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Clare Agnew to receive Citizen of Distinction Award

By Lorne Stelmach

Not one but two nominations made Clare Agnew a clear choice to be the Morden Area Foundation's citizen of distinction for 2019.

The community services director's tireless efforts for the city and leading volunteer role in many major community events were the common denominators in the two citations that led to the honour.

"I'm not great being in the spotlight, but at the same time it does feel very rewarding that people in the community feel the work that we have been doing is important and valued," Agnew said last week after learning of her selection for the award.

"It's nice to receive the comments and know that the work being done makes a difference in our community," added Agnew, who will be honoured next Sunday, Aug. 9 at an invite-only event from 2-4 p.m. at Confederation Park.

While the ceremony itself will be limited to 100 people due to COVID-19 restrictions, there are plans for a drive-by greeting reception line in the parking lane on the south side of Stephen St. right in front of the park.

After a short ceremony, Agnew will stand on the sidewalk as people pull up and remain in their vehicles to say congratulations and snap photos before moving along to make room for the next well-wisher.

Agnew has been involved in a lengthy list of events and projects over the years, including heading up sporting events like the 2010 Manitoba Games, the 2017 Esso Cup, and the 2019 U18 hockey championships; facilitating projects like the commemorative war plaques in Confederation Park, the volunteer and minor hockey walls of fame at the Access Event Centre, and Morden's Canada 150 Mosaic; and leading committees for things like Communities in Bloom and the Morden and District Horticultural Society.

Agnew was also noted for helping coordinate volunteers for COVID-19 essential services support as well as being involved with St. John's Catholic Church.

Nominators Margie Hildebrand and Stephanie Dueck saluted Agnew for "promoting and implementing projects that involve a large number and

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Clare Agnew's tireless work in the community will be recognized Aug. 9 as she receives this year's Citizen of Distinction Award.

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Winkler-Opoly puts a local spin on the classic game

By Lorne Stelmach

A new version of the classic board game Monopoly gives players the opportunity to own some of the most notable landmarks and locations in Winkler.

Developed for Walmart Canada, Winkler-Opoly is selling fast after recently appearing on the shelves of the local store.

Canadian company Outset Media has been producing the localized line of games for communities across North America for about a year now.

"We started with larger cities like Toronto and Vancouver and Calgary and Montreal, but our bestseller last year was Sarnia," noted Jean Paul Teskey,

senior vice president for the wholesale supplier and manufacturer of toys, games, and puzzles based out of Victoria, B.C.

"So based on that success, like Sarnia outselling Toronto and Vancouver combined, we decided this year to make the focus more on the smaller communities that we thought would really embrace the idea.

"I think there's a lot of pride in smaller communities, more so than probably in a larger city like Toronto," he suggested. "In Toronto, we're doing smaller communities within Toronto, and they sell better than the Toronto-Opoly."

Winkler-Opoly replaces the traditional Monopoly squares with land-



marks like the Discovery Nature Sanctuary, Bethel Heritage Park, and the Winkler Aquatic Centre.

A product development team does the research both online and through directly contacting communities to ensure places are still in operation, explained Teskey, who noted they then produce about 700 copies of each game at a time.

"To get something that is so specific to a smaller city or community is rare these days. Most people produce toys

and games like this over in China and Asia," he suggested, noting they are able to customize to a greater degree and do it on a smaller scale.

In the case of Walmart, it means they are dealing with just under 100 communities across Canada.

"We have found that these things are selling out really, really quickly ... some of these small towns, like Fergus, are selling over 500 pieces in a

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Morden police receive \$44K from Criminal Property Forfeiture Fund

By Lorne Stelmach

The Morden Police Service benefited last week from the program that takes money from criminal activity and puts it to good use.

The Manitoba government July 23 invested more than \$85,000 from the proceeds of crime into safety and crime prevention programs for three communities in southern Manitoba. That included almost \$44,000 for the Morden Police Service to update its in-car computers and add licence plate readers.

"We have been a benefactor of many funding grants," said Police Chief Brad Neduzak. "We feel this is a brilliant program. It's a great program that helps us to keep up-to-date on programs and equipment that we need, that are essential."

Making the announcement in Morden, Justice Minister Cliff Cullen said the funding through the Criminal Property Forfeiture Fund helps enhance public safety.

Cash and proceeds from the sale of forfeited property go into the fund, which is used to compensate victims, provide funding to the Victims' Assistance Fund, and promote safer communities by investing in specialized equipment and training for law enforcement agencies and for community initiatives as well.

"It's been proven to be very effective ... I think it provides those agencies with equipment that they probably wouldn't otherwise be able to pur-



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From left: Brandon West MLA Reg Helwer, Morden Police Chief Brad Neduzak, Manitoba Justice Minister Cliff Cullen, and Morden-Winkler MLA Cameron Friesen at Morden city hall last week for an announcement of \$44,000 in provincial funding for the police department.

chase ... would be an excess burden for the local taxpayer," said Cullen.

"So it's been a pretty good effective fund," he continued. "We can take that property and turn it into cash, and then we provide that cash back to police agencies for work in their communities."

"Certainly the \$44,000 I think will be put to great use here in Morden and it will go a long way to enhancing the efficiencies of the police force here in Morden."

Neduzak said the additional funding is vital, as police departments face ever-increasing needs, which put pressure on budgets.

Past funding from this program has supported the development of both the K9 unit and the regional crisis intervention team.

"The startup costs are huge, and that's where the funding is needed, to start these initiatives," Neduzak said, noting the tactical team had close to \$100,000 in costs for equipment, and the K9 vehicle also had to be specially equipped. "That kind of program probably would not get started up as easily as it did ... the money needs to be there to buy the proper equipment so that they are prepared when they're carrying out their duties."

This latest funding ultimately "al-

lows the officers to spend more time out on the streets where they belong," Neduzak said. "They can access the data records, [a] person's information right from the vehicles, right from a crime scene, and that is critical information that is needed at the time."

"Not only is it convenient but it also serves as a safety factor as well to have that information beforehand, before they're dealing with a situation or an individual," the chief said. "This is a very welcome upgrade for our equipment and for all our officers."

In addition to the funding for Morden, the Altona Police Service received \$9,000 to replace its aging radar speed measuring devices.

As well, more than \$34,000 went to the Hutterian Emergency Aquatic Response Team (HEART) to support the purchase a marine sonic side scan sonar that will enable the team to more quickly locate victims in waterways.

Since 2011, more than \$16 million has been distributed to law enforcement agencies and community initiatives through these funds in Manitoba, which also maintains the federal proceeds of crime fund generated from the prosecution of federal offences in the province.

"We want to make sure they have the tools to do the business that they need to do," concluded Cullen, who added as well that "it's a nice opportunity for us to give the agencies a pat on the back for the good work that they do day in and day out in protecting Manitobans."

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wide variety of people of all ages in sport, the arts, nature conservation and local history.

"She goes above and beyond the job description of community services manager for the City of Morden. Clare cares for the community and has made herself invaluable as a collaborator in local projects great and small."

