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Winkler Horticulture Society volunteers Barb Dyck (left) and Carol Neufeld were part of a team of people hard at work Monday finishing up planting flowers in the community gardens throughout town. For more photos, see Pg. 14.

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Sign war breaks out in Winkler

By Ashleigh Viveiros

A war has broken out in downtown Winkler and is rapidly spreading throughout the city.

The weapon of choice? Quippy puns and gentle roasts writ large on roadside signs owned by businesses up and down Main St. and beyond.

That's right. Winkler is in the midst of a sign war.

The first shot was fired by Charley B's in the direction of the Quality Inn across the street.

"Hey Quality Inn. Wanna have a sign war?"

"Hey, sure Charley B's ... need some 'quality' control?" the hotel wrote back.

Charley B's responded

"Oh, we've got a beef with you now," and the war was off and running.

Soon, nearby Garden Valley Collegiate got in on the fun.

"Hey Charlie B's. We can 'teach' you about quality."

"Hey GVC, we could learn you how to spell Charley B's!" the eatery responded.

The goofy battle soon spread further down Main St. to the Co-op and Flavors of Mexico signs and even across town to Renew Wellness Center and Earth Buds Florist.

At press time, Quality Inn was egging its followers on social media to start tagging Morden businesses on their sign photo posts, hop-

"IT'S JUST A WAY OF BRINGING SOME JOY TO PEOPLE."



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A sign war has broken out in Winkler, starting with businesses on Main St. and spreading beyond.

ing the war would spread west.

While the Charley B's sign was up first, it was actually the Quality Inn's Karina Bueckert who got the ball rolling on this lighthearted initiative.

Bueckert, who heads up marketing for The Inn Keepers and is also involved with the Explore Morden Winkler tourism agency, said a similar sign war she began in Winnipeg really took off. She thought it could do well here as well.

"The reality is people are tired. There's so much negativity everywhere you look ... everyone's tired of talking about lockdowns and restrictions. We wanted to take it upon ourselves to just put something fun out there that could bring a smile to the face of someone passing by.

"It's all in good fun and it's just a way of bringing some joy to people."

A quick text to Charley B's Katelin Letkeman got the restaurant on board.

"It sounded super fun. Something fun and light for

people to see as they drive by, and what a fun place to start it being on the main drag here," said Letkeman.

"It was just going to be between the two of us and then all of the sudden other places started doing it," she said. "I think everybody's doing a really good job of getting creative and just nudging each other a bit."

There was no word at press time of when "hostilities" might cease—we do have a long summer ahead of us, after all.

"This could go on for awhile," Letkeman said.



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Chef Jaxsen in the house

By Ashleigh Viveiros

A budding chef got the chance to see his creation brought to life thanks to a little help from Charley B's.

The Winkler eatery is featuring a special burger on its menu designed by Gr. 6 student Jaxsen Elias.

Earlier this spring, Elias was tasked with inventing a food truck complete with a menu and prices for his math class at Emerado Centennial School.

He came up with a burger truck that sold a special burger called "Pierogis in the House" featuring deep fried

pierogi, fried onions, and schmaunt fat.

It was such a tasty concept that his classmates urged him to try and make it a reality.

"A lot of the kids thought it was a good idea, so then we mailed a letter to Charley B's," Elias said.

"I love pierogies," he added, "and I thought, since they have pierogies and burgers, why not make it one thing?"

Charley B's co-owner Katelin Letkeman was charmed by the letter Elias sent and decided it would be the perfect burger to kick off their summer's specials.

"It was the cutest thing. It came on the school letterhead and everything," she said. "I opened it up and immediately had to share it with my staff. We all thought it was such a neat project for school.

"It is an interesting burger. It's a very Winkler, Mennonite derived burger," Letkeman said, laughing. "We just thought it would be kind of fun."

Charley B's offering features a toasted bun from Manitou Bakery topped with cheddar cheese, a fresh-pressed beef burger, deep fried cottage cheese pierogi from Country Perogy, and ad-



PHOTO BY ASHLEIGH VIVEIROS/VOICE

Jaxsen Elias with Charley B's Katelin Letkeman and the "Pierogis in the House" burger he came up with for a school assignment. The burger is on sale as a special at the Winkler restaurant until next week.



CHARLEY B'S PHOTO

ditional toppings of fried onions and homemade schmaunt fat.

"Just like Chef Jaxsen requested," said Letkeman.

Elias stopped by the restaurant last Thursday—the first day the burger was available—to pick up a bunch for

his whole family to try.

His first glimpse at the finished product had him thinking it was going to sell pretty well.

Pierogis in the House will be available at Charley B's until they unveil their next burger feature June 17.



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“It’s a balancing act”

By Ashleigh Viveiros

Amidst a concentrated push from public health officials and area leaders to encourage people to get their COVID-19 shot, some locals are wondering why it still takes weeks to book an appointment at the Morden supersite.

Morden-Winkler MLA Cameron Friesen, who is served as health minister before taking on the justice portfolio earlier this year, explained to the *Voice* last week that it’s a matter of logistics.

“Since it’s opened that site has always been open on a regular basis, but not seven days a week,” Friesen acknowledged, pointing out that’s the case with the other rural supersites as well.

While the site is open well into the evening to better accommodate people outside of business hours, opening it more days a week comes down to a lot of other factors, Friesen said, including vaccine supply, the size of the catchment area, and estimates on

how busy the site is going to be on any given week.

“Those calculations are not one time but they are ongoing,” he stressed. “As the demand increases, as allocation increases from the feds, then we have the ability to add more appointments ... we have the ability to maximize the workforce.”

When it comes to the workforce, Friesen points out they must also be careful not to pull too many health care workers to the supersite who may be needed elsewhere.

“Right now, at the height of the third wave, with our Boundary Trails Health Centre incredibly busy ... it’s really important that we’re not just addressing the needs of the vaccine supersite for staff, but we are addressing the needs of our regional hospital for staff.

“It’s a balancing act,” Friesen said of the entire system, noting the provincial vaccine task force keeps a careful eye on every part of that system as it figures out how best to allocate resources on a daily basis.

Winkler clinic brings COVID-19 shot to Triple E, Lode King workers

By Ashleigh Viveiros

Winkler’s medical clinic is doing what it can to lead the charge in getting as many people vaccinated against COVID-19 as possible.

Last Thursday that included setting up a pop-up vaccination clinic at Triple E and Lode King so that workers could get the jab without having to make the drive over to the Morden supersite.

“We went there with the ability to provide 104 doses of vaccine,” said C.W. Wiebe Medical Centre manager Jim Neufeld, who explains the clinic was able to secure the extra Moderna doses through the provincial vaccination program.

It all came together rather quickly—the clinic learning just a few days before that the doses were going to be available—but the manufacturer came on board equally quickly to promote their availability to staff, Neufeld said. As a result, all of the pre-scheduled appointments were filled and every dose given out.

While Neufeld can’t say for certain whether they’ll be able to offer similar pop-up events at other major employers, the success of this one certainly bodes well for the possibility.

“I would say if the supply happens and we get the opportunity we certainly are willing to consider this at other locations,” he said.

“We’ve been trying to do whatever we could to get our vaccination rates up in the area,” Neufeld noted. “As health care providers, we feel strongly that’s one of the best tools we have to help our community get out of this current situation that we’re dealing with, and for long-term benefit for all of us.”

Winkler and the RM of Stanley’s COVID-19 vaccination rates are the lowest in Manitoba. Offering people the chance to get vaccinated at work might be a way to get those numbers up among those who are open to getting the vaccine but have been putting off making an appointment and travelling to get it, Neufeld said.

“We thought if we could take it to a more comfortable location, make it more accessible, that we would at least give it a try.”

The clinic has also confirmed it will have supplies to give the Triple E and Lode King workers their second dose of the vaccine as well in a few weeks.

Company representatives had not returned requests for comment at press time.

Building capacity at the local COVID-19 vaccination supersite

“You could move all kinds of vaccine to this site but there has to be careful planning and preparation to ensure that that can be used,” he said. “Once you move vaccine to a site, you cannot redistribute it.”

When asked for further comment on the supersite’s hours, a provincial spokesperson echoed Friesen:

“Available vaccine supply ultimately determines days and hours of operation,” they said. “If there is no vaccine on hand, we cannot book appointments.”

They further pointed out the Morden supersite was scheduled to be open nine out of 11 days at the start of June, open June 2-5 and June 9-14.

“Confirmed additional dates for the Morden supersite will be announced in coming weeks,” they said.

The site is currently averaging 800-840 vaccinations a day. Since it opened in late March, 24,305 people and counting have received their COVID-19 vaccination there.

Friesen noted the province is also working on reaching out in new ways with the vaccine, including through pop-up clinics such as the one held at Triple E/Lode King in Winkler last Thursday (see story on below).



All Manitobans 12 and up are eligible for their first COVID-19 shot and the eligibility for the second dose is expanding rapidly.

“That represents a leap forward from our vaccine implementation task force,” he said. “And I think it represents the benefit of these conversations taking place between doctors, system leaders, Southern Health, the vaccine task force, and community leaders to talk about how do we reach people in greater numbers?”

“Those conversations are going on ... and it’s good to know that they are bearing fruit.”

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• FAITH FOCUS

Rediscovering what it means to be a community

How would you define the word community?

In my Webster's Dictionary I read that community is "A body of people living near one another and in social relationship." Living on the same street or in the same town does not make community. The social relationship also needs to be nurtured for true community to be experienced.

Most of us will have some general sense of identity with the town, city or region we live in today. Within those places where we live, we can and hopefully do have a more specific sense of community with others who share common values and interests. Clubs centred around hobbies such as gardening or crafts or hunting and fishing all have their own sense of community. Religious communities share in the core teachings and activi-



By Randy Smart

ties which they believe are important. As we read in the basic definition from Webster, a social relationship is part of being a community and being the community.

The social fabric of our communities has been extremely challenged. Face-to-face meetings and activities seem like a distant memory to most. Our lack of time with each other may leave us too much time to spend trying to personally solve the mysteries of our present pandemic world. The sources are diverse and many are not trustworthy.

How can we practise community in healthy ways during this time? First, be aware of who you are. God made each one of us and has given us a mind and capacity for emotion and compassion so that we can live with purpose each and every day. God invites your personal engagement in prayer and in the Scriptures every day. Check in with him before you check in with others.

