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Ready to get planting

Winkler Horticulture Society volunteers got their hands dirty at the New Leaf Garden Center last week in preparation for the city-wide planting blitz coming up next month. Volunteers will be needed to help out on June 7, says society chair Margaret Penner. For the full story, see Pg. 5.

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Central Stn. invites you to contribute to “Wall of Greatness”

By Ashleigh Viveiros

Central Station in Winkler has launched a Pay It Forward May campaign they hope the entire community will get behind.

Dubbed #winklerundivided, the community centre is inviting people to share both stories and kindness in the weeks ahead.

“We were really inspired by the song ‘Undivided’ by Tim McGraw and we just thought what a great message that was,” says community development coordinator Krista Rempel.

McGraw’s song, released earlier this year, encourages people to put aside their disagreements to come together and make a difference in the world.

“We know it’s been a really difficult year for so many people and there’s so much that’s out of our control right now,” says Rempel. “But the one thing we can control right now is how we treat each other ... let’s choose to look around and love on each other a little bit more.”

To that end, Central Station will be posting a weekly video they’re calling “Some Great News” on their social

media pages highlighting all the good things happening in the community.

“They’re going to highlight the positive and the really cool stuff going on in our community, showcasing some of the stuff that makes people smile,” says Rempel. “We’re hoping just to bring some joy and laughter to people and just try to be positive when it’s kind of hard times.”

She invites people to contact her at Central Station (204-325-0257 or krista@winklercentralstation.ca) if they have stories or pictures they’d like to share

The second part of the centre’s kindness campaign is the “Wall of Greatness” board on display at 545 Industrial Dr. and on the centre’s Facebook page.

“The Wall of Greatness is a tangible way to reach out and to make someone’s day,” Rempel said. “We’re doing this because we know, with everybody being separated and all the social distancing and stuff, it’s really hard to figure out how to spread kindness right now.”

You can help build the wall by stopping by Central Station with a gift card to pin to it, or give them a call to make a donation for them to purchase and post a gift card on your behalf.

You can also contribute in ways that don’t cost a dime: bake cookies, write a letter of encouragement, have your kids draw a



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Krista Rempel hopes this wall, on display now at Central Station, will be filled with small acts of kindness in honour of Pay It Forward May. Purchase a gift card for someone to enjoy, have your kids draw an uplifting photo, or simply leave a note of encouragement for someone who needs a pick-me-up.

picture or a card, or post a photo of an item you have at home you’d like to donate to someone who could use it.

“We’ll put the tags up on the wall—and on social media, once we get a few up there—and if you need a little kindness you can swing by and pick up something to brighten your day,” Rempel explains.

Recipients can, in turn, pay it forward with a wall posting of their own, though it’s not a requirement.

“If you can, great, but you don’t have to. If you wanted to have your kids

draw a picture and put it up there I think that’s really valuable too.”

The board started filling up within the first few days after its launch.

“The response has been amazing already,” Rempel said. “We didn’t know how quickly it would catch on ... but we’ve had numerous donations from community members and from businesses reaching out to put stuff on the wall.”

Check out Central Station on Facebook to follow or support the #winklerundivided campaign.

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Stay home, limit contacts, get vaccinated: Roussin

By Ashleigh Viveiros

Manitoba public health officials announced 502 new cases of COVID-19 and four new deaths on Monday.

The number of patients in hospital hit 215, 60 of which require intensive care.

A total of 42,453 lab-confirmed cases of COVID-19 have been identified in Manitoba since the pandemic began. We started the work week with 3,771 active cases, 37,683 recoveries, and 997 deaths.

The current five-day COVID-19 test positivity rate is 11.6 per cent provincially and 13.8 per cent in Winnipeg.

Dr. Brent Roussin, chief public health officer, noted the spike in cases is tied to Manitobans having far too much contact with people outside of their own households.

“Since last Friday we’ve had more than 1,500 cases reported and that’s why we had to take stronger public health action, that’s why we had to move Winnipeg and Brandon schools to remote learning,” Roussin said. Stricter public health orders went into effect Sunday.

“That’s why we’re asking Manitobans to stay home. The best way to limit the amount of contacts outside of your household is to stay home,” Roussin stressed. “Really, go out for essential reasons, limit those contacts ... that’s the best way that we can end these transmission chains.”

We’re all sick of these restrictions, Roussin acknowledged, but adhering to them is the only way to stem the tide of COVID-19 infections and prevent the health-care system from being overwhelmed.

Dave Destoop named Morden's top citizen

By Lorne Stelmach

Countless community organizations can attest to the important role played by the latest Morden Citizen of Distinction honouree.

Representatives of a variety of those organizations offered their words of gratitude in supporting the nomination of Dave Destoop, who was announced last week as this year's recipient of the Morden Area Foundation award.

A long list of supporters cited how Destoop goes above and beyond in providing his time, expertise, and technical support for a wide array of community events.

"Dave certainly does make a difference to so many people, charities and

organizations in Morden," suggested Sue Nelson in offering her praise for the owner/operator of Morklers in downtown Morden.

"Dave makes a significant contribution toward the future of our community in many ways," said Cathy Ching, director of library services for South Central Regional Library. "Dave has been extremely helpful and generous with his time in helping with non-profit events and fundraisers. He is always willing to help out."

Destoop reluctantly stepped into the spotlight last Friday to speak on receiving the honour.

"I think, pretty much like everyone else, there was a little bit of shock, little bit of confusion. I don't really feel that I deserve the award, which is

what a lot of other people think about it [when they are selected as honorees].

"It's an honour to get it, but I'm more the background person, not the person out in the front," Destoop added. "It's nice though to be acknowledged by the community."

"DAVE WORKS TIRELESSLY"

Lisa Krueger, former facility event co-ordinator for the City of Morden, has seen for years the many events where Destoop willingly and gladly gave of his time.

"Dave works tirelessly on these events or functions," she said. "Dave is passionate about making sure that

any event that showcases Morden or helps and benefits the citizens of Morden is done as best as best can be.

"My list could go on and on. I know for a fact that Dave will continue on with his kindness, knowledge, equipment and generosity for anything that Morden and its citizens are in need of."

Nelson particularly cited Destoop for his involvement with South Central Cancer Resource events.

"I know that we could not have produced such successful events without his knowledge and time," she said. "Dave volunteered all of his time and equipment for our fashion shows.

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Always happy to help out however he can in the community, Dave Destoop has been selected as the 2021 Morden Citizen of Distinction.

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Artist unveils models for Greg Ens Memorial Park sculptures

By Ashleigh Viveiros

Artist Andreas Huebert gave Winklerites their first glimpse at the trio of hockey player sculptures being built for the Greg Ens Memorial Park.

A few members of the Winkler Horticulture Society and the Winkler Recreation Department gathered at the Meridian Exhibition Centre Monday to check out the scale models Huebert has made out of clay since being awarded the commission for the project in March.

"You will love it or hate it, but

please be honest with me," he said as he pulled off the covers to reveal a crouched goalie, a male hockey player in an offensive hockey stance, and a female player taking a more defensive pose.

The models give Huebert a guide as he begins work in earnest on the larger sculptures, which, at about seven feet tall, will tower over visitors to the new park going in in front of the Winkler Rec. Complex this summer.

"These are the actual ratio to the original," Huebert explained, noting the models also give committee mem-



PHOTOS BY ASHLEIGH VIVEIROS/VOICE

Andreas Huebert stopped by the Meridian Exhibition Centre Monday to show off the models for the giant hockey player sculptures he's building for the new park in front of the Winkler Rec. Complex.

bers the chance to provide feedback on the design sooner rather than later.

Some of the finer details on the sculptures might change (plasticine being a much easier medium to sculpt than the concrete he'll be working with for the real thing), but Huebert noted the models are a good, rough indication of what people can expect to see up in the park later this year.

"I will be using cement and the texture will be rougher, but I will try to make some of those details," he said.

Horticulture society board chair Margaret Penner gave the models a big thumbs up.

"He has captured our thoughts in ways we couldn't have imagined," she said.

Fundraising for these art pieces and, in fact, the entire park project has gone much quicker than the society expected.

"We did amazingly well with the donations for these," Penner said, noting originally they thought they might have to break the project down into phases. "We actually didn't think we'd be able to follow through with our dream, but now that donations have come in ... we are able to expand on some of the things that we hadn't thought we'd be able to."

That includes adding in more colourful benches and improving plans for things like the fire pit area and picnic shelter.

Work on the park will take place this summer.

"I think by the end of May we will be planting the big trees there," Penner observed. "The grass and all that will definitely take its time, but the things that we can put in we hope to have them all in place by next winter."



Winkler Horticulture Soc. has big plans for the summer

By Ashleigh Viveiros

Winkler Horticulture Society volunteers were busy at the New Leaf Garden Center last week preparing the thousands of flowers set to be planted throughout the community this spring.

The big planting day is scheduled for Monday, June 7.

Society chair Margaret Penner says they're hoping the 2021 theme will bring a welcome splash of colour to what's been a difficult time for many.

"The theme for this year is going to be focusing on trying to get some brightness into our gardens," she says, explaining they'll be using a lot

of "yellows and blues and greens and silvers to give a very pleasant, summery, soft, and welcoming view as people walk by."

People have been cooped up inside for so long that the society hopes they'll take some comfort and hope from the beautiful gardens and floral displays that dot the city.

That includes larger spaces like the Bethel Heritage Park, Parkview Gardens on Grandeur Ave., and the Parkside Pioneer Patch, but also smaller plots like those in front of city hall or the ball diamonds.

New for the society this year will be shrubs in front of the Meridian Exhibition Centre and some lilac trees

to replace the dying Evergreens that were taken out from the middle of Main St. earlier this spring.

Volunteers are also planning to make serious headway on the new Greg Ens Memorial Park in front of the Winkler Rec. Complex. The city has already put in a sidewalk in front of the giant hockey stick, and Penner says the brick wall facing the road will be going in soon as well.

The memorial tree donor program for the park has been an unqualified success, she adds, and they hope to be able to start planting trees soon.

"We have had just an overwhelming response from the community for this," Penner says.

some extra hands to get it done.

"We definitely need help," Penner says, urging anyone interested in getting involved to give her a call at 204-362-2552. Advanced commitment is appreciated, but last-minute volunteers can also call that number on the day to be directed to a specific work site.

If you can't make it June 7, there is still a way you can get involved.

"Another thing that we're looking for is people to help us maintain the plots through the summer," Penner says, explaining they have a team of about two dozen volunteers who keep their assigned floral beds tidy and weed-free, but more help is always needed. Call Penner for details.

Planting aside, the society is also working on a few fun contests for the summer, including yard of the month and a flower photo of the week. Further details on those initiatives will be released in the coming weeks.

MANY HANDS MAKE LIGHT WORK

The June 7 planting day will cover most of the main plots the society oversees, and they could certainly use

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The neverending question

Why? Why is the sky blue? Why is the grass green? Why does anything exist at all? Why are you there and instead of here? Why do you think that instead of this ... and it goes on and on and on.

You know that really annoying song that starts, "This is the song that never ends ..." I am that song personified.

I have always been one to ask questions. From as far back as I can remember I have been "that person." I'm the annoying kid whose hand always shot up in class. I'm "that guy" who keeps the meeting going on forever with question after question.

It's annoying mostly for others. For me, I just need to know why. Why

make this decision? Why make it in this way? Why not make it in this way? The antagonist. The (insert less praiseworthy word here).

It rarely wins me friends, so you would think I would learn. I mean, I am honestly seeking to understand things. If the question does not feel answered it gets asked louder and to more people. I have learned that questions are harder to ignore when you involve more people.

I have always believed in the mantra "Question Everything." Perhaps that's what drew me to journalism. Question faith, not just others' but your own. Question life. Question politics. Question decisions of all kinds.

"Question everything. Learn something. Answer nothing," said the great Greek playwright Euripides.

Maybe Euripides understood the idea of the question better than most by pairing it with "answer nothing." The point of the question is the question itself as the point of the trip is the journey and not the destination as some say.

The questions of course are not all outward facing, contrary to appearances. Most of my questions are inward ones. I question myself, my motives, my value in the spirit of the other great quote from the Greeks in-

scribed at the temple of Apollo at Delphi: "Know thyself."

So far I have failed miserably here but I keep at it hoping for a breakthrough.

People do not like questions. Questions make people feel, often mistakenly, like they are being questioned or attacked. This causes them to react defensively and rather than engage the question or questioner they either hide or react. Either way, the point is lost.

