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The Winkler Aquatic Centre hosted its annual Swim Smart day July 25 to mark National Drowning Prevention Week. For more photos, see Pg. 27.
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City of Morden proposes major water, sewer rate hikes

By Lorne Stelmach

Morden residents may be facing significant increases in what they pay for water and sewer services in the next three years.

The proposed increases still require approval of the Manitoba Public Util-

ities Board and will be subject to a public hearing process, but city officials acknowledged there will likely be some sticker shock for Mordenites.

The coming wastewater treatment project is the big factor behind the substantial increases, said Mayor Nancy Penner.

"We have a small increase for upgrades to our water treatment plant, but the bulk of it is due to the wastewater facility that will be coming ... the capital infrastructure costs we've included ... to reflect the costs that we will be incurring going forward for the next three years."

The city has proposed the new rate structure from 2025 to 2027. The charge for each household based on 3,000 gallons per quarter is currently


costing \$69.05 per quarter. Under the proposal, the rate in 2025 will go up to \$87.62 per quarter, then to \$106.19 in 2026, and up to \$148.22 in 2027

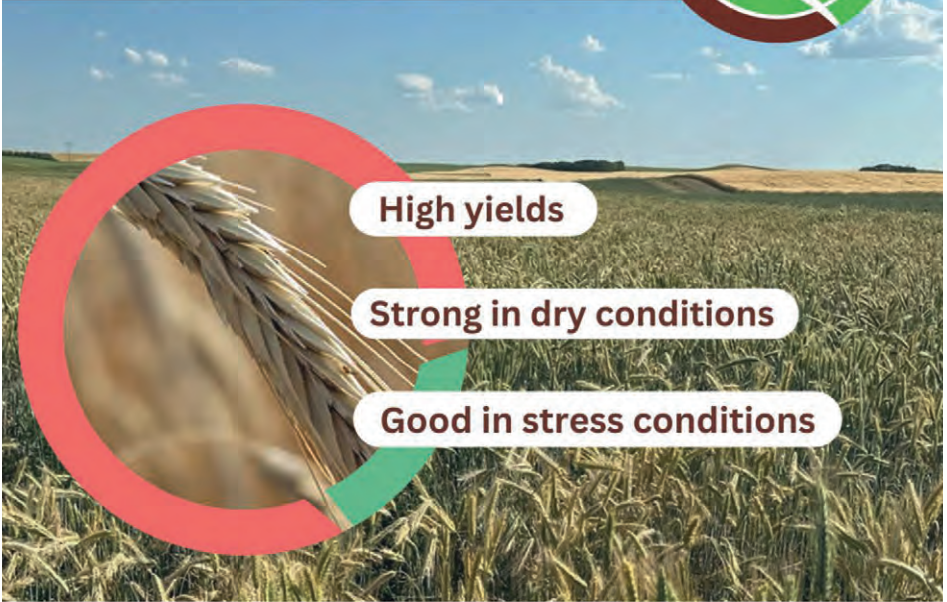
It means that on an average usage of 37,500 gallons for both sewer and water, a home currently paying about \$995 a year for those services could see that annual cost go up to \$1,253 in 2025, to \$1,565 in 2026, and to \$2,228 in 2027.

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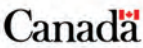
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SCRL receives human rights award

By Lorne Stelmach

The Manitoba Library Association's first-ever Human Rights Award was officially presented last Thursday to Cathy Ching and the South Central Regional Library (SCRL).

The director of library services and her team received the honour for remaining steadfast and positive throughout the recent censorship challenges faced by SCRL branches in connection to certain books on their shelves that some community members feel are inappropriate.

The award was inspired by the pressures and challenges that all libraries face in such areas as intellectual freedom and access to information, but the library network here really set an example for others, suggested Kirsten Wurmman, program co-ordinator for the Manitoba Library Association.

"I think that's inspiring for all library workers really around the province ... it was a no-brainer that this library would win the inaugural Human Rights Award," said Wurmman.

"They worked so passionately and good naturedly throughout the whole ordeal ... just staying really, really true to the values of librarianship and the

values that this space and the books and the materials inside of it are for everyone in the community and that access to all is really of upmost importance."

The Manitoba Library Association noted how libraries are helping uphold the fundamental values of intellectual freedom, inclusion, and diversity, despite recent calls for censorship and the harassment of library workers.

Appreciating this important yet often unrecognized work, the association alongside the Association of Manitoba Book Publishers presented the award to Ching and the South Central Regional Library in recognition of their "strong resolve in upholding human rights, inclusivity and equity in library access for their library or in the library community at a local, regional, provincial or national level."

As part of the award, SCRL received 15 books from Manitoba publishers.

Ching described it as an emotional day for her and her staff.

"It's been just a journey in the last month since we heard about this, and I am overwhelmed by the support



PHOTO BY LORNE STELMACH/VOICE

Representatives from the Manitoba Library Association stopped by the Winkler branch of the South Central Regional Library last week to present staff with its first Human Rights Award, which came with free books for the SCRL collection.

from our community," she said.

"It's empowering. It finally gives us the authority to move forward with confidence that we did the right thing. There were times where it would have

been easier to just say, 'Okay, fine' ... everybody was working so hard to do what we needed to do in order to keep books accessible to everyone."

Soup Splash Pool Party at the Morris Pool this Sunday

By Siobhan Maas

For a third year, the Bigway Soup Splash Pool Party's sailing into the Morris Pool.

A collaboration between the Red River Food Bank and Morris Bigway, the pool party runs Sunday, Aug. 4 from noon to 4 p.m..

"Things are always better when people team up," said Pat Schmitke, co-organizer and owner of Bigway. "[Events like this] are about giving back and having fun."

Last year's attendance saw over 100 attendees, including many children. Schmitke hopes that this year's event

will be the best yet.

"Make sure your children come, because we've rented a ginormous pirate ship bouncy castle."

Food will be provided beginning at 12:30 p.m. on the north lawn of the pool from a newly purchased hot dog stand. Music, fun in the pool, and freebies are also included with entry.

Admission to the event is one can of regular soup for individual entry, a can of chunky soup for family entry, or monetary donations.

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Southman Gleaners cuts the ribbon on its new home

By Ashleigh Viveiros

Southman Gleaners only just recently got its operations up and running, but they're already looking to expand.

They cut the ribbon on their facility in Reinfeld last week, welcoming hundreds to the site for tours, lunch, and a ribbon cutting.

The non-profit collects vegetables donated by local producers and dices and dehydrates them to make soup mixes that are distributed by Christian aid agencies such as Faith Mission and Samaritan's Purse.

"What was once an idea has come to fruition. We're in production," board chair Abe Janzen said, stressing it was only made possible thanks to the hard work of the founding board members and the many in the community who saw value in the idea and stepped up to help make it a reality. "We have overcome a number of challenges; with the Lord's help, we have been able to overcome.

"And also the generosity of fellow Christians in this area has been worth a lot to us," Janzen added, pointing to the countless tradespeople and sponsors who helped get the facility ready to begin production. "Your participation was greatly appreciated.

He gave thanks as well to the area producers who have agreed to give



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Local dignitaries joined Southman Gleaners board members and staff in cutting the ribbon on their facility in Reinfeld, which opened just a couple months ago and has already created enough soup product to feed half a million people in need the world over. The group partners with Christian aid agencies to get the soup to where it's needed.

them their culled vegetables (produce that, though still perfectly edible, may not meet certain grade requirements simply because they're too big, too small, or have minor blemishes), and also to the many volunteers who come out each week to do the work.

"Without you volunteers, this ship is dead in the water."

A single small bag of dehydrated veggies can feed 100 people. Southman Gleaners is able to turn out a couple hundred of those bags every single day.

"We started production about two months ago, and so far we've produced enough product to feed half a million people," shared George Wieler, one of the group's founders. "We process about 800 pounds of dried product—which feeds 25,000 people—a day. If you do that in a year, it's about five million servings a year.

"One thing that we're up against right now is we're too small," Wieler continued. "We're looking at buying a piece of property to the south of us. We're looking at expanding because we're running out of room; we need a cooler, we need more storage, and we need a lunchroom. So far we've

crammed everything into the footprint we have right now."

Wieler shared that the organization's operating expenses are between \$250,000 to \$300,000 annually.

"We can't do it on our own, so we're asking for your support, your help," he told the assembled crowd of supporters. "Without you, we can't do it."

Those sentiments were echoed by the various dignitaries from across the region who brought greetings at the ceremony, including RM of Stanley Deputy Reeve Peter Froese.

"It is great to see that the excess and non-processed vegetables in our area are being utilized to help feed many hungry people abroad through Christian organizations," he said, lauding the volunteers for getting involved in this lofty mission. "Yes, it's overwhelming to see this big issue of

feeding the hungry in the world. But if we don't start somewhere, nothing gets done, so I wish you continued God's blessing with that."

If you'd like to help Southman Gleaners in its work—donating funds or vegetables or getting involved as a volunteer—call 204-542-8988, email admin@southmangleaners.ca or head to their website (southmangleaners.ca) to learn more.



Above: A volunteer shovels diced potato into the conveyor belt that will take it to the dehydrator room. The resulting soup mix has a long shelf life and can be easily shipped.





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High algae growth at Lake Minnewasta

By Lorne Stelmach

The condition of the water at Lake Minnewasta recently had residents asking questions about what was going on and what's being done about it.

