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Winkler's director of community services Jordan Driedger says there are a lot of changes at the pool this summer thanks to COVID-19, but he hopes people won't stay away and miss out on the fun. For the full story, see Pg. 6.

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Families voice concerns about care home visitation restrictions

By Ashleigh Viveiros

The families of several local personal care home residents are raising concerns about the impact continued visitation restrictions are having on their loved ones.

At the direction of public health officials, Manitoba's long-term care facilities closed their doors to visitors at the start of the COVID-19 pandemic this spring.

Those restrictions have begun to ease in recent weeks, but things are still far from normal. Visits with care home residents are limited in frequency and duration. Physical distancing is also required.

It's left some residents feeling isolated from their families and is taking a toll on both their mental and physical health, says Sharon Webb, whose grandmother lives in Salem Home in Winkler.

"We're not giving them the dignity that they deserve and the quality of life that they deserve," she says. "Isolation should never be an answer to anything."

Melinda Hamm's mother also lives at Salem. She says her mom doesn't understand why she's only able to see

a family member or two for a limited time each week.

"I know my mom doesn't understand what COVID is, so for them to say, well, this is the new normal, she doesn't get it. She's feeling abandoned ... and the loneliness that's setting in, I see it in her eyes."

Linda Friesen sees the same pain in her mother's eyes. Losing touch—literally—with her support network while living at Salem has led to a steady decline in health.

"My sister and I were having a little visit with her on the patio and she was definitely going through a hard time and she just came to tears," Friesen recalls. "My instinct was I've just got to hold your hand or give you a hug as your daughter ... it breaks my heart that I wasn't able to embrace her and give her some comfort that she really needed."

"They don't deserve this, especially since we are at such a low risk," she says, pointing to Manitoba's handful of active COVID-19 cases last week. "I feel like they should be able to have more rights as elderly people."

Tina Doell, who lives at Salem, says that while staff take good care of the residents, this forced time away from



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From left: Sharon Webb, Anne Penner, Elaine Hildebrand, and Melinda Hamm say COVID-19 visitation restrictions have left seniors living in personal care homes feeling cut off from their families.

her family has left her feeling like a prisoner.

"There are days you literally feel like you're in jail," she says. "Why can't we see our families personally in our room? We have contact with our workers all the time and they go shop out in the community the same places our children do. So they can touch us but our children can't? What's the difference?"

"Why is it a bigger risk for our families to come and see us then when the

workers come and touch us and take care of us? Sure, they wear masks; our families could too."

"They shouldn't have to die of loneliness," says Elaine Hildebrand, Doell's daughter. "Once you're 90-something, you're not going to be living for 20, 30 years, but you would like those three months, six months that you do have, that God grants you, to be quality time with those you love."

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Salem Home resident Tina Doell chats with daughter Elaine Hildebrand through the window last week. Doell is frustrated she's not able to see her family more regularly in person thanks to COVID-19 restrictions on visitations to Manitoba's personal care homes.

Webb and the other families stress they take the risk of virus transmission seriously, but feel there are less severe measures that can be taken to protect care home residents while still giving families access to them.

That includes all the same things staff are doing, including wearing masks, disinfecting their hands, and screening visitors to ensure those at high-risk for COVID-19 or showing any symptoms are turned away.

"If staff can go in and be screened and still have precautions and still able to care for our seniors, there's no reason that families shouldn't be able to have that same opportunity," Webb says. "Families should be seen as essential to the physical and emotional care of our seniors, and should be seen as part of their care team."

"We're not wanting to be unreasonable. The goal isn't to say COVID doesn't exist. The goal is to just say we need to find a better way. Isolation is not a solution."

Locally, they'd like to see more flexible visiting hours to better accommodate people travelling long distances to see their loved ones. They'd also like to see restrictions eased when it comes to the number of visits and visitors—something that has hit large families especially hard.

"If you have 10 children, your children have to pick who is going to come

and visit you," says Hildebrand. "By the time your turn comes again, and you have eight siblings, two months have gone by."

The group is also frustrated that care homes can have differing ways of handling the province's mandated restrictions due to staffing limitations or high resident numbers. Smaller care homes, for example, are sometimes able to offer more visits per family than larger facilities.

There needs to be one set of policies applied across the province that better meets the needs of residents and families, Webb says.

"It has to start at the top and it's got to trickle throughout Manitoba. We've got to start uniting in our care for seniors and not leave it to individual facilities to decide ... if there's a lack of resources that should not prevent seniors from getting the care they need."

Webb and the others have been coming together to discuss this issue on Facebook. Search "United Voices for Seniors Devastated by Loneliness in Isolation" to join them.

HEALTH MINISTER, SALEM CEO RESPOND

Salem Home CEO Sherry Janzen says they've been working very hard to connect residents with their families, but they are obligated to follow the COVID-19 restrictions laid out by the provincial health orders.

"We know that those guidelines are not what families want to hear," she says. "I understand how families are frustrated and, you know what, we as staff are frustrated too because we know what it's doing to the residents. But this is beyond our control."

When COVID-19 found its way into long-term care facilities in other parts of Canada, the results were devastating.

Keeping it out of Manitoba care homes and away from our most vulnerable members of society is a top priority, stresses Karin Oliveira, Salem's director of resident care services.

"Our responsibility as a personal care home is to keep these residents as safe as possible," she says.

Salem is striving to be as flexible as it can when it comes to visitations, Oliveira adds, and they're trying to ensure every one of the home's 145 residents has regular access to their loved ones either in-person or via phone or virtual means.

As the pandemic continues, they hope to continue to build up their visitation capacity and improve the overall visitor experience.

"We know that families are important for the residents ... we know that is something that's irreplaceable," says Oliveira, adding they have tried to accommodate additional visits for residents who are especially struggling with the restrictions.

They've also worked hard in recent months to keep everyone's spirits up through varied programming.

"We have continued with the care that we had prior, so we continue to have a lot of activities. We've actually increased our activities," Oliveira says, explaining in example that they've been taking residents out on more bus and bikes rides through town.

"I think all of us are just waiting for things to go back to normal, but we also understand that this is our reality right now," says Janzen. "We really try to do the best that we can."

Manitoba Health Minister Cameron Friesen, who serves as MLA for Morden-Winkler, says finding the balancing between protecting Manitobans and ensuring people's needs are being met has been a challenge.

"We're deeply sympathetic to families who don't have the unencumbered right to visit with a loved one who lives in a personal care home in Manitoba," he says. "But we know that COVID-19 has interrupted a lot of things."

Friesen said the province moved swiftly to protect residents and patients in care homes and hospitals by shutting down visitations. Manitoba also put a hold on staff being able to work at multiple facilities to further clamp down on potential virus transmission.

