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Friday's high winds did a fair bit of damage in Morden-Winkler, knocking down trees, ripping shingles from roof-tops, and sending unsecured yard items flying. Above: Morden firefighters headed out that evening to help clear roads and deal with downed power lines. For a few more photos, see Pg. 13.

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Rainfall has little effect on Minnewasta's low levels

By Lorne Stelmach

The City of Morden continues to call for conservation measures while pursuing short- and long-term answers for its water woes.

A new City of Morden website dedicated to conservation was unveiled last week while concerns remained about the water supply with the low water level at Lake Minnewasta.

The city launched the site at conservation.mymorden.ca to be a central hub for conservation information and measures to help inform, engage, and even reward residents with a few contest challenges.

"It will be rolled into a bigger strategy to reduce consumption, allow people to be more aware of their own water activities and manage and track their own consumption as well," said Mayor Brandon Burley.

The recent rainfall meanwhile did little to ease the severe drought conditions and need for conservation.

"That rain system we had last week, those days of rain added 1.5 inches to the lake ... it didn't have much of an effect on our lake, really quite negligible," said Burley. "Everything under-

neath is just so dry when you get that rain, it just soaks in. It's going to take substantial prolonged rain.

"We need substantially more rain, but we also need people to commit fully to conserving," he continued. "It's just been not enough precipitation for three or four years in a row to create a situation like this."

To help address the immediate urgency, the city has reached an agreement with the Pembina Valley Water Co-op to increase the flow to Morden from three to five litres per second.

"There's a possibility we might be able to get more from them ... that's some good news, but it's not enough good news to solve the problem that we're in," said Burley. "We're also doing some ground drilling as well to explore the option of having surface wells for use for irrigation or even to be able to cap them and use them."

City leaders are also looking towards longer term solutions for water supply.

"Diversification is going to be important to us," Burley stressed. "Being able to supply water from a number of sources, I think, is going to have to be the strategy because as we grow, the



PHOTO BY LORNE STELMACH/VOICE

Lake Minnewasta's water levels are at an all-time low. The City of Morden continues to appeal to residents to conserve water. They've also reached out to the Pembina Valley Water Co-op to increase the flow to Morden as one short-term solution.

licence we have out at Minnewasta just is not sufficient to carry us.

"That's going to be the challenge now ... we need to find a couple other sources of water."

He encouraged and applauded Morden area residents for doing all they can to help conserve water.

"I know our bylaw officer has been out quite aggressively trying to remind folks that watering lawns and

things like that isn't permitted," he said. "On the other side, we're also trying to educate people on water sourcing.

"I think there's a lot of people doing a lot of good things. A lot of people, I think, just were not quite aware of where their water is coming from," he said.

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The City of Morden Council declared **severe drought conditions** on April 8 and implemented water restrictions on May 4, 2021.

Going by the current drawdown rate, the lake level will hit 8.5' below Full Supply Level by June 30 unless there is significant rain resulting in fresh inflows to the lake, **our main source of water.**

Lake level at 8.5' below FSL will trigger extreme drought conditions resulting in **further water use restrictions.**

On June 14, 2021 Council for the City of Morden will give 3rd reading to Water Restriction By-Law No. 10-2021. The proposed bylaw will give the City authority to enforce the water restrictions and to impose fines if any violation is observed.

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Anti-lockdown protestors gather in Morden, Winkler

Featured speaker Maxime Bernier unable to attend after arrest for public health order violations

By Ashleigh Viveiros

People's Party of Canada Leader Maxime Bernier's plans to make stops at anti-lockdown rallies across southern Manitoba last weekend were cut short after his arrest by RCMP.

Bernier's "Mad Max Manitoba Tour" was to include rallies in both Morden and Winkler Friday, but he was ticketed at an event in Niverville and then arrested at another in St-Pierre-Jolys for the alleged continued violation of public health orders, including failing to self-isolate upon arriving in Manitoba. The charges have not yet been tested in court.

While Bernier was incarcerated, Morden's rally drew about a dozen people to Lion's Park in the late afternoon.

Winkler's evening rally in the Parkland ball diamonds parking lot attracted closer to 100 participants. Some remained in their vehicles to listen to the speakers over their radios, but a group of about 50 mingled together outside their vehicles without masks and in violation of public health orders on gathering sizes.

A handful of rally participants hid their faces with Guy Fawkes masks as they manned a nearby barbecue and handed out hot dogs.

With Bernier in custody, recently nominated Portage-Lisgar PCC candidate Solomon Wiebe was among those who filled his spot on the podium.

"I am here because I think we need to ask a question," Wiebe said in his remarks. "That question is if a human authority or a government should have the power to decide who or what is essential, and what I should and should not wear on my body, and what I should put in my body."



PHOTO BY ASHLEIGH VIVEIROS/VOICE
Portage-Lisgar PCC candidate Solomon Wiebe was among the rally's speakers, voicing frustration at ongoing public health restrictions.



Dozens of people gathered together in Winkler's Parkland Friday night to protest COVID-19 restrictions.

PHOTO BY ASHLEIGH VIVEIROS/VOICE

"That is a question we all need to ask. If you think about that, and the ramifications of that question, the world can become a very dangerous place, so we're trying to prevent that from happening."

Wiebe stressed that he is not anti-vaccine nor anti-mask, but rather "pro-freedom."

"I'm pro-choice to do as you please without having to consult the government to go to a wiener roast with your friends, go to church, or attend another gathering that you want to attend," he said. "These are freedoms that were given to us not by the government, so the government does not have the authority to take them away. They are in our Charter [of Rights and Freedoms]."

"We are authorized to move freely and no one can take those rights away from us, not even our gov-

ernment."

Rally participants were also invited up to share their thoughts from the flatbed stage.

The common theme was a frustration at the perceived erosion of freedoms by way of the ongoing COVID-19 restrictions and the resulting impact on businesses and families, as well as concerns that those freedoms will not be restored once the public health crisis is over.

Provincial officials have repeatedly said that they are aware of the rallies taking place across Manitoba and that such events are being monitored for health order violations. Enforcement officials are in attendance, the government has said, to conduct surveillance and gather video and other evidence that will be used to lay charges.

GVSD hosts virtual town hall on Bill 64

By Ashleigh Viveiros

Garden Valley School Division's board of trustees invited the community to a virtual town hall last Thursday to discuss the potential impacts of the provincial government's plans to overhaul Manitoba's education system.

Trustees provided attendees with an overview of the Conservative government's Bill 64, which has passed first reading and is slated to move on to second reading this fall.

Government officials maintain that doing away with elected school boards and centralizing the administration of public education represents a long overdue modernization of the entire system that will save money and improve student outcomes. The province on Monday launched a "Fact versus Fiction" web page (bettereducationmb.ca/factvs-fiction) that it says dispels some of the misconceptions surrounding Bill 64.

For their part, GVSD trustees were adamant that they—and every other school board in Manitoba—disagree that any of this is in the best interests of Manitobans, nor will it, they attest, save any money in the long run.

"This bill, if passed, will be extremely harmful to schools, children, and communities," said trustee John Klassen. "Rather than modernizing education, it will set us back many years."

"We're not afraid of change," he continued. "In fact, we would welcome a transformation in the way K-12 education happens in Manitoba. But we believe the path and particularly the governance path that Bill 64 proposes raise significant concerns."

Chief among them is the fact that instead of an elected board of local trustees making decisions about local schools, a central Provincial Education Authority made up of government appointees in Winnipeg will be tasked with overseeing all aspects of public education in Manitoba.

"Bill 64 seriously undermines democracy," Klassen said, later asking attendees: "Do you want a government-appointed education authority in Winnipeg setting direction, shaping the values of our schools, picking the leaders for our schools in GVSD [hiring principals], or do you want persons you elect and who are accountable to you setting the direction?"

Under Bill 64, there will be just one local representative for the new school region (encompassing both Garden Valley and Western school divisions) and they will have an advisory role only—they will have no power to make decisions based on local needs and values, trustees stressed.

"Local voice and local choice will be destroyed," Klassen said. "A government-appointed body of

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6-10 people, meeting in an office in Winnipeg, will have all the authority over programming policy, purchasing, and even school closures.

"Our question is: How can they possibly understand the unique, specific needs or cultural values within each of the 700+ schools in Manitoba?"

Trustees took turns fielding questions from community members about the nuts and bolts of how the new education system would work and what it might mean for local families.

Concerns were raised about the potential loss of specialized programming, such as GVSD's technical vocational, advanced placement, and alternative education programs.

"Government is talking about focusing on reading, math, and science with common assessments and a one-size fits all approach to education," responded board chair Laurie Dyck.

"We feel this could jeopardize certain specialized programming," she

continued, noting it looks like school principals and parent reps. will have to lobby the central authority for additional funding for such programs moving forward.

GVSD has always put a priority on improving students' reading, math, and science scores, Dyck pointed out, but they also "know that students need to learn other subjects and [have] different learning opportunities within the classroom."

The division has put together detailed information about Bill 64 and its potential impacts on its website: gvsd.ca.

REACH OUT TO YOUR MLA

Dyck noted the board has met with Conservative MLAs Cameron Friesen (Morden-Winkler) and Josh Guenter (Borderland) to voice their concerns about Bill 64. Both expressed their support of their government's plans in those meetings.

If you disagree with Bill 64, GVSD's trustees urge you to let your concerns be known: reach out to your local

MLA and/or register to present at the bill's standing committee this fall.

It's only through speaking up that change is possible, Dyck said, noting that similar changes to the education system in Saskatchewan were quashed after public outcry against them.

"Your letters and your emails all matter. They are counted," she said. "So it is still important to address your concerns to your MLAs and then to hold them accountable."

"I don't know if our premier's mind

can be changed, but it doesn't mean we shouldn't try," said trustee Tash Olfert.

"We have to keep fighting," agreed Klassen. "This is not about any of us on the school board—this is about our children."

"This bill is regressive ... if our government chooses not to [change its mind], we have no control, but I would hate to lose this battle because we didn't fight and because we didn't try. It's our responsibility as people to try."

