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Winkler Community Foundation executive director Myra Peters joined foundation board members and other staff in delivering flowers to workers downtown last week as part of Pay It Forward May. For the full story, see Pg. 3.

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Katie's Cottage is back in business

By Ashleigh Viveiros

Katie's Cottage was able to open its doors to the general public for the first time in months last week.

The respite home across from the Boundary Trails Health Centre reopened May 11, over eight weeks after closing down thanks to the CO-VID-19 pandemic.

Executive director Ruth Reimer said they did accept a few emergency overnight guests during that time.

"There was some maternity cases, of course, that COVID, it doesn't matter—babies are coming either way," she said."And then there were palliative situations that, again, death does stop for COVID either."

But with BTHC closed to visitors, the number of out-of-town family members needing a place to sleep or simply a few hours away from the hospital diminished to almost none.

Now, as the province has begun slowly easing back on its pandemic

restrictions, the cottage is cracking its doors open as well, though with many new policies in place to keep visitors safe.

"Right now we can't do food service, so no continental breakfast for guests," Reimer says, adding the common kitchen area is also no longer accessible.

There is a limit of six people in the common areas at any one time and everyone is asked to physically distance from one another while at the cottage.

Staff have also upped their game when it comes to cleaning—no small task considering how high the bar was set even before the pandemic.

"Now we're elevating it to another level of cleanliness," Reimer says. "We're constantly washing our hands. Everything gets cleaned ... light switches, door handles; we were doing them often before and now we're doing them even more often."

A registration desk has been set up



KATIE CARES PHOTO

Katie's Cottage executive director Ruth Reimer at the respite home's new reception area, which was created in the wake of COVID-19. The facility reopened to the public May 11.

as well to prevent people from entering the cottage without checking in first. All visitors are screened for illness upon arrival and asked to sanitize their hands. Masks are also available.

"If you're sick, please don't come," Reimer says, noting the same applies to all cottage staff, who must be showing no symptoms of illness when reporting to work.

To further protect visitors, volunteers are not allowed at the cottage for the time being. "We want to keep everyone safe," Reimer says.

Public tours are no longer available, but Reimer stresses public drop-ins are allowed for people needing a place to wait while their loved ones receive care at the hospital.

"We don't want them to have to sit in their car all day," she says, noting overnight guests may be asked to stay in their rooms if occupancy numbers climb too high in the common areas.

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Spreading a little joy

By Ashleigh Viveiros

The Winkler and Morden community foundations have had to run a toned-down version of their Pay It For-

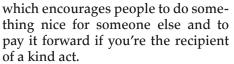
ward May campaign this year thanks to COVID-19, but that hasn't stopped them from doing what they can to spread a little joy.

Last week, representatives from the Winkler Community Foundation made surprise visits to several downtown businesses armed with buckets of flowers donated by local florists.

Myra Peters, Julia Blais, and Stacy Wiebe handed out the bundles of colour to frontline workers and a few customers at Winkler Co-op, Pfhal's Drugs, and Access Credit Union.

"Today we are paying it forward with flowers,"says Peters."We just want to share some kindness with people and make someone smile."

Sharing kindness is the entire purpose of the Pay It Forward campaign,



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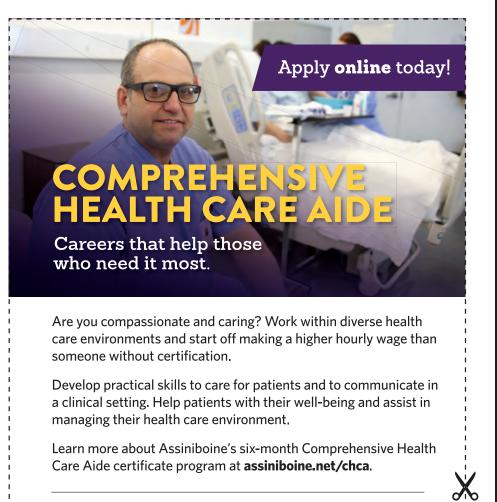
It Forward community events had to be cancelled, but Peters says that isn't stopping people and businesses from living up to the spirit of the campaign in a myriad of other ways.

"We've been seeing things since COVID-19 started, really," she says. "We hear 'Somebody dropped off a supper for my family and how nice is that?"

People have also been doing yard work for their neighbours, paying for the coffee of the person behind them in line, or simply handing out a compliment.

"Something like that can totally make your day," Peters says, stressing that even a small act of kindness can create a ripple effect throughout the community as person after person passes it on. "Words of encouragement really do make a difference. The smiles, the kinds acts, really do im-

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PHOTOS BY ASHLEIGH **VIVEIROS/VOICE** Winkler Community Foundation reps stopped by businesses downtown last week to deliver flowers to workers and customers as part of Pay It Forward May.

pact someone's life.

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You can share Pay It Forward stories on social media with @payitforwardmay or #pifmay, or email them to admin@winklercommunityfoundation. com or info@mordenfoundation.ca.





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Manitobans urged to remain "COVID careful"

By Ashleigh Viveiros

Manitoba was in good shape heading into the May long weekend in terms of COVID-19 cases.

Dr. Brent Roussin, the province's chief public health officer, announced no new cases of the illness at a briefing on Friday.

The weekend's lone new case was reported Monday afternoon, bringing Manitoba's active caseload to 26. Just one person is currently hospitalized with COVID-19.

Of the 290 people who have tested positive for the illness, 257 have recovered. Seven Manitobans have died.

While the number of cases has been holding pretty steady in recent weeks, Roussin cautioned Manitobans against getting complacent.