Of course, there is something to be said for how the question is delivered.

I have been, not unfairly, accused of delivering questions like a bull in a china shop. Subtlety and deftness having been lost on me somewhere and replaced with blunt, indelicate hammers sewn onto my hands.

And so I suppose I am still seeking to perfect the art of the question and probably will be for life. Why do you read my columns? Why do you NOT read my columns? Why do you like them? Why do you hate them? To be or not to be?

If I had to guess I suspect my very last words in life will be a question.

Why do I think that? I wonder ... should I end this column with a question?



By Peter Cantelon

> **GUEST COMMENTARY**

Advancing Manitoba education

**By Cliff Cullen,
Minister of Education**

I would like to take this opportunity to address a lot of the misinformation being purported by school boards, trustees, union leaders and political opponents for the sole purpose of creating fear and anxiety for parents, school staff, and students.

These types of tactics prevent any progress in order to protect their monopoly and their own vested interests.

As Education Minister, I am committed to make sure Manitoba students have every opportunity to reach their full potential and achieve success.

Our government was elected on a mandate to do a fulsome review of Manitoba's education system. That review presented a clear fact: our system is not working to the best of its ability for all students.

We are making a record investment of over \$3 billion dollars in education, spending amongst the most on education in the country, but ranking last or close to last in literacy, math and science.

As a parent and Minister of Education, that does not sit well with me and maintaining the status quo only puts our students at a further disadvantage compared to in the rest of Canada.

The K-12 review shone a light on the vast disparities of our education system, from funding to governance to parental engagement. Manitoba is one of the last provinces to have education taxes connected to their property values. We need a funding system that is fair, equitable, and sustainable, and where the quality of your child's education does not depend on the value of property in your neighborhood. Students across Manitoba all deserve to be supported and have the best opportunity to succeed.

We also keep hearing from those

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Vaccine eligibility drops to include 30-year-olds

From Pg. 2

“We saw in February and March of this year that these measures work. And we need them to work again,” he said. “This time, though, as we’re implementing these public health measures we have increasing vaccination occurring.

“With every passing day, more and more Manitobans are protected.”

ELIGIBILITY WIDENS

Eligibility to be immunized at a super site or pop-up clinic continued to expand this past week.

At press time, anyone age 30 or older and Indigenous people aged 18 and older are able to book an appointment.

Also eligible is any adult who is pregnant, a client of Community Liv-

ing disABILITY Services, works in any health-care setting, works as a front-line police officer or firefighter, or lives or works in selected priority communities (parts of Winnipeg and Brandon, Powerview-Pine Falls, and the entire Northern RHA, including Churchill).

Eligibility for the AstraZeneca/Co-vishield vaccine being administered at pharmacies and medical clinics

includes individuals aged 40 or older and people aged 30 to 39 with priority health conditions.

“We really encourage all Manitobans to book your appointment to be vaccinated as soon as you become eligible,” Roussin urged. “It really is our pathway out of these restrictions.”

Head to protectmb.ca for the latest eligibility requirements or to book your appointment.

As of Monday, 565,219 doses of vaccine have been administered in Manitoba.

The province expects to begin booking second-dose appointments of the vaccine on May 22, starting with people who are immunocompromised or have other prioritized health conditions.

Pembina Valley COVID-19 case counts

Southern Health-Santé Sud on Monday had 221 active cases of COVID-19, 5,167 recoveries, and 151 deaths. There were 35 total hospitalizations due to the virus, including

six people in the ICU.

In the Pembina Valley, Winkler was reporting 48 active cases of the virus at the start of the week, Morden had 21, Stanley 11, the Altona area 18,

Lorne/Louise/Pembina three, Carman six, Grey two, MacDonald 18, Morris four, and Red River South had seven cases.

> CULLEN, FROM PG. 6

who prefer to keep our education system stagnant talk a lot about local voices and diversity.

It should be noted that 132 out of 287 of Manitoba’s trustees were acclaimed in 2018. That is close to 50 per cent of all trustees who automatically received the role because no one ran against them.

The current structure makes it difficult for those diverse voices to be heard as only six per cent of trustees are visible minorities and four per cent being Indigenous in Winnipeg.

Our strategy tears down the those walls and empowers more diverse local voices to be involved in education decision making helping pave the way for student success. There will be leaders across rural Manitoba to administer education focused on regional needs. In fact, our BEST strategy will strengthen local voices where it matters most, in local schools. This will be made possible through parental involvement by creating a Provin-

cial Advisory Council on Education as well as School Community Councils to represent local school voices and provide input in local communities.

Poverty is being used to instill a defeatist attitude to the public. Addressing poverty is not strictly an education issue but takes a whole of government approach. Our government was left with some of the worst poverty rates in Canada. We have reduced child poverty by 25 per cent since we have taken office and we will continue to evolve our Poverty Reduction Strategy to support Manitobans in need. I applaud many local schools that have taken on the challenges poverty brings and have found unique, innovative strategies to improve attendance and give those students the support they need to succeed.

Our Better Education Starts Today strategy focuses on four Pillars of Student Success: High Quality Learning and Outcomes, Future Ready Students, Governance and Accountabil-

ity, and Excellence in Teaching and Leadership.

These pillars will guide our efforts to improving our education system, and we will be engaging with Manitobans through the Parent Engagement Task Force, numerous advisory panels, and public forums to seek feedback front lines.

Manitobans should know that Bill 64 represents only one component of our plan to have Canada’s most improved education system.

With all this being said, we are taking on bold steps to improve education in Manitoba. You can’t get where you want to go without taking steps

forward.

Our Better Education Strategy Today (BEST) strategy encourages Manitobans to be a partner in this once-in-a-generation opportunity to improve our education system.

We have numerous opportunities for students, parents and caregivers, teachers and front-line school staff, as well community leaders to get involved and make a positive impact. Go to BetterEducationMB.ca and together we’ll make sure Manitoba students receive the education they deserve.

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Letters

An alternate universe for sports?

As of May 9th, Manitoba is basically in a shutdown, as is most of Canada.

People are stressed about how long this has been going on, especially not being able to spend time with relatives and friends.

Although in the alternate universe of sports we see hockey players and curlers playing on as if there wasn’t any pandemic. On the nightly sports segment of the news I haven’t seen one mask on or off the ice. I haven’t

seen any social distancing—instead there’s embracing, shaking hands, and high-fives galore.

We, in our universe, cannot gather in groups of more than five. So, I’m thinking that a way around that restriction is that we carry a hockey stick or curling rock and we’re okay to gather.

Rick Gallant,
Morden

MCC warehouse in Plum Coulee to remain open

By Ashleigh Viveiros

Four months after announcing the impending closure of the Mennonite Central Committee warehouse in Plum Coulee, MCC Manitoba has changed course.

The global relief agency announced last week that the material resources warehouse in the community will remain open.

MCC Canada has already moved the bulk of its materials to a site in Ontario, but the provincial arm of the organization will retain a smaller space in the Plum Coulee facility.

Darryl Loewen, executive director of MCC Manitoba, says they took some time to reassess whether they could sustain the warehouse on their own once MCC Canada pulled out.

"We had conversations with volunteers in the Plum Coulee warehouse, with thrift shops nearby—including the Winkler MCC Thrift shop—and others who deliver comforters to Plum Coulee," he says, noting there are community and church groups across southern Manitoba who regularly drop off donations at the site.

"Their message to us was clear: a place that's the anchor point for all of this activity is really valuable."

MCC Manitoba was able to work out a new lease agreement with the building's owners that gives them access to the offices and about half the warehouse space they were using previously.

It's enough room, Loewen says, for



MCC MANITOBA PHOTO

MCC volunteers, who make thousands of blankets for shipment overseas each year, will be able to continue working out of the warehouse in Plum Coulee, the relief agency announced last week.

the site to remain as a centralized depot for the region.

"We'll be able to occupy the space that we need for all of Manitoba warehousing and shipping and the volunteer activity," he says, noting Gord Letkeman will continue to serve as activities coordinator at the site. "Gord has been essential to the scope, depth and understanding of connections in the region, and I know his presence will be valued."

Once COVID-19 restrictions have eased, volunteers will once again be able to gather in groups to pack up donations and sew comforters there. Those items will then be shipped to MCC Canada's central material resources warehouse in New Hamburg,

Ontario in advance of being distributed overseas.

Pre-COVID, Letkeman says they had a dedicated group of about 20 volunteers coming in weekly to help out with shipments, donation sorting, and blanket making. That doesn't include the many more volunteers in the community at large who also make blankets for MCC to give to people in need.

Letkeman estimates they see about 4,500 blankets a year come through the warehouse.

"IT'S A RELIEF"

News that the warehouse will remain open came as a relief to volunteers like Deanna Jean Funk and Judy

Hildebrand.

Funk is a regular at the warehouse, stopping by each week to help out in the blanket department. She was dismayed when it was first announced it was going to close.

"It was a very big disappointment to me because I spend more hours there than anyone," she says. "It's sort of the main thing in my life to do that kind of work, and I've been doing it for many years."

Hildebrand is another familiar face at the facility, travelling from Crystal City with a friend to sew blankets on-site and deliver comforters sewn by a group in her community.

"We found we liked the work, liked the people we were working with ... and it was just a good way for us to spend a day," she says, noting that if the warehouse closed they would have had to make the much lengthier trip into Winnipeg for blanket deliveries.

Knowing the community of volunteers who call the warehouse home will be able to continue to do so is a blessing, the pair say.

"It's a relief for our whole group here," says Hildebrand.

"It's just wonderful," says Funk, reflecting that it's the social aspect that keeps her and many of the others coming back year after year. That and the chance to make a difference in the world. "The main thing is we all have the need to make some kind of contribution to society, and this is a wonderful way of doing that."

"It's not an award for me ... it's an award for the community"

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"Dave Destoop is one of a kind," added the organization's president Pam King. "Destoop has been a tireless volunteer and supporter of South Central Cancer Resource for many years in many ways."

Representatives of the Morden Legion cited Destoop for his support of events like the annual Remembrance Day service, while the Morden Area Foundation lauded him for his assistance with such things as the Power of the Purse, which this year offered the

additional challenge of being an on-line event.

"Dave rose to that challenge and provided the technology and expertise to carry off that event," said Jennifer Ching-Faux.

"Dave is very generous with his time," added Candace Olafson, executive director of the Morden and District Chamber of Commerce, who also noted that "Dave went above and beyond with his help when the chamber office moved.

"He has put a lot of time and expertise into many facets of life in this area," said Joanne Robbins in high-

lighting Destoop's support for events like the annual Darlingford memorial service.

"IT'S JUST WHAT I DO"

Seeing the kind words of so many people he's worked alongside over the years is humbling for Destoop.

"I appreciate each one of those who nominated me and made this happen," he said,

"It's just what I do on an ongoing basis. I support a lot of organizations and a lot of businesses through donations ... I donate a lot of my time to the

community," he acknowledged.

"It's not an award for me though. It's an award for the community ... I really try to do things for the community as much as possible," he concluded. "We're in Pay It Forward May; I'm in pay it forward year-round. I'm a really strong believer of paying it forward ... it's important that we try to support each other."

Restrictions prevent the foundation from having a formal ceremony, but a video was to be released on various social media channels this week, and Destoop will also be in the Pay It Forward parade planned for May 27.

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Morden honours Larke family with 'Larke Lane'

By Lorne Stelmach

Generations of a family with strong ties to the community throughout Morden's history now have a street named in their honour.

It is fitting that 13th Street now carries the additional name of Larke Lane, as that is where the family home was long located over the decades.

"It's been known as Larke Lane in the family for a long, long time already," said Brenda Perkins, daughter of Herman Larke, as the ceremonial street sign was unveiled last Wednesday.

"It's been a 113 years since my grandparents moved here to Morden ... and then 102 years since they built

their first house right beside where the Dairy Queen is now. And then they tore it down and my grandfather built another one."

Perkins called it an awesome honour for the extended family, who she noted are spread out across Canada but all still feel a strong connection to Morden.

"There would be lots of us here if they all came home here for a visit. The town would be inundated ... we're hoping next year we can have a reunion," she said.

"Everyone talks about how coming to Morden is like coming home ... a lot of them haven't been here, but hopefully next year. We're planning for next year."

Many of the Larke family members over the generations have played prominent roles in Morden.