Things like algae growth are always going to happen to a degree, but recent conditions have contributed to it appearing worse than usual.

"Excessive nutrient load going into the lake is one of the factors contributing to the algae growth. The nutrients enter the water body from the farm runoff or yards," explained deputy city manager Santokh Randhawa. "Some amount of algae growth is normal in water bodies. However, higher nutrient concentration in the water can accelerate the algae growth to a level that it becomes a problem.

"The algae in the raw water will

require higher chemical dosages for treatment," he added. "The treated water may get odor and some bad taste as well ... but the treated water is safe for potable use."

"Manitoba Health and water services watch and monitor all of the beaches in the province and monitor the water quality," noted Mayor Nancy Penner. "It adds some challenges at the water treatment plant to work with the algae, but they work with the water and make it safe."

"Typically, I think we get this in late August when the heat comes and we don't get the rains," she said. "We don't always get this heat in July ... so I guess it's the perfect storm right now. We've got the heat, and we did get significant rain the July long weekend, but we haven't had a lot of rain since then."

Randhawa said the city has awarded the work for installation of an ultra-



PHOTO BY LORNE STELMACH/VOICE

Morden officials say they are monitoring the algae in Lake Minnewasta and have plans to install a control system that will improve conditions.

sonic algae control system in the lake, and it is expected to be installed by mid or late August.

Ultrasonic algae control systems emit sound wave frequencies that disrupt the algae. The Manitoba Water Services will help fund the project, which comes with an overall cost of just under \$500,000.

Penner noted the city had hoped to have it installed and in operation earlier but they were then told there was a logistical delay with the delivery of

the equipment

"We're still trying to fast track it ... and Santokh is working hard with the supplier," said Penner. "I get that there's frustration and concern about it ... the community is as frustrated as we are.

"Council's been pushing this ... asking why isn't the equipment here ... everything's in place. We've got the environmental approval for it, so everything else is there."

Winkler to install electric vehicle charger at MEC

By Ashleigh Viveiros

Winkler is getting its first city-owned electric vehicle charging station sometime in the months ahead.

At its meeting last week, city council announced it has received \$10,000 from the Manitoba Motor Dealers Association's EV Charger Incentive Program.

The cost of a Level 2 charger is actually \$22,000, so council approved spending \$12,000 from its unforeseen fund to cover the difference, as this cost wasn't included in the current budget.

The plan is to install the two-port charger in the Meridian Exhibition Centre recreational area.

"We believe it's important to be welcoming to those who pass through our community," Mayor Henry Siemens said. "Part of that means that we have to have the services available that trav-

ellers need. And up until recently, we've had very few local options in that regard."

Getting a public electric charging station up and running has been a goal of council's for some time now.

"We wanted to try to find some way to offer that service," Siemens said. "And with this grant now it effectively cuts the price in half."

The price users pay to park in the two spots adjacent to the charger will be slightly more than the cost of the electricity they're using, which means, eventually, the city will recoup the money it spent on the unit.

"This is a charge for service, so there is a recovery on it," Siemens said, noting, however, this will by no means ever be a big money maker for the city.

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DOUBT & CERTAINTY

One Woman's Journey Through Her Veiled Heritage

A true account of abandonment, courage, love and triumph over loss.

By Elma Enns-Kreitzer and Raymond Kreitzer

This is the true story of Gertrude Penner-Enns. It takes place between 1890 and 1919 in southern Manitoba as she moves between Blumenort, Winnipeg and Rosenort. Orphaned at the age of nine, she must earn her keep by working full time for the aunt and uncle who took her in. She slowly begins to feel the constraints placed upon a woman who must survive on her own in the insular Mennonite culture of her upbringing. Having the opportunity to experience what life is like in the non Mennonite world, she finds herself split in two. This is the story of her struggle to gain the freedom and independence she craved. Hope, courage, despair and triumph all belong to her. Held in her grip, we join her in the incredible journey through and beyond her veiled heritage.

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My short stay was scheduled, and I also was treated with utmost dignity and compassion, including a follow-up telephone call the day after discharge.

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We both, my husband and I, believe

we are so blessed to have exceptional doctors, nurses, and all other staff right on our doorstep at BTHC.

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A sincere thank you!

**MaryAnn Sawatzky,
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On behalf of my family we'd like to recognize our favourite Morden community volunteer. An abundance of gratitude to Jeff Scott for his ongoing

passion to develop and maintain bike trails in and around Morden.

Jeff has been instrumental in developing and maintaining the beautiful trails around Lake Minnewasta and the pump track in Morden Park.

We see you, Jeff, and appreciate you. You're making a difference. Morden is better because of you.

I know you've had help along the way but you're the guy that we regularly see with a shovel in your hand. Thank you Jeff and thanks to everyone involved.

**Tyler, Annabel, and
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The charging station will allow visitors to the pool or arena complex to top up their electric vehicles while they spend a few hours enjoying what Winkler has to offer.

"It keeps them in town and hopefully enjoying some of the other amenities that we have," Siemens said.

In other news, council heard that both the water plant expansion and the wastewater treatment facility project are on track.

"Timelines are good, budget is good—things are progressing they way we would have expected both of them to go," Siemens said.

Siemens also shared that progress is being made on the planned Winkler Centennial Arena renovations.

"We had submissions close last week Friday [July 19]," he said. "We've been feverishly working to run through them."

The plan is still to begin demolition

of the arena's aging interior this fall.

On a less positive note, the city has been informed by Manitoba Infrastructure that major repairs to Main St., which falls under the province's purview, will have to wait until next year.

"Our hope would have been that it was going to be resurfaced this year, but we have now been told that is not the case," Siemens said. "We'll continue to hope for next year."

"These high water events that we've had over the last little while, along with winters that have been freeze-thaw, freeze-thaw, freeze-thaw, have really done a number on a number of our streets," the mayor said. "And that one in particular has not aged well the last couple of years."

The city will continue aggressively lobbying for improvements.

"We do hope that the province is able to recognize how important that

street is to our community and then participate with us to get it back up to what it needs to be."

Elsewhere in Winkler, city-led improvement projects are moving along nicely.

The sewer line upgrades that have closed parts of Mountain Ave. in recent weeks are wrapping up, and the overhaul of North Railway Ave. is on track to be completed soon as well.

"We were excited to get going with the project," Siemens said. "And then we had so much rain and the water table came up and we had to look at a way to redo the base on that to make sure that the road that we were going to put on top of was going to last. So we had to spend some additional dollars in making sure that the base was good."

"We anticipate that, barring another really significant rainfall event, we will have that one finished before Harvest Festival."

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Music at Cripple Creek



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People gathered south of Morden Sunday for the 43rd Cripple Creek Music Festival. The day offered a variety of traditional bluegrass, country, folk and gospel music. Performers included The Travelling Kind (left) Orlando & Grace (above), Shield of Faith, The Blue Water Boys, the Yodeling Farmer's Daughter Juanita Clayton, and more.

CCI Big Hit tournament returns this weekend

By Ashleigh Viveiros

Children's Camps International celebrates the return of its Big Hit Slow Pitch Tournament to the Winkler ball diamonds after a hiatus of several years.

Registration was set to close on Monday after press time, but CCI rep. Tom Penner expected to have upwards of a dozen or so teams taking part.

"We're rebooting this thing after years of it not going on," he noted. "It had built up year after year to become a tradition for people. So, after not doing it for all these years, I'm really with that number."

"The people who are going to do this, they're giving up their long weekend, so you know they're excited to be taking part."

Thanks to event sponsors and donors, each home run hit over the weekend will raise money for CCI, which partners with churches in Asia and South America to host Christian day camps for kids.

The last time this tournament was

held, back in 2017, it raised over \$80,000. While Penner isn't sure they'll quite hit those heights, any amount brought in will be a blessing for the non-profit.

"We're talking thousands of extra kids that we can reach in our camps because of this one event," he said. "And it's all because of this one volunteer [event spearheader Steve Wiebe] and the other volunteers who stepped up to make this happen again. We're incredibly grateful for that."

Organizers were still fine-tuning the schedule earlier this week, but games are slated to take place Friday evening, throughout the day Saturday, and Sunday afternoon. A complete schedule will be available online at baseball.childrenscampsintl.com.

Donations will be accepted at the ball diamonds all weekend long. You can also take part in the 50/50 raffle or grab lunch or supper from the concession stand, which is being run by Sixteen13 Ministry (they and CCI are splitting the proceeds from food sales).



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CFDC dig site expands thanks to land donation

By Lorne Stelmach

A man who played a role in the key discovery 50 years ago that eventually led to what today is the Canadian Fossil Discovery Centre has now helped kickstart the museum's next era of exploration.

Coinciding with the anniversary of the discovery of the mosasaur known as Bruce, the land adjacent to that site north of Thornhill has been gifted to the CFDC.

David Lumgair has donated 18 acres of the land connected to Bruce's site at what is known as the Thornhill Cooley valley.

"So now, he is still being a key piece for the continued development of the museum," said executive director Adolfo Cuetara. "I am pretty sure that big things will be coming from this land ... I am pretty sure another Bruce may be waiting for us there."

"We learn from our history ... and I do value the fossil centre," said Lumgair. "I hope the gift of land immediately adjacent to where Bruce was found will give a good opportunity close to Morden ... for the fossil centre to expand and to dig where there have been so many good fossils."