"We're not done with this virus," he said, urging people to remain "CO-

VID careful."

As families start to make their summer plans, Roussin stressed how important it is for people to continue to take steps to protect themselves and others.

If you are headed to a cabin or campground, for example, bring all the supplies you need so you don't have to make extra stops.

"When you are in these campsites or at the cottage, please continue to abide by the 10 person gathering rule, to limit your exposure to others, to maintain physical distancing whenever possible," Roussin said.

"It is important to note that while some gradual lifting of restrictions has begun, significant work to limit the spread of COVID-19 must continue," he said. "Our message to the majority of Manitobans is not'stay home' now anymore, it's 'stay safe.'"

That said, Manitobans, especially those in high-risk categories (over 65 or with underlying medical conditions), are still advised to stick close to their home communities whenever possible.

If you're showing any symptoms of respiratory illness you should stay home to avoid spreading the virus to others.

Manitobans experiencing flu or cold-like symptoms no longer require a referral from Health Links-Info Santé or their family physician before heading to a community site for CO-VID-19 testing.

People are still encouraged to use the online screening tool to determine whether they meet the necessary criteria to be tested

Head to www.gov.mb.ca/covid19 for more information on screening and testing sites.

Province lifts Morden's development restrictions

By Lorne Stelmach

The news last week that the province has lifted a freeze on new development in Morden was welcomed cautiously by Mayor Brandon Burley.

While thankful that the move clears the way for development to resume in Morden, the issue of lagoon capacity that brought about the hold in the first place is one that will resurface not too far down the road.

"It is a short term answer," Burley said. "We're anticipating it's a two year solution."

The restrictions placed on the city by Manitoba Sustainable Development did not impact development projects that were already underway but did stop anything new until the city could prove it had sufficient plans for capacity moving forward.

"We were confident we had fulfilled their conditions in early January, and to finally get confirmation it's lifted is a really good thing," Burley said. "It's lifted, though, until a population of 10,000 is reached. With additional monitoring ... we're hoping we can prove even more capacity.

"It speaks to the urgency of the wastewater treatment plant because we don't have two years of capacity left in our lagoons."

While short-term solutions to the problem exist, the only long-term answer is to get the regional wastewater treatment plan off the ground.

The plan, drafted jointly with the City of Winkler and the RM of Stanley, is currently awaiting funding commitments from the higher levels of government.

Burley hopes it gets the green light sooner rather than later, otherwise "we would end up spending another million dollars building new cells, which would be a waste while we're waiting for that wastewater treatment plant to be built.

"That's money that we don't really want to spend. We don't want to waste taxpayers dollars if we don't have to on a short term solution."

> KATIE CARES, FROM PG. 2

The cottage is operating under reduced hours until at least June 1. They're open Monday to Thursday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and are closed Friday, Saturday, and Sunday.

Rooms can be booked by calling 204-312-8445. This number is answered after hours as well.

CARE BAGS ON HOLD

At the request of Southern Health, Katie Cares has suspended its popular care bag program, which saw them deliver bags of games, toiletries, and teddy bears to child patients.

"We just can't deliver those safely," Reimer says, noting there's no easy way of ensuring the stuffed animals are sufficiently disinfected before entering the hospital.

"For my husband and I, personally, that was difficult to hear, because that's the program she started," Reimer says of her late daughter Kaitlyn, founder of Katie Cares.

The charity has delivered these care bags for nearly a decade.

"So it hits home in a big way for us," says Reimer."But we understand that for now that's the way it has to be."

Likewise, the charity is also putting a hold on its magazine drop-offs to the cancer treatment wards.

'A HUGE RELIEF'

Reimer anticipates the months ahead are going to be difficult ones for Katie Cares, as they will be for many other local non-profits.

"It's a huge relief to be able to reopen because we do still have bills to pay," she says. "The charity, let's face it, has taken a big hit, as everyone has.

"We're so thankful that we have been careful with how we spent our money so that there is a little bit of a cushion to get us through this."

Early planning for the Katie Cares Fashion Show-their biggest fundraiser of the year-are in the works, though it's anyone's guess as to whether it will be allowed to go ahead this fall.

"That's big-time up in the air," Reimer says. "We will comply wholeheartedly with whatever is asked of us to make it safe."





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Morden Collegiate looking at a drive-in grad

By Lorne Stelmach

Planning is underway to potentially have Morden's class of 2020 celebrated on the big screen.

With the pandemic ruling out traditional graduation events, discussions here have focused on filming and screening a celebration at the Stardust Drive-In.

The logistics of the idea and how it could be done while abiding by public health orders are still being finalized, but Morden Collegiate principal Marianne Fenn said they are getting a lot of encouragement and support to make it happen.

"Everybody has responded in a really positive way. We feel like everywhere we have turned we have had just volumes of support," said Fenn.

Fenn said they began brainstorming once they realized the school would not be able to have a traditional graduation ceremony, after-grad party, or banquet.

"The traditional way that we would celebrate grad was completely off the table," she said. "We feel very much that their hard work over the 13 years that they've been in school is worthy of a celebration, but we recog-

nize that current public health orders limit and restrict what we're able to do."

That meant trying to think outside the box while still finding a way to make it a community event, as the celebration attracts hundreds of people each year.

In their search for an innovative solution, administrators became aware of drive-in theatres being used by other schools across North America.

"We recognized that we've got a gem here in our own back yard, and it lends itself to it," Fenn said."So we just have a unique opportunity."

The plan is to film each graduate wearing their cap and gown and receiving their diploma. The screening will also include recordings of the class valedictorian, guest speaker, principal-all the usual people who address the graduates during the ceremony.