> WATER CONSERVATION, FROM PG. 3

Meanwhile, the new conservation website was unveiled with a few resources and articles including "8 Tips for Water-Wise Gardening" and "8 Tips for Successful Water Conservation at Home" as well as an outline of what the city has been doing to conserve water.

The city is also putting on a trio of water conservation challenges.

The home conservation challenge invites residents to submit information, photos, and videos on their

water conservation efforts in the home, while the yard conservation challenge invites residents to submit details on what they are doing to conserve water in their yard.

There is also a water conservation poster challenge for school-aged children and youth to share their water conservation ideas.

All entries will be entered into monthly prize draws for a rain barrel, home water conservation kit, or youth water conservation prize.

Restrictions having desired effect: Roussin

By Lorne Stelmach

Case numbers continued to trend in the right direction this past week as the province edged closer towards further easing restrictions.

"The restrictions that have been in place have had that beneficial effect on our case counts, and that's why we have been able to just slowly ease some of those restrictions," chief provincial public health officer Dr. Brent Roussin said at his Monday update. "We need to continue to bring these numbers down, we need to bring the vaccines up, and that's going to help us be in a position to start to reopen."

There were two new deaths reported Monday, including a male in his 80s from the Southern Health-Santé Sud health region. That brought the total number of deaths in Manitoba due to COVID-19 to 1,102.

The current five-day test positivity rate was 10.7 per cent provincially with 124 new cases of the virus identified, including 19 cases in Southern Health-Santé Sud.

The active case counts included 41 in Winkler, 17 in Morden, and five in Stanley. In the broader region, Red

River South was at 26 cases, the Altona area had 19, Carman had 13, Lorne/Louise/Pembina was at 11, MacDonald had seven, Morris had five, and Roland/Thompson had one case.

The total number of lab-confirmed cases in Manitoba was at 54,481 with 3,111 active cases and 50,268 recoveries, while 297 Manitobans remained hospitalized with COVID-19 in Manitoba and neighbouring provinces

Meanwhile, eligibility for second doses expanded to include individuals who received their first dose on or before May 10. Only those eligible to book appointments based on the date of their first dose or other criteria should book second-dose appointments at this time.

Additionally, all Indigenous people in Manitoba and individuals with specific health conditions are also eligible to book their second dose as long as they meet the minimum time interval between doses.

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Happy Father's Day, Mum

I know I speak of my mum far too often.

After all, a columnist should focus on a wide and varied fauna of subject matter related to local and topical items.

Still, everything circles back to Mum when I ponder too long about life, and somehow Father's Day has reminded me of her.

It is odd how a day designated to celebrate all things father (which varies depending upon where you live and the culture you are a part of) should remind me of my mum.

Still, perhaps not so odd, really. Mum was both parents for me and my sisters in such a way that we never really noticed an absence or a void until we were told by outsiders that one existed in the first place. It was only ever Mum and this was normal and fulfilling for us.

Parenthood has often had this weird,

somewhat forced dichotomy presented to us and painfully reinforced during well-meaning days like Mother's Day and Father's Day. Mothers get flowers, brunch, and fancy things and fathers get ties, BBQ devices, beer, and fishing tackle, etc.

In school and church, Father's Day would come and we were expected to make things to celebrate all things Dad. You never went to the teacher and said, 'Hey, I don't have a dad at home.' You just made whatever they told you to make and brought it home for Mum, who was as grateful as she could possibly be.

Honestly, Mum deserved two days anyhow.

Mum never wrestled with me or rough-housed but she was ready to sacrifice to make sure I could enroll in Judo and eventually in the local Steelworkers boxing club.

Mum never taught me how to repair a car but we never had one so what would the point have been?

Caught in her own insecurities about parenting that we were blissfully unaware of, she would hunt down appropriate male role models and create fishing and camping opportu-

nities which always felt a little weird. We never needed her to manufacture manliness, but she never knew that—she was enough as she was.

I think it was always a regret for her that there wasn't a strong male influence in my life. A son should have a father to toughen him up. A daughter should have a father to walk her down the aisle, etc.

Ultimately, however, what a child needs is simply a loving parent, and we had that in spades.

So as Father's Day approaches, I definitely celebrate those loving fathers out there. But my heart is with those who never had a father for one reason or another. My heart is with fathers who have lost their children or spouses and with parents who had to go it alone. I know from lived experience that you and your love are enough.

With fondness and love I think of my childhood and say Happy Father's Day, Mum—you earned it and so much more.

Happy Father's Day to every parent out there no matter who you are and your circumstances ... you deserve it.



By Peter Cantelon

Letters

A STUDENT'S PERSPECTIVE

I am a 15-year-old student attending Morden Collegiate Institute and I would like to share a few of my concerns with our current educational system.

First of all, I've read many disappointing reports where both international (PISA) and national (PCAP) standardized testing has placed Manitoban students consistently at the bottom of the country in math, science, and reading. At the same time, Manitoba spends the second highest in funding per student in all of Canada.

In fact, between 2003 and 2018, there was a 46-point decline in Manitoban math scores (PISA), equivalent to more than an entire year of schooling. Sadly, the percentage of Manitoban children performing at a level corresponding with mathematical illiteracy has doubled in that time frame. Even worse, the percentage of Manitoban children performing at the highest level has been cut in half in that same time frame.

Personally, these findings are very discouraging as I just want my fellow students and I to be provided the skills to thrive in today's highly competitive economy. We shouldn't

settle for last in the country and it is disappointing to hear those in power attempt to minimize and rationalize these validated and statistically significant test results. Now is not the time for excuses—we know we can do better. We should always strive for improvement, and we should have the accountability to accept that the system can and must be significantly improved.

Secondly, I am fortunate to be taught by world-class teachers at Western School Division, but it is a plain, unfortunate fact that, in my

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Public health orders ease gathering restrictions slightly

By Ashleigh Viveiros

Public health officials eased restrictions slightly with the latest public health orders.

Starting last Saturday, Manitobans are now able to gather in small groups outdoors.

In public outdoor spaces, up to five people are permitted to gather. In private outdoor spaces, up to five visitors from no more than two other households are allowed, in addition to the people who reside at the hosting

household.

All other restrictions, including those banning indoor private gatherings and restricting capacity limits in retail businesses, remain in place.

"As our case numbers and test positivity rates start to drop, our vaccine rates continue to rise, however we still have significant demands on our health care system," said Dr. Brent Roussin, chief provincial public health officer, in announcing the new orders. "So we're not in a position to open everything at once, certainly, but we are

in a position to slowly ease, very minimally, some of our restrictions."

Roussin urges Manitobans to remain cautious in their interactions with others outside their household, even outdoors.

"While the risk of transmitting the virus is certainly diminished in an outdoor setting, it's not zero," he said, stressing that the fundamentals are still important: stay home when you're ill, maintain physical distancing, wear a mask, reduce contacts outside your household.

Roussin also encouraged people to continue booking not only their first but second dose of the COVID-19 vaccine. A second dose is required for full vaccination.

"It continues to be up to us to make a difference, to bring down these numbers, to bring down the strain on the acute care system," Roussin said.

The new orders will be in effect until Saturday, June 26.

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experiences as a student, those at the top making key decisions do not represent the rich diversity seen in our schools.

This sad lack of representation at the decision making level extends provincially to Winnipeg as Indigenous and visible minorities compose a mere ~6% of trustees overall.

For far too long, racialized communities who lack political power have been excluded from key policy advisory due to this inherently flawed system. When decisions are made regarding funding programs and creating policies in our school systems, we need those long excluded voices heard. If we want to actually address the impact of structural racism and racial disparities in our school systems, we need the equitable input of Indigenous and racialized communities and I look forward for this to be properly addressed in the proposed changes.

Furthermore, I hope going forward that our tireless teachers are given the resources and supports needed for them to best succeed, and I wish that their concerns are thoroughly addressed with the proposed reforms, as they are the true backbone of the system.

In addition, it is also crucial that the impact of poverty in our school

systems will receive considerable attention as it can have many devastating downstream consequences.

Finally, I call upon my fellow students to become more involved in the education system including participating in the proposed councils, because at the end of the day, it is our futures that are at stake here. When the system fails, it is us who ultimately suffer.

It's time for change, but let's do it right.

Bijan Salimi,
Morden

PUT BILL 64 TO A REFERENDUM

Can parent councils replace school boards effectively? No. Our current government wants to do away with locally elected school boards with a top down run system by whatever party is in power. The final end of the leadership would be parent councils in well over 650 schools province-wide. The government calls these volunteer roles advisory and give them both tremendous responsibility and no responsibility at all. If you want to know what they will do, you'll have to wait for the education director to tell you. It's an

uncertain future.

If the PC party is certain that parent advisory councils are effective and a good replacement for local elected leadership, why then can't we propose to have parent advisory councils to replace MLAs? Why shouldn't it be parent councils that run cities and towns? If you ask a representative this (essentially it's asking if the shoe was on the other foot), whatever answer they give you will also apply to locally elected school trustees.

School trustees are the community choice by election, are representative of the community they serve, and are

an inclusive voice in the successful governance of the school system.

If the PC party is confident of their plan with Bill 64 and the removal of locally elected trustees, how about they hold a referendum? You didn't run on this platform and it wasn't in your mandate, so let the people speak up before their voice is shut down. For me, it's No to Bill 64

These opinions are my own as a concerned parent.

Dave Guenther,
Morden

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Big Bros Big Sis reflects on a rollercoaster year

By Lorne Stelmach

The challenges remain for Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Pembina Valley, although the organization came out of the year in good shape despite the impact of pandemic restrictions.

Directors offered highlights of the past year and looked ahead as the organization held its annual meeting virtually last Wednesday.

"We're growing; we're striving and surviving and thriving," said president Mark Bennett.

In his annual report, Bennett stressed what they do matters and makes a difference in the community. Their aim remains to find a mentor for every child in the region in need.

He recalled when he joined the board that then president Jeremy Ward told him the reason he became involved was that he had learned that some children in need of services had actually aged out of the program, having remained on the waiting list for a match for so long that they had grown too old to qualify.

"We have no shortage of kids looking for help, kids looking for mentorship, kids looking for guidance and leadership. What we do have a shortage of is mentors," said Bennett. "We really need to double down on our focus and get those new mentors ... that will be one of our focuses for next year."