Herman Larke is among the community's many esteemed war veterans, while Betty Larke was a recipient of the Morden community service award for her many volunteer efforts.

Bill Larke, meanwhile, served as Morden's first police chief starting in 1950. He served with the force for 28 years until 1978.

Mayor Brandon Burley observed how the Larkes are a prime example of the families that have helped shape and form the identity and the founda-



Members of the Larke family gathered at 13th St. last week to celebrate the unveiling of the new Larke Lane sign.

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tion of the community over time.

"It's the people who make up our identity, and I think recognizing people who've made outsized influences on our community is important, and particularly the Larke family on 13th Street is a whole tradition unto itself," he said.

"From our first police chief and educators to medical professionals, the way the Larke family impacted our community in volunteerism and so many other ways makes it very important to recognize them," Burley said. "It's recognition of the tremendous investment that they have made in our community, and we're very proud of them."

He suggested council is open to bestowing similar honours for other significant local families.

"This is probably one of a good number of similar recognitions we will be making to commend people who have made a difference in our community," Burley said.

"Understanding who we are and where we've come from is very important," he added. "I think we want to make sure that we don't lose this kind of history and tradition because it can slip out of our fingers ... the ability to pass this on to our kids and remind them of who we were and where we came from is vital."

Stricter public health orders now in effect

By Ashleigh Viveiros

Stricter public health orders went into effect Sunday in a bid to slow down the third wave of the COVID-19 pandemic in Manitoba.

Chief provincial public health officer Dr. Brent Roussin unveiled the new restrictions Friday evening, citing the skyrocketing number of cases in our province as the cause of these more stringent measures.

"Case numbers are certainly going in the wrong direction," he said. "The latter part of this week we've seen a dramatic rise in cases and that's translating into a dramatic rise in ICU numbers."

The daily new case count inched up from 279 at the start of last week to 529 this past Sunday.

"These are some of the highest daily numbers we've seen," Roussin said.

"We have to take these strong actions now to protect our health care system, to protect Manitobans."

Under the new orders, outdoor gatherings that include people from multiple households are limited to a maximum of five people.

Restaurants, bars, and patios are closed to in-person dining but can still offer take-out and delivery.

Gyms, fitness centres, casinos, museums, galleries, libraries, day camps, dance/theatre/music schools, and personal services such as estheticians, barbers, salons, and tanning salons all must close.

Indoor community, cultural, and religious gatherings are prohibited. So are indoor sports and recreation, including after-school activities.

Outdoor sports and recreation activities now have a maximum of five

participants. Organized team games are not permitted.

Self-help gatherings are limited to 10 people.

Retail stores, markets, and garden centres may open at 10 per cent capacity to a maximum of 100 people. Malls can open to 10 per cent capacity.

These orders will remain in place for at least three weeks, to Sunday, May 30.

Dr. Roussin urged Manitobans to not just heed these new restrictions but to do whatever they can to limit their contacts in the weeks ahead.

"These public health orders can't be written to guide every aspect of our lives," he pointed out. "We know that we all need to make personal choices to reduce the amount of contacts that are outside our households, and we need to act now."

"I know that Manitobans have done this before and I know we've been doing it now for 14 months, but we need to continue our efforts to keep these numbers down."

The government has upped the cost of fines for people found repeatedly violating public health orders.

Individuals who have received two or more tickets for failing to wear a mask will now pay \$486 for subsequent tickets instead of \$298.

Likewise, individuals who have received two or more tickets for other penalties under the orders will be fined \$2,542 instead of \$1,296.

Also, the penalty for failing to pay a ticket in the required timeframe (default conviction) has been doubled from \$50 to \$100.

Fines for businesses had not changed as of press time.

Winkler FD looking for names for its Wall of Honour



WINKLER FIRE PHOTO

Former firefighter Jeff Zacharias built and installed this Wall of Honour at the Winkler fire hall recently. Now the department is trying to ascertain who some of its earliest members were—specifically those who served between 1906-1951.

Fire dept. looking to ID members who served between 1906-1951

By Ashleigh Viveiros

Winkler Fire Chief Richard Paetzold is doing some historical sleuthing these days.

Thanks to the handiwork of former firefighter Jeff Zacharias, the Winkler Fire Department's new Wall of Honour display is now up at the fire hall.

It has space for the names of the hundreds of men and women who have served our community as firefighters over the past 115 years.

There's only one catch—the department's records only go back to 1952.

"We have everything from '52 to present day ... but we have sparse records before that," Paetzold said.

Since the names are slated to be organized in order of year of service, the department is holding off putting any up until they can try and track down

some of the names of firefighters from those first five decades.

Paetzold has already gotten his hands on the council minutes from those years in the hopes a few names might pop up there.

"Maybe they'll have talked about someone or given an honorarium or a shout-out to somebody," he said.

He's also putting a call out to the community for old newspapers or family records that could help him track down members.

"If they have certificates that got handed out, a plaque maybe—something that pins down a date."

If you have any such documents, you can send copies to the Winkler Fire Department on Facebook or call 204-325-8151 to make other arrangements.

"If we get no feedback then we'll probably just put a plate up for each one of those years and it'll be 'The Unknown Firefighter' for those years," Paetzold said. But he hopes it won't have to come to that for all of those early decades. "We're just trying to preserve some of the history of the department, of the community. We want to show their service to our community is recognized."

Morden lays out its formal drought response plan

By Lorne Stelmach

The City of Morden has set out a formal drought response plan to guide the community on water use restrictions.

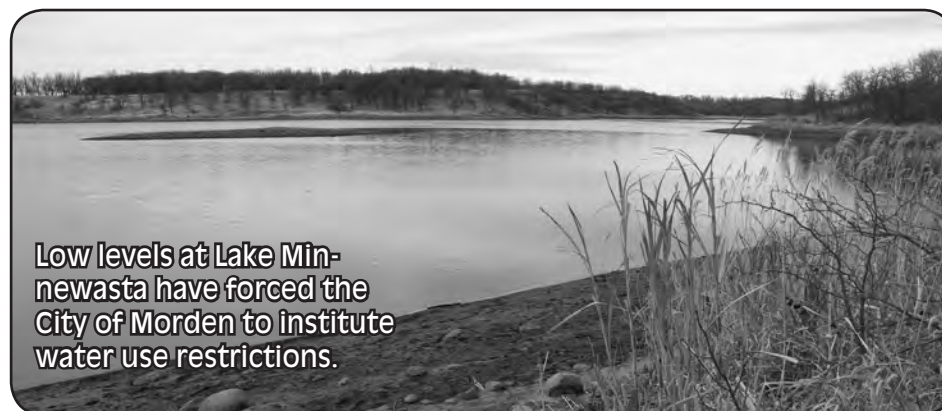
The plan follows guidelines set out through the Pembina Valley Water Cooperative. The recent lake level that was six feet and 10 inches below the full supply level places the city in severe drought condition.

It means there are a range of restrictions and conservation measures now in place, with Mayor Brandon Burley urging residents to fully appreciate and recognize that it is very much an emergency situation.

"It's a bad position for us to be in ... we would need weeks of rain now to really make a difference," he suggested.

"It's an extremely dire situation ... if we get average or below average rain this summer, we're in big trouble by the end of the summer," Burley said. "If you don't need to use the water, just don't use it. We don't want to be put in a position where we're trucking in water by the end of the summer because that would be extremely expensive."

A water level anywhere from 5.5 to



8 feet below full supply level is classified as severe drought stage. The next lower level would be classified as extreme, at which point basically water use is all halted aside from drinking and showering, noted Burley.

"And the next stage beyond that is we shut down the water plant," he noted. "Each stage will have corresponding restrictions that will be mandated ... some of them will be voluntary and will be up to the will of the public."

At severe drought stage, the aim is to get a 25 per cent reduction in peak water use. The measures set out to reach this include:

- Voluntary conservation for all residential and commercial users.
- Non-essential industrial use not permitted.

- Complete restriction on landscape watering.

- Mandatory odd/even schedule for garden watering (odd numbers on Saturdays and Tuesdays; even numbers on Sundays and Wednesdays).

- Morden splash park will not be operated and there is to be no filling of private pools with City of Morden sourced water.

- Activities which result in water spraying or draining are not permitted.

- Washing vehicles not permitted on private residences, only allowed at commercial car washes.

- Agricultural use involving spraying and irrigation not permitted with City of Morden sourced water

- Construction metered use: hours

of operation may be reduced.

- Range of voluntary measures for lodgings and restaurants.

Burley noted the city is looking to get the message out in the community and increase awareness of the need for water conservation and restrictions.

"I think the familiarity with it is growing ... we are going to do some marketing work around it," he said.

"We're also actively exploring various contingency options with regard to potable water and increasing our supply," Burley added, noting they are looking further ahead to see if the city could get more from the water co-op

"We're also doing a line test of our own connection now with the co-op to determine what we can get per second ... we need to find 11 litres per second to satisfy our needs if the plant shuts down," he said. "We don't know that cost yet or the feasibility of it."

"These are the kinds of conversations that we'll be having more of going into the future," said Burley. "If we have to step it all up a bit, we will do that, but right now we can avoid a lot of extra heartbreak if we just all chip in and try to reduce our consumption."

Local esthetics students medal at Skills Manitoba

By Ashleigh Viveiros

Two students from Northlands Parkway Collegiate's esthetics program brought home the hardware last month.

Gr. 12 students Haley Friesen and Viviane Siemens earned gold and bronze medals, respectively, in the job skills demonstration category at the 2021 Skills Manitoba Competition.

The event was held virtually due to the pandemic, and so Friesen and Siemens sent in videos highlighting some of the skills they've learned in the Red River Technical Vocational Area (RRTVA) program.

Friesen, whose home school is Garden Valley Collegiate, showed off her one stroke nail art talents. The technique involves loading a brush with different colours and achieving the desired shading and highlighting in a single stroke.

There's a knack to getting it just right, and Friesen's skill at it earned

her not just first place provincially but also a seat at the Skills Canada National Competition later this month, also being held online.

"I practised for a long time," she said of her preparations for the competition. "And I'll be practising the same skill and perfecting it [for the national event]."

It was a little disappointing not to be able to actually attend the Skills competition in person, but Friesen said it was still a great experience.

"It was really exciting. I had lots of fun competing and it was just a great feeling to win."

She knows the level of competition will be much higher at nationals, but says she's feeling pretty good about her chances. Win or lose, her passion for nail art will remain.

"I love doing nails on people and making clients feel beautiful," Friesen said.

Joining Friesen on the provincial podium was Siemens.



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Hayley Friesen (left) and Viviane Siemens brought home gold and bronze from the 2021 Skills Manitoba Competition last month. Friesen will now compete at the national virtual competition in a few weeks.

The W.C. Miller Collegiate student demonstrated proper eyebrow waxing technique in her Skills video.

"There definitely was a lot of practice going on for this," she said, noting she spent spring break fine-tuning her presentation. "It was very excit-

ing to do all of that, but I was also very nervous."

Siemens plans to pursue a career in esthetics after graduation, perhaps opening her own salon one day.

"Doing services on people has always been my passion," she said.

Regional projects benefiting from BUILD 150 funding

By Lorne Stelmach

A wide array of community organizations and projects throughout the region are among the beneficiaries of a provincial program marking the milestone of Manitoba's 150th birthday.

More than 240 legacy projects across the province have been made possible with \$2.5 million in funding through the BUILD 150 program with support from James Richardson & Sons and affiliated companies as well as Manitoba's 55 community foundations.

With the support of Endow Manitoba, the province's 55 community foundations provided matching funds to develop made-in-Manitoba spaces ranging from new playgrounds and public art to sports equipment and gardens.

These 240 projects will leave a lasting legacy in communities and enhance the lives of Manitobans long into the future, said Monique LaCoste and Stuart Murray, co-chairs of Manitoba 150, in a news release.

"Build 150 is not just about the bricks-and-mortar projects," the duo noted. "It's about the vision of the people and bringing those dreams to reality. Manitobans just keep im-

pressing us with their ideas and their desire to make their communities better."

"It's a good thing when it's outside money like this ... it gives you the freedom to go do it and get it done," said Dale Wiebe, executive director of the Winkler Bible Camp, which received \$5,000 for a four-person low to the ground zipline.

"It is going to be awesome. It is built really, really well," he said. "We're looking forward to having that set up. It's going to be a really nice activity and a ton of fun for the kids."