"We have staff members who are excited to

help and support our kids and this project," said Fenn, who noted they're hoping to show it at the Stardust on graduation day June 25.

That evening would only be for immediate family members, given the drivein is restricted to half capacity, but Fenn noted there was a possibility of an additional showing later on for extended family and friends.

"We would also be in a position to make a streaming version of that grad cer-

she said.

ness about missing out on grad."

help make up for some of that loss.

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emony available to our grads to share it as well."

Marlene Nelson, who is part of the

group of owners of the Stardust Drive-

In, said they are keen to be involved

in the celebration if it can be done in

accordance with public health orders.

"It is something that we have very

much considered. We are willing to

make our facility available for grads,"

"I would hate to have 2020 remem-

bered as the year there was no grad ... if you've

been working your whole life, for 13 years, for

this," Nelson said. "It would be another way of

giving back to the community, really, because

it's something where I have heard a lot of sad-

"We're hearing some excitement, and I think

we're hearing a nostalgic wish for things to be

different," agreed Fenn, noting Gr. 12 students

are keenly missing a lot of the usual traditions

that come up in the final months of the school

year. "It's hard not to approach a change this

substantial without a feeling of loss. We still

hear that sense and feeling of loss from our

Hopefully, this unique version of grad will

"We're really excited to be able to work in part-

VOICE FILE PHOTO

COVID-19 restrictions make it impossible for local high schools to host a traditional grad ceremony this year with hundreds of grads and their loved ones. Instead, Morden Collegiate is looking into streaming a modified ceremony at the Stardust Drive-In Theatre.

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GVC, NPC making sure their graduates are recognized

Yards signs, a streamed ceremony, and photo ops in the works for the class of 2020

By Ashleigh Viveiros

The COVID-19 pandemic has thrown a wrench into the class of 2020's senior year, but Winkler high schools are making sure graduates will still be honoured for their accomplishments.

Garden Valley Collegiate and Northlands Parkway Collegiate last week released their plans for graduation next month.

"This is quite a new situation we're

in right now with the pandemic, but as schools we really, really want to celebrate our graduates," says GVC vice-principal Brendan Neufeld, explaining senior administrators from both schools met to discuss the best ways to do that together.

The plan they came up with includes several parts spanning the month of June.

First up, school staff will make the rounds throughout the community on Monday, June 1 to deliver special



yard signs to each grad's home.

"We want to get to the houses, honk the horns, pull out the balloons. We want to make this special for them," says Northlands Parkway Collegiate principal Tammy MacDonald.

"We would love to have the graduates and family members home as we stop by and present them with the yard card," adds Neufeld, noting families will be apprised of the delivery schedule in advance.

He hopes the students will keep the signs up all month so the community can celebrate along with them.

"We're inviting neighbours and community members to join us in celebrating the grads in their accomplishments," he says.

Then, on June 22, both schools will stream an online graduation ceremony complete with all the usual speeches, grad bios, awards, and scholarship announcements. The ceremony links will be made available to everyone in the community.

"Our goal would be that it will be much like a traditional ceremony," says Neufeld. "We have a great team at the high school here that's going to work hard to figure out a way to put that all together."

NPC's ceremony is slated to take place at 10:30 a.m. that day while GVC's streams at 1 p.m.

In the days following the virtual ceremonies, every grad and their parents or guardians will be invited to their school during a provided time slot to receive their diploma in person. A professional photographer will be on hand to capture the moment.

"It's a huge, monumental task that they've gone through, that they've accomplished," MacDonald says."We want to ensure everyone gets their day in the sun, that everyone feels special."

The only grad events not covered by this plan are the traditional evening festivities, including the grad banquet and after-grad party.

The when and how of those events remain up in the air for now, but both schools hope to eventually give their graduates a chance to come together to party.

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Miami, Darlingford war memorials receive funding

By Lorne Stelmach

Two local war memorials will get some welcome improvements this year thanks to financial support from the province.

The Manitoba government recently announced more than \$50,000 in grants for 11 projects through the Military Memorial Conservation Grant, and a portion of that money is going to memorials in Darlingford and Miami.

The RM of Thompson is receiving \$9,140 to clean and conserve the Miami cenotaph and erect a new granite monument in honour of local veterans who served in the Boer War, world wars, Korean War, and peacekeeping missions.

The Darlingford Memorial Park Committee is getting \$5,000 to conserve and paint exterior woodwork and refinish the interior of the Darlingford Memorial Park building.

"It's a tremendous help," said Darlingford committee rep Grant Rasmussen.

"It's just really important to keep the building up and keep it in great shape. It's just a gem for the community. We get tremendous support from the area all around ... it's very important to everybody."

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He noted they were eyeing the September long weekend for the work because they will need to remove the door and empty out the interior of the building.

"Rather than taking it apart during the summer when we hope to have people there, we'll try and do it after the season."

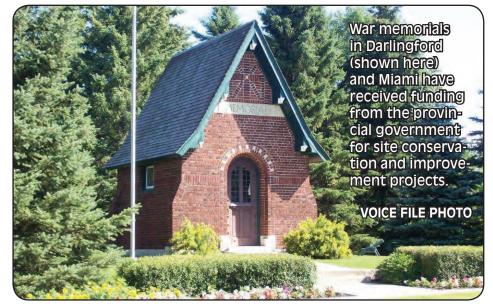
RM of Thompson councillor Heather Imrie said they are "beyond thrilled" to receive this funding from the provincial government.

