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“We will remember”

Veteran John Imhoff, who served 32 years in the Canadian Armed Forces, lays a wreath at the 25th anniversary service for the Winkler Cenotaph. “It’s important to remember,” he stressed. For the full story, see Pg. 2.

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# get informed

## Winkler Cenotaph marks 25 years of remembrance

By Ashleigh Viveiros

The Winkler Veterans Association marked the 25th anniversary of the Winkler Cenotaph with a service in Bethel Heritage Park last week.

Delayed a couple days due to the rain on Canada Day, the July 3 event honoured not only the men who gave their lives in service to their country in the First and Second World Wars, but also those who led the charge to finally see a cenotaph built in their memory.



Winkler Veterans Association president Rob Wiebe said it took decades to get a memorial to Winkler's war dead built.

Association president Rob Wiebe recalled that the memorial was originally installed at the corner of 4th St. and Stanley Ave. behind City Hall. It was then moved to the heritage park upon its opening in 2011.

It took over 50 years to get the cenotaph built.

"There were in the neighbourhood of 200 men from Winkler and the area that served in World War 2, and they were not recognized for the great deeds that they did, and the honoured dead were not being honoured," Wiebe said.

Winkler's veterans faced challenges when they returned home to a community with deep Mennonite—and, thus, pacifist—roots. Many of their peers chose to become conscientious objectors rather than fight overseas, and it created a rift.

"There was an animosity that was very difficult to overcome," Wiebe observed, noting many veterans opted to leave the area entirely. "But there were those that remained; there were maybe two dozen or so that stayed in this area, and they pushed hard to get the cenotaph created and placed."

He recalled founding association members such as Harvey Friesen and Jake Neisteter as being instrumental in that push, among many others.

The cenotaph was officially installed on July 1, 1999. A lighter, more portable replica version was also created to allow for Remembrance Day services to be held indoors.



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Morden Legion members march in with the flags at the 25th anniversary service for the Winkler Cenotaph, which was officially installed in the community on July 1, 1999.

"We made a pledge that as long as we could, if there was a last man standing, there would be a Remembrance Day service in Winkler," Wiebe shared. And there has been ever since the cenotaph went up.

The veteran's association felt it was important to take time to mark the memorial's milestone anniversary.

"Even today, so many people still say, 'What's a cenotaph? Where's the cenotaph?' Well, Winkler does have a cenotaph, but they don't always know about it," Wiebe said.

The cenotaph serves to ensure the community never forgets its history.

"We are here, the Legion is here, to

make sure that never happens," Wiebe said. "We're here to recognize that it happened and honour those that fell."

The Winkler Veteran's Association is currently made up of several volunteer members. They're always looking for new people passionate about keeping the community's remembrance services going.

"If there's somebody that's interested in being involved, we would not turn them away," Wiebe said, stressing the importance of the next generation picking up the torch. "Everybody gets older, and we have to take care we are not the last man standing."

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# Berry picking season begins

By Lorne Stelmach

Berry season is underway, and there are many options across the region for people to satisfy their craving for all manner of berry varieties.

Differences in local weather and growing conditions means not all fruit is ready to pick at the same time. For example, some strawberry growers started picking earlier this month while others may not have been opening until this week.

On the Mini Acres farm run by Jake and Nettie Friesen south of Winkler, they are liking what they're seeing with their strawberry crop in what is their 11th year of selling strawberries.

"Big juicy berries ... it's looking like a very good crop so far," said Jake Friesen.

In their case, he doesn't see that the recent rainy weather has had too much of a harmful impact.

"Two of our patches are actually on a little bit of a ridge, so they've been getting plenty of rain but they're not getting swamped ... I think it's been just right," he said. "I can imagine though if you've got your patch on a bit of a lower location, that wouldn't be good.

Friesen said they generally have done quite well with their strawberry crop over the years.

"It's been busy, especially during July obviously over the last 11 years. It's been good," said Friesen.

"Over the years, we've had a little bit of challenges with drought and a little bit of hail here and there. We did get some hail this year as well, and we were expecting a little more damage than it had actually done to our crop.

They were just blossoming when we got hail a couple times there. I'm surprised at how well they held up. It didn't do too much damage."

They began picking this year near the end of June with a limited number of berries at that point, but it quickly picked up pace.

"It always starts off slow, and you've got to pick off the ones that are ripe," said Friesen, who sees the start of the season this year as being about average.

They offer both u-pick and pre-picked, and you can also find them at the local markets in Morden, Winkler, and Altona. You can also contact them by calling 204-331-4325 or e-mail to friesenminifarm@hotmail.com.

Maurice Gaultier, owner of NW27 Strawberry Farm and president of the PFGA, was also optimistic now with the weather having improved in recent weeks.

"Despite starting off dry, we've had more than adequate rainfall this spring and early summer," he said. "The cooler weather slowed flowering and fruit development so picking will start a little later than normal, but the crop looks to be above average. Some sunshine and +20 to 25C days is all the crop needed to get us to picking."

The following are estimated dates as to when fresh fruit will start to be ready for picking:

- Haskap: June 25 to July 2 and for three to four weeks.
- Strawberry: July 1 to 10 and for three to four weeks.
- Saskatoon : July 7 to 14 and for two to three weeks.
- Raspberries : July 10 to 18 and for



Jayleah Friesen, daughter to Jake and Nettie Friesen of Mini Acres farm south of Winkler, with some of this year's strawberry crop. SUPPLIED PHOTO

two to three weeks.

- Sour cherries : July 10 to 18 and for two to three weeks.

Customers can visit the Prairie Fruit Growers Association website at [www.pfga.com](http://www.pfga.com) to find a farm close to you or the berry of your preference.

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# Tractor Trek parade sets out from Winkler this Saturday

By Ashleigh Viveiros

Dozens of tractors will make their way from Winkler to Chortitz and back this weekend in support of mental health services.

Eden Foundation's 17th annual Tractor Trek takes over the Emmanuel Mennonite Church parking lot on 15th St. on Saturday.

The day will kick off with a community barbecue hosted by Gardenland Co-op and a Vintage Tractor Show & Shine from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

"Typically we'll start the Tractor Trek early in the morning and have a breakfast for the community, but this year we wanted to try something new to see if we could garner interest from trekkers from further away and maybe give them more of a chance to drive out instead of waking up so early to be there," says Jayme Giesbrecht, the foundation's director of development.

The by-donation lunch is open to everyone and will include sausage burgers, chips, and a drink.

"We're hoping that a lot of people in the community will come out not only to support Eden Foundation through their donation, but also just to have a great chance to mingle with other tractor enthusiasts and to have a bit of a show and shine and check out these vintage tractors," Giesbrecht says. "We have a number of tractors registered that are from the 1940s, so it's kind of a look back at agricultural history."

At 1:30 p.m., the trekkers will set out



VOICE FILE PHOTO

The 17th annual Tractor Trek in support of Eden sets out from Winkler Saturday afternoon. The day kicks off with a community barbecue and tractor show.

on a route that will take them south down 15th St. and then 14th St. out of town to Chortitz and then down Road 9N and Road 25W to the Pembina Threshermen's Museum for a pie and coffee break before returning to Winkler for supper.

"Because we're starting later, it is a shorter route than we have ever had before," Giesbrecht says. "We'll end up back at the church for a banquet where we'll give out awards for the quietest tractor, the best unrestored or best restored tractor, and the judge's choice."

"It's exciting for the trekkers to be rewarded for these machines that they put a lot of love and care into, or have just discovered as hidden gems in Southern Manitoba."

The event had nearly 30 tractors registered at press time, but Giesbrecht notes they often get many last-minute participants. Some years the tractor count has reached as high as 50.

"So we are hoping we'll get a few more registrations and maybe some walk-ups as well," she says, noting registration is \$150. That covers the costs of supper and a thank-you gift bag, with the rest of the proceeds going to support Eden Health Care Services' mental health programming. "We keep a high registration fee, but it's all going towards a great day and a great cause, and it's always the hope that tractor trekkers will register early and then tap the shoulders of their friends and neighbours and businesses that they shop at and get some do-

nations to give to the cause.