"For us, the nice thing is that when we do get money to go towards something specifically, it ends up being nice to open and close the project," Wiebe added. "You've got the money to not only start it but finish it."

The Morden fire department has already been making good use of the electric hydraulic extrication tool they purchased thanks to funding of around \$15,000.

"We've used it a lot. It is a valuable addition to our tools," said Chief Andy Thiessen, who also noted it was significant to have the cost entirely covered by this grant.

"The portability of the tool that they purchased for us is amazing. Now we

don't need to have it hooked up to anything, so we can take it down into a valley or use it as a forcible entry tool. There are so many variations in the way we can use it."

"We thought we would have to raise the money, so this was awesome," June Letkeman said of the \$7,500 grant toward the restoration of Plum Coulee's first fire truck.

"We were really excited about getting our hands on this truck," she said, noting how it had been found on a property outside of Winnipeg and 10 Plum Coulee residents each put in \$100 to buy it for \$1,000. The community is now working on restoring the vehicle. "We would like to restore it and put it out on display ... we're going to get it running well enough so that we can drive it in parades."

Meanwhile, the Plum Coulee Prairie View Elevator Museum also received about \$5,000 for the restoration of a historic railway caboose.

"We are very grateful. I can't believe we got so much money for doing something so little," said rep. Linda Dyck, who noted the work will hopefully be done by the end of May if the weather permits.

The south central region had a range of other projects supported by this

funding.

The Pembina Hills Arts Centre in Morden received funding for the flora and fauna of Manitoba public art installation as well as a new pottery wheel and stools for classes and programs.

Pembina Valley Child Care Centres got money for an intercom system for the new day care in Morden while the existing building is getting new roofing on the north side of the facility.

Also supported in Morden was the placement of a park bench and historical plaque overlooking Lake Minnewasta. The plaque will tell the history of the lake and area in relation to being man made by damming up the Dead Horse Creek.

Down the highway, the Pembina Valley Threshermen's Museum received funds to build a foundation for the relocation of a local 100-year-old residence, while Garden Valley School Division in Winkler received money for new play structures at Winkler Elementary and JR Walkof schools.

Other funding in the area went to the Miami cenotaph park, the Nellie McClung Heritage Site in Manitou, and an outdoor skating area and elementary school playground improvements in Plum Coulee.

King Pinz earns crown during Poutine Week



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Explore Morden Winkler's Karina Bueckert (left) and Liz Hildebrand presented King Pinz chef Andre Carvalho with the award for best poutine for Poutine Week, as chosen by customers.

By Lorne Stelmach

King Pinz Pub and Grill in Winkler now has more bragging rights after having been crowned as the champion of the Explore Morden Winkler Poutine Week.

Their first-place finish follows the restaurant having won the honours for Burger Week and then coming in second for Pizza Week earlier this year.

"It's definitely very satisfying. I have a great team that put in extra hours and helped pull this along," said head chef Andre Carvalho after receiving

the certificate last week.

Their Candy Bacon Delight Poutine featuring double coated crunchy fries with cheese curds, smoked Gouda cheese, thick gravy, french fried onions, sweet brown sauce drizzle, and soft candied bacon cubes was voted the best by customers.

Coming in second was Pizza Week winner Valley Bakery with its caramelized pineapple churro poutine. Third place went to Flavors of Mexico for their Don Omar's Poutine creation.

The creativity shown all around from the 30 participating restaurants led to a record-breaking week which

saw over \$174,000 in sales and 13,391 orders of poutine.

"They were all phenomenal ... they were all so different," said Karina Bueckert, a Winkler city councillor and Explore Morden Winkler board member. "We're very excited ... we didn't know if we could beat the numbers ... we were able to exceed the numbers from last time.

"I had 27 orders. I did not finish the full orders myself, but I did try 27, and it was crazy," she added with a chuckle.

Bueckert is just thankful that it proved to be yet another great opportunity to support local businesses that have been hit hard by the ongoing pandemic restrictions.

"It's not necessarily about the competition ... it's about community support," she said.

"We're very, very thankful that all of these restaurants stepped in ... I don't know if we're going to have to cap it at some point or just extend it," observed Bueckert. "We know that the industry has been hit, we know that a lot of them have been financially impacted in the last year, so we're very happy to be able to do whatever we can to bring in the dollars."

Carvalho said their poutine entry, just like their previous burger and pizza creations, was very much a collaborative effort.

"The idea behind it was a team effort. Every time we have entered one of the contests, we actually have a round table and everybody pitches in some ideas."

He laughed at the recollection of when he operated a restaurant in Brazil and thought he had come up with something extra special when he combined meat from braised short ribs with gravy, potatoes, and cheese.

"That was my proud dish. We were selling lots of that," he said. "When I came to Canada the first time in 2016, I was heartbroken because then I found out about poutine. It existed already.

"I think poutine is really nice. The way I see it, it's meat on potatoes, and everybody loves that, right? It's such a comfort food, and I think that's what grabs people. It's so rich, so homey."

Carvalho echoed Bueckert in noting that the promotional week was yet another very welcome boost for local businesses.

"I find this involvement, this community involvement, so deep, and it is so satisfying to see everybody involved ... even our competitors, we're just enjoying each other's poutine and trying it out," he said. "I think the community involvement is just great around here.

"I'm lucky that I have such supportive bosses and lucky that I have my crew."



Local minister speaks out about protests

By Lorne Stelmach

A long-time minister in Morden was speaking out last week in response to the ongoing court challenge by a number of churches over the ongoing public health orders.

Contrary to what is being claimed by those involved in the court case, including the Christian Church of Morden and the Pembina Valley Baptist Church in Winkler, our religious freedoms are not being restricted, maintained Michael Pahl.

The former minister of the Morden Mennonite Church and now execu-

tive minister for Mennonite Church Manitoba spoke out on Twitter.

"I am not being persecuted. And, my Christian siblings in Manitoba, neither are you," wrote Pahl in one of his tweets.

"I, a Christian in Manitoba, am not being persecuted. I can freely proclaim and live out the good news of Jesus, of God's reign of love and justice and peace come near. I can freely love God and love my neighbours in the way of Jesus."

In an interview with the *Voice* last week, Pahl noted he has been active on Twitter for some time before sud-

denly gaining attention for his most recent messages.

He said he was motivated to weigh in on the hot-button topic because he "recognized that the perspective being put out there just doesn't represent most Christians and most churches throughout Manitoba."

He expressed a level of frustration that "these amplified voices just don't represent most Christians in the area.

"I know most churches in Morden in particular are doing their best and have done their best to follow the restrictions and be the church within those restrictions."

While he may be sympathetic to the idea that people are eager to be able to come together again, Pahl said he particularly wanted to speak to Christians who may be wondering if there is some merit to what these particular churches are doing and saying in defying public health orders.

"I was wanting to speak to people who may be on the fence or just need some encouragement to keep on going and to say this is the right thing for us to do as Christians, keep on following the guidelines, gathering

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A glimpse inside the architect's mind

By Ashleigh Viveiros

An exhibit on display at Winkler Arts and Culture last week featured projects from seven homegrown architects.

WAC's Architecture Exhibit took viewers through the art of designing a building and included models, sketches, and plans from Verne Reimer, Tracy Wieler, Alden Neufeld, Jeff Penner, Richard Derksen, Michael Banman, and David Enns.

"We've had so many architects come out of this area that are successful and [architecture] is a route of some artistic abilities and talents, so I thought why not have a show to exhibit that?" says WAC director Ray Derksen on the development of the show, which was open to the public until Sunday's tightened public health orders closed art galleries in Manitoba until at least month's end.

Architecture is most certainly a kind of art, Derksen stresses.

"This is part of separating the idea that art is just painting and sculpting," he says. "It just shows there are so many levels of art."

It's a sentiment echoed by Richard Derksen, Ray's brother, one of the participating architects.

"I think there's always a debate as to whether architecture is art or not because art is usually a person that has total freedom to express what they want to express, whereas architecture is almost always a collaboration of more than one person, especially on larger projects.

"But I think it can be a form of art," he continues, adding that it's one that needs to stand the test of time, remaining in a community potentially for generations. "We all have to look at it. If it's not aesthetically thought out well then it can be a problem ... [versus] a building that contributes to the urban fabric."

Derksen opted to highlight an especially personal project with his submission to the show: his plans for an expansion to his own home.

"In Winnipeg there's a lot of what they call post-war homes, which are one and a half storey and they're quite small and quite plain," he says. "We moved into this one and we thought, 'It's just a little too small.'"

The expansion added 400 sq. ft. to the 1,200 sq. ft. home and the exhibit took viewers through the entire planning and design process.

"It really makes the home a more livable

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Winkler Arts and Culture's May show shone a spotlight on the work of seven homegrown architects, taking viewers through the creativity and design work needed to bring a variety of projects to fruition. Above: Ray Derksen's submission to the show included a model and plans for an expansion to his own home. Left: A peek inside architect Jeff Penner's sketchbook.



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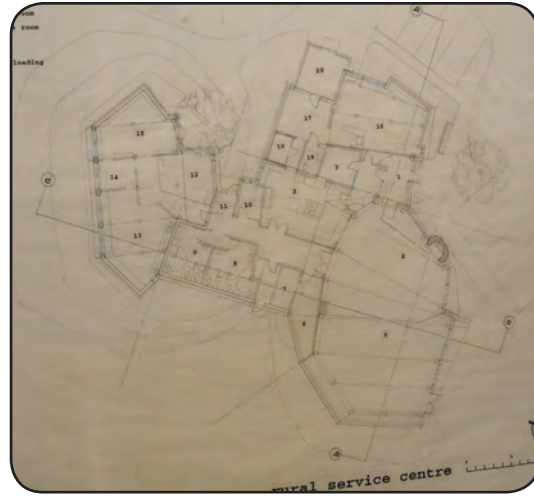


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space,” Derksen says, adding he hopes it gives people a relatable look at the work an architect can do and that the show as a whole might inspire people to reconsider their preconceptions about the field.

Verne Reimer also selected a residential project for his submission.

He was tasked nearly 40 years ago with creating a home in the Pembina hills for a local school teacher. The award-winning project was dubbed “The House for an Eccentric Bachelor,” though Reimer was later asked to re-envision the space as a family home.

“For my piece, I wanted it to be something that I did myself, drew myself,” Reimer says, explaining his company has overseen many impressive projects during his lengthy career, but this house was something he designed personally for a friend. “It’s my piece of art.”

The home was designed to be very modern-

looking at the time, with lots of open living spaces, natural light, and the latest (for the ‘80s) in remote-controlled entertainment systems.

Architecture is a unique career, to be sure, Reimer observes, noting it’s a wonderful mix of problem-solving, teamwork, the science of construction, and creativity.

“All of the architects who are in this show are intrigued with the idea—what is the idea of this building, what is the concept, why is this really a meaningful concept and, in turn, how will this make it a meaningful building?”

“You always want it to be very creative. You don’t want it to be just ordinary ... that’s the most interesting thing about architecture, is to try and conceive of something that’s interesting and creative and hopefully unique, innovative.”



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The Architecture Exhibit at the Winkler Arts and Culture Centre last week featured work from seven architects who grew up in the Morden-Winkler area.



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However, not everyone has a backyard or enough green space on their property for a regular garden. Fortunately, many of the vegetables you might plant in your yard can thrive in pots on your balcony or patio.

Here are just some of the many vegetables that can be grown in containers:

- Tomatoes
- Peppers
- Eggplants
- Green onions
- Radishes

Once you've selected your vegetables, choose pots with good drainage and enough depth to accommodate the plant's growth. You'll also need to water your vegetables every day and ensure they get enough sunlight.

Finally, it's best to use potting soil for your balcony garden, as it contains more nutrients than other types and can help prevent root rot.



When spring arrives, it's important to check the exterior of your home to ensure it hasn't been damaged over the winter. Here are five things you should check.

1. The roof. A visual inspection from the ground or a window will indicate if repairs are needed. In particular, look for missing shingles. Also, check the gutters and downspouts for signs of water damage or debris.
2. Gutters and spouts. Ensure they are properly attached to the house and that water is flowing freely. Remove any debris that has accumulated.
3. Foundation. Examine the foundation for signs of water damage or cracking. Moisture can cause big problems, so look for any signs of degradation as possible.

4. Balcony. Check the railing and boards. Wash the balcony thoroughly with a hose. Replace any missing or damaged boards. We need every inch of surface area to be safe.
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AT HOME

Spring maintenance: 5 key things to inspect outside your home

When spring arrives, it's important to inspect the exterior of your home to make sure it hasn't been damaged over the winter. Here are five key things you should check.