"Clare cares for her community like no one I've ever known," added Brian Thiessen.

"I would say she is forward thinking and is innovative in her ideas and events she plans," he said. "She truly wants to see Morden succeed in every aspect she is involved in, and her actions are always selfless."

Nominators Scott Beattie and Reg Braun noted that "Clare has been a dedicated community member wherever she has found herself in life.

"Communities thrive only when people like Clare recognize potential, work to bring people together and then organize them to achieve what is possible."

"What makes me want to be involved is to try to make opportunities for our community that we might not have had," Agnew said of her motivation for being so active. "And I say we because I think it is really important to recognize all of the people that I work with; I don't put on any of these events by myself."

"My reward at the same time is all of

> WINKLER-OPOLY, FROM PG. 3

week," said Teskey, adding that puts it among the top five of all game sales for Walmart Canada. "It's just nice to do something that is fun and just celebrates different communities across Canada ... it's nice for Walmart to initiate this."

The game gets a big thumbs up from

these friendships and people I get to meet along the way ... it does motivate me to do more for the community. If people like what you are doing, it's easy to do more."

She also offered praise for the community spirit here and recalled how that especially shone through when Morden hosted the Esso Cup.

"We did go to Calgary to a Hockey Canada seminar ... and it was something we recognized at the time that we had somebody in their 50s, 40s, 30s and 20s ... we had four decades of people from Morden represented there,"

Winkler Mayor Martin Harder.

"It's certainly the novelty of it," he said. "All of a sudden you gain some notoriety ... and I think the community here will gobble it up."

"When I take a look at the feedback and the buzz on social media and how quickly the games are snapped

Agnew recalled. "I think that shows the interest is there, and we will continue to have these kinds of events for years to come. Morden has great volunteers and all kinds of interests ... and if you get the right people in the right place, it makes a world of difference."

"As people get involved in our community, it makes our community stronger and it makes them more committed and have pride in their community. So it's all positives from there."

up, obviously people have an interest in it. It's unique, it almost puts you on a grander scale," he said, adding it could "especially be interesting for people who haven't been in Winkler for awhile."

Manitoba dealing with 74 active cases of COVID-19

Public health officials stress that community transmission, test positivity rates remain low

By Ashleigh Viveiros

Public health officials announced six new cases of COVID-19 on Monday on top of another 10 cases identified over the weekend.

That brings the total number of lab-confirmed positive and probable positive cases in Manitoba to 400.

Manitoba's total active caseload as of Monday was 74. A total of 319 Manitobans have recovered from COVID-19 since the pandemic began this spring.

Three people were in hospital at the start of the week, two in intensive care. Seven Manitobans have died due to the virus.

An additional 1,393 laboratory tests were completed on Friday, 1,581 on Saturday, and 808 on Sunday, bringing the total number of tests completed since early February to 84,967.

The current five-day COVID-19 test positivity rate in Manitoba is at 0.45 per cent.

Health Minister Cameron Friesen urges people to focus on that low rate.

"It's a truer representation of the risk in Manitoba" than is the daily number of new cases, he said in an interview last week.

Manitoba had gone nearly two weeks without any new cases of COVID-19 before the numbers began to climb once again in mid-July.

While the numbers have gone up significantly since then, nearly all of the new cases can be traced to travel or close contact with known cases, Friesen said, stressing that public health officials are not alarmed by the recent increase.

"While the numbers have climbed the last number of days, clearly we know that a lot of this spread is at-

tributable in sub-populations," Friesen said. "So that gives us a certain confidence. We know where the cases emerged and the people who tested positive are now self-isolating. That's good news for all Manitobans. The spread of COVID-19 through our communities is still very limited."

PHASE 4 BEGINS

Manitoba entered Phase 4 of its plan to ease COVID-19 restrictions on Saturday.

The government unveiled its updated plan last Thursday after hearing back from over 50,000 Manitobans on the draft plan proposed earlier in the week.

Friesen said they took Manitobans' concerns about relaxing some restrictions too early to heart.

"People had strong opinions," he said, explaining people were given the chance to weigh-in on the draft plan through a telephone town hall and an online survey. "We've listened ... we're endeavouring to make sure that our plan going forward relies on the advice of experts in public health but also reflects the views of Manitobans."

To that end, the province dropped the idea of relaxing the 14-day self-isolation requirement for travellers from eastern and southern Ontario, Quebec, and Atlantic Canada.

It also put the plan to increase the maximum sizes for indoor and outdoor public gatherings on hold for now. Those numbers remain at 50 for indoor gatherings and 100 for outdoor ones.

Walk-up counter service in bars, beverage rooms, brew pubs, micro-



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Minister of Health Cameron Friesen with Dr. Brent Roussin, chief provincial public health officer, at the announcement for Phase 4 of the province's plan to reopen the Manitoba economy.

breweries, and distilleries will also have to wait for a future phase.

What did change on Saturday was that movie and stage theatres and casinos are now allowed to operate at 30 per cent capacity.

Faith-based services are also limited to 30 per cent capacity, but the province has eliminated the need for sub-groups within church buildings.

Residents of personal care homes and long-term care facilities also saw visitation rules relaxed somewhat. They are now able to designate two support people who can visit with them in their own rooms at the same time.

"Public health officials will be reviewing possible adjustments to these things on a week by week basis," Friesen noted. "We will be making additional changes based on the health situation at the time."

"It is not a return to normal," he

stressed. "We are in this for some time."

The minister said Manitoba's continued success in dealing with COVID-19 comes from people's commitment to doing what it takes to protect themselves and others.

"Our plan to reopen Manitoba has been working, but our success in the future is going to rely on the willingness of Manitobans to continue to do the right things," he said. "To comply with the rules, wash their hands, stay home if they're sick, don't go into gatherings over sizes that aren't prescribed."

NEW WINKLER TESTING SITE

The Winkler drive-thru community testing site is on move this week.

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Letters

CHOOSE HEALING OVER HURT

Recently, I've found myself in conversation with people in our community about the name of our seniors men's hockey team. I've been part of the Morden community long enough now to know that this is not a new topic.

When I sat down to write, I considered the many angles to use when discussing this topic: Canada's shameful history with Indigenous people and First Nations, UNDRIP, Hockey Manitoba's recent announcement, Truth and Reconciliation.

Instead, I decided to focus on what I keep hearing from local supporters of the team's "right" (I use that term very loosely here) to hang onto their offensive name.

People tell me, an Indigenous woman, that the name is "not meant to be offensive." It's "meant to honour and respect" Indigenous people.

Being told this, in spite of the fact that Indigenous peoples have been saying the opposite for years, is like a slap in the face.

Being told this, in spite of the fact that the elders and Chief of Swan Lake First Nation have written to request that the name be changed might be laughable if it wasn't so awful.

Being told this after reading the statement from the Southern Chiefs Organization saying they support change is nothing short of absurd.

The Southern Chiefs Organization represents 34 First Nations in Southern Manitoba. The very people that this team claims to "honour" with their name are asking for change. And they are being ignored. There is nothing more disrespectful than that.

