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100 years young

Winklerite Helen Falk turned 100 on Monday and celebrated with a parade of decorated vehicles in front of her home. For the full story, see Pg. 2.

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Family and friends of Helen Falk drove past the Buhler Active Living Centre Monday morning to wish her well on her 100th birthday. Right: Winkler Mayor Martin Harder presented Falk with a plaque in recognition of the milestone.

Winkler woman celebrates 100th birthday with a parade

By Ashleigh Viveiros

Friends and family filed past the Buhler Active Living Centre Monday

morning for a birthday parade for newly minted centenarian Helen Falk. "It was very nice," Falk said after the stream of decorated, honking vehicles



filled with well-wishers had passed.

Falk was born in Ukraine on July 26, 1921. Her family moved to southern Manitoba two years later and she's lived in communities throughout the

area ever since, farming and raising three children with her husband Abe. The world is certainly a different place from when she was a child, Falk reflected.

"It has changed so much ... I don't know whether for the better or not," she said, chuckling.

"Technology has advanced. We didn't have any phone [at home]. In Chortitz there was a phone and then way up west was a phone we could use," Falk recalled, marvelling at the fact today everyone carries phones around in their pockets, instant communication at their fingertips. "When there was something we needed to say, we sent letters around."

Asked for some advice on those hoping to live as long a life as she, Falk said just to keep it simple:

"Take care of yourself and stay positive."

Staying active has also been a big part of Falk's golden years. She was involved as a volunteer with the Winkler Heritage Society, overseeing its membership contact information, until this very summer.

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RM of Thompson receives \$1.2 million for Miami Active Living Centre

By Becca Myskiw

The Rural Municipality of Thompson has received over \$900,000 to put towards a new Miami Active Living Centre.

Canada and Manitoba are teaming up to invest over \$23 million in 15 infrastructure projects across the province's rural and northern communities. One of those communities is the RM of Thompson, receiving \$492,215 from the federal government and \$410,139 from the provincial government.

Reeve Brian Callum said the project started when former Miami resident Blair Sharpe donated \$328,185, saying he wanted to see the town build something new for its residents. In total, they now have \$1,230,539 for the project.

The current Miami Active Living Centre, said Callum, is an older building with not-so-easy access. The new

one will be built just south of Main Street along the grass strip close to the memory garden.

"We just felt that the seniors needed a new spot to go," he said. "After a discussion with the community, we decided a new active living centre is what the money would go to."

It will be more than a senior's centre, though. The new building will be a friendship centre, a multi-purpose facility, and a workout gym—something Miami has never had.

"This will give people an opportunity to work out locally," Callum said. "We're really excited about it."

The new 5,600 square-foot facility has the possibility of opening job opportunities, gives people a new place to host activities and events, and a place to stay active even in the winter months.

Callum said they've been working behind the scenes, drawing up the

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If everything goes according to plan, Miami residents will have a new active living centre this fall.

plans for it, and they're hoping to go to the tender within the next month and get building this fall.

He said the whole project is because of Sharpe, and they're very grateful to him for getting it going a few years ago with his donation.

"Any time you can add a new build-

ing or a new service to the town, it's good for your town," said Callum. "It gives more options for residents and improves things."

"We're excited about it for our small community. There are a lot of amenities in Miami, and this adds to it."



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Cutting the ribbon on Pest Squad, Cleaning Services 7

By Ashleigh Viveiros

Pest Squad and Cleaning Service 7 cut the ribbon on their joint storefront in Morden last week.

The two companies share space at 108 8th St. downtown, across from the post office.

Pest Squad service manager Faizan Nasir says the community has welcomed them with open arms.

"We started in 2020 and it was very tough due to the COVID situation," he said. "But now we're doing very good. Our business is booming. We're very busy."

Pest Squad offers a range of pest control services across all sectors: residential, commercial, industrial, and agricultural. Its staff are local, so there's no extra fees for travel within the region.

Cleaning Service 7's staff have also been kept hopping since opening last year, says owner Mrinmoy Moulick.

"The community's been so awe-



PHOTO BY ASHLEIGH VIVEIROS/VOICE

Faizan Nasir of Pest Squad and Mrinmoy Moulick of Cleaning Services 7 were joined by family and local dignitaries last Friday for the ribbon cutting of their joint offices in downtown Morden.

some. I love this community," he said. "They are so welcoming."

They offer both commercial and industrial cleaning services as well as disinfectant fogging.

Mayor Brandon Burley was pleased to be able to welcome the two companies to the community at the ribbon cutting ceremony last Friday.

"The city of Morden's always excit-

ed to have new businesses in town," he said. "We're very thankful to you folks for coming in and investing in our city."

Taking steps to a post-pandemic Manitoba

By Lorne Stelmach

Provincial officials remain encouraged by the continuing positive trend with COVID-19 case counts, but they also still stress the need remains for more Manitobans to be vaccinated.

"This is continuing our path to a post-pandemic Manitoba," chief provincial public health officer Dr. Brent Roussin said during his daily update on Monday.

"We know COVID-19 is still going to be with us," he noted. "In that post-pandemic Manitoba, this is going to be a Manitoba with public health guidelines rather than public health restrictions."

"We know we have some Manitobans that still are hesitant ... the more Manitobans that become vaccinated, the sooner we'll be to that post-pandemic Manitoba."

Roussin touched on what further measures might be considered in terms of tighter or looser restrictions depending on vaccination rates, which remain notably lower in the RM of Stanley and City of Winkler.

"When we see low rates, especially clustering geographically, it does put us at risk for that fourth wave," he said. "We have had in the past local restrictions, and so nothing is off the table."

"We really recognize that vaccine is our way through this

pandemic ... we really want to encourage Manitobans to hit those targets," Roussin stressed. The province is hoping to see at least 80 per cent of all Manitobans aged 12 and over with a first dose of the vaccine and over 75 per with a second dose by Labour Day. At press time, 78.7 per cent of eligible Manitobans had had their first shot and 66.5 per cent their second.

Also on Monday, Roussin announced 103 new cases of the virus were identified over the weekend, including 62 on Saturday, 30 on Sunday, and 11 on Monday.

Of the 11 cases reported Monday, five were in the Southern Health-Santé Sud health region.

Active case counts are on a downward trend in the Pembina Valley this week, with Morden reporting five cases on Monday, Winkler four,

Lorne/Louise/Pembina, MacDonald, and Red River South three each, Stanley and the Altona area two each, and Carman just one case.

Provincially, there were two new deaths in people with COVID-19 reported from the weekend, including a male in his 50s from Southern Health-Santé Sud linked to an unspecified variant of concern. The total number of COVID-19 deaths in Manitoba is 1,172.

The current five-day COVID-19 test positivity rate was at three per cent provincially and 1.8 per cent in Winnipeg.

There were 528 active cases overall and 55,756 recoveries. A total of 110 Manitobans were hospitalized with COVID-19 at the start of the work week, including 26 in intensive care.

> CENTENARIAN, FROM PG. 2



Helen Falk's loved ones weren't going to let a pandemic stop them from celebrating her 100th birthday on Monday. They paraded past her home that morning.

She said she fills her days crocheting and keeping her mind spry with Sudoku.

In addition to the parade, Falk was treated to a birthday dinner of ribs at a small celebration at the BALC Monday evening, where she was presented with a congratulatory letter from Queen Elizabeth.

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Letellier water plant receives funding for major expansion

By Lorne Stelmach

A key treatment plant for the Pembina Valley Water Coop at Letellier is getting a significant upgrade with the support of both federal and provincial funding.

The \$9.3 million dollar project will be supported by a federal grant of \$3.7 million, a provincial grant of \$3.1 million, and nearly \$2.5 million in local municipal dollars.

It means engineering work will begin immediately to design a new four million litre reservoir and a new pipeline and intake that will allow for additional water to be piped from the Red River to the plant.

Recently water restrictions have been implemented due to dry conditions, and the significant growth in the Altona, Winkler and Morden corridor requires additional water, so this is just a first step to address the water availability issues, noted Pembina Valley Water Co-op CEO Greg Archibald.

"Right now, we can't

pull any more water out of the river because of the pipe size. Right now, we are at maximum capacity at Letellier," said Archibald.

"Even before we had the dryness, this was a problem, so this is double the problem, especially with the level of the Red River going down," he continued. "It's a really good thing for us. We're just restricted so much here with the capacity."

Archibald noted this will be the first phase of upgrading the Letellier operation with these infrastructure changes to allow for a small increases in water production and to position the plant for a second phase with the

addition of membrane, which will allow for a significant increase in water supply.

The new reservoir will be constructed adjacent to the existing plant in a way that allows a new membrane plant to be built in top of the new reservoir in the next phase, and a new intake at the Red River and a second pipeline from the Red River to the plant will allow three times the water to be drawn from the river.

Pre-work to prepare for the upgrade will begin immediately including changes in road access, temporary relocation of chemical storage, and movement of the lime preparation facility.

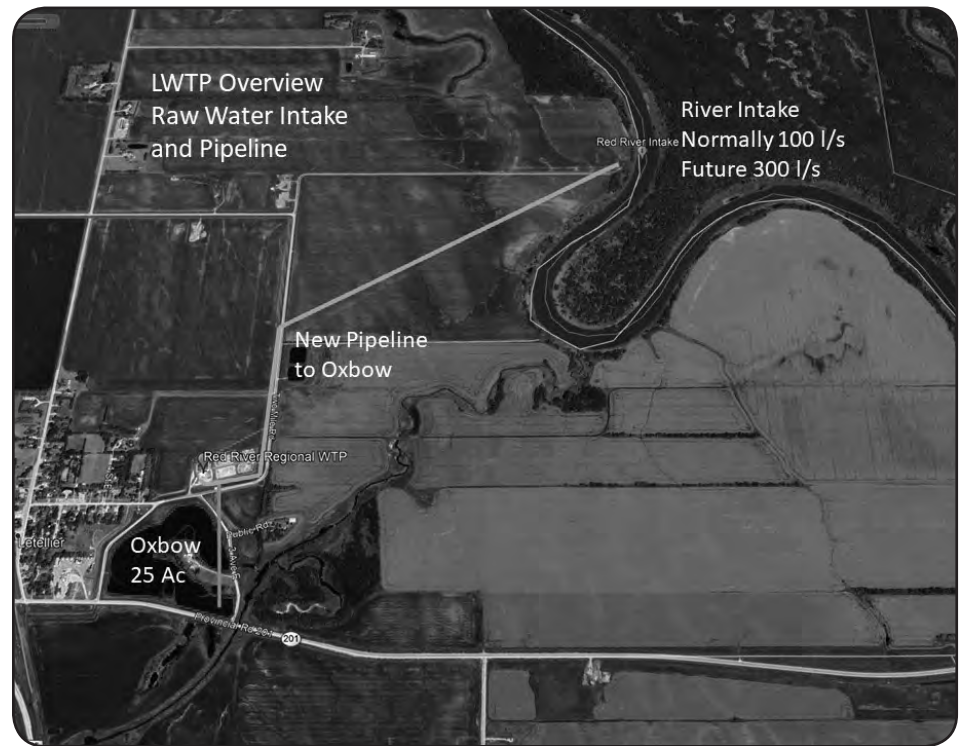
Meanwhile, an additional \$3 million is being spent by the water co-op in this pre-work phase to ensure that plans are built into this first phase to better prepare for the phase two membrane plant addition, so in total all work will cost \$12.3 million.

"And, of course, we've got to be careful that we don't have any impact on production while we're doing this," noted Archibald.

The timeline is to have the pre-work phase tendered by October and completed by next June and for the reservoir design to be complete and tendered by June with start-up by December 2023.

The new intake will be designed and tendered by next summer with start-up a year later, while the new pipeline will be designed and tendered by spring 2023 with start-up by fall 2023.

Through the Investing in Canada infrastructure plan, the government of Canada is investing more than \$180 billion over 12 years in public transit projects, green infrastructure, social infrastructure, trade and transporta-



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Funding from the federal and provincial governments is helping pay for major upgrades to the Letellier treatment plant.

tion routes, and Canada's rural and northern communities.