1. The roof. A visual inspection from the ground or a window will indicate if immediate repairs are needed. In particular, look out for curled, wavy or missing shingles. Also, check the ceilings inside your house for signs of water infiltration.

2. Gutters and spouts. Make sure they're still firmly attached to the house and that nothing is blocking water from flowing through them. Remove any debris that's accumulated over the winter.

3. Foundation. Examine the concrete for cracks or signs of water damage. Even the smallest fissure can cause big problems for your home. If you see any signs of degradation, schedule a repair as soon as possible.

4. Balcony or patio. Clean your deck thoroughly and secure any loose boards. Wood patios should be stained every one to three years. If it needs to be done this spring, sand the surface and apply your chosen stain.

5. Windows and doors. Check the caulking around each window and door, and replace it if necessary. Inspect wooden frames to make sure they don't show signs of water infiltration or rot.

If you notice any major damage during your inspection, be sure to contact local contractors to help you with any and all repairs that are needed!

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3 springtime home improvement projects

1. Upgrade the landscaping. Spring is the perfect time to upgrade flower beds and walkways or even install a pool or hot tub. Your garden will have time to grow in and you'll be able to enjoy your new outdoor space all summer long.



2. Rebuild or refinish the deck. If your deck has seen better days, this is the ideal time to repair or rebuild it. Consider expanding it to create zones for eating, cooking and relaxing.

3. Replace the siding. If your siding took a beating over the winter, now's the right time to replace it. Choose a quality product and consider using a more modern colour. Cool tones like grey, blue and green have been popular in recent years.



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“We’ve expanded and added product to make a go of it,” he said, noting he has seen a bit of a boom over the past year or so. “I have found that in the last six months or so for sure. There are new accounts that I have been getting. They appreciate that the water that I can provide is a naturally alkaline spring water.

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Weeding with fire

By Ashleigh Viveiros

Firefighters are usually tasked with putting fires out, but last week the Winkler department was called into action for the opposite job.

WFD spent a couple evenings last week doing controlled burns at the Discovery Nature Sanctuary on the eastern edge of the city.

Controlled fires help get rid of non-native plants so the native ones can thrive, explained Chief Richard Paetzold.

“Wildfires are nature’s way of re-

juvenating and to weed, essentially,” he said, going on to explain that a planned fire gives them more control over the scale of the blaze. “There is a technique to it, of course. You want to do it in a controlled manner because if you don’t it can overtake things.

“One of the techniques we use is we set down a wet line ahead of time. Basically you create a fire guard to work from and then you always burn into the wind ... so that it’s controllable.

Firefighters all along the burn line kept a close eye on the fire to ensure only a few pre-selected areas of the



WINKLER FIRE PHOTOS

Winkler firefighters were keeping a close eye on a controlled burn they started in the Discovery Nature Sanctuary last week.

sanctuary were affected.

“We never take too many bites,” Paetzold said.

Paetzold noted they have a very small window do this kind of burn this spring.

“Our window is closing again until

the fire danger level will go where it’s unsafe to do that,” he said, pointing out they were also aiming to get it done before the birds were settled into their nests for the summer.

“We don’t want any fried eggs,” he joked.



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With their usual fundraising events not possible this year, Judy Stambuski is looking for some financial help from the community to get flowers into the gardens in front of the Boundary Trails Health Centre.

BTHC flower patches need some funding

By Lorne Stelmach

A fundraising effort is underway to make it possible again to have a display of flower gardens to greet people arriving at Boundary Trails Health Centre.

Volunteer organizer Judy Stambuski is calling on the community to support the effort as the pandemic restrictions mean they will not be able to do the usual plant sale and barbecue fundraisers for a second straight year.

"This year, like last year, we have to look to the public for donations in order to fund all those flowers," said Stambuski.

"It takes quite a bit to fill it all up ... we probably raise upwards of around \$3,000," she estimated. "It depends on what kind of flowers I pick, how many perennials, how many bags of chips and manure and fertilizer. The fertilizer is a big thing for me because it keeps the flowers looking good. I use a lot of it, and it's not cheap."

The project has been a labour of love for Stambuski for many years going back to when she worked at the new hospital for a short time before retiring.

"I've done this pretty much since Boundary Trails opened the doors,

maybe a year or two after," she recalled. "I didn't really like all of the stones in front of the building, and I thought we could make it look much better."

She is grateful for the volunteer program that has been in place to help with the ongoing maintenance of the gardens.

"We have about five Hutterite colonies around us and they have each said that they would come weekly or every two weeks ... they keep our flower beds looking immaculate and free of weeds," noted Stambuski. "The Miami colony raises the flowers for us which I purchase from them, but their colony comes down and they plant all of the flowers for us as well. We're very thankful for all of the colonies for helping us keep the grounds looking so nice."

A host of local businesses and individuals stepped up to support the project financially last year, and Stambuski is optimistic the community will come through for them again.

"The community itself has been very good as well for donating for flowers," she added.

Anyone interested in making a donation can call or text Stambuski at 204-362-0618.

Grandeur Housing wins national award for net zero home

By Lorne Stelmach

Grandeur Housing is the recipient of a national award for its innovative design of a net zero modular home.

The Winkler manufacturer Friday landed one of the annual Housing Excellence Awards that are regarded as the "Oscars" of the industry for Canadian home builders, designers and renovators.

The company was selected as the winner in the modular innovation category by the Canadian Home Builders Association (CHBA).

It was judged on innovation, exterior and interior design, functionality of the home's floor plan, and special features, and company officials saw it as affirmation for their vision with the project.

"It's a bit of a leap forward," suggested quality control manager Cory Warms.

He noted that there was a target to adopt net zero guidelines as part of the national building code by 2030, so Grandeur Housing is ahead of the curve.

"Grandeur wanted to kind of do an

experiment to see if we could hit that now already and do it modularly," said Warms.

"This award is going to go a long way to kind of spread the word about what the possibilities of modular building are and we're now already seeing that we are going to be able to hit the national building code requirements for 2030."

Grandeur put together a 1,584 sq. ft. house in Winkler that used common building materials, innovative modular construction techniques, and net zero requirements to create an incredibly energy-efficient building.

The project dubbed "Humble Perfection" isn't off-grid but rather is able to actually send energy back into the grid to offset the power it draws from it. It does this through the use of features like solar panels.

The design of the house itself is equally as important as it includes higher wall and roof insulation values, energy-efficient windows, LED light fixtures and a high-efficiency heating and cooling system.

The company is now monitoring how



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This home in Winkler earned Grandeur Housing a Housing Excellence Award in modular innovation from the Canadian Home Builders Association.

the building performs in the hopes of improving future projects. They expect that there will be more and more net zero homes in the years ahead as costs to build them come down.

"It's the first modular building in Manitoba to be certified as a net zero home," noted Warms, who only sees more people becoming aware and interested in net zero as it becomes more affordable. "We've got that ability to do that now."

The company as a whole takes a lot

of pride in the project and welcomes the recognition.

"It's a huge honour to receive this kind of recognition from your peers within the building industry," Warms said. "It's a national award, so this is across Canada that you get this recognition. Any time you can get that and have your name put out there across Canada as an innovative builder, that's just good advertising and good for the company."

Remote learning for schools in Winnipeg, Brandon

By Voice staff

Schools in Winnipeg and Brandon are moving to remote learning this week.

Education Minister Cliff Cullen announced the move over the weekend, which saw the province's daily COVID-19 case count hit 529 on Sunday.

"Keeping schools open and safe for students, staff and families has been at the forefront of our COVID-19 response planning, and our priority has been to have students in classrooms with face-to-face instruction to the greatest extent possible," the minister said. "However, increased transmission of the variants of concern, increased case numbers in larger centres and rising numbers of cases in younger people means we are moving to remote learning in Winnipeg and Brandon to better protect students, families, teachers and staff."

At press time, other schools in the province were still operating as usual, with a few additional measures put into effect:

- Schools with multiple cases of the virus (outside of the same household) will be moved to remote learning.

- School officials can require students and staff who are showing symptoms to stay home for 10 days

and encourage them to seek testing. Household members without symptoms should also self-isolate until the sick individual's test result is received.

- All extra-curricular activities, organized sports and off-site activities are suspended, as is indoor singing and indoor use of wind instruments.

"While some of these people may not have caught the virus in school or spread it to others in schools because they were self-isolating at home, the rising case numbers mean we need to

take steps now to break the cycle of transmission and reduce case counts," said Dr. Brent Roussin, chief provincial public health officer. "Public health officials will continue to work with school leadership to actively monitor the situation, and move additional schools outside Winnipeg and Brandon to remote learning if and when the data indicates it is needed."

Cullen noted schools in full remote learning will be able to accommodate K-6 children of critical services work-

ers who cannot make alternative care arrangements if they are not required to self-isolate.

In addition, schools will also be able to accommodate K-12 high-risk students and those with special needs.

As of Monday, child care facilities remain open, including sites in Winnipeg and Brandon, though children who are on remote learning at school should not attend child care facilities before or after school hours.

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restrictions, wearing masks, getting vaccinated and all of that," said Pahl.

"It's the specific language that is being used in the court challenge," he continued, explaining why he wanted to frame his message in the language of freedom.

"That's the one thing that struck me because the Christian view of freedom is that we are free to love our neighbours. We've been freed from all of these things that may keep us from doing that, to be able to love our neighbours, and that is Jesus's greatest commandment, to love God by loving our neighbours as ourselves," said Pahl.

"I think that's what real Christian freedom is about," he continued. "It's not about whatever political freedoms any government might give or not give, it's about that freedom to be able to follow Jesus in caring for the vulnerable and walking in solidarity."

Pahl said he has received positive feedback from a number of people, and while he would be open to engaging with these other church leaders in question, that is not his main interest.

"My primary goal is not really to speak to the people who are making these kinds of decisions ... they have

their own reasons ... it's more for the folks who may be on the fence or are not sure what to think about all of this or need some encouragement," said Pahl.

"If you are following these guidelines, you are following the way of Jesus. I want to encourage people who are doing that."

The court hearing, in which a judge will decide whether or not the ongoing lockdowns are unjustified and contrary to the rights and freedoms laid out in the Canadian Charter, continues in Winnipeg this week.

Eden, local biz pay it forward with free bike tune-ups

By Ashleigh Viveiros

in Morden-Winkler, and Eden Health Care Services got in on the fun last week.

Pay It Forward Month is in full swing



The agency teamed up with Winkler Co-op, Country Cycle, Time-Out Sports, and Tinker Creek Cycle to offer free bike tune-ups from the parking lot of the Co-op grocery store in Winkler May 5.

“Pay It Forward Month is May and we chose this particular week of that month to get involved with this because it’s also Mental Health Week,” noted Eden Foundation director of development Earl Reimer.

“We have long been convinced that riding bike is very good for mental health,” he said, noting one of the agency’s most popular fundraisers each year is the Head for the Hills bike ride.

Given their connection to the local cyclist community, offering free tune-ups is a fitting way thank that commu-

nity for their support of Eden’s many programs and services.

“It’s our way, collectively, of giving back to the community and paying it forward,” Reimer said. “And people, frankly, have been generous in turn. We’ve had people dropping off coffee ... it’s kind of neat when it comes around like that.”

None of it would be possible without the support of the local businesses who provided Eden with the space and the manpower to do it, Reimer added.

“We’re all working together and we’re fixing bikes for free,” he said.

The event, which organizers cleared with health officials in advance, was held outdoors and all physical distancing, mask, and gathering restrictions were observed.

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Mike Dobson from Time-Out Sports at work on one of the bikes brought in for a free tune-up courtesy of Pay It Forward May last week.

WFRC launching new after-school care program

By Ashleigh Viveiros

The Winkler Family Resource Centre (WFRC) is branching out in a big way with a new program launching this fall.

The early childhood education centre’s first After School Program kicks off this September. Registration for it opens on Monday, May 17.

The need for after-school care for school age kids whose parents are still at work at the end of the school day has been a persistent one in the community, says WFRC executive director Cathy Savage.

“I have gotten calls from parents about this since I started at the centre five years ago,” she noted.

Earlier this year, the centre applied for and received a Childcare Expansion Fund Grant from the Province of Manitoba for after-school programming. They also got the green light from the Emmanuel Mennonite Church—which the centre has called home for the past few years—to use their fellowship hall and Sunday School classrooms on school days until 6 p.m.