Another focus, as always, is on fundraising and community awareness, he noted.

"We also really have to think about succession planning with the board," added Bennett, who said he remained committed to furthering the organization. "I'm passionate about our cause. I'm passionate about the people we work with and what we do makes a difference."

The annual report noted that the organization saw a decline in the number of youth mentored this year due in large part to the ever-changing public health orders. The restrictions put a hindrance on the programs they were able to provide,

including group programming like GoGirls.

One-on-one mentoring through in-school matches and community matches were steady, with the only matches closing due to graduation from the program. Overall, the agency had 14 community matches and another 14 kids on its waiting list.

Financially, Big Brothers Big Sisters came out of the year with a surplus of just over \$47,000, which was due in large part to a boost in revenue via federal and provincial government assistance and a boost in support from Tim Hortons.

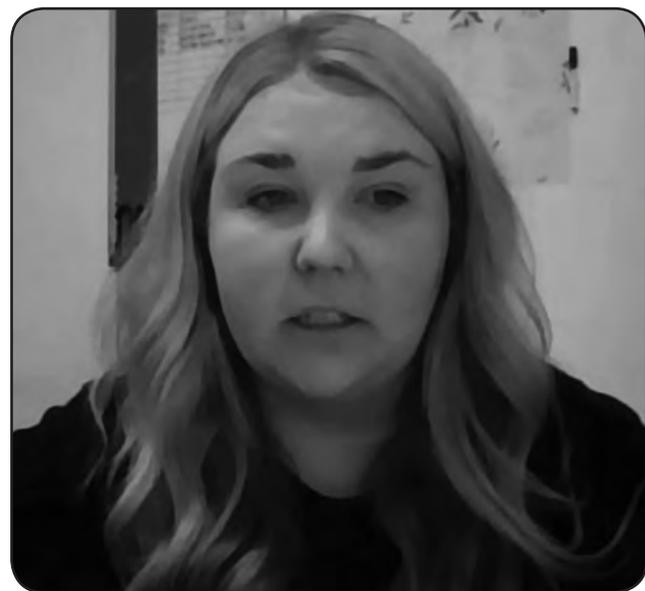
While revenue overall climbed to just over \$149,000, expenses remained relatively steady at about \$102,000.

"That gives us the ability that, once we can get back to the position where we can deliver programming, it will be a position ... where we can be immediately effective in supporting the youth of the community," suggested treasurer Brad Poole. "As an organization, we're always going to be focused on fundraising as a non-profit."

Fundraising in a year full of restrictions was nothing short of interesting, executive director Jenelle Neufeld reflected in her report.

"For the second year in a row, we were unable to execute our annual Bowl for Kids Sake event. In place of this, we have our first experience doing a virtual fundraiser: Big Night In," she said. "This was a fun, interactive way to bring our community together through a virtual aspect and was very successful thanks to our community members and most of all our event sponsors."

"Regardless of the challenges we have navigated through in these unknown and uncertain times, I like to view the silver linings and view them as opportunities," she continued. "We have had the opportunity to focus on thinking outside the box in how we run as an organization, and it has given us the opportunity to grow and survive as an organization, which I am so very proud of."



SCREENSHOT

Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Pembina Valley executive director Jenelle Neufeld is proud of how the agency was able to adapt as necessary to meet their participants' needs through the pandemic.

Learning to adapt has been one of the greatest lessons of the past year, she observed.

"Whether that is adapting to changing fundraisers, changing a meeting from in person to zoom or changing the way we conduct our programming ... change is uncomfortable, which we have all had a taste of this past year."

"Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Pembina Valley is in the business of relationships," she concluded. "Throughout what can be described as a very isolating year, relationships have never been so essential. This has been a crucial time for the youth in our communities, and we are so lucky to be an organization rooted in focusing on the relationships that are essential for their foundation."

Vaccinated Manitobans have the chance to win big

Province unveils prize lottery for those who get their COVID-19 shots

By Ashleigh Viveiros

Vaccinated Manitobans will have a chance to win cash and scholarships in exchange for getting their COVID-19 shots.

The Manitoba government has launched a provincewide lottery with nearly \$2 million in prizes to encourage people to get fully vaccinated.

"As a government we're doing everything we can to equip Manitobans with the information and support while respecting their right to make their decision about their body," Premier Brian Pallister said. "But we believe the right decision is to protect

yourself and to protect our community, our loved ones."

Some people require further incentives to get vaccinated, the premier acknowledged, and other jurisdictions have found great success in upping vaccination rates by offering high-value rewards. Manitoba is following suit by holding two lottery draws this summer.

All Manitobans aged 12 and up who have received at least one dose of vaccine on or before Aug. 2 will be eligible for the first draw. All Manitobans aged 12 and up who have received two doses on or before Sept. 6 will be eligible for the second draw.

Each draw will award three prizes of \$100,000 in the Winnipeg Regional Health Authority (excluding Churchill), one prize of \$100,000 in each of the remaining RHAs (including Churchill), and 10 draws for \$25,000 scholarships for youth aged 12 to 17 across the province.

Manitobans who receive their shots will be automatically entered into the draws. Those who would prefer not to be part of the lottery will be able to opt out.

People who received their shots outside of Manitoba will be eligible as well by reporting their vaccination to a public health office.

People directly working with the administration and implementation of the lottery and their immediate family members are not eligible to win. All members of the legislative assembly are also excluded.

Manitoba Liquor & Lotteries will be responsible for conducting the lotteries. A third-party auditor will provide additional oversight.

"We need Manitobans to get vaccinated. The sooner we get vaccinated the sooner we get our lives back," Pallister said. "This lottery gives Manitobans a reason to move faster to roll up their sleeves not once but twice."

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Winkler discipleship school accepting applications for fall

By Ashleigh Viveiros

A local Christian discipleship program is planning to make its return this fall.

Gospel Mission Discipleship School is currently accepting applications for its 2021-2022 session.

Pandemic restrictions coupled with staffing changes this past year forced the school to take a hiatus in what would have been its second year of operations.

Now, incoming director Bryan Neisteter is eager to get a new round of participants into the classroom.

"I think we realize right now that there will probably need to be a smaller class size, five to 10 people likely. But the great thing about that is we can probably go on even if there are some more waves of restrictions ahead," he said.

"This program is for any young adult 18-25 years old who just have a hunger to really go deeper in their faith," Neisteter said, explaining classes run from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Mondays through Thursdays in Winkler. "We're going to have a mix of teaching, of practical hands-on stuff, as well as times of worship and prayer. It really is all about helping students become better disciples of Jesus ... to sit at Jesus' feet and get to know him better."

The program very much focuses on creating future leaders, Neisteter said, encompassing both religious instruction and classes on healthy living.

"We want students who are living Biblical, healthy lifestyles, and that is more than just what you do at church," he said. "We want them to learn how to handle their finances well, how to handle relationships properly, and how to deal with conflict. We want to teach them Biblical life skills, really. We want them to be healthy individuals in all areas of their lives."

Participants are also tasked with making a difference in their communities.

"We do have one afternoon a week where we'll be doing things outside of the building, out in the community," Neisteter said. "Sharing the love of Jesus with people around us."

The school is a ministry of Gospel Mission Church but is open for those of any church to attend.

It's a local option for young adults who perhaps aren't keen to make the move to another city for post-secondary education or Bible college.

"There really is a need, I believe, for an option that's closer to home," Neisteter observed. "It's a way more affordable option and it also allows them to stay involved with their local church."



GOSPEL MISSION DISCIPLESHIP SCHOOL PHOTO

Gospel Mission Discipleship School is back after a year's hiatus. The eight-month program is open to young adults age 18-25 who want to grow their relationship with God.

The program certainly checked all the boxes for Mike Klassen, who graduated from its first session last spring.

"I was just out of high school and I was really kind of interested in doing some kind of Bible school or discipleship program," he said. "For most of those things you need to travel away, but this one was right in town. It was just very accessible."

Klassen said he walked away from the eight-month course feeling his relationship with God had grown significantly by "learning different aspects about His character, learning things about the Bible and prayer, and dif-

ferent spiritual disciplines.

"And I think you also learn a lot about yourself, too," Klassen said, adding it was also fulfilling to get to know his classmates and walk alongside them in their faith journeys "It was a really great space where you can be very open about yourself and very free to ask questions and really explore the ideas of faith."

"It was everything and more than I was hoping it would be."

Application and tuition information are available on the program's website: gmdschool.ca.

Province rolls out COVID immunization card

By Ashleigh Viveiros

Manitobans who are fully immunized against COVID-19 won't have to self-isolate after travelling to other provinces, Premier Brian Pallister announced last week.

The province is rolling out a new immunization card as proof of vaccination for people who are 14 days past their second shot (the time it takes for the vaccine to take full effect).

Not having to self-isolate upon return to Manitoba from another province is just one of the first benefits to being fully immunized, Pallister said.

"Until all public health restrictions

are lifted, Manitobans will get certain benefits with this card," he said, noting the hope is this is a temporary measure until enough Manitobans are vaccinated and the risk of COVID-19 spread so low that such a card is no longer necessary.

In addition to the freedom to travel inter-provincially, fully vaccinated Manitobans will also no longer have to self-isolate if they are found to be a close contact of someone with COVID.

Manitoba health-care facilities, including hospitals and personal care homes, will also be permitting expanded visitations if both the patient/

resident and their visitor are fully vaccinated.

"As we move forward with our reopening plans and as more Manitobans get fully vaccinated, there may be more items or privileges available to those who have an immunization card, based on the advice of Public Health," Pallister said.

Manitobans can order their cards securely online at immunizationcard.manitoba.ca. If you do not have internet access you can call 1-800-392-1207 to request a card, though the province asks you to seek assistance in using the online method from family and friends first.

A digital card will be provided immediately online, but people can also order a physical card to be delivered to them within 14 days.

The premier noted that both forms of the cards contain no personal health information. They show only a person's first and last name and a QR code that, when scanned, shows you have been fully vaccinated.

"Why does this immunization card matter? Because vaccines are the way out of this pandemic, that's why," Pallister stressed. "And because vaccines are how we get our lives back in the short-term and in the long-term."