Second, choose to view everyone as your neighbour. Jesus told the story of a man who was injured by robbers as he travelled and of the three fellow travellers who came upon him on the

road. It was the third traveller who chose to interrupt his schedule and was even willing to spend his own money to see that the wounded man's needs were taken care of. After Jesus told the story he posed the question: "Which of these three do you think was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of robbers?" The expert in the law replied, "The one who had mercy on him." Jesus told him, "Go and do likewise." (Luke 10:36,37)

Being a neighbour today is still the right thing to do. Do we offer encouragement and hope to the people around us—even people we do not know well? Do we demonstrate concern for neighbours in the unspoken ways of respecting their boundaries, creatively showing kindness, and co-operating with the public health practices of this time? We should respectfully co-operate and rediscover a genuine sense of community because God has made us to be a community.

Randy Smart has been a pastor in Southern Manitoba since 1979. He is currently senior pastor at Bethel Berghaler Mennonite Church south of Winkler.

Letters

DEAR MR. BILL POTTER,

I know you do not represent the people of Morden in your submission to the *Voice* in the June 3rd edition but I am going to write a response to your letter anyway.

I am writing you to clear up some of the misconceptions you create in your letter. Your tirade took me quite by surprise and I was really taken aback by the numerous erroneous assumptions you made as you spewed. I think your opinions are quite out of step with the thinking

of the good people of the Pembina Valley.

Let me introduce myself: My name is Don Bergen and I am not pitiful, selfish or self-indulgent. I have never been called those things by anyone until you stated them in your letter. Now, I have never met you, and you have never met me so I'm not sure how you could say those things or why you even would.

True, I am a proud Winklerite and I love my community. And while I feel a great respect and affection toward my Winkler neighbours I also feel a great affection and respect for

my neighbours to the west in Morden. Together we form the hub of the Pembina Valley and make the valley the wonderful and diverse place it is. Many people from all around the globe have immigrated to this area to continue to build onto the wonderful mosaic that was begun by us.

Now Bill Potter, I am very aware of the many wonders the scientific community has created for mankind and I am not ambivalent to the facts that relate to COVID-19.

I am fully vaccinated (Pfizer), I

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New candidate in Portage-Lisgar running with PPC

By Becca Myskiw

The People's Party of Canada (PPC) has a new candidate representing Portage-Lisgar for the 44th federal election.

Solomon Wiebe was officially acclaimed as the PPC candidate for the riding on May 11. He said he doesn't have a political background, but he knows his people and what they want.

Wiebe grew up on a farm outside of Morris. He said the COVID-19 pandemic has shown him that there are many things the people want that they aren't getting.

"People don't feel represented by the government a lot of times," he said. "I think I could do a good job in letting their concerns be heard and make concrete changes."

Those concrete changes start with

making sure people are counselled before the government in power makes changes. For example, Wiebe said people should be allowed to make their own choices regarding going to church and visiting family members.

"This is my way of doing something about it other than complaining on social media or to my neighbour or yelling to the sky," he said.

He's running with the PPC because they, he said, give the most chance of change. Wiebe said they aren't motivated by money or special interests and they're known enough to reach voters. It's also a grassroots thing for Wiebe. The people in his riding are his neighbours—he's lived with them all his life and knows what they need.

Some of those things, he said, are affordable housing, lower carbon tax,

and controlled immigration.

The PPC has four core values, each of them things Wiebe stands for: fairness, freedom, respect, personal responsibility.

Respect and personal responsibility go hand in hand for Wiebe. He said people are capable of informed decision-making and independent thinking.

"We don't need the government to be our parents," he said.

The next federal election has not been called yet, so Wiebe is focused on raising awareness around himself and his party. He's hopes habitual voters will "realize there is a better option," and everyone will realize politics do affect their lives.

"I want to make Canada a great place to do business and a great place to live," Wiebe said.



SUBMITTED PHOTO

Solomon Wiebe will act as the official representative of the People's Party of Canada (PPC) locally and will represent the PPC in the upcoming election.

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wear a mask, I respect social distancing, and I do not reject Public Health Orders. I take public health issues very seriously.

You make some assumptions about my relationship with my Lord. I attend church regularly (via Zoom) and have attended this way for over a year. Our entire congregation worships via

Zoom every Sunday and we welcome visitors—all you need to do is ask to be connected. There's another thing, Bill Potter: My Lord doesn't come to me in my dreams to tell me it's okay to infect my fellow citizens with all manner of diseases. That's something you made up. He simply doesn't work that way and I greatly resent you questioning the mission of my Lord as He provides for and cares for His children. Maybe you should spend some time getting to know Him better.

Oh, and one more thing. I do wish you well, and maybe you could make it your mission to get to know some Winkler folks. You might find us pleasant company and worthy of respect.

Blessings on you,

Don Bergen,
Winkler

HELLO FELLOW MORDENITES

My response to "WAKE UP" by Bill Potter (*Voice, Letters, June 3*).

I grew up in rural Morden area and continued well into

my adult years, before off to a few other areas of Manitoba. Once a Mordenite, always a Mordenite, at heart for sure.

However I now find myself one of those pitiful neighbours to the east. With the statements Mr. Potter made I do believe he represents the fine people of Morden in a deplorable manner.

With the vaccine centre located in Morden, I now being labelled as a pitiful neighbour, don't feel welcome there.

John Reimer,
Reinfeld

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GVC students tops in provincial biz competition

By Ashleigh Viveiros

A pair of Garden Valley Collegiate students put their business idea to the test and came out on top at a provincial competition last month.

Last fall, Gr. 12 students Nadine

Braun and Hailee Fast came up with the idea for Oak & Fern, an online shop offering customized hand-painted wooden signs.

They did the legwork for the creation of the company for their venture development course, but then kept at

it long after receiving their final mark. They've been receiving and fulfilling orders pretty consistently ever since.

At the urging of their teachers, the duo applied to compete in the Stu Clark New Venture Championships: High School Edition at the University of Manitoba's Asper School of Business in May.

They walked away as champions.

"To start off we had to submit our business plan," explained Fast. "From there, the judges picked through them and 16 teams got in."

Those teams were further whittled down to just four finalists—including Oak & Fern.

On May 27, Fast and Braun presented their fine-tuned business plan once again via video conferencing and walked away with the \$2,000 grand prize.

Braun said they were feeling pretty confident in the strength of their plan going in—after all, the company has been operating successfully for several months already—but it was still a fun challenge to present their idea convincingly and demonstrate they had the business know-how to make it work.

"In the finals we could see the other presentations, they were streamed live to anyone who wanted to watch," she said. "So we watched those and I

did think we could have a chance to win or maybe get second place. But it was still kind of a surprise."

Fast noted they received some valuable feedback from the judges after the first round and she enjoyed seeing some of the other teams they were up against.

"We were up against some pretty good competition," she said.

The pair plan to put most of the prize money back into their business.

"That way we can expand and do a couple things we couldn't do before because of money," Braun said, noting they've been pleased thus far with the sustained growth of the fledgling company. "It's been going really well. We're growing on Instagram and still making sales every week."

All in all, Braun gives the experience of becoming an entrepreneur a big thumbs up.

Her advice to other youth looking to follow suit is simple:

"If you start it, never give up. Always just keep at it. We had a couple slow months in February and March but we kept it going and the teamwork, the working together, was a really valuable learning experience.

"Just go for it. Sometimes you just need to try some things out ... we learned through the process and it's been rewarding."



SUPPLIED PHOTO

GVC Gr. 12 students Nadine Braun and Hailee Fast won the business plan competition at the Stu Clark New Venture Championships: High School Edition hosted by the University of Manitoba last month for their handmade sign shop Oak & Fern.

Man killed in Hwy 3 collision

By Voice staff

A Winnipeg man was killed after his vehicle collided with a semi-trailer on Hwy. 3 last Friday.

Emergency crews were called to a collision near Road 15N, a few miles north of the Boundary Trails Health Centre, at approximately 1:00 p.m. June 4.

Preliminary investigation indicates a semi-trailer travelling south collided with a semi-trailer going north.

The collision caused the northbound semi to collide with an SUV before hitting the ditch and catching fire.

The driver of the SUV, a 65-year-old male from Winnipeg, was pronounced

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Regional water system remains under strain

Pembina Valley Water Cooperative urges residents to continue water conservation efforts

By Lorne Stelmach

Drought conditions are impacting a wide region of southern Manitoba, with high water usage a concern for the Pembina Valley Water Cooperative (PVWC) system.

The water co-operative remains at a heightened state of awareness due to the rate of water usage and is working closely with municipalities across the region to keep emphasizing the need for water conservation.

After last weekend's rain, the regional system had stabilized, the agency reported Monday, with most reservoirs back close to full, but they then saw water usage starting to increase again.

"It's not over ... the water usage just started jacking right back up ... you could see it moving up again," said Greg Archibald, PVWC CEO.

"This really is a big deal," he said, offering a stark example of what could happen without conservation measures in place to stabilize the system. "If there's any problem at the plant and the plant was to shut down for a bit, in six hours there would be no water.

"We ended up, at the end of the week, saying we did have a regional issue here and just need to get the water usage down."

PVWC operates plants at Letellier, Morris and Stephenfield, and Archibald explained problems began when it started to get hot and water usage went up at the Letellier plant, which serves seven municipalities as their primary source of water while others like Winkler and Morden use it as a secondary source.

"The water usage went so high that we were unable to provide the water that people were trying to pull from us," he said. "It was going out around 8,000 cubic metres a day, which is extremely high, and we only have storage for about 2,500 cubic metres."

One day after enacting a state of emergency, the water usage still went up but did then reduce

from there. Then, in subsequent days, similar concerns arose with the Morris and Stephenfield plants as well.

"For almost a year now, it's been extremely dry," said Archibald, who noted they have had to ask for voluntary restrictions twice in the last four or five years.

One of their key concerns is in relation to the water pressure because if it drops too low, that triggers an automatic boil water advisory, which would especially be a concern for Boundary Trails Health Centre.

"The last thing we would want to do is put them in a boil water advisory," Archibald said. "Normally, our backup would be Winkler on the hospital, but Winkler has overstripped their demand, and last week they couldn't keep up either.

