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Remembering D-Day

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The Morden Legion commemorated the 80th anniversary of D-Day last week. See inside this edition of the Voice.

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Legion marks D-Day anniversary

By Lorne Stelmach

The Morden Legion commemorated the 80th anniversary of D-Day last week.

A brief ceremony was held last Thursday at Confederation Park in downtown Morden with Legion member Ken Wiebe among those offering the message to remember those from the country and particularly this community who went ashore that morning.

"They were fearful, yet they went anyway," said Wiebe. "Help us to be ever grateful for the sacrifice that was made that day and appreciate that it is because of this that we have the freedom that we too often take for granted."

Wiebe also highlighted local serviceman Ralph Earnest Spencer, who served in world war two with the Royal Winnipeg Rifles, who were in the first wave that went ashore at Juno Beach June 6, 1944.

Spencer did not survive the day, and he is buried at Beny-Sur-Mer Canadian War Cemetery in Reviars, France. He was honoured with the France and Germany Star, Canadian Volunteer Service medal and clasp and 1939-45 war medal.

Fellow Legion member Bob Frost also touched on "ensuring that their courage and sacrifice will never be forgotten."

"It is imperative that we as a country continue to promote and honour the Remembrance of such events as D-Day, Remembrance Day on their anniversary dates to recognize these soldiers' courage and sacrifice."

The ceremony saw Legion members march on the colours followed by O'Canada, the Last Post, two minutes of silence and Reveille, and a wreath was then presented at the cenotaph with Morden deputy mayor Gord Maddock.

"The men and women who participated in this momentous event came



PHOTOS BY LORNE STELMACH/VOICE

Legion members marched on the colours for the brief ceremony last Thursday at Confederation Park in downtown Morden

Supporting pickleball



PHOTO BY LORNE STELMACH/VOICE

The plans for development of a pickleball facility in Winkler got a boost last weekend with a fundraising tournament. It ended up with about 60 registrations and was estimated to have raised almost \$3,000. "It looks like it was a fun and great run tournament," said John Klassen. "More importantly, the tournament showed how much fun pickleball can be ... and the money raised can boost our new building project." The Winkler pickleball association is finishing its indoor play this week and starting outdoor play June 18 at the Lions Park courts, and it is hosting an introduction to pickleball clinic June 18 from 7 to 9 p.m. You can email winklerpickleball@gmail.com for more information.



from different nations, different backgrounds and different walks of life," noted Maddock, who added they were all "united by a common goal to restore peace and freedom."

He too stressed the importance of commemorating one of the most pivotal moments in our history and hon-

ouring the immense sacrifices.

"Their bravery, dedication and spirit in the face of adversity reminds us of the profound cost of freedom," said Maddock. "We must ensure that the lessons of D-Day are never forgotten ... their legacy is our responsibility."



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Farm Fest funds Uganda ministry



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Grassroots Gospel kicked off the Farm Fest fundraiser last Saturday south of Winkler. The project of Betty and Wes Hiebert was estimated to have brought in perhaps about \$10,000 in support of Love All Ministries. Started in Uganda to work with youth and now building a drop-in centre, it also supports other charitable endeavours including a meal program. Farm Fest is planning another fundraiser Sept. 7 for David Toews, a travelling minister from Paraguay.

Food drive successful



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A recent food drive by the Winkler Mennonite Brethren Church youth group was successful. On May 29, residents were asked to bring food donations to Central Station, where the volunteers collected and sorted it all for the Winkler Food Cupboard. "We had a lot of students - 65 or so - plus adult leaders show up, so we ran out of work pretty quickly," said NextGen pastor Jesse Yoder. "I don't have an exact amount of food we connected, but the food cupboard got stocked back up and was full again."

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A day full of Pride

Altona celebrates unity and diversity with 2024 rally

By Lori Penner

Beneath a sunny sky, the Altona Centennial Park transformed into a vibrant and inclusive gathering place Saturday for the 2024 Pembina Valley Pride march and rally.

The event, which drew a diverse crowd of supporters and participants from across the community and the province, aimed to celebrate the 2SLGBTQIA+ community.

From the Rainbow Church service at the Altona United Church and the inspiring speeches to the hundreds of participants of all ages, marching down the community trails in colourful regalia, the day was filled with activities that underscored the importance of unity, acceptance and diversity.

Families and individuals revelled in the festive atmosphere, surrounded by bright colours and decorations. Children delighted in face painting, crafts, and a bubble machine, while adults explored vendors showcasing local art and merchandise.

Three food trucks were also set to arrive, but according to Pembina Valley Pride president Pauline Emerson-Froebe, they cancelled due to threats issued to one of the participating businesses by an unknown individual.

Fortunately, the Altona Elks Lodge 447 swooped in to offer a helping hand, providing hot dogs, pop and chips for attendees.

"We were super appreciative to Pembina Valley Pride for allowing us to be able to be a part of the event and fill a need for everyone," said Elks member Rachael Friesen. "All the attendees were amazing. Their donations covered our costs, and the extra \$1,600 will all go towards kids in need. It was a great day."

The event's lineup of notable speakers included community leaders and activists who emphasized the significance of inclusion, fostering a sense of understanding and shared purpose.

"We don't celebrate Pride just because we're proud of who we are," said Emerson-Froebe, who moved to the Pembina Valley with her wife seven years ago. "We celebrate Pride to demonstrate our intolerance of bigotry, oppression and the marginaliza-



tion of our entire rainbow community.

"I want you to be aware that we, the 2SLGBTQIA+ community and our allies, we are the majority. The haters are the minority now, and because their numbers are dwindling, they are shouting even louder to spread their hate. But we will not let them win. We are stronger than that. We are together."

Perseus Hamm spoke at the first Altona Pride celebration in 2022 and returned to share their journey. They empathize the importance of having peers that are queer and having a community around you that understands you.

"It is essential to encourage the day-to-day celebration of queerness through a lens of unwavering acceptance that people will be who they are, and that will change. The gift of this community is that they will stand by that change, and that is something that should not be understated, how important we all are for each other."

Peter Wohlgemut, past president of Pembina Valley Pride, said it felt incredible to lead the parade and look back and see the long, endless line behind him.

"When I think back to the ally card situation that we had here about 14 years ago, now this is the second Pride event in Altona. It was huge. There were lots of people there, from kids to seniors, and it was interesting how many people said it was their first Pride event.

"It was amazing that they could see this as a safe place, where they could openly be with people that they knew would welcome them. That was so heartwarming.

"I think people have come a long way, and there are also people out there who don't know how they can show their support, but with an event like this, they can show it by just being there."

While an event like this sends a message to queer people, Wohlgemut said it also sends a message to the community at large.



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Josie Fehr left a message on the big sign in the Altona Centennial Park. NDP representatives Billie Cross, Bernadette Smith, Tracy Schmidt and Mike Moyes got in the spirit of Pride. Pembina Valley Pride president Pauline Emerson-Froebe opened the rally.



"There's a lot of support in this community. And if you're going to be hateful, you might want to be careful about what you say because you might not know who you're talking to," he said. "There was a time when people felt it was okay to say negative things, but do you really want to ostracize this many people?"

"There was a time when to be included in this community, you needed to have certain beliefs, speak a certain language, have certain identities, act, dress a certain way - you had to conform to a very narrow social contract. But now, that contract has broadened to include far more people than it used to," he concluded.

United Way presents scholarships

By Lorne Stelmach

United Way Pembina Valley is honouring three local youth and supporting their further education with the presentation of the organization's annual scholarships.

The agency distributes three \$1,000 scholarships annually to a graduate from each Morden and Winkler high school - Garden Valley Collegiate, Morden Collegiate Institute and Northlands Parkway Collegiate - who has demonstrated social awareness and leadership through volunteer service and involvement within the community.

Scholarships committee member Audrey Armstrong said they had a significant number of applications, and they were impressive though the three selected especially stood out.

"The winners this year I think were all really excellent candidates ... young people with all kinds of potential who are going to do good things in the world," said Armstrong. "It is encouraging ... it is exciting, and its heartwarming."