As the risk decreased, the province was one of the first in Canada to re-

sume visits, Friesen points out, and public health officials continue to assess what precautions are necessary based on the risks.

"It's a balancing act," he says. "We have to balance the necessity to accommodate these important interactions, these visits between residents and their support networks, their families on one hand with the need to be vigilant and to continue to recognize that we have an obligation, without a vaccine, to keep these most vulnerable people safe."

Like Oliveira, Friesen points to the hundreds of deaths that occurred at care homes in Ontario and Quebec once COVID-19 was transmitted to residents there. It's something that must not be allowed to happen here, he says.

"We all must understand the scenario that we must work together to avoid," Friesen says. "We're trying to be reasonable, we're trying to do our very best to hear the concerns of families, but we know that some of the same voices right now who criticize and say we're not being lax enough will be the same ones to decry the actions of our government should we move to open up visits and then a negative event happens."

Relaxation of the restrictions will happen when it's safe to do so, the health minister stresses.

"I think Manitobans should expect, could expect to see further changes as we continue to weigh the evidence," says Friesen. "Although we will probably not go to a place where some are advocating to go to, a complete lifting of all conditions on visitation. We won't go there because we know what the risk is and we're seeing that in other jurisdictions."

Friesen acknowledges that "none of this is easy, and it's not easy on families ... having to wave at a loved one from a window, having to meet them outside in the springtime."

"The wellness of our residents in long-term care facilities is partly a concern for their physical wellness but also a concern for their mental wellness, and so we completely acknowledge that these concerns are valid and people have every right to express them."

"I have the challenge as the minister of health to have to balance all of these concerns in a way that I believe that we best protect the physical health of residents," Friesen says. "We're acting with caution, but we're trying to act as well on the basis of the evidence and to be able to reflect that in the ways we're accommodating visits in personal care homes."

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Community pressure rising for Redskins to change their name

By Lorne Stelmach

Pressure is mounting once again for Morden's senior A hockey team to change its name.

A number of community members including Mayor Brandon Burley have been vocal about the need for Morden's SEMHL team to drop the name Redskins.

It comes at a time of heightened awareness around racism including racist terminology and particularly the use of racist names and logos like that of the Redskins.

"It is absolutely unacceptable for anybody to claim indifference or to claim that it's a term that honours anybody ... that should be enough for us to call a halt to this," said Burley, who noted this is an issue he is pressing as an individual and not as part of council.

"I think the time is now," he added, stressing he is willing to spend whatever political capital he may have to pursue this matter. "I would say if you don't think so ... anybody who claims that it's not should go over to one of our neighbours at Swan Lake or Ro-

seau River and call their children that to their face and see what happens."

Sports teams at many levels are facing increased pressure over the issue of racist names, including from major sponsors who are reconsidering their support until changes are made.

The matter has been brought up locally before.

In 2005, Western School Division changed the names of Morden Collegiate's teams from the Mohawks to the Thunder.

In 2015, Councillor Heather Francis' motion to have city council request the Redskins change their name was defeated by a 5-2 vote, with only the mayor at the time, Ken Wiebe, voting in favour alongside Francis.

Team president Brent Meleck at the time responded that he hadn't heard calls from the community to change the name and, as a person with a First Nations background, he personally did not see it as being derogatory.

Meleck did not make himself available to the Voice for comment by press time, but he was reported in Winnipeg media last week as saying the team is considering the matter.



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Community members are calling on the Morden Redskins hockey team to change their name.

Burley appreciated having had an opportunity to take the issue up with the Redskins board, and he also met recently with representatives from Swan Lake First Nation.

For him, it is tied to the need to set a better example in connection to the greater picture around healing and reconciliation.

"I believe that what we say about Morden being a diverse and inclusive community where everybody is welcome will be diminished if the city of Morden does not find it within itself to change its view on this," suggested Burley.

"There's no question that it's a racist pejorative. It speaks to them of their history and heritage and continues to cause them pain," he continued. "Indigenous communities still have family members who were part of the residential school system ... under governments that thought to strip their identity from them."

"Sponsors are going to have to answer for how they're spending their sponsorship dollars," Burley said. "I'm hopeful for a positive outcome. I think the message that it sends would be far more powerful, though, when it comes voluntarily."

Morden Mohawks stepping up for change

By Lorne Stelmach

Amidst renewed calls for the Morden Redskins senior hockey team to change its name, the local senior baseball team proactively announced Friday it will be doing just that.

Executives of the Morden Mohawks, who play in the Border Baseball League, issued a statement that they are starting the process to adopt a new name.

"We have always associated the name with strong, positive team centered principles," they said. "While maintaining respect in our baseball history, we were made aware that not all members of our community may find the nickname respectful, appropriate or inclusive."

"With that in mind, our organization initiated discussion this past off season and have started the process of moving forward with a name change. Many items remain that need to be addressed with each step that is taken. At this point, our volunteer group does not have a confirmed timeline for completion but will be working to complete the task as efficiently as possible."

"We have communicated our plans with our Border League executive and Baseball Manitoba, receiving support in both areas," the team's leaders continued. "While plans were not made public earlier, we felt it was in the best interest of the organization and individuals involved to now communicate our current position."

"In the coming weeks and months, we will con-

tinue to identify the best method to build a new identity. We will make further announcements regarding the progress of this transition when more information is available."

Team representatives were not available for further comment at press time.

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Winkler Aquatic Centre open for the season

By Ashleigh Viveiros

The Winkler Aquatic Centre kicked off a belated but most welcome season of swimming last week.

The pool opened its doors for the summer July 6, and while there are a host of new cleaning and distancing regulations in place to keep people safe in the face of the global pandemic, the water's as fine as always, says Jordan Driedger, director of community services.

"It's going to be a very different year this year," he says. "But when you're in the water, aside from trying to stay a couple meters away from the people around you, it feels pretty normal."

"You will see at some of the line-ups for our features like the diving boards and slides we do have some tape down so people know where to stand," Driedger adds. "But other than that, you can definitely tell the people in the water are loving it. That hasn't changed."

Due to public health orders, the pool has had to scale back its capacity numbers from 500 to just 100 people at a time.

"We're going to use that cap for now and see how it goes," Driedger says, noting things could change in the weeks ahead. "We still have to do what we can to keep people six feet apart. We do have a little bit of flexibility, but not a lot."

"Things might change throughout the summer. But right now we've set a plan and we're going to see how it goes. With the feedback of patrons, if there's things that we need to look at changing after a couple of weeks then we'll definitely look at doing that. But so far it's been going really smoothly."

In order to accommodate as many people as possible, public swimming has been broken up into several blocks of an hour and 45 minutes each, starting at 1 p.m. daily. Only the first 100 people in line for a block will be let in to swim.

Thus far, the restrictions haven't led to people being turned away en masse.