Overall, \$945 million of this funding has helped support over 229 infrastructure projects across Manitoba, and the water co-op project was among the nine most recent projects across Manitoba to support green infrastructure and upgrade community, culture and recreation facilities.

The Government of Canada is investing more than \$21 million in these projects through the Community, Culture and Recreation Infrastructure Stream and the Green Infrastructure Stream of the Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program. The government of Manitoba is investing over \$4.8 million and other funding partners are contributing over \$26.9 million combined.

Government officials stressed it is

vital to invest in local infrastructure during this unprecedented time to meet the needs of communities, enhance quality of life, and support economic recovery.

"Whether we invest in cultural and recreational facilities or improving urban spaces through added trees, our end goal is the same: build healthy, vibrant and resilient communities where Canadians can grow and thrive," said Jim Carr, federal minister and special representative for the prairies.

"Sustaining and supporting communities throughout Manitoba is something that we continue to work toward on a daily basis. Improvements to infrastructure ultimately make stronger neighbourhoods and communities," said Reg Helwer, provincial minister of central services.



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Upgrades to the treatment plant at Letellier will increase regional water supply significantly, says the Pembina Valley Water Co-op.

Motorcyclist killed in crash south of Darlingford

By Voice staff

An accident west of Morden claimed the life of a local man last week.

On July 17, Pembina Valley RCMP received a report from a passing motorist that there was a motorcycle and an injured driver in the ditch beside Hwy. 31 south of Darlingford.

When officers arrived to the site of the collision, the 51-year-old male

driver was pronounced deceased on scene.

Initial investigation has determined the motorcycle was travelling northwest on a curve, left the roadway, and struck an approach.

The driver was thrown from the motorcycle. He was wearing a helmet.

An RCMP forensic collision reconstructionist is assisting with the ongoing investigation.

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Winkler's water tower deserved better

I was three years old when my family first moved to Winkler and one of my earliest memories as we pulled up to our new home is of looking up at the water tower in amazement.

We lived in the trailer court near Park St. those first few years, our home sitting directly beneath the tower, its shadow a constant presence.

Being a kid with an overactive imagination, that dome featured heavily in my play-

time stories. Looming overhead as it did, it was often cast as a medieval fortress or perhaps the docking port for an alien spaceship.

I imagined myself climbing to the top to survey the surrounding land for invaders or leaping into the air to discover what must surely be my latent superhero powers (being all of three feet nothing at the time, actually climbing the tower was thankfully never a possibility).

Later, as a teenager now living in a different part of town, the tower became a way of keeping track as I walked to school—I knew if I hadn't reached it by a particular time then I was most certainly about to be late for class (the old orange elevator down the street served a similar purpose).

It wasn't until I left Winkler for college that the tower really became a symbol of home to me.

The last stretch of my weekend trips back to Winkler always seemed the

longest as I sped towards family and friends and tried to leave the stresses of school behind me.

When I could finally spy the water tower a few miles out, such a distinctive part of our city's skyline, I knew that I was almost home.

And now the tower is coming down.

I can't say it's a huge surprise—giant flakes have been falling off of it for years—but it most certainly is a disappointment.

City council maintains little could have been done to save the tower, that its age has simply caught up to it.

That may be true, but I can't help but wonder if the \$1 million price tag to repair it would have been significantly less had the community taken more serious steps to preserve the structure a decade ago when it was first decommissioned.

Too late now, I guess, and that's a shame.

Such an icon deserved better.



By
Ashleigh
Viveiros

Letters

TAKE NO FOR AN ANSWER

This is my response to the pressure being propagated by some individuals as well as the municipal, provincial and federal governments regarding participation in the current COVID pharmaceutical experiment: What part of 'NO' do you not understand?

And please learn to respect autonomy and diversity, which includes diverse preventive/medicine choice.

Nettie Wall,
Stanley

PLEASE DO YOUR PART

Yesterday we made the decision to no longer shop in Winkler unless absolutely necessary. The reason? Non-compliance of COVID rules.

When I complained about this at the service desk of a big box store,

I was told it was because of people's religious beliefs.

Does a loving God not care about us? Would a loving God knowingly have us spread disease when it can be prevented?

In a time when we are becoming more and more aware of divisiveness in our world, I am sorry to see the division this is causing. I was raised to love our friends, family and neighbours.

I implore those who are not wearing a mask to re-consider their decision to not comply with rules that will help ALL of us to get through this very difficult time!

Joan McDowell,
Miami

BE KIND TO TRAVELERS

We were honored to host Sean and Sonya Richards, the two people on

the cover of the Voice July 15, for one night at our bed and breakfast. We are close to the Trans Canada Trail so that worked out well for them. They are two of the most gracious people I have ever met!

I have subscribed to their blog so I get the pictures they take and the journaling of what they experience as they make their way west. It is very disappointing to hear that they met some very rude people.

I can understand that someone hiking on the Trans Canada trail close to the U.S. border might be questioned, but there was no need to threaten these two hikers! You could see by their gear and clothing and they are out there for walking.

Apparently, a Citizen on Patrol member stopped them and asked them questions and said that they

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On reading while driving

On average I read about a book every two weeks, depending on how often I am driving.

Lately I have just about finished a great book by an amazing Nigerian/American fantasy author I had never read before: Nnedi Okorafor. So far so good.

"Back up ... did you say driving?"

Well yes, now that I commute to Winnipeg three days a week, I have been reading a ton, and by reading I mean listening to audiobooks.

"Audiobooks are not the same as reading," you protest.



By Peter Cantelon

I thought so, too. Like you, I was a visual reading snob (VRS) until I discovered the joy of audiobooks. I had been under the mistaken impression that listening to an audiobook was the lazy person's way to read and that purists would only read via e-reader or traditional (stone age) paper.

However, one can only listen to so much talk radio, news, and music on a 90-minute commute before one begins to feel like they are wasting valuable mental real estate.

Still, I avoided the audiobook for a while. Somehow it just felt wrong, like cheating. I could not possibly be putting in the same effort as someone holding the book. I mean, think of the forearm and bicep development with *War and Peace* alone.

Eventually I relented and tested the waters with audiobooks of books I had previously read. What harm could there be after all in a little listen?

I put on *To Kill a Mockingbird* and was hooked.

Right away I became aware of how

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important having a good narrator/voice actor was in making the audiobook experience engaging. *To Kill a Mockingbird* was read by American actress Sissy Spacek and this definitely added something to the experience. Her effortless southern drawl brought the hot, humid, fictional Alabama town of Maycomb to life.

Nevertheless, despite how much I was enjoying this, I could not shake the guilt at feeling like I was somehow cheating so I decided to do what I do in those circumstances: research.

It turns out there has been some great academic work done by other guilt-ridden people on the difference between reading and listening to an audiobook. According to Transcriptionoutsourcing.net:

"Both activate different parts of the brain. However, University of California psychology professor Matthew Traxler found that the "mental machinery" required to understand and retain information remains the same,

irrespective of whether we heard or read the material."

When it comes to active learning it was reported that "an academic study published in 2018 in the American Association for Anatomy states that students are capable of learning through both reading and listening."

What studies have show is that although reading and listening activate different parts of the brain, the portions of the brain used for comprehension are the same.

Armed with this guilt-shredding research, I have thrown myself headfirst and with abandon into a sea of audiobooks and have kept a steady supply going thanks primarily to Libby, a fantastic mobile app that links to my library card and lets me borrow to my heart's content.

In the months since commuting began, I have re-read (notice read is not in quotes) the first five books of

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needed to leave the area and they were not wanted here. The COPP said that he would call the police. This happened somewhere between Altona and Haskett.

These two people are doing what we are not doing enough of: creating awareness of all the nature around us. I think it is a great opportunity to learn about nature in the area. They know a lot about birds and they tell of the history of each area as they go. Following their blog helps us learn about these things.

The trails are not always well marked and some parts of trails have been changed or parts of the trail have been moved and the information Sean and Sonya have is not always up to date. It is not always easy to know where to walk.

Somewhere near Tinker Creek

they were on a narrow and hilly trail and were met by cyclists. Sean and Sonya tried to get out of the way quickly, causing one of them to roll 50 feet downhill because of the two-wheel carts they have to carry supplies. There was no apology, the cyclist did not stop or come back to make sure they were all right, rather yelled at them that it was a biking path only. Wowzers! I am so disappointed! This is so unnecessary!

It would be great if these people would make the effort to apologize to Sean and Sonya. And then help create awareness of what is right outside our door! Nature at its finest!

Helen Warkentin,
Haskett

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YOU GET TO CHOOSE

In the 1920s, a missionary travelled the remote paths of Northern Saskatchewan on foot to call on homes rarely seeing visitors. This cold November day turned into a white-out snowstorm and the missionary, Percy Wills, found himself lost. With temperatures dropping to -35C, he knew he was at God's mercy. Collapsing against a log, he cried out to God for help. Within the next few moments, he heard what sounded like horses and a wagon. He called into the night. The wagon stopped, and off jumped my great grandfather, Malcolm Burley, who loaded Percy and took him back to his sawmill. Malcolm invited him into his work shack, shared a meal, and Percy told my grandfather the wonderful story of God's love and Salvation. That night my great grandfather trusted Jesus as his personal Saviour. This life-changing news was too good to keep quiet about, and so he asked Percy to travel 15 miles to where my great grandmother Carolyn was staying with her parents. Percy trudged off in the morning, and there was joy that evening when the three heard God's call and decided to trust Christ as their Saviour. Malcolm and Carolyn's eight children were, by this time, older teens or newly married. While they all heard the gospel message, only Joe received God's Salvation. One of Joe's brothers was Fred, my grandfather. Fred provided a loving and caring home for my Dad and his three brothers. Still, it was without prayer or regular Bible reading, but God wasn't finished with this family. My father, at the age of 21, was given a gospel tract by a workmate, and for the first time in his life he was told he could have his sins forgiven and eternity in Heaven. It wasn't long before he chose to follow Christ as his Saviour. And so, God's calling continues, onto me and my siblings, onto my children who have heard the Gospel message and now my grandchildren. They get to choose if they will receive it or not. God forces no one to accept it. The Bible tells us that "many are called but few are chosen." More simply stated, the "chosen" are those who come when they have been called. God is not willing that any should perish. Have you ever heard God calling? To many, it comes through a happy or tragic life event. It may come through a radio program, a Bible opened in the hotel room, a gospel text hanging from a wall. Maybe it came through Christian parents or a Sunday School teacher that are still praying for you. God is not short of ways to display the message of His saving grace. God also fulfills his promise of Jeremiah 29:13, where He says, "And ye shall seek me, and find me when you search for me with all your heart." One of the best ways to hear God speaking to us is through the Bible – His Living Word to man. Take your Bible and read the first five chapters of The Gospel of John. Do it more than once. Before you read, pray, "God, if you have something to say to me, I'd like to hear it." In these chapters, you will discover who God is and the Salvation He offers to all.

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Winkler Auto Dealers lend a helping hand

The Winkler Auto Dealers—Hometown Service, Janzen Chevrolet Buick GMC, and Southland Honda—together donated \$3,000 towards the new Greg Ens Memorial Park being built in front of the Winkler arena. Here, Jody Hildebrand Southland Honda, where Ens worked for many years, presents the Winkler Horticulture Society's Jodi Szutu with the donation. Donations like this are what makes such community beautification projects possible, says Szutu, thanking the auto dealers for their generosity. A lot of progress has been made on the park so far this summer, she notes, including completing the front brick wall and planting numerous trees. Still on the to-do list is to improve site drainage and install a picnic shelter and a fire pit area.

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• FAITH FOCUS

Love never gives up

One summer I took a mission trip with some young adults to Kentucky and one of our projects was to help put a peaked metal roof on a trailer home.