Cuetara said the acquisition of the land has been in the works for about a year, with a number of steps that had to be taken, including doing a survey of the property.

He estimated the cost of the whole process and legal work comes to about \$20,000, but it is well worth it given the potential he sees in what might be beneath the surface waiting for them to find.

He noted the land was not mined, so it is untouched and contains exactly the same layers where Bruce and other important fossils were found in 1974. Some test holes have already been excavated at the site, and they have found the very same layers of bentonite and shale where fossils are likely to be found.

"We are really, really happy with this acquisition. It's very exciting for several reasons," said Cuetara. "We have been happy with the land that we have had now for the last 20 years near Miami, but that was already mined in the '60s and the '70s ... so a lot of the good stuff was gone. We are still finding nice specimens, but we know that best ones are gone. We do still have to prospect some sites that are still there."

Discovering Bruce

Fifty years on from the discovery of the mosasaur fossil dubbed Bruce, the opportunity for more similar finds now presents itself to the Canadian Fossil Discovery Centre.

That potential comes with the CFDC acquiring land from David Lumgair which is right next to where Bruce was found.

Executive director Adolfo Cuetara has been compiling some information from when Bruce was discovered. Here is part of the account of how it came about back then:

"In 1972, David Lumgair was approached by the Pembina Mountains Clay Ltd with the proposal of mining a couple of sites in his farm. In 1973, the mining operations at Lumgair's moved from the Shannon Creek valley to the Thornhill Cooley valley a few miles northwest of Thornhill.

"In 1974, many fossils including several complete skeletons started to be found at that site. Henry Isaak was able to put together a team of summer students with federal grants, and he also brought it to the attention of the Royal Ontario Museum.

"The Morden crew was formed by Henry Isaak, Elisabeth Wolfram, Elisabeth Giesbrecht,

Jim Kuchera and Gary Funk.

"A team from the Royal Ontario Museum came to Morden to spend the whole summer digging together with the Morden crew, and they would come back in the summer of 1975.

"They very soon found two *Tylosaurus* skeletons and a complete plesiosaur skeleton along with other many fossils like *Hesperornis*, and the most significant of the skeleton remains would be from the giant *Tylosaurine* mosasaur that would later be named Bruce.

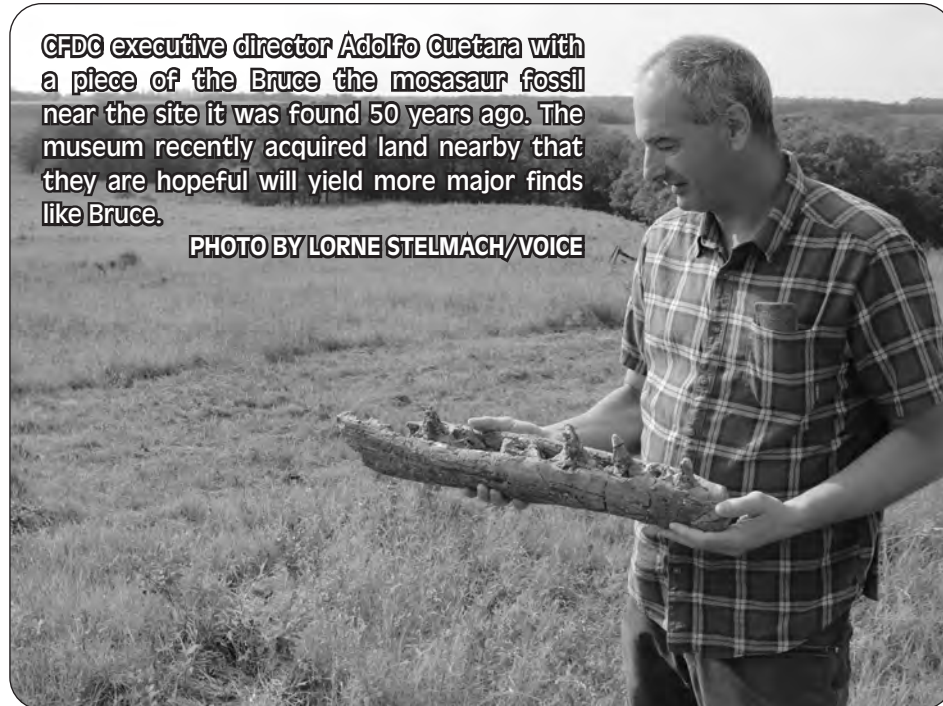
"During that summer of 1974, everybody was talking about the TV show *Monty Python* and specifically about one of the sketches where everybody was called Bruce, so the fossil crew started to jokingly calling each other Bruce including the massive mosasaur being excavated.

"Lumgair got his first taste of paleontological discovery in that year 1974 when he accompanied the scientists on a dig on his property. That was in late spring, and Lumgair remembered being out seeding wheat that year and passing the site where the paleontologists were working.

"Finally, his curiosity piqued, he stopped the tractor and went to take a look. The site of the

CFDC executive director Adolfo Cuetara with a piece of the Bruce the mosasaur fossil near the site it was found 50 years ago. The museum recently acquired land nearby that they are hopeful will yield more major finds like Bruce.

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"This new land that Dave Lumgair has generously donated is the continuation of the strip of land where all the discoveries in 1974 were made," he continued. "So I have very high expectations about this strip of land ... and we already started to dig up some trenches there, and we know where to start looking for fossils."

It is going to be a long process and a lot of work to develop the site, Cuetara noted.

"It is a lot of work ... we don't have any infrastructure there, but I have already started looking into being able to build a field station there. I am having conversations at the provincial

and the federal level."

The municipality is already looking at an improvements to the dirt road that leads to the site along the edge of a field, but Cuetara said the land overall will be easy to access.

"This land is very accessible ... one thing we can't do with the other land that we have is that we can't bring, for example, school tours because they last two miles of road there is really, really rough," he said. "This new land is flat enough and very accessible ... so that creates a new opportunity for us ... it will opening up new possibilities for us."



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mosasaur's jaw bone in the earth sure made him stop and think, said Lumgair.

"They had moved the overburden and got down to the bentonite. (Bruce) was scratched away there, and they found a jaw bone," Lumgair recalled. "My first question was what is a fence post doing almost 20 feet down in the ground? Of course, I knew then very well it wasn't a fence post ... you could see the teeth in it. That's how it all started."

"To be looking at a fossil that represents life 80 million years ago and then saying, 'Hey, I've got to get back to my seeding' and thinking about how the crop that I'm seeding is going to be harvested in 90 or 100 days ... it was quite ironic, if that's the right word."

—Lorne Stelmach

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Newcomer swimming program still making waves

By Lori Penner

Representatives with the Lifesaving Society of Manitoba paid a visit to the Altona Aquatic Centre last week to celebrate the success and value of the newcomer swimming program offered in Altona for the past few years.

The program has been funded for two years through the Manitoba Coalition for Safer Waters and administered by the Lifesaving Society.

Buddy, their official mascot, joined them on their visit, which also coincided with National Drowning Prevention Week.

Executive director Stacey Grocholski shared that over 450 people fatally drown annually in Canada, making it the second leading cause of unintentional death for children and the third leading cause of unintentional death for adults. Most drownings take place in July.

"We wanted to raise some awareness of the magnitude of drowning," Grocholski said. "We know, disproportionately across Canada, that newcomers and Indigenous peoples are drowning more than the average Canadian. So, that's something that we really focus on."

Grocholski said she's happy to see that more such programs are popping up across rural Manitoba as newcomers settle outside of urban areas.

Val Klassen, a Settlement Workers in Schools (SWIS) coordinator with Regional Connections, is celebrating three years of success with the program that's been making waves in the community.

The newcomer swimming lessons, offered free-of-charge, are not only teaching essential water skills but also fostering a sense of belonging for Altona's newest residents.

Klassen said when she sees the sat-



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Members of the Lifesaving Society and their mascot Buddy during their visit to the Altona Aquatic Centre on July 25.

isfaction on the faces of newcomer students as they learn to swim, she knows the impact is profound.

"Previously, these students would sit at the edge of the pool, unsure of how to participate in water activities. Now, they're diving in, gaining confidence, and acquiring lifesaving skills."

For many of these newcomers, swimming lessons are a first-time experience. Having come from countries with limited access to water, they're unfamiliar with water safety. The program focuses on children who have never had formal swimming instruction, including older kids who might feel hesitant to join classes with younger children.

One unique aspect of the program is its female-only classes, taught by female instructors. These sessions provide a safe space for young girls who may not otherwise have the opportunity to learn to swim.

The initiative began when Altona recreation manager Eric Hildebrand discovered funding opportunities through the Manitoba Coalition for Safer Waters.

"We wanted to break down financial barriers and ensure that our newest community members felt comfortable at the Aquatic Centre," Hildebrand

explained. When grant funding fell short one year, the Curtis Klassen Memorial Fund stepped in to cover costs.

Altona has seen an influx of newcomers in recent years, and Hildebrand says taking swimming lessons is another way of integrating these families.

"Children, especially those learning English as a second language, want to connect with their peers. And where do they gather during summertime? Right here at the Aquatic Centre."

In addition to teaching swimming skills, the program educates parents about the Aquatic Centre's rules, admission fees, and safety protocols.