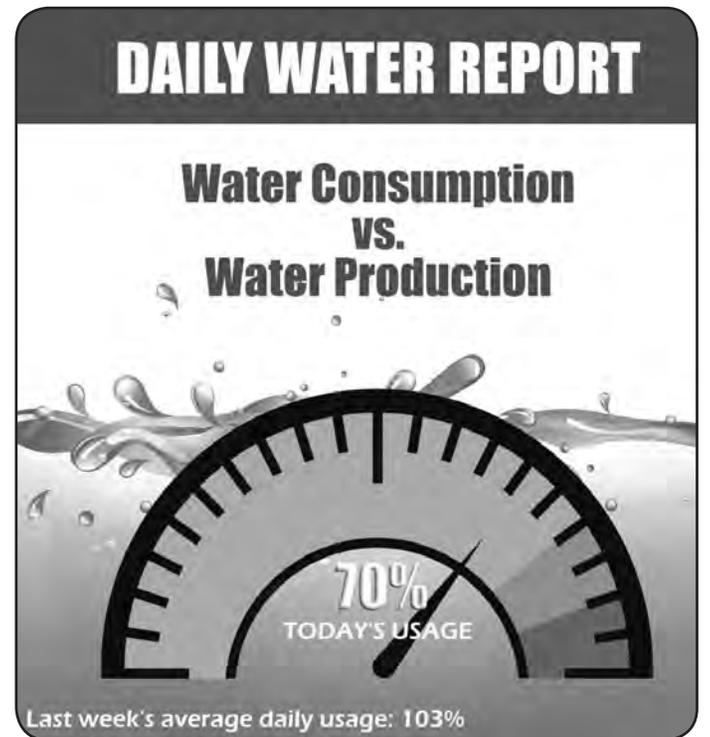
"We did cut Morden off for a couple of days but now we were feeding them again to try to help a little bit," he added.

Archibald said they are speaking daily with member municipalities and have been encouraged to see many are finding alternate temporary water sources to take some of the load off the system.

"A number of municipalities are putting systems in place with trucks and tanks," he said, citing the example of one that is using such a measure to help fill up rain barrels or assist with garden watering.

"We're trying to not just say don't use the water; we're trying to find alternate sources of other water ... we don't want people to lose their gardens," Archibald said. "The municipalities have been quite creative with different ideas ... and I would say at least half of them shared that they're working on some kind of a trucking system to move water around their communities."

He noted another step that has been taken is to set up five truck-fill locations to support the agricultural and industrial community and leave



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The City of Winkler has been posting daily updates on the community's water usage.

more of the water system capacity for residential use. Those sites include the Lavallee gravel pit east of Morris, St Jean pond, Mid-Canada transfer loading facility pond south of Letellier, Buffalo Channel in Alberghal and Patersons Pit south of Jordan corner off Highway 3.

Archibald ended with another word of caution based on recent updates from the United States weather service.

"North Dakota is into this heavy duty drought as we are ... and their projection was it will continue into fall at least," he said. "I think we might be well advised to keep being creative with alternate sources of water and find ways to keep the system down."

Archibald also encouraged residents looking for advice on water conservation to head to www.pvwc.ca and look for "Using Water Wisely" for some ideas.

Major upgrades underway on PTH 75 in Morris

By Voice staff

PTH 75 through Morris is slated to get some major upgrades in the months ahead.

The provincial government last week announced a \$10 million investment in the reconstruction of the southbound lanes of the highway as it runs through Morris.

"Our government is strongly committed to investing in highway road construction and maintenance," said Infrastructure Minister Ron Schuler. "Infrastructure investments are essential to growing our economy and creating jobs for Manitobans. This project moves our province forward

to building a more sustainable and reliable highway network to transport goods and services."

The province is reconstructing and realigning the southbound lanes from Morris's Rodeo Dr. to 3.1 kilometres south of the community. The project also includes the replacement of the

southbound CN rail cross surface.

Southbound lanes will temporarily be closed in the area and two-way traffic will be accommodated on the northbound lanes during construction.

Work is currently underway and is expected to be completed this fall.

Also in the works for the summer, Schuler noted, is additional work on the PTH 75's southbound lanes from Ste. Agathe to the U.S. border. Repairs will be completed to the concrete roadway at various locations along this section of the highway.

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dead at the scene. The passenger, a 63-year-old female from Winnipeg, was taken to hospital with non-life threatening injuries.

The driver of the northbound semi-

trailer, a 40-year-old male from Carman, had minor injuries.

The driver of the southbound semi-trailer, a 53-year-old male from Winnipeg, was not injured.

Pembina Valley RCMP along with the Criminal Collision Investigation Team and a forensic reconstructionist continue to investigate.

Reaching out to the vaccine-hesitant

By Ashleigh Viveiros

Manitoba's COVID-19 Vaccine Implementation Task Force has reached out to community leaders in southern Manitoba to discuss the vaccine hesitancy prevalent in the some local communities.

"We have had some really encouraging meetings with a large number of community leaders who want the best for their communities and want to work with us to figure out how best they can reach out to their communities and be that support and that example," Dr. Joss Reimer, task force co-lead, said last week.

"But this is going to be a long haul. We're not expecting that, after a few presentations or connections, that

we're going to see a sudden tip and a huge increase in uptake in those areas," she continued. "This is about relationship building. This is about trust. This is about people feeling that their questions are being answered."

A number of different outreach methods are being explored, Reimer said, pointing in example to a recent video released by Winkler Mayor Martin Harder and Dr. Don Klassen encouraging people to get vaccinated.

"Dr. Klassen, being in Winkler for I think 40 years at this point practising, and is well respected in that community ... [he's] going to have more of an impact on the community than the government could ever hope to have, because he is that known and trusted voice," she said. "So we're absolutely encouraged [by these types of efforts], but we also know this is going to take a lot of effort and a

long time."

Connecting not only with municipal leaders but church leaders as well is key to the push to get credible information out into the communities, Reimer noted, adding in some cases there are also language barriers that must be overcome.

"Providing some materials as well as trusted voices in those languages could be really helpful as well in increasing the confidence that people in that area feel in regards to this vaccine," she said.

As people learn more about the vaccine and see more of their friends and neighbours safely getting it, it's expected many of those who were at first reluctant to get vaccinated will begin to feel more comfortable doing so.

"When it was brand new, when people had never heard of mRNA technology—even though it's been around for 20 years we certainly never talked about it publicly very much—it felt very foreign and scary to a lot of people," Reimer observed. "But as they've seen their friends and family members, their health care providers receive the vaccine with good results, there's a lot more people feeling more confident in the vaccine."

She stressed that even in areas with low vaccine uptake right now, most people are not necessarily anti-vaccine.

"The vast majority of the people who have not yet been vaccinated are those who have questions about the vaccine," Reimer said. "So they're not against it, they just don't feel the con-

"THIS IS ABOUT TRUST. THIS IS ABOUT PEOPLE FEELING THAT THEIR QUESTIONS ARE BEING ANSWERED."

fidence yet in this vaccine.

"I do anticipate that, even if we didn't do any outreach into these areas at all, that we would see a continuous trickle of people from those communities feeling more and more comfortable with the vaccine as they've seen how it's impacted the rest of Manitoba.

"We want to boost that trickle to become a stream of people coming in, because the last thing we want is for there to be a pocket of people in southern Manitoba who are still susceptible and continue to see infections and continue to see their loved ones in the hospital.

"So we will work hard to support the community leaders as best we can."

Manitoba, as a whole, is predicting it will see 70 per cent of eligible people (anyone age 12 and older) vaccinated with the first dose of the vaccine by the end of the month.

Second-dose appointments are also underway. At press time, anyone who had their first dose on or before May 1 was eligible. Head to protectmb.ca for the latest eligibility requirements and to book your appointment.



Dr. Joss Reimer, head of Manitoba's COVID-19 Vaccine Implementation Task Force, says they've met with community leaders in southern Manitoba to address vaccine hesitancy and what steps could be taken to build trust and get information out to those uncertain about the safety and efficacy of the COVID-19 vaccine.

Daily COVID-19 case numbers improving gradually

By Ashleigh Viveiros

Manitoba's daily case counts appear to be on a downward trend, though health officials warn we're not out of the woods just yet.

The province on Monday reported 169 new cases of COVID-19 and two deaths.

That's a far cry from the heights of just a few weeks ago, which saw a record 603 cases in one day mid-May. By contrast, the average daily case count for the first seven days of June was 265.

"Our day-to-day case numbers continue to gradually improve over time," chief provincial public health officer Dr. Brent Roussin said Monday afternoon. "However, our health care system is still struggling. We still have a

ways to go in that regard.

"We have too many people in hospital right now that are requiring care. Too many people in ICUs both in Manitoba and in other provinces."

At press time, 344 Manitobans were hospitalized with COVID-19, including 308 in Manitoba. There were 66 intensive care unit patients in Manitoba and another 36 at ICUs Ontario, Alberta, and Saskatchewan.

"Manitobans have been working hard to address this," Roussin said. "By staying home as much as possible we've been able to start breaking some transmission chains and start seeing some of these numbers coming down.

"By getting vaccinated, Manitobans are making a difference, decreasing the risk for themselves, the people

around them, and all Manitobans."

Everyone over age 12 is eligible for the COVID-19 vaccine. On Monday, those who received their first dose on or before May 1 were eligible to book their second shot. Appointments can be made online at protectmb.ca or by calling 1-844-626-8222.

Manitoba started the work week with 3,962 active cases of the virus and 47,880 recoveries. A total of 1,077 Manitobans have died due to COVID-19. Monday's five-day COVID-19 test positivity rate was 11.9 per cent provincially and 12.7 per cent in Winnipeg.

In our region, Southern Health-Santé Sud as a whole was reporting 334 active cases and 6,335 recoveries. There were 62 people hospitalized with the virus, 11 in ICU. The number

of deaths in the region is at 167.

In the Pembina Valley, Winkler on Monday still led the way in cases with 68, followed by Morden (22), Carman (21) Altona area (18), Morris (10), Red River South (9) Roland/Thompson (7), Lorne/Louise/Pembina (6), Grey (5), MacDonald (3), Stanley (2)

An outbreak at Winkler's Salem Home personal care home was declared last week, with two residents and one staff member testing positive for the virus.

The care home noted in a letter to families that contact tracing shows the resident contracted the virus through a visitation shelter visit. The visitation shelters are no longer open to the general public; only designated family caregivers are allowed to visit.

Pride Month goes virtual for a second year

Host of online events planned for the month of June

By Ashleigh Viveiros

The rainbow flag is flying high over Morden today in honour of Pride Month.

Representatives from Pembina Valley Pride raised the flag on Saturday at the Access Event Centre, kicking off a month filled with virtual activities to celebrate the 2SLGBTQIANB+ community.

Pandemic restrictions put the kibosh on an in-person Pride march for the second year in a row, but organizer Peter Wohlgemut said they weren't about to let that stop them from reaching out in other ways.

"There was such a good turnout at that very first one in Morden [in 2019], we felt it was really important to keep those connections going," they said.

Observing June as Pride Month has its roots in the 1969 Stonewall uprising. In late June of that year, New York City police raided a popular gay bar, inciting the community to push back and start the Stonewall riots.

