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Co-op offering sensory sensitive shopping

By Lorne Stelmach

Anyone who would prefer a quiet shopping experience should keep both the Winkler and Morden Co-op food stores in mind each week.

They recently brought back the sensory sensitive shopping nights where they turn down the intercom music, eliminate noise from shopping carts and tills, and ask customers to turn off their phones.

It was first introduced just before COVID restrictions really came into place, and it's back again now every Tuesday from 7-9 p.m.

"Now that things are getting back into a new kind of normal, we decided to give it a try again, and it has once

again been received really well by the communities," said Co-op marketing and community relations co-ordinator Connie Bailey.

The idea was originally brought to her by food division manager Cam Buhler.

"He had heard of this being done in another location in a different city, and it sparked his interest," said Bailey. "Several of the staff at Co-op have family members that have things like autism and are sensitive to noises."

She noted they have learned that there are also different kinds of sensory sensitivities that go beyond having particular conditions.

"Some people are just introverts, and loud noises are just uncomfortable for



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Co-op staffer Bailey Zacharias at the Morden food store last Tuesday during its Sensory Sensitive Shopping night.

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them, so we thought that we would give this us a try to see how it would be received by our community, and it has been received extremely well.

"We have learned that this is for a much broader spectrum than we first thought ... and there are people who would just prefer shopping in a quieter place; they would prefer no music, no carts clanging, no announcements over the PA," Bailey continued. "There are people who are going through a very stressful time in their lives and they would prefer just to have a quiet peaceful place to be when they're shopping ... it's just a calm atmosphere that is very welcome given the situation that they are in their personal life."

Tuesday nights see the stores turn off the background music at 6:45 p.m. They also stop collecting carts and turn down the beepers on the cash registers.

"We ask people to turn their phones off when they come in, and we just ask people to keep the noise level down as much as possible," Bailey

said. "So far, we haven't had any issue. People have been very co-operative ... and our staff have been trained to encourage those in the store to keep their noise levels down and talk quietly and so forth."

Bailey sees the store continuing with this initiative given the positive response from both communities.

"We actually have quite a few people coming in on Tuesday evenings ... and we had someone comment that it's very similar to a library atmosphere where it's just very quiet, and it's calming. It's a comfortable atmosphere for people. We've gotten a very good response from the people who have been coming in on Tuesday nights. It's positive reinforcement that this is a good thing that we've got going on here."

"We're living in a crazy world where there's always so much going on," she said. "So people are definitely taking more time to be more quiet, more aware and more mindful ... to just take in some quiet time."

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New TV sitcom to be set in Winkler

Maria and the Mennos to film this winter

By Lorne Stelmach

A new TV series soon going into production will not only revolve around what happens when Filipino and Mennonite cultures collide, but the story will be set in Winkler as well.

Maria and the Mennos will be a half-hour comedy show built around the scenario of a young Filipino-Canadian woman trying to maintain her identity as she gets a crash course in pierogis, platz, and prairie living after moving in with her conservative Mennonite in-laws.

While it may be drawing on a range of cultural idiosyncrasies and challenges, it will be presented in a different way that those behind it hope will be universally relatable.

"We want to do it in a light-hearted and fun way ... when it comes down to it, this is a show that is celebrating the diversity in our community," said Paul Plett, who is especially known for his documentary *I am a Mennonite* where he dives into the quirkiness of Mennonites as he explores his own family history. "We want to make a show about people you wouldn't normally see on TV."

"There aren't a lot of contemporary stories told about Mennonites. There isn't much about Mennonites in the media that's not negative and/or biased or stereotypical," said Winklerite Tina Fehr Kehler, who is also a key person behind the project. "Anybody should be able to get something out of this, just like watching *Corner Gas*. You can watch that and go, oh my gosh, that is just so small-town Canada."

Plett and his company Ode Productions are working in partnership with Fehr Kehler and Filipino-Canadian actor Hazel Wallace on the show,

which is being executive produced by Orlando Braun of *That Mennonite Joke* in collaboration with YESTV.

The team has also been collaborating with Filipino-Canadian actor, writer, and director Alec Carlos, whose short film *A Moment's Notice* has received multiple awards. Born in the Philippines and raised in Steinbach, he is fluent in Tagalog and has personal experience in bridging Pinoy and Mennonite space.

Maria and the Mennos takes place in Winkler, where Maria, a young Filipino-Canadian, finds herself after moving in with her in-laws. She's a fun-loving, independent woman who likes to take risks and think outside the box, so this new life in a conservative-Mennonite household is going to take a little getting used to.

Part of the motivation for this creative team on this project was to challenge current Filipino and Mennonite stereotypes and share some of the real-life hilarity from these communities that are not really seen much on television.

"A lot of us have seen a number of shows that take place on the Prairies in the past. I think for me, being a Mennonite here from Manitoba, I always thought it would be nice to see my perspective," said Plett.

"We thought what kind of show could we make that would celebrate our arts and our culture and who we are in a funny, light-hearted kind of way."

Plett observed it is an interesting coincidence that there is in fact a substantial Filipino community in the region the show is set, but the idea in part also arises from him having collaborated with many Filipinos in the past.

"I've always been interested in their



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Paul Plett and Tina Fehr Kehler are part of a team bringing the new TV sitcom *Maria and the Mennos* to life.



stories, their world and their culture, and this just seemed like a great opportunity. There's two big cultural groups that are here in Manitoba, and the idea of having them meet and interact with each other just seemed like you could get a lot of comedy out of it," he suggested.

"You want to share some of these basic ideas of being a Mennonite, and you can't share that with someone who already knows, so having a character like a Filipino Canadian daughter-in-law moving in ... it sort of gives you the chance to introduce Mennonite to an audience that might not know about Mennonite," Plett continued. "And vice versa ... and you can also explore what Mennonites are not and what people are kind of ignorant of as well."

He sees the show as a great opportunity to address some of those misconceptions.

"There's a couple big stereotypes that we do kind of want to debunk. In my lifetime, anyone that I meet, if they've even heard of Mennonites ... they just think Mennonites are Amish," he said. "And not all Filipinos are maids and nurses ... so we want to show these are three dimensional human beings who have all kinds of dreams and aspirations."

For Fehr Kehler, who is serving as the show's resident Mennonite expert, it is an obvious project for her to be involved in, considering how she

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Tickets go on sale for Katie Cares Fashion Show Aug. 10

By Ashleigh Viveiros

Katie Cares is gearing up for the long-awaited return of its annual Celebration of Life Fashion Show.

Tickets for the Sept. 24 fundraiser in support of the charity and its respite home, Katie's Cottage, go on sale next week Wednesday.

The evening will include the fashion show itself, a charcuterie board and desserts, live music from the Bare Yogis, and performances from aerial gymnasts Momentum and Fun & Fire.

Organizer Ruth Reimer notes they're limiting tickets this year to around 350 people (down from 500 or so in the past) to provide a little more breathing room at the event, which takes place at the Northlands Parkway Collegiate gymnasium in Winkler.

"We want everyone to feel comfortable," she said.

Planning for the show has been going on for some time now after two cancelled years thanks to the pan-

demic.

"Everything has come together beautifully," Reimer said. "The support is just tremendous. We're so lucky to have that. Everybody is like, 'I want to help. I want to support. What can I do?' That's a great feeling and one that I never want to take for granted."

They're still looking for a few more models but have already secured the commitment of the local businesses who will be providing the clothing and accessories for the catwalk.

"EVERYTHING HAS COME TOGETHER BEAUTIFULLY."

"We wanted to really incorporate, again, community," Reimer said. "Our stores this year are Maurices, Livienne Bridal Boutique, Dilis Boutique,

Pharmasave, Fashions by Co-op, Copper and Sparrow, Heidi-and-Seek Boutique, and Knockabouts. And then Focal Point will be accessorizing with glasses."

Katie Cares staff are also putting together a giant silent auction filled with goodies.



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Models return to the catwalk for the ninth annual Katie Cares Celebration of Life Fashion Show Sept. 24 in Winkler. Tickets go on sale next week.

Funds raised from the show go to support the respite home and Katie's Cottage's support programs for kids in hospital.

Your support of the show makes a big difference, Reimer stressed.

"You're giving somebody comfort. Maybe you're not right here in the cottage doing it yourself, but the money that you have given does that," she said. "It helps us put an arm around

someone who needs it, it gives them a cup of coffee, it provides them with a place to sleep, which is sometimes so critical when they're at the hospital caring for a loved one."

Tickets are \$75 each or \$600 per table (eight per table).

You can get tickets starting at 9 a.m. on Aug. 10 by stopping by Katie's Cottage (across from the Boundary Trails Health Centre) or calling 204-312-8445 or 204-362-1173.

The show routinely sells out quickly, so Reimer urges people to book theirs sooner rather than later.

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Morden council weighing bridge replacement options

By Lorne Stelmach

The City of Morden is making progress towards the replacement of two flood damaged bridges, but in the meantime, it also needs to address questions around the Alvey Street bridge in particular.

A letter raising concern about the Alvey Street bridge and particularly about the impact on access to school bus stops brought it all up for discussion at a recent meeting of council.

"We did discuss the option of a temporary pedestrian bridge, but the cost for the short amount of time that it would be in use can't be justified. It's just a substantial cost," said Mayor Brandon Burley. "Spending a couple hundred thousand dollars on a pedestrian bridge just to replace it within the year doesn't make much sense to council.

"Council is working to do what we can to address the concerns," he maintained. "We are going to look to help alleviate their concerns with their school bus stops. What shape that takes, right now we're not sure, but it is going to be actively looked into by management in advance of the school season.

"There is short-term pain. We are trying to alleviate that as much as we possibly can, but we also have to be responsible with how we are doing

it."

The Alvey Street bridge was destroyed by the spring flooding, while the Parkhill Street bridge was structurally compromised.

The city put in a claim under the Manitoba Disaster Financial Assistance program for both bridges, and a condition was that an engineering assessment be done. Those were completed in June, and it found the Alvey Street crossing required replacement, while the Parkhill Street bridge required major repairs. However, the engineering report recommended replacement of the Parkhill Street bridge also with a free-spanning structure to prevent a similar event in the future.

The awards for design for both bridges was approved by council and awarded to WSP, a multinational engineering firm. Once WSP returns designs, the construction tenders will go out for both bridges, but the timelines for construction will be determined by the availability of construction companies.

"We're hopeful that is sooner rather than later," said Burley.

He noted the design for both bridges considers 100-year flooding events, and as a consequence the long term impact of this infrastructure change will help prevent events like what happened this spring from occurring with any regularity.



VOICE FILE PHOTO

Morden city council is looking at replacing the Alvey St. bridge (above) and making major repairs to the Parkhill St. bridge, both of which took heavy damage during this spring's flooding.

"It's going to be a freestanding bridge with pedestrian access on it. There will be no culverts, and the same on Parkhill as well," he said. "They will be raised of course from where they are now to a level that anticipates water flow on a hundred year flooding event.

"It's a more practical and a more responsible approach, especially as more and more land in the watershed gets torn up and that water runs off quicker into ditches and back into our system," said Burley. "We've got to be more prepared than we are now for major water events."

Meanwhile, council this month also awarded the tender for the construction of an addition to the Morden fire

hall.

The lowest tender came in about \$26,000 over the budget, which was \$300,000, but the city will be able to draw on a portion of its federal gas tax revenue to cover it.

The addition to the firehall will house the new water tanker truck, but council is also looking to make it large enough for a future need as well.

"The additional length of the bay was a little bit forward thinking because when the ladder truck comes up for replacement, the ambition is to replace it with a longer ladder," said Burley. "It's probably a prudent idea to make sure we're looking 20 years down the road at what we will be needing by that time."

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was the creative force behind the Low German Waut de Kuckuck' (What the Heck) YouTube series of videos and Daut's Mie Framd (That's Unfamiliar to Me) series of five short films exploring Low German Mennonite culture.