Council dons orange in memory of residential school victims

By Ashleigh Viveiros

Winkler city council's June 8 meeting was awash in orange to pay tribute to the victims of Canada's residential school system.

Several city councillors donned orange shirts in recognition of the 215 children whose bodies were discovered at a former residential school site in Kamloops, B.C. last month.

"I also want to take the opportunity to acknowledge the value that we have from the Indigenous population that lives in Canada," Mayor Martin Harder said in opening the meeting. "The value that they provided for us as far as the country [being] built. The opportunities that we have today to work together with them to make sure that there is no discrimination, no separation, but an opportunity for ev-

erybody to share in the wealth of our country."

Council then observed a moment of silence for the lives lost in Kamloops and for the "many more across this country."

Moving then into the nuts and bolts of the meeting, council received reports from numerous community groups and committees.

In the transportation and utilities committee report, it's noted city staff have reached out to Manitoba Hydro for a cost estimate to extend street lights along the length of Northlands Parkway. Area residents have raised concerns about the fact the lights do not currently run down the undeveloped stretch of the road, making it dangerous for pedestrians.

The committee also provided an update on the water tower. Assessment of the coating that's been falling away from the structure lately shows that while it does contain asbestos, it poses a low risk of respiratory hazard.

Debris on the ground beneath the tower is being cleaned up and warning signs erected at the tower site entrance.

In the meantime, the city is working

with a certified drone pilot to schedule regular inspections and develop a monitoring plan.

The city will also be looking into a few solutions for the problem, including potentially covering the top of the tower with debris netting (a short-term option) or removing the coating and refinishing the structure.

In the public hearing portion of the evening, council gave its okay for a conditional use to allow City Car Wash on Diamond Dr. to add a new single-bay automatic car wash and an attached maintenance and storage shop to its facility.

Meanwhile, council opted to defer its decision on Iceberg Drive-In's request for variations to allow it to build a new drive-thru pick-up window on its site at the corner of 15th St. and Pembina Ave.

The restaurant hopes to wind the drive-thru line from the north side of its property down to the west of the building and out on Pembina Ave.

Several neighbours stood up to voice their concerns about the proposal.



SCREENSHOT

Winkler city councillors wore orange at their last meeting to honour the 215 children whose bodies were found at a residential school site in B.C. last month.

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Winkler's Canada Day decorating contest returns

By Ashleigh Viveiros

While we can't gather together in large groups quite yet, the City of Winkler isn't letting that stop it from celebrating Canada Day in style.

For the second year, Winklerites are invited to decorate their yards for our nation's birthday.

"We had a couple different elements last year and the only one that people were really, really excited about doing

again, the one that was most talked about, was definitely this contest," said Winkler events coordinator Nolan Dueck.

The 2020 edition—created, as well, due to pandemic restrictions—saw over 60 households take part, many going all out to try and display a slice of Canada.

"I'd like to see that number grow," Dueck said. "I think when people see some of the prizes we'll be giving away this year they'll be pretty interested in wanting to join."

"But for the families we went to see last year, for a lot of them, it was just so much fun to do," he observed. "It's so cool to see it bringing families together."

Prize details were not available at press time but were expected to be announced sometime this week on the event's website: winklercelebrat-escanada.ca/contest.

That's also the place to



Put your Canuck creativity to work and decorate your yard for Canada Day and you could walk away with some great prizes in Winkler's Canada Day decorating contest.

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go to register your home by Monday, June 28. To take part, you must be a resident of Winkler and you must have your decorations up by 10 a.m. on July 1. A map of all the entries will be available online.

The city's Canada Day vehicles will make its way to all the participating yards on July 1 to judge the entries.

Winners will be announced on Winkler's Facebook page that evening.

"If you want to be part of the competition, you don't have to go out and spend tons of money," Dueck stressed. "You can decorate your house any way you want, try and show off how proud you are to be Canadian, and try to get creative."



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- 1/4 cup (65 ml) egg whites
- 1/2 tsp (2.5 ml) sea salt
- 1/4 cup (65 ml) barbecue sauce

Directions

Preheat barbecue to 350°F (175°C). Combine all ingredients except bacon and mix well. Cut bacon strips in half lengthwise. Place a heaping tablespoon of mixture on each piece of bacon and roll into bombs. Grill over direct heat for about 10 minutes on one side. Turn and brush generously with barbecue sauce and then grill for an additional 10 minutes or until a digital thermometer reaches 165°F (74°C).

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Winkler Arts & Culture launches 50/50 raffle

Funds for operational expenses, future site development

By Ashleigh Viveiros

Winkler Arts and Culture has kicked off a new fundraiser to help them keep the doors open.

The gallery has launched an online 50/50 raffle, with funds earmarked for operational expenses, programming, and gallery enhancements.

It's been a challenging year for the Park St. gallery, which has been unable to host its usual community events and art exhibitions over the past several pandemic-stricken months.

"This year has been tough. We haven't been able to run events or coffeehouses. Even for art shows we can't have anyone in the building," said board chair Steve Dueck.

Gallery staff have done what they

can to keep people engaged through social media, but it's just not the same.

"We need people in the building ... it's supposed to be a gathering place of artistic people and when you can't do that it's hard to move forward in any way," Dueck observed.

The 50/50 replaces WAC's Chase the Ace, which drew big crowds but proved to be a handful to run in the long-term.

Having this raffle be online-only makes things a little easier for organizers and supporters alike—you can do it all from the comfort of your own home.

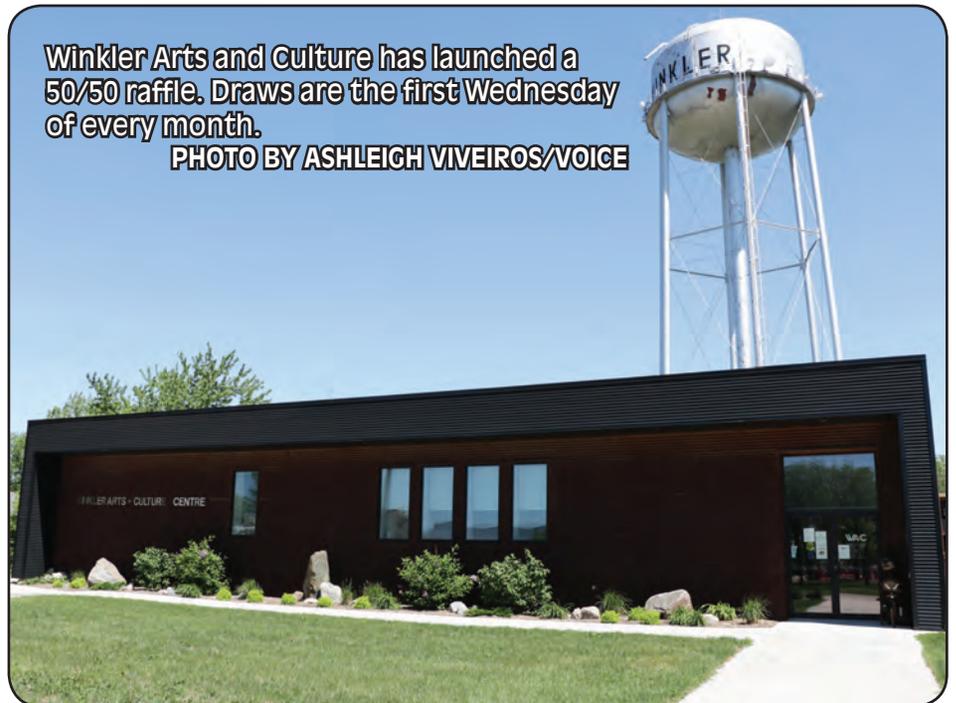
Tickets are available at winklerarts.goplay5050.com.

The first draw is July 7 at 2:30 p.m., with the winner taking home half the pot. Subsequent draws will be the first Wednesday of every month.

The funds the 50/50 generates will be a welcome boost to the agency, which, once operational expenses are covered, has big dreams for the future

Winkler Arts and Culture has launched a 50/50 raffle. Draws are the first Wednesday of every month.

PHOTO BY ASHLEIGH VIVEIROS/VOICE



of its facility.

"We have a few things we want to do in the gallery with lighting. We want to make sure that we can present art in the best way," Dueck said.

Also on the to-do list is to open up a second gallery and classroom space in a currently unused area at the rear of the building. There are also plans to transform the back yard into a sculpture garden and gathering place.

"There's dreams for this to be a really interesting place in Winkler," Dueck

said, noting the board of directors are working on the development plan with an eye to launching a major fundraising campaign in the years ahead.

In the meantime, pre-pandemic, Dueck feels they were finding their groove in the community after a handful of years of operation.

"Before last year we were making a lot of progress and having great classes and participation," he said. "I feel very optimistic about the future."



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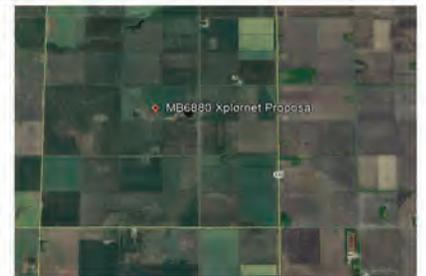
Friday's strong winds yanked shingles from houses and apartment complexes (left) and brought down more than a few trees and branches throughout Morden-Winkler. Several communities in southern Manitoba saw gusts between 90-100 km/hr.

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"My concern is the volume of traffic," noted Ray Klassen. "15th St. is already quite congested and my concern is what a drive-thru could do to that, because getting off the driveway some days is quite hard."

"One of our biggest concerns would be noise, which always has been a problem," added John Reimer, who suggested a taller fence made out of concrete be built alongside the drive-thru to suppress noise.