It was an older gentleman living on his own, and his place and yard was a disaster; he looked like a disaster, dirty and disheveled. But that week as we got to know Frank and his story.



By Terry Dueck

As we treated him with respect and dignity as we began to clean up around his trailer and build out the roof, we began to see this incredible transformation take place with Frank. Day after day, love began to do a work in him. He began to smile and laugh more, he cleaned up the pile of dirty dishes, soon coffee was made in the morning

and he'd offer us a cup. He began to comb his hair and tuck in his shirt. He began to believe in himself, because love believed in him.

It's a lasting memory for me, that love moves powerfully when there are those willing to believe in someone, even when they don't believe in themselves.

In one of his letters to the church in Corinth, Paul gives us this fantastic picture of what it looks to love like Jesus. He writes, "Love never gives up, never loses faith, is always hopeful, and endures through every circumstance."

We live in increasingly cynical times, and we so quickly question the motives of people, particularly of institutions, like our government, the police,

our schools, our churches, and in all those conspiracy theories and one-sided social media rants, the danger is that it will begin to erode a basic trust in each other—in our families.

I firmly believe people tend to become what we believe them to be. Our community, our family will live up or down to the expectations and language we use. We will see others through the lens of the language we speak of them. So if you constantly talk about your mom or your dad as being judgmental, unkind, selfish, that's who they will become to you. But for example, if you tell a child, "take a big swing, you can hit that ball" they'll go to the plate and swing like Babe Ruth or Mike Trout.

Husbands and wives, parents and kids, teachers and students, friends and co-workers, even neighbors—what a difference it can make when we believe the best in those around us. We all need someone to say to us, "I believe in you. No matter what happens, we're going to make it through

this together."

Moms and dads, or really any of you who are in a position of influence with someone in the younger generation, we have to give our kids a future to aim for, a home that is worthy striving for as they get older. Love gives the next generation something to believe in, and if we don't, we steal a future from them they never realized possible.

I realize that in real life love is often crushed, bruised and rejected. There is a huge amount of risk in never giving up on hope, in believing the best about others. Sadly, people often abuse love that is freely given. I'm learning to accept that, because in the end, if grace and forgiveness doesn't change the other person, you are still changed by it, and we get a chance to love like God loves.

Remember, Jesus and his love never gives up on you!

—Terry Dueck is the lead pastor at the Winkler MB Church

> CANTELON, FROM PG. 7

Frank Herbert's stellar *Dune* series; I have finally finished Robert Jordan's 14 book *Wheel of Time* series; *Let the Right One In* by Swedish author John Ajvide Lindqvist; *The Witcher* by Polish author Andrzej Sapkowski, and more.

Notice a theme? I tend to like fantasy, sci-fi, and horror.

While some would listen to self-

improvement or other non-fiction books, I like to use the commute to relax before and after work. I mean I will be spending the whole day in professional development to one degree or another and reading solely for the sake of fictional enjoyment is a mind-broadening experience.

If you happen to pass me on the highway between here and Win-

ipeg, I am likely in the middle of reading a book. But have no fear—I am also actively focused on the road and my surroundings.

In the meantime, feel free to send me some audiobook suggestions. I'm always looking for the next, great page-turner, er, ear-burner?

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Southern Health the first RHA in Canada to 'Use Blood Wisely'

By Becca Myskiw

Southern Health-Santé Sud is the first health region in Canada to receive the Using Blood Wisely designation.

Using Blood Wisely is a movement, as described by Dr. Denis Fortier, vice-president of medical services with the RHA. The designation signifies each transferring facility in Southern Health meets the national benchmark of blood use.

Fortier said medical professionals, himself included, typically order two units of blood for a patient who requires a transfusion when one unit is often all they need. He said the habit comes from medical school and being in rural Manitoba and ordering more rather than less to save time in the future.

"Sometimes when you do that you end up wasting blood," he said. "And we don't want to do that cause it's a precious commodity."

Ordering excess blood not only costs

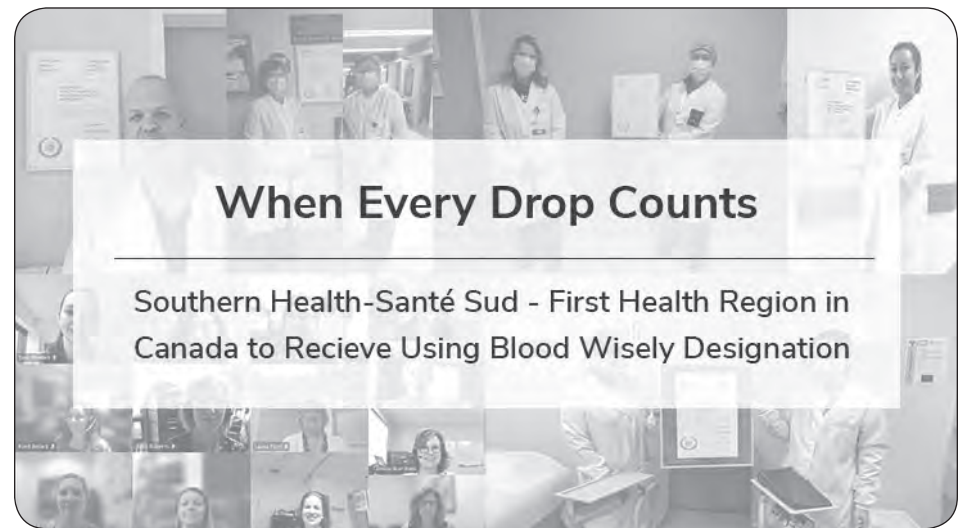
money and wastes a high-demand product, but it also wastes human resources. There's nursing time, lab time, transfusion time, transport time, and more for each unit.

Shared Health brought the evidence that a single unit of blood is just as good to Southern Health's board over a year ago. They had been doing the pilot project in a few hospitals and wanted to add a few in the region, but Southern Health decided to do it in all their hospitals rather than just a few.

Now, a year later, the pilot project is over, and Fortier said they found that ordering less blood saves the same number of lives and it saves resources, so they're continuing with it.

"We have policies and procedures created; we're not going to change them," he said. "We'll continue business as usual, and this is our new business as usual."

According to Shared Health, across the region, single-unit transfusions meet the national benchmarks after 90 per cent of the transfusions in June



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Southern Health-Santé Sud staff have been working to use blood more wisely over the past year.

of last year used a single unit of blood. In addition, at Bethesda Hospital between December 2020 and June 2021, the practice resulted in a 40 per cent reduction of blood waste.

Using a single unit of blood instead of two does not change the patient's

outcome, said Fortier, as this is practiced in non-emergent cases. Instead, it maximizes patient benefits and minimizes transfusion, reducing the risk of adverse events from it while better utilizing the blood supply.

Stanley man arrested, facing two charges of exposure

By Voice staff

Winkler Police have arrested a 36-year-old man from the RM of Stanley in connection with two incidents of indecent exposure that took place this summer.

On June 22, police received a complaint that a man driving past a young girl walking along Pembina Ave. lifted himself up in the seat of his vehicle and exposed himself to the girl.

Officers investigated the incident but were unable to identify a suspect.

Then, on July 19, police received a report that the same female youth was walking in the area of Southview Dr. and 3rd St. South that evening

when she saw a vehicle stopped at the intersection for an abnormally long time.

As she approached the intersection, the driver of the vehicle motioned to her and began driving forward, turning directly in front of her.

The girl looked into the vehicle and saw that the male driver was intentionally exposing himself to her.

She obtained a vehicle description that was forwarded to police.

Based on that description, police were able to identify a suspect in both of these incidents. He was arrested on July 21.

The suspect will be charged with two counts of exposure to a person under the age of 16 years.

He was released on an undertaking with several conditions and a court date in Morden Provincial Court.

Police say the victim and the suspect do not appear to know each other.

In order to protect the identity of the victim, no further information has been released by police.

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Morden native pens trio of thrillers

By Lorne Stelmach

A career in psychology may not have materialized for Clarke Wainikka, but it does influence the author now with three books to her credit.

Wainikka, who grew up in Morden, is making a name for herself in writing psychological thrillers.

"I'm grateful I have my psychology degree ... I have used quite a bit of information from having that degree even though I'm not in the psychology field," she said in a phone interview last week. "It gave me a base knowledge to write about these types of subjects, I guess, with a little more respect and just more of an open mind."

"I've always been interested in stories that follow characters who are flawed or characters who have lots of problems ... I'm a big fan of character development. I like being able to see a character at the beginning be different from who they are at the end of the book."

Now based in Winnipeg, Wainikka is the creator of compelling dark fiction thrillers and mysteries including *Cedar Dolls* and *The Resemblance*.

She has been published by Gestalt Media and the Alternative Stories & Realities Podcast, and she was a finalist in the 2021 Screencraft Cinematic

Book Competition for her psychological thriller *All Junkies Float*.

Her captivating writing style and ability to build tension were fortified through a journey that has included teaching English and assisting ESL students with writing challenges, and her passion for developing complex characters recovering from personal trauma was deepened further by her bachelor's degree in psychology in 2016.

"I really enjoyed studying it, but psychology is a difficult field. If you just have your bachelors, it's kind of difficult to get very far without a master's degree," Wainikka suggested.

"While I was taking my schooling, I got into teaching English as a part-time job, and that work led into a lot of different things. It kind of snowballed," she explained. "I started online teaching Latin American students English, and from there it progressed to teaching children in China, and then I moved to Korea for a year and taught English over there."

While teaching in Korea, she had a spare each day, and she used that time to write. It led to her finishing a novel, although she described that effort as "an absolute mess."

Back home teaching at Robertson College, she began more seriously building the foundation for her professional writing.

"That all kind of started the ball rolling for my writing, as I got that interest in the actual structure of writing and grammatical components," Wainikka recalled. "I had never really had enough of that base to pursue



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Morden native Clarke Wainikka is making a name for herself writing psychological thrillers.

writing actively."

It was an interesting coincidence then that, in 2018, she started writing *The Resemblance* at a time when she worked briefly in Morden Collegiate in a support role.

"It's kind of funny that my first book that I published was written pretty much exclusively in Morden," Wainikka noted.

Early on as a child, there was an interest in writing, but it wouldn't have necessarily foretold a future career.

"I had always been a creative person and always enjoyed writing, but I had never really thought of it as a feasible option until I started teaching English," said Wainikka.

"I was an active participant in the festival of the arts when I was a kid in a variety of ways ... I was never really a talented artist though in terms of illustrating, but I still have several stories from my childhood ... I tried to write my first book when I was about seven years old. I was an active writer

and reader from a very young age.

"It's just funny how the places that we come from can kind of instill inspiration in a variety of ways," she continued as she contemplated how the community here may be an influence.

"Morden is a beautiful place; there are amazing people in Morden and friends that I've made for the rest of my life from Morden," Wainikka said. "There's a bit of an echo chamber within Morden ... I think it has really helped me with capturing that experience through my characters."

"I get a lot of inspiration from different settings ... and I think Morden definitely has a certain quality to it ... there is a strong sense of community ... that has come into play."

Wainikka noted that at some point, when public health order restrictions allow, she would welcome an opportunity to do a reading or an event in her hometown.

"I do hope there will be an opportunity for me to come to Morden."

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Faces of Winkler returns

Winkler Arts and Culture shines a spotlight on eight Winklerites with artwork, photos

By Ashleigh Viveiros

Visitors to the Winkler Arts and Culture Centre will get the chance to see some familiar faces up on the gallery's walls next month.

WAC's annual Faces of Winkler exhibit is back starting Aug. 3 and running through to the 28th at the Park St. gallery.

"Each year we get the community to nominate people to be part of Faces of Winkler and then we pair each nominee with an artist and a photographer to create the pieces for the exhibit," explains education director Jennifer Penner.

Artists try to capture a bit of who the person is in their work, Penner says, explaining that for her painting on Carol Neufeld, a longtime and avid volunteer with the Winkler Horticulture Society, she included lots of flowers to depict that part of Neufeld's life. "Carol's very gentle-natured and kind and friendly, I think that's how most people know her, so I tried to incorporate that into her piece."