Fehr Kehler was anxious to partner with Plett after having worked with him previously.

"The short film we were working on kind of inspired us to create this family that we're working on now, so it was serendipitous," she said. "He was interested in doing something kind of outside the box with respect to Mennonites but set in a small town."

A lot has been done to address the culture in a serious way, so it was appealing to do this in a more lighthearted way.

"A lot of the things that I've been doing have been comedic in nature," she noted. "I did a series of films last summer around the issues about COVID in Low German, and that went off really well ... it wasn't supposed to be preachy or anything; it was just supposed to open up people to having conversations."

She emphasized that the show would be doing it "in a way that isn't belittling to anybody. The purpose isn't to poke fun at and make fun of anybody. It's about the human condition ... and those themes are universal, the clash between cultures."

The creative team has finished writing 13 episodes and are now getting into the casting process with a plan to shoot next winter and to be on air in fall 2023.

Given the story is set in Winkler, they are doing some possible location scouting, although it is likely that a lot of it will be shot in Win-

nipeg.

"I wish it could be more [in Winkler]," said Fehr-Kehler. "It just would be difficult to do a majority of the shooting here."

The show will shoot weekdays from Jan. 1 to March 15. Non-union actors interested in sending in their audition tapes and resumes can email mariaandthemennos@gmail.com for details.

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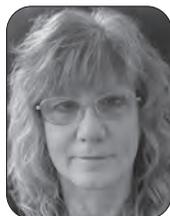
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As we slowly climb out of the COVID pit the world struggles to adapt and deal with the aftermath of the pandemic that has not simply constrained supply chains but demolished them and left us in a new world, different from the old.



By Peter Cantelon

Now a significant escalation in the war in Ukraine by Russia has led to steep increases in fuel costs and has taught us something significant: EVERYTHING is affected by fuel costs, from lettuce to Lexus and tomatoes to Tesla.

Interest rates around the world are climbing in an effort to slow global consumption and allow the supply chain to catch up.

In the meantime people are slowly transitioning out of home and back to a work-from-the-office mindset and in the process they have learned something incredible: they don't have to. The past few years have taught people that when push comes to shove businesses will bend to employee demands.

People have come to realize that currently there are more opportunities than people to fill them. Over the past three years restaurants and various other service industries contracted to

meet reduced need and those employees caught without a job moved on because they had to. They retrained, started their own businesses, and left the service industry entirely.

Now that industry is hurting for staff. Everywhere, even here in the Pembina Valley. Especially here in the Pembina Valley where we are living on borrowed time in terms of the kind of growth we need to meet growing employment needs.

It feels a little like we are living in a house of cards and a great windstorm is on the horizon.

As is typical our region has a strong need for employees across industries. In order to attract employees we require a few things: competitive wages, good quality of life, good services, and housing.

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Letters

SENIORS NEED PET-FRIENDLY RENTALS

I was about to send my letter on this subject when I got the *Voice* on Wednesday and was very happy to see someone feels the same as I and hopefully many others do also [*Letters, July 28, More pet-friendly rentals needed*].

My husband and I moved back to Morden three years ago because it was always a friendly and caring

place to live, especially for seniors.

We are now seniors ourselves and frankly do not find that to be true anymore.

If you are a senior on a fixed income you will find it very hard to find suitable rentals and doubly so if you happen to have a pet. Do landlords of 55+ accommodations realize that seniors live a longer and healthier life with a pet? I thought they started 55+ for the good of the seniors but from what I'm finding

that is not true.

I sent a similar letter out to the 55+ rentals that I knew of in Winkler and Morden but not one of them responded. I hope by writing this the owners of these rentals might reconsider how important pets are to any senior trying to rent an affordable and comfortable place to spend their "golden" years.

**Eleanor Slobodian,
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Love Well drop-in hosting walk, bike, run Aug. 13

By Ashleigh Viveiros

The Love Well Women's Drop-in Centre in Altona is inviting the community to take a stroll, bike, or run with them next week.

The centre is hosting the Good Double Blessing trek from Gretna to its facility at 34 2nd Avenue NE on Saturday, Aug. 13.

Participants are encouraged to collect pledges in support of not just the drop-in centre but also the work of the Hijos de Dios Community Centre in Guatemala.

Love Well board member Nadine Klassen is a missionary in Guatemala and is hoping to raise some awareness of the challenges facing women there.

"We've been working with a lot of women that have experienced abuse of some kind and are trying to leave their husbands, but the country sides with the husband more than the wives," Klassen shares, noting lack of

education and financial independence are also big hurdles. Hijos de Dios is reaching out to help these women, and the funds raised next week will support that work.

Closer to home, half of the funds the event brings in will support the drop-in centre, which works to create a safe and supportive environment for Pembina Valley women.

"Our main goal is women mentoring women of all ages," Klassen explains. "We want to build lasting friendships through our coffee time and Bible study. We have craft afternoons and game and paint nights.

"It's all about building a strong community of women and providing a place that is safe and loving for women to drop by and have a coffee and a chat."

Good Double Blessing walkers will set out at 8 a.m. while bikers and runners will start at 9:30 a.m.

The starting line is at Klassen's



PHOTO BY ASHLEIGH VIVEIROS/VOICE

The Love Well Women's Drop-in centre in Altona is holding the Good Double Blessing trek from Gretna to Altona Aug. 13 to raise funds for its local programming as well as programs at the Hijos de Dios Community Centre in Guatemala.

parents' property in Gretna (the old Schellenberg place, Klassen notes), located off Hwy. 30 across from the Enbridge site. Participants will then follow the TransCanada Trail to Altona, a route of 11 kilometres.

The hope is to have everyone fin-

ished by about 11 a.m. so they can all enjoy lunch, prizes, and live music at the centre until 2 p.m.

If you'd like to take part, you can call or text 204-216-0270 for more information. Pledge forms can be picked up at Love Well.

RCMP youth advisory committee looking for applicants

By Voice staff

The Royal Canadian Mounted Police have put a call out for youth to join the agency's National Youth Advisory Committee (NYAC).

The NYAC gives Canadian age 12-21 the chance to connect, have their say, and make a difference.

The committee's members interact with participants from across the country, share their thoughts about

youth crime and victimization topics, and help shape RCMP programs and initiatives.

NYAC members can also receive reference letters and volunteer hours in recognition of their contributions.

Last year, nine Manitobans were a part of the NYAC.

"Being a part of the youth advisory committee challenged me to expand my thinking and really pushed me to think more deeply about things that

happen everyday right in front of me," said Colby, 15, from Grosse Isle.

Twenty-year-old Grayson from Winnipeg agrees.

"I joined the committee to broaden my horizons. I was able to connect with youth and RCMP officers across Canada, and talk about the issues and concerns I see on a daily basis.

"Because of my involvement on this committee, I learned about different grants I could apply for and I was

able to hold a drum making workshop with police, the Bear Clan, and youth from the inner city to help foster reconciliation and stronger community relationships."

The final deadline for applications is Sept. 12.

To request an application form, contact RCMP.Youth-Jeunesse.GRC@rcmp-grc.gc.ca.

> CANTELON, FROM PG. 6

tional economy if you are lacking in any of these areas (particularly housing) as a community you could find yourself in big trouble.

As it stands right now there is not enough housing to meet growth needs in our communities, particularly in Morden. I'm not talking about

\$500,000 custom homes; I'm talking about affordable rental accommodations and entry level first-time homes for purchase.

From a development perspective, both Morden and Winkler are living on borrowed time given the looming waste water treatment crisis. Regionally work has been going on for more than a decade to secure funding for much needed expanded capacity and predictably, when funding was finally announced (for Winkler/Stanley), the costs of the new facilities had risen so dramatically that it has still been deemed unaffordable.

Of course there have been people who have been suggesting alternatives for years that have been dismissed as unnecessary and too costly. Ironically, when something is finally

done, the cost of having, say, expanded a lagoon 10 years ago (or even four years ago) will likely be pennies in comparison.

But I digress.

As with all things we will get through this. The communities that have prepared the most will grow and develop and those that have not will slow and typically blame others for their pain.

At the end of the day it doesn't matter who made what mistakes and how fancy the excuses are—people will always move to where there is opportunity to live well and work, especially in this employee-driven market. Let's hope the Pembina Valley is one of the places people move to and not away from.

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Tickets on sale now for Salem fundraising dinner

Wilma Derksen to speak at Building for Tomorrow event

By Ashleigh Viveiros

Salem Foundation and the Salem Ladies Auxiliary are bringing Wilma Derksen to Winkler this fall as the guest speaker of the Building for Tomorrow fundraising dinner.

The annual gala event in support of the Salem Home personal care home takes place on Thursday, Oct. 6.

The evening routinely raises over \$30,000 for improvement projects at the care home. This time around the proceeds will support the ongoing renovations to the resident rooms in the Cottonwood unit. The wing was built in 1972 and hasn't been upgraded since.

It's a project that comes with a price tag of \$1.5 million, so every dollar raised helps, said Salem CEO Sherry Janzen.

"These have always been really good events for us," she said of the dinners. "The community has been so supportive.

"We look forward to having lots of community support through this one again in making the lives of the residents a little better with the changes in the rooms."

The renovations include restructuring the resident rooms for easier access, installing ceiling lifts, improving the air handling units, and updating the furnishings. The hallways have also been refreshed to make it easier for residents with dementia to navigate.

Twenty rooms were renovated in phase one. The proceeds from the gala will help to tackle the next 20 rooms.

Contributions to the project from the foun-

ation and the auxiliary have totalled about \$300,000 thus far, Janzen noted, so they still have a ways to go to support phases two and three to complete all 60 of the earmarked rooms.

A GOOD FIT

Salem is always looking to bring interesting and engaging speakers to this gala each year, and Derksen seemed a perfect fit.

"A number of people that we know have heard her speak and were very impressed and said they would love to hear her again," Janzen said. "It just kind of hit home for the time we are living in right now, of how we can move past things and move forward."

Derksen's 13-year-old daughter Candace was kidnapped and killed in 1984. In the decades since, she has become an international speaker and consultant on victimization and criminal justice, sharing her family's story of healing and restoration. Derksen is also a certified executive coach and author of the book *The Way of Letting Go*.

Foundation executive coordinator Susan Hildebrand notes that seating at the dinner is limited.

"We're doing 375 tickets this year," she said, explaining they're changing venues; the dinner will be hosted by the Winkler Mennonite Church on Willowdale Crescent.

Tickets typically go pretty fast, so she urges Salem supporters not to wait too long to book a seat.

Tickets are on sale now at \$100 per person (\$50



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The Building for Tomorrow dinner Oct. 6 will raise funds for Salem Home's Cottonwood renovations, which are modernizing the old resident rooms, first built in 1972.

tax receipt) at the Salem Foundation office (165 15th St.), by calling 204-325-4316, or online at www.salemfoundation.ca.

Nurses raise alarm over short-staffed hospital

By Lorne Stelmach

The Manitoba Nurses Union recently sounded the alarm over staffing shortages and the impact on services at Boundary Trails Health Centre.

A July 22 post on the union's social media pages put out an SOS from what is the largest regional centre outside of Winnipeg and Brandon.

The post based on information from a BTHC nurse pointed to a number of areas of concern but particularly focused on obstetrics.

"Our obstetrics unit that delivers close to 1,000 babies a year, covering a huge area, was put on diversion. This has never happened in the age of our hospital," the nurse said. "If delivery was not imminent, they were told they had to travel to Winnipeg or Bethesda. How is that serving the

people?

"Our ER also was critically short staffed—even with multiple 16-hour shifts being done," the post further noted. "There are bed closures on all our wards due to lack of staff. Surgeries were cancelled this weekend because there was no anesthesia to cover.

"I am afraid. I am afraid that it will take lives lost, people dying from preventable and treatable causes. The nurses and doctors we have left are going to be gone if they continue to be in this helpless position, watching people around them dying when it doesn't need to be this way.