I could end this by saying that the time has come for the senior mens hockey team to change their name but that wouldn't be true. It is past time for the name to change.

Choose reconciliation. Choose healing over hurt. Change the name.

Rachelle Fehr,
Morden

IT'S TIME FOR CHANGE

What does the name "Redskin" mean to you?

To me, as a young adult in my late

teens and early 20s it represented the title of my local hockey team, the Morden Redskins. We were young and felt we were their #1 fans! We purchased their jackets (even though money was tight) and wore them with our heads held high. Not because of the name, but because of the men and staff who worked so hard in their sport! They were our champions! And we were proud of them then and are still proud of the successes they have had as a team.

Today, as a 55-year-old, I see the name for what it is. And even though I will always look back on those years as a hockey fan with fond memories, I know it is time for a change, time to move forward, time to improve. It's time to improve our community's appearance and what we stand for. Time to be sensitive to the words we use and the names that don't suit today's culture.

I learned in Grade 6 from a wonderful teacher, Mrs. Laing, that we need to be sensitive to others. To think about how we are helping or hurting others and change our direction when we learn that the actions we are taking, are no longer helpful.

This time has come for our hockey team. Time to update the name and the look of our SEMHL team as part of our community. We have newcomers and Indigenous people coming to our city and wondering why we still have such an outdated name. And that is putting it mildly.

The term "redskins" is by definition, outdated and listed as "offensive" according to the Merriam-Webster Dictionary. If you were to have many conversations with many Indigenous people you might find out that for some it's always been offensive. To the hockey members who wear this name it is a sense of pride and belonging. And to those of us who are still living and learning, we can take a step back and know that it is time for a change.

Today we can look at many changes we have experienced. The use of seatbelts, the use of hearing protection, the inclusive ways in which we conduct our businesses. These changes have not always been easy but we change nonetheless as we learn, consider new ideas, and language developments.

When we know better, we can do better. We know that seatbelts save

lives, we know that wearing hearing protection can help us keep our hearing sharp, we know that we, as business people, have to open up our ways of working to be all inclusive to our newcomers and community members, regardless of race.

It's time to unite for change. A change that will allow any young person today to wear our hockey sweater with a new pride. A new sense of inclusion. A willingness to learn about one another and embrace our differences. In the future, they will continue to have many successes. Hopefully under a new name we can all get behind as a community of people from all walks of life.

We don't want to be the last sports team in North America using Indigenous names and racial slurs.

It's time for change.

Allison Braun,
Morden

NAME CHANGE IS LONG OVERDUE

I'm not going to go into all the reasons I feel the Morden hockey team needs to change its name. Others have been doing a very good job at that for anyone who cares to listen.

My question is why has the team continuously refused to meet with anyone to discuss it? Over the years they have been given countless opportunities by various people and organizations, but the answer is always the same: "The team's president has Indigenous blood and he doesn't want to."

That's not good enough!

I have heard that somehow the team's name represents some sort of noble warrior, but by hiding and refusing to discuss the issue they are portraying the exact opposite of what they claim to represent.

It's long past the time to address this issue. They shouldn't have to have Hockey Manitoba tell them what to do.

The longer they stay silent the weaker they look, not to mention it doesn't make Morden seem like the welcoming city we claim it to be.

Sarah Allison,
Morden

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BTHC Foundation cancels golf tournament, fall gala

By Ashleigh Viveiros

The Boundary Trails Health Centre Foundation has made the difficult decision to cancel not just one but two of its biggest fundraisers of the year.

The foundation announced last week that its popular August golf tournament and October gala dinner will not go ahead as planned thanks to COVID-19.

They had hoped the tournament would be possible as pandemic restrictions eased, but it's become clear that simply isn't the case.

"We really didn't want to cancel it but it seemed to be the right thing to do as a board," says board chair Ben Friesen.

"You can go golfing right now, but in our particular case the fundraising really happened afterwards. The meal where we all got together, that's just not possible right now. So we decided it was in the best interest of all our sponsors and everybody to cancel it this year."

It would have been the 20th annual event. The tournament routinely brings in over \$30,000 for the foundation each year.

Meanwhile, the fall banquet and raffle together raise around \$100,000 for the foundation annually.

While October is still a few months off, it's unlikely large indoor public gatherings will be allowed by then, Friesen said.

"That's a very large event, usually about 350 people," he said, noting

right now indoor public gatherings are capped at just 50 people.

While the foundation does have some money in the bank to cover the anticipated shortfall, losing these major fundraisers is no small matter for the organization.

"Between the two of them, that's a very big loss," said Friesen, explaining the funds help the foundation cover the costs associated with BTHC's palliative care and spiritual care programs. "While we do a lot of other things as well, those two are us 100 per cent. There would not be palliative care or spiritual care in this facility if it wasn't for the foundation paying for it."

The foundation funds the staff for those programs and has also provided furnishing for the hospital's nine palliative care rooms.

That's only possible thanks to donations from the community at large, Friesen stressed.

"Their donations to the foundation allow us to do all of that," he said, adding the foundation is also able to give back to the hospital by purchasing state-of-the-art medical equipment each year not otherwise funded by the province. "It helps make our hospital just that much better."

BTHC Foundation plans to launch a virtual awareness and fundraising campaign this fall in conjunction with the introduction of its new logo and website.

"IT SEEMED THE RIGHT THING TO DO."



PHOTO BY ASHLEIGH VIVEIROS/VOICE

BTHC Foundation executive director Shannon Samatte-Folkett and board chair Ben Friesen are optimistic the community will continue to support the foundation's work, even as they're forced to cancel major fundraising events this year due to COVID-19.

"We're going to be reaching out to the public in many new ways that we haven't before," said executive director Shannon Samatte-Folkett, pointing out this is the organization's 20th year of service. In that time, the foun-

dation has raised several million dollars for hospital programming, equipment, and facility improvements.

Donations can be made online at bthcfoundation.com or by contacting the foundation office.

Testing site on the move

From Pg. 5

Centennial Arena for the first few months of the pandemic, the testing site will now be at the Southland Mall starting Thursday, July 30.

The Park St. drive-thru site is closed

on Wednesday, July 29. Testing resumes at the mall on Norquay Dr. at noon on Thursday.

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Who will Pick the Berries?