The riots lasted for several days and are considered a watershed moment in the modern LGBT movement. The first Pride parade was held the following year.

Pride today is all about bringing people together, stressed Wohlgemut.

"When you get right down to it, the key piece of it is that coming together of queer folk and being recognized, being seen," they said. "In the Pembina Valley there's often this sense that it's okay if no one sees it. So having something very visible, particularly

the march itself ... it's important to have those kind of opportunities.

"When people actually get to know a queer person and find out what Pride's about and who these people are, minds tend to change," Wohlgemut said, noting it's one more step toward making our communities more welcoming, inclusive places for everyone. "The thing is, there are queer kids in our community, queer adults—it's not like this is a group that doesn't exist here, even though some people would like to think that.

"In that sense, I think that visibility in the Pembina Valley is definitely having an impact."

The rainbow flag raising was posted on the group's social media pages with a video filled with photos and messages from members and allies. Bruce the mosasaur at the Morden sign also got in on the celebration, becoming "Rainbow Bruce" for the day.

On Sunday, several group members did a Facebook live event featuring them reading a variety of children's picture books related to the Pride theme. They'll be doing it again on June 13, 20, 27.

Other events planned for the month include an Open Mic Night via Zoom this Friday, June 11, and an art show featuring Pride related pieces on display in the civic centre windows in Altona and online on Pembina Valley Pride's Facebook and Instagram accounts starting next week.

While Pride Month is perhaps the group's most visible time, they're also active year-round with support groups and guest speakers.

They're currently looking for board members to help guide the group moving forward, Wohlgemut noted.

You can learn more online at pembina-valleypride.ca.



April Neufeld and Matias Wengiel raised the Pride flag in honour of Pride Month at the Access Event Centre in Morden Saturday.



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Judy Stambuski (left, far right) led a team of volunteers from the Miami Hutterite Colony in planting flowers in front of the Boundary Trails Health Centre last week. Volunteers from five local colonies will be seeing to the upkeep of the plots throughout the summer.

Volunteers bring a splash of colour to BTHC entrances

By Ashleigh Viveiros

Volunteers braved the heat last week Wednesday to bring a bit of beauty to the Boundary Trails Health Centre grounds.

Judy Stambuski was joined by a team of ladies from the Miami Hutterite Colony in planting hundreds of flowers in the garden in front of the hospital's main and staff entrances.

"We've got petunias, mainly, but also marigolds, zennias, dianthus," she said, explaining they're meant to provide a splash of colour to welcome visitors to the hospital.

"I hope people see it as being relaxing. It's a positive for the hospital," Stambuski said. "I've always said that I'd bet a million on the outside of our facility against anything else in the province, and I do believe that. I've driven into a lot of towns that have hospitals of one size, shape, or another and I've yet to find anything like ours."

Stambuski has headed up the annual beautification project for a number of years now, teaming up with five different Hutterite colonies: Miami, Skyview, Pembina, Rosebank, and Blumengart.

The colonies not only grow the plants for the gardens but also take shifts throughout the spring and summer to keep the flower beds neat and tidy.

"They come out and hoe, take all the weeds out ... that's their contribution to this," Stambuski said. "Last year we did it on an every-other-week basis but I think this year we're going to try and do it weekly and see how it goes."

On top of the welcome help from the colonies, this initiative is made possible thanks to the financial support of the community at large. Stambuski noted she's still accepting donations toward this and future years.

"We did get some donations—I'm hoping that we got enough but I won't know until I get all the bills in," she said.

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

WSD joins GVSD in remote learning

By Voice staff

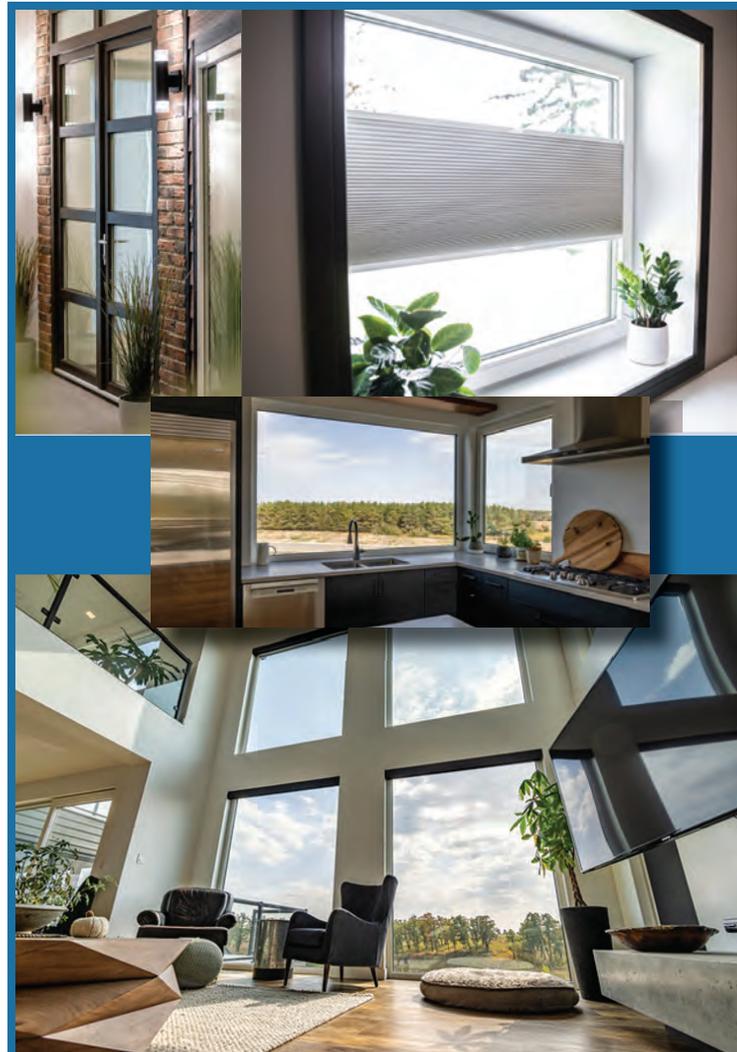
All schools in Morden made the move to remote learning this week.

Western School Division announced last Thursday that Maple Leaf School, École Morden Middle School, and Morden Collegiate were joining Minnewasta School in remote learning until at least Friday, June 18.

"Earlier today we were informed that Manitoba Education, on the recommendation of Public Health, is requiring all schools in Western School Division to move to remote learning for two weeks due to COVID cases within the community," the division said in a statement to the community.

"This move is being made by Manitoba Education and Public Health out of an abundance of caution," WSD noted. As a division, we support the decision ... even though we are not aware of any new cases in our schools recently."

Minnewasta School had already shifted to remote learning a week earlier due to rising case counts. Students there were originally supposed to return to the classroom June 7, but



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Central Station offering Easy Eats meal kits

By Ashleigh Viveiros

Tired of trying to figure out what to make for supper seven days a week?

Winkler's Central Station is offering to take at least one day off your plate.

The community centre launched its new Easy Eats program last month, offering nutritious meal kits for pick-up every Thursday.

"Our kitchen co-ordinator wanted to find a different way to provide food for the community," explains administrative assistant Tania Klassen. "She

was inspired by a couple suggestions from other people and seeing different meal kit programs that are around ... and she came up with Easy Eats Meal Kits, which is a great way for all demographics to get involved. And they're really delicious meals."

Each kit will include everything you need to make that week's featured recipe, including prepackaged ingredients, instructions on how to prepare

the dish, and a list of utensils needed. Two-portion and eight-portion kits are available.

Meals need to be ordered no later than the Monday of the week you want a kit (the list of upcoming weeks are available on Central Stations social media pages and website) and can be picked up from their location at 545 Industrial Dr. Thursdays between 4-5 p.m.

And the price? That's up to you.

"It's by donation," explains Klassen. "The suggested donation for the two-

portion kit is \$7 and for the eight-portion kit is \$20. If you can afford to pay more, then the money goes towards those who can't afford it. And if you can't afford it, that's okay too—we've got you covered. Donate what you can."

The kits thus far have featured a beef burrito bowl, creamy chicken pot pie noodles, and, this week, one-pot spa-

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Every Thursday, Central Station's kitchen is offering meal kits by donation, providing ingredients for tasty dishes like this beef burrito bowl.

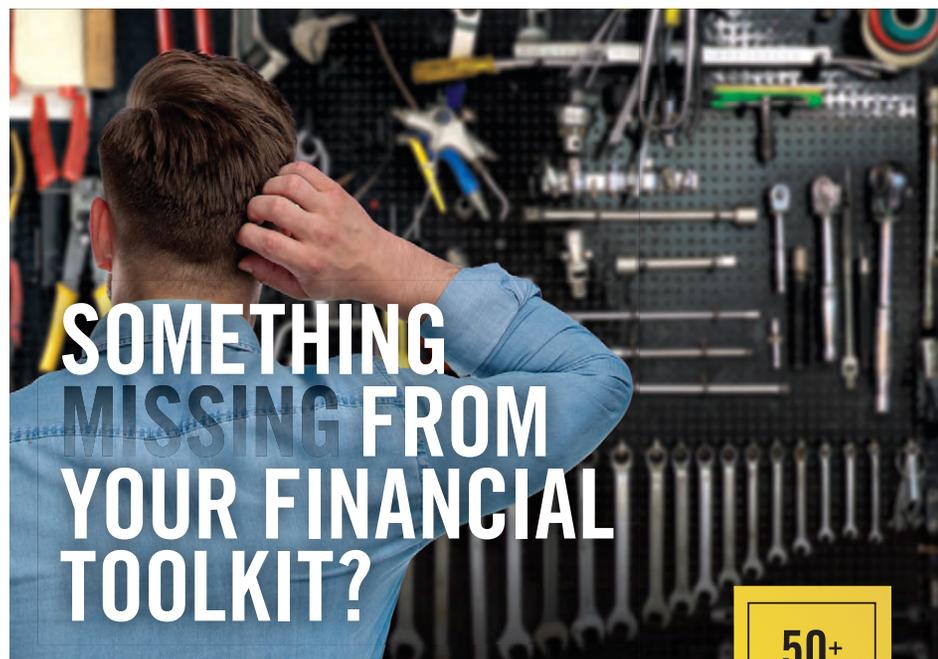
ghetti. Next week's meal is an enchilada dish.