“I’m super excited about this,” Savage said, noting they’ll be hiring a program coordinator and a pair of staff members to oversee the service.

They’re also looking at creating a volunteer base and are reaching out to the high schools, Regional Connections, and the community for extra

help.

“It’s a great opportunity for students to get their volunteer credits or get some experience working with kids,” Savage said.

Staff and volunteers will provide programming geared towards meeting a student’s needs, which will include help with homework, reading buddies, games and activities, and outdoor fun.

The program will also be offering “Walking School Buses” from nearby Parkland School and Pine Ridge School to the church, which is located just down the road on 15th St. A program staff member and a volunteer will meet kids at those schools each afternoon to walk them to the WFRC, making it easier for working parents.

“WFRC is so pleased to be able to offer a program that is so desperately needed for working parents who don’t have family or friends to rely on,” noted board chair Tina Fehr Kehler. “Many can’t just call on Mom or Auntie to care for their school-age children until they can get home from work.

“We are so thankful to the Manitoba government who provided the needed funds and for Emmanuel Mennonite Church for opening up their building to the community in this way.”

The program will cost \$12 per day for the first child and \$11 for a second child. It runs only when schools are open and will not be offered on ear-

ly dismissal or noon hour dismissal days.

There is space for 30 kids right now, though the program could potentially grow in future years.

“We’re going to run the program for

a year and see how it goes, and then hopefully we can build on it the following year,” says Savage.

Registration information will be available online at www.winklerfamilyresourcecentre.com.

Two ticketed at Winkler rally

By Voice staff

Two people have thus far been ticketed in connection with the Manitoba Freedom Rally held in Winkler earlier this month.

A group of people protesting Manitoba’s COVID-19 public health orders gathered in the Parkland on May 1, violating gathering restrictions.

Four tickets were also handed out at the rally at the Winnipeg Law Courts on May 3. Court hearings are underway there on the legality of the public health orders issued over the past year for the pandemic.

Enforcement officials note that investigations continue for both these events and that additional charges are expected.

The above tickets didn’t quite make the cut for the province’s weekly enforcement update May 4, which noted that a total of 112 tickets and 58 warnings had been issued for the

week of April 26 to May 2.

The breakdown includes 42 tickets of \$1,296 to individuals for various offences, 12 \$298 tickets to individuals for failure to wear a mask in indoor public places, and four \$5,000 tickets to businesses.

Officials advise 33 of the 42 \$1,296 tickets issued were in relation to gatherings in private residences or outdoors, while nine tickets were issued for failure to self-isolate.

The report also notes that 20 tickets have been issued so far for a large rally held at The Forks in Winnipeg on April 25.

Since enforcement efforts began in April 2020, a total of 4,008 warnings and 1,294 tickets have been issued, resulting in nearly \$1.8 million in fines to businesses and individuals.

Updated enforcement statistics are posted online weekly at <https://manitoba.ca/openmb/infomb/departments/index.html#cdr>.

Artist working with Pilot Mound on new mural

By Lorne Stelmach

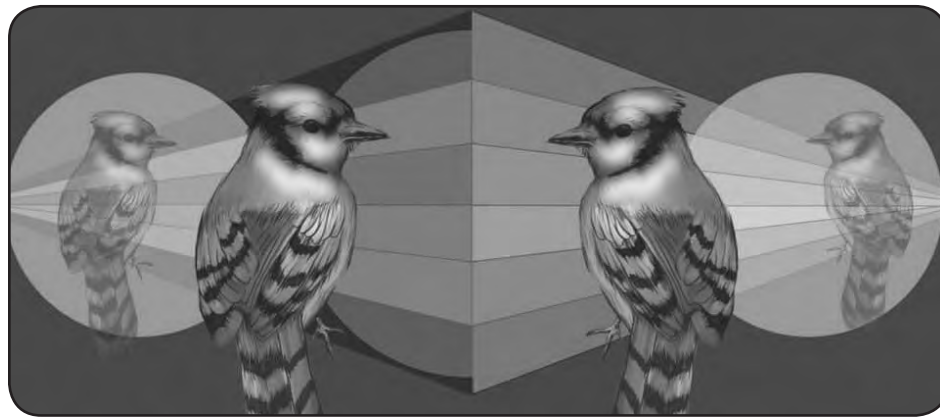
A Manitoba 150 initiative is pairing up Pilot Mound with an artist to provide the community with an outdoor mural.

The Pembina Valley town was one of seven communities selected for the Mural 150 program, which is an initiative supported by CWB National Leasing in partnership with the Wall-to-Wall Mural & Culture Festival's rural mural tour.

Synonym Art Consultation, which is one of the organizers of Wall-to-Wall, aimed to connect each of the seven communities with a contemporary Manitoba artist who will work with that community to share their unique story.

"This is all kind of helping us create a beautiful public space for people to sit and enjoy," said Bill Tiessen of United Community Arts, which is working with Storm Angecneb, an Indigenous artist from Treaty Three Territory at Lac Seul First Nation. "It's a fantastic project. We've have perfect space for it, it's going to be very visible. We have a huge wall it's going to go on to here."

"I was really excited about it. I get to work with people from the community to create something that they want to see," said Angecneb. "I like the fact that I get work with the community, and the community is going to be giv-



ing me input on what they want to see in the mural."

Over the past few years, her artwork has been featured throughout Winnipeg. Much of her work includes animals and birds as representations of herself or those close to her, but this will be a different way of working as an artist as she will truly be going into it with a blank canvas in the sense of consulting with those who call Pilot Mound home.

"I just really want to gain from the experience," said Angecneb, who noted some ideas have already emerged from their discussions to date, including incorporating wildlife.

"I was hoping to have a design finished and approved by this week. I'm really eager to get going on it," she said, adding she would like to actually get working on it by the end of the month if possible. "I really want

to have something that everyone will like as part of the mural."

"We were really of one mind when we saw the various artists who were presented to us ... and we all really settled on Storm and her style. It really was a good fit for our community," suggested Tiessen. "We've had some great back and forth already about the design, so it's going to be exciting to see how it all comes together."

With the support of program sponsor CWB National Leasing, Wall-to-Wall removed the need for communities to contribute funding and also expanded from five to seven communities by providing original, commissioned art that would be created and later installed on site.

"Who knew that COVID could change a program for the better? We are delighted to bring art to more communities and at no cost to those



SUPPLIED PHOTOS

Thanks to the Mural 150 program, artist Storm Angecneb is working on a mural for the community of Pilot Mound. Left: A look at one of Angecneb's past pieces.

communities," said Manitoba 150 co-chairs, Monique LaCoste and Stuart Murray.

"Communities across the province will encounter beauty and art on a daily basis, and have new opportunities for telling the story of their people, history and culture. Each piece will tell the story of the community in which it resides, and will inspire art, storytelling and pride of place for all who see and visit the murals."

Provincial music and arts festival moves online

By Voice staff

The Associated Manitoba Arts Festivals' Provincial Music & Arts Festival will be a virtual experience this year.

Participants are invited to send in videos of their performances in seven solo disciplines: voice, piano, strings, classical guitar, woodwinds, brass, and percussion. There are also classes in

Canadian composers and Mozart, musical theatre and Gilbert & Sullivan, chamber group, and speech arts.

Each division features five skill levels of competition: preliminary, junior, intermediate, advanced, and senior.

Due to the fact so many community music festivals were cancelled in 2021, the provincial

event is offering direct entry classes for performers wanting to participate without having received an adjudicator recommendation at their local festival.

Entrants will have the chance, virtually, to view the videos of fellow class performers and receive written and verbal adjudications.

The deadline for entries is Thursday, May 20. Entry forms are available online at www.amaf.mb.ca.

Non-profits benefitting from Green Team funding

By Voice staff

A host of local non-profit groups are getting a helping hand this summer thanks to Green Team funding from the provincial government.

The Morden-Winkler area specifically is benefitting from over \$59,000 in funding to hire youth age 15-29 for the summer. Funding covers 50 per cent of the wages for municipal governments and 100 per cent for non-profits.

Some of the organizations receiving support include The Bunker, Canadian Fossil Discovery Centre, the cities of Morden and Winkler, GVSD, Katie Cares, Genesis House, and the Stanley Soil Management Association.

A number of agencies in the Borderland area are also hiring students thanks to Green Team funding, including the Pembina Valley Water Co-op and the Trans Canada Trail Committee, among others.

"Our PC government recognizes the value of supporting community-based organizations and providing youth with critical work experience and income during these challenging times," Morden-Winkler MLA Cameron Friesen and Borderland MLA Josh Guenter both said in a statement. "These grants are a strong investment in our youth by helping them get involved in our communities and parks while kick-starting their career prospects."

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Walk for Alzheimer's online for a second year

By Ashleigh Viveiros

The Alzheimer Society of Manitoba is asking you to lace up your shoes and hit the road this month in support of local families living with dementia.

The IG Wealth Management Walk for Alzheimer's is taking place virtually once again this year. They're asking people to sign up online individually or as a team, collect pledges, and then head out for a walk at a time of your choosing.

The money raised goes to help the Alzheimer Society continue to meet the needs of people living with dementia and their caregivers, explains regional coordinator Kathy Fehr, who is based out of the society's offices in Winkler.

"We have to raise 85 per cent of our funds, of all of our funds as the Alzheimer Society of Manitoba, and this has been our big fundraiser for years," she said, stressing the donations stay in the communities in which they're made.



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The society has had to pivot to online programming over the past year. Fehr says they've been running their Minds in Motion activity session online and also have a pair of support groups for people with dementia meeting regularly via Zoom.

"It's amazing the relationships that they've built there," she said. "I was probably the biggest pessimist in thinking that that wouldn't work, but it's been amazing."

Fehr also spends a lot of time fielding calls from and making calls to caregivers and people with dementia looking for help in navigating what can be an overwhelming journey.

"We still get a lot of calls, do a lot of reaching out to try and contact all of our clients every three months or six months, depending on what they want," she said. "I have some that want me to reach out to them weekly and I do that as well to give them the

support that they need."

Traditionally, Salem Home in Winkler and Tabor Home in Morden hosted community walks to support these services each spring, but with restrictions being what they are this year that's simply not possible.

Fehr hopes the community at large—including, perhaps, people who have never before made it out to the organized walk—will step forward to fill the gap.

"We're hoping that another age demographic will be able to step up and help us out," she said. "You can walk, you can run, you can form a team and challenge each other or work together towards a common goal."

Registration details are available online at WalkForAlzheimers.ca. Participants are also encouraged to spread the word on social media using #IG-WalkForAlz and to join the live broadcast on the Alzheimer Society of Canada's Facebook page on Sunday, May 30 to view stories from walk participants across the country.

Cargill gifts \$400K for new STARS helicopters

By Voice staff

STARS is \$400,000 closer to replacing its aging fleet of helicopters thanks to a grant from Cargill.

The global corporation's gift will be used by the non-profit air ambulance to help purchase nine new, medically-equipped Airbus H145 helicopters at a cost of \$13 million each.

The aircraft will deliver critical care to patients across Manitoba, Saskatchewan, Alberta and parts of Brit-

ish Columbia for the next 30 or more years, STARS has said.

"Our supporters ride along with us on every mission, and we're so thankful our allies are helping us renew our fleet, particularly through these challenging times, when community support is so critical to our operations," said president and CEO Andrea Robertson in announcing the Cargill funding.

"These new aircraft are a generational investment in our ability to

fight for the lives of Western Canadians for decades to come, and we're exceedingly thankful to Cargill for their financial support and leadership."

STARS has been flying missions in the new H145 aircraft from two of its bases since mid-2019. Thanks to government, community, and corporate support, they hope to see the remainder of the new fleet delivered by 2022.

Cargill is pleased to be able to lend them a hand in reaching that goal.

"At Cargill the safety of others is

guided by our values of putting people first and doing the right thing. Safety extends well beyond our employees to our customers and the communities where we operate," said Jeff Vassart, president of Cargill Limited. "We are proud to support STARS and the critical emergency care they provide to rural and remote communities when it's needed most."

For more information about STARS' fleet renewal project, head to fightinflight.ca.



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Stay safe while out on off-road vehicles: RCMP

By Voice staff

Planning on heading out on an off-road vehicle (ORV) now that the nice weather seems here to stay?

Manitoba RCMP urge you to keep both safety and the law of the land in mind as you head out for adventure.