My wife called from the kitchen, "Who will pick the raspberries?" Company was coming and I roused to volunteer. It was a hot and muggy day, and the berries seemed to be well into the interior of the patch. There were bees and black flies, and the plants were barbed, and oh, forgot to mention, I get bored easy. To endure until there was enough was going to be a task. I started thinking about visiting my parents on Vancouver Island where my mother had a patch that was smaller in size but very productive. She was known for her raspberries and her summer desserts were always fresh raspberry something. Just then, it occurred to me that when we showed up at Mom and Dads place the work was already done. She had spent her time in the patch, cultivating, pruning, picking, and preparing so that we could just pull up to a place at the table. I'm reminded of Luke 14:17 where God is pictured as a certain man who prepared a great supper and sent out his servants to announce, "Come, for all things are now ready". In the Bible, "Come" is the great invitation word for the Gospel of Gods grace. It is Gods loving invitation to the weary who need rest (Matt. 11:38-40), the sin-stained who need cleansing (Isa 1:18), the hungry who need nourishment (Luke 14:17), and all who thirst for the water of Life (Rev 22:17). There was no greater display of Gods love to man than when, on the cross, Christ cried "It is finished", where he completed the work of redemption for all of man. Now God invites us into fellowship with him based on the work that his Son accomplished on our behalf. The invitation is to Gods full and furnished banqueting table – the place where believers receive the graces and blessings of Christ. We come to God through his Son for in John 14:6, Jesus says, "I am the way, the truth, and the life; no man cometh unto the Father, but by me". We are reminded in John 1:12 that when we COME we BECOME. "But as many as received Him, to them gave he power to BECOME the sons of God, to them that believe on his name". Gods invitation is today (2 Cor 6:2b "Behold, Now is the day of Salvation), and there is an urgency to it. One day it will end; Do not be late.

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\$500K in funding for PVWD conservation projects

By Ashleigh Viveiros

The Pembina Valley Watershed District got word of a major funding commitment from the provincial government last week.

PVWD's Pembina Plum Initiative was selected as one of 20 conservation projects to receive a portion of more than \$5.6 million from the Manitoba Habitat Heritage Corporation via the Growing Outcomes in Watersheds (GROW) Trust and the Conservation Trust.

PVWD will receive \$500,000 in 2020 for its two-year project, which has a total budget of \$1,851,000.

"The natural resource management plans for the Pembina and Plum watersheds have identified watershed

health concerns around drinking water quality and security, excess algal blooms and degraded surface water quality, excess erosion, and sedimentation, flooding concerns and a loss of wetlands and natural areas, especially on steep slopes," said Cliff Greenfield, PVWD manager. "Our project will look to provide annual payments for producers for beneficial management practices that improve on-farm water management, enhanced sustainable agricultural production, improve biodiversity, ecosystem function, wildlife habitat, and carbon sequestration."

The project will result in 825 acre-foot of water storage, 409 acres of protected class one and two wetlands, 12 water retention structures, 750 cattle excluded, two kilometres of riparian

fencing, five acres of the riparian zone protected, six erosion control projects installed, 10,120 trees planted, soil health improved on 1,567 acres, and 80 acres of an at-risk natural landscape protected.

A GAME CHANGER

The GROW Trust is a game changer for Manitoba's watershed districts because it has created a reliable source of funding for vital conservation projects across the province, Greenfield said.

"This funding is going to go to the public interest in private land," he said, noting being able to work with landowners on these kinds of sustainability initiatives is invaluable not just to the property owners—who might

not be able to undertake such projects without some outside financial help—but the watershed region as a whole. "We're all benefiting, so we should all contribute ... it's really an amazing program."

Kaleida-area producers Don and Stephani McLean have participated in conservation improvement projects with the PVWD in the past. They've been happy with the results and look forward to more of the same via GROW.

"This new GROW program looks promising for producers that want to make positive improvements to their farms, both in terms of the bottom line and making the farm and environment more sustainable for the long haul," said Don McLean.

After announcing this year's funding selections, Premier Brian Pallister came out to tour PVWD's service area last week.

"The sites that we showed him ... are indicative of the kinds of projects that will come under the GROW funding," Greenfield said. "One we looked at was a water retention project that has had multiple benefits in the area."

"Watershed management is an important part of our Made-in-Manitoba Climate and Green Plan," Pallister said in a statement. "Local expertise, the commitment of landowners and the support of our partners will help ensure these projects protect our water quality, sustainably manage our natural resources and leave a sustainable legacy for all Manitobans to enjoy."

The selected GROW and Conservation Trust projects will also leverage more than \$9 million in matching funds, the premier noted.



PVWD PHOTO

From left: Landowner Stephani McLean, Turtle Mountain MLA Doyle Piwniuk, landowner Don McLean, Midland MLA Blaine Pedersen, Manitoba Habitat Heritage Corporation CEO Tim Sopuck, Premier Brian Pallister, and Pembina Valley Watershed District board chair Bill Howatt last week toured a few of the conservation projects the district has undertaken. PVWD has received \$500,000 from the GROW Trust for future projects.

Humane society's DOGust, Steps 4 Pets return

By Lorne Stelmach

The Pembina Valley Humane Society is looking to make up lost ground with three fundraising ventures in the month ahead.

Like many other organizations, the humane society has been hit hard by having to shutdown and cancel events due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

"This has been an extremely challenging year for the shelter," said Holly Thorne, public relations chairperson.

"We know that we are not alone, but we need to continue to do our best for the animals in our care," she said,

noting they welcome the relaxation of restrictions that allows them to host three events next month.

"We hope that these events can put us back into a position of being able to plan for the future growth of the shelter," said Thorne. "We thank all of those who have supported us during this time and those who will support our mission in the future."

First up will be the second annual DOGust event this Sat., Aug. 1 from 5-7:30 p.m.

The Universal Birthday for Shelter Dogs was started over a decade ago by a shelter in New Jersey, with August 1 chosen as the day to hold a birthday

celebration for pooches in care.

The local party takes place as a come-and-go event at the PVHS shelter at 462 Jefferson Street in Morden.

Boston Pizza and George's Kitchen and Ice Cream will be on hand selling pizza and ice cream, with partial proceeds going to the shelter.

People are encouraged to come with their dogs to enjoy the Allen Titchkosky Memorial Dog Run and visit with shelter staff and volunteers. A 50/50 prize will also be up for grabs.

Next up will be the Access Credit

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Winkler Recreation, WAC offering 'Surprise Boxes'

By Ashleigh Viveiros

Winkler Parks and Recreation is teaming up with Winkler Arts & Culture for a special summer surprise.

Every week in August the two will be putting together Surprise Boxes filled with supplies for an art project and an activity to get your body moving.

"We're going to do a different box for every one of the four weeks. Half of it will be an art activity with instructions and supplies and then there's also a different physical activity each week," explains Taylor Reimer, aquatic and summer programmer for the City of Winkler. "Each week it will be a surprise as to what's in it."

Aimed at kids age five to 12, Reimer and WAC education director Jennifer Penner hope the boxes will be a hit with children looking for something fun to do during the dog days of August.

"For the art side, I've kind of tried to make the craft relevant to whatever activity they are providing, so there's a theme each week," Penner says. "There will be enough art supplies for one project plus a little extra just

in case."

The box with all the supplies and instructions is \$15 each week. The first box will be ready for pick-up at the Winkler Arts and Culture Centre on Park St. Aug. 4.

Box registration takes place from Monday to Wednesday for pick-up the following Tuesday.

To register for a box, head online to cityofwinkler.ca/p/programs-and-events or call the Winkler Aquatic Centre at 325-8212.

Recreation programmer Kelly Morgan is excited to see WAC and the recreation department working together on this program.