"It's been really amazing, especially in recent years where we've seen this fundraiser bring in \$80,000. That's enormous for an event that involves up to 50 people, and it's really all because of the trekkers that we're able to raise that much money, so we're really appreciative of their fundraising efforts."

## ON THE MOVE

This will be Giesbrecht's final time heading up the Tractor Trek, as she leaves her position at the foundation to return to her radio roots with Golden West Broadcasting in the fall.

"Working for Eden Foundation has been an eye-opening experience," she says of her two years in the role, during which time she was able to launch several new fundraisers and grow the organization's donor base. "It's been great to be hands-on and focus in on one cause, the cause of mental health. I'm very happy to be exiting the foundation feeling like I was able to accomplish something and bring it further forward."

"We are deeply grateful for Jayme's dedication and hard work over these past two years," noted Barry Dyck, foundation board chair. "Her passion for the community and eagerness to further Eden's programs have been instrumental in propelling our organization forward."

The board has already begun the search for a new director of development. Giesbrecht officially leaves the position at the end of August.

# Increased daycare staff funding a good start, but more is needed

By Lorne Stelmach

Recent boosts to both staff pay and operational funding support for child care are welcome, but they are seen by some as not going far enough to address the crisis faced by the sector.

The Manitoba government has made amendments to the child care regulation to increase the operating grants for all licensed and provincially funded early learning and child-care facilities. It brought into force a 2.75 per cent increase to the wage grid supplement provided to facilities effective July 1 and a five per cent increase to the base operating grants, retroactively effective April 1.

Karen Vandijk, executive director of the Northland and Pine Ridge child

care centres in Winkler, said the greatest challenge facing licensed centres in recent years is hiring and retaining early childhood educator (ECE) and child care assistants (CCA) staff, so this is at least a partial step in the right direction.

"Without adequate staffing drawn in by competitive wages, we cannot meet the needs created by the additional spaces being opened or the long wait lists that each centre is maintaining," she said.

"The wage increase support is of course welcome, but does not provide enough revenue when we consider that centres provided increases to wages last year through the first stage of the wage grid. Many of us submitted a budget with a deficit and

required increased revenue to balance our budget," Vandijk said. "We are happy to use the 2.75 per cent increase in wage support to increase our staff wages, but this will not be enough to meet their cost of living increases and will not meet our increased operating costs."

"We are very thankful that the government is making an effort to support the field of child care," noted Winkler Day Care Centre director Ang Nickel. "Although the wage funding isn't what they promised it would be, in the beginning, they are making efforts to show that they value the work that we do. I am hoping that it will continue. I would love to pay our staff more."

"The operating grant increase is welcome. With the cost of everything

going up, it's sometimes very challenging, when the budget is basically the bare minimum; not extra money for things," Nickel noted. "We rely on grants that we can apply for through the community to add additional things to the day care. We are very grateful to the community for the support."

"Our government knows we need to increase wages to make a career in child care a valued, rewarding and well-paid profession, and we will continue to make strides toward realizing that," said Manitoba Education and Early Childhood Learning Minister Nello Altomare.

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# Cyclists raise \$14K for local Habitat chapter

By Lorne Stelmach

Four avid local cyclists took on another challenge in support of an important cause.

The group of riders that includes Brent Gouthro, Yvonne Stoesz, Debra Fehr, and Nancy Bezan participated in the recent Spirit of Hope ride in support of Habitat for Humanity Manitoba.

Now in its fifth year, the Spirit of Hope this year ventured east through the picturesque landscape of Lake of the Woods, Ontario.

Forty cyclists together raised over \$120,000 for Habitat Manitoba, with the local group bringing in over \$14,500 that will support the Winkler/Morden chapter.

"It feels good ... maybe that is a decent down payment perhaps," Stoesz said of their contribution, which included over \$6,700 raised by herself. "We thank all of the people who supported us like Brent and the local medical staff ... people were super supportive. Locally, I've felt a lot of support, and that is really neat."

The Spirit of Hope ride was spread out over three days and included upwards of 275 km of hills, valleys, and gorgeous views.

The meticulously planned looped route took them from Kenora to Minnaki, Rushing River Provincial Park, and Reddit, Ontario and presented them with lots of difficult terrain, including lots of hills to climb.

"The more you train, the happier you will be," observed Stoesz. "The hills provide really provide a big challenge. I saw some people walking up the hills ... I was happy to have done some hill training."

"I set that goal, and Deb was saying too that if we're going to do the ride then we train and feel better about it ... it's good to have the goal," she said, recalling that the one mishap they encountered was when two of them got flat tires right near the end, literally just kilometres away from the finish.

The ride was nothing new to the foursome, who have all participated in varying numbers of the Habitat for Humanity rides, which also includes the longer Cycle of Hope.

They share the common passions for not only the physical challenge but especially for supporting Habitat for Humanity

"Over the years, we've asked that our funds be directed to Winkler and Morden, so that's been really good,"



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From left: Nancy Bezan, Brent Gouthro, Yvonne Stoesz, and Debra Fehr cycled 275 kilometres and raised over \$14,500 for the local Habitat for Humanity chapter in last week's Spirit of Hope ride.

said Stoesz, noting the ride is organized through the Winnipeg chapter.

"We realize there is a need for housing, and we like that they have this whole concept of people putting sweat equity into their homes."

It is heartening to hear the stories like that of one rider who was originally from El Salvador, she shared

"His family was given a house ... and it was such a game changer for his family, and now he's riding to give back," Stoesz said. "It just made all the difference for them, and you can find all those kinds of stories ... and people who benefit are going to give back to the next families."

"So it's a cause we believe in, and

there's always the challenge of it," she said, adding it was likely that all four would do it again down the road, but they also do have an idea for something new in the future.

"We're trying to convince them to have it in the Morden-Winkler area. It's a little flat, and we're trying to find a fun route ... there's some real keeners here who ride, so having that challenge and nice views ... the views here are amazing in places."

Anyone who is interested can still donate to support the cause and the individual riders online at [canadahelps.org/en/charities/habitat-for-humanity-winnipeg/p2p/SOH2024](http://canadahelps.org/en/charities/habitat-for-humanity-winnipeg/p2p/SOH2024).

# Capping off Food Truck Fiesta Friday with Suncatch Sounds



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The Suncatch plaza in downtown Morden came to life Friday with a couple of events. Two vendors were on hand through the day to serve up some food and refreshments for Food Truck Fiesta (if you missed it, the next ones are Aug. 2 and Aug. 16), and the Crocus Suncatch Sounds free concert in the evening featured Jayme Giesbrecht with Faces for Radio. The next concert features The Bare Yogis on July 26.



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## The poison of hate

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There was even a time when an advertisement could say things like “more doctors smoke Camels than any other cigarette” suggesting that at least Camels couldn't be that bad if they were the chosen cigarette of health care professionals.

Parents, aunts, uncles, grandparents and family friends smoked with abandon around children. They smoked in cars, at birthday parties, after dinner, while watching T.V.—pretty much all the time from waking up until going to sleep.

Thankfully those days are mostly gone, and we have sound, irrefutable evidence that smoking can lead to cancer; it can kill both the smoker and those who are around them via secondhand smoke.

Now we have laws regulating where smoking can occur. Laws designed to restrict who is exposed to smoke and protect children and other non-smokers from the harmful effects of exposure.

Sometimes I wonder if we should treat hate speech like smoking. I

mean, we are clearly on the way in the sense that hate speech is illegal in Canada.

Wikipedia states of the Criminal Code that “there are three separate hatred-related offences: section 318 (advocating genocide), section 319(1) (publicly inciting hatred likely to lead to a breach of the peace), and section 319(2) (wilfully promoting hatred). In addition to the three offences, there are provisions which authorize the courts to order the seizure of hate propaganda, either in physical formats (section 320) or in electronic formats (section 320.1).”