Artists are given free reign in what medium or style they use to depict their subject, so the show can be quite varied.

"I think this year we might have a fairly large range of mediums, though I'd guess the majority will be paintings," Penner says, explaining she

hasn't seen what all the other artists have created just yet.

Each display also includes a photograph of the person and a write-up outlining a bit about their involvement in the community.

"We're looking for anybody who has made the community a better place," Penner explains, noting that includes everyday people who make up the fabric of the community in ways both big and small.

This year's honorees include Neufeld, Steve Banman, Kelly Morgan, Mark Wilson, Randy Rietze, Valerie Harder, Jayme Giesbrecht, and Isaac A. Dyck.

Contributing artwork and photographs to the show are Penner, Kelly Klages, Anna Martens, Moses Rietze, Ray Derksen, Arianna Derksen, Scott Bell, Olga Krahn, Herb Kuhl, Alejandro Penner, Steve Hiebert, Sally Dueck, Darren Crane, and Walter Dueck.

With public health restrictions easing, the gallery is planning to open its doors for the first time in months next week to fully-vaccinated patrons (as per current health orders).

Faces of Winkler can also be viewed online at winklerarts.com.

You can also head to the website to nominate subjects for Faces of Winkler 2022.

Carol Neufeld is one of eight Winklerites being honoured in Winkler Arts and Culture's 2021 Faces of Winkler exhibition next month. Her painting was done by WAC's own Jennifer Penner. Other locals selected as subjects are Steve Banman, Kelly Morgan, Mark Wilson, Randy Rietze, Valerie Harder, Jayme Giesbrecht, and Isaac A. Dyck

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ART CAMPS COMING UP

In addition to the Faces show, the art gallery is hosting an outdoor kids summer camp later this month.

There are two sessions available: Aug. 16-20 from 10-11 a.m. and Aug. 23-27 from 2-3 p.m.

Instructor Kelly Nault will lead kids

through basic techniques using watercolors, acrylics, pastels, and air dry clay. Participants will also learn about the colour wheel and the use of space and composition in art.

The camps are for kids age 6-12. Registration details are available at winklerarts.com/events.

Musical theatre camp hosting medley show Friday, Aug. 13

By Ashleigh Viveiros

Missing community theatre? The Douglas Kuhl School of Music has the cure.

DKSM's first musical theatre camp, dubbed Songs in a New World, is taking over the Parkland stage in Winkler Aug. 5-13.

A dozen young performers will spend the week singing and dancing under the tutelage of accomplished musical theatre pro Janna Larsen in preparation for an outdoor performance open to the general public Friday, Aug. 13 at 7 p.m.

"Janna has put together a show where she's drawn different songs from a number of different musicals,"

explained DKSM director Rochelle Drudge.

Everything from *Les Misérables* to *Hamilton* to *Mary Poppins* is represented, among many others, with the songs selected expressing some of the emotions and experiences many of us have had over the past pandemic-plagued year.

"It's an attempt to give artistic expression to a difficult time and invite the public to reflect on this time—not just with an opinion on how to respond to the masks or vaccinations, but on what this time has been for us and especially for young people," Drudge said. "It's not a new story, but an invitation, through song and move-

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Concerts in the Park moving to Parkland stage

By Ashleigh Viveiros

The Parkland hills will be alive with the sound of music this summer.

Winkler's Concerts in the Park series is back for an at least six-week stint starting this Thursday, July 29.

The weekly shows are normally held in Bethel Heritage Park downtown, but this year they're moving to take over the Grandeur Ave. stage by the baseball diamonds.

"We needed to abide by the public health orders that are put in place right now," Winkler events coordinator Nolan Dueck explained of the move. "Currently you can have 150 people at an outdoor event but it does need to be a controlled event, so you need some kind of bordering, you need to make sure the 150 people who sign up are the ones who are there."

"So we decided to rent some fencing that will go all the way around the stage and bowl ... so we can have a contained area with a gate for people to check in at."

Tickets are still free, but you do need to pre-register for them on Eventbrite (a link to the ticket site has been posted on the City of Winkler's Facebook and web pages).

Up first this week is The Soul Revue Band featuring Jayme Giesbrecht, JP Lepage, and some of Southern Manitoba's most in-demand musicians performing the music of Aretha Franklin, Etta James, Sugar Pie Desanto, Ray Charles, and others.

Dueck says they're still working out the schedule for the rest of the summer. He invites performers to get in touch with him if they'd like to take the stage.

"Anybody's who's interested, who's been practising and looking to do a show, we're more than happy to fill up the stage as much as we can with local artists," he says, noting they hope to offer a variety of genres throughout the summer, including one night aimed at kids. "We want to make sure that everybody can come out and enjoy ... we'll try to have a little bit of ev-



Winkler's Concerts in the Park series returns for six weeks starting this Thursday, July 29. Tickets are limited due to health restrictions.

everything."

The series will run until Aug. 26 but could be extended if there's enough interest.

Likewise, if the 150 tickets go quickly each week and there are enough people clamoring for more, organizers may look at doing two performances a night going forward.

Shows start at 7 p.m. Tickets become available the week before.

Dueck also wants the community to

know that the Parkland stage, fenced off as it is for the next two months, is available if anyone else wants to put on a controlled concert or like event.

"If there's church groups or youth groups or anybody who wants to do some kind of event, we can definitely utilize that space as much as possible," he says.

Further details are available by contacting Dueck at the Winkler Rec. Department.

Folklorama returns with online festivities August 6-8

By Voice staff

Folklorama will be bringing the world to Manitoba in a modified format this year.

Organizers have announced that the festival, thanks to sponsorship Manitoba Liquor Marts, will be offering three themed nights of entertainment streamed free online.

"We are thrilled to be able to deliver a unique Folklorama experience to festival goers both local and international," says executive director Teresa Cotroneo.

Folklorama Fusion will include performances from some of Manitoba's favourite ethno-cultural performers Aug. 6-8.

Friday, Aug. 6 will feature Asia and Africa, Saturday, Aug. 7 will display The Americas, and Sunday, Aug. 8 will showcase Europe.

During each show, viewers will get to learn about each performance and the importance of keeping culture alive.

A full performer lineup is available at folklorama.ca/festival/schedule-free-access.

"Today definitely marks a moment in Folklorama's history that we will never forget," says Stan Hall, Folklorama board president.

"The idea of the Folklorama Fusion event began in the fall of 2020, when we met virtually with our pavilions," he explains. "With the reality that a festival as we have known would still not be possible in 2021, the one message that resonated was the importance of keeping the spirit of Folklorama alive and finding a way to come together safely."

"I would like to take this moment to thank all of our communities—our Folklorama family—for coming together for the better."

The festival is also launching a new virtual marketplace on its website offering treats from the various cultural pavilions.

Learn more online at folklorama.ca.

> MUSICAL THEATRE CAMP, FROM PG. 11

ment, to be thoughtful about how we have and continue to navigate the stress of the pandemic and how that plays out in our lives."

Seats are limited to 150 people. Ticket information is available online at dougaskuhlschoolofmusic.com.

Mother-daughter duo compete in Sask.



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Morden's Candace Olafson (who competes as Candace Collins) and her daughter Rylee (right) took part in the Carnduff Dash for Cash Jackpot in Saskatchewan over the weekend, bringing home a number of prizes for their efforts in the barrel racing events. Rylee is headed to the Manitoba High School Rodeo Association finals this weekend.

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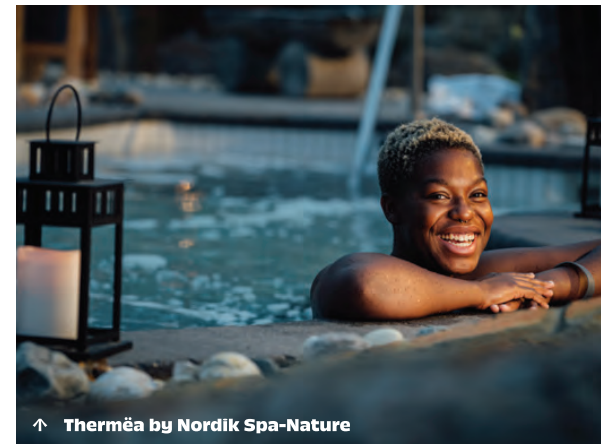
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↑ Winnipeg Art Gallery

1 PASSION & HISTOIRE

When you visit Winnipeg's **St. Boniface** neighbourhood, you'll find its Francophone history, architecture and culture lining the streets. Cross the striking **Esplanade Riel** pedestrian bridge that links The Forks and downtown Winnipeg to St. Boniface.

Start at the information centre inside the former **St. Boniface City Hall** building on Provencher Boulevard. Here you can book a walking tour, get information or watch a documentary about the history and passion of Manitoba's Francophone community.

Next, check out le **Musée de Saint Boniface Museum**, the oldest building in Manitoba. Built more than 170 years ago, the building was originally a convent. Today, it is full of Francophone history and art, including a permanent exhibit on Louis Riel, the founder of Manitoba. A block away is the **Saint Boniface Cathedral**.

The current church was built in 1971 after a fire burned the majority of the previous church. The old facade from 1894 still stands tall in front of the modern building, making for stunning photographs. Louis Riel's tombstone sits in the cemetery in front of the cathedral, where a plaque informs visitors about his life and legacy.

Another St. Boniface treasure is **Fort Gibraltar**. This replica of a 19th century North West Company fur trading fort features costumed interpreters who bring the fur trade period alive. You can also visit **la Maison Gabrielle Roy**, the original home of the renowned Franco-Manitoban author. Her hometown and the house itself are featured throughout much of her work. Round out your visit to St. Boniface with a croissant from a local bakery, a beverage from a neighbourhood coffee shop or a meal at a bistro.



↓ Assiniboine Park Zoo

2 A WALK IN THE PARK

A day spent at the **Assiniboine Park Zoo** is an absolute must. The Journey to Churchill exhibit features an underwater viewing tunnel to watch swimming polar bears and playful seals. See Arctic fox, caribou and wolves, along with tigers, gibbons and other exotic animals. Check

out Aunt Sally's Farm, where colourful bridges give safe passage to goats and kids can play next to the animals. Another playground option in **Assiniboine Park** is the wide open space in the **Nature Playground** or spend some time in the tranquil **Leo Mol Sculpture Garden**.

3 THE ART OF RELAXATION

The **Winnipeg Art Gallery's** iconic downtown building features a modernist design and more than 27,000 works of art. Browse the galleries where local Manitoba and Canadian artists are at the forefront, along with international works representing various cultures, centuries and mediums.

Now open is **Qaumajuq**, the WAG's Inuit art centre. The architecture was inspired by Canada's northern landscape and it is home to more than 14,000 pieces of Inuit art, many of which are on display in the visible vault. The first of its kind in the world, Qaumajuq offers a space where Inuit voices are held front and centre. This accessible space combines art and technology to create direct connections to the land, people and culture of the North.

After all that exploring, you're probably ready to relax.

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Winnipeg boasts a variety of hotel options to suit any need, from trendy boutique hotels in the heart of downtown, to family-friendly hotels with pools and waterslides close to your favourite attractions. Many hotels offer special packages, so now is a great time to stay overnight in Winnipeg.

Find a hotel and plan your Winnipeg getaway at travelmanitoba.com/road-trips.

Every August, the Christian faith communities of Winkler gather together for an outdoor service on the final day of the Harvest Festival.

While the festival is a no-go this summer, that's not stopping the service from going ahead—albeit in a different format than usual.

This year's community worship service is going virtual, explains Pastor Randy Smart on behalf of the Winkler and District Ministerial.

"We did not want to just cancel," he says, noting all the speakers who had been lined up for the cancelled 2020 service were willing to be part of it again this year.

But with public health orders still capping outdoor events to 150 people, organizers needed to get creative.