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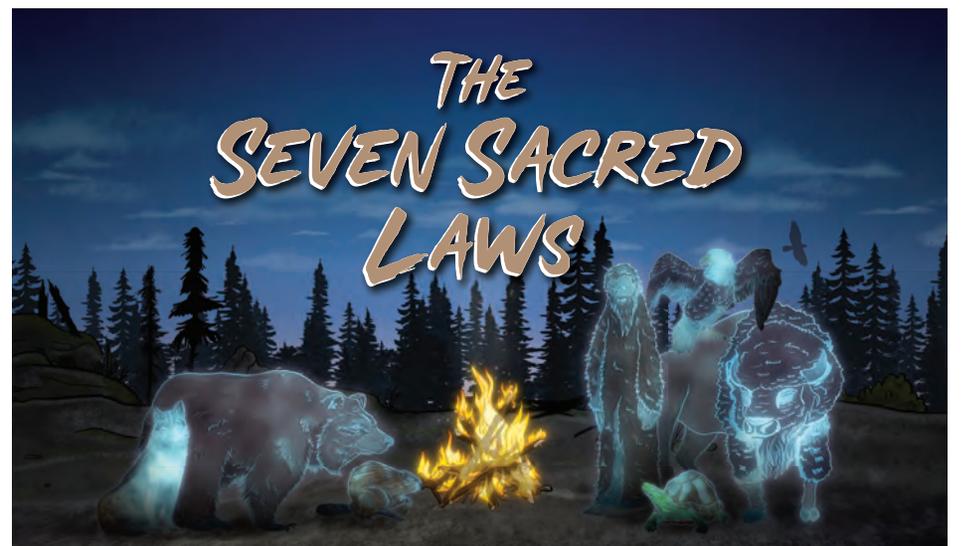
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Green thumbs mobilize in Winkler



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Winkler Horticulture Society volunteers spent most of last week and this past Monday out in the community gardens planting flowers. "A lot of planning and preparation goes ahead of this," board chair Margaret Penner said Monday morning, noting they had about 21 volunteers come out this year. "People are happy to be planting. We get the return planters every year, and they work extremely hard ... it's very exciting to see this happen." Above: Hard at work in Bethel Heritage Park. Right: Tending to the floral display on 15th St.



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arts & culture

PHAC show explores 'The God Concept'

By Jules Stevenson

This June, the Pembina Hills Art Gallery in Morden features artist Callen Froese and her exhibition *The God Concept*.

"The idea behind it was exploring my own interpretation of God," says Froese. She came up with the idea while reading the book *The Artist's Way* by Julia Cameron.

Froese says the book inspired her to rethink her idea of God. She comes to the topic from a Mennonite background, having grown up attending church.

"I wanted to broaden my understanding of God and look past some of the structural issues surrounding religion and go more into the heart of spirituality. What is the experience to me versus what someone else tells me I should be experiencing," says Froese.

The *God Concept* features multimedia works like drawings, collage, and textiles.

"The main bodies of work are both illustrated and collage work using naturally dyed and Japanese washi papers, and really whatever I could get my hands on to play with," says Froese.

She says her use of washi paper and natural dyes is about understanding where the materials she uses come from and how they're made.

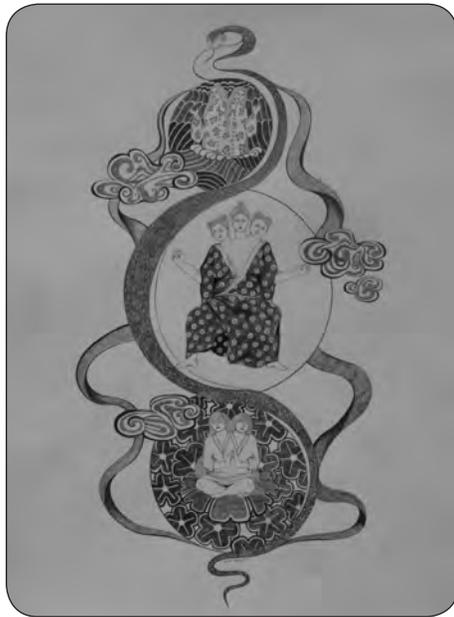
Froese also created art inspired by the COVID-19 pandemic for the show. She crocheted two sweaters together, with arms long enough that there's six feet between the wearers.

"It was to remind myself that we're connected despite the distance," says Froese.

Froese grew up in Winnipeg and used art as a refuge through school. She started drawing and sewing at a young age.

"The message I want people to understand is that it's inclusive, I want to leave the people's experiences to themselves," says Froese. She often leaves very little description with her pieces so people can form their own opinions about what it means to them.

"When Callen submitted her show, we had no clue what the [COVID] restrictions would look like," says Tricia



Dyck, the programs, outreach, and exhibition coordinator for the gallery. They had to quickly adapt to an online exhibition due to strict public health orders slated to be in place until at least mid-June.

To give people the chance to see the show, the gallery will daily be featuring one of Froese's pieces on their Facebook page with a description of the work.

"It would be great if we could open for the end of June so people can come in and actually see her work, just to take in all those details," says Dyck.

The art gallery is also hosting a free artist's talk via Zoom on Monday, June 14 at 7:30 p.m. to discuss the show.



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Artist Callen Froese's exhibit "The God Concept" is on display at the Pembina Hills Art Gallery for the month of June. You can check it out on the Pembina Hills Arts Council's Facebook page.



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The Winkler and Morden family resource centres are teaming up with George's Kitchen & Ice Cream and Iceburg Drive-In this Saturday for Cones for Kids. Proceeds from the sale of ice cream cones will go to support early childhood education programming in both communities.

Saturday's a great day for an ice cream cone

By Ashleigh Viveiros

Looking to cool off this weekend? Why not treat yourself while supporting local early childhood education programming at the same time?

The Winkler Family Resource Centre and Morden Parent and Child Resource Centre are teaming up with George's Kitchen & Ice Cream in Morden and Iceburg Drive-In in Winkler for the first Cones for Kids campaign.

A dollar from the sale of every cone sold at the two restaurants this Saturday, June 12, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. will go to the resource centres, which provide free literacy and numeracy programs for pre-schoolers.

"We usually do our Teddy Bear Picnic in June and this year with COVID restrictions we can't," explained WFRC

executive director Cathy Savage. "We still wanted to be visible in the community and do something, so we came up with this Cones for Kids idea."

They reached out to George's and Iceburg to see if they wanted to be part of it. Both jumped at the chance.

"I think it's pretty awesome what they do there and how they try to help the community," noted Iceburg owner Jonah Unger of the resource centre, adding he hopes they'll be able to bring in a

fair bit of funding for its programs.

"They approached me to do it and I just thought it was a great idea," said Dennis Sung, owner of George's. "Being a small, local business owner, it's nice when we can help out or contribute to our community."

"This is a win for all of us," Savage added, encouraging people to come out not just to support the resource centres but two generous local businesses as well.

Winkler's Butterfly Garden moving to nature sanctuary

By Ashleigh Viveiros

Winkler's Butterfly Garden is on the move.

Four years after being installed in the Winkler Arts and Culture yard on Park St., the Winkler Horticulture Society has opted to move most of the garden's plants to the Discovery Nature Sanctuary.

"We were trying to decide how do we run our budget more efficiently," explained society rep. Valerie Harder. "The nature sanctuary has the educational component being developed and that was the focus we were headed towards [with the butterfly garden] as well. It didn't make sense to do two of the same thing."

And so, the sanctuary has purchased the bulk of the garden's butterfly-friendly grasses and plants and is in the process of replanting them in their own large pollinator garden.

"They were looking for new plants, so that worked out very well for everybody," Harder said.

The art gallery gardens, meanwhile, aren't going anywhere—society volunteers spent time last week planting a variety of flowers and shrubs.

"We have also left some of the original butterfly plants in one of the plots, Harder noted, "just to show people that even in their own backyards, just in a small spot, they can still

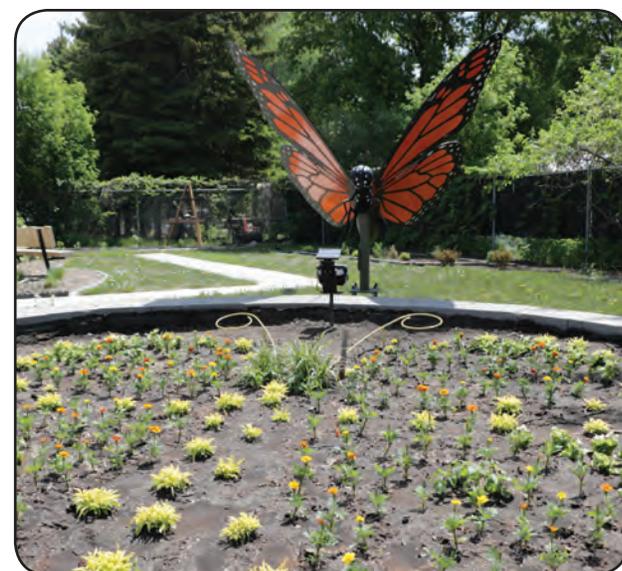


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Most of the butterfly-attracting plants in Winkler's Butterfly Garden are moving over to the Discovery Nature Sanctuary, though a floral display remains.

incorporate a few butterfly plants."

Staying, too, is the giant statue of a monarch butterfly, which has proven to be a popular tourist destination.

"A lot of people stop by to take a photo with that statue and it's kind of in the hub of where most people stop," Harder said, "so that will stay put."

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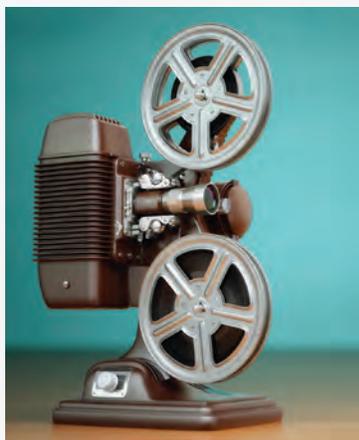
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If you're wondering what to get your dad for Father's Day, it's a good idea to consider his hobbies and interests. Here are some suggestions for different kinds of dads.

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If space permits, your dad might appreciate a vintage film projector or studio lamp. Alternatively, consider getting him a movie-themed trivia game, a scratch-off poster or a collectible figurine from his favourite flick. There are also many great reads about film history and culture.

THE CHEF

One way to impress a dad who loves to cook is by spoiling him with new kitchen accessories. Consider buying him a quality cutting board, Japanese chef knives, barbecue utensils or a new apron. If your dad has a green thumb, another option is to get him potted herbs he can grow outside or in the kitchen.



THE COLLECTOR

If your dad is a stamp enthusiast, he'll likely appreciate a magnifier to help with identification or a UV lamp to assist with observing phosphorescent markings. For the father who collects coins, consider getting him a rare or commemorative piece, a specialized storage album, a magnification loupe or a cleaning bath for his coins.