This year's winners include Payton Neufeld of Garden Valley Collegiate, Erica Plett of Morden Collegiate and Alyssa Neufeld of Northlands Parkway Collegiate.

Payton Neufeld's community involvements include serving on her school's dance committee, student council sports committee and volunteering as an educational assistant in a grade 4 classroom at Parkland School.

"I have greatly impacted these students by being in their classroom twice a week. I've made connections with all of them, not only regarding



Payton Neufeld
of Garden Valley Collegiate

school life, but have also shown interest in their 'outside' life and I can tell they've enjoyed getting to meet me, as I have with them," Neufeld wrote in her application.

"By volunteering at Parkland, not only have I had the chance to develop my leadership skills, but I've also been able to make a difference in these students' lives by being both a friend and a role model."

Neufeld will be pursuing an early years education degree, majoring in general sciences and minoring in math.

Erica Plett's community activities include serving as a recreation volunteer with Tabor Home, parade volunteer with 3M Canada and a cashier at the Morden Community Thrift Store. She's also been involved as a volunteer in the local basketball community, serving as a coach for junior programs and a scorekeeper. Plett plans



Erica Plett
of Morden Collegiate

to pursue a career in the health care field.

"Volunteering at Tabor Home has opened my eyes to the vital role that health care aides and nurses play in the lives of elderly care home residents," Plett shared in her application. "They have an incredible responsibility for the day-to-day well-being and happiness of these individuals, and I would take that responsibility very seriously."

"Whether young or old, I am dedicated to tending to those in need, making a nursing career a natural fit for me. I am intrigued by the idea of working in an environment where I can help people daily."

Alyssa Neufeld has been involved as a volunteer at Salem Home, a grade representative with the NPC student council, an educational assistant in her school's life skills program, a ticket taker at the P.W. Enns Centennial



Alyssa Neufeld
of Northlands Parkway Collegiate
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Concert Hall and a volunteer at her church.

"Volunteering has improved my mental health, self-esteem and confidence," Neufeld wrote in her application. "It has taught me to be humble, patient and graceful. My lived experience provides me with a great sense of empathy and has made me passionate about advocating for vulnerable people. Volunteering has not been a waste of time, but rather has taught me so much about myself."

Neufeld will be pursuing bachelor's degrees in history and education en route to becoming a high school teacher.

In addition to the scholarship program, United Way Pembina Valley also contributes two bursaries of \$750 to each of the three high schools. Those recipients are selected by the schools.

Come paddling in Morden

By Lorne Stelmach

Paddlefest returns to Lake Minnewasta in Morden this Saturday, and organizers hope it will help continue to draw more people.

City of Morden recreation programmer Brookelynn Wolfe sees the paddlefest as sparking more interest in the whole range of paddle equipment that is available, and she thinks it has also been further boosted since the city's move to ban power boats on Lake Minnewasta.

"I'm hoping that these paddlefest events will help promote the paddle club that we have ... and that we do

rentals at the lake," said Wolfe, who agreed there seems to be increased interest. "I think taking out the power boats gets a little better opportunity for people to come out with kayaks and paddle boards and those types of boats."

If the weather is good, the city is anticipating getting another good turnout for the paddlefest this Saturday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Lake Minnewasta.

The Morden Paddlefest offers an opportunity for people to try out canoes, kayaks and paddleboards and kayaks



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The Morden Paddlefest offers an opportunity for people to try out canoes, kayaks and paddleboards and kayaks for free, and the Manitoba Paddle Association will again be out with dragon boats as well.

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Perspective

Almost all the memories from when I was a child before the age of six are happy. In fact, I cannot recall a sad memory prior to that age.

I am grateful for having the long-term memory I have that stretches back to somewhere around the three-year-old age (despite always having the short-term memory of a gnat). I am grateful for this because when I am mindful enough it allows me to reach out on occasion and gain perspective.

Sometimes life can be difficult. Difficulties arise with help from ourselves or through no effort at all on our part. Sometimes they are internal struggles that magnify externals, sometimes they are externals that magnify internals and sometimes they are both.

No amount of money, privilege, security, love, and health can stand in the way of many of these things that rise up. It is part of what it means to be human.

When I think of it, which is rare, I retreat into my mind and fall back into the past to recall those moments as a young child in wonder and with questions.

Part of why I was happy (or at least neutral) as a child was a complete lack of awareness of past and future

(especially the future). The only thing that existed was the present. I could not become anxious because anxiety is rooted in fear of the future and as a child there was no such thing as the future.

Of course, this is likely why young children are so demanding.

"I'm hungry!"

"Dinner is in an hour."

"But I'm hungry NOW! I don't even know what the heck an hour is!"

We never worried about things like tornadoes and floods because we didn't know what they were. We lacked experience and knowledge. This is an example of how ignorance can be bliss. Of course, a farmer living in tornado alley in the midwestern U.S. must trade the bliss of ignorance for the knowledge and accompanying worry of tornadoes so that they can prepare for its potential.

Over time, as we experience things like having to wait for dinner again and again, as we have our needs not met immediately but at a promised later time, we become aware of the future. With this awareness comes issues of hope, trust, and anxiety as we start to develop and ask internal questions like:

"What if dinner isn't in an hour, what if it's in two hours?"

As we mature and experience things like broken promises, abuses of trust

or authority, and circumstances changing, our anticipations and anxieties become more complex, and we start asking questions like:

"What if we run out of food and I never get to eat?" (Can you tell where my concerns were as a kid?)

Now, as an adult, having become practiced and experienced with a great variety of things my anxieties and worries have evolved and become more complex. They become harder to ignore and I can get trapped in a horrendous feedback loop of "what ifs" and even worse "could've beens."

If I am lucky, I remember to pause, take a deep breath and reflect on three-year-old me toddling from my grandparent's kitchen into their dining room with a glass of milk, an Oreo, and one of grandpa's ties around my neck trailing on the floor behind me.

This is a centring memory that provides me with some perspective. All the things I worry about now existed then (relationships, money, death, sickness, etc.) but I didn't worry about them.

If I dropped my cookie or milk, all I needed to do was cry and someone would come along, hug me, get me new cookies and milk, and send me on my way happy again.

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By Peter Cantelon

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Ready to Rendezvous

By Lorne Stelmach

The annual Pembina Valley Rendezvous and Trade Fair has been going for almost 25 years now, and it's aim remains the same.

Organizers of the annual celebration of everything connected to the trapping trade want to keep these pioneer era traditions alive.

"We're trying to show all the old ways and how it all used to be done," said lead organizer Dennis Rex. "We're trying to make it about education as to what went on back in time with the trapping culture."

The Rendezvous is not only celebrating but helping carry on the traditions of the fur trade and the trapping lifestyle.

The Rendezvous takes place June 22 and 23 in Darlingford on the grounds of the former school which now houses the local heritage museum.

Carman hosted the festival for its first four years before it relocated to Stanley park two decades ago, and it moved to Darlingford last year after having been revived post-pandemic.

"I think there was interest in it before COVID hit, and I guess we're still trying to get back on track," said Rex. "I know with some of the demos, there's some younger people getting interested in it ... and it's not just the guys, some of the girls are interested in it too. We are getting a few younger families involved now."

"It's much the same as what we have done in the past out at Stanley Park," said Rex, noting the event features a variety of demonstrations, competitions and other activities.