"It has ensured that we will now have nearly all the funding we need to complete our Veterans Park Monument in early fall of this year," she said.

The project, which is also getting support from a number of other sources, centres around a new monument for the final stage of renovations in the park.

"We have identified 705 residents from the RM of Thompson who have served in the Boer War, WW1, WW2, the Korean War and peacekeeping missions in Egypt, Cyprus, Bosnia, and Kosovo," Imrie explained.

A new granite monument is being made locally at RB Millworks and there are also plans to install seven new plaques this summer that will depict and provide information about



Canada's efforts in the wars and missions.

"Last summer we did extensive work on the grounds, and we are very optimistic that the entire project will be completed in the fall of this year," said Imrie."If circumstances will allow for large groups of people to congregate this fall, we will be having a dedication ceremony in early September."

The province established the Military Memorials Conservation Fund last year with an initial investment of \$2 million to provide annual grants toward war memorial conservation projects throughout Manitoba. It is estimated there are more than 200 military memorials of varying types across the province ranging in age from 20 to 100 years old.

The fund is managed by The Winnipeg Foundation, and the grants are

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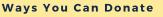
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Friesen Sales & Rentals offers up space for food trucks



VOICE FILE PHOTO Friesen Sales and Rentals is offering local food trucks a place to set up shop on its land in the Hwy. 3 corridor.

By Lorne Stelmach

A local company is offering a helping hand to businesses especially hurt by the loss of fairs and festivals across southern Manitoba this summer.

Friesen Sales and Rentals is welcoming food truck operators who would like to set up shop on their yard in the highway corridor between Winkler and Morden.

"We'll miss going to the fairs and festivals this year, and I thought that's something I like at fairs and festivals is the different foods ... so maybe there's an opportunity for them to still do some business," said owner Ike Friesen.

He is uncertain if they are allowed right now to host multiple food trucks at one time, but expects if not then they could work out a schedule to accommodate different food trucks at different times throughout the week.

"I know there can be a lot of traffic coming to not only to our business but Covenant Growers is on our property as well," noted Friesen. "There's a lot of people working in this corridor area and a lot of traffic on the highway."

As of last week, Friesen had not yet had anyone take him up on the offer, but he's hopeful someone will once the word about it gets out there.

"The more we can keep things rolling in our communities the better for our economy and morale," said Friesen, empathizing with the many businesses affected by the pandemic restrictions over the past couple of months."This is a vibrant area, and I would like to help keep it moving."

Anyone interested in setting up their food truck at Friesen Sales and Rentals can contact Friesen at 204-331-6014

Bell MTS bringing its all-fibre network to Morden homes, businesses

Bell MTS last week announced an investment to bring its next generation all-fibre network to approximately 3,300 residences and business locations throughout the City of Morden.

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investment plan to deploy the most advanced fibre and wireless broadband networks throughout Manitoba. "High speed connectivity is critical

to the prosperity and well-being of our residents, businesses and visitors," said Mayor Brandon Burley. "Bell MTS has been an important ally to the city in providing critical communication and media services.

"We are excited to welcome their continued investment, which will connect us to fast, reliable internet technology and contribute to Morden's overall competitiveness in the global economy."

Construction on the project is expected to get underway this summer. The first customers should be able to log on by fall.

"We're pleased to connect Morden with the world's best internet technology as part of our ongoing capital investment plan for Manitoba," said Dan McKeen, vice-chair of Bell MTS and Western Canada. "Bell MTS is proud to be a major investor in the province's future as we advance how Manitobans connect with each other and the world."

Building on the Bell MTS all-fibre network that is connecting over 30 Manitoba municipalities, the Morden expansion will deliver home internet speeds of up to 1.5 gigabits per second, the company says.

Bell MTS is also bringing direct fibre connections to the communities of La Salle, Flin Flon, and Churchill this year.

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"As soon as restrictions are loosened and we can get together as a large group we cannot wait to host all our graduates back here at GVC for a celebration," says Neufeld.

"We want to do it right and enable everybody can attend," adds Mac-Donald, noting they'd rather hold off hosting anything for a time than have to hold several smaller banquets to meet physical distancing requirements.

A test of the Outdoor Weather Warning Siren System will be conducted in will be conducted in Winkler and Morden at noon on Wednesday, May 27, 2020. Morden will also be testing their CodeRed system at this time.

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Teachers finding new ways to engage their students

By Lorne Stelmach

Two months in now since classes were suspended as a result of CO-VID-19, the transition has been as much of a learning experience for local school staff as it is for the students.

Manitoba schools were shut down March 23 for a period of three weeks that was later extended indefinitely in a bid to battle the spread of the novel coronavirus.

The provincial government has offered some assistance to school divisions with initiatives such as the supplemental online resource My Learning at Home, but the challenge has fallen primarily on local teaching staff to help kids adjust to at-home learning.

Much of the coursework has moved to an online format, but schools are also regularly delivering printed packages to the kids.

Northlands Parkway Collegiate teacher Joey Elias keenly misses the in-person interaction with his pupils. "That student interaction is kind of the heart and soul ... that part is lost in large part," he said.

Teaching science and biology, Elias has also had to adapt to not being able to work in a lab environment.

"At the same time, it's a good learning experience for them having to figure it out on their own," he noted.

For example, his Grade 11 class was tasked with designing an at-home lab that involved circulation and respiration aspects, such measuring heart rate and testing something that might affect your pulse.

"I've been doing some online simulations for different things ... it's tricky trying to teach a very hands-on subject remotely," Elias said.