"We haven't been meeting capacity



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Public swimming at the Winkler Aquatic Centre will run in slots of just under two hours, with 100 people allowed in the facility at any given time to allow for adequate physical distancing.

every public swim slot, but we are getting close," Driedger says. "I would definitely encourage people to come out. I know some people were concerned they'd come stand in line and get turned away, but there has been room so far. People have been coming a few minutes before the session starts and they still get in."

Chairs and lounges will not be provided this summer, nor will patrons be able to rent life jackets. People are asked to bring their own, along with any snacks or beverages they may want to enjoy (the water fountains are not in service).

The hot tubs are also closed for the season due in large part to physical distancing rules.

On the programming front, the pool has had to make a few changes and cuts this summer.

"We've definitely simplified our schedule," says Driedger. "We took our really popular programs and then tried to do the best we could with them."

"Swimming lessons look a little different. Our classes sizes are smaller and the way the instructors teach the lessons are a bit different, keeping the kids spread out a bit," he explains.

"But overall they're getting the same instruction, the same practise they al-

ways have."

There will be no parent and tot swim or aquafit sessions this season, and The Heat Wave canteen will remain closed.

"Some of it was due to COVID, some of it was due to just staffing," Driedger says, pointing out that the canteen—which is run by an outside company—in particular relies on larger patron numbers to be profitable over the summer.

"They made money on their big days and we're not going to have any of those this year," he says.

On the upside, lane swimming will still be offered Monday to Friday from 7-9 a.m. and Monday to Thursday from 6-7 p.m. The pool is also offering more rental slots this summer than in past years.

"The last number of years we've only done Thursdays," Driedger says. "This year we're doing Mondays and Thursdays."

"And then because the Barracudas swim team isn't able to have a season this year it's allowed us to add a few hour rental slots as well. Those seem to be very popular already."

For information on rentals, public swimming, or other programming, you can reach the Winkler Aquatic Centre at 204-325-8212.

Manitoba down to one active COVID-19 case Monday

By Lorne Stelmach

Manitoba made it two weeks into July without a single case of COVID-19, according to the public health update on Monday.

With the last reported case having been June 30, the province remained at 325 lab-confirmed positive and probable positive cases this week.

The province started the week with just one active case and 317 recoveries. The death toll remains at seven.

An additional 798 laboratory tests were performed Friday, 1,149 Saturday, and 573 Sunday, bringing the total number of tests performed since early February to 71,559.

Noting some reports of larger gath-

erings and people not following guidelines on physical distancing, chief provincial public health officer Dr. Brent Roussin continued to caution Manitobans that we're not out of the woods yet.

"As we loosen things up, it's a tendency to try to revert back to normal,

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Local couple marks seven decades of love and marriage

By Ashleigh Viveiros

In this day and age, for a couple to make it not just to 70 years of marriage but to be healthy enough to still be living together independently is a feat indeed.

The family of Jake and Anne Wiebe celebrated those blessings last week.

The couple were married in 1950. Now in their early 90s, they call the Buhler Active Living Centre home.

Anne recalls their first encounter on her family's farmyard south of Winkler.

"He came on our yard and he was a total stranger," she says. "He had two guys along with him that I went to school with and I knew that they were decent guys. But my reason for going along [with them for a ride] was ...

"Oh, come on," Jake chimes in, a bashful grin on his face, knowing this story well.

"His girlfriend was also my friend and she had talked about him and so I was kind of curious who he was," Anne continues. "So I thought I'd go along and show her now I knew her boyfriend!"

The truth was, Jake knew his relationship with the other girl wasn't meant to last. They broke up soon after and he found himself on the market once again.

He lived and farmed with his family near Snowflake and so got back to Winkler infrequently. It was on one of those trips that he saw Anne again.

"We were in the cafe and Anne was sitting there with a few other girls. She went like that to me," Jake recalls, crooking his finger invitingly, "and we started talking. That was the start of it all."

Jake was just 21 at the time. Anne was 22. They were both smitten with each other pretty much from the get-go.

"He was a nice guy. He didn't drink and he didn't smoke, and that's what I prayed for: a man that didn't drink or smoke," says Anne. "And so we went together and now here we are."

Jake recalls he wasn't sure whether he was ready to settle down, but then he had a dream.

"I was with two other guys and all of a sudden there comes two girls and the other guys took each one of them and I was there all alone," he says. "Now what? The next thing I see is her coming around the corner, and that's what made up my mind."

A year of courtship followed. It wasn't easy back then to see each other as much as they would have liked.

"It's not like it is today where you're together every week or every day,"

says Jake. "Sometimes we wouldn't see each other for months."

"In those days the roads weren't paved roads and the cars aren't like today, so to come from Snowflake was quite a trip," says Anne, adding her family didn't have a phone, either, so romantic phone calls were also out of the picture.

Instead, the couple got to know each other via letter and, when Jake could convince his father to borrow him the car, the occasional night out for a meal at the Green Lantern Restaurant in Winkler.

Their wedding took place on July 9, 1950. Jake recalls it was a sweltering hot day in a church with no electricity, let alone air conditioning.

"We opened the windows and that was it," Anne says, adding she was wearing a black dress, as was the custom in her church.

Following the ceremony, everyone headed outside to pass the evening playing games like Drop the Handkerchief and Flying Dutchman.

The couple started their lives together on farmland out by Snowflake. They moved around a bit in the early years, but eventually settled on a half-section they purchased for \$15,000 near Miami. They lived there for the next three decades, raising their seven daughters before moving to Morden and, more recently, Winkler in retirement.

They grew grain and also had dairy cows, and Jake says his daughters were every bit the help to him on the farm as sons ever could be.

"The girls, they helped and they knew almost everything that I did about farming," he says.

Today, the Wiebe family has grown



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Jake and Anne Wiebe with their daughters (back row, from left) Ann, Helen, Hilda, Mary, Marge, Kathy, and Evelyn at a celebration marking their 70th wedding anniversary last week.

to include dozens of grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

They've lived a blessed life, Jake and Anne say. They're quick to attribute their matrimonial success to hard work and commitment.

"You forget about 'I' and 'me' and work together," Jake says. "That's how it works. We are one."

"Cooperation, that's the only way," he continues. "Marriage is not just a success. You have to make it one."

Picking the right person is also a big part of it, Anne adds.

"You need to be careful what kind of a partner you choose," she says, going on to stress the importance of God in their marriage, especially through the hard times. "Prayer is a big part of it."

"He's led us through many things," agrees Jake.

Daughter Kathy Penner says she and

her sisters are all grateful to their parents for modelling a strong marriage for them.

"I must say they've set a really good example for us in that they had a good relationship," she says. "When I got to the point where I was thinking about boys, I was thinking I wanted a relationship like my parents had."