Some of the feature events include the outdoor



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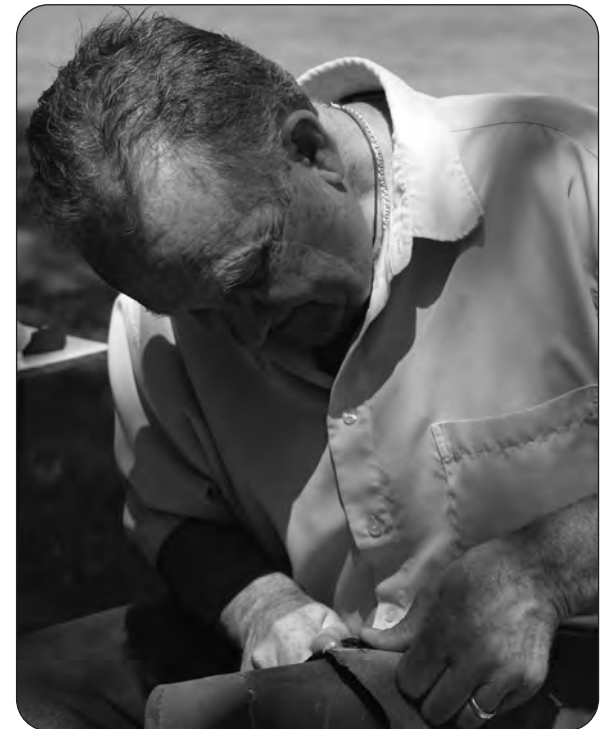
seminars and demonstrations on such skills as blacksmithing, flint knapping and trapping and skinning. The competitions include archery, knife and tomahawk throwing, black powder shooting and 22 calibre shooting.

Rex said there are a variety of outdoor demonstrations and seminars - from trapping and skinning to a chain saw carver - which are draw as well.

"We were hoping to get our trapper muzzle-loader guys here this year ... with their displays and they would have some stories and history."

Most of the demos happen Saturday, which also includes the fish fry dinner at 6 p.m., and there are also a couple draws happening on Saturday and Sunday with plans for a live band Saturday afternoon. The activities conclude with a Sunday morning church service at 10 a.m.

There will be a variety of vendors located in the curling rink, and anyone still interested in a table rental could call or text Johan at 204-823-1903. For other in-



formation, you can contact Dennis Rex at 204-246-2202 or e-mail pembina-valley-fur-council@gmail.com

There is free admission, and free unserviced camping is welcome, and you can find the Pembina Valley Rendezvous and Trade Fair now on Facebook.

> CANTELON, FROM PG. 6

Today when my proverbial cookie falls on the floor and I begin to wonder if all my cookies will always fall on the floor forever and why was I ever born ... a deep breath, and a step into the past will remind me that there are ways through.

Beyond the basic commonsense preparations, one should try to remain focused on now and not too unhealthily on the infinite potential futures.

Sure, I just fell overboard, but let's focus on getting to that far off visible shore and not on the possibility of being eaten by a shark that may or may not even be there.

letter to the editor

An American welcome in Canada

I have to say that Canadians are the warmest, most welcoming people I have had the opportunity to meet.

As an American who is exploring moving to the Pembina Valley, I was worried I might not be able to integrate with your strange and alien ways here.

You have so many languages available that man 'wechselt ständig zwischen ihnen' mid-sentence to ensure that you keep them all fresh in your mind. It can be a bit challenging to follow a conversation at times.

The food can be strange and at times off-putting; let's be honest, kielke and schmaundt fat is just

dough with more milky dough on top. And watermelon with ... more fried dough ... is not a full meal.

Farmer's sausage on the other hand is a national treasure and should absolutely replace maple syrup when people think of Canadian food.

So obviously as a red-blooded American expatriate, I was worried about finding some common ground. And I found it!

Some of you went above and beyond to make me feel right at home.

Apparently, some of you threatened the food truck vendors at the Pembina Valley Pride parade in Altona so badly they decided to not supply me or anyone with delicious churros. I can only imagine what was said or done to them that scared them so badly.

It is truly an American set of actions.

You took your personal set of views and managed to extrapolate them into a potentially lethal situation.

You didn't like what someone else believed and arrived at the conclusion the only recourse is violence and fear.

Thank you for making me feel right at home in a sea of bigotry and homophobia.

If you could just work in a mass shooting for me while I'm here, I'd really feel at home, knowing Canada has fully integrated into the American way of life.

YEEHAW!

Aaron Scott
Winkler

City, New Leaf leading the charge on spring planting

By Ashleigh Viveiros

Winkler's spring planting blitz is well underway, but for the first time in decades it's not the Winkler Horticulture Society leading the charge.

Several long-running members stepped down from the society last summer after years of service.

As a result, there is no longer a horticulture society committee, shares the City of Winkler's director of community services Jordan Driedger, and so oversight of the floral beds and hanging pots throughout town has fallen to the city itself this year.

"A bunch of key people were stepping away and they just felt it was best to dissolve it at that time," he says. "So there isn't a committee the way there has been in the past.

"So then that left us as a city to determine what do we do next?"

Driedger says New Leaf Garden Center—which has worked with the horticulture society for years—has

picked up the torch and tackled this year's garden plans and planting work.

"We are working closely with New Leaf ... they've taken on more of a role this year with some of the design work of the plots. They led a lot of the planting efforts and that kind of thing."

Through the summer, city staff will see to watering the flowers, as they always have, in addition to general maintenance, while Adopt-a-Plot volunteers are back to see to specific gardens around town.

"As a city, we did play a role in years past as far as prepping the plots, maintaining them. We work with the watering, the individuals that do the watering. So we're going to continue to do that," Driedger says.

The goal is to make this transition as smooth as possible.

"We still want to maintain the level of service, to some degree, that the society was able to offer," says Driedger.

"It's going to be different, because that committee was a volunteer-led committee, and they had numerous volunteers that supported them."

Ideally, most people shouldn't notice a big change in the



VOICE FILE PHOTO

New Leaf Garden Center and the City of Winkler have taken over oversight of the community's public floral displays following the disbandment of the Winkler Horticulture Society.

look of the various community flower beds, though they may be populated with more perennials than in the past.

"Those that are very in tune with it might notice, but I would suggest when you're driving through town, you won't notice a major change," Driedger says, noting New Leaf staff's experience will help ensure that. "It was important to the city that it have a similar feel to year's past."

And volunteers are still most welcome to get involved with the Adopt-a-Plot program.

"That group still exists and they're still going to be supporting our efforts and New Leaf's efforts," Driedger says, noting there's already a good

team of volunteers, but "there's always room for more."

If you're a green thumb looking to get involved, you can send an email to horticulture@cityofwinkler.ca or call 204-325-8333 for details.

> PADDLING, FROM PG. 5

for free, and the Manitoba Paddle Association will again be out with dragon boats as well.

There is no charge to use the equipment, but you ideally need to register in advance to guarantee that you can get a for a 45 minute time slot.

People can come out and try out the kayaks and the dragon boats absolutely for free, but the gate fees will still apply.

The event has also tied in well with the efforts of the local Morden paddle club to promote paddling as a low impact sport for people of nearly all ages and abilities. The Morden Paddle Club offers the opportunity for rentals at the lake throughout the summer, and it is under the umbrella of the Manitoba Paddle Association.

"We'll have the Manitoba Paddle Association come out with all their boats to kind of supplement Morden's boats that we have here," said Wolfe. "People can register on our website ahead of time, and we will accept walk-ups as long as there's room."

You can find more information and register for the paddfest online through the website at mymorden.ca and look for community events then paddfest.

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New dog park shelved

By Lorne Stelmach

The hopes for having a new dog park in place soon in Winkler were dashed this past week with the City of Winkler having a change of heart about the proposed new location.

Recently announced plans to relocate the park to the Scotia Park - Kinsmen Heritage Park location fell through as a result of what the city cited as concerns raised by area residents.

A City of Winkler social media post had cited that it had "heard from numerous concerned citizens about the new location. We have heard these concerns and will not proceed with relocating the dog park to Scotia park."

"While we understand there will be disappointment from citizens who have enjoyed this space, the dog park will remain closed until a suitable location has been found."

The change drew some quick response including an online petition that urged people "to hold our city accountable and ensure we get our promised dog park."

It was posted by area resident Leah Nel, who shared her frustration with the halted plans without any mention of other possible locations or plans for the immediate future.

"While I appreciate that some residents have concerns, I contend that they may represent a vocal minority," Nel suggested by email. "I think that there are an equal or greater number of people in the area who would support the dog park, and there are cer-

tainly a greater number of people in Winkler who love using the dog park and keenly feel its absence."

"I sympathize with them," said city manager Jody Penner. "We thought we had a solution, and we were on the verge of implementing it."

In March, the previous Winkler dog park was closed due to construction at the water treatment plant. After consideration of many options, the city had chosen to relocate it to Scotia Park.

