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Winkler musicians have taken their weekly jam sessions outside this summer. For the full story, see Pg. 4.

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Clare Agnew honoured as Morden's Citizen of Distinction

By Ashleigh Viveiros

Clare Agnew was hailed as a champion of the community as she received the Citizen of Distinction Award from the Morden Area Foundation Sunday afternoon.

Friends and family gathered for a small ceremony in Confederation Park to honour Agnew for her involvement in countless community projects and events over the years.

"I don't think there is anyone who loves Morden as much as Clare does, and she shows it in all her projects and work that she does here," said Stephanie Dueck, one of four people who nominated Agnew for the award.

"She puts full energy and dedication into all of these projects, whether it's a Hockey Canada event, Communities in Bloom application and conference, Nature and Garden Expo, or managing day-to-day operations of our community services department."

"Clare is passionate, hardworking, and very dedicated to our community," Dueck said. "She is very deserving of this award."

Fellow nominator Reg Braun, whose speech was read by MAF executive director Lynda MacLean in his absence, recalled that the Agnew family has always been heavily involved in making Morden a better place to live and work. Agnew's father Basil was the 2012 Citizen of Distinction.

"Clare continues the kind of work that her parents started," Braun said. "Her enthusiasm and her ability to energize and engage the community are the only reasons that we have been able to host some of the very large events, such as the Manitoba Games, the Esso Cup, the National U18 Women's Hockey Championship. Every event was such a huge success thanks to Clare and her attention to

detail.

"It takes someone with your leadership abilities to bring us all together and organize us for success, and for doing that we thank you very much."

Morden Mayor Brandon Burley noted Agnew is always looking for ways to give back.

In her role as Morden's community services manager, "we always know from Clare what we're going to get, and that is the best for the community," Burley said. "What she does for the city is so exponentially profound and it goes well beyond the call of duty and her role."

For example, when the COVID-19 pandemic began, Agnew used her vacation time so she could help deliver groceries to those in need.

"There was Clare in the Co-op grocery store stocking shelves, organizing an initiative to make sure that the vulnerable and the immunocompromised in our community could still get groceries," Burley said. "We thank you from the bottom of our hearts for making this city as great as it can be."

For Agnew, getting involved in the place she calls home is a way of life.

"Whether it's through your work commitments, volunteering, or coaching your kids' sports teams, being involved gives you pride and it's what makes a great community," she said.

"I'm sometimes asked why I do all the extra work in organizing, but I do like it and I have fun," Agnew said. "I've had so many rewards over the years. I've met so many new friends and had lots of laughs and amazing memories."

Agnew stressed she does none of this alone—she's always part of a larger team of dedicated and talented people eager to do their part.

"My friends and the staff I work with are often my go-to volunteers. When I



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Morden Area Foundation board member Merley Wiebe (right) presents Clare Agnew with the Citizen of the Distinction Award for her tireless work as a leader of countless community events and projects.

say we're going to try another event, they patiently wait for me to figure out what role they could play and how they can help," she said. "You guys are awesome. I truly have been blessed with amazing people in my circle. I couldn't do it without you."

It's humbling to have her name add-

ed to the storied list of Citizen of Distinction winners, Agnew said.

"I'm not comfortable with the spotlight," she said, "but I genuinely appreciate the positive comments and it's rewarding to know that the community feels there is value in what we've been doing."



The award comes with a \$1,000 donation to the charity of the winner's choice. Agnew selected South Central Cancer Resource, represented above by Myrna Wiebe (centre).

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John and Marge Zacharias (left) have been welcoming musicians to their front yard for evening jam sessions the past few weeks. The couple celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary last week with a song.



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Keeping the music going

By Ashleigh Viveiros

The popular jam sessions at the Winkler Senior Centre have been on hold for months now thanks to the COVID-19 pandemic, but the music is still playing across the street at the home of John and Marge Zacharias.

The couple, who live at 681 South Railway Ave. in the shadow of the Buhler Active Living Centre, have opened up their driveway and front yard the last few Wednesday nights for an evening of song and fellowship.

"We've been doing jam sessions for years at the Buhler Active Living Centre, on the stage there, but because of this pandemic it just hasn't been possible," says John Zacharias.

Keenly missing the music, a couple of jam session regulars started playing their accordions for passersby on the BALC's front steps.

"There were only a couple people who could come listen to them there, so I decided we should do it on our driveway," Zacharias says, noting it gives people a little more room to set up a lawn chair and enjoy the show.

They've hosted three jam nights in recent weeks and, after a break this week, plan to be back at it next

Wednesday, Aug. 19, starting at 7 p.m. They hope to keep it going weekly until the weather stops cooperating or indoor jam sessions at the senior centre are allowed once again.

"It does take a little bit of effort to put on, but it's worth every minute of it," Zacharias says.

The mini concerts have consistently drawn about a half dozen performers each week, playing to a small but appreciative audience.

Some people come for the whole evening of music while others stop for just a song or two while passing by on a walk or bike ride.

Everyone is welcome, Zacharias stresses.

"There are a lot of older people who maybe don't have a lot to do, they have a lot of time on their hands, and what we're doing with this is we're encouraging them with music," he says. "That's what music does."

It also provides an opportunity to speak from the heart, as Zacharias did last week—the Aug. 5 jam session took place the day before he and his wife's diamond wedding anniversary.

Zacharias sang "Have I told you lately that I love you?" to his bride of six decades.

Morden Redskins planning to change name, logo

By Ashleigh Viveiros

The Morden Redskins hockey team will be changing their name and logo.

The racist nature of both was raised once again by numerous community members earlier this summer.

Last week, the team's executive announced it will begin the process of finding more suitable branding.

"To us, our logo has always represented community, camaraderie, commitment and perseverance," the SEMHL team said of its crest, which is similar to the Chicago Blackhawks logo of an Indigenous warrior.

"These are the values we have defended when challenged," they said. "We are proud of the people who have worked so hard to build an organization that stands for so many positive values. We have also acknowledged not all members of our community

find our nickname inclusive or appropriate."

In speaking with community members, team leaders said they have come to a better understanding of how their name and logo can be perceived.

"We wish to represent every citizen of Morden and made the decision to make changes moving forward."

No firm timeline on the branding changes was given. The team said further announcements will be made as information becomes available.

"While we are working to incorporate the change as efficiently as possible, our primary focus will be to ensure it is done properly and completely," the team said.

Redskins general manager Brent Meleck did not return requests for further comment on this matter at press time.

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Morden police chief looks back on 35 years in blue

Brad Neduzak is Morden's longest-serving chief

By Ashleigh Viveiros

Morden Police Chief Brad Neduzak marked a professional milestone at the start of the month: 35 years with the Morden Police Service.

Neduzak began his career with the department as a constable on Aug. 1, 1985. He became chief of police in 2000, making him the longest-serving chief in Morden's history.

It's a distinction Neduzak could scarcely have imagined accomplishing when he first moved to Morden as an eager young rookie at the age of 20.

"To be honest, I probably wasn't intending to stay in Morden my whole career. Back in those days, Morden, being a smaller organization, there was not a lot to offer for advancement.