"They worked together and taught us all a good work ethic," Penner adds, recalling chores both on the fields and in the house. "We were Dad's 'boys' as well as Mom's girls."

Looking back over the years, Jake and Anne say they're proud of what their love was able to build, and they have faith they'll continue to be together not just in this life but the next.

"The most important thing is that we'll all be up in heaven together one day," Jake says. "I'm very glad for that."

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but we certainly are not back to normal at this point," he said. "We need to adhere to the principles that got us here ... we need to get back to the basics that got us here."

Meanwhile, as the province continues to keep COVID-19 under control in the present, health officials are busy planning for what may come with a potential second wave converging with the annual flu season this fall.

Lanette Siragusa, chief nursing officer with Shared Health, said they have a respiratory virus steering committee in place with representatives from public health, occupational health, infection prevention and control as well as regional

health authorities

"We're not just planning for COVID. We're actually planning for influenza and COVID coming together," she explained.

"One of the priorities that we are considering is the vaccine strategy that we will be initiating, so we'll give more detail on that, but we are looking to increase the uptake on vaccines this year."

"We're also looking at how do we shift resources," she continued. "This gives us an opportunity to look at where are our resources, where do we need to shift some of the work and prepare for the future."

"One of the other things with this steering committee is really look-

ing at the robust testing, keeping up with the testing volumes," said Siragusa, noting they have recently been averaging 700 a day but have a capacity of around 2,000.

She also repeated Roussin's message for Manitobans to remain vigilant.

"We have to get used to seeing COVID numbers in the community, and that's fine as long as we can stay on top of it and manage it," she said. "Overall, we are feeling like we are in a stable situation. We continue to monitor very closely how we are doing on the indicators and we will continue to plan for higher volumes, more activity and surge capacity in the coming months."



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Many Hands part of new farmers' market food voucher program

By Lorne Stelmach

A new initiative is helping get healthy, unprocessed food into the hands of local families.

The Many Hands Resource Centre is involved with the Manitoba Community Food Currency Program, which was initiated this year by Direct Farm Manitoba with pilot sites in Winnipeg, Carman, and Morden.

It's a collaboration between farmers, markets, and community organizations that aims to increase free access to fresh local food to those in need. It's a great fit for Many Hands, said chairperson Natasha Doerksen.

"It gives you a bigger mindset for where food is coming from ... many of these families, it's a possibility they're just used to grabbing stuff off the shelf. You open up your mind a bit when you see that these are people growing foods and vegetables here ... it doesn't have to be processed."

There had been a similar successful farmers' market voucher program in British Columbia, noted Doerksen, and she sees an advantage in that they are drawing on referrals from local frontline organizations such as Genesis House, Regional Connections, and a number of other services in the region.

There is clearly a need, given that the initiative already has a wait list.

"We were able to take on 45 participants and it looks like it's going to be pretty successful," said Doerksen. "There's been a lot of people signing up ... I think we're pretty much filled up already just based on the referrals."

She suggested there might be the possibility of expanding further in the future depending on funding.

"We're just going to keep a wait list on hand ... so that if this opportunity comes we can get more people."

"It works out well for the farmers' market too because they get customers, so it's a win-win," Doerksen suggested. "You're helping the vendors out. These are all local people trying to make it too."

"It's very rewarding to be part of this program," said summer student Hannah Drudge, who has been tasked with recruiting people for the program and is at the farmers' market each week to hand out vouchers for use at market vendors.

"It's a really great program, and it's great to help introduce people to the farmers' market. I think a lot of these people maybe haven't been here before, so it's also a great way to support local businesses and local farms while also giving people access to fresh food."

It ties in well with the ongoing community meal program at the Many Hands Resource Centre, which was still making meals for Mordenites during the pandemic shutdown, although in a different way from the usual.

Instead of the monthly community meal, volunteers had been offering a drive-thru service each week.

"We did see an increase from what a typical community meal would look like before, where there were 75 people approximately ... the last meal we had over 200," said Doerksen, noting the pick-up service went "super well. We got probably 50 extra people ... we'll maybe continue that through the summer."

"We're going to go back to a monthly community meal now, though," she said, adding they have been appreciative of the community's support to make it happen. "People around here have been giving more money too, and that generosity made it possible to quadruple our efforts. It's been really encouraging."

In the meantime, they look forward to setting up a more permanent

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Morden fdn. able to distribute \$40K to three agencies

By Lorne Stelmach

Three local agencies have received funding through a national initiative to assist community organizations that are supporting vulnerable Canadians during the COVID-19 crisis.

The Emergency Community Support Fund of \$350 million is channeling some of that money through the Community Foundations of Canada, and the Morden Area Foundation tapped into those funds to hand out \$40,000 on Monday.

It included \$14,000 for the Many Hands Resource Centre and \$13,000 each to Genesis House and the Morden Adult Education Centre.

"When this project came about through the government of Canada, we just knew we had to jump on it and be part of it so that we can support our community way more than what we can normally," said Lynda Lambert, executive director of the Morden Area Foundation. "It's huge for us. It's humbling for us, actually. We're a very, very small foundation."

"It's for some awesome projects in our area, and they all had to be totally COVID related," explained Lambert, noting applications were carefully considered in terms of how they were going to impact the community. She said they strongly feel "that the projects that we are supporting today are truly the best for our communities."

Many Hands received support for the Manitoba Community Food Currency Program initiated by Direct Farm Manitoba to increase access to fresh local food. It works with the Morden Farmers' Market to distribute coupons to program participants.

"It really supports the whole community. It gets people out to the market," said Hannah Drudge, summer program co-ordinator.

"It's huge. It's great to know that we have the community support of such a good program. We're able to help out families but also support all the local farmers and produce growers in this area ... so it's really wonderful to know that we have the backing of the community."

The funding to Genesis House will help hire extra staff to prepare food for guests in

"THE PROJECTS THAT WE ARE SUPPORTING TODAY ARE TRULY THE BEST FOR OUR COMMUNITIES."

accordance to COVID 19 restrictions.

"Till now, without COVID, we've always kind of worked alongside families, moms and kids in the kitchen, but because of COVID and changes to hygiene and policies that's not allowed," explained executive director Ang Braun.

"So to try to find the space and the time for the staff, with mostly just one person on, to do all of that we just thought would be impossible, especially with the anticipation of that second wave."

"It is absolutely fantastic. I can't even describe," Braun said of the funding. "We would never have been able to pull this off without the support."

The Morden Adult Education Centre received funds for a new outdoor classroom as part of an expansion of the playground.

"With COVID we found that close quarters for children [makes it] a little bit harder to keep social distancing," said Karen Wowk, co-ordinator for the child development centre connected to the adult ed. centre.

They ideally want to spend a majority of their time outdoors but needed protected additional space for year-round use. This grant will make it happen.