Penner said the whole process was thought out, and they had originally believed the most ideal solution had been found.

"At least for the last 12 months, we reviewed many locations, I would say over 20, and for various reasons, the different locations just never really panned out," said Penner.

"We originally thought it was a good spot for a number of reasons ... our dog park users also thought it was a good location," said Penner, citing its central location and walkability.

"Certainly, many people in the area, not just on Scotia Drive or on Royal Crescent but in that whole area though ... their concerns had to do with noise, with increased traffic, with what they felt was lack of parking, safety concerns and such," he continued.

"It's a tough spot to be in ... we never want to remove a level of service," said Penner, who noted it unfortunately means the city will have to go without a dog park for now though it

of years," he said. "We're trying to take on a few new vendors. There's been a few new produce vendors as well as bakers who have applied, so it should be pretty good for variety of food."

The Winkler and Morden markets will also both be participating in the food currency voucher program.

Direct Farm Manitoba launched the Manitoba Community Food Currency Program in 2020 as a community-building initiative that aimed to empower Manitobans facing food insecurity by providing food currency that can be used to purchase locally produced fruit, vegetables, meat and processed foods at farmers markets.

Community-based social service organizations identify families dispro-



VOICE FILE PHOTO

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is still going to be pursued.

"We're also in the midst of all of our other projects for the year, so after having put some resource into looking for something and then getting it up and running, we just thought at this point we'd have to make the difficult decision to put it on the shelf for now," he said. "In fall, hopefully we can revisit that again and look at our options for next year."

Nel laments that they now don't have a dog park now and don't know when they will get one again.

"It's very disappointing for many dog owners in Winkler," she said. "If we don't have another location, and we don't have a date for when they're going to start, it just means we don't have a dog park."

"It shouldn't be this way because they've known about the water treat-

ment plant for so long," she added. "They could have started before they tore down the last dog park. They might have started building a new one."

"The city says that there's been a lot of residents voicing their displeasure, but I don't know that the residents were adequately surveyed," she further suggested.

"I'm not necessarily set on having it in this location ... I do just think it is a great location because it is very walkable," said Nel. "It's very under-utilized, that east end of the park doesn't have a lot going on in it, and the people who do use it are often dog owners ... I see people out there with their dogs. Not a lot else is going on there."

The petition - Build a New Dog Park in Winkler Immediately - can be found on the change.org website.



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Markets set to go

By Lorne Stelmach

Farmers market season arrives in both Morden and Winkler in the last week of June, and organizers were ready to go again.

The Winkler market kicks off June 25 and goes each Tuesday from 4 to 6 p.m. near the curling rink, and the Morden market then gets underway June 27 and runs every Thursday until October 3 from 4 to 6 p.m. downtown on Eighth St.

"There's a good number of vendors who have applied and plan to be there. The main vendors are definitely coming back," said Matt Friesen, a lead organizer for the Winkler market.

"We should be able to average 20 vendors a week for the season. We've been close to that for the last couple

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Corn & Apple headliners set

By Lorne Stelmach

Two Canadian rock acts from the 90s will provide a solid double bill as headliners at this summer's Corn and Apple Festival.

The festival announced Monday that The Watchmen and 5440 will be featured Saturday night with local band Sun Sets West as the opener.

"We are thrilled to be featuring so much amazing Canadian talent," said festival executive director Leane Funk. "We have been working hard to bring great headliners to the festival year after year, and the pairing of Manitoba's own The Watchmen with 5440 is extremely exciting."

"The festival has been focused on bringing big name entertainers to Morden for the past few years, and the response has been incredible," said Funk. "It is our goal to maintain this level of excellence year after year, and our 2024 line-up has certainly done just this ... we love having the opportunity to present such a high caliber of music for free."

The Watchmen released their album,



McLaren Furnace Room in 1992, and the song Run and Hide became their breakthrough hit. The band's second album, *In The Trees*, was released in 1994 with major success, confirming the band's place in Canadian rock with the hit singles Boneyard Tree, All Uncovered and Lusitana.

With 30-plus years under their belt, The Watchmen continue to sell out venues across Canada with energetic shows that are stacked with their hits, classic covers and invariably a haunting acapella performance by Greaves.

5440 is a Canadian rock band that has been entertaining audiences for

over two decades with hits such as Ocean Pearl, Casual Viewing and Baby Ran.

For those who have followed the band from their humble beginnings in East Vancouver to younger fans that are just discovering the band's originality, 5440 shows bridge gaps between generations through a shared love of the music.

Sun Sets West is a band of five from southern Manitoba whose sets include well known rock and punk rock songs from the 90s to the 2000s. They thrive on stage by engaging crowds with their musical chemistry and easy-going personalities.

The evening before The Watchmen and 5440 take the stage, the festi-



FACEBOOK PHOTOS

The Corn and Apple Festival announced The Watchmen and 5440 will be featured Saturday night with local band Sun Sets West as the opener.

val is set to host another edition of the always-popular classic rock night showcasing three bands throughout the evening.

Ghost In The Virtual Machine will be covering all of the hits by The Police, and That 80's Band will offer favourite hits from that era. Then Album Sides will do two sets including Supertramp's Crimes of the Century in its entirety and a selection of greatest hits followed up by Pink Floyd's Dark Side of the Moon in its entirety and a selection of their greatest hits.

More information can be found on the website at cornandapple.com and on the festival's Facebook and Instagram pages.

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portionately affected by inflation and in need of healthy food. In Winkler, the market works with Central Station and the Winkler Food Cupboard, while Many Hands co-ordinates the program in Morden.

"We're working with Central Station again right now to get that organized and operating as smooth and possible after having one year under our belt," said Friesen, who sees it as a good partnership for them.

"I think with a little bit of tweaking of some of the details ... we want to get more people coming to the market, perhaps people who may not have been as familiar with the market before," he suggested.

"We've had more people applying and with the food currency program, we realized we need to have more vendors there and more product available to make sure that everyone gets what they are looking for," he said.

For more information on the Winkler market, e-mail winklerfarmers-market@gmail.com.

In Morden, the food currency program will start on the second market day July 4. The market had funding for 80 spots, but other fundraising including support from the Morden

thrift store and Anglican Church means they can add 20 more and offer the service to 100.

"This program is a game changer for low income families," said Mariyam Tsygankova, executive director of the Many Hands Resource Centre, which organizes the Morden market. "It's all about making healthy, delicious food accessible to everyone in our community."

There were 18 vendors lined up as of last week but there was still a few spaces possibly available, she noted.

"We've still got a few spots open, so I want to encourage people. If you've got something cool to share ... something homemade or some cool crafts. We're also looking for buskers and food trucks to join us."

"We've got some familiar faces and some new faces," said Tsygankova, adding about one third are newer vendors.

She also noted the opening market day will again have a barbecue fundraiser in support of the food bank at Many Hands Resource Centre.

"That was a hit last year and I think will become a tradition," she said. "I think it's a delicious way to support a good cause."



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Success and challenges for CFDC

By Lorne Stelmach

The past year brought a good news and bad news scenario to the Canadian Fossil Discovery Centre in Morden.

There was the success of significant projects like the opening of the field station and acquisition of a 3D printing system as well as increased visitation. However, it all came with rising costs and grants and funding revenue that could not keep pace.

In the end, the museum came out of the year with a deficit in the \$30,000 range, so executive director Adolfo Cuetara

"The expenses and the inflation are a concern. The expenses are growing faster than our capacity to generate new revenue, and that is a problem that is not getting better," Cuetara said following the recent annual meeting.

They had hoped for a funding increase from the City of Morden, which is a primary source of revenue support, but he also recognizes the challenges faced by the city.

"I think there is a lot of pressure from all external institutions or organizations that they all want as well a greater part of the pie," he said.

Regardless, he noted the museum is doing important work and contributing to the continued development of the city.

"We are bringing economic growth to the city," said Cuetara.

The museum saw an increase in attendance with 13,559 paid visitors in 2023 compared to 11,819 in 2022. School tours were also successful with 30 tours bringing 873 students through the museum.