"What is our government waiting for in order to help change this? If their loved one died because of lack of resources and staff, I know the change would happen sooner."

A statement from Southern Health-Santé Sud confirmed the obstetrics unit at BTHC was suspended temporarily on Saturday, July 16 from 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. and Sunday, July 17 from 7 a.m. to 11 p.m. due to a shortage of nurses.

"The reason for the temporary suspension was due to a temporary nursing shortages and summer vacation schedules," the RHA said. "During this time, only one patient was diverted to Brandon. Postpartum patients remained at BTHC, and one obstetrics nurse was on duty at all times for triage and emergent deliveries."

The statement pointed to measures that are being taken to recruit and retain nursing staff for all areas, including the recently implemented introduction of undergraduate nurse employees into the workforce, new

mentorship programs, the establishment of a provincial float pool, and financial incentives to increase the number of shifts nurses work each week.

"Post-secondary institutions are also increasing the number of nursing seats in Manitoba by nearly 400," the RHA noted. "Recruitment of internationally educated nurses is also an area of focus with funding and navigational supports now in place for assessment of skills and training required in order to be licensed locally."

Residents who need emergency care are encouraged to go to their nearest health centre, the RHA stressed.

"For less emergent care, residents are encouraged to contact their primary care provider or the nearest medical clinic or call Health Links-Info Santé at 1-888-315-9257."

Check out the Voice online at www.winklermordenvoice.ca or altonavoiced.ca

Experience living history at the WWI Museum

'A Day in the Trenches' returns Aug. 7

By Ashleigh Viveiros

It's been over a century since the battles of the First World War were waged overseas.

The men who fought them are all gone now, but their memory continues to be honoured at places like the Manitoba World War 1 Museum.

Located a few miles west of La Riviere, the facility is home to a massive collection of memorabilia from the Great War.

These artifacts paint a vivid picture of what the locals who served went through from 1914-1918, and the museum showcases them with public tours through the summer months and by appointment in the winter.

But if you want to get a further taste of what it was like on the front lines, "A Day in the Trenches" is where you want to be this weekend.

The museum's annual living history event takes place on Sunday, Aug. 7 from 1-4 p.m.

"We're going to have people dressed up in period uniforms and they'll be

presenting all different aspects of the life of a Canadian soldier in the First World War," said curator Bruce Tascona.

Those presenters will guide guests through the allied and enemy trenches (the museum has a few hundred meters of trenches on the grounds), headquarters, battle stations, and so on.

Tascona noted they'll be welcoming representatives from a few different military history museums to broaden the scope of the presentations. Coming up from the U.S. are a group of reenactors who will play the role of the German soldiers.

"So visitors can come through and look at the Canadian side of it and then there will be some presentations by people dressed up in German uniforms they can ask questions of as well," he said.

There will also be special presentations at 2:30 p.m. and 4 p.m.

"We'll be having a simulated gas attack," Tascona said, explaining



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The Manitoba World War One Museum hosts its A Day in the Trenches event on Sunday, Aug. 7.

they'll be using smoke to give people an idea of what it looked like when the trenches were hit with gas. "We'll try to show how the soldiers had to quickly put on their gas masks and then fight with these burdensome masks on."

The 4 p.m. presentation will be the "grand finale" of soldiers going over the top of the trenches to cross No Man's Land.

Also, in addition to the museum's usual exhibits, they're putting together a special display for the day.

"It's how the children viewed the First World War during that period of time," Tascona said. "We have some framed artwork and a map we acquired from one of the one-room

schools that shows how the students studied the war."

The last few years have been challenging ones for the museum thanks to the pandemic. Tascona said he used the downtime to reorganize the collection and improve many of the displays. He urges anyone interested in history to come down and check it out.

To get to the Manitoba World War 1 Museum, travel down Hwy. 3 three miles west of La Riviere, turn north on Municipal Road 58W and then east on 16N (GPS coordinates: 49 14' 5" N 98 45' 59" W).

You can also call the museum at 204-825-2961 or find them on Facebook for more information.

Access, Amaranth CUs mulling merger

By Voice staff

Hot on the heels of their last merger, Access Credit Union is in talks for another.

The financial institution last week announced it is in discussion with Amaranth Credit Union about a potential partnership.

These discussions began earlier this year following Amaranth's expression of interest in joining Access.

"The proposed partnership with Access provides tremendous benefits to our members, employees, and communities," Amaranth board president Marie Strong said in a statement Friday. "Although these discussions are still in the beginning stages, we look forward to bringing more details forward to our members in the future."

The two organizations' boards note they both value the cooperative principles, which include investing

in communities and keeping rural branches accessible and open.

Joining Access, the largest credit union in Manitoba, would allow Amaranth members to benefit from better technology and innovative solutions in an ever-increasing competitive environment, they add.

"We continue to look towards building a credit union for all Manitobans," said Access board chair Kevin Beresford. "Amaranth shares that perspective and these merger discussions are focused on how to extend that vision to Amaranth and its surrounding communities."

As part of doing their due diligence, Amaranth Credit Union will be engaging with their members and employees about the idea en route to the board providing a recommendation.

Should the board decide to move

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Winkler concert hall looking for volunteers

By Ashleigh Viveiros

If you've been to a show at the P.W. Enns Centennial Concert Hall anytime over the past 16 years, you've likely been greeted by Helene Kuhl at one point or another.

The Winkler resident has been a volunteer at the concert hall "right from day one" when it opened in 2006.

"My husband worked for the city and they were asking for volunteers, so I was aware [of the need]," she recalled. "Because I was recently retired I thought, wow, this is nice way to give back to the community."

In her time at the hall, Kuhl has guided people to their seats as an usher, welcomed them at the door as a ticket taker, and helped out with post-show cleanup.

In exchange she's gotten the chance to see some of the biggest name acts to grace the Winkler stage, including, most memorable to her, George Canyon, Emerson Drive, Ricky Skaggs, and Michelle Wright.

But while the free shows are a nice bonus, it's not the main reason she continues to step forward as a volunteer year after year.

"It's a delight being here," Kuhl said. "It's been very rewarding. It's a way to greet people from different communities and just show how we're friendly Winkler people."

"It's a big facility to run," she added,

"so for one person to be in charge of it all, at the end of the day they could be here until one in the morning cleaning up. But with a group of volunteers, it just lightens the load."

The concert hall has put out a call for more people like Kuhl to get involved.

Community events coordinator Nicole Enns said they're looking for people of all ages and abilities to help out.

"We are looking for ticket sellers, ticket takers, and ushers," she said, noting ushers need to be at least 16 years old but they are willing to train younger people. "It's also good for retired people if they're looking for something fun to do, and one of the huge bonuses is that you're welcome to stay for the show."

Older adults make up most of the volunteer contingent currently, but Enns would love to see more teenagers on the roster.

"It's not a huge time commitment and it looks great on a resume," she pointed out.

There's no minimum commitment to be a volunteer. When a show is coming up, Enns emails out the list of open positions and then volunteers let her know if they're able to pick up a shift.

"They can volunteer for as many or as few shifts as they like," she said, noting shifts can be anywhere from



PHOTO BY ASHLEIGH VIVEIROS/VOICE

The P.W. Enns Centennial Concert Hall is looking for volunteers to work as ticket sellers, ushers, and ticket takers. In exchange for your time you get to stay and enjoy shows for free.

an hour to three or more, depending on the show. "It's whatever works for their schedule."

They currently have around a dozen volunteers, many of whom have been familiar faces at the hall for years.

"All of the volunteers that we have now, they really are all about the community and they want to see the concert hall do well," Enns said. "And in order for the concert hall to do well we do rely on those volunteers."

With pandemic restrictions gone, the concert hall is gearing up for a return to normal this fall and winter.

Enns has a lengthy roster of performers scheduled to take the stage over the next several months.

"The schedule is starting to fill up. I've got a bunch of things that we haven't announced yet," she noted. "We're excited about being able to use the space again."

"I've talked to a lot of the musicians, even around here locally, and they're all itching to get back on stage and to perform for people again, for live audiences."

Enns aims to make the concert hall a hopping place, with local acts taking

the stage regularly throughout the month and then big name performers coming in every couple of months.

"I am hoping to bring in a variety. So if people hear of up and coming shows that they're not a fan of, hopefully there's something that's coming up in the future that they will like."

Upcoming shows include Lulu and the TomCat Aug. 31, A.R. Cash (a Johnny Cash tribute artist) Sept. 23, and the Alan Jackson Experience Oct. 9.

"This is just the beginning of it," Enns said, noting they're also firming up a schedule for the Concerts in the Hall series, an indoor continuation of this summer's Concerts in the Park. "As the temperatures start to cool down and we get the inevitable winter, we hope to keep people warm in the concert hall."

To stay on top of what's going on at the P.W. Enns Centennial Concert Hall, head to winklerconcerthall.ca.

For information on getting involved as a volunteer, contact Enns at 204-325-8333 or via email to Nicole.Enns@cityofwinkler.ca.

An advertisement for a scenic flight tour. It features a group of five people (three women and two men) smiling and posing in front of a small white airplane with the registration "C-GHXS". The background shows a scenic landscape with a river and mountains. The text "Scenic Flight Tour" is written in large, bold, red letters at the top. Below the group, there is a red banner with the price "\$119 FOR A 3 PERSON FLIGHT TOUR" and the text "Book Today!". At the bottom, there is a logo for "LS AIRWAYS FLIGHT ACADEMY" and contact information: "LS Airways Flight Academy | 311 Anson St, Gimli, MB | 204-642-4799".

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ahead with the merger, Amaranth members will need to vote on the proposal, likely this fall.

Access Credit Union members will not need to vote since Access' portion of assets represent more than 90 per cent of the proposed new entity's asset size.

Access, which merged with Cross-town Credit Union in 2021 and No-

ventis and Sunova Credit Unions earlier this year, is currently the largest credit union in Manitoba with more than \$10.5 billion in assets, 52 branches, and over 168,955 members.

Amaranth Credit Union, meanwhile, currently serves 1,200 members with \$18 million in assets and one branch.

Thanks for Farming Tour a big hit with local farmers, exhibitors

By Lorne Stelmach

The Thanks for Farming Tour came to Winkler last week for the first time, and organizers and participants alike felt it was a successful venture.

The Meridian Exhibition Centre hosted over 45 agricultural exhibitors for the two-day event, and there were also a variety of guest speakers on topics that ranged from grain marketing and succession planning to mental health.

The exhibitors came from all across Western Canada with displays inside and outside covering everything from grain handling, grain storage, and other farm equipment with a particular focus on new innovations and products.

Brian Toews, who farms in the Cartwright area, said it was a good opportunity to take in new products and ideas and particularly to connect with companies that aren't necessarily that accessible to them.

"It's all good to see ... and it's close to home for us," Toews said as he toured the exhibits last Wednesday. "It gives us a good chance to see what's all new out there."

"My motivation to be here was just to meet some farmers and hopefully also find some new customers for my business," said exhibitor Evan Erlandson of Altona's Red River Grain Co. "I'm impressed. We've needed something like this here locally for

quite a while ... I think this is a very good start, and it's something that can grow in the future."

Erlandson felt it was especially important to have an event like this focused on the agriculture sector.

"We can't overstate how important agriculture is to the province and to the region," he said.

ScherGain has been part of every Thanks For Farming event so far, so co-owner Trevor Scherman obviously sees the value of it.

"IT GIVES US A GOOD CHANCE TO SEE WHAT'S ALL NEW OUT THERE."

"We're a farmer invented product, and it's one of those things where we're not a large manufacturer, and we like the one on one of the trade show experience," he said. "We can show growers how we can make them a lot of money by doing simple

things at harvest to put more grain in their bins.