"Most of the students are great. They've been doing assignments, they've been asking questions, and they've been engaging online. So in that way, it's been good," he said, noting he feels most students will be well prepared when school does resume, though some perhaps with a little catch-up work to do. "I think for the most part they'll be fine."



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École Morden Middle School physical education teacher Brendan Edie has been using social media to reach out to his students with daily activity challenges while schools remain closed.

École Morden Middle School's Brendan Edie turned to social media early on to engage with his students. The phys-ed teacher lauched a You-Tube channel dubbed P.E. with Mr. E.

"I have to kind of meet them where they're at, and that was going to be through social media," he said, explaining he's hosted a variety of live activity sessions and challenges."I'm just giving kids a different variety of activities that they can do at home that require little or no equipment.

"It's been a learning process," Edie said. "I've had a little bit of fun with it and been able to be a little bit creative, and I think it's been shown throughout our division and the province that teachers have been really showing off their creativity and showing their students we still care.

"The feedback has been really positive from my students and the parents and other teachers," he added."When this is all over, I think it's something I'm going to continue to explore and continue to put out there."

Fellow phys-ed teacher Kyle Turnbull from Minnewasta School says the collaboration between educators has really ramped up thanks to the pandemic restrictions. He's reached out far and wide for inspiration on athome games and activities to share daily with his students.

"The social networking has been great, the networking between schools ... the networking and the communication has really kept things going well,"Turnbull said."Everybody's just so eager to help everybody, so it would be a shame for, when we get back to the new normal, for this all to end."

In Winkler, the J.R. Walkof School library has been incredibly quiet these past few months, even by library

standards.

"I definitely miss the kids and talking to them about books," said librarian Penny Gilmour. "It certainly is a different way of running a library, not having them come in and be able to read to them."

The elementary school doesn't have e-books for the kids to check out, so Gilmour has been sending disinfected books along with the students' delivered work packages.

She's also kept busy putting up fun teddy bear book displays in the library's windows so kids can still stop by and enjoy them from a safe distance.

It's a small way of "trying to keep that connection without actually being able to talk to them or see them."

Over at Winkler Elementary School, music teacher Shanna Potter initially struggled with figuring how to teach her very interactive course at a distance.

"I teach a hands-on course ... that was one of my biggest struggles in the beginning, trying to figure out how I can give my students some meaningful lessons," she said.

She found her inspiration through music.

"I was having a pretty rough day the one day, and I just thought why don't I write a song to make myself feel better, make everyone feel better ... and my whole staff got on board, and it turned out to be really awesome."

In recent weeks, Potter has engaged her students through simple activities built around listening. She's also challenged them to make an instrument and send in a photo of it. One student surprised her with a video of a song he'd written.

> TEACHING, FROM PG. 10

"Having those small interactions with the kids really helps brighten my day."

Also teaching at WES, Tanya Summer's emphasis for her Grade 2 students has been on the basic reading, writing, and math skills.

"It's been quite an adventure learning how to teach remotely," she said. "This is definitely not the conventional way to teach at all."

Summer has sought out ways to engage the kids with a variety of handson challenges and a chance to share their work through photos.

"We've had fantastic support from

parents," she noted. "I've found that parent-teacher-student relationship has tightened up a lot through this. I've gotten to know families on a deeper level and really gotten to work with the families in being able to get the kids' education to where we hope for it to go.

"We're slowly getting this to a new normal," Summer said. "We're starting to get a rhythm and know what to expect from each other and be able to work better together towards a common goal.

"I think there's a newfound appreciation for what happens at school," she



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Staff at the schools in Morden and Winkler—including Pine Ridge Elementary School (above)—want to let students know they are most certainly missed. Manitoba's schools have been closed since March due to COVID-19.

added, stressing she and her fellow ward to the day students can return teachers are very much looking for- to class.

Red River College students hosting auction for Genesis House

By Lorne Stelmach

Genesis House will be the beneficiary of the hard work of Red River College students at the Winkler campus.

A group of five administrative assistant students are organizing a fundraiser as part of a one-month practicum component of their course.

It was initially cancelled due to the pandemic, but they have now partnered with the regional women's shelter to host an online auction that they hope will make up for some of the funds the organization lost in having to cancel two other fundraising events thanks to COVID-19.

"Our goal is to raise at least part of the \$10,000 Genesis House would have raised from the cancelled events but also to spread the word that Genesis House is open for anyone in need, especially now during the pandemic," said Irene Harder, who is part of the group of organizing students that includes Celina Unruh, Daisy Kauenhofen, Julie Wiebe-Hennessey, and Karissa Wieler.

The auction starts Monday, May 25 at 9 a.m. and goes to Sunday, May 31 at 6 p.m.

People can find pictures of the items up for grabs on Instagram @genesishouse_onlineauction and on Facebook at Genesis House Auction. The

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auction itself will be available under Genesis House Auction at auctions. goldenwest.ca.

"We have found a lot of support from local businesses and can offer a wide variety of gift cards and items for every gender and age group," said Harder.

Auction item donations are being accepted until May 22. To make a donation, call 204-823-3341 or email juliewiebe3@gmail.com.



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Walk for Alzheimer's moves online this year

Virtual"walk" planned for Sunday, May 31

By Ashleigh Viveiros

The Alzheimer Society of Manitoba is taking its annual Walk for Alzheimer's online this year.

Instead of the traditional community walks held each spring, Manitobans are invited to a live stream on Sunday, May 31 featuring stories from across the country and a host of entertainers.

"We're calling on all Manitobans to show their support by walking online," says society CEO Wendy Schettler."It's critical that we all get behind this cause and raise as much as possible so the Alzheimer Society can continue to help those affected overcome the challenges of dementia and live to their fullest."