Cuetara also cited a number of key projects and improvements including the new field and research station, which provided a boost to the dig tours and led to and assisted with a significant new mosasaur fossil find.

He encouraged supporters to consider the potential economic impact if, for example, 10,000 visitors from outside the local region spent an average of \$156 - that would be a contribution of \$1.5 million to local economy.

Cuetara also highlighted the new larger and renovated gift shop, which saw a profit increase to over \$33,000 from just under \$29,000 in 2022.

The financial challenges remain though, and the museum showed a deficit of over \$30,000 following a deficit of about \$17,000 in 2022.

During the pandemic, when it was boosted with additional sources of support, there was a surplus of \$120,000 in 2020 and \$44,000 in 2021.

Now, grant revenue declined from over \$517,000 in 2022 to just over \$154,000 in 2023, and there were a number of additional expenses and rising costs, and Cuetara noted some of the government funding is for specific projects and doesn't support operational costs.

"We can't grab a single dollar from those for our operational expenses," he said. "It would be great if we could get even say five per cent of a grant to dedicate to it."

In the meantime, he said they will continue to explore all options and are controlling expenses where they can including no increase in salaries for example.

A major factor in the big picture is also wanting to make their case that they can justify the long term goal of having their own building.

"Overall, I think we are doing a good job. We are showing that with the numbers," said Cuetara. "I am optimistic ... if we can keep progressing with our operational budget.

"The new facility is a long term project. We are constantly working with improvements in mind," he continued. "The new facility is not just a



VOICE FILE PHOTOS

New dig site finds near its new field station were a major boost last year for the Canadian Fossil Discovery Centre.



question of the building ... it's a matter of justification for that investment ... and with everything we are doing, we are trying to show and prove that what we are asking for is feasible.

"It's something that will be a giant

benefit for all of southern Manitoba. We are working every day to build that justification for the new building and investment."

Drug bust made in Morden

By Voice staff

Two people are facing drug trafficking charges following a traffic stop in Morden last week.

Morden police say they stopped the suspect vehicle June 4 at 6:50 a.m. near the intersection of highways 3 and 14 in connection to an ongoing drug investigation. A male driver and female passenger were both arrested for possession for the purpose of traf-

ficking.

The Morden Police Service K9 unit assisted in the search of the occupants and vehicle, where police located quantities of methamphetamine, fentanyl, cocaine and numerous items related to drug trafficking as well as over \$1,000 in cash.

On the same date, police with assistance from the regional support tactical team executed a search Warrant at a Morden home, and the search

turned up cocaine, methamphetamine, a set of brass knuckles, a digital scale, baggies and other drug-related paraphernalia.

As a result of this investigation, a 46-year-old resident of Morden has been charged with possession for the purpose of trafficking methamphetamine, possession for the purpose of trafficking fentanyl, possession for the purpose of trafficking cocaine, possession of goods obtained by a crime

and fail to comply with the conditions of a probation order. The accused was remanded into custody and appeared in Winnipeg Provincial court June 5.

A 40-year-old female resident of Darlingford will be facing similar charges and was released on an undertaking to appear in Morden Provincial Court in August.

Family fun in Winkler



PHOTOS BY LILI KRUSHEL/VOICE

The Teddy Bear picnic was held this past Saturday in Winkler by the Winkler Family Resource Centre, and it played an important role in helping kids get comfortable with the health care professionals who tended to the teddy bears and stuffed animals. The event is also just about family fun and also raises awareness and some funds for the centre.

COPP supported with \$4500 grant

By Lorne Stelmach

The Citizens on Patrol Program (COPP) plays a vital role in the community, and it is recognized with an annual grant to the volunteer organization.

Winkler police chief Ryan Hunt recently presented the \$4,500 to local COPP co-ordinator Dustin Brown.

"We really appreciate having the citizens who are willing to go out on their spare time as volunteers to help keep the community safe and assist us in the work that we do," said Hunt.

"We can't be everywhere, and it's just nice to have that extra set of eyes out there," he said. "The potential criminal needs to be aware he needs to not only worry about the police cars ... any vehicle they see driving around could potentially be a citizens on patrol member."

Brown noted the grant helps cover such costs as fuel, administration and

expenses related to meetings and perhaps training sessions, and they very much value the working relationship with the police service.

"It's really important," said Brown. "The police service has been awesome to work with over the years ... and the Winkler Chamber of Commerce has always looked after our funding and our applications and all that as well."

Brown noted the COPP program is in good shape with 10 volunteers, but they would certainly welcome getting more people involved in it.

"We don't ask for a tonne of commitment from our volunteers, so it's been working well. People decide on their own shifts ... and we've had new people joining, so I think it's been a success ..."

People who are interested can contact the chamber office or even the Winkler police service for more information.



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Winkler COPP co-ordinator Dustin Brown recently received the \$4,500 grant from Winkler police chief Ryan Hunt.

sports & recreation

Mixed results for Orioles & Bisons

By Lorne Stelmach

There were mixed results this past week for the Pembina Valley Orioles and Altona Bisons.

The Orioles began the week with a 1-0 win over the Bisons last Wednesday then were edged 7-6 by the Winnipeg South Wolves Friday.

A Sunday doubleheader with St. James then ended in a pair of losses by 14-5 and 6-2 scores.

Altona meanwhile picked up a 7-3 win in game one of their doubleheader Sunday with St. Boniface, but the

Bisons then fell 8-2 in game two.

It was a pitcher's duel last Wednesday with Pembina Valley scoring the lone run on a walk in the first inning.

Chris Peters gave up just one hit over seven innings while striking out six and walking two. Kasen Mateychuk took the loss for Altona in surrendering only the one run through six innings while striking out five and walking three.

The Orioles faced a six run deficit by the third inning against the Wolves then fought back but fell just short.

Mike Heppner was two for four, and Karsten Peters had two RBIs.

Game one against St. James saw the Orioles out-hit 15-6, and the top of the eighth saw the A's score 10 runs on seven hits. Sam Blatz surrendered eight hits and four runs over seven innings on the mound.

Game two was closer but still a loss for the Orioles, who had Chris Peters take the loss with three runs on two hits in four innings.

Altona took game one against St. Boniface with six runs on five hits in

the bottom of the sixth inning, and Maddux Mateychuk collected 11 strikeouts while giving up four hits and three runs over seven innings.

In game two, Dillan Thiessen pitched six innings in relief, giving five runs on five hits.

The Orioles are in fifth place at 4-7 and 5.5 games back of first place Carillon, while the Bisons are eighth at 1-8 and 7.5 games back in the standings.

Altona was set to face Winnipeg South Wednesday followed by a Sunday doubleheader with Elmwood. Pembina Valley has Interlake Wednesday followed by a Sunday doubleheader with St. Boniface.

Senior living

Questions to ask when choosing a nursing home

When choosing a nursing home for your loved one, there are many things to consider. You want a place that offers the required medical services, high standards for hygiene, top-notch caregivers, attractive amenities and good meals. To ensure that the nursing home you choose meets your family member's various needs, you must make extensive inquiries. Here's a comprehensive list, by category, of questions to ask when deciding where to place your loved one.

MEDICAL SERVICES

First and foremost, the nursing home has to be able to meet your loved one's health care needs. Ask the following:

- Is the nursing home equipped to attend to your family member's particular health concerns? For instance, if he or she has dementia or Alzheimer's, does the nursing home have a specialized care unit for the condition?
- Which professionals and staff members will be involved in creating and implementing your loved one's care plan? What credentials and training do they have?
- What health care services are available on site? For instance, is there physical therapy, wound care or hospice care?
- How does the facility monitor residents' health? And how does it ensure that medications are taken on time and in the correct dosage?
- Are residents routinely checked from head to toe for bedsores?

HYGIENE

Cleanliness and hygiene are essential with regards to both the residents and the facility

itself. Ask the following:

- Are residents well groomed and dressed in clean and comfortable clothes?
- How many baths are provided per week?
- What housekeeping and laundry services are provided?
- How clean is the facility? Are there any unpleasant smells that cause concern?