Grocholski said

those protocols apply to everybody, in any body of water, be it a pool or a lake.

"If you're not a strong swimmer, wear a life jacket. If you are boating, wear a life jacket. Don't boat or swim under the influence, whether it's cannabis or alcohol. Swim with a buddy. These are basic rules. And take swimming lessons. They are such an important thing for a life skill. We also teach a Swim to Survive program, to save yourself if you find yourself in the water unexpectedly."



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Heather Ford and her daughters Lillian and Bridgette were beating the heat at Lake Minnewasta last Thursday. The City of Morden marked National Drowning Prevention Week with Beach Smart, a program that provided water safety information and tips to keep safe in and around the water. There was free entry to the lake that evening, and also just \$3 for admission to the Splish Splash water park.

WangDao receives Made by Women grant

By Lorne Stelmach

The restaurant industry is historically male-dominated, so DoorDash Canada is helping bridge the gap for women-owned restaurants.

It's Made by Women program is designed to champion women chefs and restaurateurs by providing eligible operators with financial support via \$10,000 grants, plus educational and marketing resources.

Fifteen of those grants were recently announced for restaurants across Canada, and Morden's WangDao Bistro is one of two recipients in Manitoba.

"It's a humbling experience ... it's a validation for me," said owner Ganiyat Oyesomi-Daibu.

"Receiving a Made by Women grant from DoorDash is a gift, giving me rays of confidence and also knowing these funds will help me continue to provide for my community," she said. "I appreciate Door Dash for the opportunity given to me and my business ... it's a big privilege. And I also appreciate the city of Morden for the support they have given my business."

Oyesomi-Daibu said running a restaurant as an immigrant of six months in a new country came with many unexpected challenges, and it was also especially a challenge being a woman and a mother of five children.

"And being a newcomer in Canada—this now makes one year of being in Canada—it's also a challenge living what you know to come and

start what you don't know ... to re-learn and to adapt into a different environment," she said.

"It's challenging, but it's also been very easy at the same time. The culture of Morden has made it an easier ride for me, and my family, my husband and children, have been very supportive."

When she and her family decided to leave Nigeria, there were a few things that made them choose Morden, including getting closer to retirement age and wanting a place to settle then.

"I wanted a community where it is safe ... a community where we could integrate easily. We can also fit in very well," said Oyesomi-Daibu. "Then also I wanted something where I'm going to give back to society, and I see that Morden has what aligns with my business goals."

She is happy with how things have gone for them here so far.

"Business is going good," Oyesomi-Daibu said of their restaurant, which offers mostly Asian food but is adding African food. "I believe that food is a great way to export your culture to the world, so we can use food to tell the story of Africa."

Made By Women grants can be used for a variety of business expenses including renovations, inventory, and new equipment, and Oyesomi-Daibu has an idea in mind.

"I'm working on a project for a value-added product, so I'm going to devote more of the money into the value-added product that I am working on," she said. "It's going to be a one of its kind product, and it's going to



PHOTO BY LORNE STELMACH/VOICE

Ganiyat Oyesomi-Daibu, owner of WangDao, was humbled to learn she and her business were selected to receive a \$10,000 grant from DoorDash Canada's Made By Women grant program.

showcase Morden and the Pembina Valley."

DoorDash Canada was pleased to see how each award recipient showed how they work to support their local community while showcasing how they intend to leverage the grant to support the growth of their women-owned business.

"We're proud to celebrate and amplify women-owned restaurants throughout the year, as making room

at the table for underserved groups fosters lasting change within the culinary industry over time," said Shilpa Arora, general manager of DoorDash Canada. "Each of these owners has a unique perspective and experience from growing their business, showcasing the diversity of entrepreneurship within our country."



Music night at Gallery in the Park

Tenor Nolan Kehler and contralto Joanna Loepp Thiessen performed at Gallery in the Park in Altona on July 24 as part of the gallery's Summer Music Nights series of outdoor concerts. A small crowd gathered on the patio, sipping wine and enjoying a beautiful summer sunsets as they enjoyed classics performed by these skilled singers. They were accompanied by Anika Warkentin.

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FESTIVAL MAIN STAGE

Friday night on the Main Stage



SASS JORDAN, 8:45 P.M.

There are very few female singers used as an example to describe a sound/style, but Sass Jordan is one of them. A pioneer of female-fronted rock, Jordan is known for her powerful, gritty, blues-infused rock and roll and crowd-pleasing performances, and has received a JUNO award and multiple nominations for “Most Promising Female Vocalist of the Year” and “Best Female Vocalist.”

Having sold over one million records worldwide, the raspy vocals of this rock sensation are unmistakable and command attention—she has worked alongside fellow rock greats like Aerosmith, the Rolling Stones, AC/DC and Van Halen, among many others. She is best known for

hits like “Make You a Believer,” “So Hard,” “You Don’t Have to Remind Me” and “High Road Easy.”

Jordan’s new Stony Plain Records album, *Bitches Blues*, can almost be considered part two of 2020’s *Rebel Moon Blues*. Like the previous record, it has eight tracks and features both originals and covers of songs from Taj Mahal, Freddie King and others. “It was just the songs that stood out to me and asked me to sing them,” Jordan says of assembling the material for what most would call her second blues album, even though the style has influenced her music since she first came to popular acclaim with her 1988 *Tell Somebody* debut.

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FRIDAY
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OPENING
ACTS



THAT '80S BAND, 6 P.M.



JULIE C MYERS ROCK REVIVAL, 7:15 P.M.



Saturday morning parade

The festival parade makes its way through the city starting at 10 a.m. on Saturday, Aug. 10. The route begins at the corner of Pembina Ave. and 15th St., heads east down Mountain Ave., north on Main St. to Roblin Ave., and west down Roblin to wrap up at Park St.



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FESTIVAL MAIN STAGE

Saturday night on the Main Stage

CHAYCE BECKHAM, 8:45 P.M.

Three years after becoming the only artist to win American Idol singing his own songs, 19 Recordings/Wheelhouse Records/BMG country artist Chayce Beckham is living proof of his belief that “You can’t tell someone how to write a song.” Currently nominated at this year’s CMT Music Awards for Breakthrough Male Video of the Year for his #1, platinum hit single “23,” the fiery singer-songwriter laid out a course only he could follow, and today remains even more dedicated to his unique creative compass.

A California native schooled on tough times and a mix of country, rock, hip hop and beyond, Beckham started a habit of heart-on-his-sleeve songwriting after some hard times when he felt he had nothing left – and when combined with his warm vocal rasp on “23,” that drive helped him charm the nation on Idol’s 19th season in 2021.



With more than 406 million streams and counting, the bluesy and brutally honest anthem debuted at #1 on both iTunes’ Country and All Genre singles charts, and now leads Beckham’s first album, *Bad for Me*, as the emerging star finds his stride.

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EMMA PETERSON,
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FESTIVAL MAIN STAGE

Sunday night on the Main Stage



AUSTIN FRENCH, 8:45 P.M.

Rising contemporary Christian music artist Austin French has lived a lot of life in his 24 years. Originally from small-town Georgia, he's spent time in Los Angeles, competing on reality singing competitions like ABC's "Rising Star" and NBC's "The Voice." He's been a worship leader at a church where 80 per cent of the members were recovering addicts. And he and his wife went from having no kids to having two—one biological, one adopted—within months of each other.

A life with this much adventure can only happen when you hold the posture that French does. "Life is meant to be lived wide open," he says, "not closed off, not safe, but living close to the Lord where he leads us...our job is to live our lives with our hands wide open."

This openness to God's leading is largely what inspired French's first album, Wide Open. The 13-track album features songs that speak to the ups and downs that inevitably occur while living the wide open life.

His newest project, Wake Up Sleeper, is inspired by Luke 7, the story of Jesus interrupting a funeral. The story is significant because for spiritual teachers of the day, participating in a funeral would make them ceremonially unclean. When Jesus saw a funeral procession going by, He ignored the custom, went and touched the coffin and said, "Arise."

"It's a parallel for our own lives," French shares. "We are all dead in our sin, without a hope or a savior. Jesus says to us, get up, wake up sleeper."