"But after a few years I was married and had a family and I thought, you know what, Morden is a pretty nice place to raise children and spend a career. So I decided to stay put," Neduzak says. "I'm glad I did, 35 years later."

A career in law enforcement had been a childhood dream for Neduzak, who grew up in Beausejour.

"I always wanted to be a police officer. Like a lot of boys, policemen, firemen—I was drawn to those sort of occupations," he recalls. "I've always had a great respect for the law."

The boyhood fascination with the badge stuck and after graduating high school Neduzak set out to make his dream a reality, first pursuing post-secondary studies in law enforcement and then working in corrections and volunteering with probation services.

And then he saw a job posting for a constable in a small southern Manitoba town he'd heard of but never visited.

"I did come out to have a look around and it was very similar to the community I grew up in, a smaller community, so that was all kind of familiar," Neduzak says. "I decided to put my name in and got an interview and it went from there."

The Morden police department in the '80s was quite different from what it is today.

With Neduzak's hiring, there were just five of-

ficers and no clerical or support staff.

That's all changed over the past three decades as the department has grown alongside the community.

Today, Morden Police Service has a staff of 19, including 13 constables, two sergeants, and a number of support staff and special constables.

"This whole area has grown so quickly, and with that we've had to see growth in the service too, and advancement in our training, in our staffing," Neduzak says.

Morden officers today have the opportunity to specialize in a host of areas, including crime scene investigation, tactical response, fraud investigation, and even a K-9 unit.

"We've been very fortunate that our councils over the years have always been very supportive in the training aspect and needing to keep up to date with our training and procedures," Neduzak says, pointing out that attitude goes right back to his early years with the department. "I was very fortunate and probably received a lot more training than a lot of young constables would have in bigger centres."

Neduzak loved being out on the beat, but eventually he started to realize he could perhaps do more for the community as a leader and mentor for the next generation of officers.

"When you start out you just want to get out and do that work, on the street, doing the investigations," he says. "But as you work through your career you start to feel maybe you have a little bit more to offer to help out the younger constables who started after me."

He found being a supervisor very rewarding, and that eventually paved the way for him to head up the department.

Neduzak is proud of the advancements the service has made during his tenure as chief.

In addition to the aforementioned improvements in staffing levels and ongoing training, he's also been excited to see an increased embrace of regional policing.

"This area is huge on regionalization and working together with our next door neighbours and communities," he says. "I think we'll see more of that, working closely together with



PHOTO BY ASHLEIGH VIVEIROS/VOICE

Police Chief Brad Neduzak marked 35 years with the Morden Police Service Aug. 1. He was just 20 when he started his career as a constable with the department. He has served as its chief since 2000.

other departments and combining our expertise and our resources, like we have been starting out doing through our regional support tactical team, our regional negotiating team. Working more closely together and offering better service not only for our community but for our whole area.

"When you work together you get more done."

As he enters the final years of his career (he has no firm plans for retirement just yet), Neduzak says he still gets a great deal of satisfaction from his work.

"Especially working in a smaller community, you feel like you actually do—and it sounds maybe like a cliché—but you do make a difference and you do have an impact in people's lives and being able to help them."

ACU assets grew to \$2.8B in 2019

By Ashleigh Viveiros

Access Credit Union's annual general meeting may have taking place a few months later than usual and had to be done online to boot, but it came with good news for the financial institution's members.

CEO Larry Davey last week reported that ACU saw its assets increase from \$2.6 billion in 2018 to just over \$2.8 billion in 2019, a growth of about eight per cent.

Members' deposits increased by 7.7 per cent to \$2.5 billion in 2019. Member equity jumped 8.6 per cent year over year.

With the growth in loans (which hit \$2.4 billion in 2019, up from \$1.8 billion just four years ago), interest revenue increased by about \$11 million, or 12.6 per cent.

On the other side of the equation, Access paid out about \$10 million more in interest on member deposits, an increase of 20 per cent.

ACU's net income fell from \$15.3 million in 2018 to \$14.8 million in 2019. The drop is due mainly to the reduction of the provincial tax credit, which is being slowly phased out by the provincial government.

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Coming to terms with what lies beneath

As a child there was a fantastic hill in the city where I grew up that rose so much higher than the others and drew kids as moths to a flame.

This beautiful and vast expanse of grass that rose higher than anything around it was a place for tobogganing in the winter and for running, kite flying, and rolling down in the summer.

It was not until later in life when I asked why this place existed with no structures that somebody told me why and explained the strange pipes that jutted out in odd places.

"This is the old dump," they said. "You can't build on it because it is unstable."

Those pipes were for venting methane gas that could build up from the rotting mass of filth that lay just beneath the surface.

I cannot say I was pleased to learn that this great place I had come to love was, in fact, hiding the refuse of a city.



By Peter Cantelon

Communities can be like this. We look at the peaceful, calm, and idyllic surfaces and come to believe that this is reality. That we live in a place of harmony while all the while, just below the surface, festers a great and dangerous cesspool.

Do not disturb the surface and people think all is fine. Do not delve too deep lest you awaken monsters you are not prepared to confront, and people assume all will be okay.

Ignorance is bliss but the bliss is false and often short-lived.

It is not enough, however, to simply know you live on a midden heap. Once you know, there is work to be done. You must spear through the surface into the dark depths to release the noxious and explosive poisons from below...you must thrust a spoke into the wheel, as Dietrich Bonhoeffer would say, and disrupt the decay.

Well-meaning and lovely people become anxious when you dig beneath the surface of a community (or a family, or a business) to the darkness underneath.

"Don't rock the boat ..."

"Stop causing trouble ..."

"This was never a problem before ..."

Of course, these admonitions are all untrue. A dump is still a dump even with a thin veneer of grass to hide the fact. Just because you cannot see the infection does not mean it is not there. Just because you're unaware of the

cancer does not make it less deadly. If we live in denial and fail to discuss the garbage—to vent the gas—then the gas will choose when to vent and it will do so in a deadly and explosive fashion, leaving many casualties.

All communities have a darkness beneath the surface. It is up to us to choose to acknowledge and vent these things through dialogue and debate. We do ourselves and our communities a disservice by hiding behind a façade of polite civility and "none of my business" attitudes. If you live here, it is your business.

Our own bodies must expel gas. We find the act variously embarrassing, distasteful, and hilarious. We have a particular colloquial name for our exhaust ports we tend to label people with whom we do not like. Why, gentle reader, you may be shocked to learn that this same author has been called such.

Now imagine if we could not vent. Imagine the initial discomfort and eventual sickness and death that would occur if we could not expel and vent the waste beneath our surface.

All living things must deal with what lies beneath or else die. Communities are living things. Do not seek to silence those that want to expose and vent our less than savoury aspects—they may literally be saving the life of your community.

letters

Society has grown, but more change is clearly needed

In 1956 when I was four years old my grandfather's black farm dog named "N...." bit me. A few years later my sister had a dark skinned doll with a same name. At Christmas we ate dark coloured Brazil nuts with that name. Today as I recall these words I cringe.

In the '60s my mentally challenged brother went to a segregated "School for the Retarded." My mother could

never attend men-only church business meetings. We thought wearing seatbelts in cars was ridiculous. One of my favourite childhood games was playing Cowboys and Indians with toy guns and bows and arrows.