South Central regional coordinator Kathy Fehr will miss having the opportunity to meet with supporters at local walks in Winkler, Morden, Carman, and beyond. She hopes people will still take part in this virtual event by tuning in and collecting pledges for the cause. "It's our biggest fundraiser of the year," she says."But it was also always a great way for me to connect personally with people in all these different communities.

"We're really trying to get the word out there," Fehr says, noting she's been fielding calls from people wondering what the plan is for 2020 in the midst of the pandemic.

Last year's walks across the province raised over \$330,000 for the Alzheimer Society's support programs for dementia patients and their families and caregivers.

While the pandemic has put the brakes on support groups and in-person office visits, Fehr says she's still working hard to stay connected with families and provide them with the support they need as they navigate life with dementia.

"We do what we can," she says, noting she's eager to get back into her office in the Buhler Active Living Centre in Winkler the moment pandemic restrictions are eased enough to allow it.

You can sign up to take part in the Walk for Alzheimer's on your own or as part of a team by registering online at alzheimer.mb.ca/wfa2020.

Donations can also be mailed to Alzheimer Society, 105-650 South Railway Ave., Winkler, MB, R6W 0L6.

Hwy. 32 four-laning to start in a matter of weeks

By Ashleigh Viveiros

Work on the four-laning of PTH 32 through Winkler is set to begin soon now that the City of Winkler has inked a memorandum of understanding with the Province of Manitoba.

Council gave its approval last week to move forward with the MOU, which outlines the province and the city's respective parts of the project (Winkler's includes drainage, sewage lines, and various approaches connected to the highway).

"It is signed and a meeting has been held with Nelson River Construction, the contractor for the project, and we are going to be meeting again to go through some of the changes that we wanted to make," said Mayor Martin Harder.

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Nelson River is "champing at the bit ready to go," he added, noting he expects work will get started for sure in June and possibly even sooner."This will be an early start."

The road will be twinned from Victoria St. to Norquay Drive just south of PTH. 14. A new walkway will be installed on the east side of the road, the traffic lights at the Roblin Blvd. and Cargill Rd. intersections will both be upgraded, and new lights are going up at Mountain Ave.

The city has already gotten a head start on its preparations for the project in recent weeks by tackling sewer line upgrades on Mountain Ave. near PTH 32.

"We wanted to get that sewer line fixed up and ready so that when [the road is] opened up we can just put it through," Harder said.

Once the twinning project gets going, homes and businesses along the highway will be given plenty of notice about plans to shut down portions of the street for construction.

"They're going to try to be as accommodating as possible, but exactly how the access points are going to be put in place I'm not 100 per cent

> MEMORIALS, FROM PG. 7

intended to assist primarily with conservation work on existing military memorials with the goal of extending the physical life and commemorative function of the memorials.

"These projects will help to ensure aging memorials throughout Manitoba are preserved for future generations," said Sport, Culture and Heritage Minister Cathy Cox, who noted priorcertain about at this time," Harder said.

If all goes as planned, the project should be completed relatively quickly.

"Because they're getting such an early start, my expectation is that it will be all done this year," said Harder.

PAVING THE WAY FOR -YOUTH COUNCILLORS

Also at last week's meeting, city council approved a new youth council member policy that has been years in the making.

The policy paves the way for a student in Gr. 11 or Gr. 12 at Garden Valley Collegiate or Northlands Parkway Collegiate to bring a teen perspective to council as its youth councillor.

Councillor Marvin Plett noted this idea was first broached nearly 20 years ago, but for one reason or another never came to fruition.

"Sometimes good things take time," he said as council unanimously approved the policy.

Council hopes to welcome its first youth councillor to the table in September.

ity this year was given to projects related to the 75th anniversary of the end of the Second World War. "As time marches on, it's still so important to remember and honour the sacrifices made for us in the Second World War. That's why the Manitoba government is committed to preserving these important memorials, which provide opportunities to reflect and give thanks."

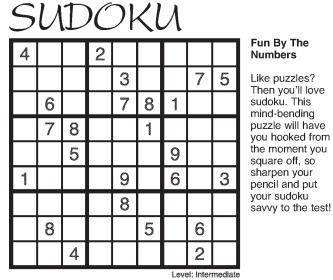


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The Director is responsible for the direction and supervision of all members of the RRTVA staff who will promote, and assist with the administration of the technical education programs of the RRTVA and carry out such duties as may be assigned by the Area Council through the Executive Council comprised of the RRTVA Superintendents and the Director.

Qualifications and Experience:

Bachelor of Education Degree

- A firm understanding of Manitoba Technology Education programming and Provincial Technology Education funding structures
- Demonstrated collaborative leadership, program development/implementation, supervision, educational research and fiscal management
- Experience working within a board of director's structure
- Ability to relate to the school community and the community value base
- Understanding of school timetables, student scheduling, student record protocol,
- confidentiality regulations L Knowledge of Microsoft Office
- Proven success in the area of grants writing would be an asset

Duties:

- 1. Support the maintenance of an orderly system of records of student records, residual costs and attendance.
- 2. Facilitate the orderly flow of student information between home and program schools including but not limited to: Unified Referral and Intake System (URIS); Individual Educational Plan (IEP); Student behaviour plans; Student progress reports; and other information as required.
- 3. Assist with the coordination of transportation of technical programs within partner divisions.
- 4. Facilitate the coordination of interlocking technical education timetabling and calendars.
- 5. Facilitate inter-divisional student access to RRTVA Programs
- 6. Prepare appropriate certificate of achievement for RRTVA students and certificate of appreciation for cooperating employers.
- 7. Assist each division in claiming all grants based on student enrolment applicable to technical education
- 8. Monitor and report on the operation of the RRTVA Programs.
- 9. Act as a central contact person on all matters pertaining to vocational education.
- 10. Assist the RRTVA Superintendents and boards in the recruitment of vocational staff upon request.
- 11. Recommend modifications of policy and operating procedures.
- 12. Conduct studies and submit such reports as may be deemed desirable by partner division boards, the Executive Committee, and the Area Council.
- 13. Act as liaison between RRTVA partners and post-secondary program partners.
- 14. Collaborate with Manitoba Education and Advanced Learning, ALL, CTT and related government departments (SPR 1.1.7)
- 15. Develop a clear sense of how to target the needs of adult learners (SPR 2.2.3).
- 16. Seek out professional development opportunities for the RRTVA Council.
- 17. Attend all RRTVA Executive and Council meetings, and partner board meetings as requested. 18. Demonstrate a commitment to personal professional development and growth.
- Salary and Benefits:

The compensation package for the position is in accordance with the Collective Agreements between the RRTVA Partners and their Teachers' Associations.

Applications:

1. Letter of interest 2. Resume 3. Three current references

Please submit in confidence to: Human Resources Department, hrdept@rrvsd.ca Box 400, 233 Main St. N., Morris, MB R0G 1K0



OBITUARY

Martha Hiebert (nee Unger) 1938 - 2020

Mom was born in Plum Coulee on June 29th, 1938 to Peter and Katherina (Derksen) Unger.

Mom grew up in a large family with three brothers and seven sisters. She always felt she had a very happy childhood. They had the coulee close by and made use of it in summer and winter. In summer they would swim and boat, in winter they skated. Mom got her education in the Plum Coulee school. Her dream was always of becoming a nurse, but her mom needed her at home to help. She attended the Bergthaler Church and went to Sunday School there. She sang in the girls' choir and later in the church choir which she enjoyed very much, a love that she would have the rest of her life. Mom accepted Christ as her Saviour and was baptized May

22, 1955 by Bishop Jakob M. Pauls. In 1956 Mom left home and worked in Winnipeg for a year. Then in 1957 she started working in the Bethel Hospital in Winkler in the kitchen, which she really enjoyed. In 1956 she met the love of her life, a farmer at that, John Hiebert. They were married on June 29th, 1958 in the Kronsweide Sommerfeld Church with Bishop John Friesen officiating. In 1959 their daughter, Carol was born, 1965 saw the arrival of a son, Robert and then in 1970 their youngest, a daughter, Barbara was born. The first months Mom and Dad lived in Roland, MB. Then they moved to the La Riviere area where Dad worked for a farmer, Henry Wiebe, for 22 years. Mom and Dad bought a half section of land and then later another half section. In 1980, Mom and Dad bought their own machinery and farmed on their own. In 1985 Mom even learned to drive tractor and also hauled the grain from the field in combining time. Then in 1989 they had a house built in Morden where their son, Rob and his wife first lived until Mom and Dad retired.

Mom was diagnosed in 2003 with Idiopathic Pulmonary Fibrosis. She was part of a study for a medication for IPF. This drug was very helpful for Mom and certainly extended her time with us. In November of 2019 Mom was admitted to hospital for the last time. She could hardly wait to see Jesus as her breathing became more and more laboured. May 11th in the early morning hours she peacefully entered into His presence.

Mom leaves to mourn her loving husband of almost 62 years, John; daughter, Carol (Ken) Unger and their children, Wes (Tanya) Unger and their son, Alex; Amanda (Adam) Beaudry and their children, Madison and Eli; son, Rob (Tina) Hiebert and their children, Jeremy (Rachel) Hiebert and sons, Justin and Andrew, Brian (Bev) Hiebert; daughter, Barbara Kirk and her children, Jeffrey (Lexi) Harms and sons, Josh and Jansen; Derrick Harms. She also leaves to mourn sisters, Anne and Jim Brown, Esther, Elisabeth (Bet) and Casey Jones, and Dora as well as sisters-in-law, Lillis (Jake) Unger, Anne (Abe) Unger as well as Betty Peters, Mary and Bill Giesbrecht, Helen Braun, Tina Hiebert, Annie Peters; also many nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by brothers, Abe, Jake, Pete and Willie and by sisters, Tina, Mary, and Lena. She was also predeceased by a great-grandson, Nolan.

We, the family, want to express our sincere thanks to Dr. Homik, Dr. Holmes, the staff on the Medical Unit as well as the Rehab Unit. The care Mom received was second to none. Thank you to Jay and Jessie Wiebe and BTHC Chaplain, Stephen Siemens for their Spiritual Care. Thank you everyone for your prayers, phone calls, visits, emails, texts in support for Mom and Dad and our family.

Private graveside service was held on Thursday, May 14, 2020 at Southside Cemetery. If friends so desire, donations may be made in Martha's memory to the Boundary Trails Health Centre Foundation designated to Palliative Care

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George Ketler

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1978 - 2020

George Ketler, aged 41, of Lowe Farm, MB passed away suddenly on Monday, May 11, 2020 after a single vehicle accident near Sperling, MB.