"Many churches have been doing online services during the pandemic," observes Smart. "We decided to prepare an online service for Aug. 8



which could be used by the churches and available to the entire community."

The pre-recorded service will be made available to churches to use as they see fit in that Sunday's service—both on screen in their building and on their websites for those at home to view.

"The gatherings will be smaller than meeting as one group in Winkler Park, but we hope that the opportunity for a shared service might be appealing," says Smart, stressing this long-running tradition is an important act of community.

"When we gather as a larger group from various churches we have an opportunity to remember that Jesus Christ came to create a community of people who love God and who love each other," he says. "The worship of God and co-operation together is a healthy thing and helps us to humbly and gratefully remember that we are to be like a family here. We are not in competition. We respect and co-oper-

ate together."

On tap to speak at the service is Danny Mackay, who found Christ while on the run in a stolen car. He went on to work in camp ministry, as a worship leader, youth pastor, national spokesman for World Vision, and global missionary with I Am Second.

Also providing testimony is Ryan Rempel, founder and project director of the Bible distribution ministry Give the Word.

Rounding out the service will be music from Orlando and Grace Sukkau and a children's feature from community theatre director Jeanette Hoeppepner.

The Winkler and District Ministerial Board includes representatives from many local churches, but not all. If you'd like to watch the service but your church isn't streaming it, you can head to ourbethelchurch.com Aug. 8 to check it out.

Easing restrictions could lead to rising accidents: MPI

By Voice staff

With pandemic restrictions easing, more people are back out on Manitoba roadways—and accidents are expected to rise accordingly.

Manitoba Public Insurance reports that the number of fatalities and serious injuries in motor vehicle collisions spiked last summer when public health orders were scaled back between the first and second waves of the pandemic.

As we head into another period of loosened restrictions, they're urging drivers to take extra care.

"While we are all looking forward to getting back to regular summer activities with friends and family, we can't forget about road safety," stressed Satvir Jatana, MPI's chief customer officer. "The increases in deaths and serious injuries we saw last summer can be avoided if we all commit to making better choices behind the wheel."

In 2020, 29 people were killed on public roadways in August and September—a 79 per cent increase compared to the previous five-year average of 16 fatalities during these two months.

Furthermore, the number of people killed in collisions where distracted driving was a factor (20) quadrupled

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Building Winkler's crown jewel

The Winkler Horticulture Society has been beautifying our city for over two decades. This summer we'll be chatting with some of its longtime volunteers about a few of the major projects they've managed to complete in that time, forever changing the landscape of Winkler. In this week's edition, Bethel Heritage Park:

By Ashleigh Viveiros

It's late 2007 and there's a gaping hole in downtown Winkler where the Bethel Hospital had stood for decades.

Decommissioned with the opening of the Boundary Trails Health Centre, this place of healing sat empty for years before finally being torn down to make room for something new.

The question, though, was what?

"They wanted the fire hall built here, but we really wanted a park, both the horticulture society and heritage society," recalls MaryAnne Siemens, a member of the Winkler Horticulture Society. "It was central in the city and it could be a nice green space, we

thought."

A cairn in honour of Winkler's Jewish settlers had already been installed on the site a few years before, and with the then new Winkler Library located right next door, a park seemed a good fit for the property.

Discussions went back and forth for a time, but eventually the council of the day opted to find a different home for the fire hall (down the road on Pembina Ave.) and to gift the land to create what would become Bethel Heritage Park.

MaryAnne was on the park committee—made up of reps from both the horticulture and heritage societies—from the get-go. She was eventually joined by her husband Bill, who took on the role of chair.

With seed money from the City, the group set out to plan what has been dubbed the "crown jewel" of Winkler.

It was no small task.

Initial plans from the architects took a much more modern approach, recalls Bill.

"They saw the library there and ... they were thinking this should be something that should blend with the library's design," he says, gesturing to mock-ups that depict a very different kind of park, more futuristic than traditional.

It wasn't a design that meshed with the committee's dream for the space.

"We envisioned the theme of the park to be weighted towards heritage," Bill says, explaining the hope was to



PHOTOS BY ASHLEIGH VIVEIROS/VOICE

MaryAnne and Bill Siemens were on the committee that spearheaded the creation of Bethel Heritage Park a decade ago. They've been involved in its upkeep ever since.

try and tell the story of the community through the park's various features.

For example, the grand entrance gate isn't there just for looks—it's meant to echo the gates prosperous Mennonites in Ukraine had at the entrances to their own properties.

It's also symbolic of the journey of Winkler's earliest settlers.

"The first Mennonites, they went through many gates" as they searched for a home throughout Europe and

Russia, Bill says, "and then they made their way here."

After walking through the gate, one finds themselves at the Bethel Hospital Memorial Wall, which tells of the campaign to get the hospital built and how it served the community well for generations. Fittingly, a few of the

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The park's entrance gate is meant to echo the gates used by prosperous Mennonites in Ukraine to mark the entrance to their properties. It also represents the many gates Winkler's earliest settlers passed through en route to finding a home in Canada. Right: This tree is a descendent of the 1,000-year-old Chortiza Oak in Ukraine.



> BETHEL HERITAGE PARK, FROM PG. 17

original bricks from the hospital make up the wall.

The park also includes Winkler's veteran's cenotaph on one side and a memorial to conscientious objectors on the other. They're on opposite sides by design, as they represent a rift in the community that persisted

for decades.

"The controversy between being a CO and being a veteran, that's part of our history," says Bill. "There was healing, but it took years."

Likewise, the Jewish cairn sits on the northwest end of the park. On the southeast corner is a cairn for



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The Siemens have been involved in seeing to the overall care of the park for over a decade. They're retiring from that role this year.

early German settlers. Nearby is a tree grown from a seedling from the 1,000-year-old Chortitza Oak in Ukraine.

It's all meant to represent all aspects of Winkler's heritage, including those who were, at one time or another, at odds with each other.

"For us, we thought, you know, there was a hospital here, that was a healing space, and this is a continuation of that," MaryAnne says.

That healing is further symbolized by the park's central fountain. A replica of the Bethesda Fountain in New York City, Winkler's version likewise refers to the healing powers of the water.

Augmenting all this history are a few classic park features: a winding walkway, a giant gazebo, a performance pavilion facing a grassy area perfect for hosting audiences. Countless trees, shrubs, and floral beds top everything off.

The Siemens, who have remained involved with the park's upkeep since its grand opening in 2010, including designing the annual floral displays, feel a measure of pride when they see people making use of the space they helped build.

"It's gratifying to see the community using it," says MaryAnne, stressing, though, that it very much took everyone to turn dream into reality. This is

truly the community's park, she says, made possible only through the support and hard work of countless people.

"We wanted this to be a community effort. We wanted everybody in to take ownership of it," Bill adds, noting they raised over \$1.5 million to build it, relying not just on major corporate sponsors—of which there were many—but also everyday people opening up their wallets to give what they could.

The Siemens are stepping back from their role as park overseers this year, passing the torch on to someone else to see to its ongoing care and development.

"I'm curious to see what they'll do," MaryAnne says.

Even as she says that, it's clear she's not out of the game just yet.

"I sometimes think, as I sit here, if maybe another tree should be there," she points to an empty space on the hill by the pavilion.

"We should plant another tree there," she says to Bill, before the pair of them walk off to check on the health of one of the other trees, their job not done quite yet.

We'll wrap up our series in a few weeks with a look at the creation of the Parkside Pioneer Patch.

BASF Safety Scouts Program keeping farm families alive

By Becca Myskiw

BASF Canada Agricultural Solutions, in partnership with the Canadian Agricultural Safety Association (CASA), recently launched its Safety Scouts Program in the hopes of educating young farmers on how to be safe.

Last year, CASA partnered with BASF Canada Agricultural Solutions to launch a resource page for farm families. It has information on how to decide when a youth is ready for certain farm tasks, safe play areas on the farm, information on parent-kid safety contracts, and more.

Robin Anderson from CASA said it's a one stop shop for farm safety. And now, they've progressed the program to include the Safety Scouts Program, which is safety kits for farm youth.

Each kit includes a safety vest, name badge, colouring sheets, and a membership certificate. They're completely free, and each family can order up to three at a time at <https://www.casa-acsa.ca/en/resources/for-kids/>.

Anderson said they're well-rounded

and give families an opportunity to start a conversation with their children.

"This is a great way for farm families to talk about farm safety," she said. "The reality of it is Canadians still die in agriculture-related incidents. We still lose children adults and seniors in farming. It's devastating"

Anderson said almost each incident that leaves someone dead or injured is preventable. CASA and BASF Canada Agricultural Solutions is hoping the Safety Scouts Program will help lower the number of incidents and keep more people safe.

"We want farms to thrive and succeed," she said. "And we want farms to last for generations, they can't do that if they're not safe."

So far, over 700 kits have been ordered from across Canada. Anderson said she hopes more people will hop on the site and order the kits for their families, starting the safety conversation in their own homes.

She said safety vests aren't the "end all, be all," though, and the conversa-



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BASF and CASA have launched their Safety Scouts Program to keep farm families safe.

tion that should come with it is important. Safety on the farm, she said, prolongs agriculture in Canada, and keeps farming alive for generations.

"We know that people are interested in safety and keeping kids safe," she said. "It's just more tools in the tool kit to keep families successful and safe."

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Mudhens, Whips battle to a draw

By Voice staff

The Winkler Whips and the Morden Mudhens battled to a 1-1 tie July 20 in Winkler. The game went to an extra inning but had to be called due to darkness.

Winkler went on to bow to the Altoona Bisons 4-2 three nights later while Morden fell to the Carman Cardinals 8-6.

Midway through the shortened season, Morden and Winkler both have a 2-1-1 record to clinch the top two spots in the Border Baseball League's East Division ahead of the Bisons (2-2 at press time) and the Cardinals (1-3).

This week, the Mudhens play host to the Whips Friday at 7 p.m. at Buhler Field.



A Mudhen slides safely into third base in last Tuesday's match in Winkler against the Whips, which ended in a 1-1 tie in extra innings as night fell.

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Flyers add new goaltending coach, personnel dir.

By Voice staff

The Winkler Flyers are still on the hunt for a new head coach, but in the meantime they're rounding out their behind-the-scenes staff.

The junior team announced last week that Jesse Deckert is coming on board as goaltending coach and Riley Dudar is stepping into the role of direc-

tor of player personnel.

Deckert is from Winnipeg and comes to the role with extensive experience in both the sport and the position of goalie.

"Jesse brings a wealth of knowledge in respect to all aspects of goaltending and we feel fortunate to have him come on board," says general manager Justin Falk.

Deckert played five years of WHL hockey for Regina, Tri-City, and Prince Albert, before playing four years with the University of Manitoba Bisons.

He has also attended two NHL training camps and finished his career with stints in the ECHL and AHL.

"I'm honoured to be a part of the Flyers organization and the community of Winkler," Deckert said. "Working with Justin and Riley, who I feel are two of the most passionate, brightest hockey minds in Manitoba, was a no-brainer and I can't wait to get started."

Also hailing from Winnipeg, Dudar brings over 15 years of experience in development, mentorship,

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high-level training, and the promotion of athletes through many Hockey Canada Skills and Hockey Manitoba programs.

"We are thrilled to have Riley on board as we continue our goal of success and development of players within a winning junior program," said Falk. "Riley's knowledge and expertise in the identification of potential players and prospects that align with the Flyers criteria will prove to be a perfect fit for our organization."

After stints in the BCHL, SIJHL, and MHL Dudar went on play five years with the University of



Joining the Flyers behind-the-scenes this season are Riley Dudar (left) and Jesse Deckert.

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Orioles put a stop to four-game losing skid

By Lorne Stelmach

The Pembina Valley Orioles halted a four game losing skid in earning a split of their Sunday MJBL double-header.

The Orioles rebounded from a lopsided 11-1 loss to St. James in game one in Winnipeg by outscoring the A's by a 12-7 count in game two.