"It's been a good experience especially because it is so one on one ... and we're not just out here repping the product. We're talking to guys about their farms; we're talking about how things are going this year and maybe how they need to tweak their combines

"It's just more of a personal experience with this type of trade show," Scherman said. "And they're talking mental health; talking ag markets. We're talking about what farmers



PHOTOS BY LORNE STELMACH/VOICE

Exhibitors from across the Prairies were in Winkler last week to take part in the Thanks for Giving Farming Tour at the Meridian Exhibition Centre.

have been dealing with right now. It's been tricky, it's been interesting ... this year isn't like last year and last year wasn't like the year before, so we need to recalibrate."

Thanks For Farming organizer Jeremy Matuszewski of Thunderstruck Sales and Marketing was pleased with the response to the tour.

"We have an incredible amount of exhibitors and sponsors who have come really from across western Canada to Winkler ... the exhibitor response was amazing, and there were lots of farmers here," he said.

"It's a lot of work, but we're really happy with how it turned out. It tells me there is a need for events like this in southern Manitoba," Matuszewski suggested.

Matuszewski was also very pleased with the Meridian Exhibition Centre as a venue.

"The facility here is amazing, and the City of Winkler bent over backwards

for us to put on this event. It's been phenomenal ... everybody was doing whatever it takes to put this on, and I think there is a future for ag events in southern Manitoba."

He feels this kind of event can play an important role in the grand scheme of things.

"A lot of us don't really realize how hard farmers have to work to produce food, to feed not only us but to feed the world," he said. "I think in southern Manitoba, which is a hotbed of agriculture, we definitely can use an event like this that showcases the latest to farmers, and they don't have to drive too far."

The organizers also partnered with the Central Station Community Centre to host a seafood boil at the facility as a fundraiser for the organization. Admission proceeds for the Winkler stop of the tour were also donated to the non-profit.



arts & culture

“I’ve always loved making art”

By Lorne Stelmach

Given his background as an illustrator, a graphic novel seems to be an ideal format for Jonathan Dyck’s first book.

It is also fitting that *Shelterbelts* addresses issues around a Southern Manitoba community in the midst of defining its future as it reckons with its past.

Having grown up in the Winkler area, it is at least somewhat rooted in his own experiences, but he very much hopes it is engaging and accessible to all readers beyond the community.

“It’s a work of fiction, and I’m using my imagination, but there’s seeds of my own experiences and my own sort of perspective throughout the book,” said Dyck, who presented excerpts from the book at readings last week in the Morden and Winkler libraries.

Once defined by a narrative of piety, prosperity and peace, the fictional Mennonite town of Hespeler is changing.

As local churches shrink and swell, ordinary lives hang in the balance, including a pastor and his queer daughter amidst the push for a more inclusive congregation.

There is also the military recruitment that overshadows Remembrance Day at the town high school and a pipeline project that reveals a stark generational divide as well as a librarian who leaves suggestive notes for readers inside popular books.

Having lived and worked in Winnipeg for about a decade now, Dyck works as a freelance illustrator and designer.

“I also studied English in universi-

ty, and so I spent a lot of time reading and writing,” he noted. “So I’m attracted to storytelling, but I have always loved drawing.

“I’ve always loved making art, and when I found that comics was a format you could use to tell interesting stories and stories about real subjects and serious things, I realized it could be a useful medium for me.

“I just kind of spent the last six or seven years just kind of honing my craft, but this is my first book and first attempt to tell a longer story.”

He sees a few things that make the graphic novel format appealing and different from a regular novel.

“It’s a medium that often combines words and images, sometimes it’s just image-based. Obviously, really attractive visuals and images are a big part of it,” said Dyck.

“I think a lot of us experience the world through images, and our surroundings and what we see around us tell us a lot about where we are and who we are, and I think that’s one of the attractions for me about graphic story telling, as I can include those more subliminal or subtle details,” he continued.

“They can also fill in some of the pieces of the story. So sometimes the images and the words are working with each other and sometimes they’re working against each other, and you can play with that tension,” he suggested.

He clearly saw an opportunity with this project to touch on a number of issues that are very current ones.

“There’s a lot of inter-personal conflict but also a lot of conversation and discussion around issues that I think matter to people,” said Dyck.



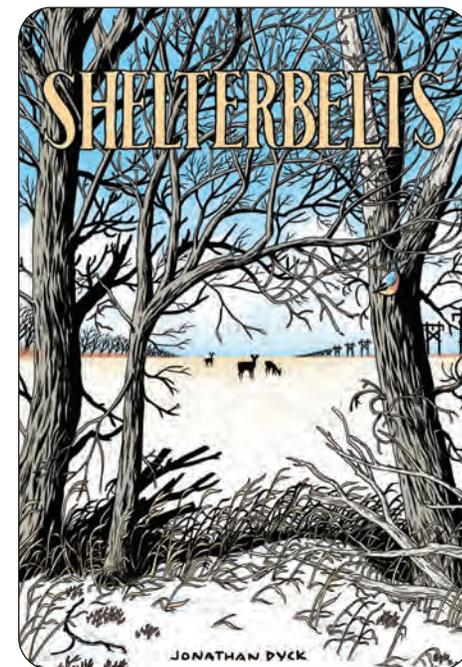
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Author Jonathan Dyck was in Winkler and Morden last week to read from his first book, *Shelterbelts*.

“I think communities are also navigating their boundaries. The question of who’s in and who’s out is always a live question, and I think it’s an important one to think about,” he continued. “Sometimes, communities can get very insular.

“I just wanted to touch on some of those issues and draw them into conversations through the lives of different characters. There’s at least 30 different characters in the book.

“It’s a series of stories; they’re all interconnected stories that tell a larger story ... and the graphic form seemed to be a good way to do that and allowed me to flex some of my illustration muscle but also just have fun doing it.”



You can find out more about Jonathan Dyck’s work online at jonathandyck.com as well as on social media.

Winkler Senior Centre puts call out for pen pals

By Ashleigh Viveiros

The Winkler Senior Centre has put out a call for pen pals.

After a hugely successful run last year, the Intergenerational Pen Pal Program is gearing up to return this fall.

It teams up older adults in the community with Gr. 5/6 students at Emerald Centennial School to exchange

letters—handwritten or typed—once every month through the school year.

Feedback for the last session was overwhelmingly positive, says Cathleen Bergen, Services for Seniors resource coordinator.

“They like getting to know the kids,” she said of the dozen or so seniors who took part. “I think some of them found that even though they’re generations apart they still have some

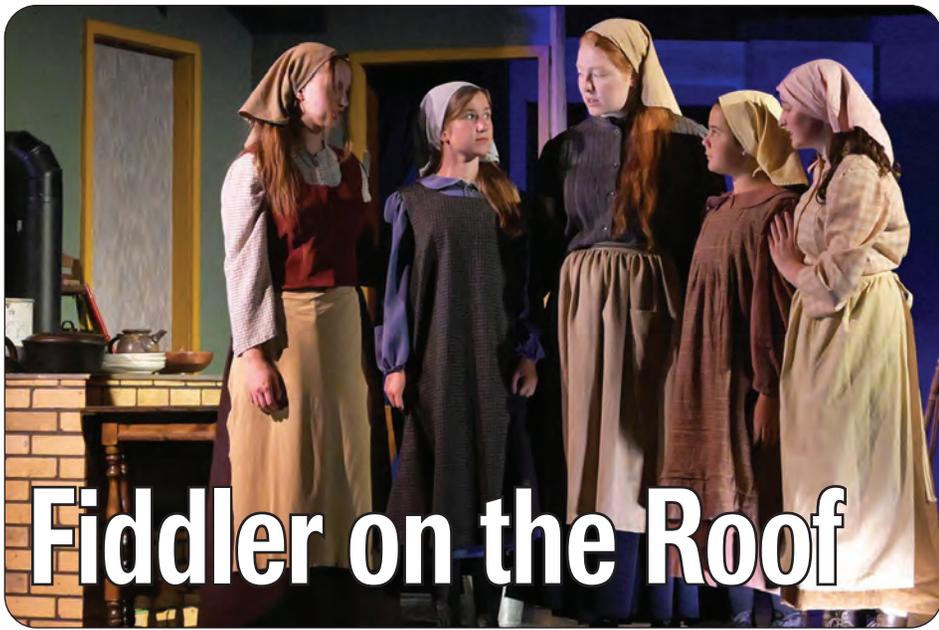
things in common.

“And they enjoyed being able to tell the kids about what their life was like when they were a child, hearing what the life of a Gr. 5 student, Gr. 6 student today is like today.”

Meanwhile, the program gives the kids a chance to hone their reading and writing skills while having fun getting to know an elder community member.

Bergen would love to see the program expand to other classes and schools in the area, but it all comes down to how many older adults step up to take part.

If you’re interested in being a pen pal, contact Bergen at 204-325-8964 or via email to cathleen@winklerse-niorcentre.com by Aug. 31.



Fiddler on the Roof

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Candlewick Players took to the stage in Manitou this past weekend to perform the classic musical *Fiddler on the Roof*. Held in celebration of the group's 20th anniversary, the production was a fitting choice, as it was the first full-fledged musical they did 13 years ago. Final performances run this weekend at the Manitou Opera House. For more information and tickets, head to www.candlewick.ca.



MLA hopes to see local groups benefit from new provincial fund

By Lorne Stelmach

A new provincial funding program is aimed at the arts, culture and sports sectors, and Morden-Winkler MLA Cameron Friesen believes his riding could really tap into it.

The Manitoba government is committing \$100 million over three years to create the new Arts, Culture and Sport in Community Fund, and the Friesen was touting its potential benefits to the community here last week.

"I think there is good potential for organizations in the Morden, Winkler and southern Manitoba area to subscribe to this program," he said. "It is an aggressive program that is calling for applications."

He sees not only potential for larger organizations like the Canadian Fossil Discovery Centre but many other smaller ones as well, so he has been reaching out to a range of arts and cultural organizations and sports groups to get the word out about the funding potential.

"In a community that is growing, like the Morden Winkler community, it does stand to reason that we're interested to know what the opportunities are for groups in our community," said Friesen.

Friesen suggested many of these organizations continue to feel a lot of pressure post-pandemic, and he sees that there is a need that was only in part addressed through the Building Sustainable Communities program.

"The Building Sustainable Communities program was not the perfect fit for arts, cultural and sports groups, and we believe that this specific program will address what we have come to recognize is a growing need for a funding program to respond to the needs of these organizations."

The Arts, Culture and Sport in Community Fund will provide grants to support arts and culture including heritage and ethnocultural organizations and amateur sports.

This year, the fund will flow up to \$34 million to community organizations to build capacity within these sectors to better meet the needs of Manitobans and provide increased access to community infrastructure, programs and services.

The fund will include three programs with funding guidelines varying among each of the programs to address different needs and provide support to a broad range of applicant's eligible projects that will meet one or more of the programs priority

areas:

- Capital projects – organizations will be able to apply for up to \$5 million on a 50-50 cost-sharing basis for large projects that support the development and renewal of spaces and facilities used for arts, culture and sport programming and activities.

- Community celebrations – events, festivals and celebrations, both one-time and recurring, that promote cultural exchanges and are rooted in inclusion and belonging can receive full funding up to \$5,000.

- Small capital and special initiatives – projects in this stream can receive between 50 and 100 per cent of eligible expenses, depending on the project's overall cost and will support initiatives such as organizational development opportunities, training, technology, volunteer and equipment development through initiatives that will enhance the organization's ability to increase participation and engagement in arts, culture or sport programming.

"We recognize the significant and positive contributions that Manitoba's arts, culture and sport sectors make to the health and well-being of our people and communities, while supporting our economy and creat-

ing jobs," Premier Heather Stefanson said in announcing the fund. "This historic \$100-million investment will help inspire Manitobans and foster creativity and innovation in local arts, culture and sports initiatives, while ensuring Manitobans have access to high-quality programming and facilities in their community."

"Rising costs are affecting all Manitobans," she added. "This fund will help organizations continue to provide affordable sport, culture and heritage opportunities across the province."