THE OUTDOORSMAN

The dad who enjoys spending time in nature is likely to welcome getting a set of hiking poles, an engraved compass, a pair of waterproof binoculars or a wilderness survival handbook. Alternatively, check to see if some of his camping, hunting or fishing gear could use an upgrade.

THE MUSIC LOVER

For the dad with a passion for music, buy a water-resistant portable speaker, wireless headphones or a guitar pick maker. Alternatively, get him a music-themed keepsake such as a wall clock depicting his favourite band, drink coasters that look like CDs or records, or

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"It's been very good since we got started," said Nasir. "This business is essential, and we are getting a lot of positive response from the market, especially from the residential side but also the business side."

Nasir is originally from Pakistan and first came to Morden in 2016 with an exploratory visit through the local immigration initiative. He came away impressed with what he discovered of the community and surrounding region.

"On and off, I was coming here to see how life is, how people live, and how the business market is here," he said. Nasir eventually chose to settle in Morden in 2019.

Nasir quickly saw pest control as a priority service that was needed in this area.

"Most of the places that need pest control are calling companies from Winnipeg, which is more expensive, so we decided to start this business," he said, noting that, as a local company, they don't need to charge extra for time and travel within this immediate region. "We can provide services to anyone in this area, and we are covering around a 70 km. radius from Morden."

As for their services, Nasir said they offer a full range for all sectors including residential, commercial, industrial, and agricultural.

"We are providing all types of pest control services. It depends on what their needs are and what their requirements are," he said. "Most of our residential customers are one-time customers, but they may call us every season to do pest control so they know that they are safe."

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Pest Squad's Faisan Nasir says the company works hard to provide quality customer service and to give back to the community.

"We are providing free of cost inspection with no obligation," Nasir added. "And we are providing coverage for our treatments for three months, four months, and up to six months."

"We are doing this to gain the trust of the community, and we are getting very good response."

Meanwhile, the company is offering free, Health Canada approved disinfection services to businesses located in Morden in the midst of the ongoing pandemic.

"I think we are playing a role in the community to keep workplaces safe," said Nasir, noting this is a Pay It Forward initiative.

"We are flexible with the timing ... their business hours should not be affected," he said. "It's good for us to help in the community, and at the same time we can introduce ourselves ... this is our community service ... these clients, in the future, could give us business."

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Stanley Ag. Society working on its comeback

By Ashleigh Viveiros

You might say the Stanley Agricultural Society (SAS) has been going through a fallow period these past few years.

But president Toban Dyck hopes that will change as the board renews work on figuring out what's next for the long-running organization (74 years and counting).

First on the to-do list is the find somewhere to call home. The society has been on the hunt for new land ever since selling its property in Winkler's Parkland for the Meridian Exhibition Centre project several years ago.

"We are working on it. We do have a piece of land in mind," Dyck said after the group's annual general meeting last week. "It has not been absolutely finalized yet, but finalized to a point where we feel comfortable moving forward on coming up with some sort of vision for that space."

Though he was mum on the exact location of the spot they're eyeing, Dyck did say it's in the Winkler area, not too far from the city nor too hard to find.

"It'd be in a fairly visible location. And it offers some good, healthy community part-



nerships as well," he said. "It's not a quarter section or anything but it is a few acres."

The dream is to build stables, a competition ring, and a building that could be used for events, perhaps even offering a commercial kitchen.

"It really depends on space, but we've thrown out a lot of ideas," Dyck said. "We have a design/architecture firm in mind that we've begun chatting with, though nothing has been drafted or created yet."

With any luck, the society will have a land announcement to make this or next year followed by the launch of a major fundraising campaign.

They do have funds from the sale of their Winkler property, but developing the new site won't be cheap.

"We would have to raise quite a bit," Dyck said. "We do see the potential for that if we can offer up a solid plan for what we're thinking."

"With something like the ag society I think as soon as we would make an announcement and as soon as we'd show signs of life, I think there would be support."

Figuring out what the ag society has to offer the community now and into the future looms large on Dyck and the rest of the

SAS board's minds.

"What came out of our strategic plan a few years ago was quite a large list of things that people thought were priorities in our communities, like ag education, agronomic events, school tours," Dyck said, noting the exhibition—formerly held in conjunction with the Winkler Harvest Festival—also made the list.

The board very much wants to honour the society's roots while at the same time bring the organization into the 21st century.

"You have a whole bunch of people that wants the ag society to be a certain way because that's the way they remember us and that's the way it's always been ... I get that—tradition is a very powerful magnet," Dyck said, going on to note, however, that there's also a new, progressive generation of agricultural producers who might be looking for something different from the society. "I'd like to bring some of that into it and see what could the ag society be in a community like this. What are the voids that it could fill?"

"I think there's lots of potential ... you see these ag societies that have part-time admin. staff and are very active. Stanley Ag's never been there and it would be fun to bring it to that point."

The board is open to both suggestions and new members.

"If there's any interest in the ag society or feedback or comments, please get in touch," Dyck urged. You can reach him at tobandyck@gmail.com.

"WE DO HAVE A PIECE OF LAND IN MIND ..."

Clinic launching cardiac rehab program at MEC

By Ashleigh Viveiros

The C.W. Wiebe Medical Centre is planning to make the most of the new Meridian Exhibition Centre when it's finally able to reopen to the public.

The Winkler clinic is gearing up to run a cardiac rehab program out of the MEC, making use of the facility's walking track, exercise equipment, and meeting spaces.

There's been a need for such a program in the area for years, says clinic manager Jim Neufeld.

"Patients that are post heart attack or some other heart event, the provincial program directs them to the Reh-Fit Centre in Winnipeg," he explained. "The individuals that partake in that,

generally what we end up hearing is that they see lots of value in it ... but the barrier of having to drive in two, three times a week—we see people do it for a couple of weeks and then not as often and then not at all."

The opening of the exhibition centre coupled with the addition of several key clinic staff members (including a kinesiologist) made it finally feasible to try to offer a similar rehab program here—one that participants will hopefully find it easier to stick with through the entire six-week run.

"It's copied very much off of what goes on at a Reh-Fit Centre," said Neufeld. "Obviously we don't have the same resources and the same type of capacity that they have, but the pro-

gram itself is quite similar."

Participants will go twice a week, two hours each time.

"Each session will involve about an hour of education," Neufeld explained. "So it could be from a pharmacist or a doctor, a dietician or a mental health worker providing an education piece on recovering from a heart event."

"And then an hour each time would be of supervised, physical activity designed and coordinated with the kinesiologist."

Cardiac patients will receive a referral to the program as they are discharged from hospital, though recent patients are also encouraged to reach out to their primary care provider if

they feel they might be a good fit for it.

This first round of classes is a pilot session to see how it goes. Neufeld said they would ideally like to offer it several times a year, with space for about 10 participants each time.

The plan is to begin the first session June 15, though Neufeld noted they may have to run at least part of it online if the exhibition centre is still closed due to public health orders.

"We have developed a virtual version of this, so we will run some sort of program in this first time slot regardless," he said. "And then just build from there when the situation changes."

Talking motorcycle safety with Gaslight's Rudy Ens

By Jules Stevenson

As a motorcyclist, taking precautionary measures even before going on the road could save your life, says Rudy Ens, owner of Gaslight Harley-Davidson Sales in Morden. He says taking a driver's training test gives motorcyclists the basic knowledge they need to ride safely.

Once road ready, motorcyclists also need to gear up properly. Black leather or durable synthetic materials keep motorcyclists protected, says Ens, and can prevent road rash and other injuries in case of an accident.

"Protective gear is super important," he stresses. "That's why bikers look the way they do, it's not to portray a certain image, it's to be protected."

When on the road, Ens says driving defensively is key. Being aware of all other motorists and predicting what they could do next helps keeps motorcyclists prepared for any danger that might come their way.

"Never take anyone for granted. In other words, you're coming through an intersection and there's a car in the intersection, never take for granted that they see you coming, because they might just pull out right in front of you."

Ens says other motorists need to be aware of motorcyclists too.

"Quite often, drivers forget that motorcyclists are part of the road. One



PHOTO BY GWEN KELLER/VOICE
Gaslight Harley-Davidson Sales owner Rudy Ens reminds motorists of the importance of safety.

of the big reasons for motorcycle accidents is motorcycles get caught in a driver's blind spot."

Besides being visually aware of motorcyclists, Ens points out that listening for them can also save lives.

"In the biking world, there's something that we think is very important, and that's that loud bikes save lives. Part of keeping a rider safe is the

sound, because if you didn't see them in your blind spot, you hear them."

Wildlife can also be very dangerous to motorcyclists, especially deer.

"You know how sometimes you'll try to pass someone in the middle of the doorway, and you go one way, and the person goes the same way? I've had that happen to me with a deer," says Ens, explaining the deer was right in

"PROTECTIVE GEAR IS SUPER IMPORTANT ... IT'S NOT TO PORTRAY A CERTAIN IMAGE, IT'S TO BE PROTECTED."

his headlights and kept moving in the same direction as him. "We missed each other, but it was so close I could have touched the deer when I went driving by."

Ens says close calls like this are important to talk about, as they might help protect other motorcyclists.

Gaslight is what Ens calls an "old-time motorcycle dealership." He started the business in 1972 and it has been an authorized Harley Davidson dealership since 1977.

A motorcycle enthusiast his whole life, Ens has been riding since 1962.

"We love this game. It's an occupation that I seem to never get tired of," he says. "Motorcycles are not a necessity to life, so it's just part of what makes it enjoyable. The people we deal with are mostly happy people, wanting to have fun on a motorcycle."

Over \$42,000 in 4-H scholarships announced

By Becca Myskiw

Manitoba 4-H Council Inc. has announced four new scholarships worth \$42,500.

On June 1, the organization announced in a news release the scholarships will recognize long-serving 4-H leaders.

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They include a \$12,500 scholarship in honour of Fleurette Geirnaert, who was part of the Mariapolis-Baldur 4-H Club for 48 years of service.

There are also \$10,000 scholarships each in honour of Rona Kamfoly of the Ethelbert 4-H Club for 47 years, Rose Taylor of the Rorketon 4-H Variety Club for 45 years, and Margaret Buydens from the Bruxelles 4-H Crew for her 44 years.

The money for these scholarships comes from a \$1 million endowment fund from the Manitoba government.

MLA for Midland and Minister of Agriculture and Resource Development Blaine Pedersen said they recognize the value 4-H provides for youth across the province.