It followed a pair of losses earlier last week by scores of 2-0 at the hands of the Altona Bisons Friday and 6-4 against the Carillon Sultans last Wednesday.

General manager Jim Odlum said the team welcomed seeing some things finally go in their favour with the win.

"All of a sudden, things suddenly started going our way ... the second game, we put up five in the first inning and kept the ball rolling," said Odlum. "Other than the one game [Sunday], we've been in all our games, and we just weren't getting the big hits when we needed them, the timely hits. We have runners on and runners in scoring position then we didn't come up with the hits."

The Orioles picked up their first road win of the season against St. James and were now at 1-5 away from home while 3-2 here in Morden.

The Orioles were sitting in fifth



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Members of the Pembina Valley Orioles recently received some belated honours with the presentation of awards from last season. Seen here are Tyson Pringle, all-star left handed pitcher, Jared McCorister, all-star designated hitter, coach Justin Odlum, Darian Peters on behalf of Tristan Peters, who was rookie of the year, batting champion, and all star fielder, and coach Steve Sager.

place at 4-7 in the middle of the pack in the standings going into the second half of the shortened 2021 season, and they were a half game behind fourth place St. James, which has a game in hand at 4-6.

Leading the league are the Altona Bisons at 9-2 followed by Elmwood at

8-1-1 and Carillon at 4-5-1, while trailing the Orioles were Winnipeg South at 3-6 and the Interlake Blue Jays at 2-7.

Pembina Valley hosts Elmwood this Wednesday before welcoming Winnipeg South for an August long weekend doubleheader next Monday af-

ternoon, and Odlum hoped they can carry over some momentum.

"We've got some tough games coming up ... every team, there's going to be no pushovers," he said. "I think we'll be alright going into the playoff weekend."

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Manitoba. He followed that up by serving as assistant coach at the university while also playing with the Winkler Royals of the SEMHL.

Dudar is eager to get to work.

"I'm really looking forward to joining an organization that has so many fantastic people who will work together to build a championship caliber team in the Winkler community," he said. "The opportunity to work alongside a like-minded person in Justin is something that doesn't come around too often and I'm humbled and honored for the opportunity to identify and develop the next wave of talent for the Flyers."

Dudar's duties will consist of leading a scouting team in the drafting and recruitment of future players as well as the overall enhancement of the Flyers' 50 man list.

Splish Splash adds Winkler Wednesdays

By Ashleigh Viveiros

As the hot days of summer stretch on, Lake Minnewasta's Splish Splash Water Park is making it a little easier for Morden and Winkler residents to cool off.

The park's Morden Mondays are back, offering Morden residents discounted rates once a week through the summer. They're joined this year by Winkler Wednesdays for those living in the neighbouring city.

"We started Morden Mondays at the end of the year last year and the Morden residents just loved it," says the park's Marshall Champagne.

"Since Morden and Winkler are so close, a lot of people were asking if Winkler counted for this too. We hadn't initially done that but we didn't want people to think they were



VOICE FILE PHOTO

Morden and Winkler residents can now get into the Splish Splash Water Park at Lake Minnewasta for a discounted rate on Mondays (for Mordenites) and Wednesdays (for Winklerites).

being left out."

The fact the alliteration worked so well was a bonus, Champagne notes.

"That worked out pretty well," he says, laughing before adding more seriously. "It helps the community by offering cheaper prices and it helps us boost our sales on slower days."

This is only the park's second summer at the Morden lake but they've already grown significantly.

"This year our park is about 30-40 per cent bigger," explains Champagne. "We got a bunch of new parts

because we did hit capacity a lot last year."

New to the park is a rope swing, mini slide, rope slide, balance beam, long slide, and another trampoline and X ladder.

That means there are more structures to climb, slide, bounce, and jump from than before and also ups the park's overall capacity, Champagne says, noting that even with pandemic restrictions they haven't had to make much use of a wait list to get people out on the water.

"So we're pretty happy about our new sizes and capacity," he says. "We've heard from so many people that they love the new additions and the kids are having a great time with them."

On Morden Mondays and Winkler Wednesdays, the usual \$30 day pass (12-8:30 p.m.) costs \$18 while the \$17 evening pass (5-8:30 p.m.) is cut to \$12. Proof of residency is required. The discount is not offered on holidays.

Head to splishsplashwaterpark.com for further details.

Manitoba 55+ Games have been extended through the rest of the summer

By Sydney Lockhart

The Manitoba 55+ Games is usually a three-day event. But this year, because of COVID restrictions, they have morphed into a virtual summer-long activity challenge for those wanting to participate and stay active throughout the warm season.

"That was pretty exciting basically we are about halfway through now," said coordinator Karyn Heidrick. "We wanted to be able to give seniors at least something that they could look forward to and stay connected to the Games and to each other because a lot of them are friends and they see each other, year after year."

The Games usually gather approximately 800 to 1,000 participants. Communities bid to be the host of the Games, but due to the pandemic they have not been able to do that the past few years. As a result, the 2020 Games were outright cancelled with the risk of COVID-19 too high.

This year's virtual event was originally slated to run for a month but is now on until the end of August.

"We still want anyone who is interested to be able to sign up, because we still have a lot of summer to go in Manitoba, we kind of like to get every inch of summer out of that we can," said Heidrick.

By keeping track of activities as a registered participant, prizes can be awarded at the end of the Games, things such as walking poles, exercise bands, and gift certificates. All events are done virtually by participants tracking their own activity, preventing travel during the pandemic.

"It's really interesting to see the participants that have already signed up," said Heidrick. "What they've been doing is challenging their friends or their relatives or their neighbors to some friendly competition."

Participants such as 82-year-old Ida Theodore from Swan River participate every year. Theodore has played golf in all but one 55+ Games since she became eligible to participate, and she has been golfing almost every day this month for this year's competition.

The Games started in 1983 and have aimed to keep seniors healthy and ac-



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Ida Theodore taking part in the Manitoba 55+ Games virtually this year.

tive through sport and community. Some of the oldest participants are in their 90s. The competition includes walking, running, cycling, golfing, bocce ball, pickleball and many more events.

Manitoba 55+ Games is asking that participants submit stories and photos of their virtual experience this year to share them within their community.

To sign up, visit activeagingmb.ca.

Program of Excellence Summer Camps to take place Aug. 13-15

Submitted by Hockey Manitoba

Hockey Manitoba is pleased to announce that the Program of Excellence (POE) Summer Camps for the Female U18 and Male U16 programs are scheduled to take place from Aug. 13-15 at the Bell MTS Iceplex.

The 2021 Program of Excellence will be invitation only. Invited players will be notified via email with full details on registration and cost. On-ice activities will be dependent on public health orders at that time.

The summer camps will be the first step in the evaluation process for the 2021 POE. Players that are ultimately selected to represent Team Manitoba will compete at the 2021 National Women's U18 Championship and the 2021 Western Hockey League (WHL) U16 Cup.

Male U16 POE Eligibility/Selection

Athletes are selected utilizing a network of scouts (WHL/MJHL) designated by Hockey

Manitoba.

Athletes for the 2021 U16 Program of Excellence must be male and must be born between Jan 1, 2006 and Dec 31, 2006.

For an athlete to be eligible for selection into POE they must be a permanent resident of Manitoba and be registered with a sanctioned program within Hockey Manitoba (AAA, AA, A or Sport School) or Hockey Canada/USA Hockey sanctioned programs.

Female U18 POE Eligibility/Selection

Athletes are selected by Hockey Manitoba utilizing scouting information from Hockey Canada, Hockey Manitoba scouting staff and club team coaching staffs.

Athletes for the 2021 Female Program of Excellence must have been born between Jan 1, 2004 and Dec 31, 2005.

For an athlete to be eligible for selection into POE they must be registered with a sanctioned program within Hockey Manitoba (AAA, AA, A

or Sport School) or Hockey Canada/USA Hockey sanction programs.

Athletes that participate in the WWHSHL are ineligible for the Female Program of Excellence unless they are also registered to a sanctioned minor hockey program.

While there have been positive changes within the Manitoba Public Health orders in recent days, the 2021 POE will be significantly different than the usual program format. Hockey Manitoba realizes that athletes have had limited, or in some cases, no access to ice time for the better part of the past 15 months. As a result, the circumstances surrounding the 2021 POE are not ideal when it comes to the selection of athletes. Despite these difficult circumstances, Hockey Manitoba is committed to doing its due diligence when it comes to all decisions related to player selection and evaluation.

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in those months, while the number of people killed when not wearing a seatbelt (eight) more than doubled.

In 2020, instances of speeding also significantly increased, according to MPI data. Last year, over 500 speed related Serious Offence Notices (issued when someone goes 50 km/h or more over the speed limit) were forwarded to MPI from law enforcement, a 60 per cent increase from the previous year.

"MPI has shared this data with police agencies throughout our province and they indicated

they are prepared to address this potential increase in high-risk driving behavior in a proactive manner," Jatana noted. "But all road users have a role to play in ensuring our highways and streets are safe.

"We encourage all Manitobans to focus on road safety this summer, which means not driving while impaired by drugs or alcohol, keeping speeds within the posted limits, and putting down our phones so our attention is on the road at all times."

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Unite 150 plans to bring together an impressive lineup of Manitoba talent for a free live-streamed event next month.

On Saturday, Aug. 28, the Manitoba 150 event will be live streamed through CTV Winnipeg.

The event was originally planned as a free all-day live concert on the Manitoba legislature grounds, but the pandemic pushed those plans back.

Now, the long-anticipated concert will be moved to Shaw Park in Winnipeg, where limited admission will be available to fully vaccinated audience members. This venue will allow for contact tracing and adherence to current health and safety regulations.

In an effort to increase the live audience capacity, Unite 150 will feature two separate shows, with one scheduled for the afternoon and the other for the evening. The venue will be cleaned in between.

A limited number of tickets will be available for those interested in attending the live taping at a cost of \$4.99 each. Funds will be donated to the Manitoba Association of Friendship Centres.



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Bachman Turner and Burton Cummings will be together again live in concert celebrating the music of the Guess Who on Aug. 28.

The capacity is still being determined, but organizers expect that it will be capped at about 6,000 attendees per show.

The afternoon show will start at noon, hosted by Tom Jackson and Jocelyne Baribeau. Chantal Kre-

viazuk with the Winnipeg Symphony Orchestra will headline the concert. Other performers include William Prince, Fred Penner, Tal Bachman, Andrina Turenne, Rainbow Stage's MA-BUHAY!, Red Moon Road, Jocelyn Gould and Indian City.

The evening show will start at 6:30 p.m., hosted by Ace Burpee and Laura Lussier. Bachman Cummings will headline the concert, which will also feature Tom Cochrane, Begonia, Doc Walker featuring Sierra Noble, Tom Jackson, The Lytics, Sebastian Gaskin, Kelly Bado and The Manitoba Youth Chorus.

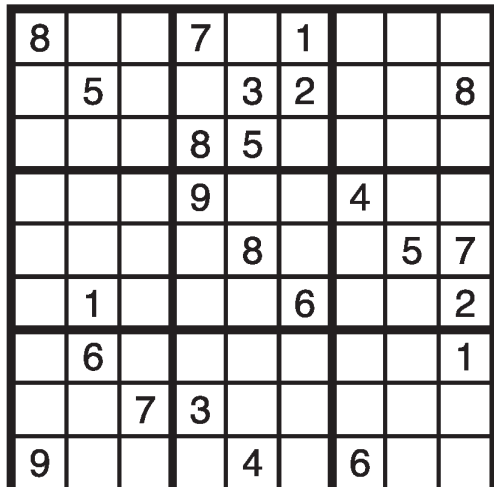
A series of short videos on Manitoba and its history will be interspersed throughout the performances.

Tickets will become available at Ticketmaster.ca on Aug. 10 at 10 a.m.

The live stream of the Unite 150 concert, which is presented by Bell MTS with support from the provincial and federal governments, will be available to view through CTV Winnipeg at manitoba150.com.