But what is hate? The Criminal Code tells us who hate cannot be directed at “any section of the public distinguished by colour, race, religion, ethnic origin or sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, or mental or physical disability.”

According to former Chief Justice Brian Dickson, the meaning of “hated” as it relates to the Criminal Code is as follows:

“Hatred is predicated on destruction, and hatred against identifiable groups therefore thrives on insensitivity, bigotry and destruction of both the target group and of the values of

our society. Hatred in this sense is a most extreme emotion that belies reason; an emotion that, if exercised against members of an identifiable group, implies that those individuals are to be despised, scorned, denied respect and made subject to ill-treatment based on group affiliation.”

When you put these together, we learn that hate (according to the Criminal Code of Canada) is a destructive comment or act aimed at people and groups based on colour, race, religion, ethnic origin or sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, or mental or physical disability.

You may believe that hate is bigger than this and can be expressed against more than these groups, but this is how the Criminal Code and the court defines it.

Like cigarette smoke, hate is a carcinogen. Hate causes a kind of destructive and deadly cancer in people and society. It hurts those exposed to it over a period time, especially children. The poison of hate has killed far more people than cigarettes have.

As to freedom, know this: sometimes freedoms are rightly curtailed

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**By Peter Cantelon**

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# Central Manitoba Youth Choir celebrates 40th year with reunion workshop, concert

## CMYC alumni invited to attend Oct. 19 event

Submitted

Calling all CMYC alumni!  
 Central Manitoba Choral Association would like to announce a Reunion Workshop and Concert, October 19, 2024 in Winkler for all former singers, conductors, accompanists, tour managers, tour moms, and parents. #CMYC40 will host a day long workshop, where we will work with conductor, Kristel Peters (CMYC Conductor 2006, 2017) and accompanist, Leanne Regehr Lee, to prepare and then perform an evening concert. It's sure to be the choral event of the year in Central Manitoba, as we perform together with CMYC 2024.  
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 For those unable to attend, CMCA has begun an endowment fund through the Pembina Manitou Area Foundation. Gifts can be given at [www.endowmb.org](http://www.endowmb.org) to 'PMAF Central MB Choral Association Fund' or cheques can be made out to PMAF and mailed to Pembina Manitou Area Foundation, Box 535, Manitou, MB, R0G 1G0. The gifts will produce a tax receipt. This will help keep CMYC thriving for another 40 years!  
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"We know there is more work to be done. Our government will continue to work to improve the system with a particular focus on increasing wages and attracting professionals to the field."  
 The governments of Canada and Manitoba will provide an additional \$10.9 million in 2024-25 to supplement early childhood educator wages.  
 The amendment supports increases to Manitoba's early learning and child care wage grid, which sets a recommended starting point and target wages for various positions within the early learning and child-care sector.  
 The amendments also reflect the increase to base operating grants for all licensed and provincially funded child-care facilities by \$8.97 million

retroactive to April 1. This base operating grant funding increase will further support wages and can also help facilities address other cost pressures they have been experiencing including rent, programming and food costs, noted Altomare.  
 The province, through funding provided via the Canada-Manitoba Canada-wide Early Learning and Child Care Agreement, continues to offer the early childhood educator (ECE) tuition reimbursement of \$5,000 in tuition support per year for ECE programs at recognized post-secondary institutions in Manitoba.  
 Signed in August 2021, the five-year Canada-Manitoba Canada-Wide Early Learning and Child Care Agreement is directed at building a Canada-wide early learning and child-care system. Manitoba will receive approx-

imately \$1.2 billion in federal funding over five years to reduce the average out-of-pocket parent fees for licensed child care to \$10 a day and to expand access to more high-quality, inclusive child-care spaces for children under seven.  
 "We always welcome additional support and recognition of the value that we contribute to the community," said Vandijk, but she noted the increase in operating support is not keeping up.  
 "Our operating costs have increased at a higher rate than our operating grants, and while the wage increase support has allowed us to increase hourly wages, this does not take into account the movement of staff on the wage scale from year to year, which is another large component of our increasing budget.  
 "I would be concerned if our revenue from parent fees and government funding continues to be lower than our operating costs for the foreseeable future. This could become a child care

crisis greater than the wait lists and staffing shortage that we are seeing now," Vandijk continued. "We need the government to look at our revenue streams and to prioritize quality staffing in the immediate future."  
 "The ECE tuition reimbursement grant has been an exceptionally successful initiative, and moving us into the Ministry of Education and Early Childhood Learning has been a fantastic indication that we are being recognized as a significant educational profession," Vandijk said. "However, in order to fix this staffing crisis, we will need time for staff to become trained and experienced, so time is critical, and deficits are real. We hope that continued problem solving and cooperation will find a solution to this issue."  
 Not being able to address the long wait lists for child care of course remains a challenge.

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# Letters

## FOLLOW THE RULES OF THE ROAD

I know I'm not the only one who finds these electric scooters annoying.  
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not obeying rules, and for what? Please do something about it before something tragic happens. I would rather see those parents step up before it's too late.

Scott Sitompul,  
 Morden

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when in the public interest. Just like you no longer have the freedom to smoke in a car with your children or inside of a restaurant or on a plane, you do not have the freedom to spew hate without consequences. This is a good thing.  
 Ideally, you need to stop hating entirely. But at the very least you need to keep your hate to yourself and not expose your family, friends, children

and the general public to it for their sake.  
 Hopefully we will get to a point someday where we respond to hate in the same way we respond to smoking in a public space where it is prohibited. We can confront the individual (or call those equipped to do so) and say, "This is not allowed here. Stop or face the consequences."



# “Underfoot” opens at Pembina Hills Gallery

By Lorne Stelmach

Anyone coming to see the summer exhibit at the Pembina Hills Gallery will find themselves looking down on the art.

That is in the literal sense, of course, as the “Underfoot” show features a variety of rug hooking and fibre work by a group of seven artists from across southern Manitoba.

It features pieces by Colleen Granger, Margie Hildebrand, Dallas Hulley, Sharon Loeppky, Marlene Perrin, Miranda Stobbe, and Naomi Stobbe. An opening reception this Friday starts with a demonstration at 6 p.m. followed by an artist talk.

The group came together through not only a shared artistic passion but also all with a connection to Loeppky.

“We all have connections to Sharon in a different way in some way,” noted Granger, who explained Loeppky

was encouraged to do a rug show at the gallery but didn’t want to do so by herself. “She gathered all of us together ... we were so new as a group, we weren’t sure where this was going to go, if it was going to be a one time thing or if it was going to move on from there.”

They had a few group meetings via Zoom, as they are spread out around the province.

“Then we came on Monday to install it, and we had all met online, but we had never met in person before,” Granger noted last week. “It was really interesting to see us all come together.”

“We were looking at each other’s rugs and going ‘Oh, how do you do that and what did you do here?’” she said. “We were just comparing how we all do things and different techniques.”

“I can see how it’s going to be a really neat group of people moving forward.”

The common thread is that they are all working with fibre in some way, and the theme and approach for the show was spearheaded by Loeppky.

“She was thinking I don’t want them on the wall. You can hang rug hook as art pieces on the wall, but she really wanted them on the floor just to kind of break with tradition in the gallery art space,”



PHOTOS BY LORNE STELMACH/VOICE

Underfoot features rug hooking and fibre pieces from seven Manitoba artists.



Granger said. “It is a space that’s not really thought about much, not unless you’re redoing the flooring in your house.”

“It’s a different way to interact,” she continued. “And I think it’s really special bringing handicraft like this into a gallery space because it seems to be a place where kind of everyday people may be scared to go into ... so I think, hopefully, this will attract a lot of people.”

“I enjoy working with fibre. I’m a trained painter ... but I got into it because I was researching female history on the farm ... and I thought wow, there’s such a deep history there, and that’s what really got me going with it,” Granger explained.

“There’s really so much wonderful talent and creativity that deserves to be in a gallery space.”