George was born in Mexico to Johan and Susana Ketler on September 26, 1978 and moved to Canada in 1986, residing in the Winkler/Roland area. He met his wife, Annie when he was 20 and was baptized on confession of his faith and married 2000. George worked at Integra, Monarch, Diamond Doors before he started concrete work building bin pads with his family. George enjoyed spending time with his family and friends in the great outdoors camping, fishing, and hiking. He loved taking leisurely rides in the country, admiring the beautiful scenery, or spending time around

the bonfire with family and friends. The family enjoyed his witty sarcastic remarks which brought many laughs. If anyone needed help, he was always more than willing to lend a hand with a warm and caring heart. He loved spending time with his nieces and nephews, listening to their stories; they always put a smile on his face or made him laugh while sharing candy with them. Animals and plants were a large part of his life. Whether the animal was wild or domestic, George believed he could tame them all. The last few years his passion was birds; Paris was George's African Gray Parrot who rarely left his side and stayed by his side till the end. Growing plants was another passion of his, making a garden, experimenting with new seeds or growing his avocado plants. George was very skilled at many things, carving perches for his birds and plants. He experimented with old or new recipes and his amazing chili we will forever miss.

George was predeceased by his father in-law, Jacob Wiebe. He leaves behind his loving wife, Annie; two sons, Scott and Travis, his daughter, Mackenzie; his parents, Johan and Susan Ketler; his siblings, Henry (Anna), Kat (Martin), John (Tara), Susie (Frank), along with his mother in-law, Sara Wiebe, John and Sara Giesbrecht, Jake and Rachel Wiebe, Lena Wiebe along with nieces, nephews, aunts, uncles, cousins and friends, that will forever love him and miss him. Smile, God loves you.

Private funeral service was held on Saturday, May 16, 2020 at Wiebe Funeral Home, Winkler with interment at the Reinland Mennonite Church Cemetery in Schanzenfeld.

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Katherine Penner (nee Reimer) 1937 - 2020

Our Mom, Katherine (Tina) Penner was born on August 1, 1937 in the village of Blumenfeld, MB to Wilhelm and Anna Reimer. She received her formal and informal education in a two-room school in the village of Blumenfeld. Mom was baptized upon the confession of her faith in the Old Colony Mennonite Church by Bishop Froese in 1958. Mom helped on her parents' farm, where she acquired skills of being resourceful, industrious and thriftiness. She was a sociable person and enjoyed life in the village, forming many lifelong friendships.

Our parents, Ben Penner and Tina Reimer, were married on a beautiful fall day on September 17, 1961. They settled on Dad's farm in the Mountain City School District, Southwest of Morden.

Mom being sociable missed her life in the village, however, adjusted well to life on the farm and the neighborhood. During the first years of marriage, Mom kept busy creating a home, helping our Dad with farm chores and field work in the summer; sewing, crocheting, and mending in the winter. Our mom enjoyed cooking and was an excellent cook. She knew how to prepare a table set with large amount of delicious food. She always had a large garden, preserving the produce for the winter and sharing extra produce with family and friends. Mom enjoyed yard work and kept a very tidy farmyard. As mentioned earlier, Mom enjoyed sewing, therefore, during the 1970's she opened our home for sewing lessons. This allowed her to strengthen her skills in sewing and to socialize in the community.

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Mom and Dad enjoyed travelling to South America, California, South Dakota and across the Prairie Provinces. It was always interesting the souvenirs they would acquire during these adventures. Our parents retired to the City of Winkler in 1995. This move allowed them to enjoy a slower pace of life. During the summer months they would often be found touring the countryside with friends and neighbours checking crops. Mom always planted a lot of flowers surrounding their home on Cottonwood Drive. She continued to have a large garden, care for fruit trees, and produce a pantry filled with canned produce from her garden. The move to Cedar Estates in October 2019 was short lived, she thoroughly enjoyed condo living and made new friends.

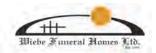
Mom was a gracious, determined, positive full of life individual. She kept many records and saved cards and bulletins of milestones from extended families. Mom enjoyed modern technology and learnt to text, Facetime and Google, finding interesting documentaries on YouTube. She enjoyed the calls she received from her grandchildren via Facetime, and the pictures they sent by text. Mom was relatively healthy, enjoying good health into her late seventies, caring for Dad in his later years, taking him to the home farm or off to the local coffee shop. She was extremely lonely after our Dad passed in 2015, however she reached out and made new friends. In December 2018 mom was diagnosed with colon cancer. She struggled with the diagnosis, accepted it, and struggled with the side effects of chemo. After wrestling with rapidly declining health, she was admitted to Boundary Trails Health Centre on April 24, 2020. She fought a good fight until the early morning hours on Sunday, May 10, 2020.

She is survived by daughter, Marge and her two children, Heather and Matthew; son, Peter and Edna and their two children, Chelsea(David) and Shepard Owaisi, Derrick (Ashley); son, Bill and Valerie and their two children, Tiffany and Colton; daughter, Barb and Myron Derksen and their two children, Caleb (Danica) and Hannah. Mom is survived by brother, Bill A and Tina Reimer and sister, Mary Hamm. She was predeceased by her parents, Wilhelm and Anna Reimer; brother, Peter Reimer; sisters, Ann Reimer, Elizabeth Enns and Agatha Rempel. She will also be missed by Dad's siblings, Marge Unrau, Mary (Dave) Penner, Abe and Susie Penner and Mary (George) Penner. She will also be missed by a host of friends and relatives.

Private funeral service was held with interment at Westridge Memorial Gardens. If friends so desire, donations be made to the Boundary Trails Health Centre Foundation designated to Cancer Care.

As a family, we would like to thank the medical team for the excellent care Mom received at Boundary Trails Health Centre, visits, calls, food and prayers we have received during this time of loss. We will miss your determined spirit, Mom. Rest in Peace

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