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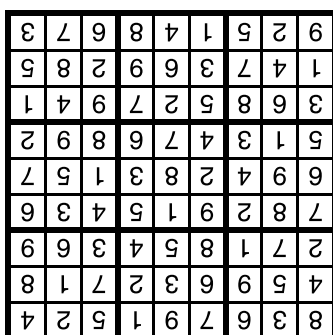
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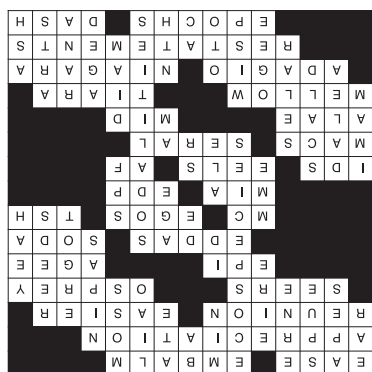
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Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken down into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numeric clues already provided in the boxes. The more numbers you name, the easier it gets to solve the puzzle!



Sudoku Answer



Crossword Answer

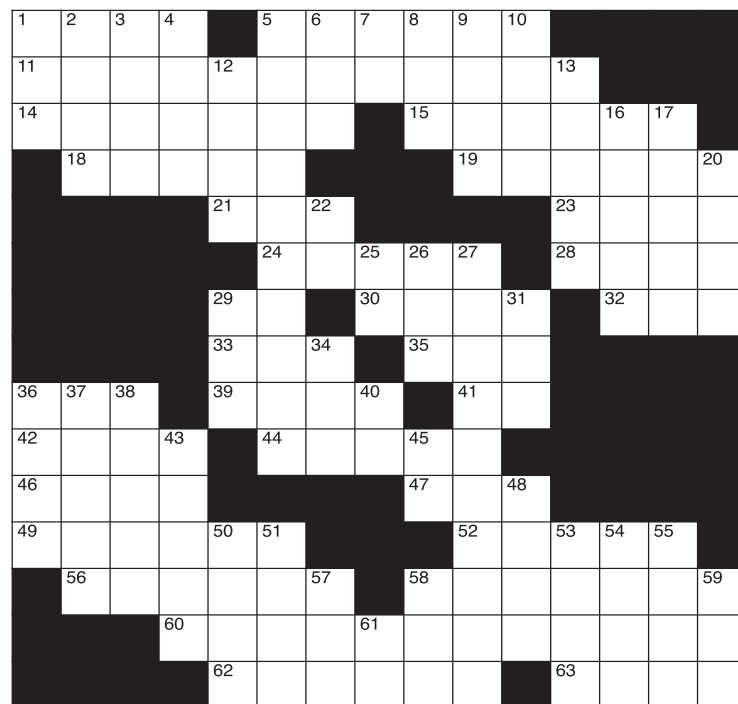
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CLUES ACROSS

1. Absence of difficulty
5. Preserve a dead body
11. Gratitude
14. The act of coming together again
15. More cushy
18. Visionaries
19. Fish-eating bird
21. Indicates near
23. NY Mets legend Tommie
24. Icelandic poems
28. Pop
29. Hammer is one
30. Senses of self-esteem
32. Trigraph
33. Not around
35. Electronic data processing
36. Driver's licenses and passports
39. Snakelike fishes
41. Military flyers
42. Raincoats
44. Type of community
46. Feature of worm's anatomy
47. In the center
49. Laid back
52. Jewelled headdress
56. In slow tempo
58. ___ Falls
60. Saying things again
62. Periods in history
63. Hyphen

CLUES DOWN

1. Body part
2. Mimics
3. Expel or eject
4. Sea eagle
5. Subdivision of cenospecies
6. Dialect of Chinese



7. Mr. T's character on "The A-Team"
8. Consumed
9. Chinese dynasty
10. NFL great Randy
11. Ireland
12. Palm trees
13. Fungal disease
14. Willis and Jerry are two
15. Affirmative!
16. Potato state
17. "The First State"
18. A way to develop
19. Associations
20. Woman (French)
21. Sunscreen rating
22. Brew
23. Mosque prayer leader
24. Indigo bush
25. Burn with a hot liquid
26. Jr.'s father
27. Scad genus
28. Morning
29. Length of a straight line (abbr.)
30. Double curve
31. Small thin bunch
32. Worn by exposure to the weather
33. Mars crater
34. Humanities
35. Of the ears
36. "To the ___ degree"
37. Residue
38. It keeps you cool

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> MEAL IDEAS



Vegetarian Stuffed Peppers

cooked white rice, for serving
Preheat oven to 400 F.
Rub bell peppers with 1 tablespoon oil then use grill, broiler or gas stovetop burner to cook peppers, turning occasionally, until well charred, 12-15 minutes. Transfer to bowl, cover and set aside until cool enough to handle, about 10 minutes.

In large skillet over medium heat, warm remaining oil. Add onion and cook, stirring occasionally, until starting to brown, 3-5 minutes. Add mushrooms, garlic salt and black pepper; cook, stirring occasionally, until mushrooms are browned and liquid is almost entirely evaporated, 7-10 minutes.

Rub charred skin from bell peppers. Slice off tops and remove seeds. Fill bell peppers with mushroom mixture, top with cheese and arrange in baking dish. Replace bell pepper tops and bake until cheese melts, 8-10 minutes. Serve with cooked rice.

Prep time: 25 minutes
Cook time: about 1 hour
Servings: 4
4 red bell peppers
1/2 cup, plus 1 tablespoon, vegetable oil, divided
1 cup white onion (about 1 medium), 1/4-inch diced
4 cups cremini or brown mushrooms (about 1 pound), 1/4-inch diced
1 teaspoon garlic salt
1 teaspoon black pepper
1 cup Real California Oaxaca cheese, shredded



California Queso Fresco Fish Tacos

1/2 teaspoon ground cumin
12 corn tortillas
6 ounces Real California Queso Fresco cheese, crumbled
2 medium ripe tomatoes, diced
1 cup shredded cabbage
To make avocado radish salsa: In small bowl, combine avocados, onion, radish, chile peppers, cilantro, garlic and lime juice. Add salt and pepper, to taste. Set aside.

Heat grill to medium heat.
Rinse fish and pat dry with paper towels. Rub oil on both sides to coat; season with salt and pepper, to taste. Grill fish 6-9 minutes until cooked through; cool slightly. Remove skin and bones; cut fish into 1 1/2-inch strips.

In medium bowl, toss fish with lime juice and cumin. Warm tortillas in microwave or at 275 F in oven.

Place equal amounts of fish, cheese, tomatoes, cabbage and salsa in center of each tortilla. Roll up tacos to serve.

Substitution: Use Real California Asadero or Monterey Jack cheese for Queso Fresco.

Servings: 6 (12 tacos)
Avocado Radish Salsa:
2 medium avocados, chopped
1/3 cup finely chopped onion
3/4 cup diced radish
5 serrano chile peppers, seeded and finely chopped
3 tablespoons cilantro, finely chopped
1 clove garlic, finely chopped
1 lime, juice only
salt, to taste
pepper, to taste
Tacos:
1 1/2 pounds swordfish, or other whitefish, steaks or fillets
vegetable oil
salt, to taste
pepper, to taste
1 tablespoon lime juice



Christine Ibbotson

You wrote a column a while ago about encouraging our adult kids to make it on their own financially. It seems to me that this new generation really can't afford to do that and I think they should stay at home as long as they can. Susan

Thank you, Susan for this comment – there is indeed a lot of parents who agree with you, however at some point your adult children have to eventually find their own way without the continued financial support from their parents. I will agree that it may be a little harder for the new X & Y generations who still want to do what others have done - buy a home, pay off school debt and eventually save for retirement. The Generation X are those born between 1965 to 1980, (aged 41 to 56), and the Generation Y are those born between 1981 to 1995, (aged 26 to 40).

Today, basic needs for this new group of spenders, is much higher and has now outpaced the average for inflation. The cost of purchasing a home in Canada has risen from approximately three times the disposable income in the 1990's to seven times the household income. House prices have skyrocketed more than anyone could have imagined due to COVID. The increase in the cost of living compared to past generations has dramatically challenged the ability of Generation X and Y to achieve their goals. They definitely need to be more creative when dealing with this new reality.

Let's look at the differences in the generations. Baby boomers tended to be extremely loyal and more of a team player when it came to their work environments. They were less adaptable to change and most would agree, are even now, not as tech-savvy as the newer generations. Generation X'ers are said to be very self-confident and quite demanding when wanting to have their opinions heard; while Generation Y are even more independent, confident and tend to be more obsessed with social media. Both these new generations have something in common. They both have felt the impact of a two-working parent family, the rise in divorce, and they have had much less stability with their employment opportunities.

Due to a higher cost of living and a low-rate environment that has fu-


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eled the propensity to reach for credit, these two groups, especially Generation X, is now finding themselves in more debt than ever before. As a whole, they have less access to company pensions even though they want to retire at an earlier age; have ongoing education expenses for themselves and their children; have increased costs for the basics like food and housing; and now may have the burden of the anticipated care for their parents. This of course changes the way they view the world and how they plan to make their way forward.

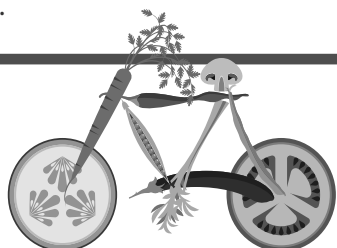
Expanded digital technology provides knowledge, transparency and clarity for these new generations who are more confident, optimistic and smarter than any generation before them. They will need to get into the habit of budgeting more, saving more, and most of all planning for their future. That being said, they are not afraid to get uncomfortable and to try new things which is an amazing advantage over past generations who would shy away from getting out of their comfort zone.

Saving for the future with regular monthly contributions is of the utmost importance for these two generations, utilizing TFSAs, RRSPs, company pension/savings plans, personal savings accounts, and participating life insurance. Planning, learning and talking to others who have been successful is the key to balancing current financial needs and meeting long-term goals. Yes, it will be a little harder for these two generations to retire debt-free and wealthy. They may have to work longer or be more creative when developing a wealth building strategy; but they will get there. It is said that when times are harder, more challenging and problematic; we become better, more resilient and actually discard our self-doubt to aspire to greatness. I am excited to see what these two generations do in the future.

Remember, winners will always find a way to triumph over adversity no matter what the odds. These two generations are more educated, more confident, more optimistic, and they CAN achieve more. The fact is, if you believe that you were born to just grow up and pay bills; well, that's all you'll do. But, if you believe that you can do more and become better than you are right now – then get started, be focused, and stick to your plan. You'll get there – I promise.

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

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We will forever remember you.
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-Sunday, Centennial and Anna

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Terry Buhlin
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Looking forward to our meeting with Jesus
-Karen and Bill Klassen and family

IN MEMORIAM



Walter Hildebrand
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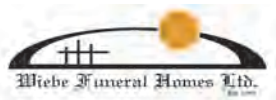
John J. Hamm 1920 - 2021

John J. Hamm was born in Friedensruh to Jacob and Anna (Friesen) Hamm on April 22, 1920. He was the third oldest of a family of seven. Dad was raised and went to school in Friedensruh. He worked as a farm labourer after his schooling. He was baptized on May 24, 1942 by Bishop (Uncle) Jacob Froese in the Old Colony Church in Chortitz. Dad married Aganetha Hiebert on October 28, 1945 in the Hamm family home in Friedensruh. He worked on a few farms after they were married with a highlight being the five years on J. M. Froese farm in Reinfeld. In 1952, Dad and Mom bought Grandma and Grandpa Hamm's homestead in Friedensruh where they then ran a small mixed farm. Dad worked several seasonal jobs where he made friends for life. Dad enjoyed numbers and this skill was used in various places: School Board, Committees, Auction Sales and their church. Doing activities with numbers such as math papers, Sudoku and dot to dot were some of his favourite pastimes in his last days. After retiring to Winkler in 1986, Dad and Mom were very busy volunteering. After moving to Cedar Estates in 2002, they enjoyed getting involved with many friends through Bible Studies and other activities. Dad filled the role of collecting fees for meals in the common room and threading needles for the women sewing MCC blankets. Seeing his children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren together at family gatherings gave Dad much pleasure, especially the little ones. He loved to see everyone enjoying themselves and being happy together. Dad was very devoted to Mom and that became more evident as Mom's health began deteriorating. He helped her with cooking and household duties so they could remain in their home as long as possible. When Mom went into long term care in 2015, Dad remained in their condo on his own until 2017. He had a fall in 2016 when he broke his hip. He recovered well from that, but after another fall in 2017, he was hospitalized and it was decided it would be best for him not to be living on his own. After his stay at BTHC, he awaited placement at Carman Hospital for eight months before moving to Salem Home in April 2018. During this time, Dad suffered from recurrent liver problems which caused frequent infections and many trips to Winnipeg for ERCP's and then later, drainage tube replacements. Dad suffered a lot, but he never complained and always reminded us that "The Lord takes care of me" and "The Lord makes no mistakes". After a fall on July 5, Dad's condition seemed to change, and he went into palliative care at Salem Home until his passing on Sunday, July 18, 2021 at 2:15 a.m. As a family, we were privileged to spend the last days with Dad at his bedside.