"I love the spirit behind this, doing it together," she says, noting they had hoped to host more day camps this summer in partnership with various community groups, but COVID-19 threw a wrench in those plans. "We all know that summer is hard this year, it doesn't look the way we all would like it to look, but this is a chance for us to come together and try to make the best of things."

"We hope that these little boxes provide some fun and joy."

Jennifer Penner (left) and Taylor Reimer with some of the supplies kids might find in the Surprise Boxes Winkler Arts and Culture and Winkler Rec. are putting together all next month.



PHOTO BY ASHLEIGH VIVEIROS/VOICE

Police blotter

A snapshot of some of the incidents Winkler and Morden police dealt with this past week, as detailed in their respective weekly reports:

- July 20: Morden Police were dispatched to a traffic accident at the corner of Thornhill St. and 1st St. at 7:36 p.m. A white Ford Focus attempting to turn south onto 1st St. was hit by an eastbound Honda CRV. Both vehicles were towed from the scene. Both drivers were checked by paramedics and released at the scene.

- July 20: A resident of 10th St. in Winkler reported that her vehicle was stolen from her driveway sometime during the night, and a bicycle that did not belong to her was found in her backyard. The stolen vehicle was later located and recovered in a nearby community. This investigation is ongoing.

- Also on this day, an abandoned motorcycle was located on a bicycle path near Prairie View Drive in Winkler and was found to have a group of wires that appeared to be cut. Police located the owner of the motorcycle—who advised it had been parked outside her residence—and assisted her in bringing it home.

- July 22: Morden Police received a report of someone using a fake seasonal pass at Lake Minnewasta. Upon arriving on the scene, officers observed the pass hanging from the mirror of the vehicle. Further checks showed that the individual had not purchased a legitimate pass. The driver turned over the fake pass and agreed to purchase a new pass from the beach office.

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> STEPS 4 PETS, FROM PG. 8

Union Steps 4 Pets Walkathon, which has been rescheduled from June to Saturday, Aug. 22 at 11 a.m. in Morden Park.

This will be a scaled-down event with a walk of about three kilometres, Thorne said. People are encouraged to create a team and collect pledges. Pledge forms are available online at www.pvhsociety.ca or at the shelter or various businesses around town.

There is a \$250 prize for the top individual fundraiser, and the top fundraising team will earn an in-home catered dinner for eight from chef Kevin Funk.

Finally, PVHS is introducing the new Empty Cans = Full Bellies fundraising initiative where they are asking the community to collect their empty beverage cans and bottles to donate to the shelter.

A 24-pack will get the shelter \$2.40, which in turn

buys three cans of cat food or two cans of dog food.

Donations can be dropped off at the shelter Aug. 8 between 10 a.m. and noon. A second drop off date is planned for September.

"We're ramping up our fundraising to continue to care for the animals we have and also to build on our sustainability," said Thorne. "We're also looking towards our future needs. We need to do whatever we can to ensure our sustainability."

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Katie Cares' Beanie Baby program back up and running

Cuddly bundles of fur are providing joy, comfort once again in local hospitals



By Ashleigh Viveiros

Hundreds of cuddly stuffed animals were delivered to health care centres across southern Manitoba last week to bring a measure of comfort to kids receiving treatment.

Katie Cares' Beanie Baby program is back in action after being abruptly halted in March due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Katie's Cottage executive director Ruth Reimer says the loss of the program founded by her late daughter was a blow to the charity.

"We know, more than anything else that Kaitlyn started, how important this program is to children, to families," she says, noting Kaitlyn experienced firsthand how much love and support the simple gift of a teddy bear can mean for a child in the hospital. "We're so thrilled to be able to get this going again."

As COVID-19 restrictions began to ease in recent weeks, Reimer reached out to Southern Health-Santé Sud to see if there was a safe way to get Beanie Babies into the hands of our area's youngest patients once again.

"First of all, they have to be brand-

spanking new," Reimer explains. "So they come packaged and when our staff gets them they have to be masked, have to have washed their hands, and they're gloved when handling them."

Staff put a sticker on the Beanie Babies to identify them as a gift from Katie Cares and then vacuum-seal them for delivery.

"So that parents do know if that sticker is on there that it's come from Katie's Cottage and we've taken all the precautions we can," Reimer says.

Katie Cares usually delivers upwards of 2,500 Beanie Babies throughout the year. After the five-month hiatus ended, they sent out 590 to replenish the stock at hospitals and other regional medical facilities.

The feedback has been immediate and positive.

"The response on Facebook and on Instagram has been how much people appreciate getting them," Reimer says.

When Kaitlyn was dealing with her cancer, receiving small gifts like this were a sign that people were thinking of and rooting for her.

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A garden of white

By Ashleigh Viveiros

Parkview Gardens in Winkler was alive with music and visitors last week as the Winkler Horticulture Society hosted its first garden party.

The event has been a dream of organizer Carol Neufeld's for years, and the July 23 celebration was all she hoped for and more.

"This morning it started getting cloudy and I started getting lots of encouraging texts on my phone. I almost get emotional when I think of how many people thought of me and just encouraged me and said the evening was going to turn out beautiful," she said. "And look at this—it's just gorgeous, and I thank God for that."

Several local musicians provided the soundtrack to the evening, which also included a tasty spread of dainties.

The guests all wore white to match this year's colour scheme for the Grandeur Ave. gardens, dubbed "Dream 2020."

"Since 2018, I had a dream to have a garden that was all white," Neufeld said. "Don't get me wrong: I love colours ... but I've always wanted one year to have a white garden."

The horticulture society gave Neufeld and her dedicated committee of volunteers the go ahead to make 2020 the year, and so Parkview Gardens is awash in many different shades of white on the petals of the plethora of flowers and bushes planted by volunteers this spring.

"Everybody was supportive of this idea and so we tried it this year," Neufeld said, "and we just think it's



PHOTOS BY ASHLEIGH VIVEIROS/VOICE

Parkview Gardens was the site of the Winkler Horticulture Society's first garden party last week. The celebration has been a longtime dream of organizer Carol Neufeld (right). Below, from left: Karen Kuhl performed alongside daughter Andi and grandson Jaxon.

beautiful."

The garden party was a celebration of all the hard work volunteers put into beautifying their community.

"Today we want to celebrate the garden and all of the gardens around Winkler ... that the Winkler Horticulture Society has created together with the volunteers," Neufeld said, thanking the society's core committee members and volunteers at large for the countless

hours they put in.

Winkler Mayor Martin Harder also lauded the group for all that they do for the community year after year.

"Thank you so much to the horticulture society and your team and all the volunteers who make this city so beautiful," he said. "We appreciate it. And the community is now known for its beauty, which it used to never be."



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GENESIS HOUSE PHOTOS

Participants in Genesis House's day camp sessions this month have enjoyed geocaching at Bethel Heritage Park (above) and exploring the Discovery Nature Sanctuary (left), among other fun activities.

By Lorne Stelmach

A summer tradition is continuing this year for Genesis House despite the restrictions posed by COVID-19.

The shelter's annual kids day camp is up and running with several sessions this and next month.