CAREGIVERS

The caregivers in the nursing home you choose will be in charge of keeping your loved one safe, clean, happy and healthy. You want to ensure that they're equal to the task by asking the following:

- Are the staff warm and welcoming?
- Are they attentive, personable and patient with the residents? Do they treat them respectfully? For instance, do they knock before entering a room and call residents by their names?

- What's the resident to staff ratio?
- What's the staff turnover rate?
- Do residents have the same caregivers every day?

MEALS

Meals have a major impact on the level of satisfaction experienced by residents in nursing homes. Therefore, it's worth paying particular attention to this factor. It's recommended that you visit the nursing home at least once during mealtime. While you're there, ask yourself the following:

- Is the dining room clean and inviting?
- Does the food look appetizing?
- Are the meals nutritious?
- Do residents who need help eating get timely assistance?

AMENITIES

Think of what your loved one requires to live happily and then form a personalized set of questions. You might start with the following:

- Are the rooms nice and are they spacious enough?
- Do the common areas have a pleasant atmosphere? Do they include desired amenities (te-

levision, games, reading material, activities, etc.)?

- Is there a daily calendar of activities? Are the activities interesting? If your family member is room bound, can activities be brought to him or her?
- Are there restrictions on visiting hours?
- Are there private rooms for family gatherings?
- Do the current residents seem happy and comfortable? Do they socialize with one another?
- How much freedom do residents have with regard to their daily schedule and daily activities?

Add to your checklist any categories and questions that you judge as pertinent, then start your search for the nursing home that best suits your loved one's needs.

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Mud Hens 'whip' Winkler



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Morden Mud Hens Bryson Yaschyshyn flips the base hit to teammate Manny Lantigua, but Winkler Whips' Mike Braun slides in safely at second base. And Mud Hens Manny Lantigua slides in safely at home, beating the throw to Whips catcher Aiden Brock in Border Baseball League action Friday with Morden winning 10-2. Earlier last week, the Mud Hens beat Carman 13-3, and the Altona Bisons beat Carman 14-9 Friday. This week, Morden hosted Pilot Mound and Altona welcomed Winkler Tuesday. Morden was to visit Clearwater Friday, and Winkler was to host Clearwater for a doubleheader Sunday.

Storm 1 blank AK Academy

By Ashleigh Viveiros

Winkler Storm 1 posted a win in their first home game of the season last week.

A hat trick from Matheus Ruffini and singles from Mosi William, Jan Heide

and Mamadou Turay gave Winkler a 6-0 victory against AK Academy Friday night.

It puts the Storm's record at 2-0-1 so far this summer, putting them in fourth place in the Manitoba Major

Soccer League's Division 1 with a couple games in hand over the front runners (Winnipeg FC and Grant Park).

Meanwhile, playing in Division 2, the Winkler Storm 2 bowed to the visiting SWB team 2-0 Sunday night.

Storm 2 are in fifth place in their division with one win, two losses and a

tie to their names.

This week sees Storm 1 play Winnipeg FC on the road Tuesday. Results were not available at press time. Next week, Storm 1 head to Niverville to play Force SC Monday night.

Storm 2 have a couple weeks off. Their next game is in Winnipeg against the Bonivital Flames 2 June 24.

Miami rodeo making its return from June 22-23

By Ty Dilello

Heartland Rodeo Association is pleased to be returning to Miami from June 22-23 for this year's rodeo at the Miami Agricultural Society fairgrounds.

Established in 1995 with the goal of promoting and sustaining Manitoba's rodeo culture, Heartland Rodeo is dedicated to providing a family-friendly experience.

The Miami Rodeo offers a chance for competitors from all walks of life to join in thrilling rodeo competitions, including Bareback, Saddle Bronc, Ranch Saddle Bronc, Calf Roping, Goat Tying, Steer Wrestling, Breakaway Roping, Ladies Barrel Racing, Team Roping, and Bull Riding.

There are also events designed to encourage beginners to participate in rodeo: Pee-Wee Barrel Racing, Junior Barrel Racing, and Junior Steer Riding.

"It's an extraordinary sporting event that captures the energy and exhilaration of the ranching lifestyle," said rodeo organizer Chad Gehring of the Heartland Rodeo Association. "The Miami rodeo committee is a very vibrant committee and puts on a great rodeo. Heartland Rodeo Association is extremely proud to partner with the Miami Ag Society to host an amazing event every year."

The 2024 Miami Rodeo will start at 2 p.m. each day and go into the night.

"We have had a rodeo in Miami for over 25 years," said Gehring. "It was one of the first-ever in the area, so we really love to get out to Miami. We would always like to have more spectators in the stands this year, and the Miami rodeo is also our first one of the summer schedule."

For more information on the rodeo, head to www.heartlandrodeoassociation.net.



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The Heartland Rodeo Association is pleased to be returning to Miami from June 22-23 for this year's rodeo at the Miami Agricultural Society fairgrounds.

U13 Central Energy earns two big victories over the weekend

By Ty Dilello

The U13 Central Energy squad won both games of its doubleheader on Sunday afternoon to improve to 4-6 on the season in the Manitoba Premier Softball League (MPSL)

Central Energy defeated the Winnipeg Lightning 17-2 and 12-5.

"Our starting pitchers, Kylie Wiebe and Lindsay French did very well," said U13 Central Energy coach Hailey Yuskin. "We had lots of good hits and discipline at the plate. The team had a fabulous day."

U13 Central Energy has been doing well lately in getting wins, which is something they struggled with earlier in the season.

"We're very grateful that things are turning around because they're a great group of girls," said Yuskin. "Lately, we've been doing well with pitching. We've been improving on lots too, including hitting, being disciplined at the plate, and just knowing where we need to go for each play (good ball sense)."

The U13 Central Energy squad will travel to Minot, North Dakota, for a weekend tournament. They will return to MPSL action on June 22 with a doubleheader against the Manitoba Angels and Eastman Wildcats at the Winkler Parkland Diamonds. The game times are 12 p.m. and 4 p.m.

The U15 Central Energy team was away from MPSL action over the weekend as they participated in the Wheat City Classic International Tournament in Brandon.

U15 Central Energy rode the mo-

mentum all weekend as they beat the likes of the Winnipeg Angels, Moose Jaw Ice, Westman Magic and White Butte, on the way to the finals. In the tournament final, they defeated Moose Jaw by a 9-1 score to win the title.

"The weekend in Brandon was fantastic for us," said U15 Central Energy coach Kevin Perrin. "Our defence was rock solid, and the bats were smoking, so it was great that we were able to win in the final."

U15 Central Energy is back in MPSL action with a doubleheader on June 15 against the Smitty's Terminators and Interlake Phillies at Stonewall Quarry Park. The game times are 2 p.m. and 4 p.m.

The U17 Central Energy team was also in Brandon at the Wheat City Classic International Tournament. Central Energy went undefeated in the round robin before losing 2-0 in the gold medal game to the Twin City Angels from Warman, Saskatchewan.

"It was a great weekend for us," said U17 Central Energy coach Cam Zacharias. "Nelia Fehr was pitching great, and really, all of our pitchers played incredibly all weekend, and our hitting was awesome up until the last game."

The U17 Central Energy squad is back in MPSL action on June 22. They will play a doubleheader against the Eastman Wildcats at Friedensfeld Community Centre at 12 p.m. and 2 p.m.



STANDARD PHOTO BY KEVIN PERRIN

The U15 Central Energy team won the Wheat City Classic International Tournament last weekend. They went undefeated throughout the tournament and beat the Moose Jaw Ice by a 9-1 count in the championship final.



STANDARD PHOTO SUBMITTED

Central Energy's Bianca Lanthier slides into home to score a run against the Winnipeg Lightning on June 9.

Mateychuk's Warriors finish third at Memorial Cup

By Kieran Reimer

The Moose Jaw Warriors incredible season has come to an end in Saginaw.

The Warriors fell 7-1 in the Memorial Cup semi-finals at the hands of the host Saginaw Spirit.

The Warriors were one of the top junior hockey teams all season long, winning their first Western Hockey League championship and falling only two wins short of winning the Memorial Cup.

