier.

Maurice was predeceased by his father, Arnold, daughter, Marcia and grandson, Nathaniel. He leaves to mourn his passing his wife, Lori; son, Michael (Joleen); his two special grandchildren, Jericho Rachul and Charity Snider; and son-in-law, Dave Snider; his mother, Elsie; four sisters, Connie (Murray) Mayert, Ronda (Leonard) Letkeman, Janice Mooney and Judy (Steve) Bossemeier as well as many nieces, nephews, aunts, uncles and cousins.

Graveside service was held on Monday, April 6, 2020 at Southside Cemetery.

The family would like to thank Tabor Home and staff for their care of Maurice and many thanks to Wiebe Funeral Home for their compassion.

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OBITUARY

Marie (Mary) Hiebert (nee Klassen) 1931 - 2020



Mary Hiebert, aged 88, of Winkler, MB passed away on Tuesday, March 31, 2020 at Salem Home.

Mom was born on May 18th, 1931 to Peter B. and Katherina Klassen and grew up primarily in Hochfeld, MB. Growing up, her mother was very ill, which required Mom to remain at home and help around the house and help raise her younger siblings. While she really enjoyed school, her responsibilities at home only allowed her to attend school until grade 8. Mom believed that Jesus went to the cross for the forgiveness of her sins and was baptized in the spring of 1951. Mom had the opportunity to return to school, but she instead found the love of her life, John A. Hiebert and they were married November 25, 1951. Mom and dad farmed in Hochfeld for

many years and she worked hard raising four children while running a household, gardening and farm chores. Later on, she worked at Winkler Bethel Hospital as a cook and made many friends during those 17 years. When dad retired in 1979, they moved to Winkler. Mom continued to enjoy gardening, loved cooking and baking and had many hobbies which included reading, writing, crocheting, knitting, playing games and playing the piano. Our family has many tokens of her hard work in the form of afghans, slippers and doilies. Many meals were shared as a family that mom lovingly prepared for us. Rarely did we go home empty handed. Mom was very involved in their church. She really enjoyed bible study, being active in ladies fellowship, singing and playing piano in the church choir and teaching Sunday School. Mom and Dad enjoyed travelling and went on many tours in their retirement.

Mom suffered a huge loss when her son, Ken passed away in 1987 and again when Dad died suddenly in 1990. Adjusting to life without Dad had its challenges. She relied on the Lord to carry her through and had lots of support from her family and friends. After Dad passed away, mom really enjoyed her weekend getaways with her sisters. Mom always showed unconditional love to her children and was so grateful to them when they were there for her when she needed them. Mom loved spending time with her grandchildren and always looked forward to their visits. While she struggled with her health in later years, she loved the Lord with all of her heart and remained a faithful servant. Mom moved to Salem in the fall of 2014 where she was lovingly cared for by the staff until she went to be with the Lord.

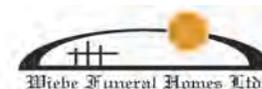
Remaining to forever cherish her memories are her beloved children, daughter-in-law, Anne, children, Kelly (Sheila), Marianne (Abe) Krahn, children, Steph (John) and Sandy (John); Marlene (John) Klassen, children, Colleen (Chris) and Jennifer (Jason); Rick, children, Jonathon and 15 great-grandchildren, Alex, Logan, and Brooke, Madison, Brynn and Ashtyn, Zoe, Keenan and Rhiya, Collins and Deacon, Ainsley, Aiden, Zackery and Raina. She is also survived by three sisters, Helen Voth, Susan Dyck and Nettie Heinrichs and two sisters-in-law, Susan Klassen and Erna Elias. She was predeceased by her loving husband, John A. Hiebert; her son, Ken Hiebert; four brothers, Jake, Peter, Henry, Pete (Elias); three brothers-in-law, Jake Dyck, John Heinrichs, Ed Voth; and one sister-in-law, Marguerite Klassen and her parents.