For her, the lure of it is the tactile na-

ture of the work.

“When you see a painting hung in a space, you don’t really want to touch it. With something that’s fibre, that draw to touch it is so strong, and it gives off that feeling of warmth,” she said. “In a gallery space, you’re not supposed to touch it, but we kind of want people to touch our work.”

She noted people coming to the gallery can perhaps watch videos about the work and maybe get inspired to learn how to rug hook themselves.

“It’s very accessible. It’s not very technical at all,” she noted. “When I started doing it and would meet people seeing my work, they were like oh my gosh, I remember my grandma doing that ... I hope that people have those sorts of connections too when get in there.”

“We hope to spread the word about it.”

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# Darlingford celebrates 125 years with a homecoming bash

By Lorne Stelmach

Darlingford celebrates its 125th anniversary this weekend, and organizers anticipate a lot of people with connections to the community west of Morden will be returning for a visit.

"The 125th year is significant, it's important, and it's kind of taken on a homecoming feel," said Jennifer Ching-Faux, a member of the organizing committee.

"This is a great opportunity to come to Darlingford if you never have," she said. "Our museum is one of the best local hidden secrets, and our local memorial park is always lovely to see as well."

A variety of events are taking place Friday through to Sunday. Most are free, although a few—such as the fashion show, supper, and social—required registration to attend.

Friday will feature a family dance from 7 to 9:30 p.m., a beer garden from 7 p.m. to 1 a.m., a bonfire at 9 p.m., and then a fireworks display around 10 p.m.

Saturday starts off with a pancake breakfast from 8 to 10 a.m. followed by a quilt show from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. and then a lunch canteen and Charlie's Coffee. The day continues with kids activities from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. along with museum tours, a vintage fashion show, Belgian bowling from 1-4 p.m., beer gardens from 12-8 p.m., and a show and shine from 12-4 p.m. The day ends with the supper and social.

Sunday then features the annual war memo-



rial service at 11 a.m. with lunch to follow along with museum tours and a quilt show from 1-3 p.m.

Ching-Faux recalled a few of the organizers started making plans after talking about the milestone while

washing dishes at a local curling bonspiel.

"Two weeks later, we put an open call out to see who would want to be part of the steering committee," she said.

"We have involved all of the community groups. I think there's ten community groups looking after things like the memorial hall, the park and other things like that," Ching-Faux noted. "All 10 groups are represented, and everybody is taking the lead on separate events."

"All of a sudden we had a jam-packed weekend. We did a general call for sponsorships ... we took a give what's on your heart approach, and we raised almost \$25,000 to pay for this whole thing."

She said it is always good to see the entire community get involved in a celebration like this.

"So not only is there the community spirit to put it all together but there's the community will to see it get done ... we've had fabulous support from our municipal council, which is putting on a fireworks display, weather permitting of course."

"It's been really awesome and humbling to be a part of it ... we're expecting 300 people to come and go between Friday and Sunday afternoon. Everybody's just really got behind it."

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Corner 2 Corner brought free inflatables, a petting zoo (above), food trucks (below), and stage entertainment (left) to the Winkler Parkland Saturday to thank the community for its support through their 20 years in business.

## Corner 2 Corner marks 20 years with a community celebration

By Ashleigh Viveiros

Corner 2 Corner Cleaning & Restoration's 20th anniversary party last Saturday invited the entire community to join in on the celebration.

The Winkler business sponsored free swimming at the Winkler Aquatic Centre, set up bouncy castles, a petting zoo, and food trucks in the Winkler Parkland, and brought comedian Matt Falk and country music artist Catie St. Germain to the stage for evening performances.

"It's a thank-you to the community," explained Tanya Heppner, who runs Corner 2 Corner alongside husband Allen. "We've obviously had support for 20 years from southern Manitoba, and we wanted to thank the commu-

nity for that support."

The Heppners started Corner 2 Corner from their home. As the company grew, they continued to identify more and more services they could offer, putting together a team of experienced staff as they went.

"We actually started off in our driveway cleaning vehicles, detailing vehicles," Heppner shared. "And then we grew into carpet cleaning, air duct cleaning, janitorial cleaning, and then the flood and fire restoration.

"Building a business is a continual thing—it never stops. You never stop putting effort into building," she said. "So over the years we've built it up, and we have a good team helping us."

Today, Corner 2 Corner employs



about 30 people, and the Heppners' children have also gotten involved.

"We have both of our boys working with us right now, and then our daughter's working with us throughout the summer," Heppner said. "So that's super special to us. We're very proud of them."

The company prides itself on providing customers with top-tier, professional service.

"We want to provide our custom-

ers with a quality service, that's what we're here for," Heppner said. "We want to treat our customers the way we want to be treated."

"It's by God's grace that we are here," she added. "And incredible team members over the years.

"It's been a journey. It's been an adventure. I can't always say it's been easy, but it's been good ... we have challenges, but there's also so many blessings."

## GVSD Kindergartners hitting developmental targets: report

By Ashleigh Viveiros

Garden Valley School Division has received its Kindergarten Early Development Instrument (EDI) Assessment results from the province for the 2022-2023 school year.

Every few years, Manitoba Education collects data to gauge how Kindergarten kids in each school division are doing in several key development areas compared to their peers across the province.

"It's not done as a formative assessment for each child," notes superintendent Dan Ward. "It's more division-level data that the province collects from each school division to base decisions on around public policy and programming."

Still, it's a useful barometer for how the Winkler area's youngest students are doing in categories ranging from social competence to communication skills.

This last survey was done in March

2023. GVSD recently received and released its results.

They show that local students are on track across all five assessed areas: 87.2 per cent of kids are where they need to be in terms of physical health and well-being (the provincial average is 74.9 per cent), 78.6 per cent in social competence (versus 71.5 per cent provincially), 71 per cent in emotional maturity (67.6 per cent provincially), 82.8 per cent in language and cognitive development (69.5 per cent provincially), and 73.4 per cent in communication skills and general knowledge (versus 69 per cent provincially).

The data reflects "that for the most part our kids are coming in on track in most of those areas," Ward says. "That being said, we always know that children coming in, because children have diverse needs, that there's going to be specific areas where more children are at a vulnerable level, and

we definitely pay attention to that.

"So one area, for example, would be emotional maturity," he says, noting that while local students came in above the provincial average there, it's still the out of the assessed areas. "That probably doesn't come as a great surprise to teachers—that's an area that five-year-olds sometimes come into Kindergarten and need a little bit more support."

The results provide a useful snapshot that can be consulted alongside other, more detailed assessment tools.

"As a division, it gives us a chance to reflect on what are some of the areas our children are coming in where they might need a little bit more support," Ward says. "So we can tailor programming that's built into schools to address some of those needs."

The data can also be shared with the school division's partners involved with early childhood development and pre-school learning.

The next such assessment will be done in the 2025/26 school year.

Looking ahead to the upcoming school year, GVSD is on track to welcome nearly 300 Kindergarten students.

"Right now we have 275 children registered, which is right about where we would expect to be," Ward says, sharing that last year they had about 300 Kindergartners. "We anticipate very, very similar numbers, maybe even slightly higher because at this time last year we didn't have as many as we do now."

### A BUSY SUMMER

With classes now out for the summer, GVSD is hard at work tackling several major improvement projects at schools throughout the division.

"We have quite a few" projects on the go, Ward says, noting most are

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# Suderman Chiropractic cuts the ribbon on its new home

By Lorne Stelmach

Suderman Chiropractic marked the official opening of its new location in Winkler last week.

The grand opening included a pizza lunch being served up July 2 at 880 15th Street - Unit K11. Owner Joe Suderman said the move came about simply because of the need for more space overall.

The business had originally opened in the ALG Professional Centre downtown in 2011 and had spent just over 12 years there in a couple different locations. Suderman credits their loyal clients for enabling them to move and grow further.

"We're really excited to have our own space here and newly renovated. We really thank the support of the community for really making this happen," he said.