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Friday, August 9, 2024

Saturday, August 10, 2024

Info. Booth

3:00PM - 9:00PM

Midway

3:00PM - 12:00AM

Vendors

3:00PM - 11:00PM

Fawn & Cub Market

3:00PM - 8:00PM

Kreating Smiles
Photobooth

3:00PM - 8:00PM

Beer Gardens

Hours: 3:00PM - 12:00AM

10:00PM - 12:00AM
Karaoke

Main Stage

5:45PM - Opening Ceremonies

6:00PM - That '80's Band

7:15PM - Julie C Myers Rock
Revival

8:45PM -

**SASS
JORDAN**

Kids Zone

3:00PM - 8:30PM Petting Zoo

3:00PM - 8:30PM Obstacle Course &
Animal Train

3:00PM - 5:00PM Shining Expressions

4:00PM - 5:00PM Princess/Hero Photos

4:00PM - 6:00PM Face Painting

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Photo Booth Sponsored by:
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Free Swimming

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1:00PM - 5:00PM

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Etherlan

12:00PM-3:00PM Free Play

3:00PM Super Smash Bros. (ages 10 & under)

4:00PM Mario Kart 8 (ages 10 & under)

6:00PM-9:00PM Free Play

Access Credit Union

Pancake Breakfast

7:00AM - 9:30AM

Parade

10:00AM

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StrongManitoba

Provincial Competition

1:00PM - 5:00PM

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Midway

12:00PM - 12:00AM

Vendors

12:00PM - 11:00PM

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12:00PM - 8:00PM

Kreating Smiles
Photobooth

12:00PM - 8:00PM

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12:00PM-3:00PM Free Play

3:00PM Super Smash Bros. (11-13)

4:00PM Mario Kart 8 (11-13)

6:00PM Super Smash Bros. (14+)

7:00PM Mario Kart 8 (14+)

Catan Tournament

1:00PM - 5:00PM

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12:00PM - 8:30PM Petting Zoo

12:00PM - 6:00PM Motion Zone

12:00PM - 8:30PM Obstacle Course &
Animal Train

1:00PM - 6:00PM Face Painting

2:00PM - 3:00PM Princess/Hero Photos
& 3:30PM - 4:30PM

2:00PM - 5:00PM Shining Expressions

Main Stage

6:00PM - Emma Peterson

7:15PM - Water & Wood

8:45PM -

**CHAYCE
BECKHAM**

Sunday, August 11, 2024

Sunday Service

9:45AM - Worship Music: Sharalee Smith

10:00AM - Speaker: Terry Thiessen

Car Show

1:00PM - 4:00PM

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Info. Booth

12:00PM - 9:00PM

Midway

12:00PM - 12:00AM

Vendors

12:00PM - 11:00PM

Fawn & Cub Market

12:00PM - 8:00PM

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12:00PM - 8:00PM

Beer Gardens

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Free Swimming

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1:00PM - 5:00PM

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Kid's Zone

12:00PM - 8:00PM Petting Zoo

12:00PM - 8:30PM Obstacle Course &
Animal Train

1:00PM - 6:00PM Face Painting

2:00PM - 3:00PM Princess/Hero Photos
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2:00PM - 5:00PM Shining Expressions

Main Stage

6:00PM - Caleb & John

7:15PM - Jordan Janzen

8:45PM - **AUSTIN FRENCH**

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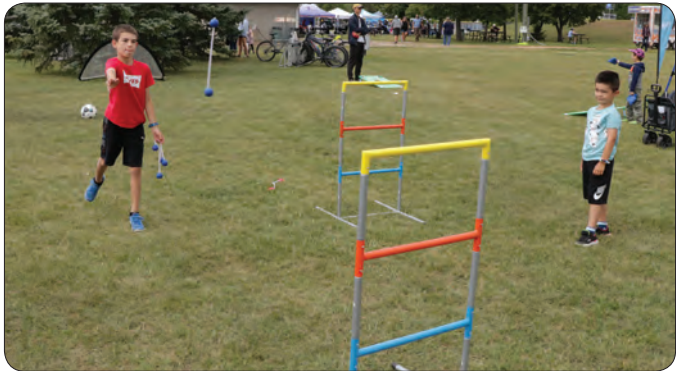


FESTIVAL MAIN STAGE



KID'S ZONE

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Community worship service

The community worship service takes place at the Triple E Main Stage at 9:45 a.m., featuring music by Sharalee Smith. Guest speaker Terry Thiessen takes the stage at 10 a.m. Thiessen is the pastor of alumni and community development at Adult and Teen Challenge of Central Canada.

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Whips knock out Mud Hens, Bisons battling Cardinals



The Altona Bisons were up two games to one in their series with the Carman Cardinals. Game four is Tuesday night.

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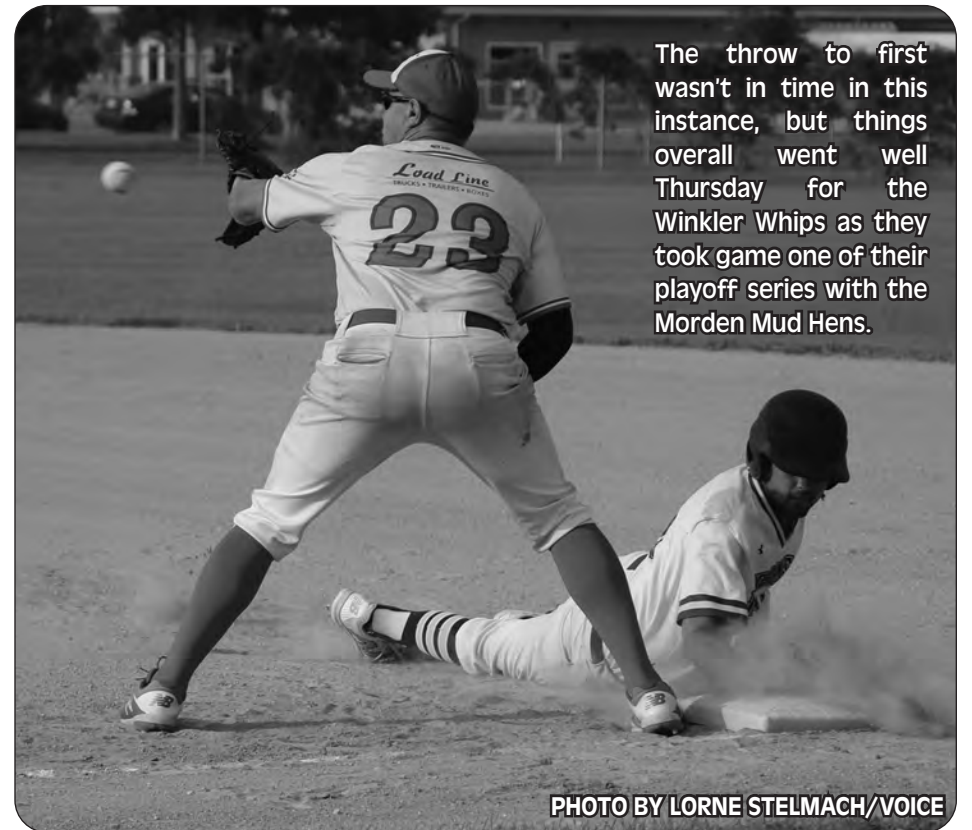
By Ashleigh Viveiros

The Winkler Whips put an end to the Morden Mud Hens' season in Border Baseball League playoff action over the weekend.

The Whips, who finished the regular season in the East Division in third place behind the second-place Mud

Hens and the first-place Altona Bisons, took game one 12-2 last Thursday night, game two 10-4 Friday, and then put the final nail in Morden's coffin with a 10-3 win Sunday to advance to the next round.

The division's other playoff match between the Bisons and the bottom-ranked Carman Cardinals is go-



The throw to first wasn't in time in this instance, but things overall went well Thursday for the Winkler Whips as they took game one of their playoff series with the Morden Mud Hens.

PHOTO BY LORNE STELMACH/VOICE

ing to game four Tuesday.

The Bisons took the opener 1-0 last Wednesday but then stumbled in game two, losing it 6-0. They righted the ship with an 11-10 win Sunday afternoon.

If Altona loses game four, game five will be needed to see who advances. That game is scheduled for Wednesday

night in Altona.

Meanwhile, in the West Division playoffs, the Baldur Regals and the Cartwright Twins are tied at a game apiece in their series while the Pilot Mound Pilots were up 2-0 over Clearwater, with game three scheduled for Monday night. Results were not available at press time.

Storm 1 downs Niverville, Storm 2 falls to UDM,

By Ashleigh Viveiros

Winkler Storm 1 defeated the visiting Niverville FC 6-0 Sunday night.

Ehk'thweesoe Moon Santi Bergen, Carter Wiebe, Zach Wood, Quinton Decker, and Tobias Morasch did the scoring for the home team.

It brings the team's record in the Manitoba Major Soccer League's Division 1 to 8-1-2, good for 26 points and, at press time, first place in the standings, with Lucania United FC 2 and Galacticos FC right there alongside them in the top three, each taking turns claiming the top spot.

Storm 1 next take the field on the road against AK Academy Aug. 13. Their next home game is Aug. 18

against Grant Park SC.

Meanwhile, Winkler Storm 2 fell 4-2 to the visiting UDM team Sunday evening. Lukas Stein scored both of Winkler's goals.

Storm 2, playing in Division 2, are at 2-9-2 this season, putting them in second-last place with eight points, ahead of only the Richmond Kings (four points).

Storm 2 have one more game on the schedule this summer: Aug 6 in Winnipeg against SWB.

Niverville's Jeffrey Dueck stretches in an effort to stop the Storm's Peter Neufeld. Sunday Winkler won it 6-0.

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Central Energy win bronze at U13 AAA provincials

By Ty Dilello

The U13 Central Energy team took home the bronze medal at the 2024 Manitoba Premier Softball League Provincials this past weekend in Stonewall to wrap up their 2024 season.

Central Energy battled against six-teams from around the province during the four-day tournament.

Central finished the round robin games with a 3-3 record. Thursday the Energy won 15-8 over the Smitty's Terminators but lost 7-1 to the host Interlake Phillies. Friday was also split with an 8-1 loss against the Eastman Wildcats and a tight 9-8 win over the Westman Magic. The club once again went 1-1 on Sunday with an 8-3 loss to the Winnipeg Lightning and an 8-7 victory over the Manitoba Angels.