Graveside service was held on Saturday, April 4, 2020 at Zion Mennonite Church Cemetery in Schanzenfeld.

We as a family want to thank all the staff at Salem for their compassionate care. Thank you to those of you who brought joy to mom through your visits. Thank you to Wiebe Funeral Home for the arrangements.

Those that knew her will miss her kind, loving spirit and her joyful sense of humour. We love and will miss you terribly Mom and Grandma. Until we meet again!

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Earl (Chris), Ruth (Menno), Albert (Linda)
and families

OBITUARY



**David (Dave) Zacharias
1933 – 2020**

On Sunday, March 29, 2020, at 3:40 p.m. Dave Zacharias, husband, father, grandfather and great-grandfather, passed away peacefully at Tabor Home in Morden, MB at the age of 86, with Shirley at his side.

Dave leaves behind many loved ones: his wife, Shirley Zacharias; his children, Angela (Kevin) Adams, James (Lynda) Zacharias, Colleen (Matthew) Peters and Mark (Rachel) Zacharias, his stepchildren, Carl (Maggie) Roberts, Clinton (Lisa) Roberts and Valerie Manuel; his brother, Bill (Anne) Zacharias; his sisters, Marge (John) Zacharias and Eva (Albert) Paetkau and his 11 grandchildren, two great-grandchildren and many other family and friends. Dave was predeceased by his first wife, Trudy in 1981, his son, Calvin in 1985 and his step-son-in-law, Doug Manuel in 2019. The family takes great comfort knowing that Dave is now in heaven with Jesus, his family and all those that he has loved and missed so dearly.

Dave was raised in a small rural village, Schoenwiese, Manitoba, where his family farmed. His mother, Elizabeth, married Jacob as a widower with four children, and together they had another nine children including Dave. Dave was a hard worker. At 10 years old he worked his first job tending Booker heaters in the schoolhouse and then proceeded to hold many jobs at lumber camps, railroads, coal deliveries, construction sites (including underwater diving), and of course, his first love, farming. He purchased his first farmland in 1955 in Killarney, MB and then sold it to buy his farm near Miami, MB in 1960 with his new wife, Trudy, where they raised their family. He farmed land with his brother, Jake, who also settled and started a family near Miami. He was an active member of the community, including being on many boards. His Christian faith was very important to him, becoming a member of the Sommerfelder Church in Morden. He prided himself on never working on Sundays, keeping it as a day of rest and worship for his Lord Jesus. He was involved in managing many of his kids' hockey teams and when he was not on the farm, he was cheering on one of his five kids at the rink, gym, or baseball field. Following his wife Trudy's passing in 1981, he moved from the farm into the town of Miami a year later to make it easier for his kids to play sports and attend school while he continued farming and assuming the role of both Mom and Dad. Sadly in 1985, tragedy struck again as his son, Calvin was killed in a vehicle accident. Four years later, he married Shirley Roberts whom he was with until he passed. They started their life together in Miami and found their church home with Miami United Church and later with the Winkler Mennonite Church. One of the joys in marrying Shirley was the addition of three more children into the family - Carl, Clinton and Valerie. With this many kids now forming one large family, regular gatherings like Christmas were more fun than ever for Dave. And this still left one child, Mark, at home. Dave loved following Mark's promising hockey career, whether it was minor hockey in Manitoba, NCAA hockey in Minnesota or his professional hockey teams in Germany and Texas. This gave Dave a lot of joy and they formed a close bond. Shirley also learned to love hockey and cheering on her new stepson. In 1998, Dave sold the last of his farmland. Dave and Shirley enjoyed their retirement by travelling to all corners of the continent by RV and trips overseas. They also made sure to include family visits in their many travel adventures. They continued to be involved in community life in Miami until they moved into their condo in Morden, MB in 2014. Dave immensely enjoyed going to the coffee shop for chats with his friends, sharing farming tips and keeping up with all the local news. Dave loved people, family, neighbours and friends alike. He got great joy out of making people laugh, especially his grandchildren, and he loved a good joke played on him too. Through the toils and health challenges Dave faced, he always made sure that he gave people his time and attention. His children, stepchildren, grandchildren and great-grandchildren loved him very much. Health challenges in the last few years of his life made it hard for Dave to travel and later to communicate. He was moved to Tabor Care Home in August 2019. Very recently, considering the Covid-19 restrictions, Shirley and other visitors were unable to see him for many days. Knowing how Dave loved personal contact, this was very difficult for him.