"At the heart of our communities are diverse networks of art, culture and sport organizations that provide Manitobans with opportunities to share and grow together," said Sport, Culture and Heritage Minister Andrew Smith. "This new fund will help support, promote and celebrate Manitobans by increasing access to a wide variety of spaces and programming including sport facilities, festivals, museums and galleries."

Applications for this year's intake will open Aug. 16. For more details on program criteria including application information, visit the Arts, Culture and Sport in Community Fund website at www.manitoba.ca/acsc.

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Thrift store supports Legion House 1 project

By Lorne Stelmach

The Morden Community Thrift Store provided a \$20,000 boost Friday to the Morden Legion House 1 in support of its roof project.

The replacement of the roof as well as work on the walkway are part of what is about a \$140,000 project, so the donation from the thrift store was very much appreciated.

"It's a huge thing for us. It's \$20,000 we don't have to use out of our general funding, which goes back into the building for activities and different things," said vice chair James Steedman.

"Any funding that we can get is great for us, so this is just fantastic," he added. "Maybe the Thrift Store likes to get involved because I think a lot of the people who live there [in Legion House] are also customers and support the thrift store, so I think they're glad to give back.

"Anything that we can get to help with this is so appreciated. I know the residents will just be ecstatic that this is happening."

"We're always willing to step in and help out with something like this," said thrift store board president Linda Arnt.

"They have an issue with some leaking roof ... and we donated to when they needed a new elevator, so we thought it was appropriate to donate



PHOTO BY LORNE STELMACH/VOICE

The Morden Community Thrift Store donated \$20,000 to the Morden Legion House 1 roof replacement project.

the same amount to the roof fund," she said. "It is important, absolutely. It's very necessary for the community."

"It is a greatly appreciated boost to our fundraising efforts," said Legion House property manager Marina Brown. "Donations are greatly appreciated and help us to keep the rent lower for our senior population for years to come.

The Legion House board has some savings put aside for the repairs, but they're also hoping for community support to get it done, and the plan is to have the work done this year.

Donations of any size are welcome, with donor recognition available for gifts of \$500 and up. If you don't need a tax receipt, you can make cheques payable to Legion House 1 and drop them off at the Royal Canadian Le-

gion Branch or mail them to Marina Brown, Legion Houses 1&2, 265 North Railway St., Morden, MB, R6M 1W4.

For a tax receipt for donations of \$50 or more, make cheques out to the City of Morden (put Legion House 1 Fundraiser in the memo line). You can also get in touch with Brown at 204-823-4588 for more information.

Cutting the ribbon on Jurassic Clubhouse

By Lorne Stelmach

Jurassic Clubhouse has been a welcome addition to the community since its opening last fall.

Located on Colert Road on the approach to Lake Minnewasta, it is attracting families for snacks and treats including hard and soft ice cream, lemonade and other drinks, and mini-donuts, and it also offers a selection of toys and games.

In the works as well is a miniature golf course.

"We're hoping to get started on that in the fall ... then we're hoping to have it open next summer," said Rob Fleming, who owns and operates the family business with his wife Kim.

Both grew up in rural Manitoba and moved to Morden about 15 years ago, and they had wanted to open a fun,

family oriented business.

"It was about five years ago, we had a little dream to start our own business," said Kim.

"Our kids always liked the mini golf wherever we went, so we figured we wanted to get a mini golf course here ... then we figured we would start with an ice cream shack first and hopefully it grows from there."

They opened last September and closed for the season in mid-November. Open for this season since early May, they have been encouraged by the response.

"It's been good. The weekends are really good, and when the weather's hot, it's really good," said Rob.

The location was also key for them, being close to the lake and highway access with the added bonus of living



PHOTO BY LORNE STELMACH/VOICE

The Jurassic Clubhouse in Morden held a ribbon cutting last weekend. The space, located on Colert Road, offers snacks, drinks, toys, and games and has plans to put in a miniature golf course.

nearby.

"We looked at a lot of different locations, and there just wasn't a lot of land in town available," he said.

"The more people get to know us, it seems like the busier we are, so it's

getting busier all the time."

You can find more information about Jurassic Clubhouse online at jurassicclubhouse.ca.

sports & recreation

Mud Hens, Whips square off in East Division finals

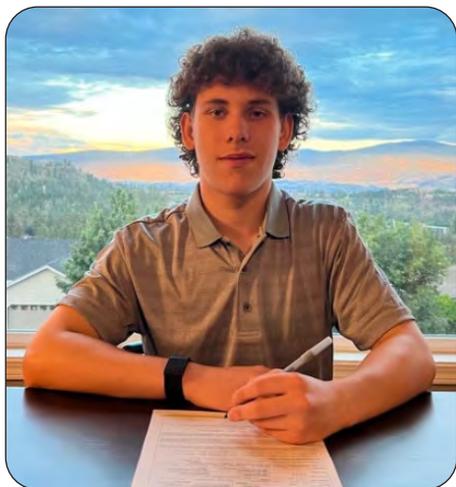
By Ashleigh Viveiros

And then there were two. The Winkler Whips and the Morden Mud Hens are squaring off against each other in the Border Baseball League East Division finals after making short work of their semi-final opponents. Winkler punched its ticket to the next round by beating out the Altona Bisons two games to one. The two teams traded home field victories through games one and two, the Whips winning the opener last week Monday 5-0 only to have Altona tie it up 2-0 the next night. Thursday night's game in Winkler was do-or-die and it went down to the wire. Tied a 1-1 after seven innings, Altona managed to pull ahead by two in the eighth before the Whips rallied to score three to win it 4-3. Morden's series against the Carman Cardinals only needed two games for a decision, with the Mud Hens trouncing their opponents 6-2 and 13-5 to advance. Now the two rivals will face each other in a best-of-three series that was slated to begin with game one in Winkler Tuesday night. The Whips finished the regular season in first place while the Mud Hens took third, though the difference in their records was just one extra win for Winkler. The two teams only faced each other twice in the regular season, each winning a game. Meanwhile, in the West Division, Cartwright faces Pilot Mound to see who will get a seat at the league's championship table against the winners of the Whips-Mud Hens series. The Twins finished the regular season in their division in first place (9-5) while the Pilots were in third (6-8).



Mud Hens Pearce McDonald is picked off at second base by Cardinals short stop Jon Rempel. Morden knocked Carman out of the playoffs in two games and will now face the Winkler Whips.

PHOTO BY RICK HIEBERT/VOICE



Flyers ink letter of intent with Neuman

By Voice staff

An Okotoks, Alberta native is Winkler-bound this fall. The Winkler Flyers announced last week they have signed forward Tegan Neuman to a letter of intent to play for the junior team in the 2022-2023 season. "It feels really good," Neuman said on the news. "I'm just glad I was able

to find such a high-class organization like Winkler" The 18-year-old split last season between the Kelowna Chiefs and Osoyoos Coyotes in the KIJHL, contributing 16 goals and 25 assists in 39 games played. Flyers head coach and general manager has high hopes for Neuman. "Tegan's offensive growth and success this past season came from his

hockey intelligence and playing the game the right way, getting to the paint and not being denied against junior aged defensemen," he said. "We are excited to see Tegan's progression throughout summer as he understands the importance of this off-season and the work that needs to be done for his transition to Junior A in the MJHL."

News or sports tip? E-mail news@winklermordenvoice.ca or call 204-325-6888

Rocking W charity barrel race returns Aug. 28

By Ashleigh Viveiros

The annual charity barrel race is back at the Rocking W Ranch.

The action takes place at the Morden-Winkler area ranch on Sunday, Aug. 28.

Rocking W had hosted charity races for a number of years pre-pandemic, but this year the event has been renamed the Rick Wiebe Memorial Charity Barrel Race. Wiebe lost his battle with cancer in the fall of 2020.

Wiebe's daughter, Dusty van der Steen, is eager to honour her father's memory with this year's fundraiser.

"He really supported me for over 10 years and allowed me to host the barrel series and host the charity races and all these things at his property, and he really encouraged me in doing that and enjoyed having all the people out there," she said. "I thought this would be a great way to pick up and start again, now that we can."

"I've had the sponsorship money from 2020 sitting in an account all this time," van der Steen noted. But gathering restrictions on private properties threw a wrench in any plans to host events in 2020 or 2021. "The whole idea is to have lots of people come out so we can raise lots of money ... so we decided to wait until things opened up so we didn't have to try to work around those restrictions or make it a



VOICE FILE PHOTO BY RICK HIEBERT

Rocking W Ranch hosts the Rick Wiebe Memorial Charity Barrel Race on Sunday, Aug. 28 in support of South Central Cancer Resource.

lesser event because we couldn't have as many people.

"This year, we can finally get back to hosting at the Rocking W Ranch. This year we're a full go."

The race will include open, youth, and peewee categories, with a variety of prizes (cash, champion buckles, saddles, halters, and horse blankets)

up for grabs for the top riders.

No memberships are required to take part. Registration is \$25 for the open category, \$20 for youth, and free for peewee.

Competitors are asked to collect at least \$100 in pledges to compete. All funds raised will go to support South Central Cancer Resource.

"They've been a part of our charity race the last couple of years ... but with it being in my dad's honour this year, South Central Cancer Resource was a benefit to him when he was going through his treatment," van der Steen shared. "He utilized some of the services and he was very appreciative for that to be available to people in our community. And it is only available because of people supporting them."

The racing gets underway at 11 a.m. on the 28th. Admission is free for spectators. The day will also include a silent auction.

"It's going to be, I think, an exciting event," van der Steen said, adding she expects there are a lot of people eager to take part in or simply watch barrel racing once again after a few years of going without.

Event information, including pledge forms and pre-registration details for the peewee category, is available online at rockingw.com.

Van der Steen can also be reached at the website above if any local business wants to offer up some items for the silent auction.

To get to the Rocking W Ranch, head three miles north of the Hwy. 3 and Hwy. 14 intersection between Morden and Winkler and then turn west at Road 16N. The ranch is a mile and a half down.

Altona hosts Baseball Manitoba's 13U AAA provincials



The South Central team (left, below) gave it their all at Baseball Manitoba's 13U AAA provincials in Altona last weekend. In Tier 1, the home team were 3-2 for the weekend, beating Red River 12-1, Brandon 13-8, and Carillon 11-4 and falling to Bonivital 9-4 and Winnipeg South 8-4. Winnipeg South went on to beat Carillon 9-3 in the championship game. In Tier 2, Pembina Hills went the distance, beating Midwest 13-3 in the gold medal match. Also last weekend, the 15U AAA South Central team took to the field in Brandon for provincials, making it all the way to the Tier 1 final game against Carillon, which they lost 3-1.

PHOTOS BY ASHLEIGH VIVEIROS/VOICE



Manitoba finishes 1-4 at Women's Invitational

By Brian Bowman

Manitoba finished with a 1-4 record at the 2022 Women's Invitational Baseball Championship held in Stonewall on July 21-24.

One of the key players for Manitoba at the nationals was Winkler's Katie Heppner.

"It's always fun to have the opportunity to play at nationals, but it's extra special getting to play in your own province with your friends and family being able to watch," said Heppner last week.

The host team wrapped up play with a 12-10 loss to Ontario 2 on the tournament's final day.

Caitlyn Culleton led Manitoba with three hits while Zoe Hicks had 2 RBI.

Ontario 2 scored all of their runs in the first five innings.

Team Manitoba played well all week against the elite competition.

"It was a good week," said Manitoba head coach Jeremy Culleton. "It was the first time that we've ever had a women's team at nationals. We've had 21U before and we've done 16U and the 14U westerns. This is the first year that we've had women's. We were in every game and then in the last inning or so the other team would break out and score a bunch on us. Being competitive was important."

Manitoba started the tournament with a disappointing 28-10 loss to Ontario 1.

Ontario 1 led 8-0 after just two innings but Manitoba closed the gap to 11-10 heading into the seventh inning.

But that's when disaster struck. Ontario 1 had a monster seventh, scoring 17 runs on eight hits and three Manitoba errors.