Eligible applicants have to be current or former 4-H Manitoba members between 18 and 30 years as of Dec. 31, 2021. They have to have been in the 4-H program for a minimum of five years and pursuing post-secondary education.

To apply, students have to write an essay on how their chosen education will enable them to take a future leadership role in agriculture, environmental sustainability, or their commu-

nity as a whole. They also have to summarize their 4-H and community involvement along with career plans, two reference letters, education records, a biography, and a photograph. A list of applicants will be selected for interviews. Winners will be announced in September.

"The scholarship program recognizes the value of 4-H Manitoba and its ability to strengthen our communities through the leadership skills developed by the youth in our program," said Dawn Krinke, executive director of Manitoba 4-H Council Inc. "We are delighted to be able to award these substantial scholarships to current and former 4-H Manitoba members while, at the same time, honouring some of our longest serving 4-H leaders for their dedication to the 4-H program. These awards will help ease the burden of further education costs and enable current members to continue their studies and allow some former members to resume their education while continuing to enhance their leadership skills."

Leaders of Tomorrow Scholarship applications can be downloaded at 4h.mb.ca. The deadline is July 16.



Busy year for Coulee 4H

Submitted by Mya Thiessen,
Plum Coulee 4H Club

What a year we've had! The Plum Coulee 4H Club has looked quite different this year, but some great things have still happened! We were able to start off our year in October, registering 22 members with six leaders leading various groups and projects. We met weekly for five weeks and were able to start some of our projects. Our 4H group is a multi-purpose club, which means we offer many different types of projects, dependant on leaders. No beef or horses for this club! Our youngest crew, ages six and seven, were in the Cloverbud group. They touch on a variety of different topics which helps them find their interests for future projects. Adventures into 4H is the next age category, consisting of eight- and nine-year-old members. Here they continue on with a variety of different topics, digging a little deeper and expanding their knowledge. For the second year now, we've had an Outdoor Exploration group. Not as many adventures were had this year due to COVID closing down our club, but last

year this group built quincies, learned how to build fires and make bannock, did some leather work, and whittled sticks into knives and whatever else they could dream up!

The Fibres and Fabrics group was working on creating rag quilts, using fabric scraps that were collected from family, friends and thrift stores. Each member worked to create their own quilt layout, unique to each of them! We are hopeful that we can continue working on them next year, as we didn't get too far on this project.

Our newest group was a delicious one! Discovering Breads had members learning about the science behind yeast and also experimented with grinding their own wheat to create warm treats which they always shared willingly with other members.

Every February, clubs across Canada compete in the Communications Event, wow-ing crowds and judges with the knowledge they've come to learn with the topic they chose to speak on.

Our club had communications on Feb. 20. This year, instead of meeting in person, our members recorded their speeches and submitted them. We were able to link to Zoom, and watch our fellow club

SUPPLIED PHOTOS

The Plum Coulee 4H Club's 22 members managed to keep quite busy this past year, learning a variety of skills and showcasing those talents.

members share their speech or visual presentation. The area president, Philip Fenez, hosted the event for us over Zoom and family and friends could tune in to watch. Judges watched the speeches ahead of time, so we could receive the results once we heard all the presentations.

From our club, we had six members win first place in their category and move on to Regionals. Prizes for our winners were generously donated by Winkler Coop and Peavey Mart.

Regionals took place over Zoom, on March 13th with first place winners from all the clubs in the Red River Area competing against one another.

Plum Coulee 4H came out of Regionals with five first place spots! We were so proud! Wyatt Penner, Aubree Hiebert, Rylan Hiebert, Callie Thiessen and Raya Thiessen all moved on to Provincials, which was held on April 24th. All of them did an amazing job, but Aubree Hiebert came away with another first place win in Provincials. Great job, Aubree!

Although this year has not turned out as we were hoping, we are so grateful for the opportunities given.

The Centre on Main in Plum Coulee has a wonderful facility that we have been able to rent, with a generous donation by JKW Construction to help cover rental costs.

FBC and SeCan are also companies who see the value in our club and have contributed to help us be able to continue running our club. We also received a grant from the Plum Coulee Community Foundation which aided in various costs for our club.

We have missed meeting with our members and being involved in community events this past year, but are hopeful that we can start and complete our 2021/2022 year!

> REMOTE LEARNING, FROM PG. 12

will now stick to virtual learning with the rest of the division.

Health and education officials will determine prior to June 18 whether students will be allowed to return to school for the final weeks of classes.

Meanwhile, the province also announced that all K-12 schools in Winnipeg, Brandon, Red River Valley School Division, and Garden Valley School Division (Winkler and area) will remain on remote learning until

the end of the school year.

These areas will, however, be able to schedule meetings with teachers and small groups of five or six students as of June 14 for in-person support, clinical support, assessments, and transition planning.

"While our case counts are starting to move in the right direction, test positivity rates and the number of cases in hospital and ICU are still too high to broadly reopen schools in

certain parts of the province," said Dr. Brent Roussin, Manitoba's chief provincial public health officer. "These changes will allow schools in remote learning to work with students and assess their progress while ensuring large numbers of people aren't gathering."

Health officials noted that, as of last week, 21 per cent of Manitoba's overall COVID-19 cases were in school-age children. As of May 30, there

were 335 cases linked to schools within previous 14 days and 170 schools with one or more cases.

Officials note some of these individuals may not have caught the virus in school or spread it to others in schools because they were self-isolating at home. Most of the schools with cases are already in remote learning.

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Rec. dept. handing out summer activity kits

By Lorne Stelmach

The City of Morden has been trying to fill at least a bit of the void from not being able to run its summer camp

programs so far due to public health restrictions.

It has been offering free summer activity kits this month featuring themes of crafts, science, nature/outdoors,

and culture.

The kits, which were available for pickup June 1, 8 and 15, were designed for kids age six to 12.

"They've had a good response," said recreation programmer Stephanie Dueck, who noted they were handing out 40 kits packed full of fun activities for kids to do at home.

The science kit, for example, included supplies for kids to make a Skittles rainbow, learn how popcorn works, and make their own quicksand.

The nature kit, meanwhile, included supplies to make a spider web craft, go on an outdoor scavenger hunt, and make a bird feeder.

"It was fun for our summer students to put them together," Dueck noted, adding that "it's giving us an idea as well of what we could be doing

throughout the summer if we can't do what we usually do."

The city has had to put recreation programming on hold with registration postponed not only for the summer camps but for swimming lessons as well.

"It is on hold until we know whether we could run the program based on the public health guidelines and restrictions," Dyck said. "We're holding out some hope to run in-person programs if we can; if we can't run them, then we will run at home programming ... it will all be based on what the province is telling us."

The current public health restrictions are in place until this weekend. The province was expected to provide an update sometime this week.

VOICE FILE PHOTO

With the fate of its summer camps up in the air until the new public health orders come out, the City of Morden has been offering free activity kits to keep kids active and entertained.



MJHL announces regular-season schedule

By Voice staff

The Manitoba Junior Hockey League has announced the regular season start date, schedule format, divisional format and important dates for the upcoming 2021-22 season.

The puck will drop for the first games of the season on Friday, Sep. 17.

Opening weekend will feature six home and home divisional matchups taking place over the course of the weekend involving all 12 teams.

The MJHL will make a return to two-divisions for the 2021-22 season featuring a West and East division with six member teams making up each division.

The Winkler Flyers will be in the East Division along with the Portage Terriers, Steinbach Pistons, Selkirk Steelers, Winnipeg Blues and the Winnipeg Freeze. The West Division includes the Dauphin Kings, Neepawa, OCN Blizzard, Swan Valley Stampers, Waywayseecappo Wolverines, and the Virden Oil Capitals.

Once the season gets underway, each team will play a 54-game schedule on their road to the MJHL Turnbull Cup Playoffs.

Each team will play 40 games within their division and 14 games outside of their division. The season will begin with 10 weeks of home-and-home divisional play, followed by six weeks of non-divisional matchups, before moving to a more traditional schedule format in January.

SHOWCASE IN NOVEMBER

The league also announced the 2021

MJHL Player Showcase will take place Nov. 22-24 at Stride Place in Portage la Prairie.

It will feature all 12 MJHL teams in one location over three days, with each team playing two regular season games at the event.

"We are extremely excited for the 2021 edition of the MJHL Showcase after not being able to host the event last season," said MJHL commissioner Kevin Saurette. "For our elite athletes, these games are a very important step in attracting the attention of the many NCAA, major junior, university, NHL

and NHL Central Scouting scouts and coaches that will be attending from across North America.

"For both fans of the MJHL and the game of hockey, this event is a great way to watch a variety of high-caliber hockey games while enjoying the many comforts and amenities that Stride Place has to offer," he added. "The timing of the event will allow teams and players the ability to be in mid-season form so that they are best prepared to showcase themselves positively."

Flyers trade Swan, Yakubowski to Freeze

By Voice staff

The Winkler Flyers have been fine-tuning their roster in the off-season.

The junior hockey team last week announced it has traded Sequoia Swan and Matthew Yakubowski, both

born in 2002, to the Winnipeg Freeze in exchange for future considerations.

Swan, a forward, played seven games for Winkler in the shortened 2020-21 season, contributing one assist. He previously played two seasons with the OCN Blizzard.

As a defenseman, Yakubowski played four games for Winkler last season, having previously played two seasons with the U18 Winnipeg Bruins.

The team thanked the pair for their contributions and wished them well in the future.

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Tuna Aioli Dip with Balsamic Drizzle

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 raw vegetables, such as carrots, celery, cucumber spears, endive leaves, sliced fennel and bell pepper strips, for dipping
 Drain tuna, reserving 2 tablespoons oil.
 In small saucepan, combine balsamic vinegar, bay leaf and rosemary sprig. Bring to boil and reduce until syrupy, about 1 tablespoon. Let cool slightly; discard bay leaf and rosemary sprig.
 In blender or food processor, process tuna and reserved oil, mayonnaise, capers, anchovies and lemon juice to make smooth dip. Transfer to flat serving bowl. Drizzle with balsamic syrup. Serve with raw vegetables.