Dad was predeceased by Mom on July 28, 2017; his oldest son, John on February 21, 1981; his parents, Jacob and Anna Hamm; his brothers, Jake (and Justina), Peter (and Tina), Abe; sisters, Anne (and Abe) Thiessen and Tina (and Abe) Harms. He is survived by daughter-in-law, Isabelle Hamm; son, Jake (and Carol) Hamm; daughters Anita (and Allen) Kehler, Kathy (and Cornie) Blatz, Betty Ann (and Abe) Dueck; 14 grandchildren, 32 great-grandchildren and several others special friends who are part of the family. Also surviving are his brother, Henry (and Hilda) Hamm and sister-in-law, Agnes Hamm.

A private funeral service was held with interment at the Winkler Cemetery. Special thanks to the Salem Home staff for the loving care they gave to Dad, especially during COVID-19 with all the restrictions. Dad so often said "Don't worry about me. They take good care of me." Also, thanks to Kiley, of Wiebe Funeral Homes as well as all those involved in the funeral service.

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OBITUARY



Helena Fehr (nee Wolf) 1939 - 2021

Peacefully, on Tuesday, July 20, 2021, Helena Fehr, aged 82 years of Morden, MB, formerly of Cuauhtemoc, Mexico, went to her eternal rest.

She was predeceased by her husband of 39 years, Jacob Fehr. She leaves to mourn her passing three daughters, Liz and Ben Wiens of Winkler, Mary and Brad Elias and Linda Hiebert both of Morden; three sons, Cornie and Cheryl Fehr, Jake and Mel Fehr, John Fehr all of Morden; 17 grandchildren, three great-grandchildren. She was predeceased by six sisters, Elizabeth, Maria, Sarah, Katherina, Margareta, Aganetha, and one brother, Cornelius.

After Mom and Dad were married, they immigrated to Canada. They settled in Morden. Mom enjoyed her work at Pembina Poultry Plant for many years. Mom enjoyed cooking for and getting together with family, especially her children and grandchildren. After Dad passed, Mom moved to Winkler where she enjoyed making new friends at her apartment complex. Eventually, her health dictated her move to the Pembina Manitou Health Centre. She thrived there under the care of wonderful staff and made many new friends. In recent years, her heart had started to fail. She spent time reading and reciting her catechism, enjoying recreational activities and visits from family. On July 20, 2021, after a short battle with Congestive Heart Failure, mom passed away peacefully while surrounded by family.

Outdoor funeral service was held at 2:00 p.m. on Sunday, July 25, 2021 on the Chortitz Old Colony Mennonite Church grounds with interment at the Church Cemetery.

If friends and family so wish, donations may be made in Helena's memory to the Pembina Manitou Health Centre.

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OBITUARY



Helen Hiebert (nee Hildebrand) 1929 - 2021

The family of Helen Hiebert formerly of Winkler, MB are deeply saddened to announce her passing at Tabor Home in Morden on Monday July 19, 2021 at the age of 92.

She was predeceased by her husband, Abe Hiebert on December 21, 2017; two brothers, John and one in infancy and two sisters-in-law, Katie and Susan. She is survived by one sister, Marge Siemens (Menno); two brothers, Bill Hildebrand (Katie), Henry Hildebrand (Grace) and their families. She will be dearly missed by her son, Ken Hiebert (Diane) and two daughters, Sharon Friesen (James), Laurie Hiebert (Garry); six grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren. Mom's love of life will continue to live on in all of us.

A private funeral service was held with interment at Westridge

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Douglas (Doug) Wayne Janzen 1970 – 2021

Doug Janzen was born on January 6, 1970, in the Bethel Hospital in Winkler, MB and died accidentally on Saturday, July 17, 2021. He grew up in his parents' home on 7th Street South in Winkler and attended school in the community, graduating from the Garden Valley Collegiate in 1988. Doug attended Sunday School, Youth Group and church at the Winkler Berghaler Mennonite Church together with their entire family. Youth pastor at that time, John P. Klassen, said that he was a handful at times, and his long hair was a sign of that attitude. Many friendships were also established in those years, especially through sports. Doug was a gifted athlete who played minor league baseball as a catcher. However, his first love was hockey. He began as a center and had quite the scoring

talent. He even scored six goals in one game in which his team won 11-0. When a defenseman was injured, he filled in that vacant spot. But when Doug turned 12 his team needed a new goalie and over the years, he would become quite the accomplished goaltender. Later he also would play for the GVC Zodiacs. However, his love of hockey diminished when he started to care more about buying a motorcycle and having a girlfriend. A year after he graduated, he was married to Lori Wall on September 10, 1989. A son, Markus was born to them on September 16, 1994. However, their marriage ended in 2012. Later Doug found a new partner in Connie Reimer. They were married on October 21st, 2015. Doug gained two stepdaughters from his marriage to Connie: Chloe and Katrina. Doug started working at a very young age in his Dad's store, Janzen's Variety. He worked there until he was 15 when the store was shutdown permanently. Doug was a bit heartbroken because he had planned on taking over that store someday. After working at Janzen's, Doug would find employment at WBS Construction doing cleanup at construction sites and applying tar to the newly shingled roofs. One day he was called into the office and informed that they wanted to move him into the Economy Hardware store (later named Winkler Building Supplies) but that meant a big change, a haircut, and he agreed, which marked the end of long hair for good! When the lumber yard closed in 1992, the Benjamin Moore sales rep., Gordon, wanted to maintain a dealership in Winkler because it was a growing community. He had to convince his credit manager in Toronto that he wanted this 22-year-old to be that person. Doug did end up with a small line of credit to begin his new business at 586 Centennial Street, a dark, gloomy cubby hole. And then Mother Nature intervened with a vicious hailstorm in the month of May that damaged the siding on many homes in Winkler and the vicinity. With all the insurance claims, Doug was able to grow his business very rapidly that summer. In June of 1993 younger brother, Darryl joined the business. Five years later in 1998, a first expansion took place in Winkler. In May of 1999 a second location was opened in Steinbach and Darryl moved there to serve as manager. Another location was added in Brandon in April of 2001. The stores continued to grow, especially with the addition of hobbies, games, crafts, and a huge selection of Lego! Staff numbers increased quite rapidly as well. A fourth store was purchased in 2018 in Portage la Prairie when the owner retired. And shortly after that, a fifth location was added in Winnipeg in 2019. Doug was a businessman with great ambition. However, he never lost sight of supporting the community, often in quiet unassuming ways. During the many years in business Doug attended numerous conventions which would often be combined with holiday time. He also enjoyed a motorcycle holiday to B.C. and back on his Harley Davidson! As well as many trips to Sturgis, South Dakota with his friends. Doug thoroughly enjoyed riding motorcycle and would take advantage of any chance he got.

Doug's faith journey was definitely filled with its ups and downs. There were times when he drifted away from the church. He was later baptized by Pastor Walter Enns of Victory in Christ Church in Winkler. More recently it seemed that his faith in Jesus was personal, quiet, yet still very real. Through the many years working in this community Doug touched many lives. Some on a more personal level with customers from the store. But also in helping many causes he believed in as well. If he couldn't donate his time, he would donate product to camps, MCC, Adult & Teen Challenge and many other causes. He really cared for and supported the entire Pembina Valley region.

Doug is survived by his beloved wife, Connie; son, Mark and his wife, Sonja; two stepdaughters, Chloe (fiancé, Lincoln) and Katrina; his parents, Menno and Nettie Janzen of Winkler; three brothers, Gary and Michelle Janzen of Abbotsford B. C., Randy Janzen of Winkler, and Darryl and Alexandria Janzen of Mitchell, MB. as well as numerous cousins, nephews and nieces. We mourn very deeply, but not without hope! To God be the glory! Thank You for Your saving grace in Doug's journey of faith! We look forward to meeting again! The family.

If friends so desire, donations may be made in Doug's memory to Adult and Teen Challenge, the Eden Foundation or to the Children's Hospital in Winnipeg.

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OBITUARY



Jacob Friesen 1926 – 2021

On Saturday July 17, 2021 at Salem Home in Winkler, MB Jacob Friesen, aged 95 years, 2 months, 20 days went to meet his Lord and Saviour.

Jacob was born on April 27, 1926 in the Rosenfeld district, the seventh child of Heinrich and Anna (nee Klassen) Friesen. Here he grew up and received his formal education. From December 1944 until May 1945 Jacob served as a Conscientious Objector at a Pulp and Paper Mill in Savanne, Ontario. He was baptized on the confession of his faith as a young adult and accepted into membership of the Sommerfelder Church. On August 1, 1948, Jacob was united in marriage with Anna Wiebe by Rev. Jacob Unrau in the Sommerfelder Church. They were able to share joys and sorrows for 39 years, 11 months, and 22 days. The union was blessed with three daughters; Margaret, Esther and Loreen.

Our Mom passed away at age 57 years on July 22, 1988 of cancer. Dad married Tina Wiebe on August 19, 1989 and they were blessed with 24 years, 8 months and 17 days of marriage. Farming was a way of life for many years in the Rosenfeld district. In 1964 Dad moved his family to a farm north of Morden, where he resided until 1968, when Winkler became his home. Other interests ended his farming career in 1971. Those new interests included taking Grade 10 education upgrading classes, Pic a Pop store manager, Salem Home maintenance and Manitoba Housing manager. In his retirement years, Dad lived in several senior complexes and enjoyed each move. He enjoyed travelling and served on several short-term voluntary service assignments with MCC. He made lifelong friendships through these experiences. Dad struggled with dementia in the last few years, but his faith in Jesus remained unwavering. He reminded those around him on many occasions that Jesus was always with him.

Dad will be sadly missed, but lovingly remembered by three daughters and their families: Margaret (Cornie) Fehr, grandchildren, Melanie (Ed) Penner, great grandchildren, Trenton, Delaney; grandchildren, Mark (Andrea) Fehr, great grandchildren, Mya, Wyatt, Esther (Bill) Klassen, grandchildren, Julia Adams, Steven (Taniesha) Klassen, Jyles Klassen, Loreen Froese, grandchildren, Alana Froese, Charla Froese. Dad is also survived by brother, William (Anne) Friesen and numerous relatives and friends. We sorrow not as those who have no hope, but fully believe that Dad has gone to be with his Lord and Saviour, to enjoy the beauty of Heaven forever.

A private graveside service was held at the Winkler Cemetery. We the family, express our sincere thanks for the many prayers and expressions of love and kindness. Thank you also to the staff at Salem Home and Wiebe Funeral Home for their compassionate care. Thank you to all who had a part in making this service meaningful. If friends so desire, donations can be made in Jacob's memory to Salem Foundation Inc.

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