"While great fun, and a great way to explore Manitoba, it is important for riders to know the laws governing ORV use for everyone's safety as well as everyone's outdoor enjoyment," police say, noting most of the laws pertaining to ORVs can be found in the Off Road Vehicles Act.

Here are some general rules to keep in mind:

- Anyone under the age of 14 must have direct supervision of a parent or legal guardian who is a minimum of 18 years of age. Youth over the age of 14 can ride without parental supervision, but cannot cross a roadway until they obtain a valid driver's licence.

- ORVs are not to be operated on roadways, shoulders, medians of divided roadways, or sidewalks

- ORVs are permitted to be in the ditch, provided travel is in the same direction as vehicle traffic, the ORV is to the right of the roadway and the shoulder, and the ORV is being operated in an area where ORV use is permitted. Always remember to be on the lookout for hazards in the ditch, such

as culverts, driveway approaches, and road signs

- No riding on privately owned or leased land without permission, within 30 metres of a dwelling that is not yours between midnight and 7 a.m., within 30 metres of a playground or area set aside for recreation that is not fully fenced, in a careless manner, without reasonable consideration for other persons and property, or on environmentally sensitive areas and wetlands easily damaged by churning wheels.

- When conditions are dry, use caution, as sparks from an ORV can ignite grass and branches, starting a fire.

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Orioles set to fly high

By Lorne Stelmach

High hopes are always abundant at training camp, but Pembina Valley Orioles general manager Jim Odlum was genuinely optimistic last week as the Manitoba Junior Baseball League team put players through their paces.

Odlum sees a lot of potential for a roster that could have a good mix of veteran and younger talent this summer.

"There's lots of new guys and some returning guys, so I think it's looking good," Odlum said at the start of day two of training camp last Wednesday evening. "We've got a great group of guys out again, so I think we should be a super competitive team again."

The team hopes to build on what had been a promising season last year before it came to an end in the first round of the playoffs.

Pembina Valley ended up with a 14-7 record, which put them one back of the 15-6 Altona Bisons in second place and two behind the 16-5 Elmwood Giants in first.

The Orioles had a league best 9-1 home record, and their offence led the way with a league best 149 runs while giving up 104, which was fourth best.

The pandemic shortened season came to a premature end for the team, however, when they bowed out in three games in their best-of-three quarterfinal against the sixth place Interlake Blue Jays.

"Hopefully we can get a little further in the playoffs this year," said Odlum.

The Orioles had a good core of top talent last year with Tristan Peters, who was not only rookie of the year but batting champion as well.

One of those key players who won't be playing, however, is Tyson Pringle, who was the league's top left-handed pitcher last season but is out for this year due to a knee injury.

Training camp last week saw a good array of new players from not only around Winkler and Morden but such communities as Killarney, Souris, and Reston, among others.

"The league expanded to allow one year older, so major players from last



PHOTOS BY LORNE STELMACH/VOICE

Pembina Valley Orioles veterans and rookies took to the Morden baseball field last week for spring training camp ahead of the season starting, hopefully next month.

year are returning ... so basically we should be missing just a couple players from last year," suggested Odlum.

A lot of what they were looking for in the tryouts was not even so much the talent but the attitude.

"We told them what we expect, and I think they all buy in," Odlum said.

"We want respect for the coaches; that's one thing. They all did that last year, and I don't expect anything different this year," he continued. "We just want guys to go out and try their best. We want them to have respect for the game and play the game how it should be played."

"We also try to make a really good atmosphere here for the boys and make it kind of like a family ... we want to make the guys want to be here."

The season was tentatively scheduled to get underway this weekend with the Orioles playing a double-header against Carillon, but the recent public health orders have now pushed things back to June.

"There is still uncertainty, but it looks like the season will go ahead. We're still waiting for final word from Baseball Manitoba on whatever restrictions we will have and what we can and can't do," he said. "We're looking forward to be able to get going. We want to put on a good show for our fans."

"THERE IS STILL UNCERTAINTY, BUT IT LOOKS LIKE THE SEASON WILL GO AHEAD."



John Klassen named Basketball Hall of Famer

By Ashleigh Viveiros

A longtime Winkler basketball coach will be honoured this fall as a Class of 2021 inductee into the Manitoba Basketball Hall of Fame.

Ross Wedlake, board chair of the Manitoba Basketball Hall of Fame and Museum in Winnipeg, says John Klassen has been selected as a key builder of the sport in the province.

"There is always a lot of debate in our group about exactly what a builder is," he noted. "Sometimes people get nominated as builders only because they are successful coaches. We always believe that a true builder is someone who is more than that."

Klassen, who started his coaching career in Altona before moving on to lead the Garden Valley Collegiate Zodiaks, found success on both fronts.

In his 23 years with GVC, his teams won seven MHSAA provincial championships and 14 Zone championships. He was named Coach of the Year in 1989-1990.

Klassen was also active behind-the-scenes, helping to found the Winkler Minor Basketball Association in 1993.

"John checks all the boxes," Wedlake said. "He was a successful coach ... he won games, won championships."

"But I think the main thing that we looked at was the efforts that he made in the community of Winkler and the surrounding area to start the Winkler Minor Basketball Association, which today has hundreds of athletes involved in it, mainly young kids at the grassroots level.

"To us, that's what a builder is: someone who puts something back into the game, who is looking to help grow the game."

Though honoured to be recognized, Klassen is quick to stress that he sees this award not as a personal achievement but rather recognition for the local sports community as a whole.

"I've decided that this is not my award. This is basically an award for



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Winkler's John Klassen, shown here in an old photo from his coaching days at GVC, will be inducted into the Manitoba Basketball Hall of Fame this fall.

our basketball community and all the people who have been involved—they deserve it as much if not more than me," he said.

That includes his family, Klassen noted, lauding his wife Karen Klassen for her steadfast support over the years.

"It starts with my family. My wife made lots of sacrifices so I could go after what I was passionate about and do that," Klassen said. "And my kids, too—they spent 10 years playing basketball for me."

Klassen also sends kudos out to every single player he worked with over the years as well as the people he coached alongside and the community at large for always coming out to support the teams with enthusiasm and passion.

"It's a combination of all these people," he stressed. "It's a reflection on the entire basketball community. Everybody played a part in it."

In light of May being Pay It Forward Month, Klassen took a minute to remember an instance when someone showed him kindness during his own time as a high school player.

"This award is also a reflection on my past coaches: Don Bell, Dan Giesbrecht," he said. "When I was playing in high school at GVC, I didn't have a lot of money and so I usually went to games and tournaments and didn't eat."

"This one time we were in the city and everybody stopped at Humpty's to get something to eat and I sat there and didn't order anything. And so Don says, 'Eat something.'"

Despite Klassen's protestations, Bell purchased him an order of fries.

"I told him, 'I can't pay you back, so why would you do this?' He said, 'You know, John, you don't have to pay me

back. You just have to pay somebody else back.'

"I'm still trying to do that."

Also in this year's class of hall of fame inductees are players Shawn Gray and Joanne Wells-Small and builders Manny Aranez, Ray Hurd, and Randy Kusano. The Joseph Wolinsky Collegiate Raiders varsity boys team from the mid-80s and the Treherne Collegiate Tigers varsity girls team from the mid-90s to the early 2000s are also being inducted.

A ceremony is planned to take place in Winnipeg on Sept. 25, public health orders permitting.

Miami Fair and Rodeo cancelled for 2021

By Becca Myskiw

The 2021 Miami Fair and Rodeo has been cancelled.

Organizers have announced that the 2021 event will not be happening for the second year in a row due to COVID-19 and its restrictions.

"We want to keep our community safe," said Jan Moody of the Miami Agricultural Society. "We want to keep our board members safe."

The two-day rodeo typically has 12 events that run through the Saturday and Sunday. It brings people from all over the province into Miami, generating revenue for more than just the organization that puts it on.

The board had a meeting where they made the decision, saying they need to be responsible. At the time of the cancellation, there would have been only 10 people allowed in the grandstand at a time, making it an unaffordable event for the organization.

Now, only five people would be allowed, and Moody said with the uncertainty of what will happen this summer, it's too risky.

The absence of the Miami Fair and

Rodeo is more than the lack of a few events, though.

"Our mandate is to educate and inform about agriculture and the promotion of agriculture in our community," said Moody. "And we're just unable to do that at this time."

Along with the society losing revenue, they've lost the ability to educate people on agriculture, something Moody said is important for the industry.

Though the fair and rodeo won't be happening, the society has other things planned for the summer. They're taking advantage of the lull in events to completely renovate the inside of the food booth and do work on the fair grounds.

After applying for and receiving a few grants during the pandemic, they're using that money to spruce up the area. Moody said the ag. society has had very good support from all levels of government.

Miami is also hosting Manitoba Harness racing this year, which is slated to start in June. And the local 4-H club will be going forward with their beef sale.

CWE postpones tour

By Voice staff

Ongoing pandemic restrictions have forced Canadian Wrestling Elite (CWE) to postpone its latest tour once again.

CWE's eight events scheduled for May—including one in Morden last Friday—have been pushed back to July, public health orders allowing.

The Morden wrestling matches are

now slated to take place July 3. Tickets will go on sale closer to the date once organizers have confirmation they won't have to postpone again.

Other tour stops include Winnipeg and Gladstone in Manitoba and Medicine Hat, Calgary, Red Deer, Grande Prairie, and St. Albert in Alberta.

Head to www.cwecanada.ca for updates.

> ORV TIPS, FROM PG. 24

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involving ORVs and 46 collisions where serious injury occurred. Contributing factors in these collisions included speed, no helmet, impaired driving, and driver inexperience.

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Fried Lobster Po Boy Burgers

2 slices yellow cheddar cheese
3 leaves romaine lettuce, shredded
To make pimento remoulade: In small bowl, mix mayonnaise, pimentos, mustard, pickles, pepperoncino, paprika, garlic powder, black pepper, lemon juice and hot sauce until well incorporated. Season with salt, to taste.

To make fried lobster tails: Preheat grill to 400 F and add oil to 10-inch cast-iron pan about 1/2-inch deep.

In medium bowl, whisk flour, 1/4 teaspoon salt, 1/4 teaspoon pepper, garlic powder and smoked paprika until well incorporated. Set aside.

In separate medium bowl, whisk egg, water and hot pepper sauce. Set aside.

In third medium bowl, whisk potato chips, panko breadcrumbs and parsley until well incorporated. Set aside.

Cut lobster tails in half lengthwise, remove meat from shell and season with remaining kosher salt and black pepper.

Toss halved lobster tails in flour mixture first, egg mixture second then potato chip mixture third, coating thoroughly.

Fry lobster tails 3-4 minutes on each side until golden brown and cooked through. Close grill lid between flipping.

To make cheeseburgers: Preheat grill to 450 F using direct heat. Form ground beef into two 1/2 pound patties, each about 1/2-inch thick.

Using thumb, make dimple in center of each patty to help cook evenly.

Season both sides of burger with salt and pepper, to taste. Spread butter on each cut side of buns.

Grill burgers 4-5 minutes per side for medium doneness.

Add one slice cheddar cheese on each burger, close lid and grill about 30 seconds to melt cheese. Remove patties from grill to clean plate. Place buns cut sides down on grill grates and toast 20-30 seconds, or until well toasted, being careful to avoid burning.

To assemble: Place desired remoulade on buns. Place cheeseburgers on bottom buns. Top each with two fried lobster tail halves. Place handful shredded lettuce on lobster tails. Top with buns.

Recipe courtesy of Omaha Steaks Executive Chef David Rose
Prep time: about 20 minutes
Cook time: about 20 minutes
Servings: 2

Pimento Remoulade:
1/2 cup mayonnaise
1 1/2 tablespoons minced pimentos
1 tablespoon Dijon mustard
1 tablespoon minced bread and butter pickles

1 pepperoncino (seeded and minced)
1/4 teaspoon smoked paprika
1/4 teaspoon garlic powder
1/4 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper

1 tablespoon freshly squeezed lemon juice
3 dashes hot sauce
kosher salt, to taste

Fried Lobster Tails:
Vegetable oil, for frying
1/2 cup all-purpose flour
1/2 teaspoon kosher salt, divided
1/2 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper, divided

1/4 teaspoon garlic powder
1/4 teaspoon smoked paprika
1 large egg
1 tablespoon water
2 dashes hot pepper sauce
1/4 cup potato chips, finely blended in food processor

1/3 cup panko breadcrumbs
1 tablespoon minced flat leaf Italian parsley
2 Omaha Steaks lobster tails (5 ounces each)

Cheeseburgers:
1 pound Omaha Steaks premium ground beef
salt, to taste

freshly ground black pepper, to taste
2 tablespoons unsalted butter, at room temperature
2 brioche buns

Don't Fear Change



By Gwen Randall-Young

We all know of individuals who are in situations that seem quite dreadful, and yet they seem immobilized, unable to do anything to change things. What is it that makes people appear to be stuck, like the helpless insect who finds his way into the spider web? These people seem to struggle and struggle, but the struggle does not result in any progress. Whether it is a job, relationship or family situation, the pattern is the same.