Central found themselves in fourth place after round robin play and in a Sunday matchup with the 3rd place Winnipeg Lightning. Central scored five runs in the first inning, which helped them defeat the Lightning 9-1 and secure the Bronze medal. Kylie Wiebe pitched three innings in relief for Central. The right-handed pitcher allowed two hits and one run while striking out three and walking none.



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The U13 Central Energy won the bronze medals at the 2024 Manitoba Premier Softball League Provincials this past weekend in Stonewall. Pictured left to right, back row: Kelly Yuskin (assistant coach), Makenzie Bartlett, Hailey Baldwin, Kylie Wiebe, Bianca Lanthier, Cassandra Lanthier, Beaudry English, Hailey Yuskin (head coach), Miranda Barker (assistant coach); front row, Brady Wiebe, Brielle Friesen, Collins Vrooman, Lindsay French, Sydney Lewko and Kelsey Dyck.

Cassandra Lanthier led things off in the circle, giving up one hit and zero runs over two innings, striking out one and walking one. The Energy piled up 11 hits in the game. Beaudry English provided pop in the middle of the lineup, and led Central with

two runs batted in. The second baseman went 1-for-2 on the day. Brielle Friesen, Collins Vrooman, and Kylie Wiebe each collected two hits for Central. The defence was sure-handed and didn't commit a single error.

That win earned the Energy another

shot at the Eastman Wildcats and a chance to win gold. The Wildcats opened the scoring in the bottom of the first thanks to two doubles, and they continued to add runs from there to win 7-0. Cassandra Lanthier started the game for Central. The right-handed pitcher gave up five hits and three runs over two innings, striking out one and walking none. Bianca Lanthier went 1-for-1 at the plate to lead Central in hits.

"This weekend went really well," said U13 Central Energy coach Hailey Yuskin. "I'm very proud of the girls as they have improved so much since we started, and they really showed up to play this weekend. Considering we started the season off a bit slow, coming out with a bronze medal made our coaching staff very proud."

Up next is the U15 Central Energy team that will now be representing Manitoba at the U15 Female Western Canadian Softball Championships in North Battleford, Saskatchewan, from Aug. 2 to 5.

Finally, the U17 Central Energy squad will be headed to Calgary, Alberta, this week, as they will be representing Manitoba at the U17 AAA Canadian National Softball Championships from July 29 to Aug. 4.

Local teams medal at provincials

By Voice staff

The Central Charge were the host team for the Softball Manitoba's U17 AA Female provincial championships over the weekend, and the home team reached the podium at the event.

The Charge were flawless in the round robin, winning all five of their games to advance to the playoffs in first place, where they made short work of the fourth-place Bonivital team, beating them 8-6 to advance to the gold medal match.

There they fell to the second-place Westman team 10-2 to win the silver medal.

Meanwhile, the Central Charge 15U AA team went the distance at the provincial championships in Brandon.

The 15U ladies soundly won all their qualifying games and then crushed Westman Storm 10-3 in Sunday's



PHOTOS BY RICK HIEBERT/VOICE

U17 Central Charge's Alexa Desrochers slides safely under the tag by Bolts baseman Gracey Gabriel at the provincials in Morden last weekend. The Charge won silver at the event. Right: Samara Hildebrand on the mound for the Charge.

playoffs to advance to face Westman Fury in the gold medal match, which they won 13-0.

Also bringing home the gold was one of the two Central Charge teams at the U13 AA provincials.

Central Charge Smith and Central Charge Rempel both represented our

area at the event, with the Smith team going the distance to make the playoff round, downing Bonivital 10-3 and then beating Parkland 16-15 to earn gold.

Meanwhile, on the boys side, South Central battled their way to provincial gold at the 15U AA Baseball Pro-



vincials in Brandon.

The team were 4-0 in the round robin and then beat out South Winnipeg 10-1 in the semi-final to advance to play Carillon in the championship final, which they won 6-2.

U18 South Central has a third-place finish at provincials

By Ty Dilello

This past weekend, the U18 South Central hardball team took home a third-place finish at the 2024 U18 AAA Tier 1 Provincials in Winnipeg.

The U18 South Central ball club consists of the following players: Alex Wieler, Teemu Peters, Maksim Fehr, Koen Bleznuk, Brayden Fehr, Graham Thiessen, Tyler Fehr, Ryan Peters, Haiden Friesen, Josh Dyck, Logan Lesser, Ty Magarrell, Hudson Nikkel, Jackson Friesen, and Jaren Hildebrand.

Going into the provincials, South Central was one of the hottest teams in the province, accumulating a 14-2-1 record in league play in the Manitoba U18 AAA League.

"This season, we won a lot more than we lost," said South Central head coach Bobby Matuszewski. As a team, all the guys wanted to get better and put so much work in, and all of them developed a ton. We had lots of guys work on their own to get better, and as a group, we had good kids. They were a super fun group to coach."

At the Provincials, South Central got off to a hot start in the round-robin with convincing wins over Elmwood (3-1), North Winnipeg (11-1), and Brandon (11-4). However, they slowly fizzled down the stretch and lost to Winnipeg South (4-2) and Carillon (7-2) to end the round-robin with a 3-2



record.

When the dust settled, South Central found themselves outside looking in, as only the top two teams in the round robin advanced to the finals. Their provincials ended with a third-place finish.

Coach Matuszewski notes that his club pitched very well this weekend, but its bats weren't as good as they could have been, which ended up being the theme in both losses.

"I'm proud of the overall season, but as a team, we had very specific goals, which was to win, so I know that at least right now, the boys don't look at a third-place finish as something to be proud of. They worked super



PHOTOS BY JO-ANNE PROCTER/VOICE

The U18 South Central hardball team left it all out on the diamond as they took home a third-place finish at the recent 2024 U18 AAA Tier 1 Provincials this past weekend in Winnipeg.

hard, were driven, and had one goal. Hopefully, they can look back at this team as one to be proud of once it's further out because the other coaches and I certainly enjoyed the season with them."

South Central had four graduating players this year. Brayden Fehr is one

and has committed to play college baseball in the United States next year.

"We hope the rest of the guys are back next year for another run at it," said Matuszewski. "It would be great to meet our goal and win a Provincials."

Team Manitoba Women's National Baseball Championship roster announced

By Kieran Reimer

Manitoba Senior Women's Baseball team management has released the 13-player roster that will represent Manitoba at the 2024 Women's National Baseball Championship later this month in Quebec City.

The roster includes Liberty Aime (Clandeboye), Amber Baker (Yellowhead), Dayle Bettens (Winnipeg), Emily Foster (Somerset), Kirsten Giesbrecht (Altona), Zoe Hicks (Bois-sevain), Ella Holm (Stonewall), Sarah Moir (Winnipeg), Ally Neufeld (Bois-sevain), Leah Peitsch (Winnipeg), Avery Pickering (St. Adolphe), Madisyn Robertson (Neepawa), Horizon Senff (Winnipeg), Jewell Thompson (Macgregor), and Payton Zubec (Winnipeg).

The team's leadership includes head coach Kevin Booker, assistants Mike Krykewich and Dan Moir, and manager Rachelle Aime.

"We're a very versatile team," said Booker. "Most of the girls can play multiple positions, so when we have

to put somebody in to pitch, we have no challenge moving someone into their position. It's easier to manage when kids can play so many positions; you're never caught with somebody playing a position that isn't their forte. They are also very adaptable. They are just a great group of kids. They are fun to be around, love baseball, always want more ground balls, hitting, they just can't seem to get enough. They are very good teammates, too. They all get along, enjoy each other's company, and love being around baseball. It's a real pleasure to be able to coach them."

Though Team Manitoba won't begin tournament play until Thursday, Aug. 15, the club has already practiced and played multiple exhibition games.

In May, they played three exhibition games against Team Saskatchewan in Saskatoon for the first time, facing a team they will see at Nationals.

Booker said he saw massive improvements in the team as the games went along.

"The first couple games were the first time we'd really been together and started to play so we held our own for a bit, kinda got away on us," said Booker. "The next day we had a great game, and the kids were totally different from the first day. More confidence, swinging better, and more at ease out there making plays so really encouraging to see."

Getting the entire team together at the same time has been a challenge in the early stages of practices as most of the players are busy with coaching and playing for their own club teams.

Many of the under-18 players on the team currently play for Baseball Manitoba U18AAA, AA, and A teams which are still wrapping up provincials this week.

With those seasons winding down, the club can focus more on Nationals preparation.

The club will practice over the next two weeks before flying to Quebec City on Tuesday, Aug. 13.

Team Manitoba will compete in

Group B, which includes Team Nova Scotia, Team Ontario 2, Team Quebec (Hosts), Team Saskatchewan, and Team Manitoba.

They will open play on Thursday, Aug. 15 at 9 a.m. against Team Ontario 2 from Parc Henri-Casault.

In the evening, the tournament holds opening ceremonies at Stade Canac at 6 p.m.

On Friday, Aug. 16, Manitoba will play Team Nova Scotia at Parc Henri-Casault at 10 a.m., then against the hosts, Team Quebec, at 7 p.m.

On Saturday, Aug. 17, Manitoba will wrap up round-robin play against Team Saskatchewan at noon at Stade Canac.

The playoff round and placement games will begin Saturday evening before the semi-finals, medal round, and final placement games on Sunday, Aug. 18.