They're able to offer all the usual fun and games, though the pandemic has cut back on the number of spaces available.

"It has proven challenging, but we're managing it," said executive director Ang Braun.

"When we were making the plans, we weren't sure where COVID would be at, so we thought what we would

do was host it for three weeks and just do smaller groups so they are a bit more manageable."

In the last number of years the camp has drawn between 20 and 30 kids any given week, but this year they set a maximum of 12 to allow for better physical distancing.

The shelter reaches out to kids whose families may have made use of their services, but also opens the camp up to others in the community, including connecting with families through organizations like Regional Connections.

For some families this serves as a highlight of the summer, Braun noted.

"For those kids whose families aren't able to get away, it's that something extra, something to do in the summer," she said. "And of course this year, more than ever with COVID, there just has been a lack of opportunities to get out."

The camp ran for two weeks this month and will resume for one final week at the start of August.

Thus far participants have enjoyed a variety of activities, ranging from visiting the Discovery Nature Sanctuary to trying out geocaching.

"The activities are the same for each of the three weeks ... and they've been doing some fun stuff," Braun said, pointing out that the popularity of the camp can be seen in some of the familiar faces that show up each year alongside the many new participants.

Genesis House day camp a hit



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Young artists get in touch with nature

By Lorne Stelmach

Kids were learning but also just having fun last week as the summer art camp program of the Pembina Hills Arts Council continued for its second of three weeks.

They were on the grounds of the Morden research station, which offered an ideal location for the second session revolving around the theme of artists in nature.

"We feel like our classes provide them great experience," said Tricia Dyck, programs and outreach co-ordinator for the arts council.

"It gives kids a chance to work on their critical thinking, their problem solving skills, and it gives them a chance to be inventive. It can also help kids understand the human experience," she suggested.

"I think those are kind of the underlying aim with our art classes as well as just giving them a chance to learn art skills."

The outdoor art camps started at the end of June with a mosaics workshop led by local artist Sharon Loepky, whose work can be seen in the Manitoba 150 mosaic project in place in front of the gallery in downtown Morden.

Artists in Nature then ran July 20-24 under the direction of Cyndie Wiebe. The camp program concludes with Kelly Lone leading Adventure and Art August 10-14.

Wiebe's hope for the week was simply to have the children recognize there is art in nature all around them.

"I wanted to simply engage the children in the activity and look at nature and how they can create within it and be co-creators with it and just enjoy the nature around us; it's all so beautiful," she said.

"And during this COVID time, it's actually one of the things that gives us hope and joy is the beauty in where we are," Wiebe added.

Kids spent the week doing a variety



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Participants in PHAC's summer art camp program last Wednesday headed out to the Morden research station to collect materials for pieces of natural art.



of activities, including what Wiebe calls temporal or land based art on the Wednesday.

"It's just finding things in nature and just creating from that," she explained as her students gathered pine cones, leaves, and dandelions to serve as the

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Firefighter hopefuls put to the test

By Lorne Stelmach

Nine recruits were put to the test Saturday morning for a chance to become part of the crew at Morden Fire and Rescue.

There are four spots up for grabs, and the initial 18 applicants led to seven men and two women showing up for physical testing at the fire hall last weekend.

"It kind of lets you know the commitment level. I would rather know that now rather than into the process," noted Chief Andy Thiessen as he and other firefighters were putting the candidates through their paces at ten different testing stations.

"We've got some tough choices because we only have four spots open," he noted. "The nine who showed up today are excellent candidates. They're working hard, and it's hot out; they're wearing some heavy gear. They're not used to this kind of stuff, but they're doing very well."

The fire department needed to recruit as a result of a handful of members having retired or moved away from the community in recent years.

Aside from the obvious physical requirements, evaluators also look for a few intangibles such as being able to work in a team situation and being willing to take direction.

All the rest—all the actual firefighting skills—can be learned through the Level 1 firefighting course, Thiessen said, which is done locally before the final testing sessions in Brandon.

Last weekend's 10 stations featured a range of tests such as dragging 150 feet of hose 200 feet or climbing the ladder truck 75 feet into the air to find out how applicants do with heights.

There is also a ventilation drill where they have to move a section of hydro pole on a track back and forth with a sledgehammer.

"That tells us a lot about a whole bunch of things, like whether they give up, their upper body strength, their endurance ... it's a tough one," said Thiessen.

There is also balancing yourself on a two by four while carrying a rolled up hose, climbing a ladder to the roof and lifting it on and off the truck with your feet firmly planted, and dragging a 175 pound dummy while loaded down with full turnout gear and a tank.

Other interesting and particularly challenging tests included lifting a roll of hose three times up in the tower and then being completely masked while having to work through three lengths of hose tangled up under a table.

"That shows us if they're claustrophobic or if they'll give up," explained Thiessen. "We're looking for that kind of character where you're not going to quit—you persevere and get through it."

Some tests were harder than others for the applicants.

"I was a little bit surprised by the hose lift, taking it up and down three times. I would say that was probably



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One of the nine applicants for four spots on the Morden fire crew demonstrates their upper body strength last weekend.

the hardest one so far," said Jordan Cameron, a Morden resident who works for Bergmann Plumbing and Heating.

Cameron is interested in joining Morden Fire and Rescue not only as a means of helping the community but also with some prior experience under his belt.

"Roland is where I grew up, and I was on the fire department there too," he said. "My dad did it for almost 30 years, so it's just something that's always been interesting to me."

Cameron was enjoying being pushed and put to the test last weekend.

"It's a little

bit more taxing than I might have thought, but it's been good," he said. "They give you a little bit of everything."

"There's nothing I would say was super surprising, but they've definitely got an interesting setup here in terms of the different challenges."

"So far so good," said Jenna Doherty, a Mordenite who works for Agriculture Canada, as she paused partway through the testing.

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Hopeful future firefighters were tested to see how they handle heights (left) and their ability to haul equipment up and down stairs (right), among numerous other tasks during physical testing Saturday at the fire hall.



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Last weekend's tests were designed not just to assess an applicant's physical strength but also how they work together as a team, how hard they work to overcome obstacles, and whether they have a fear of heights or tight spaces.

> FIREFIGHTER TESTING, FROM PG. 16

"I like volunteering and I like helping others and helping the community, so I just thought why not," she said in explaining what drove to her apply.

"It's challenging ... there's definitely parts that are easier than others so far ... I know I have a couple hard ones to come, so I'm going to have to try to get through those yet," Doherty said. "If I pass, if I fail ... at least I can say I tried."

Thiessen noted they will keep all of these

applications on hand should another spot suddenly open up in the future.

Applicants won't necessarily have to go through this testing process again if that happens, although he noted it is good even for the veterans on the crew to test themselves periodically.

"Everyone who is on the department now has had to do this ... it is good for all of us to do it again and even just to see where we were at now."

Next in the process will be one-on-one interviews. Thiessen expects to make his decisions over the next few weeks, after which the chosen candidates will be able to start getting some field experience before starting the Level 1 course in September.