Later that evening, Manitoba dropped a 10-1 decision to Quebec's Select team.

In their next game, Manitoba was

doubled 8-4 by B.C. The winners took a 4-1 lead after the first inning and never trailed.

Manitoba then earned a thrilling 8-7 comeback win over Saskatchewan in a night game. The hosts trailed 7-3 in the bottom of the seventh inning but scored an amazing five runs for the dramatic walk-off victory.

Arborg's Jamie Johnson had the game-winning RBI.

"It was awesome. We just kind of pulled things together and put a bunch of hits together," Culleton said. "It was under the lights so it was a pretty awesome moment for us."

The players dug deep for that victory.

"The win against Saskatchewan was really big for us, being down by a few runs going into the bottom of the seventh," Heppner said. "But we never gave up and got some huge timely hits from multiple girls that led us to that walk-off win."

A multi-sport athlete, Heppner has recently graduated from Nipissing University, where she has played college hockey for the past five years. At the end of summer, she is going overseas to play a year of professional hockey in Switzerland.

"I'm super excited for that opportunity," she said.

Meanwhile, the experience of playing at this nationals will really help all of the girls/women in their baseball careers.

"The nice part is that we have a 21U team leaving (Aug. 9) and these girls will be making that team up and going to Newfoundland for nationals," Culleton said. "Some of them are young so they will go to 16U as well. Some of them are going to get an opportunity to play in three national championships which is a rarity. It was nice that we could host one because it cuts your costs down a lot so



PHOTOS BY LANA MEIER/VOICE

Team Manitoba flagbearer and Winkler native Katie Heppner. Right: Emily Foster (3) of Somerset and Jewell Thompson (36) of MacGregor.



that will be great moving forward as we develop girls' baseball."

Culleton really wanted to thank Stonewall for hosting the event.

"They did a great job and were great supporters," he said. "This is the third time that the women have been in Stonewall and it never ceases to amaze me how the community comes out and watches ball and supports girls' baseball. I'm very thankful for Stonewall and the sur-

rounding communities and sponsors that they were able to help pull this off for Baseball Manitoba."



Catcher Michayla Peacock of Somerset

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IN THE MATTER OF The Estate of LOIS SUSAN STEVENSON, late of Winkler, Manitoba, Deceased.

All claims against the above Estate, supported by Statutory Declaration must be sent to the attention of: Marlene Klimchuk, Estates Administration, at 155 Carlton St. Suite 500, Winnipeg, MB, R3C 5R9 on or before the 7th day of September, 2022.

Dated at Winnipeg, Manitoba, this 27th day of July, 2022.

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PUBLIC NOTICE



NOTICE OF APPLICATION CITY OF WINKLER REVISED WATER AND WASTEWATER RATES WINKLER WATER AND WASTEWATER UTILITY

July 22, 2022

The City of Winkler (City) has applied to the Public Utilities Board (Board) for revised water and wastewater rates for the Winkler Water and Wastewater Utility (Utility) as set out in By-Law No. 2279-22, read the first time May 10, 2022. Rates were last approved in 2012 in Board Order No. 80/12, with current rates coming into effect March 1, 2012.

The current and proposed rates are as follows:

	Current Rates		Proposed Rates			
	By-Law No. 2273-21*	By-Law 2279-22 Year 1	By-Law 2279-22 Year 2	By-Law 2279-22 Year 3	By-Law 2279-22 Year 4	
Quarterly Service Charge	\$ 18.15	\$ 27.50	\$ 27.50	\$ 27.50	\$ 27.50	
Water (per 1,000 gallons)	\$ 9.98	\$ 10.18	\$ 10.21	\$ 10.23	\$ 10.28	
Wastewater (per 1,000 gallons)	\$ 6.42	\$ 7.13	\$ 7.84	\$ 8.54	\$ 9.25	
Minimum Quarterly Charge**	\$ 67.35	\$ 79.43	\$ 81.65	\$ 83.81	\$ 86.09	
Bulk Water Sales (per 1,000 gallons)***	\$ 13.73	\$ 12.81	\$ 12.81	\$ 12.81	\$ 12.81	
Wastewater Only Customers****	\$ 69.51	\$ 84.54	\$ 90.22	\$ 95.82	\$ 101.50	

*By-Law No. 2273-21 includes a pass through increase from Pembina Valley Water Co-op.

**Based on 3,000 gallons

***Pro rated for all quantities greater than 500 gallons. Minimum charge \$12.81 for all quantities less than 500 gallons.

****Based on 8,000 gallons, Flat Quarterly Charge

Details of the City's application are available for review at the City's office or the Board's office. Any questions concerning the application for revised rates, or the operation of the Utility, should be sent directly to the City.

If you have concerns/comments regarding the City's application for water and wastewater, rates please go to www.pubmanitoba.ca and provide your comment. Please note all comments will be forwarded to the City.

Questions or comments should be sent on or before **August 22, 2022**.

The Board is the provincial regulatory agency that reviews and approves rates for water and wastewater utilities in Manitoba, with the exception of the City of Winnipeg. The Board's review process involves:

- the Utility filing a rate application to the Board,
- a public notification of proposed rate changes,
- the Board's review of the application through a public hearing or paper review process, and
- the issuance of an Order which outlines the Board's decision on the rate application and the rates to be charged.

The Manitoba Ombudsman has privacy guidelines for administrative tribunals. The Board is mindful of its obligations under those guidelines. Its decisions in respect of the application being considered will be sensitive to the guidelines. Personal information will not be disclosed unless it is appropriate and necessary to do so. However, the Board advises participants that these proceedings are public and that as a result, personal information protections are reduced.

The Board will then decide whether any further notice is required and whether to proceed with a public hearing or paper review process. All concerns received by the Board will be considered in the Board's decision on rates to be charged.

PLEASE BE ADVISED THAT IN CONSIDERING THIS APPLICATION, THE PUBLIC UTILITIES BOARD MAY OR MAY NOT FIND IT NECESSARY TO DETERMINE RATES DIFFERENT FROM THOSE APPLIED FOR BY THE APPLICANT.

Note: All proceedings will be conducted in accordance with the Board's Rules of Practice and Procedure, which the Board may vary in order to constrain regulatory costs. The Rules are available at www.pubmanitoba.ca.

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Municipal elections will be held on October 26, 2022

Walk-ins are welcome but for planning purposes it would be appreciated if those interested in attending would email us at info@rhinelandmb.ca

Mayor and Reeve candidates must register between May 1, 2022 and September 20, 2022.

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Presentation by Ernie Epp from Way to Go Consulting

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HEARING: R.M. of Stanley Council Chambers
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LOCATION: 1-23111 PTH 14, SW 7-3-4W
DATE & TIME: August 18, 2022 at 9:05 a.m.
GENERAL INTENT: To re-zone a parcel of land in the RM of Stanley to allow for residential development
FROM: "AG" Agricultural General
TO: "RR" Rural Residential
AREA: PART OF SW 24-3-6W
FOR INFORMATION CONTACT: Melissa Groening, Planning and Development Officer Rural Municipality of Stanley
1-23111 PTH 14, Stanley MB R6P 0B1
Phone: (204) 325-4101
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OBITUARY



John Carl Nelson
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Peacefully on Monday, July 25, 2022 at the Pembina-Manitou Health Centre, Carl Nelson, 87 formerly of Carberry, Brandon and Morden, MB passed away.
A private graveside service was held at the Carberry Cemetery.

Wiebe Funeral Home, Winkler
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OBITUARY



Sharon "Sherry" Hipgrave

Sharon "Sherry" Hipgrave, age 75 years, of Altona formerly of Emerson, Manitoba and Janetville, Ontario passed away on Sunday, July 24, 2022 at the Altona Memorial Health Centre.
She is survived by her daughter Sue (Henri) Chaisson and her brothers Samuel Ball and Joseph Ball. She was predeceased by her parents Samuel and Olive Ball.

A private committal service will be held. Those who wish may share their memories of Sharon and leave messages of condolence for the family on her obituary page at www.wiebefhaltona.com
In lieu of flowers donations in memory of Sharon may be made to the Heart and Stroke Foundation, or the Canadian Cancer Society.
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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING UNDER THE PLANNING ACT

The City of Winkler, under the authority of The Planning Act, will hold a hearing at which time and place the council of the City of Winkler will receive representation from the applicants and any other persons who wish to make representations in respect of the Rezoning Application No. RZ2022-014 and By-law No. 2288-22, being an amendment to Winkler Zoning By-law 2271-21 of the City of Winkler.

The general intent of the above By-Law No. 2288-22, is to zone the land described below, Namely:

701 and 631 PTH 14, legally described as Lots 1-3, Plan No. (Dep.995-2022) MLTO

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

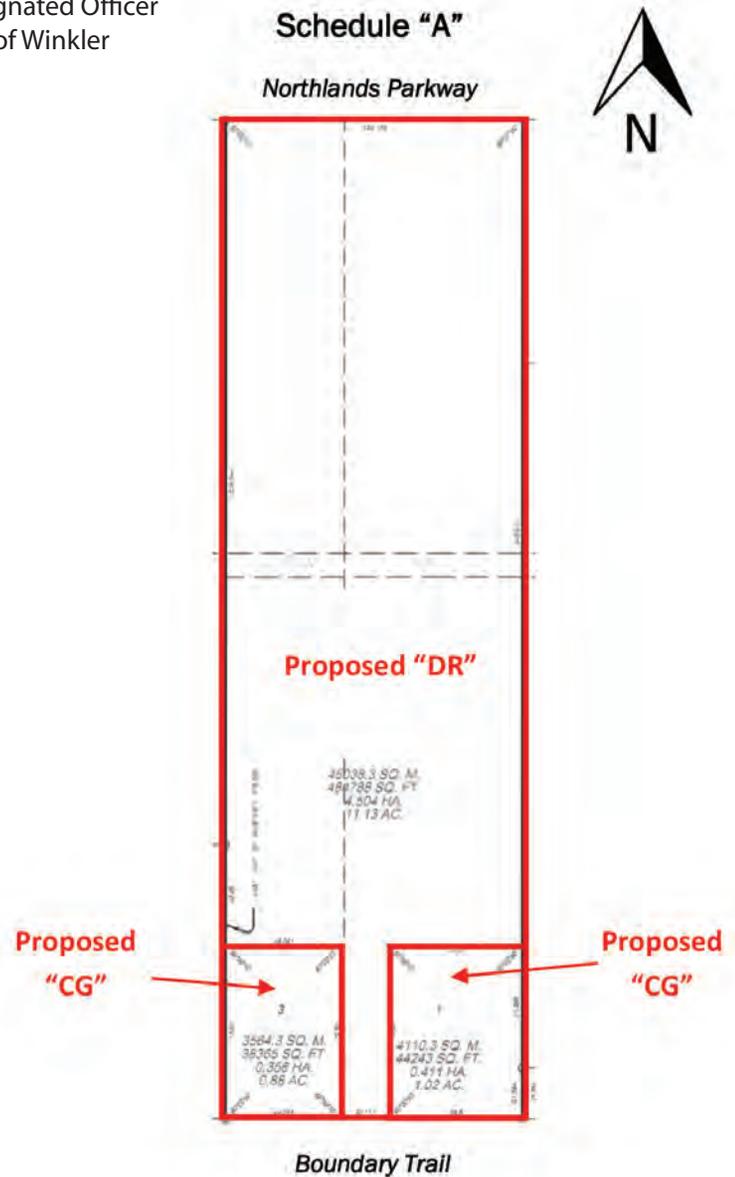
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A copy of the above By-Law No. 2288-22 and supporting material may be inspected by any persons between the hours of 9:00 AM and 5:00 PM, Monday to Thursday and 9:00 AM and 4:30 PM, Friday, in the City Office.