"It's worked out really well so far," he said. "Having three other chiropractors with me required some more

space as well as now having two receptionists per day, which needed a bigger reception desk.

"We're really happy to be part of this community, and this is a great spot to be in business."

Suderman noted all of their chiropractors are fully certified, and each has areas where they can specialize in addition to providing general chiropractic services.

"We cover pretty much all of it," he said, noting he handles more of the sports medicine related work, which is an area where there is strong demand.

"Those are patients who come back because they want to better ... they're really motivated," Suderman observed. "So now we have the four options, so there's not going to be wait we used to have, so it's more beneficial for the community. And if it keeps growing, we'll see where this goes then."



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From left: Dr. Trevor Clark, Jewel Reimer, Gillian Douglas, Dr. Joe Suderman, Susie Rempel, and Dr. Kristine Kaczmarek cut the ribbon on Suderman Chiropractic's new home on 15th St. in Winkler last week.

# ÉMMS raffle for playground, SCCR raises \$26K

By Lorne Stelmach

Fundraising efforts are getting close to the goal to make a new playground structure a reality for École Morden Middle School.

A recent raffle helped the parent advisory council raise money for the structure as well as for South Central Cancer Resource and Cancer Care Manitoba.

In the end, in partnering with the Mike Pritchard Memorial Golf Tournament, the fundraiser brought in \$19,575 for cancer research and \$6,555 for the play structure.

"We are excited to say that our goals are adding up, and we've raised approximately \$66,500 towards our goal of \$80,000 [for the play structure]," said Jeri Martens, chairperson of the advisory council.

"Our community has been amazing. We've had a few businesses approach

us about donations for our structure," she noted. "There are so many different organizations fundraising right now, and we feel so blessed and appreciate that our school has been chosen to receive these donations.

"It was so rewarding seeing our kids, parents and staff work so hard fundraising with a program that has such a great cause attached to it," added Martens. "We just want to say a huge thank you to everyone who's been asking about how to help. We appreciate that the community is thinking of the middle school as they look for places to donate."

The new playground structure is really important for the school, as the aging wooden structure needs to come down and also is not accessible, so a new one that will be safe and accessible for all students is needed. They expect work on it could start this summer.

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facility improvements that have been on the division's radar for some time now.

"A lot of it are like planned out projects that we had initially talked about around budget time, like the office redevelopment at Winkler Elementary and some work on the [modular classroom] linkages at J.R. Walkof."

The Winkler Elementary School office will be moved from the heart of the building closer to the main en-

trance for better sightlines and school safety.

Other projects on the division's to-do list this summer include ventilation upgrades at Hochfeld, Blumenfeld, and Parkland schools, LED lighting upgrades in several schools, office upgrades at Garden Valley and Northlands Parkway collegiates, and continued repairs at GVC TEC in the wake of flooding due to a water line break this spring.



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# getinformed

## Prairieview Elevator Museum expands

Adds fashion, infant displays in newly opened space on second floor

By Lori Penner

The Prairieview Elevator Museum in Plum Coulee recently opened for the 2024 season, and visitors are in for a treat.

Over the winter, a new exhibit area was created on the second floor, featuring a fashion and baby section. Everything from dresses, shoes and coats, and decor of the time, carefully arranged in era-accurate settings, with little extra artifacts to carry visitors back in time.

As well, the museum welcomes a special guest this season. Ceramic artist and educator Grace Nickel grew up in the Plum Coulee area and is delighted to feature several of her pieces in the main floor gallery.

The Plum Coulee elevator is listed as a Manitoba historic site. Built in 1975 by Manitoba Pool, the 108-foot-high elevator was the most modern of its time in Western Canada. As more modern features were added, the name eventually changed to Agricore.

It was gifted to the town in 2002.

Seeing an opportunity for growth and visitor appeal, the contents of the museum on Main Ave. were moved to the elevator in 2020.

Doors were cut into several of its bins to make display rooms and the former elevator opened as a community museum in 2010. The displays depict a variety of themes, such as kitchen, dining room, parlour, laundry room, town office, communication, business, toys, royalty, medical, fashion, sewing, one room school classroom, tools and more.

Museum committee chair and curator Linda Dyck says her work at the museum satisfies her passion for decorating and her love of antiques.

"I love to organize and was excited at the prospect of creating all these exhibits at the museum. And there's never a shortage of artifacts. People just keep on giving. Everybody just chips in. And our visitor numbers go up, year after year. Many people realize they have a family connection here, and when they find an artifact, they want to share it with us."



PHOTOS BY LORI PENNER/VOICE

Prairieview Elevator Museum curator Linda Dyck in their new exhibit area on the second floor featuring a fashion and baby section.

Through the years, more and more of the bins have filled up. This year, they've begun to expand to the second floor, after the catwalk was built. The committee enlisted members of the Plum Coulee Fire Department to help them get the artifacts up the narrow stairs.

"Brand new stairs are on the agenda now," Dyck shares. "We're planning on wider, shallower stairs with railing on both sides. We are looking for grant money for that project. We are hoping to open even more bins up there."

Many of the items come from Dyck's own family collection.

The committee is excited to hear the feedback from this year's visitors.

"It's been a very busy year for us. I think the visitors will be very pleased with the result," Dyck says. "It's a work in progress. It's important work. I'm hoping the next generation will take an interest and continue to expand on what we started."

The Prairieview Elevator Museum is open throughout July and August. Admission is by donation.



PHOTO BY LORI PENNER/VOICE

On display at the Prairieview Elevator Museum this summer is an exhibition by homegrown artist Grace Nickel. These pieces above represent the artist's ongoing interest in archaeo-botany.

## Police investigating break-in at City Hall

By Ashleigh Viveiros

Winkler Police continue to investigate a break and enter that occurred at City Hall over the long weekend.

The Main St. civic centre was broken into the afternoon of Sunday, June 30.

"We can confirm that only a small number of items were stolen during the break-in," the City of Winkler said in a statement late last week. "Among the stolen items were less than a dozen cheques that had been written to the City of Winkler. The owners of these cheques have all been contacted and informed of the situation."

Police had posted photos of a per-

son of interest on their social media feeds, asking for the public's help in identifying the man shown, as he may have information about the break-in. No arrests had been made as of press time.

The City says it's taking steps to secure the building.

"The security and safety of our city facilities are of utmost importance to us. In response to this incident, we are taking necessary steps to enhance our security measures to mitigate such occurrences in the future.

"We are confident that the quality of our video surveillance will help lead to the identification of the suspect."



# sports & recreation



## Off to the races



PHOTOS BY RICK HIEBERT/VOICE

The Dead Horse Creek Speedway hosted its second weekend of races with the GVE Deere Run, the Brad Wall Street Stock Memorial, and the McNaught Cadillac Cup. Winners from Friday night's competitions include Chris Unrau (Pure Stock), Glen Manning (Midwest Modified), Braden Brauer (Street Stock), Ward Imri (Modified), and Shane Edginton (Late Model). Sunday's winners included Kaden Labute (Pure Stock), Gerry Polrier (Super Truck), Curtis Stieh (Modified), Shane Edginton (Late Model), Glen Manning (Midwest Mod), and Trey Hess (Street Stock). The track will close out the season next month with the Proven Seed King of the Corn races Aug. 23-24. Above: Speedway organizer Chris Unrau wins the Pure Stock race. Right, top: Winkler's Malachi Klassen pilots his Midwest Mod car around the track.

## Winkler wins U15A provincial gold

By Voice staff

Local teams brought home the hardware from the various baseball and softball provincials held last weekend.

The Winkler Wolves won gold in the U15A female fastpitch championship in Steinbach, defeating KPIC 6-2 in the final. The team were undefeated with earlier wins against Hamiota (9-2), Wawanesa (5-0) and Varsity View (10-3).

At the Baseball Manitoba U11 Tier 1 championship, the Winkler Mariners clinched silver after losing to the hosting Mitchell team 6-5 in the final.