I could go on and on describing how the world has changed since my youth; the "good old days" were not always so good. Thankfully, society has grown considerably since then.

We are more alert to dangerous practices, to inclusiveness and to insensitive names. It is often a challenge to understand what is appropriate and even more difficult to consistently change our behaviour. Police officer or firefighter feel like natural terms to most of us now, but I still slip back into saying policeman or fireman occasionally.

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Winkler Co-op posted \$113M in sales in 2019

By Ashleigh Viveiros

Winkler Consumers Co-operative members gathered at the Winkler Bergthaler Mennonite Church Aug. 4 to hear how the store fared in 2019.

The annual general meeting came four months later than usual thanks to the pandemic, and board chair Milt Olfert noted that last year feels very far away indeed.

"They always say you have 20/20 vision when you look back at what's happened ... and how have I missed 2019," he said.

"2020 has probably been the most challenging year most of us have ever seen or faced," Olfert continued, listing off the eventful start to the year thus far, not the least of which includes how COVID-19 has impacted every single member of the community.

Olfert said he's proud of how the Co-op and its staff have responded to the pandemic.

"I truly believe Winkler Co-op took a leadership role in our community through this crisis," he said, explaining that the company worked hard to create a safe environment for staff and customers alike in all of its departments. "They became innovative in so many ways—from handwashing stations to changing the flow in the store for customers to same-day deliveries for groceries.

"I want to thank Evan [Toews, gen-

eral manager] and his staff for going above and beyond during this time."

Olfert then turned the evening's attention to 2019, Co-op's 88th year of operation.

"Thank you to you, the membership, for your patronage and support this past year," he said. "Without the steady support for your Co-op, we cease to exist.

"Entering our 89th year is a testament to the fact that the cooperative model is enduring and benefits our community like no other."

Last year was a busy one for the Co-op, one which saw the amalgamation with Lowe Farm Co-op become official.

It was a smooth transition, Olfert said, adding that another highlight was the purchase of the Auto Spa Car Wash on Main St. in Winkler to replace the Co-op's aging car wash down the street.

On the financial front, Co-op saw sales of over \$113 million—up from \$110 million the year before. As a result, the store was able to give back over \$4.9 million in patronage refunds to its members in 2019.

Co-op has managed to pay off much of its long-term debt in recent years, creating a solid footing for the years ahead.

"We actually have very little long-term debt left now," noted John Thiesen in his presentation of the financial report. "We actually have money in

the bank ... so financially our Co-op is stronger than it has been for the last, well, I've been here 39 years and we've never been this strong."

Looking historically, Co-op in the past nine years (2011-2019) has seen more sales (\$880 million) than in all the previous 70 years combined (\$788 million from 1941-2010).

General manager Evan Toews said in his report that the company continues to "entertain opportunities for expansion and partnerships, provided they are sustainable and beneficial to our cooperative."

"We must grow sustainably and thoughtfully for the future," he told the assembled members.

The company prides itself on being locally owned and operated.

"We're not an outside company that moved to town, saw an opportunity, made a profit, and ran off with the money," Toews said. "Co-op has and always will be the business that was born here, we grew here, and we invest right here in the communities that we are."

Last year, Co-op was able to give back more than \$300,000 in donations to over 200 community groups and projects.

"While we don't apologize for making a profit for the goods and services that we do sell or provide, we also don't apologize for reinvesting those profits locally in the communities or right back to you, the members,"



PHOTO BY ASHLEIGH VIVEIROS/VOICE

At its AGM last week, Winkler Co-op general manager Evan Toews said the company must grow "sustainably and thoughtfully for the future."

Toews said. "The membership and our economy are better and stronger for it."

The evening wrapped up with the results of the election for three expired seats on the Co-op board of directors.

Grant Fehr and Gordon Earl will return for another three-year term. Joining them is newly-elected member Chris Kalansky.

The board also includes Olfert, James Sawatzky, Dinah Elias, Eric Peters, Darren Heide, and Peter Falk.

> ACU AGM, FROM PG. 5

Access' annual report noted that in the organization's 10 years of operation its efficiency ratio has steadily improved. In 2009 it was at 70.14 per cent. It hit 65.40 per cent in 2018 and then jumped slightly to 65.57 per cent in 2019.

Davey was quick to laud the credit union's staff for the successful year.

"It is only through their diligent focus on serving our members that we were able to achieve the strong results we did in 2019," he said, going on to thank the ACU board of directors for their ongoing support and guidance.

Chairman Curt Letkeman noted that the past decade has been one of growth for Access.

"In the past 10 years, we have doubled in size from almost \$1.3 billion in assets when Access was created to over \$2.8 billion today," he said. "Our net income also doubled, from \$6.4 million to \$14.7 million.

"While our income and assets grew, so did our community investment, almost tripling from \$252,000 to over

\$707,000."

The success of Access follows the growth of the region it serves.

"As a credit union, we are uniquely linked to the success of our communities," Letkeman said, "and it is a fundamental principle of our status as a cooperative: our concern for community, working for the sustainable development of where we live, work, and play.

> LETTERS, FROM PG. 6

Now the Morden men's SEMHL hockey team is being pressured to change their "R....." name.

It only took a minute on the internet to find copies of old advertisements offering \$200 for "every Red-skin sent to Purgatory" (Winona, Minnesota, Sept. 23, 1863). I also read that there are old people still alive in the Dakotas whose grandfathers were "Indian Hunters."

Local Mennonites seniors have grandparents who started arriving

"That concern drives our path forward, identifying opportunities to increase our strengths and to discover gaps where we can serve our members better."

Looking to the future, ACU is working on amalgamating with Winnipeg's Crosstown Civic Credit Union.

The partnership, which comes into effect Jan. 1, will create one of the largest credit unions in Manitoba

with over \$5.5 billion in assets, 89,000 members, more than 400 employees, and 26 branches.

"The times are certainly changing, but we remain steadfast in our pursuit of excellence, and we continue to focus on the new without losing what made us great yesterday and today," Letkeman said.

in southern Manitoba in 1874, a few years after Indigenous people in this area signed Treaty One agreeing to share their land with us. Indeed, Winkler eventually arose in the "West Reserve."

Some people once thought the "R....." hockey team name was one of honour, but our Indigenous neighbours have made it clear that they want the name changed.

Let's do the right thing and willingly change the hockey team name.*

If there are expenses incurred in re-branding the team I will help.

It is a small step we can take towards Reconciliation—but there are many more steps on this journey.

Dave Stobbe,
Winkler

* Ed note: See our story on Pg. 4 about the team's plans for change.

Young bookworms racking up the reading minutes

By Ashleigh Viveiros

The South Central Regional Library's annual summer reading program may have looked a little different from usual this summer, but its goal is the same as always: keep kids reading.

The program, which usually sees kids stopping by their local library branches throughout the summer to log their reading minutes for a chance to win prizes, has moved entirely online this year thanks to the COVID-19 pandemic.

But that didn't phase participants one bit, says Patricia Derksen, the summer student heading up the 2020 program at the Winkler branch.