The Memorial Cup was the toughest challenge the Warriors faced all season as they played the winners from each of the major junior leagues in Canada along with Saginaw who were one of the best teams in the Ontario Hockey League this year.

The Warriors went 1-3 in the tournament play which included a 5-3 win over the Drummondville Voltigeurs that eliminated them from the tournament.

Dominion City's Denton Mateychuk was one of three Manitobans at the tournament.

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Moose Jaw Warriors' captain Denton Mateychuk

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Municipal Notice of Intent

TAKE NOTICE that on March 12th, 2024, the Council of the Municipality of Emerson-Franklin gave first reading to By-Law No. 2024-05 to designate as a municipal heritage site under The Heritage Resources Act, the lands and premises commonly known as the Tolstoi Heritage Centre, (formerly known as the Tolstoi Holy Trinity Roman Catholic Church) at 9 Main Street Tolstoi, Mb. The land is described in Certificate of Title No. 2898123 as follows:

SP Lot 3 Block 1 Plan 16289 WLTO Subject to the reservations and provisos contained in the original grant from the crown in SE ¼ of 35-1-5EPM.

A copy of the proposed By-Law can be inspected at the Emerson-Franklin municipal office at 115 Waddell Avenue East Dominion City, Mb between the hours of 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday and on the municipal website www.emersonfranklin.com.

A public hearing will be held at the Municipal Office at 115 Waddell Avenue East Dominion City, Mb on July 9th 2024 at 10 a.m.

At that time, any person may submit an objection or other representation on the proposal. If there is no objection, council may resolve to adopt the proposed By-Law, or not to proceed with it.

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The City of Winkler, under the authority of The Planning Act, will hold a hearing at which time and place the council of the City of Winkler will receive representation from the applicants and any other persons who wish to make representations in respect of the Rezoning Application No. RZ2024-002 and By-law No. 2320-24, being an amendment to Winkler Zoning By-law 2271-21 of the City of Winkler. The general intent of the above By-Law No. 2320-24, is to zone the land described below, Namely:

715 Circle K Drive & 435 Roblin Blvd East, legally described as Parcel A, Plan (Deposit No. 469/2024) MLTO as shown outlined in a heavy solid line on the map attached hereto as Schedule "A", and forming part of this by-law, be rezoned "M" HEAVY INDUSTRIAL & "SI" SERVICE INDUSTRIAL "SI" SERVICE INDUSTRIAL

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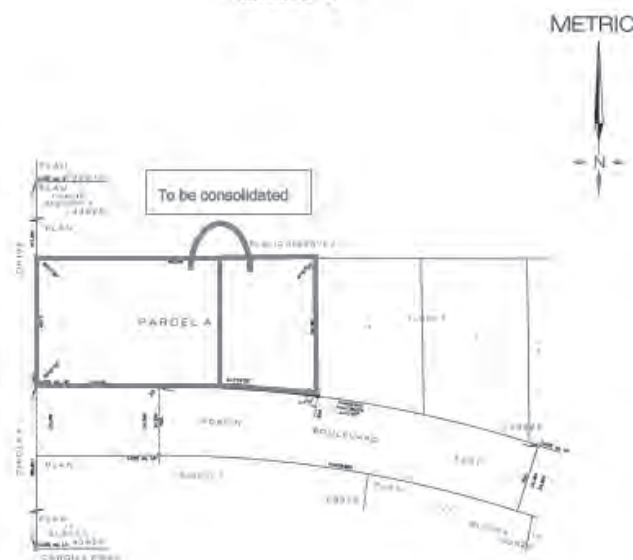
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A copy of the above By-Law No. 2320-24 and supporting material may be inspected by any persons between the hours of 9:00 AM and 5:00 PM, Monday to Thursday and 9:00 AM and 4:30 PM, Friday, in the City Office.

Date of Hearing: June 25, 2024
Time of Hearing: 6:30 p.m.
Location: Winkler Council Chambers, 185 Main Street, Winkler, Manitoba

DATED at Winkler, in Manitoba, this 27th day of May 2024.
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Schedule "A"



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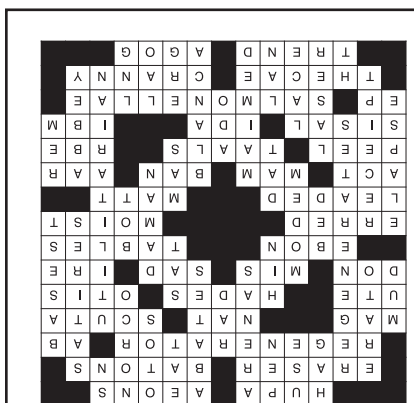
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OBITUARY



Annie "Ruth" Falk (nee Loewen)

Annie "Ruth" Falk (nee Loewen) passed away peacefully on Tuesday, June 4, 2024 at Tabor Home in Morden.

Ruth is survived by her daughter Karen (Jim Thiessen) and their family; Duane (Ramona); Darryl (Darlene) and their four children; Trevor (Tina) and their children; son Ron (Brenda Untereiner-Falk) and their family; Gabriella Untereiner-Falk and daughters; and Michael Untereiner-Falk: daughter Myrna (Don Bergen) and their family: Matt (Elya) and Luke (Jana-Lyn). Mom is also survived by three sisters and one brother and their families.

She was predeceased by her husband Sig, one brother, two brothers-in-law.

Ruth was born to Peter and Margerethe Loewen on September 30, 1936 in Morden, Manitoba. She was the oldest of six children. Ruth did her schooling in Morden and helped her dad at the Laundromat before moving to Winnipeg and working at the Royal

Bank.

Ruth was baptized upon the confession of her faith in the Morden Bergthaler Mennonite Church by Rev. Jake Pauls. She was involved in various roles in the church over the years when they were in Wingham Mennonite Church, Crystal City Mennonite and lastly in Morden Mennonite: ladies aide, children's choir, youth choir, small groups.

On October 6, 1956 she married Sig Falk of Elm Creek and they took over the Elm Creek farm. Together they farmed there for eight years before moving to the Clearwater farm in 1964. Her children, Karen and Ron, were born while they lived in Elm Creek and her daughter, Myrna, was born after they made the move to the Clearwater farm. In later farming years, Ruth worked for Dr. Carrington as a dental assistant in Crystal City.

In 1991, their farming career came to an end and they sold the farm and moved to Crystal City. Ruth then helped Karen out in her florist shop in town for a number of years. In their retirement, Ruth and Sig enjoyed many years of travelling to Texas with friends, camping with friends as well as lots of time fishing with their boat.

Music was a huge part of Ruth's life and she was supported in this with Sig by her side. Ruth taught piano lessons at their home, she led the children's choir in church and then moved on to the youth choir. Later she led the community choesters and one of the Hutterite colony group choirs. Mom also learned how to play the viola at the age of 15 and played with her siblings and then later with a group from the church in Crystal City for many years.

In 2006, they moved into a condo in Morden due to the mobility issues she was having with her knees. She later ended up having knee surgery in 2010 and 2011. They enjoyed life at Garden Courtyard in Morden until 2016 when health concerns forced them to move to Homestead South.

In September 2019, Ruth was moved to Tabor Home when dementia was settling in more and she was needing additional care. Mom enjoyed the activities, the music and the chapel times. They helped to brighten her day.

We, as a family, are grateful for the incredible care and compassion provided by staff at Tabor Home throughout her time there and especially in her last days.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made in Ruth's memory to Canadian Foodgrain Bank.

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OBITUARY



Mary Dyck

October 30, 1916 – June 4, 2024

Having lived a long and fulfilled life, Mary Dyck, aged 107 years, passed away peacefully at Calvary Place Personal Care Home in Winnipeg on June 4, 2024.

Left to cherish her memory are her daughter Leona Hiebert, son-in-law Tom Hardern, grandchildren Jason Hiebert (Val Ladan), Chris Hiebert (Allison Shevernoha), Mark Hardern (Natalie Kerr) and Liane Duff (Jordan), her beloved great-grandchildren Flynn and Sadie Hiebert, Miles and Wesley Duff, and Stella and Ruby Hardern. She is also survived by sister-in-law Margaret Froese and nieces and nephews who treasure memories of time spent with her.