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 Servings: 4
 6 ounces Genova Albacore Tuna in Olive Oil
 1/4 cup balsamic vinegar
 1 dried bay leaf
 1 sprig fresh rosemary
 1/3 cup mayonnaise
 2 tablespoons capers, drained
 2 anchovies

Yellowfin Tuna Pasta Salad with Arugula Pesto and Dates



1/4 cup dill, chopped (optional)
 1/4 cup parsley, chopped (optional)
 Preheat oven to 325 F.
 On a sheet tray, toast pine nuts 8-12 minutes, or until golden. Set aside to cool. Bring large pot of salted water to boil. Prepare ice water bath by filling large bowl with cold water and ice. Stir arugula into boiling water and cook until bright green and tender, about 30 seconds. Drain arugula, immediately shock in ice water and set aside to fully drain; cover with towel. In blender or food processor, add arugula; garlic; pine nuts; butter, if desired; Parmigiano-Reggiano; lemon zest, if desired; salt; and pepper. Puree on high, incorporating olive oil to desired thickness. Place pesto in bowl and cover tightly to avoid discoloring.
 Bring large pot of salted water to boil. Add pasta and return to boil, stirring occasionally. Taste pasta for doneness 2 minutes earlier than package instructions. Once cooked, drain and transfer to large bowl. Do not rinse.
 Add pesto gently until evenly distributed. Fold in tuna, sun-dried tomatoes, dates and olives.
 Divide between shallow bowls and finish with additional Parmigiano-Reggiano, dill and parsley, if desired.

Prep time: 20-30 minutes
 Cook time: 20-25 minutes
 Servings: 4
 2 cans (5 ounces each) Genova Yellowfin Tuna in Olive Oil, drained
 1/2 cup pine nuts
 4 cups arugula
 1 garlic clove
 2 tablespoons butter (optional)
 1 cup grated Parmigiano-Reggiano, plus additional for garnish (optional)
 2 lemons, zest only (optional)
 1/2 teaspoon kosher salt
 1/2 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper
 3/4 cup extra-virgin olive oil
 8 ounces whole-wheat orecchiette
 1/2 cup jarred sun-dried tomatoes in oil, chopped
 1/2 cup dates, pitted and quartered
 1/4 cup kalamata olives, pitted and chopped



Christine Ibbotson


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been officially paid out and closed, but rather transferred to a new lease and a new vehicle, the old lease stays on your credit. So now it looks like you have two car leases when you only have one. I once pulled a credit bureau on a client that was getting a collateral charge at a major bank and he was turned down repeatedly due to this problem. He had upgraded his vehicle many times and it looked like he had six car leases when he really only had one. Of course, we fixed the problem by going back to the car dealer and having them close the leases properly, but for many people, they don't even know this is happening to their credit.

Dear Money Lady,
 I am a retired banking executive who owns my home clear title and have \$0 consumer debt. I always pay my bills in full on time before the due dates. Equifax recently contacted me saying my credit score dropped 32 points. After pushing the agent 3-4 times by saying I would like to know the specifics of why my score dropped I was given the following answer. I arranged a \$75,000 unsecured line of credit with BNS several years ago to provide an emergency cash facility should I ever need it. I have never withdrawn a nickel from the account. I was told because the account has been dormant and never used it caused my credit score to be negatively impacted! This seems very wrong on many levels. I thought the fact I have never used the line should make me a better and not reduced credit risk. Sincerely, Marvin.

In Marvin's case, he suggested closing his line of credit which I am sure you will agree is not a good thing to do just because your score may have dropped a little. Instead, you should review the credit you have (credit cards, lines or loans) and use it – even annually. Withdraw funds from your credit line or buy something with your credit card and then pay it back the next day, just to keep it active and in good standing. Do not let your credit rating drop because you are thinking you shouldn't use your products. Inactivity or dormancy for a long period of time may prompt your bank to close the facility and often times it may be harder to apply for it later because the qualifying requirements and rates have changed. Good financial planning doesn't mean you just set things up and then forget about them – even though I know we all have better things to do. Please just use the credit you have periodically. Keep a watchful eye on how creditors use your SIN and be mindful of automatic approvals for special offers and incentives. Banks will need to ask for your SIN when you open accounts or apply for credit, but other organizations may not legally require it. Be careful when giving out your number and make sure you ask what it is being used for. It is after all your credit, your number and your right to protect yourself.

Marvin, thank you for sharing your experience with others.
 As an advisor, I would say you did all the right things. It was an excellent idea to secure a line of credit to use in the event of a future emergency. I would say great planning; however, as you now know, the credit bureaus, (Equifax and Trans-Canada Union) that rate consumers monthly, look at it another way.

Unfortunately, leaving a credit product open but allowing it to become inactive or dormant is the same as being late or delinquent. I know many of you may think this sound unreasonable, however it happens all the time to very good consumers. I have seen this a lot with department store cards that are opened for shoppers to get an instant discount on their purchases, only to receive a credit card in the mail, not activate it or use it and then it becomes inactive. This then drops their score and effects their credit worthiness for the future when they are applying for credit.

Car leases are another one that can drop your score. When your sales rep calls you to upgrade your lease and get you into a new vehicle for the same monthly payment – many people think this is a great deal – and it may be. The problem is that the old car lease, because it has not

Good luck & best wishes,
 Written by Christine Ibbotson, Author of 3 finance books and the Canadian Best-Selling Book "How to Retire Debt Free & Wealthy" www.askthemoneylady.ca or send a question to info@askthemoneylady.ca

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COUNCIL CHAMBERS
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Phone # 204-435-2114
FILE NO: V1-2021
APPLICANT: Kroeker Farms Limited
PROPERTY: NE ¼ 20-5-6W, Roll# 47500.000
SUBJECT: Application for Variation under the
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Zoning By-Law 3/08 as amended:
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Risk Area: 12 Soil Zone: D32**
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OBITUARY

Ferdinand H. Dick (Harry)

1930 – 2021

Sadly, we announce Dad's passing on Saturday, June 5, 2021; a couple months short of his 91st birthday.



Dad was born August 25, 1930 in Winkler, MB. He was one of 10 children. He struck out on his own at a young age and found work mining in both BC and ON. In 1951, he joined the Canadian Army and proudly served until his retirement in 1982. Dad married his true love, Shirley Fogarty in Halifax in 1957 and they enjoyed many years together. Throughout the years, Mom followed Dad in his various postings around the world. His favorite postings were to Germany but he also enjoyed postings in MB, BC, AB and NS. We enjoyed his many stories of the time he spent on UN duty in the Gaza Strip in 1965-66. When Dad retired from the military, he and Mom remained living in Calgary for a number of years eventually deciding to return to Mom's home province of Nova Scotia. After enjoying several years there sadly, Mom became ill and predeceased Dad in 2014. After some coaxing, Dad moved to Portage la Prairie to be nearer to his youngest son. He lived at the Dalton Grove Estates until cancer forced a recent move to the Douglas Campbell Lodge. Dad was a member of McKenzie United Church in Portage. He was a quiet man with a quick wit and generous to a fault. He was an avid curler and devout Blue Jays fan.

Left to remember him are his three sons, Grant (Agnes Snell) of Calgary, Jim (Akata Marsu) of Calgary and Pete (Deb Verwey) of Portage la Prairie; eight grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren. He also leaves behind one brother, two sisters and their families.

Although his stay at Douglas Campbell Lodge was short, the family wishes to thank the staff for the care and concern they showed Dad during his illness.

Cremation has taken place. In keeping with Dad's wishes, no formal service will be held.

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OBITUARY

Trudy Funk



On May 28, 2021 at 7:30 a.m. at Boundary Trails Health Centre, JESUS came to take our daughter, sister, aunt and friend Trudy Funk, to her heavenly home.

Left to cherish memories of her are her mom, Margaretha Funk of Eastview Place, Altona; sisters – Dora (Bob) Wolfe of Grenfell, Sask., Sarah (Peter) Wolfe of Bergfeld, Annie (George) Penner of Tolstoi, and Phyliss Funk of Winkler and their families.

She was predeceased by her Dad, Jacob B. Funk; brother Edwin, an infant sister and two nephews.

Trudy was born on September 18, 1956, the fifth child to Jacob and Margaretha Funk. Having been born with cerebral palsy, she never went to school, but loved to sit beside us and listen to us doing homework verbally. She enjoyed being read to. She loved to sit beside Dad when he did his books, calculating spendings and

earnings. He did his additions so Trudy could hear it all.

She had many seizures during her early years due to her condition. On Sunday, December 31, 1989 she got very sick and was taken to Altona Hospital. From there she was sent to Bethel Hospital in Winkler where they did exploratory surgery and found her stomach had a large hole in it, spilling all food she had eaten into her abdominal cavity. On January 1, 1990, she was transferred to HSC in Winnipeg where she spent about 65 days. This was followed by another two weeks in Winkler before finally going home.

On August 6, 1990, Dad passed away leaving a big empty space for Trudy and Mom. In 1992 Mom and Trudy moved to 55 Spruce Crescent Altona. On June 6th, Trudy moved to a Blue Sky group home on 4th Avenue, Southeast in Altona, where she lived till her passing. She enjoyed going to the Blue Sky Opportunity workshop. She made many friends there both staff and individuals who spend their weekdays there working.

Mom and Sarah went to visit Trudy at 212 where she lived, on a weekly basis. Then when Mom moved to the Ebenezer apartments and later Eastview care home, we reversed that and Trudy went to visit Mom with either Sarah or a staff from her house would take her.

Trudy enjoyed going shopping, going on outings such as a greenhouse to look at and buying flowers for planting in planters, going to the Winnipeg Zoo and museums. She liked to tease family members as well as her caregivers. Many have shared with us about her contagious laugh and her bright smile. She loved people.

One caregiver shared that she had asked Trudy if she wanted to pick out flowers for the planters this spring. Trudy said NO. The caregiver asked a second time, Trudy again said NO. Did Trudy know she would not be here to enjoy them?

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The Family

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OBITUARY

James Cecil Garry Sandercock

1934 - 2021

On Monday, May 31, 2021 at the Carman Memorial Hospital in Carman, MB, Garry Sandercock, aged 87 years went to his eternal rest.



Garry was born the youngest son of William and Emma Sandercock of the Dunston district. He was educated in Morden and attended Success Business College in Winnipeg, where he completed a course in Bookkeeping. Upon graduation, he worked at Brunn's Garage until closing and then Ed's Tire Shop until his retirement. He was a constant feature at the front office for many years. Garry enjoyed fishing, curling, golf and bowling. Upon retirement he took up tinkering and fixing small motors which he had an amazing gift.

Garry is lovingly remembered by sister-in-law, Betty (Doug) Sandercock, brother-in-law, Don Cram and over 30 nieces and nephews who thought the world of their uncle. Garry had a special way about making every niece and nephew feel important. Garry was predeceased by his brothers, Melville, Edgar, Walter, Melford, Bert, Doug and sisters, Marion Patterson, Velma Keith and Mavis Cram.

A memorial service with family will be held at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made in Garry's memory to the Morden Friendship Centre, 306 North Railway St. Morden, MB R6M 1S7.

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