"It's gone really well. The kids are still getting involved but from a safer distance," she says. "We have a whole online program that we've never used before ... and it allows kids to log minutes from home and they can enter for the prizes—all the things they would normally do at the library."

Library events also moved online this year to the South Central Regional Library's YouTube channel.

"We've been posting videos with activities that the kids can do at home," Derksen says, explaining there have been a few virtual story time sessions



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Summer reading program coordinator Patricia Derksen says they've been working hard to keep kids engaged this summer through online videos and activities.

and countless crafts and science experiments posted over the past couple of months.

It's been a change, certainly, but a well-received one, says Winkler branch librarian Randall Klassen.

"The kids still seem excited, they're really taking to it well," he says. "It's

just a new way to approach things."

That includes a contactless hold pickup system in the library's front entrance for people not keen to wander through the stacks. The libraries also have cleaning protocols in place and hand sanitizer available for patrons.

Cancelling the reading program this summer wasn't an option, adds Cathy Ching, SCRL director of library services.

"This year especially we wanted to provide that continuity. Yes, it was going to be different, but kids look forward to it every year."

Participation numbers have been down across the board, but the program has still seen nearly 600 kids sign up to take part.

The Winkler branch alone has just over 300 kids, who as of last week had read nearly 244,000 minutes.

The final day to submit reading minutes is Aug. 22, after which the grand prizes will be drawn for. New activity videos will be posted right through to the end of the month.

SCRL is looking into whether they might be able to host limited branch wrap-up parties for the program in the weeks ahead.

"We're considering possibly doing some activity in the park where we could have the kids all separate in their own space," Derksen says. "Or maybe doing a virtual talent show where kids could submit a little video to post online."

Check with your local library or head online to scrl.mb.libraries.coop for details once they become available.

Manitoba's active COVID-19 numbers hit 196

By Ashleigh Viveiros

Public health officials announced 16 new cases of COVID-19 on Monday, following up on a weekend that saw 51 new cases identified.

Manitoba's five-day test positivity rate is 1.59 per cent. The total number of tests completed since early February is now at 103,782. More than 1,300 of those were done on Sunday alone.

As of Aug. 10, the total number of lab-confirmed positive and probable cases in Manitoba was 558. Active cases on that day was 196 while 354 people had recovered from the virus. The number of deaths due to COVID-19 remained at eight.

Six people were in hospital at the start of this week, three in intensive care.

"While many of today's cases appear to be linked to known clusters in Brandon and Southern Manitoba or are close contacts of previously

identified cases, preliminary information also suggests that there are small numbers of cases with unknown acquisition which we would determine to be community based transmission," Dr. Brent Roussin, Manitoba's chief public health officer, said at Monday's press briefing.

"We've continued to say that these increased cases over the past week reminds us that we're not done with COVID-19," he added. "We'll certainly continue to see cases of COVID-19 but

we are certainly not helpless against this virus. We never have been."

Roussin again called on Manitobans to continue to focus on the fundamentals when it comes to battling COVID-19: wash your hands regular-

ly, maintain physical distancing, stay home if you are ill, and avoid large indoor gatherings.

"We know that these precautions have helped us before and they'll help us again," he said. "We just need to get

back and focus on those fundamentals."

While wearing a mask can help people protect themselves and others, especially in situations where physical distancing isn't possible, the province isn't

yet mandating their use in public spaces.

When it comes to getting tested for COVID-19, anyone showing symptoms of respiratory illness can be tested, and Roussin advised people not to

wait too long to do so.

"The best timing to be tested is 24 hours after symptom onset," he said. "What we've found is many of our cases being tested many, many days after symptom onset, and so by the time we're connecting with contacts some of those contacts are already symptomatic."

Roussin noted that testing earlier than 24 hours after a person first reports symptoms can sometimes lead to false negative results.

"So testing after 24 hours of symptom onset is what we are recommending," he said.

To take the online COVID-19 testing screening tool head to www.gov.mb.ca/covid19/updates/testing.html.

The nearest testing site in our area is in Winkler at the Southland Mall. It is open Monday to Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. by appointment only. Call 204-325-5322.

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New garden at Winkler Park

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Winkler Horticulture Society volunteers teamed up with City of Winkler staff last week to get a new flower garden installed at the corner of Park St. and Grandeur Ave. Society rep. Betty Klassen says they extended the existing rock wall significantly and planted dozens of shrubs and flowers to bring some life to the corner. "Driving by it and looking at it we just said, 'We can do better than this,'" Klassen says. Plans are also in the works to install a park bench for people to take a load off while enjoying the space, which the society has dubbed "The Rock Wall Garden."

PTM is firing up the corn cob steamer

By Ashleigh Viveiros

The Pembina Threshermen's Museum is firing up its antique steam engine to cook corn on the cob this weekend.

The heritage museum located in the highway corridor between Winkler and Morden is hosting a fundraiser this Friday and Saturday, Aug. 14-15.

Admission to the museum gets you a free cob of corn. You can complete the meal with a hot dog and a drink for \$5.

PTM's 1916 steam tractor is usually put to work cooking corn for the Morden Corn & Apple Festival.

That event is a no-go this summer thanks to the pandemic, so the museum's volunteers thought it would be fun to do something on-site, says board president Bill Fehr.

"We kind of thought we'd give it a try and see how it goes," he says, noting the museum's heritage buildings will all be open to explore.

While the pandemic has meant a

shortened season for the museum, the dedication of its volunteers coupled with generous donors has kept things running pretty smoothly.

"We haven't been able to have any functions going, but it hasn't been too bad," Fehr says. "The donations have been really great."

Volunteers are currently looking at the feasibility of hosting a smaller-scale event next month to wrap up the season.

They're also eagerly awaiting the arrival of a new building for the PTM village. A two-storey house built at the turn of the 20th century is slated to be moved from Winkler and installed beside the Reimer House.

"The foundation is in and ready to go and now it just depends on the movers," Fehr says.

The Pembina Threshermen's Museum is open 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. this Friday and Saturday. Corn will be served Friday from 4-7 p.m. and Saturday from noon to 5 p.m. Dine in or dine out options are available.

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Spacious new home for Sunny Day Products

By Ashleigh Viveiros

For 24 years, Sunny Day Products has prided itself on bringing a taste of Mexico to the Pembina Valley.

Now they're able to do so from a storefront nearly three times the size of their old location.

The Winkler shop added on 6,000 sq. ft. to its building on Manitoba Rd., allowing them to move into a much larger retail space while also growing their warehouse significantly.

A new store for a new era of Sunny Day has been on the company's radar for some time now, says company founder and president Dick Plett.

"About a year ago we said we just

have to do something," he says. They had long since outgrown the cramped storefront they'd been using for decades.

After looking into moving the shop entirely, they decided building onto their current facility made more sense, Plett says, as it keeps the retail side of the business close to the storage and manufacturing end of things.

In addition to bringing in authentic foodstuffs from Mexico, Sunny Day also roasts a variety of nuts on-site and makes its own tortillas and peanut butter.

"We didn't feel very good about having the store in one place and production over here, so we decided to keep

Sunny Day Products president and founder Dick Plett with son Ben Plett, general manager, in front of the Winkler company's new, much larger store (left).

it all here together," Plett says.