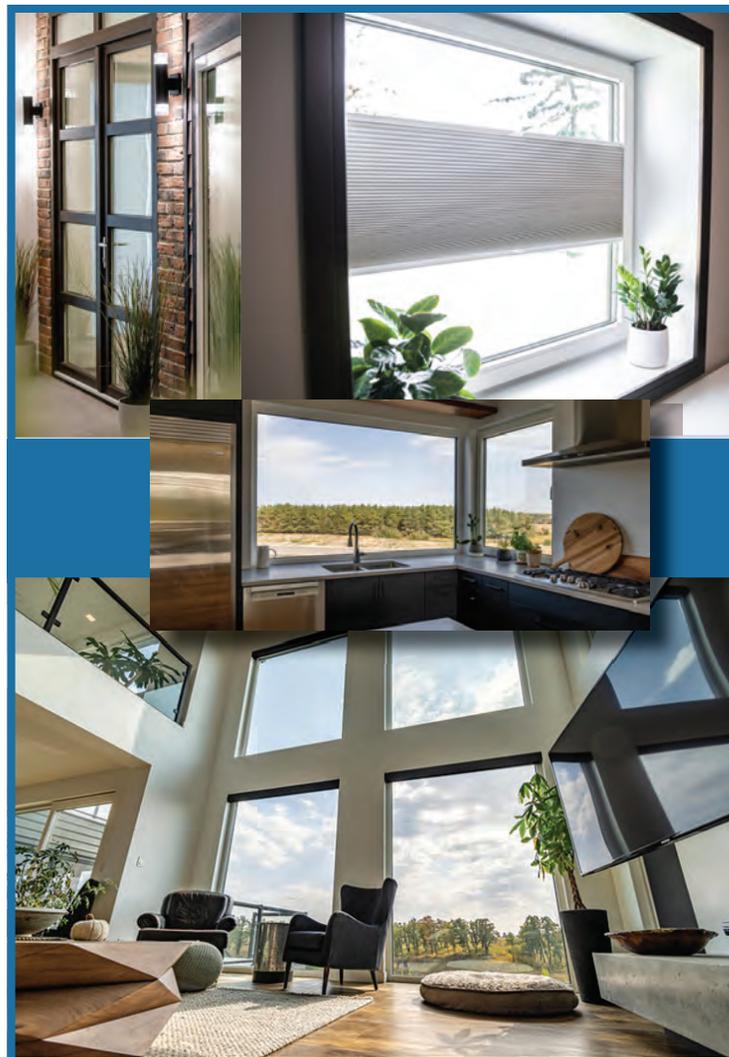
Reimer also expressed a worry about traffic backing up on 15th St. and wondered if Pembina Ave. would be better suited as both an entrance and exit for the restaurant's parking lot.

Iceburg owner Jeff Hildebrand said he's open to building a wall for noise suppression, stressing it's important to them to be good neighbours.

As for traffic concerns, he noted the drive-thru has space for 12 vehicles and then another two or three overflow spaces in the parking lot itself before it would spill out onto the road.

Mayor Harder pointed out that shifting the entrance/exit entirely to Pembina would likely create more problems than it solves owing to the lack of a stop sign on that road. It's unclear whether making that intersection a three-way stop would be advised.

Council decided to send the entire matter back to the planning and engineering department for their recommendations on all the issues raised, officially deferring the public hearing to their June 22 meeting.



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Morden's Ted Fransen is taking part in CancerCare Manitoba's Challenge for Life. He urges others to join him in raising funds in support of local cancer patients and their families.

Are you up to The Challenge?

By Lorne Stelmach

The motivation to get involved and to "Take the Challenge" was in large part personal for Ted Fransen.

The longtime Mordenite and former Western School Division superintendent first supported the CancerCare Manitoba fundraiser last year as a result of his experience with the disease.

"No family has been spared the experience of cancer, and I had cancer in 2017," Fransen said last week as he set out on his bike in support of the initiative that challenges people to reach either 20 km or 200 minutes of exercise, however they choose to do it.

"When I saw this Take The Challenge opportunity to support CancerCare Manitoba last year, I thought this was a great opportunity for me to be able to give back a little bit for what CancerCare had done for me. I got phenomenal care."

Fransen took on the Lake Minnewasta trail last year and planned to not only do that again this year but also go further west on a section of the Trans-Canada Trail.

It fits well with his active lifestyle that has seen him lose about 80 pounds since he had a diabetes scare a few years ago and needed to act on his doctor's advice.

"It's a really good match for me," said Fransen. "Take the Challenge is a great way to be active, to be outdoors. It's an opportunity to be out in your community and to support Cancer Care."

"It's one of the silver linings of COVID actually," he added. "They made it remote, so you can do it in place where you live. You can encourage anyone in Manitoba anywhere to take the challenge, to be active and to give back to a great organization."

"That's what we have found ... and we're thrilled that people from so many communities throughout the province are able to participate

in this way," said Nicola Starin, senior manager of events and development for the CancerCare Manitoba Foundation.

"We have great support from people in Morden, Winkler, Altona ... there is definitely good support in this area," she noted. "We were out there last year, came out there and visited with Ted ... and he goes pretty fast on those hills."

The Challenge for Life started in 2008 and has usually been an in-person event held in Winnipeg, but that of course had to change as a result of pandemic restrictions.

The 2021 challenge can be done at one time or any time over 12 days from Aug. 5-7, and participants are asked for a \$250 minimum in fundraising.

"We had almost 700 participants do their own challenge in 65 communities throughout the province last year," noted Starin. "On average, we raise around a million dollars, so between 2008 and 2020, we have raised over \$13 million. And all of the funds raised here stay in Manitoba, and they support prevention, early detection, treatment, research and patient care."

She agreed there is a benefit in people of all levels and abilities being able to participate wherever or however it works for them.

"We had a lady who hurt her ankle, so she swam, and you can do it over several days so it's not an exhausting thing done all at once," she said, noting that people are encouraged to share their challenge by tagging CancerCare Manitoba in their posts with the hashtag #TaketheChallenge or by sending them to info@challengefor-life.ca.

"It could give other people ideas of what kind of challenge they could do. We had someone playing badminton last year," said Starin. "We just would like to see more Manitobans join ... and if we could raise another million dollars, that would be fantastic."

MPI supporting increased speed enforcement

By Voice staff

Leadfoots be warned—local police are launching dedicated enforcement campaigns aimed primarily at speeding motorists.

Funding from Manitoba Public Insurance is making it possible for the Morden and Winkler police departments to ramp up enforcement efforts now through fall.

In addition to speeding, officers will also be enforcing other provincial offences (non-seatbelt use, impaired driving, distracted driving, driving without insurance, and driving while disqualified or suspended).

"Over the last few years, speed was a contributing factor in about one in four (23 per cent) of all fatal crashes on Manitoba public roadways," said MPI's Satvir Jatana. "Speeding is a high-risk behaviour which can be corrected by the individual driver. Speeding puts all innocent motorists at risk on our roadways."

"This partnership with law enforcement agencies is an investment in road safety. Education, awareness and visible law enforcement are key

factors in changing driver behaviour," he added. "With traffic volumes down due to COVID-19 restrictions, some drivers are making the decision to speed and risk not only their life, but the lives of their passengers and all other motorists."

For the first five months of 2021 there has been a 51 per cent increase in speed-related Serious Driving Offences (SDO) forwarded to MPI's Registrar of Motor Vehicles. SDOs are issued when a motorist is caught travelling more than 50 km over the posted speed limit.

A few more road safety facts from MPI:

- People who don't use vehicle safety equipment properly are 50 times more likely to be killed when involved in a crash.
- On average, 20 people are killed and 889 are injured in speed-related crashes every year.
- On average, 12,898 crashes in Manitoba are related to distracted driving. That's one in four of all crashes on Manitoba roads.
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Father's Day lineup: a day dedicated to Dad



Does your kids' dad deserve more than a tie and a hug for Father's Day? This year, help your children celebrate their old man by dedicating the whole day to him.

Morning

Breakfast in bed is the perfect way to kick off Father's Day. Older kids can help prepare and serve the meal, and little ones can decorate the serving tray or table. Excellent service is mandatory on such an important day, so everyone will need to be on their best behaviour.

Afternoon

If he loves his car almost as much as he loves his kids, treat him to a car wash at home. Once the car is looking shiny and new, take a ride to the activity of Dad's choice. The whole family is sure to enjoy whatever he picks, whether it's mini-golf, the ice cream shop or the park.

Night

End the day with a movie marathon at home. Let Dad decide what you watch and nosh on. If he loves Mexican food, make nachos. If he appreciates the

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United Way Pembina Valley hands out scholarships

By Lorne Stelmach

Three local students are being recognized for their community service in Morden and Winkler.

United Way Pembina Valley last week announced the recipients of its revamped scholarship program.

The recipients are Geoffrey Hamm of Morden Collegiate, Rachel Klassen of Garden Valley Collegiate, and Clarissa Unger of Northlands Parkway Collegiate, and the three graduating students saw it as significant recognition for their efforts.

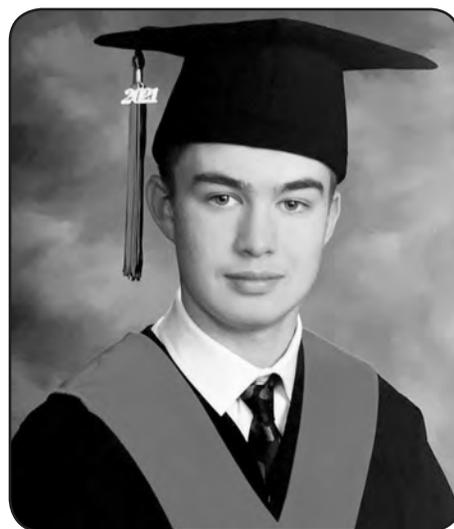
"It's a real honour to have been chosen and to be selected out of all the applicants," said Hamm.

He was cited for volunteer involvement that has ranged from the national U18 hockey championship and Esso Cup to working with a hockey skills academy and helping out at the Corn and Apple Festival and with Christmas Cheer.

"It's important to help better the community and to help run things smoothly and improve the city in the long run," said Hamm, who plans to attend Red River College and become an electrician.

Klassen likewise expressed pride at being selected out of what she knows were a lot of worthy applicants.

"I think the biggest thing is I volunteer at Central Station and having that steady community involvement really gave me an edge," she said. "I just really enjoy being involved with Central Station and with Youth in Philanthropy. It feels good to have that recognized."



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From left: Clarissa Unger, Geoffrey Hamm, and Rachel Klassen are the winners of United Way Pembina Valley's newly expanded scholarship program.