The entire schedule and results can be found at: <https://baseball.ca/?f-d=champ&pg=home&evt=senior-women>



SUPPLIED PHOTOS BY REBA KRAHN

Morris resident Paige Krahn competed in the Taekwondo Canada's National Championship at the RBC Convention Centre on July 7th. After placing first in her division, she has earned her place on Team Canada. Above: Krahn on the winner's podium. Right: Krahn (kicking) in one of her matches.



Krahn wins nationals

By Siobhan Maas

Paige Krahn has earned a place on Team Canada following a win at the Taekwondo National Championship in Winnipeg last month. The 14-year-old Morris resident placed first in her weight division against two other opponents. "It's been overwhelming, with lots of people congratulating me," Krahn said last week. The day of the event, Krahn said she needed until the second match to "get into her head." She was fighting a heavy weight from New Brunswick who was "throwing really strong kicks." In preparation for the event, "I

worked with a teammate who was heavier than I," Krahn shared. "He helped me with strategies. "My goals going into the matches were to control the ring, not let her push me around, and use the footwork I learned. She was lower, but I didn't get pushed around. I felt comfortable in the ring, so I feel my goals were accomplished." Krahn felt relief following her fourth and final match, knowing that she had won against her opponent. "I cried," she said, recalling the win. "[I believe now that] I can really go far with Taekwondo." Earning a spot on the national team took a couple days to sink in for

Krahn. "My club brought 13 athletes to nationals and four of us made Team [Canada] this year, so that is really exciting," she said. Despite this prestigious win, Krahn has declined the spot on the Taekwondo National Team as it would require travel to Mexico this fall without her coach or any familiar teammates. Instead, she has chosen to compete in two Australian tournaments in September with her coach and seven teammates. They have entered the World Taekwondo President's Cup (Oceania), open to the world's top black belts, followed by the Australian Open.

"I can gain experience in international competitions for now," Krahn said, noting that she needs to be 16 to start earning points toward the Olympics. Although Krahn earned a spot on Team Canada, her decision to decline means she will have to earn it again next year. Krahn's mother, Reba Krahn, shared of her daughter's win: "Paige made the choice one year ago that she wanted this more than anything. We promised we would fund whatever she needed as long as she put in the effort. The next goal is the Olympics apparently, and I would be stupid to doubt her again."



MJBL hands out All-Star awards

The Manitoba Junior Baseball League honoured its 2024 All-Star recipients on July 25. Pictured left to right, back row: Third Base - Riley Husk, St. James A's; Outfield - Easton Toews, Elmwood Giants; Outfield - Keenan Allan, Interlake Blue Jays; Shortstop - Easton Grieve, St. James A's; Right Hand Pitcher - Maddox Mateychuck, Altona Bisons; front row, catcher - Cody Gunderson, Carillon Sultans; Second Base - Cal Grieve, St. James A's; Outfield - Brady Papineau, Carillon Sultans; Utility Player - Chris Peters, Pembina Valley Orioles; First Base - Rylan Penner, Carillon Sultans and Left Hand Pitcher - Linden Meilleur, Carillon Sultans.

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Sharing swim smarts

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The Winkler Aquatic Centre marked National Drowning Prevention Week with its Swim Smart Day, which aimed to educate pool users about how to be safe in the water. The July 25 event featured lifeguard rescue demonstrations, diving board competitions, water basketball, a fishing pond for younger participants, and other fun activities, each with an educational theme.



Denim & Dust Barrel Racing a hit in Carman on Tuesday nights

By Ty Dillello

The Denim & Dust Barrel Racing Series is in full swing for the 2024 season. Tuesday race nights are held weekly in July and August at the Dufferin Agricultural Society (DAS) Grandstand beginning at 7 p.m.

Barrel Racing is a speed event with the horse and rider combo making a cloverleaf pattern around three barrels. It usually comes down to a tenth of a second, sometimes between first and second place.

There is no admission to Denim & Dust events, as everyone is welcome to come out and cheer on the competition as competitors travel from all over the province to participate each week.

"We strive hard to make it a safe and fun environment for competitors and community members to come out and watch," said organizer Carlene

Reimer. "We have seen an increase in attendance thanks to our growing number of barrel racers and new spectators. The support from the Carman community has greatly contributed to the lively atmosphere."

Additionally, Reimer said they always make sure to have delicious food options, such as Ol' Smokey's and The Cotton Candy Queen, available for everyone's convenience.

Reimer started the Denim & Dust Barrel Racing Series five years ago in Carman. She has about ten volunteers who dedicate themselves to the series every summer.

"It is a ton of work to put together a good series, but seeing everyone enjoy themselves and come out and compliment on how encouraging and fun the atmosphere is, whether you're just watching or competing, makes all the hard work worth it."

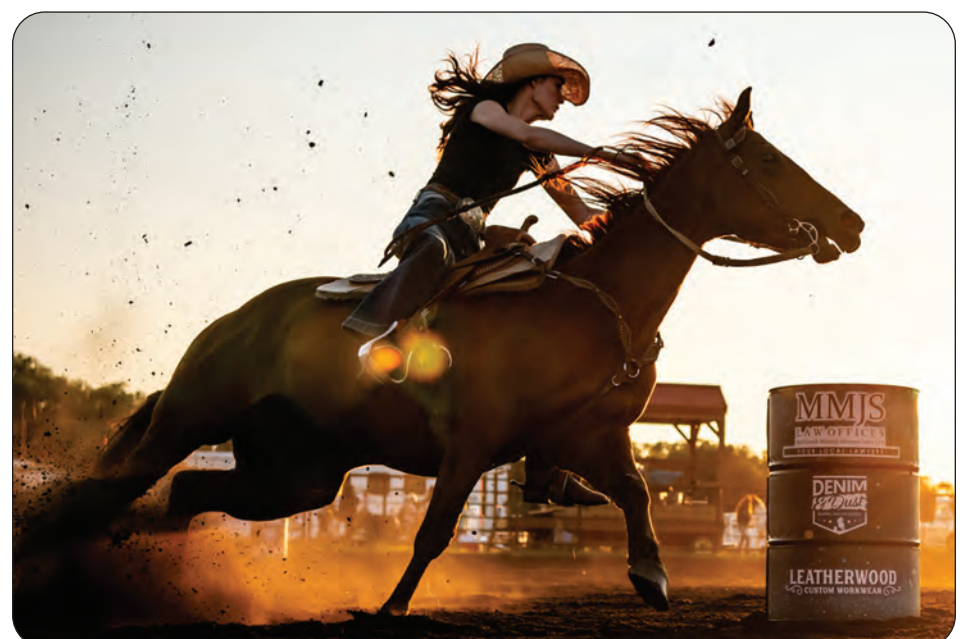


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General Intent: To amend the following sections of City of Winkler Zoning By-law 2271-21 as amended: 2.7, 2.8, 3.2, 4.8, 4.11, 5.5, 5.11, 6.2, 6.3, 9.1, 9.3 and 9.5

Area: By-law 2318-24 will apply to the entire limits of the City of Winkler.

Contact: Planning & Engineering Department
City of Winkler

Phone: (204) 325-9524-2

Email: permits@cityofwinkler.ca

Date of Hearing: August 13, 2024

Time of Hearing: 6:30 p.m.

Location: Winkler Council Chambers,
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A copy of the above proposal and supporting material may be inspected at the location noted above during normal office hours, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday to Thursday and 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 pm Friday. Copies may be made, and extracts taken therefrom upon request.

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CITY OF MORDEN NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City of Morden proposes to pass By-Law 24BL08 providing for the amendment of Capital Lot Levy Bylaw 23BL07 to:

1. Amend Section 3 to clarify that capital levies shall be collected as per this bylaw regardless of any capital levy amount specified in development agreements dating before the enactment of this bylaw.
2. Remove the minimum requirement of one Residential Equivalency Unit (REU) for calculating water and sewer levies for non-residential lots.
3. Add Schedule D (REU Calculation Guide) for calculation of REUs

AND FURTHER TAKE NOTICE THAT the Council of the City of Morden shall sit at 7:00 p.m. on the 26th day of August 2024, at the Council Chambers, Civic Center at 195 Stephen Street, Morden, Manitoba, to hear in person or by agent, any person who claims that her/his land will be prejudicially affected by this by-law;

AND FURTHER TAKE NOTICE THAT the By-law shall be available for inspection at the Municipal Office of the City of Morden, at 195 Stephen Street, between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday to Friday.

DATED at the City of Morden in Manitoba, this 25th day of July, A.D. 2024.

Santokh Singh Randhawa P.Eng.
Deputy City Manager-Operations
City of Morden

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In the matter of the estate of **Dorothy Leona Janzen**, late of the City of Morden, in the Province of Manitoba, deceased.