"I want them to get the excitement of responding to a call ... they may just be standing there watching, but they get that camaraderie. They're learning even just by watching," said Thiessen. "We don't put them in any situations that they're not trained for at that point."

Summer classes keep budding artists engaged

From Pg. 15

medium for their work.

"We just had the story of a tree, just from found things ...

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some girls created a sunflower, and there is a story of a princess, just all from things that they found," Wiebe observed.

"Throughout the week, it was continuing that kind of thing," she added. "It's using weaving with nature, making things connected to nature such as bird feeders, and we were doing tree buddies with clay."

She saw the kids getting quite engaged throughout the whole process.

"They've been enthusiastic about it, and it's always amazing how they come up with things; they come up with ideas, and their responses to it ... I just find it to be so soothing for them."

"They would express how they got the idea and then others might have ideas to add to it, so that's kind of an interesting aspect to it as well."

PHAC PHOTO

A youngster creates a mosaic during the mosaic art camp at the Pembina Hills Gallery earlier this month.



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Orioles fall to Bisons in two

By Lorne Stelmach

A three game winning streak came to an end for the Pembina Valley Orioles at the hands of their regional rivals.

The Orioles dropped both ends of a Sunday doubleheader in Altona as the Bisons followed up a 10-0 shut-out in game one with a 9-2 victory in game two.

It vaulted the Bisons into first place with a 12-4 record, which puts them ahead of the Elmwood Giants (11-4) and the Orioles (8-5) in the Manitoba Junior Baseball League's top three spots in the standings.

A busy week started well for the Orioles, who clobbered the St. Boniface Legionaires 20-0 last Wednesday in Morden.

Pembina Valley cranked out 14 hits, while Kyle Dyck gave up just one hit in facing 16 batters through five innings. The Orioles led 7-0 after one and 15-0 after two innings, and Tristan Peters homered and went three for five with four RBIs.

The Orioles then hit the road to



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The Pembina Valley Orioles crushed the Interlake Blue Jays 15-4 Friday night but then went on to drop two games to the Altona Bisons on Sunday.

the Interlake Friday and again rode strong offence to a 15-4 win over the Blue Jays.

Pembina Valley jumped out to an 8-2 lead after one inning as they bested Interlake 15-4, while Tyson Pringle scattered four hits over seven full innings of work and Daniel Isaak and Tanner Clyne both went three for five at the plate.

In game one Sunday, the Orioles

only managed four hits off Bisons' pitcher Jayden Gerbrandt through five innings and 20 at bats as they were outhit 10-4 overall, while T.J. Matuszewski took the loss in giving up the 10 runs on 10 hits.

The Orioles fared better in game two with six hits but gave up three each in the second, third, and sixth innings. Tyson Titchkosky gave up nine runs on nine hits in six innings of

work.

The Orioles are now into the home stretch of the pandemic shortened season. This week they play the St. James A's Wednesday and host the Elmwood Giants Friday.

On Monday the team plays a home doubleheader against the Winnipeg South Chiefs.



Winkler fell to Carman 2-1 last week in Border Baseball League action.

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Mohawks, Whips on top in Border Baseball

By Ashleigh Viveiros

The Morden Mohawks and Winkler Whips top the Border Baseball League standings as the shortened 2020 regular season winds down.

Morden bolstered their record to 6-1 Sunday with a 10-0 rout of the Cartwright Twins.

That victory followed up a 9-6 win over the Altona Bisons July 21.

In second place with a 6-2 record are the Whips, who left Altona with a 4-3

win on Saturday. A few days earlier, Winkler fell to the Carman Cardinals 2-1.

This week, Morden and Winkler face off against one another at the Parkland ball diamonds on Friday at 7 p.m.

The Mohawks also play in Carman on Tuesday while the Whips wrap up their regular season Sunday by hosting Clearwater at 2 p.m.

Details about the playoff schedule should be released next week.

Miami the heart of Manitoba's harness racing for 2020

By Becca Myskiw

The Manitoba Standardbred Racing Industry Inc. isn't letting COVID-19 stop them from racing.

When most tracks across Manitoba closed their gates because of the pandemic, Miami opened theirs. The track began its 10-week season of harness racing earlier this month.

Race secretary for the Miami Agricultural Society Jan Moody is also on the Manitoba Standardbred Racing Industry Inc. board. She said they didn't think they'd be able to race at all this year, so being able to is something they won't take for granted.

"This is a way the industry can progress," she said.

The races are also bringing tourism and support to the town of Miami. Moody said the racers are renting barn space and camping spots and shopping at local businesses. And the races themselves are bringing outsiders in as well.

Each harness race has five to eight horses. They run a mile, which is two laps of the Miami track, and the first horse to cross the finish line wins.

In total, there are upwards of 80 horses signed up to race this season.

Because of pandemic restrictions, only 200 people are allowed to watch



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A car drives around the track and then opens the gates to start the races at the Miami track July 19. Below: The second race was a close finish. Below, left: Racing fans Logan, Nathan, and Owen chow down while watching the action.

in person. Moody encourages racing fans to show up early to ensure they get a seat. If they can't make it in, each race is broadcast online as well at www.hpibet.com (select "Miami Fair" under "tracks" after signing up). Bets can be placed live or online.

Mike Williams, vice-president of the Manitoba Standardbred Racing Industry Inc., said they've been racing on the Manitoba circuit for 119 years. They usually race in six or sev-

en towns throughout the summer, but right now they're just grateful to race at all.

"It's a privilege," he said. "None of us thought we'd be able [to race] because of the COVID-19."

The first races were on July 11. Williams said the grandstands were full

that day with the 200 people who came out to watch.

Harness racing will be on in Miami at 1:30 p.m. every Saturday until Sept. 12 when the finals will dig up the track. Admission at the gate is \$5 a person. Children 12 and under get in for free.



Storm tie Granite 1-1

The Winkler Storm battled the Granite United to a draw in front of a hometown crowd Sunday night.

Timo August fired in the team's lone goal of the night to bring the Storm's record to 2-0-1 for the summer thus far.

That puts them at the top of the standings in the Manitoba Major Soccer League's First Division with seven points, which is three ahead of the Lions in second place.

The season continues Monday in Brandon against Inspire FC. The Storm's next home game is Sunday, Aug. 9 at 6 p.m. at the 15th St. pitch.

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CWE's modified summer tour stops in Morden Aug. 8

By Lorne Stelmach

As much as it sounds like a storyline from the screen, it is a real life scenario for "Taryn from Accounting."

An actual accountant by day, Taryn now has a side gig by night on the Canadian Wrestling's Elite circuit, which is on the road again and stopping in Morden Aug. 8.

It's a very modified version of CWE's annual summer tour thanks to pandemic restrictions, but being part of the five events in Manitoba and Alberta over two weekends in August is a dream come true for Taryn.

"I got into wrestling because it has always been something I've loved growing up," she said.

"I saw other people doing what I've always wanted to try, so one day I came across a flyer for a mini-camp and decided that I was going to challenge myself. I instantly fell in love with it, and have been hooked ever since then."