She noted getting involved in the community gives you a different perspective.

"You have your own niche of people ... but when you go out into the community and especially at a place like Central Station, you get to know people who are giving their all to the community and also people who need that assistance in the community and are benefitting from people who give their time.

"I have a new perspective on my own life and the community and the world around me," said Klassen, who is taking a gap year before attending university to study psychology.

For Unger, her community involvement is a way of paying forward the kindness she was shown as a child.

"I always did a lot of programs that

were run by volunteers," she said. "I always felt the positive effects of volunteering, so I always knew that was something I wanted to do.

"It was nice to think back about all of the positive experiences I have had either from people volunteering or from me volunteering myself," said Unger, who plans to attend university in the fall with an eye on a career in social work.

EXPANDED PROGRAM

When the Winkler and Morden United Ways joined forces last year, Winkler's agency didn't have a scholarship/bursary program.

And so the new entity broadened the existing Morden program to include not just Morden Collegiate but Winkler's two high schools as well.

United Way Pembina Valley now gives out three scholarships of \$1,000 each and two \$750 bursaries per high school. The bursary winners will be announced at graduation.

"We changed the focus of it to be focused more on leadership and social activism in the community," said board member Audrey Armstrong. "Our scholarship award is recognizing a student who has contributed to their community through volunteer work, social activism and demonstration leadership.

"We had a number of very impressive applicants and would like to congratulate both the winners of the scholarships and the other applicants who made the decision a very difficult one."

Provincial funds for local heritage projects



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The Miami Railway Station Museum has received over \$2,000 from the Heritage Grant Program to develop exhibits for its waiting room and caboose.

By Voice staff

Several local historical projects are receiving a big boost in funding from the provincial government.

The Manitoba government earlier this month approved more than \$246,000 under the Heritage Grant Program for 46 groups and projects across the province.

"We are pleased to support so many incredible local and grassroots organizations and communities to carry out projects that focus on bringing our province's history to life in creative and engaging ways," said Sport, Culture, and Heritage Minister Cathy Cox in announcing the grants. "These projects help to preserve and promote the experiences and stories that have formed Manitoba into what it is today."

day."

Benefiting from funding in our area are:

- Boundary Trail Heritage Region Inc.: \$3,500 to write articles for a local history project.

- Boundary Trail Heritage Region Inc.: \$5,000 to share expertise regarding artifact display and protection, digitization of materials and publication efforts, and continue to develop regional connections

- Central Manitoba Tourism Inc.: \$8,112 to develop heritage tourism content creation and marketing

- Miami Railway Station Museum Association Inc.: \$2,312 to develop exhibits for the museum waiting room and caboose

- RM of Montcalm: \$7,000 to develop and produce interpretive panels

Rhineland updating zoning bylaw

By Lorne Stelmach

There are a range of revisions in the works as part of an overall review and update of the RM of Rhineland zoning bylaw.

Part of the aim is to help harmonize the rules and guidelines among the member municipalities that make up the RPGA (Rhineland, Plum Coulee, Gretna and Altona) Planning District, residents heard during an online public consultation last week.

The firm Urban Systems was retained by the planning district to update the zoning bylaws for Altona and Rhineland.

"Rhineland currently has three bylaws that we're managing ... the old Gretna bylaw, the old Plum Coulee bylaw, and the old Rhineland bylaw," explained community development officer Susan Stein.

She noted then, for example, that it "makes it very difficult sometimes for people to understand that if I'm in an urban centre such as Gretna why are my rules for a fence different than if I live in Rosenfeld or different if I live in Plum Coulee?"

"We changed some items in some of the villages to make them a little more similar ... we cut down the amount of the types of zones that we had there. We had too many zones," Stein said.

"One of the bigger issues that we

came up with was currently our bylaw allows farmland to be split into 40 acre parcels," she noted. "In the future, if this bylaw goes through as proposed, we would only be able to do that in a zone that's agriculture restricted, which is typically the zone around urban centres."

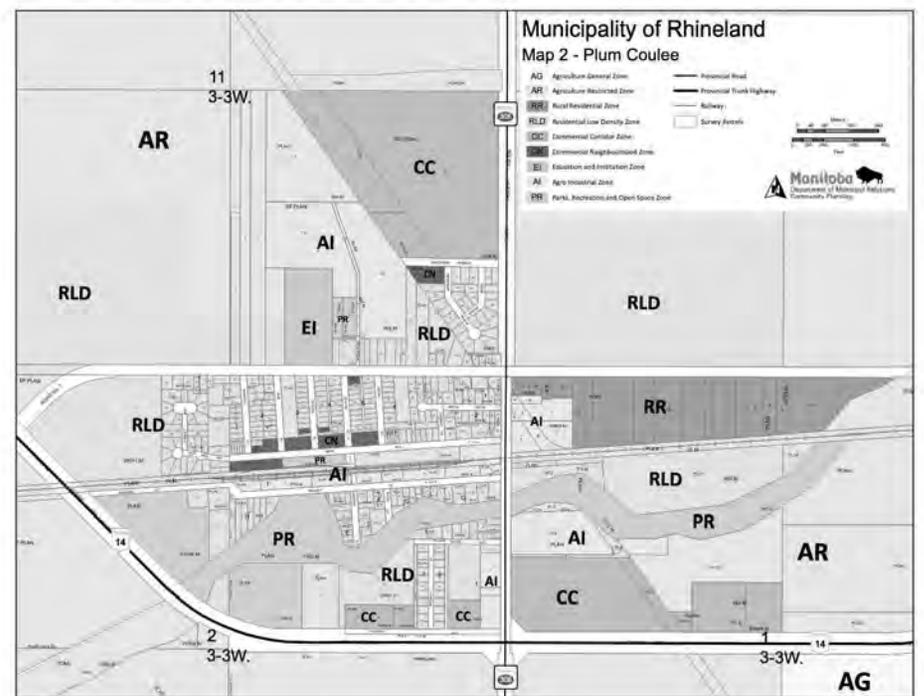
Some of the key changes addressed include the following:

- Agricultural parcel size changing from 40 to 80 acres.
- Animal units in villages and clusters.
- Two family dwellings permitted in residential zones.
- Signage regulations.
- Fence and tree planting setbacks.
- Accessory building structures and setbacks.

Urban Systems community planner Jeff Palmer touched on a number of highlights such as new standards for things like apiaries, urban farms, wind and solar collectors as well as for secondary suites and bed and breakfasts

There are new development standards for areas subject to flood risk, and it also addresses things ranging from minimum parking standards to shipping containers and portable garages

They particularly noted that the changes were addressing home-based businesses.



The RM of Rhineland is reviewing and updating its zoning bylaw to ensure standardization across the region.

"The intent is to try to be a little bit more permissive about what kind of industries can happen on your property and what kind of businesses you can run out of your home ... in the past, zoning laws were very restrictive," said Palmer.

Stein also noted another important aspect being addressed particularly for the urban centres is that "all of the zones there in all three bylaws typically did not allow for duplexes or multi-units."

They went on to field a few specific questions around such items as storage containers, which are not permitted in residential low density zones but allowed in rural areas and industrial sites while still needing to meet

regulations such as setbacks.

Stein also responded to a general question about when people need a building permit.

"Most things do need a building permit. Any buildings over a 107 square feet will require a permit after this bylaw is passed. You don't need a permit for things like a fence or a deck if its under 24 inches off the ground or detached from the house, however it's always best to check with us first just to make sure," she said.

The bylaw will be considered further for any possible revisions before coming to council for first reading June 23 with second reading tentatively scheduled for Aug. 11.

Province maps out Manitoba's reopening plans

Restriction relaxation tied to first, second-dose vaccination rates

By Lorne Stelmach

The Manitoba government last week announced its plan for reopening the province, but Premier Brian Pallister stressed fewer restrictions for Manitobans beginning by Canada Day is very much connected to vaccination and following the rules.

Pallister said their aim with the 4-3-2-One Great Summer Reopening Path is to reward Manitobans with greater freedoms as more people continue to get vaccinated.

"It sets out a clear path for more openings and fewer restrictions as more and more Manitobans roll up their sleeves and get fully vaccinated," he said. "The key to reopening safely

and staying open is you getting vaccinated, not once but twice, to get your life back.

"For the past few months, we have been in a race between variants and vaccines, and the variants have been winning. But thanks to the efforts of Manitobans to roll up their sleeves, the vaccines are starting to make a difference."

Chief provincial public health officer Dr. Brent Roussin echoed that message.

"As vaccinations increase, we can start moving towards a post pandemic Manitoba ... a post pandemic Manitoba is not post COVID Manitoba. COVID is likely to be with us for the years to come," he warned.

"Public health supports this phased in approach to reopening. It strikes a good balance between where we are now and where we want to and need to be. This plan also gives some flexibility so we can monitor the situation and make the best decisions based on the data at that time."

The reopening plan focused on four reopening categories: gathering and socializing, travel and tourism, shopping and services, and dining out and entertainment. As well, it sets out three summer holiday milestones for phasing out restrictions: Canada Day, August long weekend and Labour Day.

Key to reopening safely is Manitoba's collective progress in getting

vaccinated and reducing COVID-19 spread in communities and hospitals, Roussin stressed,

"Reopening activity levels will be tied to the first and second immunization dose targets," he continued. "The plan is built on two key principles: higher vaccination rates and the need for Manitobans to keep following the public health orders ... these will be key."

Each holiday milestone for reopening will have a one-dose and two-dose immunization goal to guide progress in keeping Manitobans safe, the province says. The goals include:

- Over 70 per cent of all Manitobans aged 12 and over to have received their first dose and over 25 per cent to

sports & recreation

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Manitoba announces mission staff for the 2022 Canada Games

Winkler's Pat Alexander supporting Team Manitoba's male, beach volleyball teams



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NPC physical education teacher Pat Alexander has been selected as mission staff for Team Manitoba at the 2022 Canada Games.

By Lorne Stelmach

He has been involved with Team Manitoba contingents a number of times in the past, but it is always exciting for Pat Alexander when another such opportunity arises.