Date of Hearing: August 23, 2022
Time of Hearing: 6:45 p.m.
Location: Winkler Council Chambers,
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DATED at Winkler, in Manitoba, this 22nd day of July 2022.
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**Otto Hamm
1925 - 2022**

On Tuesday, July 19, 2022 at Salem Home, Otto passed away. Dad was predeceased by his wife Margaret in 2015. He is survived by five children and their families, one brother, one sister, two sisters-in-law and his special friend, Margaret Letkeman.

Otto Hamm was born on February 12, 1925 in Altona, MB to Isaac and Maria (nee Schellenberg) Hamm. When Otto was five, the family moved to Gouldtown, SK where his parents built the local store. Both sets of grandparents lived nearby, and he spent many days with them. As a teenager he drove the truck for pickup and deliveries. The store was built along the railroad line. His love of trains was encouraged by the relationships he built with some of the workers. He spent grade 11 at Rosthern Junior College. When he returned from school, the family was packed and ready to move to McGregor, MB. Dad spoke fondly of the interdenominational church they attended in McGregor. This is where he met his future wife, Margaret Neufeld. They were baptized May 6, 1945 by Bishop David Schulz and married August 18, 1946. Shortly after their marriage, they moved to Winnipeg so dad could complete teacher's training. Prior to their marriage, dad spent a year as a permit teacher as a conscientious objector during the war. Mom worked and dad went to school. He had two teaching assignments, one in Thames and another in Grand Rapids. After Grand Rapids they moved back to Altona where they trained for the pastorate and the work in Cross Lake. By this time, four children had joined the family: Sharon, David, Jane and Wes. In 1956 dad traveled together with Jake Hildebrandt to Cross Lake to build the family home. The family joined him just before Christmas. Cross Lake was home till 1966. Cathy (nee McKay) Merrick joined our family for a time after we left Cross Lake. We cherished another sister in our family. Our move to Southern Manitoba was a huge cultural change for the family. Dad became pastor at Bethel Bergthaler Mennonite Church, and we made our home in Winkler. Dad suffered a stroke in 1967, a year and a half after he started the work at Bethel and in 1969 a seizure. With prayers, determination and Mom's support he began a slow and often discouraging recovery. Dad and Mom pastored churches in Cross Lake, Hochfeld, Steinbach, and Portage la Prairie before retiring to their farmyard in Osterwick in 1990. They built their own little oasis of beauty before moving to Winkler and then Altona. Their last retirement home was in Lions Court in Winkler. After mom passed away, we all tried to help fill the lonely hours of dad's life. Sometime later, Margaret Letkeman began to accompany dad to our family events. And it was easy to see that Margaret brought out the best in dad. As a family, we have come to love and appreciate Margaret very much. We are so grateful for the way in which their relationship enhanced dad's quality and length of life. We also want to express our thanks to Margaret's family for accepting dad into their circle of love, and for sharing Margaret with us. We are grateful for the 97 years God granted to our father. And we are grateful that he is embraced in the arms of Jesus, experiencing a love he could never have imagined.

Funeral service was held on Monday July 25, 2022 at the Emmanuel Mennonite Church with private interment at the Weidenfeld Cemetery.

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OBITUARY



**Irene Untereiner (nee Hepting)
April 23, 1930– July 22, 2022**

In the early morning hours of Friday, July 22, 2022 at Tabor Home, Irene, 92, with her daughter Brenda by her side, went peacefully Home to be with her Lord and Saviour.

Irene was born in Dubuque, Saskatchewan - the fourth child of nine to Dorothea (nee Hack) and George Hepting. Mom talked often of growing up with much laughter in their home despite the hardships of the depression. She went to school in Grenfell, SK up to grade eight. Her working years were spent in Regina at Western Dry Goods which began her lifelong love of fabric! While working, Mom met the love of her life, Gerry and they were married on May 5, 1956. Thus began their many years of travel as Dad was in the Armed Forces. They were blessed with three children, Brenda in

1959, Mitchell in 1962 and Curtis in 1972. Mom's commitment to her faith in the Lord began early in life and endured to the very end. It was very important to her to pass this onto her children. Mom had a wonderful laugh, a generous heart and was exceptionally talented in so many areas. She loved gardening and loved to nurture everything living including animals. Mom loved music and she loved to dance. She and Dad shared a love of square dancing and round dancing well into their 70's. After being in Ottawa for 32 years, Mom and Dad moved to Morden. They began a new part of their journey together at a side by side then moved to Homestead a year later. She made friends once again, but unfortunately health challenges made it impossible for her to live alone and in January 2018 she entered BTHC to await panelling. She was moved to Rock Lake Hospital in April, suffered a fall which led to intensive surgery for a broken leg and was not able to regain her ability to walk, which saddened her greatly. In August 2018 she moved to Tabor Personal Care Home and was reunited there with dad after 22 months apart. In mid-May she suffered a stroke which further limited her abilities and began the final decline in her health.

Irene is survived by her loving husband of 66 years, Gerald; her daughter, Brenda Untereiner-Falk (Ron), their children: daughter, Gabriella (daughters, Kezleigh, Kaia and Kanyon) and son, Michael and her son, Curtis Untereiner (Nancy). She is also survived by her sister, Evelyn Stone of Calgary, sister, Gladys Peterson (Pete) of Calgary, sister-in-law, Helen Hepting of Regina, sister-in-law, Margaret Untereiner of Brandon, sister-in-law, Gail Untereiner of Saskatoon, as well as several nieces and nephews.

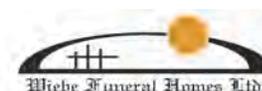
She was predeceased by her parents, her 7-year-old son Mitchell (1970), four brothers, two sisters, nine brothers-in-law and seven sisters-in-law.

Funeral service was held at 2:30 p.m. on Friday July 29, 2022 at Wiebe Funeral Chapel, in Morden with interment at Hillside Cemetery.

We as a family would like to thank the many wonderful health care providers of all disciplines at Boundary Trails Health Care Centre, Rock Lake Hospital and Tabor Home. Mom appreciated you all so much and you made her tough times brighter.

In lieu of flowers, friends can donate in Irene's memory to your local Humane Society.

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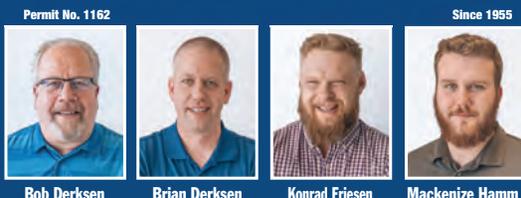
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Main Stage lineup

FESTIVAL MAIN STAGE - FRIDAY



PETRIC, 8:45-10 P.M.

Passion, and persistence, combined with raw talent and high expectations has been the formula for success for Canadian country music group Petric.

Hailing from Winnipeg, Manitoba, the band has accumulated over 15 million worldwide online streams, 12 charting singles, and three Top 20 hits.

Petric's latest album *Flashbacks* alone has accumulated three million online streams and has opened doors to multiple international markets, with their latest release *Flirtin'* charting as high as #23 on the Australia country radio charts.

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MAIN STAGE - FRIDAY



LINK AND THE MOUSTACHES, 6-7 P.M.

Link and the Moustaches are a raw electric blues group hailing from Southern Manitoba. Their live show is foot-stomping, high-energy blues inspired from a variety of sources including Muddy Waters, Little Walter, Paul Butterfield, Canned Heat, Howlin' Wolf, Jimmy Reed, and others.

Link Neufeld leads the group with his blistering harp playing and vocals. Steve Dueck handles the guitar and shares lead vocal duties. The rock-solid rhythm section features Scott Bell on bass and Gil Dudgeon on drums.

Link and the Moustaches have a deep passion for the history of the blues and love to share their energy with the crowd.



ROYAL CANADIAN AIR FORCE BAND, 7:15-8:15 P.M.

The Royal Canadian Air Force Band is a group of 34 full-time professional musicians who routinely perform throughout Canada.

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MAIN STAGE - SATURDAY



JADE EAGLESON, 8-9 P.M.

At just 27 years of age, Jade Eagleson has made quite the mark on the international country music scene. Boasting 185+ million global streams and 83M+ views on YouTube since the debut of his self-titled album (2020), which holds three two gold-certified and one platinum-certified single and the title of most globally streamed debut album by a Canadian-signed country artist, Jade has also landed three #1s at Canadian Country Radio ("Lucky," "All Night To Figure It Out," "More Drinkin' Than Fishin'" feat. Dean Brody), two additional gold-certified tracks on his sophomore album ("All Night To Figure it Out," "More Drinkin' Than Fishin'") and a 2019 CCMA Award for Rising Star.

With the release of his debut single "Got Your

Name On It" (2018), Jade was featured as YouTube Trending 'Artist On The Rise,' marking the first time a Canadian-signed artist in any genre has received the honour. It currently has six times more views than any other domestic country music video (65+ million). "Got Your Name On It" has also recently become the first debut single by a Canadian artist to go platinum.

Jade kicked off 2021 with a JUNO nomination for Country Album of the Year and closed out the year with two nominations for the 2021 CCMA Awards (Male Artist of the Year and Fans' Choice).

His sophomore album *Honkytonk Revival* is available everywhere now

TENILLE ARTS, 9:30-10:30 P.M.

Award-winning artist Tenille Arts released her critically-acclaimed *Love, Heartbreak, & Everything in Between* album in January of 2020, and it yielded her first number one single, "Somebody Like That" in April of 2021. The single made history as the first song written, produced, and performed by all females to top the country charts.

Her new *Girl to Girl* album was released October 22, 2021, and her "Back Then, Right Now" single is on the radio now.

Her 2016 self-titled debut EP peaked at number one on the iTunes Canada Top Country Album

Chart and cracked the Top 100 on the U.S. iTunes Country Album Chart.

Last year, Tenille was inducted into the CMT Next Women of Country Class of 2021 and nominated for her first ACM Award for New Female Artist of the Year. She has made an unprecedented three appearances performing original songs on the top-rated ABC TV show *The Bachelor*. She recently wrapped up touring with Lady A on their nationwide What A Song Can Do Tour.

Born and raised in the small prairie town of Weyburn, Saskatchewan, Tenille now makes Nashville her home.



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MAIN STAGE - SATURDAY



JOE WILSON, 6-6:30 P.M.

Joe Wilson is a country and western singer/songwriter from Winkler, Manitoba. He is currently focusing on writing and performing songs that have a balance between two prominent ways of life in the west: farming and ranching. They are two ways of life that have been significant in his family history, which are discussed in his debut album *Denim and Roses*.

Denim and Roses is compiled of both true stories and imaginative tales of a simpler way of life. Adventure, romance, and action themes ring throughout the album, painting a picture of life in the west.

His latest single is a tribute to another large part of the community: industry. "Here's To The Working Man" is dedicated to the hard-working employees of the Triple E/Lode King corporation, which is a staple in Winkler, helping the small city grow and thrive.

Joe loves going down to any backyard, bar, theater, or festival and playing tunes for hours. He enjoys meeting new people and playing the songs of their past.

Catch him sometime down the road!

JOHNSON'S CREEK, 6:45-7:30 P.M.

Combine high-energy country rock with classic country standards and mix a growing catalogue of original material and you have the ingredients for a potent four-piece ensemble from Southern Ontario named Johnson's Creek.

Featuring Glenn Code (lead vocalist/guitars), Michael Lanteigne (lead guitar/backing vocals), Mike Crombez (bass guitar/backing vocals), and Jake Adams (drums), Johnson's Creek have been building a strong reputation for themselves since arriving on the scene in the summer of 2017 with the release of their debut single "Ocean Fantasy."

Since that point, Johnson's Creek released a self-titled, six-single EP in 2019 which triggered strong airplay for their anthemic "I Like It Dirty."

Whether it's projecting their high-energy "Redneck Rock n Roll," inspired by the likes of The Road Hammers and The Georgia Satellites or more classic standards influenced by Johnny Cash, Merle Haggard, and Hank Williams, Johnson's Creek has the unique ability to appeal to a wide variety of country music demographics.