It is obvious that the situation is creating stress and unhappiness, and the person seems to feel helpless. They focus on the problem, going over it again and again, believing that the solution (or the problem) lies with someone else. Sometimes the boss, spouse, parents or children are a big problem, but they rarely perceive themselves that way, so often are unlikely to change. Assuming that the one who is suffering has tried many different approaches to solving the problems and it's clearly not going to get better, why don't they help themselves?

Most often the reason can be traced back to guilt or fear. There may be a feeling of failure if one sees that they cannot make the job or the marriage work. There may be guilt knowing

that if one leaves the job or marriage, someone will be hurt. There may be the fear that to tell the boss, spouse, or parents how we really feel may make them very angry, and so it seems safer to stay quiet. There may also be a deep fear of change. Fear of changing jobs, fear of being alone, fear of financial problems, and the fear of being judged are all powerful forces that block change.

Generally, the change that is really needed is within the individual, and the external problems are there as a stimulus to get that growth happening. When one feels abused or undervalued, they can either collapse within themselves, going into depression, despair and hopelessness, or they can become aware that they deserve better. Ultimately, the only one who will ensure that they get what they deserve, is the self.

The real struggle then, is within the self, and it is to decide whether it is more painful to remain stuck, or to do whatever needs to be done to upgrade our situation. Often this is a difficult decision, and many remain on the brink for a long time. Sometimes it's helpful to remember that you have but one lifetime as the person you are, and to ask yourself if you really want to spend the rest of it the way you are doing now. If not, it might be scarier to do nothing, than it would be to take the steps required for change.

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Baked Lemon Donuts

1/2 teaspoon vanilla extract
1 teaspoon lemon zest
Lemon Sugar Topping:
1/2 cup sugar
1 teaspoon lemon zest
1/2 cup butter, melted
Heat oven to 350 F.

In large bowl, whisk flour, sugar, baking powder and salt.

Add buttermilk, eggs, butter, lemon juice, vanilla extract and lemon zest. Stir until combined.

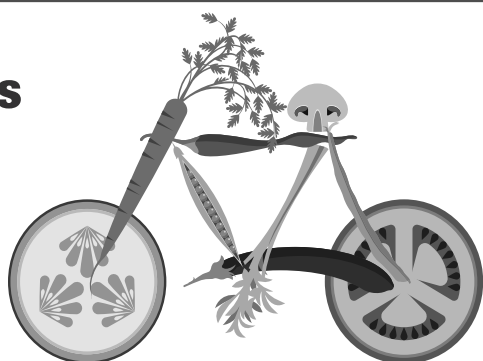
Pipe batter into donut pan.
Bake 9 minutes. Cool on wire rack.
To make topping: In bowl, combine sugar with lemon zest. In separate bowl, place melted butter.

Place donut face down in melted butter then face down in lemon sugar topping. Repeat with all donuts.

Serves: 12
2 cups flour
3/4 cup sugar
2 teaspoons baking powder
1 teaspoon salt
3/4 cup buttermilk
2 eggs
2 tablespoons butter, melted
2 teaspoons lemon juice

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PUBLIC NOTICE
REGARDING SPECIAL SERVICE PLAN 16/21
PROTECTIVE SERVICES BY-LAW NO. 16-21**

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Subsection 318(4) of The Municipal Act that the Council of the Rural Municipality of Stanley has scheduled a public hearing in the Council Chambers of the RM of Stanley Municipal Office located at 23111 PTH 14 in the RM of Stanley on the 20th day of May 2021 at 9:15 a.m. to present the following special service proposal:

Special Service Plan 16/21 to set up a rate for a Special Service levy for protective services within the municipality for the years 2022 to 2026. The special service tax will be levied on all taxable, grant-in-lieu, and otherwise exempt properties within The Municipality. The cost for 2021 is \$653,469.00. The estimated costs for 2022 to 2026 are estimated below as follows:

2022	=	\$685,000
2023	=	\$715,000
2024	=	\$745,000
2025	=	\$775,000
2026	=	\$805,000


The special service tax will be calculated on the portioned value of assessable property. Based on 2021 actual assessment of 700,856,540 a mill rate of 0.933 will be required. Calculated on a property with a market value of \$250,000 (portioned value of \$112,500) a special service tax of \$104.96 will be levied for the 2021 tax year.

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

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

Copies of the Special Service Plan No. 16/21 are available at the municipal office at 23111 PTH 14 during regular office hours of the R.M. of Stanley. Dated at the RM of Stanley this 21st day of April 2021.

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PUBLIC NOTICE



The RM of Stanley is completing a planning process to develop the *Reinfeld Secondary Plan* to provide the RM with a guiding document to direct future land use, development, servicing, and transportation in Reinfeld's key future growth areas.



What are the next steps?

- Draft Secondary Plan and Survey**
The draft Secondary Plan is now available for review on the RM website. We invite residents to review the draft Plan and complete a survey to record you comments and feedback.
Draft Reinfeld Secondary Plan: <https://www.rmofstanley.ca/p/reinfeld-secondary-plan>
Community Survey Link: <https://www.surveymonkey.ca/r/ReinfeldSecondaryPlan>
- Virtual Community Meeting**
We will be hosting a virtual community meeting to present the draft Secondary Plan and respond to questions. Your input will ensure the Secondary Plan meets long term community needs while considering infrastructure investment, sustainability, and existing development in Reinfeld.
Date: Wednesday, May 19, 2021
Time: 6:30PM – 8:30PM
Zoom Link: <https://zoom.us/j/2046888207>

What is a Secondary Plan?

A Secondary Plan is a land use policy document that contains detailed guidance on land use, infrastructure, servicing and future zoning related decisions for a specific area. Once formally adopted as a Bylaw, all land use, development, servicing and transportation infrastructure within the study area must generally align with the direction contained in Secondary Plan.



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OBITUARY



Peter Friesen 1930 - 2021

It is with deep sadness that we the family of Peter L Friesen – wife, Rita and children, Joyce Loch (Randy), Allan Friesen (Rose) and Lyndon Friesen (Ellen) announce his death on Monday, May 3, 2021.

Peter was born in Schanzenfeld, MB to John and Helena Friesen. He was the middle of 13 children. Peter and Susan Fehr (d. 1996) were married in 1951, began farming in Schanzenfeld and were soon joined by three children. At this point, Peter made a career change. With three preschool children, he returned to high school and then teachers' training in Winnipeg. In 1958, Edward School District's one room school was Peter's first teaching job. He taught Canadian and American history in Winkler, Morden and Winnipeg.

His work life also included many years as a high school principal in East Kildonan. He thrived as a teacher and school administrator.

Peter was a born optimist with good measure of curiosity and remained so late in life. Unfortunately, his lively mind was overtaken by Alzheimer's disease in the past five years, though his cheerful nature remained to the end.

In his young adult life, he enjoyed playing hockey, curling and coaching baseball. His mechanical aptitude was applied to many of the used cars he drove. He was interested in and enjoyed friendly debates and discussions about education, politics and theology. His grandchildren noted his philosophical bent in a question like: "What is time?" Challenges and losses were met with steadfast trust in God's infinite love and wisdom and he encouraged his family to "keep one eye on reality and one eye on hope." Aside from his work as an educator, he also enjoyed serving in various church leadership roles and as a board member of Youth For Christ for 30 years.

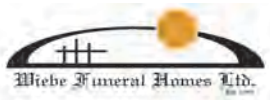
Rita and Peter were married for 15 years – enjoyable rich years for them and their relationship enriched all the family. They moved to Winkler five years ago and there enjoyed the company of siblings and cousins. Here, Peter launched one final project. He was pleased and deeply grateful for the opportunity to help establish a regular Sunday church service at the community assisted living community home where they lived.

He was predeceased by his wife, Susan; daughter, Louella; and son, Rodney. He will be missed and lovingly remembered by his wife, Rita; brothers, John, Abe and Irvin; his three children; seven grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; friends, as well as numerous nieces and nephews.

A private graveside service was held at Glen Eden Cemetery in Winnipeg.

Donations to honour the memory of Peter can be made to Youth For Christ Winnipeg, 333 King Street, Winnipeg, MB R3B 0N1 www.yfc.ca

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OBITUARY



Peter Harder 1923 - 2021

Peter Harder, 97, died unexpectedly at home on Tuesday, May 4, 2021 in Winkler, MB.

He was born on December 11, 1923 to Peter and Margareta Harder in Winkler, MB. After completing high school in Winkler he moved to Kane, Manitoba to work for John J Toews in the Kane Store & Garage. He spent his entire working life in Kane, becoming an integral member of the community and eventually buying the business. He married Marion Wiebe on July 26, 1952 and they had three children, Vivian, Les and Kevin. In 1997 he closed the business and moved back to Winkler where his life had begun.

Peter is survived by his wife, Marion; children, Vivian (Ron), Les (Heather) and Kevin (Michele); grandchildren, Vanessa, Derek (Cara) and Kendra and great-grandchildren, Alex, Zak and Quinn; and siblings, Anne and Mary, sister-in-law, Sally. He was preceded in death by his parents, siblings, Margaret and Walter and brothers-in-law, Abe, Henry and Marvin.

Given current COVID-19 restrictions, a private graveside service was held at Westridge Memorial Gardens.

Donations may be made in Peter's memory to a charity of one's choice.

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OBITUARY



Lillian Elizabeth Hildebrand (née McKay) October 17, 1956 – May 2, 2021

The family of Lillian Elizabeth Hildebrand (née McKay) of Morden, Manitoba are deeply saddened to announce her passing on Sunday, May 2, 2021 at the age of 64 years. She was our beloved wife, mother, nana, sister, auntie, and friend.

Lillian will be lovingly remembered by the love of her life, Charles; children, Sherri (Colin), Carl (Kim), Joey (Bre); stepchild, Travis (Marie); grandchildren, Tamara, Tyler, Tanner; step grandchildren, Isaiah, Nathaniel; siblings, Lori, Alex, Georgina (John); sisters-in-law, Donna, Debbie, Muriel; nephews, Micheal (Jolene), Kirby (Trish), Dusten (Candice), Corey, Free; nieces, Nicole, Bobby-Jo (Joey), Kristy; and numerous other family members and friends. Lillian was predeceased by her parents, George and Audrey McKay; stepchild, Christopher; siblings, Jim, John; brother-in-law, Maurice; niece, Marcia and nephew, Cody.

Lillian was mischievous in her childhood. Her stories included lighting an ant hill on fire, climbing into a dugout for an afternoon swim, and being bathed in tomato juice after chasing skunks. In her teenage years, she was smitten by Charles Hildebrand. Many people in Morden and Winkler know her from Video Stop, where she enjoyed chatting with her customers. She loved a good fire, sitting on her deck with a bag of sunflower seeds, drinking a cold Coca Cola (with a little bit of ice), playing cards, and shouting Bingo! Lillian loved talking to people on the phone and having visitors at her house. She was a second mom to many of her children and grandchildren's friends. Lillian will be deeply missed!

A memorial was held on Wednesday, May 5th, 2021. A Celebration of Life will be held at a later date.

Donations may be made in Lillian's name to Pembina Valley Humane Society, 462 Jefferson Street, Morden, Manitoba, R6M 1Y4. She loved animals, especially her babies, Patches, Dymond and Trucker.

The family wishes to send a special thank you to the staff at Boundary Trails Health Centre for their care and compassion during her final hours.

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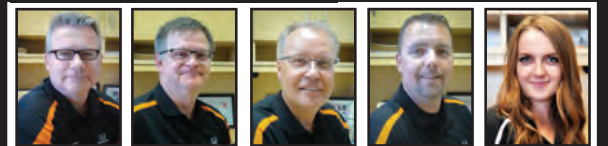

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