"It would not be possible [otherwise]," said Wowk. "When we heard that it was an opportunity ... if we could fulfill a dream, what dream would we want to do, and it would be to have an outdoor classroom."

"We're very excited to have this opportunity," agreed Todd Folkett, director of the adult education centre.



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The Morden Area Foundation's Lynda Lambert (far right) delivered donations from the federal government's Emergency Community Support Fund Monday to local three agencies, including the Morden Adult Education Centre, represented here by Todd Folkett and Karen Wowk.

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Suncatch Sounds returns this Friday night

By Lorne Stelmach

The easing of restrictions due to the pandemic means a downtown Morden concert series is going ahead with two events this summer.

Suncatch Sounds returns this Friday followed by a second show Aug. 14.

COVID-19 postponed the start of



the series, but the show can now go ahead with a few restrictions, said Clare Agnew, community services and events manager for the City of Morden.

"It was our plan that we would be having Suncatch concerts, but with the pandemic and the regulations that were in place, we had to wait. We've had it in the back of our minds, though, and we were waiting for the opportunity to be right.

"There are a few extra preparations and guidelines for us to follow, but it's

all worth it to be able to provide live entertainment in Morden," Agnew added. "We have awesome local talent in the region, and the community is always so supportive. We're hoping for a great night.

"There will be some COVID-19 rules in place that we'll ask people to follow when they get there," said Agnew, noting they will have an overall maximum of 200 people in two groups of 100 that will be kept separate.

The seating will also likely be arranged on the street in order to facili-

tate physical distancing.

The series kicks off with The Beer Jammers from 7-10 p.m. Friday. The bar opens at 6:30 p.m. with proceeds going to Pembina Hills Arts Council.

"We saw the opportunity to involve the arts council and have that partnership," said Agnew. "So we're just excited to have an event and give people another option of something to do with live entertainment."

You can find more information on the City of Morden's website and social media pages.

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space in the Morden Alliance Church, where renovations are underway.

"We're still really looking forward to that," said Doerksen, adding it will help them in being able to revive some of their other programs.

"With COVID, we kind of removed all our programs ... our programs are very centred around people and

groups of people, so it was difficult to maintain," she explained. "As September comes we'll be finding ways to redesign our community kitchen program, give some new life to it, give some structure to it.

"It was an opportunity for newcomers or just people who needed some sort of social interaction, a little help

with making food ... it was an opportunity for them to work together with one of our staff members," Doerksen said. "They would cook together, eat together, clean up together and take the leftovers home ... it really focused more on the emotional connection and the joy of cooking together."



Saskatoon berries have many benefits

Did you know that Saskatoon berries are also known as June berries and Serviceberries? Saskatoon berries have many benefits. They have more protein fibre and minerals than blueberries. The purple colour are "anthocyanin's" which help keep cells healthy. The name 'Saskatoon' comes from the Cree word "Mis-sask-quah-too-mina"

The Saskatoon bushes produce the most fruit when they are 12 to 15 years old. When picking be sure to check out the whole tree, berries grow all over the bush so be sure to pick top from to bottom and inside too. Pro pickers attach their ice cream pails to their belt in order to have both hands free for faster berry picking.

When Handling berries it is best to be careful as they are perishable. Place in refrigerator immediately for use within 3 to 7 days. Rinse in colander and enjoy fresh. To freeze Saskatoons place in air tight container or freezer bag. They freeze individually and it is easy to grab a small amount for recipes, smoothies, or cereal topping.

Saskatoon's can be used in any recipe instead of blueberries.

RECIPE IDEA: Saskatoon & Strawberry Smoothie

2 handfuls frozen Strawberries
2 handfuls frozen Saskatoons
1 handful kale or spinach
Top up blender with milk
Combine in blender and

blend.

White Chocolate Saskatoon Muffins

1 ¾ Cup flour
3 Tsp baking powder
½ Tsp salt
½ Cup granulated sugar
¼ Cup melted butter
1 Egg
¾ Cup milk
1 Tsp vanilla

1 cup Saskatoon Berries
½ Cup white chocolate chips

1. Whisk together dry ingredients in a large bowl.
2. Combine milk, beaten egg, vanilla & butter in small bowl.
3. Pour liquid into the dry

ingredients and stir until combined.

4. Add white chocolate chips and Saskatoons. Stir gently.
5. Fill 12 lined muffin tins.
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Having fun 'Around the World'

What better way to mark Mennonite culture day than with a rousing game of Dutch Blitz? A large scale version of the card game was among the activities Monday as the Around the World summer day camp got underway in Morden. The popular camp for kids features a different cultural theme each day this week. The City of Morden summer camp schedule continues with Park Days July 20-24 and then Discovery Week July 27-31.

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Nature sanctuary puts call out for donations for picnic tables

By Ashleigh Viveiros

The Discovery Nature Sanctuary is on track to have its new outdoor education centre in place this summer.

Construction of the 1,200 sq. ft. outdoor classroom got underway earlier this month and is expected to wrap up in a matter of weeks.

"The outdoor education centre is a welcome addition to the nature sanctuary, providing shelter and community use opportunities in a natural setting within the city's limits," says sanctuary committee chair Paul Goossen, who is excited at the educational value the site will provide as a central gathering space. "The centre is es-

entially an outdoor classroom where teachers can instruct their students in an open-air setting and a place for students to learn or have their lunch while enjoying the scenic views of the sanctuary."

The general public will also be able to enjoy the shelter and the 10 picnic tables being specially built for it.

DNS has put a call out for sponsors for those tables. In exchange for a \$2,000 tax deductible donation, donors will a plaque have their name installed on one of the tables.

Margaret Klassen is heading up that campaign and expects the community

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Manitou man pens autobiography

By Lorne Stelmach

Ron Watson's journey in life has been all over the spectrum from insurance and farming to being an explosives expert and a treasure hunter.

Not to mention surviving cancer at the age of 49 when he had been told he may have had just six months to live. So it's no wonder someone suggested Watson should put pen to paper to share his unique life story.

"It's hard for me to believe that it actually all occurred," Watson acknowledged.

"If you don't write it down, it will be lost forever. No one will believe what you did," the Manitou resident recalls someone telling him. "I have a photographic memory ... so it took me six weeks to write that book ... but I work until about two in the morning. That's normal for me; I'm a workaholic."

Watson recently began selling his autobiography *Go Not Quietly to the Grave*. It tells quite a story that also includes becoming a pilot at a young age and work as an antiques dealer and documentarian.

The spunky 72-year-old doesn't hold back in telling his many stories

while also occasionally not masking his disdain for some of his critics and detractors.

"I don't accept brush-offs; not from politicians and not from doctors," he said in a recent interview from his home.