The phys-ed teacher at Northlands Parkway Collegiate in Winkler will be part of the mission staff for Team Manitoba at the Canada Games in 2022.

"I was involved a lot in sport, and I got a lot from sport at a variety of levels, and this is another way to give back to that community ... this is another way for me to contribute back to what I got from it over the years," said Alexander.

"It's a lot of work but it's a lot of fun," he said. "Obviously I keep doing it, and there's a reason for that: I just find it really entertaining and fun."

Mission staff volunteers support Team Manitoba and their individual sport teams at Canada Games. Alexander will be the mission staff member for the male volleyball and beach volleyball teams.

A fitting role, as Alexander is actively involved in coaching volleyball at both school and club levels and even

helps out at the University of Winnipeg when time allows. He's been part of Team 'Toba at multiple Games over the years.

"It's an awesome experience," said Alexander. "It's the people who you get to work with ... to be involved with different people and athletes from across the province and in different sports and get to see the whole competition, the training programs and even just to be involved with the parent groups and the sports staff, it's always a really neat experience."

There can be a lot involved behind the scenes as a member of the mission staff.

"It can be a lot, especially if you've never done it before. It could seem a little overwhelming at times.

"Basically the job of the mission staff is to kind of be the go-between," Alexander explained. "Initially, it might be a lot of checking in on the teams and the coaches to make sure they've got their plans organized," he said, adding it can also include things like getting information out to the parents.

"Prior to the Games, you're kind of running around doing a lot of the behind the scenes stuff, and it also depends on the sport you're involved in,

as those demands can be very, very different.

"During the Games, you're kind of more responsible to just make sure that things go smoothly. When you're with your team and their sports, you make sure they have their schedule and they have what they need."

There can be a lot of minor details to look after, including something as simple as a broken shoelace.

"You're kind of there during the Games to make sure the people can actually focus on the Games themselves and their coaching and not have to worry about a lot of the other stuff.

"When you're not with your team, you're also helping cheer and support other teams; you've got office duties you have to take part in," he added.

The Canada Games planned for this year had to be rescheduled to 2022. It will be hosted in the Niagara region.

The Games are held every two years alternating between summer and winter. They are the largest multi-sport event in the country. Since 1967, nearly 100,000 athletes and 100,000 coaches, officials, and volunteers have participated in the Games.

Former Winkler Flyer returns as board president

By Lorne Stelmach

A former player is now heading up the board of the Winkler Flyers.

Caleb Suderman stepped into the role of president when the junior hockey club held its annual general meeting recently.

He is among a number of additions to the board for the newly non-profit organization, and Suderman welcomes the opportunity and is excited about the team's future.

"The team was going through a restructuring ... and I was talking to one of the original board members, Paul McDonald, who I knew personally, and he was reaching out trying to get some new blood on the board as they were switching over to a not-for-profit

organization," Suderman said.

"He thought I would be a good fit for it, and I thought it would be good too. I did play for the team ... and some of the best years of my life were playing junior hockey," he added. "Now, being a bit older and recognizing how much work goes into the other side of it ... I just kind of wanted to give back."

On the board for this season along with Suderman are vice-president Marlin Froese, treasurer Cam Wiebe, secretary Nathan Elias, and director and MJHL governor Matt Bestland. Directors at large include Paul McDonald, Kevin Braun, Dave Neubuhr, Mike St. Croix, Andrew Froese, and Steve Doell.

Suderman noted the switch to non-profit status offers a number of ad-

vantages and gets away from some of the potential barriers that can come with being private and for-profit, such as liability issues.

"The non-profit status gives us a different look ... and one of the biggest things was attracting different types of board members," he suggested. "We did talk to a bunch of other teams in the league, and most of them are structured this way as well.

"SOME OF THE BEST YEARS OF MY LIFE WERE PLAYING JUNIOR HOCKEY ... I JUST KIND OF WANTED TO GIVE BACK."

"One of the big reasons also for moving to a not-for-profit was that it opened some doors for fundraising that a private corporation doesn't have access to," added Suderman.

They now turn their attention to the coming season. Suderman said they are hopeful for a more regular season and are, at this point, still planning to

Genesis House working to overcome language barriers

By Lorne Stelmach

The local shelter for the victims of domestic violence is taking a step towards making its services more easily accessible to people who face a variety of barriers.

One of the foremost challenges many face is language, so Genesis House has created videos in four different languages that are common in the area, including English, Russian, Low German, and High German.

The aim is simply to assist with understanding what Genesis House is and what services it can provide in the language that is most comfortable to those needing to leave a violent relationship, said executive director Ang Braun.

"I think this basic kind of video just explaining what Genesis House does in a number of languages is just opening up that door," she said, adding that this is just a first step for the shelter in broadening its accessibility. "We don't really have a second step planned. We know we need a second step, which is once the person actually picks up the phone and calls here, what do we do next? We don't necessarily have all the languages on staff, but we have to start somewhere."

"Low German is particularly challenging because there can be many different dialects," Braun noted. "But for folks who would have been outside of our scope before, they weren't able to access our service because they didn't even necessarily under-

"WE DON'T NECESSARILY HAVE ALL THE LANGUAGES ON STAFF, BUT WE HAVE TO START SOMEWHERE."

stand what it is, this at least gives an 'in' that way."

Braun said it is a challenge for them in that Winkler and the surrounding areas are becoming more diverse.

Moving forward, she said they will continue the work of advocating for immediate translations services within women's shelters across Manitoba.

One interesting option is CanTalk Canada, which is able to deliver on-demand interpretation and translation language services in support of

businesses, not-for-profits, government agencies and call centres. These language services can be delivered on-site or remotely, so if the shelter is contacted by someone speaking Spanish, CanTalk could quickly provide access to a Spanish interpreter.

"That's one thing we're exploring as a possible next step," Braun said.

The videos can be found online at www.geneshouseshelter.ca or on the Genesis House social media pages.

Critics say province's plan short on details

From Pg. 17

have received their second dose by Canada Day.

- 75 per cent or greater of all Manitobans aged 12 and over to have received their first dose and over 50 per cent to have received their second dose by the August long weekend.

- 80 per cent or greater of all Manitobans aged 12 and over to have received their first dose and over 75 per cent to have received their second dose by Labour Day.

Reopening activity levels will be tied to the first and second dose immunization targets, including:

- Meeting vaccine targets by Canada Day means businesses, services, and facilities can open at 25 per cent capacity or greater levels.

- Meeting vaccine targets by the August long weekend means businesses, services, and facilities can open at 50 per cent capacity or greater levels.

- Meeting vaccine targets by Labour Day means businesses, services, and facilities can open with limited restrictions.

Manitoba NDP Opposition Leader Wab Kinew criticized

the plan and announcement for being too short on details.

"Many Manitobans right now are asking questions like is my kid going to be able to go back to school this year? Are they going to be able to play sports? When will I be able to go to the gym? Can we have a family barbecue this summer?" said Kinew.

"Really, this announcement today didn't answer any of those questions. It's so vague that what we actually saw was not a plan but just

a graphic and a press release. There's so many important details that Manitobans should have been told," he said. "What is the test positivity rate? What is the ICU number? What are the hospitalization numbers that are going to have to be cleared in order for us to move forward with a reopening here in Manitoba."

For more information on the 4-3-2-One Great Summer Reopening Path, you can go online to www.manitoba.ca/covid19/prs/reopening/index.html.

> FLYERS, FROM PG. 18

hold hockey school and development camp in August.

"The team is definitely hopeful that we're going to have as close to a normal full season as possible," he said. "You have to kind of go with the flow. You make plans and plan to change those plans, but right now we're pretty optimistic we're going to be able to get in a season."

"We're looking to just continue to build and grow the community support around the team, even expanding past Winkler. We do consider it to be a Pembina Valley team," said Suderman, who noted there was potential for a good core of returning veterans. "There's always ques-

tion marks. There's players who might entertain playing different places, but it sounds like we'll have a really competitive team. There's a good number of guys who want to return."

In announcing the new board last week, the Flyers also recognized one longtime board member with an honorary position.

"Dan Giesbrecht first lobbied to bring a junior A hockey club to Winkler in 1980 and has given more of himself to this organization over the past 40 years than anyone could ever ask for," the team said. "We thank Dan Giesbrecht for his passion, effort and services to this organization."

> PARTICIPATION, FROM PG. 19

"It's good to see people getting involved, but we would love to have more people participating," said Dueck. "By adding our local challenge, we increase your chances of winning a prize quite a bit."

Meanwhile, minutes tracked on the Participation app and website from June 1-30 count toward the community scores. After

June 30, 50 finalist communities will be invited to submit an application explaining why they deserve to be Canada's Most Active Community.

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The current and proposed rates are as follows:

	Current Rates		Proposed Rates	
	By-Law 13-18		By-Law 6-21 Year 1	
Quarterly Service Charge	\$ 11.33	\$	\$ 11.33	\$
Water - Massey (per 1,000 gallons)	\$ 5.97	\$	\$ 6.15	\$
Water - Other (per 1,000 gallons)*	\$ 12.33	\$	\$ 12.79	\$
Minimum Quarterly Charge - Massey**	\$ 29.24	\$	\$ 29.78	\$
Minimum Quarterly Charge - Other**	\$ 48.32	\$	\$ 49.70	\$

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Details of the RM's application are available for review at the RM's office or the Public Utilities Board's office. Any questions concerning the application for revised rates, or the operation of the Utility, should be sent directly to the RM.

If you have concerns/comments regarding the RM's application for water rates please go to www.pubmanitoba.ca and provide your comment. Please note all comments will be forwarded to the RM.

Questions or comments should be sent on or before July 10, 2021. The Public Utilities Board is the provincial regulatory agency that reviews and approves rates for water and wastewater utilities in Manitoba, with the exception of the City of Winnipeg. The Board's review process involves:

- the Utility filing a rate application to the Board,
- a public notification of proposed rate changes,
- the Board's review of the application through a public hearing or paper review process, and
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The Manitoba Ombudsman has privacy guidelines for administrative tribunals. The Board is mindful of its obligations under those guidelines. Its decisions in respect of the application being considered will be sensitive to the guidelines. Personal information will not be disclosed unless it is appropriate and necessary to do so. However, the Board advises participants that these proceedings are public and that as a result, personal information protections are reduced.