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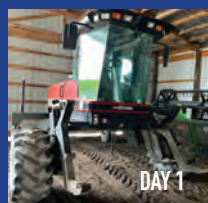


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# Gymnasts hit the mat

By Lorne Stelmach

A new summer camp for kids interested in gymnastics got a favourable response last week.

The aim was to simply provide a fun and enriching experience for local youth whether they are already involved in gymnastics or entirely new to it.

"There's actually quite a few new kids who have come, which is awesome, and hopefully they will join us throughout the year as well," said Aliyah Giesbrecht, one of the lead coaches for the Morden Magics summer gymnastics program.

The camp featured morning and afternoon sessions at the Access Event Centre, with each having two dozen kids ranging in age from five to 10.

The camp had the usual gymnastics apparatus set up, but there was also some crafts and other games for the



PHOTO BY LORNE STELMACH/VOICE

The Morden Magics hosted a summer gymnastics camp at the Access Event Centre last week to give experienced and new gymnasts a chance to hone their skills in the off-season.

kids to enjoy.

"Some of them have been with us before in gymnastics throughout the year, and some of them are new ... anyone could join," said Giesbrecht. "It's just something for the kids to do during the summer, especially since they're off from gymnastics through-

out the whole summer if they are in gymnastics.

"It's also just for them to have fun and be active in the summer," she added, reinforcing the idea that it could not only perhaps fill a void but get more kids involved in gymnastics.

"We're just kind of testing the wa-

ters with it ... but I think it's gone over pretty well so far," said Giesbrecht. "It's really nice to be here over the summer since we don't get to do gymnastics over the summer, so it's fun for us to be back."

# U17 Central Energy has strong tournament in Sioux Falls

By Ty Dilello

This past weekend, the U17 Central Energy squad was in Sioux Falls, South Dakota, competing in the 2024 Ringneck International Tournament. Central Energy lost in the quarterfinals after going undefeated in the round robin and winning their first playoff game.



SUBMITTED PHOTO

Lindsay French eyes a pitch in Sioux Falls for the Central Energy U13 team.

In the first game of the round-robin, Maddy Friesen drove in four runs on two hits to lead U17 Central Energy past the Missouri-based Trojanettes team 12-6. Friesen hit a home run to left field in the second inning, scoring three runs, and doubled in the third inning, scoring one.

In the next game, Brooklyn Friesen collected three hits in three at-bats as U17 Central Energy defeated Nebraska Quakes Schmidt 9-1. Friesen hit a solo home run to right field in the fourth inning, singled in the first inning, and singled in the third inning.

Nelia Fehr struck out ten batters on the day. The starting pitcher also allowed one hit and one run over four innings while walking one.

In the final round robin game, Central Energy held on late in the game to win 5-3 over the host team from Sioux Falls in Dakota Energy.

Molly Cowan stepped in the circle first for U17 Central Energy. They allowed five hits and three runs over three and two-thirds innings, striking out four and walking four.

With a perfect 3-0 round-robin record, the U17 Central Energy team was seeded high in the single elimination playoff round.

In the round-of-16 matchup, Nelia Fehr struck out 15 batters as she led U17 Central Energy past St. Peter

Hyland (Minnesota) to a 6-0 win. Fehr gave up one hit and zero runs over six innings while walking one.

The run ended in the quarterfinals for U17 Central Energy as they lost a 2-1 heartbreaker to the South Dakota Impact.

Both teams were strong in the pitching circle as Molly Cowan started the game for U17 Central Energy and recorded 18 outs. She surrendered five hits and three runs over six innings, striking out six and walking four.

South Dakota got on the board in the top of the third inning, scoring twice to take a 2-0 lead. Central Energy then replied by scoring one run in the bottom of the sixth courtesy of a solo home run to center field by Molly Conrad after a six-pitch at-bat.

However, that was as close as Central Energy would come. They fell 2-1, which eliminated them from the tournament.

"It was another pitching battle, and we just found ourselves on the other side of things," said U17 Central Energy coach Cam Zacharias. "Our defence was incredible all weekend, and we just couldn't get the hits in the last game."

U17 Central Energy's team has been praised for its great sportsmanship on and off the ball diamond.

"Parents and coaches of other teams,

and umpires all repetitively told us that our girls are very impressive young women," said U17 Central Energy manager Bobbi-Jo Guffei. "On and off the field, win or lose, that our girls showed admirable levels of sportsmanship. They all smiled and supported each other, so parents and coaches should continue to be super proud of these girls."

Next up for U17 Central Energy will be the Provincials later this month, where they hope to qualify for the Nationals with a top-two finish.

## U15 CENTRAL ENERGY

The U15 Central Energy team was victorious in both games of its doubleheader on Sunday afternoon. Their offence exploded against the Winnipeg Lightning, winning 10-2 and 14-1.

"The bats were just on fire today right from the beginning of each game," said U15 Central Energy coach Kevin Perrin. "We had six runs in the first inning of the first game and nine runs in the first inning of game two. So it was a great day for our team."

U15 Central Energy had the weekend off and will return in MPSL action with a doubleheader on July 12 against the Interlake Phillies at the Winkler Parkland Diamond. The

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# Mud Hens down Bisons, fall to Twins, Pilots

By Ashleigh Viveiros

The Morden Mud Hens are looking to get back in the win column after a rocky weekend.

Following up on a 10-7 victory against the Altona Bisons July 2, the Mud Hens fell to the Twins in Cart-

wright Friday night 8-4 and then lost to the visiting Pilot Mound Pilots 3-2 Sunday.

Elsewhere in the Border Baseball League, the Altona Bisons lost to the Carman Cardinals 9-3 Friday night.

The Winkler Whips were also slated



PHOTOS BY LORNE STELMACH/VOICE

The Morden Mud Hens sent the visiting Altona Bisons packing last Tuesday night. Morden won it 10-7.

to play the Cartwright Twins Monday night, though results were not available as of press time.

At press time, Altona had a firm hold of first place in the East Division standings with a 12-4 record. Morden was in the number two spot (8-4) followed by Winkler (3-7) and Carman (1-8).

This week the Whips host Carman Tuesday and Altona Friday night. Morden is in Carman Thursday and Cartwright Friday. And on Saturday the league's all-star games pits the best players from East and West against each other at Access Field in Altona at 2 p.m.

# Orioles, Bisons enter final week of regular season

By Lorne Stelmach

The Pembina Valley Orioles had a strong week in winning three of their four games, while the Altona Bisons were not as fortunate with only one victory.

Pembina Valley began with a 4-3 win over the Winnipeg South last Wednesday. It was a close game that saw the Orioles even the game at three runs each in the bottom of the sixth and then score the winning run

on an error.

Sam Blatz earned the win on the mound in giving up just three hits and no runs through two and two-thirds innings.

It was followed then by a 5-3 win over St. James last Friday. The Orioles were led by Owen Goertzen and Darius Peters, who both went three for four at the plate, while Thomas Titchkosky allowed only two hits and two runs over four and one third innings while striking out six.

Pembina Valley then split their Sunday doubleheader with the Carillon Sultans. They were edged 2-1 in game one but rebounded to take game two 5-4.

The pitchers were both strong in the opener with the game remaining scoreless until the sixth inning. Johnny Martens allowed just two runs on five hits through six innings of work.

In game two, the Orioles connected in the bottom of the seventh to first tie it up and then drive home the winning run, while Chris Peters gave up six hits and four runs while striking out four over six innings.

Meanwhile, Altona began a busy week by being edged 9-8 by Elmwood last Wednesday.

The Bisons held leads of 5-0 and 7-4 early on but could not maintain the lead and eventually surrendered four more runs to the Giants in the top

of the sixth inning. Riley Borody led the way in going three for four, while Carson Dubois was two for three with three RBIs, and Ethan Giesbrecht gave up five hits and five runs over four innings.

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The Jays' Hayden Faragher narrowly misses the tag on second against the Altona Bisons on Sunday. The Jays split the doubleheader 3-1 and 8-3.