Born on a small farm in the Kaleida area, Watson early on worked for United Grain Growers for about a year, but he said he became disenchanted with it and how it treated farmers.

It was around that time that his first accomplishment came in getting his private pilot licence by age 20.

"My flying instructor was a Royal Canadian Air Force pilot during World War Two," Watson recalled.

He then went to work with the Canadian Indemnity Company in Winnipeg, where a manager who had also been a pilot saw his wings and hired him on the spot. It wasn't long before he was promoted and became the youngest department head in the company.

His work focused on the commercial sector and carrying out investigations for things like theft, fraud, and arson. Watson recalled occasions when he

needed to have a bodyguard.

"You're dealing with some major crimes, and I used to have to confront these people after I got enough background information that I felt I could take them to court unless they paid back the loss."

He said there were times when people he encountered may have had connections to the Mafia.

"Which makes you look over your shoulder all the time when you're out of the office, but at the same time it was very exciting work for a 21-year-old man."

His next opportunity came with an insurance company in Thompson, a city he recalls as having quite a frontier mentality.

"Thompson, at that time, was like the wild, wild west," suggested Watson, who met his future wife Shirley during those years.

When Watson's father took ill, he returned home to southern Manitoba to take over the family farm, although it would have never been his first choice of things to do.

"I never liked farming ... I didn't mind the work, but I hated fighting Mother Nature," he said. "I didn't have a large enough farm that I could keep going, and I wasn't able to expand. So we had some pretty rough years."

Life got better, though, as his wife got a job and he went to work at an auto dealership in Manitou. Things also picked up on the farm.

"I worked around the clock between the farm and working in the automobile garage in Manitou," said Watson, adding that it was during this time that he then got into doing some demolition work, eventually earning his blaster certification.

"When you start getting fairly good at it, other people want to start hiring you," he said. "Because I was very good at what I did, I got contracts with the federal government, the provincial government, municipal governments and the CPR and CN railways."

Coming into a period of drought, when farmers were struggling to maintain water supplies, he even started making dugouts.

"I used to go from the Ontario border to the Saskatchewan border and halfway up into the Interlake ... I built 31 dugouts in six weeks," said Watson. "I became a leading service blaster in Manitoba. I was called in to remove ice jams, remove beaver dams ... build fire guards in front of forest fires ... I was making ditches for municipalities."

"LIVE LIFE TO THE FULLEST ... NEVER GIVE UP, EVEN IF THERE'S INSURMOUNTABLE ODDS ... THERE IS NO SUCH THING."

More so perhaps than anything else, Watson has been driven by his experiences surrounding being diagnosed 23 years ago with esophageal cancer.

He had surgery but was told that he might have just six months left to live. He refused to accept that sentence.

"I'm 72 now, so I didn't die in six months ... my one doctor told me God doesn't want you and the devil's afraid of you."

Recognizing many other people were suffering from this cancer, Watson joined a support group forum of survivors, and he was motivated by the many questions sent his way.

He started doing his own research, looking into common factors, and ended up making a documentary about how he believes he survived.

"I'm still getting calls from esophageal cancer sufferers, and I do the best I can to tell them what I survived. You have a chance."

As if all of this hasn't made for a full enough life, Watson also found another passion in art and antiques.

"I was a treasure hunter," he said, noting how he early on had a metal detector and "used to come home with pockets full of silver."

From there, he expanded into pursuing more valuable antiques, and he maintains it has been an adventure that on occasion has led him to dealing with everything from museums to film productions.

He is proud now of having added the title of published author to his resume, and he would be pleased if reading his book might get across to readers the idea of making the most out of your life.

"I hope they learn never to go quietly to the grave ... to rather skid in sideways with a bottle of single malt Scotch in one hand and a Cuban cigar in the other, screaming all the while 'Now that was a riot,'" said Watson.

"You do your best for your fellow man, and that's what you will be judged on," he concluded. "Live life to the fullest ... never give up, even if there's insurmountable odds ... there is no such thing."

Look for Watson's book around town in Manitou or reach him via phone at 204-242-2828.



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Manitou's Ron Watson has detailed his life in a new autobiography called *Go Not Quietly To the Grave*.

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St. James As best Orioles in two

By Lorne Stelmach

The Pembina Valley Orioles saw a five game winning streak brought to a halt this weekend.

The MJBL team dropped both games of their Sunday doubleheader with the St. James As in Winnipeg, falling 3-2 in eight innings and then 10-7 in game two.

It dropped their record to 5-3, but that still has them among a crowded pack at the top of the standings. Right with the Orioles there are the Altona Bisons, Elmwood Giants, and Interlake Blue Jays, who are all at 6-3.

The Orioles earlier had extended the streak as they pounded the Winnipeg South Chiefs 10-0 in five innings last Wednesday.

Tyson Pringle pitched a two hit shut-out for the Orioles, who cranked our four runs in the first inning and drove



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A close play at the plate here saw the Orioles score one of their four runs in the first inning last Wednesday on their way to a 10-0 shutout of the Winnipeg South Chiefs

across five more in the second to take command.

At the plate, TJ Matuszewski went

three for four while Jared McCorrister, Tanner Clyne, and Tristan Peters all went two for three.

Coming up, Pembina Valley host Altona this Wednesday and then Interlake on Sunday for a doubleheader.



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A Morden player slides into second as the Winkler Whips downed the Mohawks 7-2 last week Tuesday. Winkler went on to beat Pilot Mound 7-4 while Morden bounced back with a 10-3 win over Baldur.

Winkler Whips down Mohawks, Pilots

By Ashleigh Viveiros

The Winkler Whips made short work of the Morden Mohawks and the Pilot Mound Pilots in Border Baseball League action this past week.

Bouncing back from their season starting 7-5 loss to Altona July 3, Winkler bested Morden 7-2 July 7 and then downed the Pilots 7-4 Sunday night.

The Mohawks, meanwhile, followed up on the loss to Winkler with a re-

sounding win over the Baldur Regals Sunday. That match went 10-3 Morden's way.

Coming up, Winkler plays in Carman this Tuesday and in Baldur for a double-header Sunday. Their next home game is against the Cardinals July 21.

Morden travels to play Altona Friday and then heads west for games against Clearwater and Pilot Mound Sunday before welcoming the Bisons to town next Tuesday.

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Your used eyeglasses could change a life half a world away

By Lorne Stelmach

The effort of Lions clubs nationwide and right here in southern Manitoba has the loyal support of a local optometrist.

Dr. Karen Deane, who is now part of the team at Focal Point Comprehensive Vision Care in Morden, went on a mission trip to Peru six years ago where she helped give residents the gift of sight thanks to recycled eyeglasses collected by Canadian Lions clubs.