The limited tour is the first for CWE since February due to the coronavirus.

A number of measures are in place, including limiting the tickets num-

bers to match current crowd guidelines in both provinces.

While the crowds might be a little smaller, Taryn is eager to get back into the ring doing what she loves.

"So far, my experience in wrestling has been amazing," said Taryn, who made her debut in 2019 and has had experience with a number of organizations including the Prairie Wrestling Alliance, Rickshaw Wrestling, Lucha Libre Spectacular, Pure Power Wrestling, Monster Pro Wrestling, and Real Canadian Wrestling. She's also had the opportunity to do battle with a number of CWE stars and alumni.

"I've gotten the chance to work and train with some pretty amazing people and have made some great friends" Taryn said. "I love pushing myself out of my comfort zone and doing things I never thought I could do before."

"My hopes are to travel more and wrestle in some new territories. I plan on continuing to train my butt off to improve my skills to become one of the best wrestlers in Canada, and I can't wait to show everyone in Morden what I'm made of."

"Taryn from Accounting" is slated to wrestling at CWE's summer tour stop in Morden Aug. 8.

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The Morden event is set for Sat. Aug. 8 at the Access Event Centre. The matches start at 7 p.m.

Tickets are available at the door or in advance at Giant Tiger or cwetickets.com

> POLICE REPORTS, FROM PG. 9

- July 22: A resident of 10th St. in Winkler reported that his wallet was stolen from inside his unlocked vehicle sometime during the evening of July 19th.

- July 22: Winkler Police observed two males driving an ATV on Roblin Blvd. near Summerfield Dr. The males were given verbal warnings for driving the ATV within city limits and for not wearing helmets. They pushed the ATV back to the owner's nearby residence.

- July 23: A female reported to Winkler Police that she received a phone call from someone claiming to be from Loans Canada offering her a loan in order increase her credit score.

For her to receive the loan, the scammer remotely deposited three large cheques into her account, advised her to attend a location in Winnipeg to convert the funds into Bitcoin and then send the Bitcoin to the scammer via a QR code, which she did.

She was later contacted by her bank who advised that the cheques had bounced and she was responsible for the withdrawn funds.

- July 23: Winkler Police received a disclosure of sexual assault that occurred earlier in the evening. The male suspect was arrested for sexual assault and remanded into custody to appear in provincial court at a later date.

- July 24: While on general patrol, police conducted a traffic stop and subsequent checks showed the driver was driving an unregistered vehicle. The driver was issued a ticket for Drive an Unregistered Vehicle which carries a fine of \$298.

- July 24: At 3:03 p.m., emergency crews responded to a medical incident at the Morden Colert Beach. The victim was transported to Boundary Trails Health Centre and was expected

to make a full recovery. The Morden Police Service would like to thank the staff and bystanders for their quick actions and assistance in this matter.

- July 25: A resident of Willow Dr. in Winkler reported that his vehicles and utility trailer were egged sometime during the night.

- July 26: At 12:13 p.m., police received a complaint of a driver that was seen drinking an alcoholic beverage. Police located the vehicle and police visually observed two cans of Twisted Tea inside the vehicle. Police then made a demand for the driver to provide a sample of his breath on the roadside screening device which resulted in a reading of 0%mg. The driver was issued a ticket for Unlaw-

ful Transportation of Liquor in a Motor Vehicle, for which the fine is \$237.

- July 26: Morden Police received a complaint of theft from a local business. Around 1:30 p.m., several males walked into the business. Some of the suspects talked to the employees, while the others walked to the back of the business.

Later that afternoon, one the employees noticed her wallet had been gone through and her debit card was missing. She also noticed fraudulent transactions occurring on her card.

Police are continuing to investigate this matter.

> KATIE CARES, FROM PG. 12

"It brings so much joy and it let's them know that whatever's going to happen to them—whatever the procedure is—they have something to hold on to for support," Reimer says.

While the Beanie Babies are back bringing smiles to kids' faces, the Katie Cares gift bags, which are filled with various time-passing activities and toiletries, are still on hold for now.

There's no easy way to sanitize all

the different items in those bags for delivery to the hospital, Reimer explains.

"The Beanie Babies, already, are a great, great step and I'm grateful to [CEO] Jane Curtis and to Southern Health that they're allowing that," she says.

That said, Katie Cares does have special gift packages for children dealing with serious illnesses that can be put

together at the request of the family.

"If a child is sick and I hear about it then we can make a personal visit to that home, which we've done through COVID," Reimer says, noting one severely ill young patient received an iPad recently to help them pass the time while they heal.

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2. Jason McIntosh

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Adoption of the GROWING WINKLER SECONDARY PLAN BY-LAW No. 2255-20, being a by-law to direct land uses and development in key future growth areas in the City of Winkler.

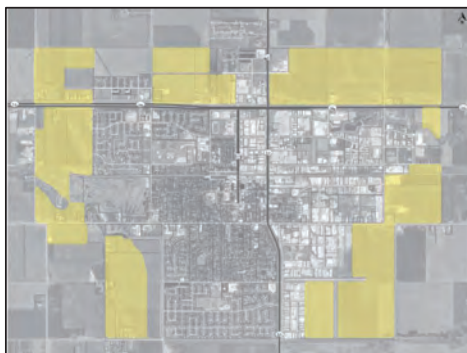
HEARING: Council Chambers at City of Winkler

LOCATION: 185 Main Street
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DATE & TIME: August 11, 2020 at 7:00 p.m.

GENERAL INTENT: To adopt a secondary plan for fringe area lands in the City of Winkler. A Secondary Plan is a land use policy document that contains detailed guidance on land use, infrastructure, servicing and future zoning related decisions for a specific area

AREAS AFFECTED: Future growth areas within the City of Winkler, as shown shaded in yellow on the map below.



FOR INFORMATION CONTACT: Stephanie Janz,
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A copy of the Growing Winkler Secondary Plan, Open House Boards, and an Online Survey can be accessed on the City of Winkler's website at <https://www.cityofwinkler.ca/p/economic-development>. A copy of the Secondary Plan and informational material may be inspected in the office of the City of Winkler at the above address during normal office hours, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday to Thursday, or on Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

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She leaves to mourn her passing two daughters and three sons, Ruth and Ron Hiebert, Lin and John Harv Hildebrand, Jack and Lorna, James and Christie, Steve and Carmen Zubin; seven grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren. She was predeceased by her husband, John, her parents, two brothers, six sisters-in-law, and six brothers-in-law.

Private graveside service took place on Thursday, July 23, 2020 at Blumenfeld Cemetery.

We would like to thank family and friends, the staff at Salem Personal Care Home, Wiebe Funeral Home and Rev. Art Wiebe.

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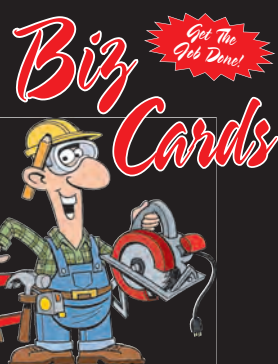
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