This is a trying time due to the COVID-19 situation. Respecting current limits of 10 people in any gatherings, a private family graveside service will be held on the morning of April 3, 2020. The service will be videoed and available online later that day on the Wiebe Funeral Homes website. A subsequent Celebration of Life memorial will be held at a later date when gatherings and travel are permitted.

Messages and phone calls to Shirley and family are valued and appreciated. We would also encourage you to go to the following website to share stories and pictures about Dave: <https://www.memories.net/skymorial/3227/dave-zacharias>

In lieu of flowers and cards, donations may be made to Tabor Home 450 Loren Dr. Morden, MB R6M 0E2 or The Heart and Stroke Foundation.

We wish to thank the dedicated staff at the Tabor Care Home. Their care and patience helped the family know Dave was well looked after in his last months. Our family also wishes to thank Wiebe Funeral Home and Pastor Jeremy Isaak from Winkler Mennonite Church for helping with the final arrangements during these challenging times.

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OBITUARY



**Jacob Klassen
1928 - 2020**

Jake Klassen of Morden, MB formerly of Valleyfield School District, passed away peacefully on Monday, March 30, 2020 at Tabor Home at the age of 91.

Dad was predeceased by his wife, Anne (nee Friesen) in 2009. For 57 years they shared everything together; they were a great team supporting each other in every way. Mom was his best friend and life was never the same for Dad after her passing. Dad was born in the village of Hochfeld in June 1928. He left home at an early age to work at the Titchkosky farm in the 1-6 district south of Morden. Dad and Mom were married on October 5th, 1952. They purchased a farm south of Morden where they raised their four children. His passion for dairy and grain farming was evident even

after they sold the farm and moved to Morden. He was a hardworking, compassionate and loving father. His love for his family was unconditional and that is something we will always cherish. Dad's quick wit and sense of humor were character traits that all of us will remember. He always had a passion for country and gospel music. Grand Ole Opry, Joey and Rory, Cripple Creek were some of his favorites. His strong faith in his personal savior, Jesus Christ was clearly shown in his daily life through prayer and his well-used Bible, which was always within reach.

He will be sadly missed by his children, Jake (Debbie), Ruth (Rudy), John (Darlene), and Wayne (Janet). He will be fondly remembered by his grandchildren: Landon (Tracy), Jaclyn (Brendan), Duane (Luisa), Corey (Andrea), Amy (Devin), Joel, Troy (Lavonne), Emily and Matthew and his great-grandchildren: Azmera, Halia, Madden, Ezra, Sacha, Harrison, Adelyn, Leah, Hannah, and Austin. He is survived by one sister, Agatha (Frank) Letkeman; brother, Isaac Klassen; sisters-in-law, Anne Klassen, Elizabeth Dyck, Mary Friesen, Mary Ann Friesen and Marge (Frank) Unger.

Graveside service was held on Thursday, April 2, 2020 at Southside Cemetery.

Thank you from the family to the staff at Tabor Home for their loving care and support during Dad's stay. Also, the family would like to extend their gratitude to Wiebe Funeral Home for being so accommodating during this difficult time. A special thank you to Morris Vincent for his years of friendship, caring support, and for officiating at the graveside. To our friends and family, thank you for all your support and words of encouragement during this difficult time. To Ruth and Rudy, from your brothers Jake, John and Wayne, a heartfelt thank you for your love, support and dedication to Dad, and for always going the extra mile. It did not go unnoticed and will not be forgotten.

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