"I didn't actually realize that the glasses were coming from all across Canada at the time," recalled Deane, who was a second year optometry student from the University of Waterloo in 2014 when she was part of the group of about 40 people who spent July and August working in Lima.

The team also included doctors and support staff from across Canada organized by Volunteer Optometric Services to Humanity (VOSH). A total of 2,647 patients were treated during the

trip.

"It was definitely an interesting experience," said Deane, who noted the first week was spent putting in long days performing eye examinations, treating all kinds of eye diseases and dispensing eyeglasses.

Many different eye diseases were treated by the doctors including glaucoma, cataracts, and retinopathy, and it was common to have adult patients who needed a very high prescription but had never worn glasses before in their lives.

"The glasses that we were given, you had to rifle through them and find the closest prescription possible, and often times it could be way off but the person was very grateful for it," said Deane, who found the trip to be a rewarding experience and one she'd love to have again in another part of the world.

"When I finished up, I decided I wanted to do more once I had completed my schooling and everything ... I think to be a doctor now going into it would be a different experience."

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A mission trip to Peru a few years ago to deliver eyeglasses collected by Lions clubs across Canada gave thousands of people the gift of sight. Some patients had been needing corrective lenses for years but had no way of affording them.

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The used eyeglasses came courtesy of the Canadian Lions Eyeglass Recycling Centre (CLERC) in Calgary, which takes in donations from across the country.

Local collection bins for the Lions Eye Bank are in place in several locations, including all branches of the South Central Regional Library, Focal Point in Morden, Carman Vision Services in Carman, Clarity Vision in Winkler, and several Morden area churches.

Morden Lions Club member Herman Hiebert by chance had an appointment with Deane, and he observed it was interesting to hear a first-hand account of the end result of their collection efforts.

"In the past we heard just tidbits of information here and there ... I never talked to somebody who's been on a mission trip to a foreign coun-



try and helped with the distribution," he said.

Over the past several years, the Morden Lions have collected over 32,000 pairs of glasses and lenses for shipment to CLERC, where they are checked with a lensometer for the type of correction they provide and then packaged for distribution around the world.

"It's very important ... these glasses otherwise might just be sitting in a drawer somewhere," said Hiebert.

"It's really in the last maybe 10 years or so that it's really grown quite a bit. South Central Regional Library has more branches now, and everybody really is supportive. It's been tremendous."

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CITY OF WINKLER NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING UNDER THE PLANNING ACT

The Council of the City of Winkler, under the authority of The Planning Act, will hold a Public Hearing, at the Winkler Council Chamber, 185 Main Street, Winkler, Manitoba, on **Tuesday, July 28th, 2020 at 7:00 PM**, at which time and place the Council will receive representations and objections from any persons who wish to make them in respect of By-Law No. 2254-20, of the City of Winkler.

The general intent of the above By-Law No. 2254-20, is to zone the land described below, Namely:

All of Plan No. (Deposit No. 592-2020) MLTO in the SW ¼ 8-3-4 WPM as shown outlined in a heavy solid line on the map attached hereto as Schedule "A", and forming part of this by-law, be rezoned

FROM: "CR" COMMUNITY RESERVE ZONE

TO: "RS" RESIDENTIAL SINGLE FAMILY ZONE, AND
"RT" RESIDENTIAL TWO FAMILY ZONE, AND
"OR" RECREATION / OPEN SPACE ZONE

A copy of the above By-Law No. 2254-20, and supporting material may be inspected by any persons between the hours of 9:00 AM and 5:00 PM, Monday to Friday, in the City Office.

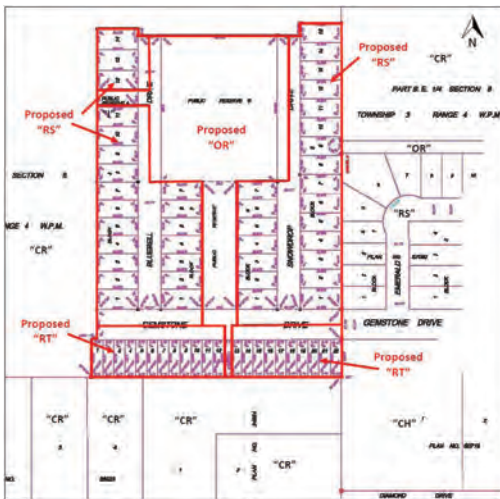
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DATED at Winkler, in Manitoba, this 22nd day of June, 2020.

Designated Officer
City of Winkler

SCHEDULE "A"
To By-Law 2254-20



OBITUARY

Jake Reimer 1959 - 2020



Jake Reimer passed away on Wednesday, July 1, 2020 at the age of 60 surrounded by his family at his home.

He was born to Jacob and Agatha Reimer on November 20, 1959 in Altona, MB. He grew up in the Morden then Stephenfield area. He not so willingly attended school until his earliest opportunity to enter the working world. He met our Mom, Helen, and won her over with his hot dog roasting skills and smooth words. They married on July 3, 1983 in Chortitz, MB. They spent the next 31 ½ years walking side by side through the many mountains and valleys life brought them. They taught their children that true love never gives up, never doubts, and always perseveres. He spent the last five years being as optimistic and full of life as he could, but it was

always evident he was missing a very key part of his life.

He was one of the hardest workers we know and had a genuinely full of hope and optimistic demeanour. He taught us the value of a job well done, of a hard day's work ending with family around the supper table, how to pray, and how to always think of the needs of others. Until his last days, he always felt there were others in life who were in need of far more help than he.

He was predeceased by his wife, Helen; his parents, Jacob and Agatha Reimer. He is survived by his daughter, Barb, son-in-law, Keith their children, Hannah and Emma, his son, David, wife, Robyn and their son, Landon, his daughter, Kristine, her fiancé, Matt; his siblings, Kathy and Cornie, Margaret, Agatha and Fred, Helen and Dwayne, Abe and Helen; his mother and father-in-law, Ernie and Sarah Bueckert and numerous nieces and nephews.

Funeral service was held on Tuesday, July 7, 2020 at the Winkler Sommerfeld Mennonite Church with interment at the Roseisle Cemetery.

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The general intent of the above By-Law No. 2253-20, is to zone the land described below, Namely:

**935 Eastview Drive, described as Lot 1,
Plan 53327 MLTO in the SW ¼ 11-3-4 WPM**

as shown outlined in a heavy solid line on the map attached hereto as Schedule "A", and forming part of this by-law, be rezoned

FROM: "CR" COMMUNITY RESERVE ZONE

TO: "CH" COMMERCIAL HIGHWAY ZONE

A copy of the above By-Law No. 2253-20, and supporting material may be inspected by any persons between the hours of 9:00 AM and 5:00 PM, Monday to Friday, in the City Office.