The company has come a long way from its humble beginnings.

"I never thought we would get this big," Plett says, recalling it started out roasting sunflower seeds with just himself and one employee. Today Sunny Day employs over a dozen people and ships its products across the country.

The new store opened right after the long weekend and word got out about it quickly, says general manager Ben Plett, Dick's son.

"It's been so busy. I don't know where all the people came from," he says, noting they've received a lot of positive comments so far. "It's a huge improvement, especially for our customers because they have a lot more of a shopping experience now—bigger space, not as crowded. They don't have to quickly run in and out;

they can take their time and browse around a little bit.

"We were just getting too small where we were," he adds. "The demand for new products is constant and we were having a hard time finding spots on the shelves for all of it."

Indeed, the extra space has allowed them to expand many of their most popular product lines, notes Dick Plett.

"We have a lot more variety," he says. "We have five different kinds of flours ... a lot more baking supplies, more variety of Mexican food, more spices."

There's also a entire wall of Mexican housewares and a significantly bulked up bulk nut section.

"Before, we had 25 bins in total. Now we have 50 on that wall and another 12 over here," Plett says. "People like to be able to take what they want."

Corn & Apple hosting livestreamed concert Aug. 29

By Lorne Stelmach

The show will go on for the Corn and Apple Festival, although in a very different way this year.

The festival itself may be cancelled due to COVID-19, but it is hosting a main stage concert for a limited in-person audience and anyone who wants to tune in to the livestream.

"The festival really can't be replicated in the current environment. There's no way really to have something like Corn and Apple," said executive director Tim Hodge.

"One of the main attractions every year for the festival is our entertainment on Friday and Saturday night, and it also ends up being the simplest

thing to recreate," he said. "So we've been working closely with Manitoba Health to make sure that we're following all regulations so we can have the safest event possible."

The concert featuring Manitoba acts Del Barber, The Bros Landreth, and Doc Walker will be held Saturday, Aug. 29.

"We are very proud that we have an all Manitoba lineup. With this being Manitoba's 150th anniversary ... we were actually going to have an all Manitoba lineup at the festival before it cancelled," Hodge noted. "They're all fantastic Manitoba acts ... they are certainly a star-studded lineup for us."

Manitoba Health has approved a capacity of 250 attendees for the show.

The audience will be divided into three separate sections and all ticket holders will have enough room to follow proper physical distancing protocols at all times.

Health inspectors will be on site for the event to ensure the show is as safe as possible with a range of health and safety rules in place.

"We are making sure we are on top of all Manitoba Health regulations ... we want it to be a safe, fun evening," said Hodge.

"We figured this was going to be the way to reach as many people as possible," he added, noting a limited number of tickets to attend the concert in downtown Morden went on sale Monday at Maverick Radio for \$10. All

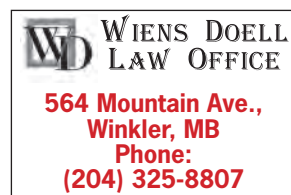
proceeds are going to the Morden fire hall and burn fund.

Half of the tickets sold on the very first day of sales, but you don't have to miss out if you can't snag a seat.

"The really big appeal for this is the fact that we're livestreaming it for free ... so anybody anywhere will be able to watch this fantastic concert," said Hodge. "So it still provides for our fans outside of Morden a bit of the Corn and Apple experience with the main stage entertainment. And for the residents of Morden who are able to buy tickets, it's a nice bit of a party."

To watch the event online, head to the Morden Corn & Apple Festival Facebook page.

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Your kids' eye health: what parents should know

Undiagnosed vision problems can cause serious issues for children. These include poor development, higher risk of injury and learning difficulties, which can sometimes be misdiagnosed as behavioural problems. Here are some common signs of vision impairments parents should be able to identify.

INFANTS (UP TO 24 MONTHS)

A child's first routine eye exam should occur between 6 to twelve months of age. The following signs should also prompt a visit to the optometrist:

- Excessive tearing
- A red or encrusted eyelid
- Constant and erratic eye turning
- Extreme light sensitivity

PRESCHOOL (TWO TO FIVE YEARS)

This is a critical time for learning and development, much of which is guided by the child's vision. Children's eyes should be examined if they:

- Sit too close to screens
- Hold books too close to their face
- Frequently squint, cover an eye or rub their eyes
- Have an eye that turns in or out
- Lack co-ordination
- Have a short attention span for their age

- Avoid activities requiring visual acuity (such as colouring or solving puzzles)
- Experience light sensitivity

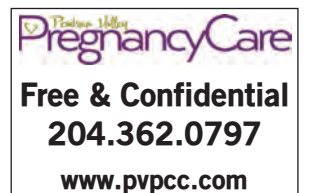
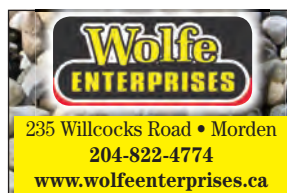
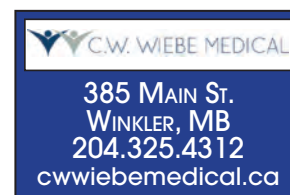
Conditions such as strabismus (having crossed eyes) and amblyopia (having a lazy eye) typically develop around this age.

SCHOOL AGE (SIX TO 18 YEARS)

At this point in their development, children are able to report symptoms of vision problems such as seeing double, being tired or having headaches. In addition, they may have a vision issue if they:

- Avoid reading and similar activities
- Hold reading materials too close to their face
- Constantly cover an eye or tilt their head on the same side
- Have difficulty remembering what they read
- Lose their place easily when they read
- Have an eye that turns in or out

Vision problems can severely impair a child's academic performance and impact self-esteem. In general, it's recommended that children have an eye exam before starting school and then once a year there-after, even in the absence of symptoms.



Gearheads coming together to share their passion

By Lorne Stelmach

It's a place where like-minded people gather to discuss what they share in common: a fervent passion for everything automotive.

A new local car club has started holding weekly car meets as an outlet for them to not just enjoy their own cars but other's vehicles as well.

"It's not just about the cars, it's about the community and the friendships that you build through the cars," said Mackenzie Loewen, who came with his Mazda to the R838 Limitless gathering in the back parking lot of Decor Cabinets in Morden one recent Saturday.

"We all just have the same kind of passion for it, even though each vehicle has its own unique aspects to it. Every vehicle is different, but we all have the same kind of love for it."

The group's name comes from a Bible verse on loving without limits, explained Josiah Warkentin, who initiated the club alongside his brother Matthias.

They've met several times so far this summer and plan to continue doing so into the fall.

"We were talking about how there's all these other car meets around southern Manitoba, and we'd always go to them, which is a blast," Warkentin said. "We realized there isn't really any car meets happening here in town, so why can't we put something together?"

"I think the most we have had out so far was about 12 vehicles," he said. "It's a mixture of older and young guys, mostly I think from Morden. A few come out from Winkler. My brother is



PHOTO BY LORNE STELMACH/VOICE

Local car enthusiasts have been gathering regularly at the Decor Cabinets parking lot on the weekends for the new R838 Limitless meets. It's a chance to show off their vehicles and check out what others have under the hood.

from Winkler, so if he's coming, he'll usually bring a few guys from Winkler."