Mary was predeceased by her parents Gerhard G. and Katharina Froese, husband Jake, daughter Doreen Hardern, son-in-law Dave Hiebert, sister Tina Dyck, brothers George and Ike, brother-in-law Abe Dyck and sister-in-law Connie Froese.

Mary was born on October 30, 1916 in Hoffnungsort, Manitoba where she began her education until the family moved to the Burwalde School District. She continued her studies at the Burwalde School until illness forced her to drop out in Grade 5. Preferring not to repeat the grade, Mary chose to stay home and help out on the family farm. Working outdoors in the garden and helping out in the fields gave Mary a great deal of enjoyment.

Along with new growth in the garden, a seed of romance was also growing, and on June 17, 1944 Mary was united in marriage to Jake Dyck who had been employed as a hired hand on the Froese farm. In October 1944 Mary and Jake moved to Morden.

During her married life Mary kept busy running the household, raising their two daughter and working alongside Jake when, in 1954, they built a new house on the original property. She lived on the property until November 2023 when she moved to Winnipeg to live with her daughter.

Blessed with boundless energy and good health, Mary always found time to welcome guests into their home and they never left hungry! She was also ready and willing to lend a helping hand to anyone who needed help. Mary and Jake provided support, in their home, to her mother-in-law for a time, and also supported and helped her parents on the farm for many years. After her mother was widowed and moved to Morden, Mary ministered to her needs until her passing. She also spent a lot of time with her sister Tina. It was a common sight in Morden to see Mary, carrying supper for both of them, walking to Tina's home.

Mary was an active member of her church, participating the Ladies Verein as Treasurer, attending Bible Study and sewing quilts for MCC, well into her late nineties. She enjoyed sewing for her family and tending her large garden.

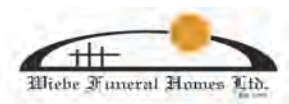
In November 2023, Mary left the home she had resided in for 79 years and moved to Winnipeg. She resided with her daughter until March 2024 when she was hospitalized for two months. Just in time to celebrate Mother's Day she received a placement at Calvary Place Personal Care Home where she received fabulous care and was doted on until her peaceful passing on June 4, 2024.

A Celebration of Life was held on June 10, 2024 at 2:00 p.m. at Wiebe Funeral Home, Morden, MB. Private burial prior to the service.

The family wishes to thank Mom's long-time neighbours, Emma Smith and Deb and Jake Klassen for the love and care they showed her. Also, thanks to the staff on 1st Floor at Calvary Place Personal Care Home for showing Mom so much love and care in her last couple of weeks. You made her smile again!

In lieu of flowers, donations made be made in Mary's memory to Mennonite Central Committee.

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1. Native American people
5. Very long periods of time (Brit.)
10. Schoolboard accessory
12. Rods
14. One who renews
16. Sculpted body part
18. Chatter incessantly
19. ___ King Cole, musician
20. Plates on a turtle's shell
22. University of Utah athlete
23. The world of the dead
25. Singer Redding
26. Former Yankee great Mattingly
27. Prefix indicating wrongly
28. Unhappy
30. Anger
31. Dark brown or black
33. Restaurants have a lot of them
35. Made a mistake
37. Damp

38. Type of gasoline

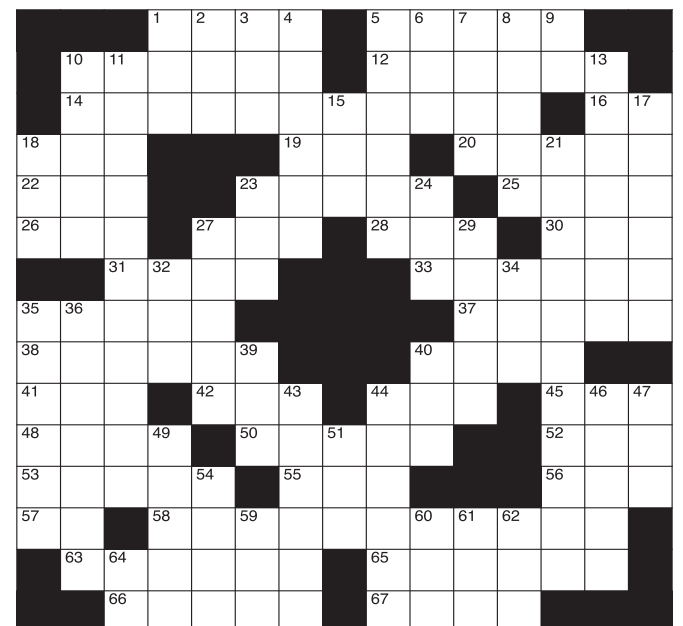
40. Actor LeBlanc
41. Perform in a play
42. One's mother
44. Prohibit
45. Swiss river
48. Part of a banana
50. Indian hand clash cymbals
52. Relative biological effectiveness (abbr.)
53. Agave
55. Noted journalist Tarbell
56. Computer firm
57. Type of record
58. Bacterium that can cause infection
63. Sheaths enclosing the spinal cord
65. A narrow opening (as in a rock wall)
66. Pattern
67. Very eager to see something

CLUES DOWN

1. Witch
2. Utilize
3. Writing utensil
4. Places to perform
5. Subsidies
6. Consume
7. Athleisure clothing brand
8. California town
9. Atomic #50
10. The Muse of lyric and love poetry
11. Creates anew
13. Humorous commentaries
15. Cool!
17. Most ignoble
18. Soggy dirt
21. Designed to be useful
23. Hebrew unit of liquid capacity
24. High schoolers' test
27. One-time internet accessory
29. City in India

32. Furniture

34. You have likely chatted with one
35. Pass or go by
36. Proof of purchase
39. A digital tape recording of sound
40. More (Spanish)
43. Disfigured
44. White (Spanish)
46. Building occupied by monks
47. Georgia rock band
49. Device that generates intense beam of light
51. State of agitation
54. Make by braiding
59. Local area network
60. Unit of work or energy
61. Indigenous person of Thailand
62. Liquefied natural gas
64. Distance to top



Irish dancers excel



SUBMITTED PHOTO

A contingent of 20 Irish dance students from Danceworks in Morden took part in a competition in Winnipeg June 2, and they came home with a pile of honours. Dancers aged 8 to 18 competed in age groups and three different levels, and they took home 12 first-place medals in level one, which ensures that eight dancers move up to level two for their next competition. There were also 10 first place medals in level two with none moving up and five first place medals in level three with one dancer moving up to level four for one of their dances. In total, there were 79 medals with 15 placing in the specials trophy with three of those being first place. "These dancers did an amazing job. I am so proud of them, and they should be very proud of themselves," said teacher Cathy Savage.

Arbor Day celebrated



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Morden Park was abuzz with activity Sunday afternoon in the spirit of Arbor Day. The annual event featured demonstrations and examples of things like a sawmill and chainsaw carving as well as tree-planting guidance and other related activities. You may have even gone home with a free tree to plant in your own backyard.

Burger week king crowned



SUBMITTED PHOTOS

The burger week promotion of Explore Morden Winkler crowned its winner recently with the Banman Meats burger week first place prize

going to Mulligan's Restaurant. Second place went to Superior Smash and third place to Charley B's. On hand for the presentation were Peter Loewen of Explore Morden Winkler, chef Nathan Pelser, owner Andrea Knight, John Wiebe of Banman Meats and Karina Bueckert of KB Marketing. The winning entry was dubbed The Carolina Gunslinger - a fried chicken sandwich with honey mustard, bacon roasted corn slaw, fresh jalapenos, cilantro, provolone, dill pickle and black pepper lemon garlic aioli.



Pioneer heritage celebrated



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The season kicked off at the Pembina Threshermens's Museum this past weekend with the annual Heritage Days. There were demonstrations of such things as blacksmithing, rope making and spinning as well as antique tractor parades. And, of course, all of the pioneer village buildings were open including the general store with its old-time prices for ice cream and treats, and lunch could be purchased in the Valley Harvest Maids kitchen.