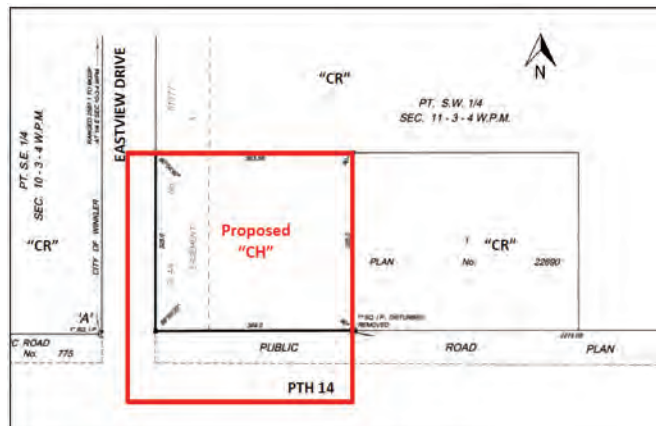
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DATED at Winkler, in Manitoba, this 22nd day of June, 2020.

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SCHEDULE "A"
To By-Law 2253-20



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OBITUARY



Robert Ross Wilson December 18, 1949 – July 8, 2020

It is with sadness and a profound sense of loss that we announce the passing of Rob Wilson, who died peacefully with family at his side following complications from a stroke. He was a beloved husband, father, grandfather, brother, uncle, and friend. He is survived by his wife, best friend, and soulmate Kathy; his daughter Laura and grandson Zac, and his son David, daughter-in-law Leanne, and granddaughters Emily and Amy. He is also survived by his sisters Marilyn (John; children Phillip and Linda) Humeniuk, Rita (Gary) Davis, and Jodie Wilson (partner Cam). Rob was predeceased by his son Kevin and parents Ted and Pat.

Rob was born in Flin Flon, Manitoba and was raised in neighbouring Snow Lake, where he spent most of his time hunting, trapping, fishing, and enjoying the lakes and rivers of the north. When not working underground in the mines, he also enjoyed summer vacations at his grandfather's farm in Gilbert Plains, which laid a foundation for the life he would create for himself in later years. After high school, Rob moved to Winnipeg and completed a Bachelor of Science degree in Biology at the University of Manitoba, and then began an 18-year career as a conservation officer. He loved and excelled at his career, which included fighting forest fires, tracking caribou and other wildlife from helicopters, and, occasionally, pursuing poachers during stake-outs and high-speed chases. He cherished the relationships that he forged with diverse people as he was stationed in remote communities throughout the province. Life was transformed in 1973 when Rob met the love of his life, Kathy. They married in 1974 and began a lifetime of adventures as they moved among communities in the north. Life changed again in 1977 when their daughter Laura was born. Shortly thereafter, Rob was transferred to the south, where he and his new family settled in Manitou. Although the south was a world apart from the north he knew, it hearkened back to days at his grandfather's farm. While in Manitou, his sons David and Kevin were born.

The young family bought land in the Pembina Valley, where they built a hand-crafted log home and developed a small hobby farm with huge gardens and diverse animals, including horses, pigs, goats, cats, and dogs. The home took four years to build, but Rob loved every minute of it, especially the times when his Dad helped out. After completing the home, Rob was to be transferred yet again. With his family putting down roots, he traded the career he loved for the stability of the family he loved even more. To this day, we admire and respect him for making this sacrifice. Fortunately, he was able to finish his career as a Canada Customs Officer while living on the family farm. He became passionate about caring for his animals, fixing and driving vintage cars, and following his never-ending "to do" list that enabled him to complete a seemingly endless array of projects that most would never attempt. In retirement, he and Kathy moved to Morden, but kept their home in the valley. He divided his time between small projects, playing with his grandchildren, savouring homemade noodles and bally soup, connecting with friends old and new, and enjoying regular trips to Florida and his beloved Snow Lake.

We love him for his tenacity, tremendous work ethic, love of nature, ability to fix almost anything, and his respect for people of all backgrounds. Most of all, we love him for the tremendous love he showed us, and for being such a wonderful person and role model in our lives. We will miss him dearly.

Cremation has taken place and Rob will be interred in a family plot in Morden, near his family home. At his request, there will not be a service.

Donations can be made in Rob's memory to the Pembina Valley Humane Society, where Rob volunteered.

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Susie Hildebrand (nee Banman) 1925 – 2020

Susie Hildebrand was born October 22, 1925 to Peter J and Justina (nee Dyck) Banman at Kronsart MB., the seventh child of eight. Her early years were spent attending grade 1-8 at the Kronsart school. While school was held in high regard in the Banman household, Susie was not too keen on the idea. By the tender age of 19, Susie had lost both her parents. She and brother, George along with sister, Esther now faced the challenge of running the family farm alone: Esther maintained the household and cared for sister, Mary, who was in poor health, while Susie and George tended to the land and livestock. In school there had been a young fellow, Ben, who took a fancy to Susie. After courting for four years, Mom and Dad were wed in 1948. Farming

a quarter of land and working in Winnipeg during the winter months that first year was the start of their life journey together. As the family grew, there were now three children; the small three-room farmhouse became inadequate. This coupled with the often impassable clay roads led to a decision to relocate. In 1963, the family moved into a new house in Winkler, where a 4th child was soon to be added to the mix.

Fishing was a sport both Mom and Dad really enjoyed. It was here that Mom's competitive nature took the forefront: nothing thrilled her more than out-fishing Dad, which happened on a regular basis. Traveling also became a highlight of Mom and Dad's later years. The purchase of a motor home allowed them the freedom to travel to numerous destinations in North America over the course of their retirement years: from east coast to the west coast of Canada, down to Florida and across to Arizona and California, wintering for many years in the warmth of the southern states.

Mom led a life of quiet faith in God. She had accepted Jesus as her personal Savior and was baptized on this faith in March 1980, joining the membership of the Winkler Mennonite Brethren Church.

Mom was admitted to hospital on June 30, suffering from a stroke. It was only then that we learned that she had indeed suffered from previous small strokes, explaining the signs and symptoms of dementia, which we had noticed for some time. Upon having several more strokes over the next few days, she passed from this life into her heavenly home on Sunday, July 5, 2020 at 8:10 a.m. with her four children at her side.

She leaves to cherish her memory: two sons, Howard and Lorraine, Gerald and Helen; two daughters, Laura and Larry Nikkel, Nancy and Dave Klassen; eight grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren. She was predeceased by husband, Ben Hildebrand in 2009, one grandson in 2010 and all her siblings and their spouses.

Funeral service was held on Friday, July 10, 2020 at Winkler MB Church with interment at the Bloomfield-Rosewell Cemetery.

If friends so desire, donations may be made in Susie's memory to the Boundary Trails Health Centre Foundation designated to the Palliative Care Program.

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