For Loewen, some of his inspiration came from his grandfather having owned a Porsche.

"He was really the only one in my family who was into cars," said Loewen, who fondly recalled "buying Hot Wheels when I was younger. It was just a big collection that I wanted, and I still have a lot of them."

"I just remember even when I was little, I would see a classic car driving by on the road, I would just be drawn to it," he said. "I've just always had a love for cars, so I like to come out to these things and see what other people drive

and hear their stories about their cars and what they've done to it."

"It is a way for people to get out and have some fun ... maybe do something you normally wouldn't do ... and, of course, we're still thinking about the social distancing and restrictions," noted Warkentin.

"Right now, we're just trying to get the word out. Our goal for the meet is just that we can meet some new people, build some relationships, and see some really cool cars in the process."

"It's basically for anyone who wants to come out ... it can be a truck, motorbike, vehicle of any sort. We don't want to limit it," he said. "We want it to be more open to everybody. So when we say car meet, car is a generic term. It's a get-together. We want to meet people, see some cars, have some fun."

"If you have a car and you're proud of it, come show it off."

You can find out more about R838 Limitless and their upcoming meets on social media, including Facebook and Instagram.

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Getting Down to Business

Wiebe's Steel Structures continues to build success

Wiebe's Steel Structures has come a long way from when it first emerged as a three-person operation in 2007.

Now with a crew of about 30 people, the company has evolved from a small scale builder to the fast growing, construction company that it is today.

That success comes with having established a proven track record, say company officials.

"You have to get your name out there; you have to build a reputation for yourself, and I feel like we have definitely accomplished that now," says Annie Wiebe, who helps run the company alongside her husband Barry and general manager Bernhard Teichroeb.

The roots of the business go back to Barry having started off Wiebe's Welding Works before they branched off into steel structure construction. They later moved away from welding and went on to develop Northern Steel Buildings, a sales division that supplies steel buildings.

Wiebe noted much of their success has come from outside the local market.

"I would say the success of our company has been built across the country," she says.

"We've gone all the way to B.C., Nunavut, Ontario and right across Canada," Wiebe says, noting they have done a lot of projects in more remote locations. "Especially the north. Definitely there is a need in the north. There's a lot of opportunity up there. A lot of the success of our company has been the work that we do up north, and that expertise and skill that we've developed has helped."

Their projects have varied widely, from building house tundra buggies for a tourism business in Churchill to constructing a school in Fort Severn. They have also done many projects in Winnipeg for various sectors, including commercial, manufacturing, and agriculture.

"It's very much all across the board," says Wiebe, noting another significant project currently underway in the Steinbach area is constructing a large cattle barn for a farm



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Annie Wiebe of Wiebe's Steel Structures says the company has worked hard to establish a proven track record both close to home and further afield.

that saw its old structure destroyed in a fire. "That will take us several months ... it's a huge project."

It offers a good example of some of the many advantages of steel structures.

"There's only a certain size you can do with wood. After a certain size, then you have to build with steel. Your steel structure will stay standing, even in a fire," explains Wiebe. "Space-wise, you can make it bigger, you can go higher, and it will last you longer."

And despite the pandemic, Wiebe notes business had not slowed down for them.

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Volunteers hard at work at Railway Stn. Museum



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Work continues on improvements to the Miami Railway Station Museum. Volunteers and summer staff recently installed 200 feet of track on the south side of the station platform (left). "Starting in the morning the crew worked hours laying ties, placing steel rail on the ties, measuring and spiking the rail to the ties," said board chair Joan Driedger. "Using a mix of modern and old equipment the volunteers accomplished a lot more than I ever thought they would. They just would not quit until the rail was done." Above: Restoration of the 1914 wooden caboose has also advanced significantly, with staff starting on staining and painting last month. "We are looking forward to getting to work in the interior, scraping old paint and making it ready for the furnishings," Driedger says. "Hopefully it will be ready for the public in the fall."

Candlewick's online performance a big hit

By Lorne Stelmach

It may not have been live on stage, but it at least was a chance to sing, act, and dance again.

A range of local talent was involved in the variety show that was filmed and shown online last Friday by Candlewick Productions.

"It was really cool to see it all come together. We were thinking this is feeling good. We're back into performance again," said director-producer Richard Klassen.

"We had talked about doing something that was live ... but we then realized there were complications with that, and we were a little bit hesitant about putting something up where complications could wreak some havoc on the show."

With COVID-19 restrictions putting the kibosh on a live show, organizers turned their attention to a streamed one instead, inviting nearly a dozen acts to take part via pre-filmed performances.

"When we first started talking about it ... there was a little bit of a feeling of 'I don't know'," said Klassen. "Then we started doing the filming ... and

it started off a little slow in terms of interest, but all of a sudden we had a number of acts say 'Hey, I've got an idea.'

"Before you knew it, we had about an hour and 20 minutes worth of material, and that didn't even include all the acts. We still have a couple of acts we want to either add to it or possibly even consider a second opportunity."

The performers, who hailed from across southern Manitoba, really embraced the new way of doing things, even with the challenges it presented.

"I think a lot of the actors that we

have are geared towards live performance, whether it's music or acting, that's what they're used to," said Klassen.

"There's that immediate response that you get when you're doing comedy ... usually that's where the laugh would happen," he said. "So there's a bit of a learning curve happening."

"A number of these pieces were also meant to be on stage rather than on film," he added. "So it took a little bit of imagination."

The evening included everything from a home improvement parody to

a movie trailer to a spoof of *American Idol*.

Klassen was pleased with the response, noting the web hits that evening reached around 150 and got to around 400 by noon the next day.

They're already considering doing it all again.

"At first we were thinking we would do this just one time then hopefully move on to doing full performance again," he said. "There might be some opportunities to take what we did right now and maybe look at doing this a few more times."

CCI Ride for Kids sets out from Winkler Sept. 12

By Ashleigh Viveiros

Children's Camps International's Ride for Kids event is coming to Winkler next month for the first time ever.

The Christian ministry has hosted motorcycle rides in Saskatchewan for a few years now, but Ride for Kids Pembina Hills on Sept. 12 marks their first foray through Manitoba, says organizer Marv Letkeman.

"This is a first for us here," he says. "A number of our donors and the people who come to our fundraising events are also people that ride, so we thought let's do something fun that will bring a little bit of exposure for our ministry."

It costs just \$25 to register a bike for one of three different drives through the Pembina Valley. Each is named for a country CCI operates in: there's a

400 km India route, a 275 km Cambodia drive, and a 175 km Kenya trip.

"We wanted to make it an event for all ages and rider experience levels," Letkeman says, noting some avid motorcyclists are keen to spend the entire day on the road, while others much prefer a shorter ride. "We didn't want this to be just a die-hard rider event. We wanted something for everyone."

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Eden Tractor Trek, Head for the Hills on for September

Tractor parade will drive through Winkler for the first time Sept. 19.

By Ashleigh Viveiros

September is going to be a busy month for the Eden Foundation as it hosts two of its biggest fundraisers of the year.