Altona's Nolan Marriott delivers a pitch against the Interlake Blue Jays last Sunday.



# Former Flyers at NHL Development Camps



Reid Dyck



Dalton Andrew

By Keiran Reimer

Two former members of the Winkler Flyers skated in NHL Development Camps last week.

Forward Dalton Andrew was at the Pittsburgh Penguins camp, while goaltender Reid Dyck was at camp with the Winnipeg Jets.

Andrew is the most recent Flyer of the two. He spent the past three seasons with the Flyers, helping them to the 2024 Turnbull Cup as Manitoba Junior Hockey League champions.

Andrew's performance in the 2023-24 season was exceptional, scoring 43 goals and 82 points to earn the MJHL scoring title. His success continued as he won the Top Forward at the 2024 Centennial Cup in Oakville, ON, a testament to his skill and dedication.

Penguins Development Camp began Saturday at UPMC Lemieux Sports Complex in Cranberry, PA, with 48 prospects in attendance for a week of

on and off-ice training.

Andrew and the rest of the Penguins prospects will finish camp on Wednesday with an intrasquad tournament.

He will play his freshman season with the NCAA's University of North Dakota Fighting Hawks in 2024-25.

Dyck, who suited up for the Flyers during the 2020-21 shortened MJHL season, wrapped up his camp with the Jets at Hockey For All Centre on Sunday.

During his time as a Flyer, Dyck posted a 2.78 goals against average and a .920 save percentage to go along with a 3-2 record.

Since his time with the Flyers, Dyck has gained valuable experience, spending three seasons with the Western Hockey League's Swift Current Broncos and representing Canada at the 2022 U18 World Championships.

He is expected to return to the Broncos for the 2024-25 season.

## Draws for MMSL Storm teams

By Ashleigh Viveiros

The Winkler Storm 2 team battled FCNW NexGen to a scoreless draw in MMSL Division 2 action last Thursday night.

The team was slated to square off against first-place IPAC-Ukraine team Monday night. Results were not available at press time.

Prior to Monday's game, the Storm 2 were in sixth place in the eight-team division with a record of 1-5-2.

This weekend sees them take the field at home against the Richmond Kings Sunday at 5 p.m.

Meanwhile, Winkler Storm 1, which plays in the league's top division, are in fourth place with a record of 5-1-1 and a couple games in hand over the top three teams: Winnipeg FC (6-0-2), Galacticos FC (6-2-1), and Grant Park SC (5-2-2).

Storm 1 battled the Galacticos to a 1-1 tie Sunday afternoon in front of a hometown crowd. Santi Bergen scored for Winkler.

This weekend the team hosts Winnipeg FC Sunday at 7 p.m.

### > PROVINCIALS, FROM PG. 13

At the U11 Tier 3 tournament in Bossevain, Winkler brought home silver after defeating McCreary 8-2 in the third/fourth-place game. The championship went to Mitchell,

who defeated Brandon 13-4.

This weekend, teams gather in Morden for the 13U Tier 1 provincials, in Wawanessa for the 13U Tier 2, Carberry for Tier 3, Altona for the

15U Tier 1, Stonewall/Warren for Tier 2, Minnedosa for Tier 3, and in Portage for the 18U Tier 1.

### > CENTRAL ENERGY, FROM PG. 14

game times are 6:30 and 8:30 p.m.

The U13 Central Energy team was also in action last weekend at the tournament in Sioux Falls, but didn't fare quite as well as they had

a 0-3 record in the round robin. They did win one game in the consolation playoffs before being knocked out in the consolation quarterfinals to the Twin Ports Rampage (Wisconsin) by

a 5-1 scoreline.

With their MPSSL season now complete, U13 Central Energy will prepare for Provincials, where they also hope to qualify for Nationals.

### > MJBL, FROM PG. 15

Altona then lost 10-4 Thursday to Carillon, with five runs in the top of the seventh inning sealing the deal for the Sultans, who were opportunistic despite being out-hit 7-6 by Altona.

Borody went three for four at the plate for the Bisons, while Dillan Thiessen took the loss in giving up seven runs on three hits while striking out five in six innings of work on the mound.

The Bisons then had forfeit a Friday game, so St. Boniface is credited for a 7-0 victory.

A Sunday doubleheader with Interlake saw the Bisons get back in the win column with a 3-1 victory in game one, but they then fell 8-3 in game two.

Altona got a strong performance in game one from Maddux Mateychuk, who struck out 11 while surrendering just three hits and one run over the seven innings.

In game two, Nolan Marriott gave up nine hits and eight runs while striking out six over six innings.

The Orioles have boosted their record to 10-10 and continue to hold

down fifth place, while the Bisons remain eighth and last place at 3-18.

This week, both the Orioles and the Bisons had Monday night games to make up for those previously rained-out. Pembina Valley played a double-header against Elmwood while Altona played the St. James As. Results were not available at press time.

Both teams round out the regular season Wednesday night. The Bisons host the A's while the Orioles play the Sultans in Carillon.

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**OBITUARY**



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Brenda was gregarious in life, with a sharp wit and dry sense of humour, and she loved to play practical jokes on friends and loved ones. Brenda spent much of her working life taking care of her children, and working as a waitress, hostess, and manager. Brenda had a fierce sense of right and wrong, and always wanted to protect others. Right up to the end she was a fighter.

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She was predeceased by her mother Evelyn and brother Wayne.

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**OBITUARY**



**Thomas William Dorst**  
Our son, Thomas William Dorst, passed away on Friday, June 21st, 2024 at 10:45 a.m. at Boundary Trails Hospital in Winkler. He was 40 years old and died of colon/liver cancer complications. He fought a very heroic and long fight for over five years. He was in palliative care in Winkler for the last six weeks, and

stayed at home in LaSalle, Manitoba for six months palliative care.

He worked at Bison Transport for several years and enjoyed his job as a logistics co-ordinator. Thomas was quick with some funny remarks and the people he worked with found him very engaging. Some of the guys from work came out to Winkler for moral support, chats and prayers.

Thomas is survived by his mother, Eleanor Dorst, nee Tomkiw (LaSalle), his father Jean-Paul Dorst (Juergie) Winkler, MB. and buddies from Bison who worked with him.

Although he had a short life, his kindness, friendliness and personality made him a great guy to know and his mother and father will miss him terribly.

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# “The Way We See It” on now at Winkler Arts and Culture

By Ashleigh Viveiros

Winkler Arts and Culture’s July exhibition features the work of 11 local artists, all sharing “The Way We See It.”

The show, which opened last week and runs until July 31, features 26 paintings and photographs around the theme.

“We submitted the word ‘perspective’ to our community of artists to see how it would inspire them,” explains WAC executive director Jered Hildebrand. “For some, they interpreted it as an interesting angle that a subject might be viewed from. For others, it was more about how they perceived the subject.”

The exhibition features an eclectic mix of pieces from Angela Elias, Shannon Mann, Scott Bell, Grace Bell, Naomi Heide, Terrance Klassen, Mary Klassen, Marge Fehr, Cheryl Peters, Kevin Driedger, and Susan Crawford-Young.

Both Driedger and Crawford-Young have several photographs on display, showcasing their perspective of the world as seen from behind a camera lens.

“Using the camera has caused me to see things differently than before I really took on photography,” Driedger observes. He has eight photos in the show, a mix of colour and black and white shots. “At times, the camera shows me things that I didn’t even notice with just my eyes.”

Playing around with composition and focal distance can create a different look to everyday scenes.

“One of the pictures is really just some dirty melting snow,” Driedger

says. It’s something we might see in any given winter day, without really looking at it. “It’s a very close-up picture, so if you look at it, on first glance, you’re not really sure what you’re looking at. But there’s something about the pattern of the glistening ice and then the dark, the dirty snow when it starts to melt.