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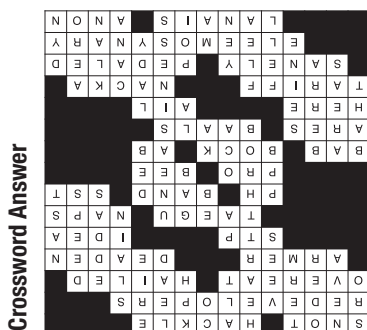
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- Become less lively
- Engine additive
- Thought or suggestion
- South Korean city
- Midday rests
- Expression of acidity or alkalinity
- Group of rockers
- Very fast airplane
- One who is paid to do something
- Buzzing insect
- Monotheistic religion founder
- Strong dark beer
- Blood type



Crossword Answer

- Square measures
- Honorific titles in NW Semitic languages
- Present
- Afflict in mind or body
- Duty
- Municipality in Stockholm
- In a normal way
- Rode a bicycle
- Charitable
- Verandas
- Uncredited

CLUES DOWN

- No seats available
- Russian river
- A European river
- Phrase
- Idol
- Keyboard key
- Prefix indicating mutual
- Kilometers per hour
- Set an example
- It's among the "Great" ones
- VVV
- Murdered

- Icelandic poems
- Seas
- Famed cartoonist
- Partner to "Ma"
- Equal to one quintillion bytes
- Speak incessantly
- Disquiet
- Parts per billion (abbr.)
- Upper-class young woman (abbr.)
- S. American plant
- Monetary unit of Thailand
- Regions
- Baseball legend Yogi
- Ancient Egyptian notion of spiritual part of humans
- Fishing net
- Tinseltown
- MacBeth's wife was one
- Took a spill
- Adversary to pets
- Town in Galilee
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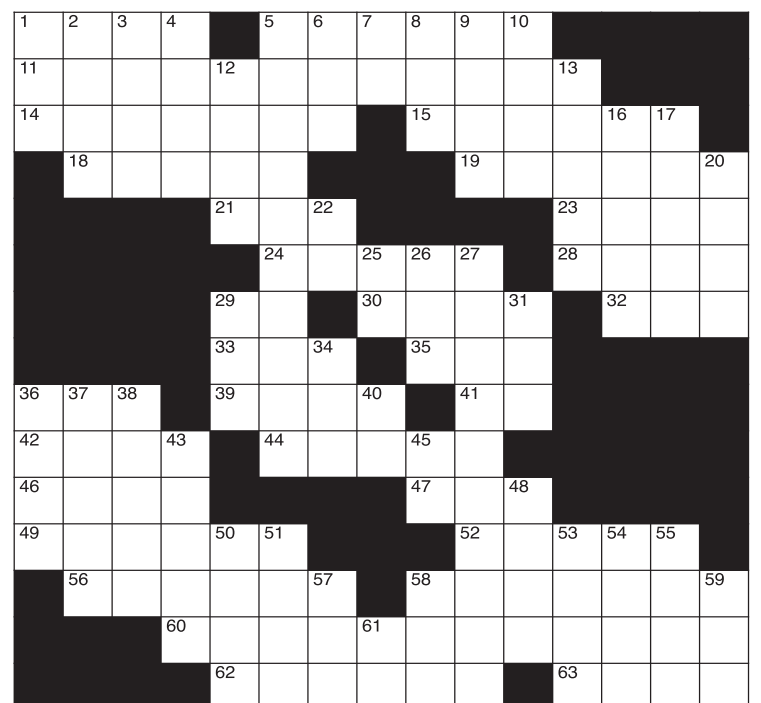
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OBITUARY



Richard (Rick) Dale Peters
1954 - 2024

Richard was born in Winkler, Manitoba on July 22 1954 to his parents John and Annie Peters (Krahn). He was the youngest in the family. Richard spent most of his younger years in Winkler. As a teen he moved to Edson, AB to attend high school there. The family returned to Winkler, and Rick went on to work many manufacturing jobs. Later in life he went back to school to become a health care aide. This was a job he loved and did it compassionately for many years.

In 1975, Rick met his wife Betty, they married in 1977. They were blessed with three children, Amanda (Stuart) their children Teagan and Adyn Schellenberg, Adam (Johanna), his daughter Sierra (Coby) and Erin.

Rick was baptized in 1978 in the Sommerfeld Church. In the years when the children were small, he became a Sunday school teacher, a church usher, lamplighters leader, 4-H leader and still found time to ride motorcycle. He was also a very talented leather worker. Making motorcycle accessories such as saddle bags, tool bags, chaps, hats etc. Sometimes you needed to wait a while for these items to get finished. Rick also enjoyed camping adventures with his family.

Rick had a passion and that was riding motorcycles. He loved his trips with Chas, and all his motorcycle family. He was part of the Antique Motorcycle Club of Manitoba for many years. Rick had some accidents over the years, but was always able to walk away and kept doing what he loved. So, on July 13th he set out on a trip to BC with his friend Robert. His accident happened near Lumby, BC on July 16, 2024 and he passed away on July 21, 2024. He died doing what he loved.

Rick was predeceased by his parents, one brother John and several brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law.

He leaves to mourn his wife Betty, his children, grandchildren, siblings Mary Dueck, Tien Young, Chas Peters.

Memorial service was held on Thursday, August 1, 2024 at 2:00 p.m. at Morden Sommerfeld Mennonite Church. Interment at Hillside Cemetery, Morden.

A special thank you to the medical teams in Kelowna and Vancouver General Hospital, Wiebe Funeral Chapel and friends and family that have reached out.

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OBITUARY



Gail Teresa Kletke (nee Lemoine)
Born: August 22, 1945
Date of Passing: July 25, 2024

It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of Gail Teresa Kletke.

Gail grew up in Inwood, Manitoba and enjoyed many summers camping and fishing with her family. She moved to Teulon after high school and met the love of her life, Ivan Kletke. They married when they were 21 years old and lived in Reston and Churchbridge before making Morden their home.

They raised two children, Brent and Dana. Gail was very involved with her kid's activities and taught sewing through 4-H. Sewing and crafting became an important part of her life, and it brought her great happiness to see others enjoy her little stuffed animals. She was an integral part of the family business, Man-Sun, and

spent many years working by Ivan's side. She looked forward to her annual vacation to Mexico, and was always ready for a road trip or an adventure.

Gail was predeceased by her parents Georgina and Henry Lemoine, her husband Ivan Kletke, sister-in-law Sandra Lemoine, and infant son Garth.

She is survived by her brother Glenn Lemoine, daughter Dana Kletke, her son Brent Kletke and grandchildren Amalie, Olivia and Yannic.

She had a beautiful smile that brightened a room. She will be greatly missed.

Thank you to all the staff at Tabor Home for their care and compassion.

Memorial service was held on Tuesday, July 30 at 2 p.m. at Wiebe Funeral Chapel, Morden, with Reverend Tom Baker officiating.

If friends and family so desire, donations may be made to the Christ Lutheran Church in Morden or the Morden Area Foundation.

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Morden Cheer Board celebrates Christmas in July

By Lorne Stelmach

A warm summer evening made it a perfect time to enjoy a movie outdoors at the Stardust Drive-In last Thursday, and those in attendance were also helping spread some Christmas cheer a few months early.

The Morden Christmas Cheer Board raised funds and collected donations of toys and food with its Christmas in July event.

"We were very pleased with the turnout at our drive-in fundraiser and by the generosity of the people who attended," said spokesperson Ali Wiens. "It was very comparable to

last year. We raised just under \$1,000 and close to a truckload of toy and food donations."

The holiday-themed movie night featured the Will Farrell comedy *Elf*. Admission was by donation of either cash, unwrapped new toys, or non-perishable food items.

"This was a great kickoff to our 2024 season and a nice start to our fundraising campaign," said Wiens. "Our board members will be working hard throughout the fall and beginning of winter to raise enough funds and donations to help our community members than need extra support during the holiday season."



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Morden Christmas Cheer Board volunteers collected donations at the Stardust Drive-In July 25 at their Christmas in July fundraiser. The evening featured a showing of *Elf* and raised nearly \$1,000 for the 2024 campaign.



> RATE HIKES, FROM PG. 2

"We haven't gone to the Manitoba Public Utilities Board for an increase for a number of years," said Penner. "I think the last one was 2017. We had a slight one in 2022 but that was just to adjust for the flow through charge that we get from the Pembina Valley Water Co-op."

And Penner noted the city couldn't necessarily have received approval for annual lesser increases given the restrictions in place with the utilities board approval process. The board

may decide an increase is not justified in any given year if costs have been uncertain or not actual costs incurred at that point.

"We have to apply to public utilities board for rate increases, and we have to show that we have those costs to justify the rate increase," the mayor explained. "We have to show why we need a rate increase. Utilities can't make money or lose money. We have to be cost neutral."

"We have to justify it, and if we

don't incur those expenses, we can't just say, well, we're saving up for a rainy day."

Financing the wastewater treatment project has continue to be a challenge for the city with spiralling costs and funding shortfalls having the city taking another look at its options. Penner has said everyone recognizes the urgency of finding a solution because further development in Morden otherwise is brought to a halt.

The city thought it had found the answer last May when evalua-

tions for upgrading the wastewater treatment system determined a lagoon-based moving bed biofilm reactor (MBBR) treatment system was the recommended option based on a cost estimate of \$70 million. Over the summer and into late fall of 2023, an engineering firm continued design work on the project, but it came with preliminary costs ranging from \$88 million to \$108 million.

"We've reached that critical point ... just going over that 10,000 population puts us in a different ball park or jurisdiction for things like wastewater," Penner noted. "Municipalities over 10,000 fall into different categories for things like phosphate and nitrogen management ... Manitoba has some of the highest restrictions in Canada in terms of how we deal with our wastewater."

The city now awaits a decision by the public utilities board about the proposed rate hikes—a process which could take a few months.

If approved, there will still be a public hearing before the rates can receive final approval from council.

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