First up, the 18th annual Head for the Hills cycling event is going ahead as planned for Saturday, Sept. 12.

"We do have some pretty dramatic changes with this event," says organizer Earl Reimer. "What we decided to do this year was to change the route so that our start and our ending point are the same."

Riders will set out from and finish south of Morden at Cripple Creek. Both the gravel road (39 km) and trail (27 km) routes are also changing a bit to accommodate the new finish line.

"That's a really big change for us but it provides us with a wonderful opportunity in the fact that after the ride is done we get to sit under the trees together," Reimer says.

A week later, on Saturday, Sept. 19, the Visit the Villages Tractor Trek hits the road.

Normally held in July, this year's trek had to be postponed due to the pandemic. Now that restrictions have begun to ease somewhat, the time seemed right to give it a go.

"Our goal has always been 40 trac-

tors that are 40 years or more older and hopefully we can raise about \$40,000," Reimer says, noting the event has raised hundreds of thousands of dollars for regional mental health programs since its inception over a decade ago.

Tractor Trek starts out from Reinland as always that morning and then makes its way through a variety of villages south of Winkler en route to the Pembina Threshermen's Museum to end the day.

There will be no "Tractor Olympics" this year and the outdoor meals will be for ride participants only to keep crowd numbers down.

New this year will be a parade through Winkler itself.

"That's a first for us," Reimer says. "We hope people will come out to cheer our riders on."

Reimer expects the cavalcade of tractors will arrive at the corner of Pembina Ave. and Hwy. 32 around 2 p.m. or so and then make its way west down Pembina Ave. to 14th St.

From there the group will turn south to travel through part of Schazefeld before heading to PTM.

Both Head for the Hills and Tractor Trek will follow all the necessary COVID-19 safety restrictions set by the provincial government.



VOICE FILE PHOTOS

Eden hopes to see at least 40 tractors take part in this year's Visit the Villages Tractor Trek Sept. 19. Right: Head for the Hills takes place the weekend before.

"We are paying attention to those directives as to what constitutes good practices when it comes to the gathering of people," Reimer says. "We as an organization are taking very concerted efforts at making sure those that do come are going to be safe as they possibly can be."

Being able to host these events in the midst of the pandemic is a blessing, he adds, especially considering they had to cancel many other fundraisers outright this spring.

"These two events are premier events for us ... they are fundamental for the support of programs that do not receive funding from the provincial or federal governments," Reimer says.

"These events have proven themselves to generate a generous spirit and full engagement across a large



spectrum of people," he adds, thanking the community at large and the many corporate sponsors for their support every year. "We hope people will continue to engage with us this year again."

For more details or to register to take part in either event, head online to edenhealthcare.ca or call 204-325-5355.

PVWD offering well water testing Aug. 18, 25

Submitted by the Pembina Valley Watershed District

The province of Manitoba recommends that a complete water quality analysis be completed on wells every 10 years, if a new baby is in the house, and when there is any noticeable change in your well water.

Testing for bacteria (total coliforms and E. coli) should be done more regularly, with the province recommending testing every year in the spring and fall. Many wells go untested for decades.

Total coliform bacteria are found on surfaces everywhere—on your body, clothes, outside, etc.—so it is not necessarily harmful. It is, however, an indicator that there may be an open

pathway of some kind between the surface and the water in a well.

Well water should not contain this type of bacteria—the ground between the surface and the well should filter the bacteria out. E. coli bacteria are found in intestines of warm blooded animals. If well water contains E. coli bacteria, it is a serious indicator that the well is contaminated.

The Maximum Acceptable Concentrations (MAC) of total coliform and E. coli bacteria is zero, so drinking, showering, and washing in water containing these types of bacteria is not recommended.

Nitrate and nitrite are naturally occurring forms of nitrogen. Nitrate, essential for plant growth, is commonly used in fertilizer. It is also commonly

found in animal/human waste and in the soil from naturally decaying organic matter.

In high-concentrations, nitrate is most dangerous to pregnant and nursing women and bottle-fed infants. The main health concern associated with nitrate is methaemoglobinaemia, or "blue-baby syndrome."

The MAC of nitrate-nitrogen is 10 mg/L. Contamination from animal or human waste should be suspected if concentrations exceed MAC limits.

Over the years, the Pembina Valley Watershed District has offered different well testing programs to test drinking water and raise awareness about water quality issues in the area.

"In general, well water existing in this area usually shows that over one-

third of the well water results fail one of the three health related water quality parameters: total coliforms, E. coli, or nitrates," notes manager Cliff Greenfield. "The aquifer is fine; it is a local condition causing the problem, such as a well pit or a poor lid on the well."

The PVWD is offering a well testing program the last two Tuesdays in August. Landowners can pick-up testing supplies and drop off samples at various locations within the district (see the advertisement in this paper for more details). The PVWD then takes care of getting the samples into the lab in Winnipeg at no additional cost to the landowner.

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Orioles taking on Interlake Blue Jays in playoffs

Best-of-three series starts this week

By Lorne Stelmach

The Pembina Valley Orioles are beginning their quest for a MJBL championship this week.

The Orioles were set to take on the sixth place Interlake Blue Jays in their opening round best of three series after finishing the regular season in third place.

The series was tentatively scheduled to kick off Thursday. Game two would then be Friday followed by game three on Saturday, if necessary.

The Orioles earned three wins over the Blue Jays this season, though two of those were forfeits. The lone time the two teams faced each other on the field went 15-4 Pembina Valley's way.

The Orioles closed out the regular season with a pair of losses last week after having previously strung together four straight wins. They were edged 6-4 by the St. Boniface Legionaires Aug. 5 before falling 9-1 to the Carillon Sultans Sunday.

Pembina Valley ended up with a 14-7 record which put them one back of the 15-6 Altona Bisons in second place and two behind the 16-5 Elmwood Giants in first place.

The Orioles had a league best 9-1



Storm tie Selkirk

PHOTO BY ASHLEIGH VIVEIROS/VOICE

Emil Rode scored the lone goal for the Winkler Storm Sunday night as the team battled the visiting Selkirk FC to a 1-1 draw.

That brings the team's record to 2-1-2 for the season thus far, which, at press time, was good for third place

in the MMSL 1st Division standings.

Coming up this week, Winkler hosts Bandits FC Thursday at 7:15 p.m. They also play a home game against Lions FC Sunday at 6 p.m.

home record, and their offence led the way with a league best 149 runs while giving up 104, which was fourth best.

Tanner Clyne led the way at the plate with a .545 batting average followed closely by Brendyn Hildebrand at .500.

Kyle Dyck was the busiest pitcher in winning three of his six starts while giving up 19 runs on 35 hits with a 3.29 ERA. Tyson Pringle won his four starts and was also credited with a save while giving up 16 runs on 18 hits with a 2.03 ERA.

The defending champion Giants get a first round bye while the other series pit Altona against St. Boniface and St. James against Carillon. Last place Winnipeg South are out of the post season entirely.

Decor encouraging golfers to 'Chip in 4 Charity'

By Lorne Stelmach

Golfers are being encouraged to show off their skills in support of three local non-profit organizations.