“Just the fact that I would notice that and think to take a picture of it ... it’s about spending time with the camera and having inclinations that that might work as a picture,” he says. “That’s something that I really try and do with my photography is see things in in sort of unexpected ways, different perspectives, and sometimes even just a bit out of context.”

Crawford-Young takes a similar tact with her photographs of farm machinery.

“Usually people are driving down the road and they see a combine working or the seeder seeding, that sort of thing. When I’m around the equipment, it’s in the yard or else I’ve actually used the equipment, I’ve actually built some of it,” she shares.

“So I take up-close photos of the equipment ... because it was a unique perspective and because I know how much work it takes to make it. I feel like it was somebody’s life work really to design this, to make it, and then to repair it. There’s a lot of work that goes into that; it’s kind of amazing.”

Some of the photos take a more abstract approach to capturing the beauty behind these functional machines. Even still, Crawford-Young says experienced farmers are often able to peg the exact piece of equipment depicted.



SUPPLIED PHOTOS

An eclectic mix of pieces from local artists are on display this month at Winkler Arts and Culture for its “The Way We See It” show. Clockwise from above: The exhibition includes pieces from Kevin Driedger, Angela Elias, and Naomi Heide, among others.



“If you’ve worked on that equipment, some people can actually tell me the make and model ... they don’t even need the whole picture, just a tiny piece.”

A reception for The Way We See It is planned for Thursday, July 18 at 7 p.m. It will feature a Terra Sinfonica performance from George Harold Epp.

## > DAY CARE FUNDING, FROM PG. 7

“I feel frustrated for parents who want to work but can’t because there are no extra day care spaces available,” said Nickel.

She added another challenge for them is they are in a very old building that will be marking its 50th year in 2025.

“And it was used for something else before it became a day care,” she noted. “We may have different strug-

gles than day cares that are just newly built. Some of our things are old and definitely need replacing. That’s not something that the operating grant would cover.”

Nickel applauded some other measures that have been taken such as adding a professional development day last year.

“We could close the centre to children and give our staff the day to

learn. We took advantage of that day. We are constantly encouraging staff to learn and grow in the area of child care,” she said. “It used to be that we needed to do it on our own time. Now we’ve been given the go ahead to have not just one but two PD days per year. That’s huge. We look for different ideas to help and encourage and support the staff in our centre to become better.”

Under the Canada-Manitoba Canada-wide Early Learning and Child

Care Agreement, the province is also conducting a comprehensive review of the wage and benefits framework for the early learning and child-care workforce. This review aims to develop an approach that enhances recruitment and retention efforts now and into the future.

Consultations with the sector are underway and the review is expected to be completed in 2025, noted Altomare.



# get inspired

> MEAL IDEAS



2 tablespoons Watkins 1868 Organic Grilling Chili Lime Seasoning  
2 teaspoons Watkins Organic Black Pepper  
2 teaspoons cooking oil of choice  
1/2 teaspoon Watkins Fine Himalayan Pink Salt

## Southwest Pork Chops

8 pork loin chops (about 2 1/2 pounds)  
hot sauce (optional)

Combine chili lime seasoning, black pepper, cooking oil and pink salt. Spread mixture evenly over pork chops. Cover and refrigerate at least 30 minutes.

Heat grill to medium heat. Grill pork chops 4-5 inches from heat source, turning frequently, until no longer pink when cut near bone. Serve with hot sauce, if desired.

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1 pound sirloin, cut into 1-inch cubes  
2 tablespoons Watkins 1868 Organic Grilling Steak Seasoning or Watkins 1868 Organic Grilling Salt Free Steak Seasoning  
1 teaspoon Watkins Organic Ground Black Pepper  
bell peppers, cut into chunks (op-

## Peppery Beef Kebabs

tional)  
onions, cut into chunks (optional)  
mushrooms, cut into chunks (optional)

cooked couscous or rice

Sprinkle sirloin with steak seasoning and black pepper. Thread beef onto skewers along with bell peppers, onions and mushrooms, as desired.

Heat grill to medium-high heat. Grill, turning occasionally, until meat is cooked to desired doneness, 5-7 minutes. Serve atop cooked couscous or rice.

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Yield: 4 servings (6 cups)  
2 large ears yellow corn on the cob, shucked  
1/2 English cucumber, peeled, halved lengthwise and thinly sliced crosswise  
1 cup large green and red Grapes from California, halved  
1 cup canned black beans, drained and rinsed  
1/2 small red onion, thinly sliced  
1 tablespoon fresh jalapeno, minced  
2 tablespoons extra-virgin olive oil  
4 teaspoons cider vinegar  
3/4 teaspoon cumin powder  
1/4 teaspoon fine sea salt  
1 avocado, diced 1/2 inch

## Southwest Charred Corn Salad with Grapes

1 ounce cotija cheese, crumbled  
freshly ground black pepper, to taste  
3 tablespoons fresh cilantro leaves

Over open flame on stove, directly under broiler or on grill, char corn, turning with tongs as needed, until roasted all around, about 3 minutes. Set aside to cool.

In medium mixing bowl, combine cucumber, grapes, black beans, onion, jalapeno, olive oil, vinegar, cumin and salt; toss well.

Working with sharp knife in wide, shallow bowl or pie pan, cut corn from cobs. Stand ear of corn upright in bowl and cut from middle downward, rotating to cut down 4-5 times. Invert cob and repeat. Repeat with remaining cobs.

Add corn, avocado and cheese to bowl with grape-black bean mixture. Sprinkle with pepper, to taste, and top with cilantro; toss well.

# Ask the money lady

Dear Money Lady Readers:

If you read my columns regularly, you know I am a big advocate for planning. I have always believed that without a life plan and directional purpose it's hard to personally grow and prosper. The catch phrase used by many financial advisors is: "If you don't plan to succeed, you plan to fail." Now, I am not saying I still don't believe this – yes, planning helps you push yourself out of your comfort zone to accomplish more, forcing you to try harder and believe that you are worth success. Entrepreneurs continually push themselves to achieve more and part of their secret to success is that they never look at obstacles as negatives, but rather challenges to overcome and to keep planning so they can go further. We all know this to be true, but today I want to suggest we lower our expectations on life, just a little. You see, your happiness in life is irrevocably tied to your expectations.

Let's look at your current income. Income is a key predictor of life satisfaction and mental health, regardless of the actually amount you earn. If you were to get a raise today, but it was less than you expected or believed you were worth, you most likely would be less happy with this income increase. On the other hand, if you had more modest expectations, you would likely be happy with the raise. Now before you get all tied up in the fact that I am telling you to lower your outlook on life, I most certainly am not. Instead, I want you to avoid a "false-hope syndrome" where you stick to crazy expectations way past the point at which you should. False-hope is not the same as optimism. Optimism gives us the ability to expect the best and have a contingency plan for the worst. False-hope on the other hand, means we always need to expect the very best and generally ignore the worst when it occurs. Put another way, when facing an uncertain future, the rose-colored glasses of optimism serve us just fine, as long as we can take them off from time to time for a dose of reality. I believe self-improvement is always important, but it needs to be conducive to your happiness.

Having modest expectations in our relationships is also something



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that could reduce your stress and overall unhappiness. Believing that a coworker, partner, or child should provide you with a higher standard of care, interest, love or support only guarantees your disappointment. People will never live up to your expectations. When we let our expectations define our experience, we're far more likely to be disappointed, unhappy, and resentful. Usually, the actual situation is not as bad as we think it is, it's just different than our expectations.

Those positive or negative expectations will always be harmful to your future happiness. When your planned expectations are too high, you most likely always experience disappointment, since things didn't work out the way you expected. But if you could bring your expectations down a bit, into a more modest viewpoint, you will be more likely to experience exactly what you expect and be content and happier with the outcome.

The key is to balance and manage our expectations in our work life and personal life. Remember, people you interact with are not mind readers. We all have disappointments, complaints and things we would like to be different, but at some point in life you have to stop, be content, and just live the life you have, faults and all.

Good Luck and Best Wishes,  
Money Lady

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