The Board will then decide whether any further notice is required and whether to proceed with a public hearing or paper review process. All concerns received by the Board will be considered in the Board's decision on rates to be charged.

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OBITUARY

Harry C Klassen 1948 - 2021

Harry C Klassen passed away peacefully in the early morning of June 8, 2021 in his home with his family by his side.

Harry was born on September 11, 1948 in Elm Creek, Manitoba to Kornelius and Katie Klassen and grew up on the farm. He graduated from Elm Creek Collegiate and went on to pursue work in the Manitoba Government as well as several business ventures. Harry came to know Jesus as his Saviour at a young age and renewed his faith as a young adult. He lived out his faith in the way he gave his time to help others.

Left to treasure his memories and carry his legacy are his loving wife of 50 years, Carole (nee Isaac); children, Kevin (Lynelle) Klassen (Josh and Beth) and Shelly (Joel) Voth (Levi and Ethan). He

will also be missed by his sisters, Lois Wiebe and Emily Klassen, sister-in-law, Kathy Shore (Jerry Lemay) and brother-in-law, Paul Isaac and their families, mother-in-law, Susan Isaac, numerous other family and friends including special Uncle John Adrian.

Harry was predeceased by his parents; sisters, Kay Martens and Betty Peters; brothers-in-law, Jake Martens, John Peters and Phil Wiebe and other extended family.

Harry's family meant the world to him and he spent much time getting involved in and encouraging the interests of his children and grandchildren. As an avid traveler and camper, his family has many memories of nature and adventure. Harry and Carole travelled extensively in retirement years and many memories of out of the way places and people they found to connect with all over North America have been made.

Harry is best known for his devotion to family, his humour and wit, the quiet and unassuming way he carried out his faith, his creative ideas and projects he would spend hours planning and designing, his ability and desire to connect with anyone despite what they may or may not have in common and for the way he sought out ways he could help others, especially those with health concerns. As someone who had long term struggles with heart and other health issues, Harry modelled an optimism for the future and an ability to continue to be involved in the lives of those around him in modified ways. He had many close calls and we as a family feel extremely blessed for every additional year with him.

A private service was held on Friday June 11, 2021 at Wiebe Funeral Chapel in Morden.

The family wishes to thank the incredible home palliative care team including Dr. Woelk and Deanna Monteith, as well as Dr. Zhang, Kaleigh and her team of home care attendants and the many other health care professionals that attended to him over the years.

As expressions of sympathy, if friends so wish, donations may be made in Harry's memory to the Boundary Trails Health Centre Foundation Spiritual Care and Palliative Care.

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OBITUARY



Helen Suderman (nee Wiebe) 1926 - 2021

Helen was born in the village of Reinfeld to Peter P. and Susanna (Friesen) Wiebe on July 24, 1926. She was baptized upon her confession of faith in the Sommerfelder Mennonite Church in 1946.

Helen had a happy carefree childhood growing up in Reinfeld. She attended village school until age 14 when she had to end her schooling and her dream of becoming a nurse to take on domestic duties at home. She met Frank Suderman from Reinland and they were married on September 29th, 1946. In 1956 Frank and Helen purchased a farm south of Winkler and Helen became not only a wife and mother but also a business partner to her husband. In later years they were able to travel and visits to Europe and the Holy Land were highlights for them. Helen also made many friends

when they spent winters in Arizona. In retirement Frank and Helen moved to Crocus Village where they were able to live actively and independently until he passed away and she moved in the Buhler Active Living Centre.

Helen's faith was very important to her, she loved her Lord and wanted her whole family to know Him too. She was the one to read the Christmas story at every Christmas gathering and then gave her testimony for the grandchildren and the great-grandchildren to hear. She served as a Sunday School teacher for 20 years and was a DVBS teacher in the Winkler Bergthaler Church for 18 years. She worked with Child Evangelism Mailbox Club for 15 years, was a 4H club leader and active in the Bethel Ladies Aid. She was also a wonderful grandmother and enjoyed reading stories to her grandchildren and when they were older and attending High School near their home, the grandchildren all came for lunch every Thursday during the school year. Helen was a generous host. There was always room for one more at her table. Helen loved to play table games and sometimes even late into the evening—and she loved to win!

When our mom moved into Village East in the Buhler Building she quickly adopted everyone there as a new family. She loved her family there and saw it as her mission to include or invite everyone to whatever activity was going on; be it puzzling, table games, watching the church services on Sunday. She especially loved and appreciated the amazing Silver Lining staff who prayed with her, listened to her and looked after her every need this last year and a half. As family we are very grateful for the compassionate care Helen received from Silver Lining staff, Karen Schaak and Dr. Brett and the Case Coordinator and visiting nurses from Home Care.

Helen passed away peacefully on Friday, June 4, 2021 at the age of 94. She is survived by her daughters, Catherine Dorothy (Nick) Heide, Hilda Helen (Cornie) Fehr and Diana Susan (Hans) Werner, eight grandchildren, fourteen great-grandchildren, and two sisters. She was predeceased by her husband, Frank Suderman and son, Bruce.

A private funeral service was held on Tuesday, June 8, 2021 at Wiebe Funeral Home, Winkler with interment at the Winkler Cemetery.

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OBITUARY

Helena Friesen (nee Doerksen) 1943 - 2021



A dear wife, mother and grandmother passed away peacefully on Thursday, June 3, 2021 with her family by her side. She was 78 years old.

She was predeceased by a set of twin siblings in infancy, her parents, two sisters-in-law and three brothers-in-law. Left to celebrate her life and legacy are her husband, Bill; daughter, Val (husband, Quent, children: Shayna and Mikayla), son, Ken (partner, Shelley, children: Alli and Corbin, Joel; Shelley's children: Taylor and Maddy); her sister, Mary Hiebert, brother, Pete (Anne and family), sister, Anne Penner and family, brother, Bill (Eva and family), brother, Ernie (Betty and family), in-laws, Eva Sawatzky and family, John Friesen and family, Pete and Ruth Friesen and family.

Mom was born and raised on a farm in the Prefontaine District. She went to school in Prefontaine and it was there, while playing baseball, where she got that distinctive crooked finger after getting hit by a ball. She got her first real job in the office warehouse at Eaton's in Winnipeg. Mom was baptized upon the confession of her faith at the Niverville Chortitzer Church. During this time she dated a handsome man from Halbstadt. The beautiful couple was married on a very hot July day in 1964. They moved to Halbstadt and daughter, Val was added to the family. They moved to Steinbach and son, Ken was born shortly after. They moved to Winkler in 1973 where Dad was the manager at Economy Foods.

Mom made a cozy home for the family as well as working outside the home. She worked at Gord's Department Store and also packed bulk foods for Economy Foods. She did that for many years until she started at Salem Home as a health care aide. She saw her children graduate, get married and have their families. She babysat endlessly, gave generously and loved us well. Mom eventually joined Dad on the golf course and from there many good times ensued. She enjoyed golfing in the lady's league and golfing with Dad in Texas and other trips. Mom enjoyed serving at her church (Winkler Mennonite). She would bake for any fundraiser she could. Many people have been blessed by her cookies and buns over the years. Mom loved looking after the babies while the young moms had bible study--sore muscles and all. Any baby on Mom's radar would always receive a hooded towel set that she handmade with edges lovingly crocheted. She spent many hours crocheting and the last project she was able to take on were bags made from strips of plastic shopping bags. Mom will be dearly missed by her family, extended family and friends.

We would like to thank Dr. Lehmann, Dr. Nickel, staff at Boundary Trails and E.M.S. attendants for their grace, patience and understanding while caring for mom. Thank you to Pastor Bernie Thiessen for ministering to us during this time. Thanks to Wiebe Funeral Home for taking care of all the arrangements. Thank you to family and friends for your thoughts, prayers, wonderful food and beautiful flowers.

A private funeral service was held on Wednesday, June 9, 2021 with burial at Westridge Memorial Gardens.

Donations may be made in Helena's memory to the Boundary Trails Health Centre Foundation designated to Palliative Care.

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OBITUARY

Krueger



Harry Dietrich Krueger, of Winkler, Manitoba, passed away peacefully at Boundary Trails Health Centre on Saturday, June 5, 2021.

Harry is survived by his sister, Lillian Krueger, of Winkler, and a great many cousins. He was predeceased by his parents Dietrich and Elizabeth Krueger of Brandon.

Born November 19, 1940 in Brandon, Harry spent his early years on the family farm near Douglas, Manitoba, a much-cherished son who was always at his father's side to help run the farm operation. Whether it was seeding, haying time or harvest, Harry was out there and ready to lend a helping hand. His recollections of those early years were important to him and remained treasured memories. He clearly loved farm life and all it entailed.

Harry attended the typical early prairie educational facility - the one-room Derry School near Douglas. His Christian faith was always an integral part of Harry's world and he particularly enjoyed the fellowship that came with it. He was baptized in 1964 at the Mennonite Brethren Church at Justice, Manitoba. Whether it was at Justice, Richmond Park MB in Brandon or at their Winkler church, Sunday service was a given for Harry until COVID-19 came along, that is.

When the Krueger family retired from farming, Harry embraced city life in Brandon. He loved watching hockey and reading the weekly paper to keep up with community events and news. Upon his father's passing, Harry, Lillian and their mother moved to Winkler. There, Harry threw himself into volunteerism with daily work at the Mennonite Central Committee Thrift Store to fold bags and attend to other tasks.

Harry was known for his enthusiastic, not to mention firm, handshakes which were his way of expressing his heartfelt appreciation of the relationship. Family relationships were always important to Harry. In later years, Harry and his sister turned to a tried-and-true way of bringing cousins and family members together annually by hosting large birthday parties. To those who knew him, Harry always stood tall, talked softly and left an enduring memory about his approach to life.

A private funeral service was held at Memories Chapel, Brandon with interment in the family plot at Zion Cemetery northwest of Brandon.

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

Family members wish to thank the doctors and other members of the health care team at Boundary Trails for their tender care of Harry. A special thanks also to Maria Sawatzky for her devotion to Harry and Lillian as their caregiver.

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