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MAIN STAGE - SUNDAY



ELLIE HOLCOMB, 8:45-10 P.M.

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For eight years, she recorded and toured full-time with her husband’s band, Drew Holcomb and The Neighbors, before stepping off the road when her first child was born.

Her solo debut, *As Sure As The Sun* (2014), landed her a Top 10 hit at Christian radio with “The Broken Beautiful” and a GMA Dove Award for “New Artist of the Year.” Her critically-acclaimed sophomore LP, *Red Sea Road*,

followed in 2017.

In subsequent years, Holcomb has released two children’s books—each with a companion EP of original music written specifically for kids, the second of which earned her a Dove Award for “Children’s Album of the Year” in 2020.

She’s consistently writing, touring and performing while raising three kids with Drew in her hometown of Nashville, Tennessee.

Ellie has performed with Third Day, MercyMe, Steven Curtis Chapman, Amy Grant, Chris Tomlin, and more.



MATT FALK, 6-7 P.M.

Matt Falk is a comedian, writer and actor who the CBC called “effortlessly funny.” You’ve heard him on Sirius Satellite Radio, Laugh Out Loud and The Debaters.

His *Dry Bar Comedy* special has millions of views collectively online and three of his comedy albums reached number one on the iTunes Comedy charts.

You’ve seen him at The Halifax Comedy Festival, The Winnipeg Comedy Festival and the prestigious Just For Laughs Comedy Festival in Montreal.

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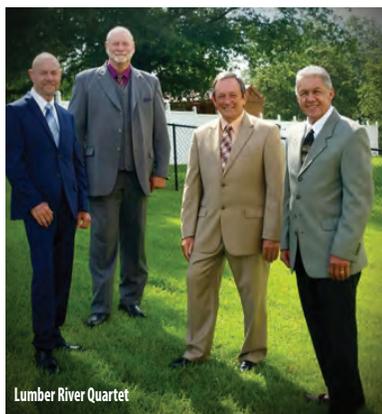
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Almost from its conception, this committee was asked to plan and organize the Sunday programming. They saw this as an opportunity and here we are some thirty years later still planning and organizing the Sunday programming which also include the Friday and Saturday night events. God has led and blessed the efforts of this committee.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR:

- **Friday August 26th** there will be a mini concert starting at **7:00 pm** at the **Morden Access Event Center**. The evening will feature special music as well as a “Bible Talk” presented by one of our local pastors, Mike Giesbrecht.
- **Saturday August 27th, starting at 7:00 pm**, again at the **Morden Access Event Center**, you will enjoy an evening of delightful music presented by “Canada’s Double Portion” and the “Lumber River Quartet”. It will be a great evening.
- **Sunday, August 28th, starting at 10:00 am** but this time you’ll want to come to join us **downtown Main Stage** for a community worship hour. The special music will be presented by Canada’s Double Portion who will also lead us in Praise and Worship. Pastor Victor Engbrecht will be our guest speaker.
- **Sunday afternoon, starting at 2:00 pm**, again **downtown Main Stage** another concert featuring “Canada’s Double Portion” and the “Glencross Quartet” and the “Lumber River Quartet”. You will again be blessed.

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JORDAN ST. CYR
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It was when Jordan St. Cyr served with Youth With a Mission (YWAM) as a teen that he found the inspiration to pursue music as a career. He eventually released an EP, and in the years that have followed he has received numerous and life-changing opportunities to work alongside so many talented songwriters, producers, and artists, all who have encouraged him along his journey.

Two of the chart-topping songs featured on St. Cyr's newest self-titled album are "Fires" and "Weary Traveler," both of which offer a pursuit of hope, even in our darkest moments, to know that God gives us stories to share and encourage one another through our fires and weary travels, to give us strength in the midst of them.

While he's been creating music and touring, sharing his message with others for a long time now, St. Cyr is really just getting started.

"God has walked my family through so much these last few



years and this album is the culmination of those experiences," Jordan shares about the new project. "We've been gifted a deeper understanding of what pain and suffering can bring about, and I believe this album's message is a gentle reminder of our desperate need for a faithful God. No matter what our current reality is, we can know with assurance that the present-working power of Jesus is with us every step of the way."



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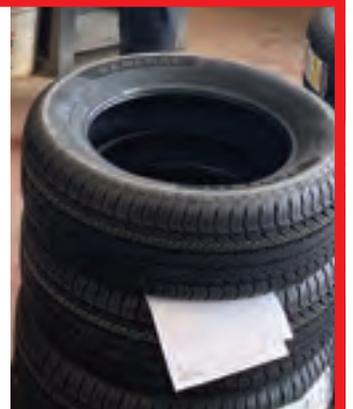
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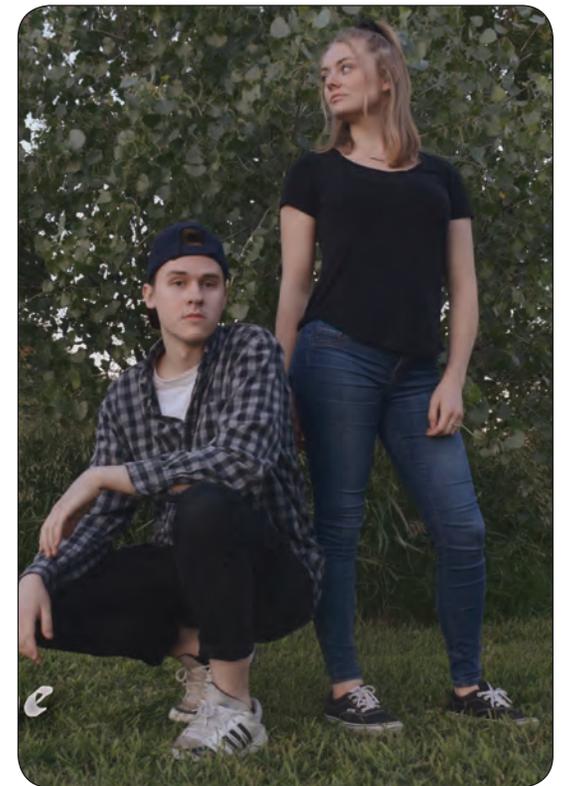
Eric the Juggler performs at the Secondary Stage all three days of the festival.



Don't miss line dancing Friday night.

Just not feeling what the Main Stage has to offer? Head over to the festival's Secondary Stage for a whole other lineup of acts.

The Secondary Stage hosts high-energy performances from Eric the Juggler, a Circus Activity Station, line dancing lessons, Diamond Disc Dogs, a pet fashion show, and music from Josiah and Cheyenne Saturday night and the Classic Country Show featuring James Fehr and Friends Sunday evening.



Josiah & Cheyenne perform Saturday night.

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FRIDAY

BBQ Supper - 5:30pm
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 Free Family Street Dance 7:00pm
 Six String Nation (Arena) 7:00pm

Sunday Lunch after Church

Home Fries, Hot Dog, Pepsi and Revel
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SATURDAY - Activities

Waffle and Crackle Breakfast 7:30am
 Parade 10:00am
 Duck Race 11:00am
 Plum Fest Street Market 11:00am
 Six String Nation 11:00am
 Inflatables/Yard Game 11am-5pm
 Face Painting 12pm-2pm
 Reptile Show 1pm-4pm
 Firemen's Rodeo 2:00pm
 Street Supper 5:00pm
 Fireworks Dusk

Main Stage Entertainment

Silas Presley 11:00am
 Dale Maksymic 1:00pm
 Matt Zimmerman 3:00pm
 Winona Avenue 5:00pm
 Cracked Egg Shell 7:00pm
 Cracked Egg Shell 9:00pm

SUNDAY

Church Service (Main Stage) 10:00am
 Lunch 11:30am
 Winona Avenue 12:00pm
 Graham Doell 1:00pm

Arena Events

Friday

Six String Nation 7:00pm

Saturday

Six String Nation 11:00am
 Line Dancing 3:00pm-4:30pm
 Old Tyme Dance 6:00pm-10:00pm



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August 12 - 14 2022

Friday, August 12, 2022

Midway
3:00PM - 12:00AM

Vendors Open
3:00PM - 11:00PM

Fawn & Cub Market
4:00PM - 9:00PM

Main Stage

6:00PM - 7:00PM - Link & Moustaches

7:15PM - 8:15PM - RCAF Band

8:45PM - 10:00PM - Petric

Secondary Stage

3:00PM - 3:45PM - Eric the Juggler

4:00PM - 4:45PM - Circus Activity Station

5:00PM - 6:00PM - Line Dancing Lessons

Kid's Zone

3:00PM - 6:00PM - Etherlan - Ages 7-10 (Centennial Arena)

3:00PM - 7:00PM - Petting Zoo & Pony rides (Centennial Arena)

3:00PM - 11:00PM - Climbing Tower

7:00PM - 10:00PM - Etherlan - Ages 11-13 (Centennial Arena)

Saturday, August 13, 2022

Parade
10:00AM

Midway
12:00PM - 12:00AM

Vendors Open
12:00PM - 11:00PM

CrossFit Competition
9:00AM - 4:00PM

Fawn & Cub Market
12:00PM - 8:00PM

Main Stage

6:00PM - 6:30PM - Joe Wilson

6:45PM - 7:30PM - Johnsons Creek

8:00PM - 9:00PM - Jade Eagleson

9:30PM - 10:30PM - Tenille Arts

Secondary Stage

12:00PM - 12:45PM - Eric The Juggler

1:00PM - 1:45PM - Eric The Juggler

2:00PM - 3:00PM - Diamond Disc Dogs

3:15PM - 4:00PM - Pet Fashion Show

*prizes awarded to all pet fashion show entries!

4:00PM - 5:00PM - Diamond Disc Dogs

5:00PM - 6:00PM - Josiah & Cheyenne

Kid's Zone

1:00PM - 7:00PM - Petting Zoo & Pony rides (Centennial Arena)

1:00PM - 4:00PM - Face paint & Balloon Artist

2:00PM - 3:00PM - Pictures with a Princess

2:00PM - 3:00PM - Equine Assisted Learning (Centennial Arena)

2:00PM - 10:00PM - Climbing Tower

3:00PM - 6:00PM - Etherlan - Ages 14-16 (Centennial Arena)

3:00PM - 7:00PM - Caricature Drawings

3:20PM - 4:20PM - Pictures with a Princess

5:00PM - 6:00PM - Equine Assisted Learning (Centennial Arena)

7:00PM - 10:00PM - Etherlan - Ages 17+ (Centennial Arena)

CultureFest

2:00 PM - Jason Lepine (Métis Fiddler)

3:00 PM - Ukrainian Dance (Yevgeniya Tatarenko + Students)

3:30 PM - Indian Dance (Gurkirpal Singh, Ubhi)

3:50 PM - Busisi Godfrey Mbabazi (Guitar, Singing)

4:15 PM - Island Breeze (Polynesia) (Dance)

Sunday, August 14, 2022

Midway
12:00PM - 12:00AM

Vendors Open
12:00PM - 11:00PM

Car Show
1:00PM - 4:00PM

Strong Man
1:00PM - 6:00PM

Watermelon & Rollkuchen giveaway
4:00PM - 5:00PM

Fawn & Cub Market
12:00PM - 8:00PM

Main Stage

Worship Service: 9:30AM - 10:00AM - Jon Buller

Sunday Service: 10:00AM - 11:00AM - Dr. John Neufeld

6:00PM - 7:00PM - Matt Falk

7:15PM - 8:15PM - Jordan St. Cyr

8:45PM - 10:00PM - Ellie Holcomb

Fireworks!

Secondary Stage

12:00PM - 12:45PM - Eric The Juggler

1:00PM - 2:00PM - Diamond Disc Dogs

2:15PM - 3:00PM - Eric the Juggler

3:15PM - 4:00PM - Diamond Disc Dogs

4:15PM - 4:45PM - Circus act - Eric the Juggler

5:00PM - 6:00PM - Classic Country Show

Kid's Zone

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