The Chip In 4 Charity Challenge is taking the place of the annual Decor Charity Classic golf tournament, which couldn't be held this year due to COVID-19 restrictions.

As with the tournament, the chal-

lenge will support Morden Youth For Christ, Pembina Counselling Centre, and Pembina Valley Pregnancy Care Centre.

Tournament co-chairperson Dave Schellenberg said they still wanted to support the charities in some way and have fun in the process, so they came up with the idea where golfers are encouraged to perform a golf trick-shot and donate to charity while challeng-

ing other golfers to do the same.

"The charities still obviously have a big need and probably now more than ever, so we still wanted to support them and be a good community partner, and this was one way we could do it," said Schellenberg.

"It still keeps the golf aspect in it ... and the nice thing about it too is that with the golf tournament there are expenses ... here whatever we raise can

flow directly and Decor can match it 50 per cent, so there are some positives to it as well," he added. "And normally, we've added a fourth charity and split it four ways, but this year we're going with the three core charities."

Golfers can record themselves performing a trick shot wherever they like—whether at a driving range, putting green, or their own backyard.

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Morden clinches silver

The Morden U14 softball team earned a silver medal at a provincial tournament hosted in Winkler last weekend. The ladies competed against 18 other teams and made it all the way to the final against the Brandon Heat. On the team are (back row, from left) coach Erin Peters, Summer Davison, Chelsea Rutter, Zenith Vanstone, Madisyn Wall, Miranda Wuerch, Carolina Rodriguez, coach Charlie Siler, (middle row) Rory Lumgair, Teagan Schellenberg, Kayla Nikkel, Bliss Voth, (front row) Addison Siler and Hannah Graham. Missing is Nelia Fehr and Olivia Lyne.

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Mohawks face Bisons, Whips vs. Cardinals in playoffs

Voice staff

The Morden Mohawks face off against the Altona Bisons while the Winkler Whips take on the Carman Cardinals in the first round of Border

Baseball League playoffs.

Morden hosts Altona this Friday, Aug. 14, at the Buhler Field at 6:30 p.m. while Winkler welcomes the Cardinals to town that same night, also at

6:30 p.m..

Clearwater fell to Cartwright 4-0 on Saturday in the first game of the playoffs. Pilot Mound was scheduled to play Baldur Tuesday night.

The Mohawks finished the season in first place with a near-flawless 9-1 record. Hot on their heels were the Whips in second at 7-3, followed by the Pilots in third (6-4).

New funding for National Deaf Curling Program



Voice staff

The Cargill Curling Training Centre (CCTC) in Morris has announced additional funding to support Canadian Deaf Curlers for the 2020-21 season.

The CCTC and the Canadian Deaf Sport Association established the four-year, \$130,000 National Deaf Curling Program in 2019 to provide deaf and hard of hearing curlers across Canada an opportunity to improve their curling skills.

SUBMITTED PHOTO

Curlers are already taking to the ice at the Cargill Curling Training Centre in Morris, which opened its doors for practice July 7 with new COVID-19 protocols in place.

The organization recently announced that, thanks to generous sponsors, they are now able to provide an additional \$15,000 to be used by players and teams to access training at CCTC outside the national program funding.

From now until the end of March 2021, players and teams will be able to access ice, equipment, and instruction at 50 per cent of the cost. These bookings will be on a first-come basis until the \$15,000 has been used.

The Morris Curling Club and the Cargill Curling Training Centre opened for practice on July 7 with new COVID-19 protocols in place.

For more information, contact CCTC morris-trainingcentre@gmail.com or 204-746-2271 or head to www.curlingtraining.ca.

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> CHIP IN 4 CHARITY, FROM PG. 18

They're asked to post the video on social media using #ChipIn4Charity.

Schellenberg hopes that the challenge could potentially raise nearly as much as the tournament if people get on board with the idea.

"If we can raise \$60,000 and Decor puts in another \$30,000, we'll be at \$90,000, which is pretty close to where we were at last year," he said.

"We do have a lot of people and big busi-

nesses that were sponsors in prior years that have already said they are willing to support it the way they normally have in the past," he added. "So we're hoping that people latch on to it, have some fun with it at the same time."

The Chip In 4 Charity Challenge campaign will end Aug. 31. You can visit decorcharity-classic.com for more information on taking part or making a donation.

> RIDE FOR KIDS, FROM PG. 16

Previous Ride for Kids events in Saskatchewan have attracted upwards of 50 or more riders. Letkeman hopes to see similar numbers here to raise as much as possible to send children in countries around the world to camp.

"We're hoping to impact 2,000 kids through

this event," he says.

Riders will set out from the CCI offices at 571 Main St. in Winkler Saturday, Sept. 12 at 10 a.m. and then return to end the day with a barbecue supper in Winkler Park.

Register online at rideforkids.bike.

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CITY OF MORDEN PUBLIC NOTICE

REGARDING LOCAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN 01/20 – BY-LAW NO. 07-2020 FOR REPAIRS AND UPGRADES AT THE ACCESS EVENT CENTRE

The Council of the City of Morden has scheduled a public hearing at 100-195 Stephen Street in **Morden, Manitoba** on the 24th day of August 2020 at 7:00 P.M. to present the following local improvement plan:

The purpose of this local improvement levy is to fund the repairs and upgrades at the Access Event Centre in the City of Morden.

These repairs and upgrades include:

1. New ice plant/compressor and building to house the equipment
2. Replacement of the floor and boards in the Huron Arena
3. Back-up generator to be installed as an emergency back-up, which would fall in line with our Emergency Plan.

The local improvement tax to be levied under this proposal is to be based on the portioned value of all assessable property in the City, which includes taxable, grant-in-lieu and otherwise exempt property in the City of Morden, and the tax is to be based on the portioned value of all these properties. The potential taxpayers under this plan are the owners of said properties.

The total estimated cost of this local improvement is \$2,200,000.00, and it is to be funded by City of Morden borrowing at a maximum rate of 4.5% over 10 years.

The rate will be calculated as follows:

Based on the calculated annual repayment amount of \$278,033.41 and the City of Morden's 2020 local improvement district assessment value of \$511,615,910.00 an estimated 0.540 mill rate will be required. Calculated on a residential property valued at \$250,000.00 (portioned value of \$112,500.00), an estimated \$60.75 local improvement tax will be levied annually for 10 years.

The annual operating and maintenance costs associated with the proposed local improvement will be covered under the City of Morden's annual operating budget.

A written objection may be filed with the City Manager at the Civic Office located at 100-195 Stephen Street in Morden, Manitoba prior to the commencement of the hearing. At the hearing, Council will hear any potential taxpayer who wishes to make a presentation, ask questions or register an objection to the local improvement plan.

All objections, written or verbal, must be filed prior to the adjournment of the hearing and must include the name, address and property description of the person filing the objection and the grounds of their objection.

Copies of the local improvement plan are available at the municipal office at 100-195 Stephen Street in Morden, Manitoba and on the municipal website at: www.mymorden.ca.

Dated at the City of Morden, this 30th day of July A.D. 2020, and issued pursuant to Section 318 of *The Municipal Act*.

Nicole Enns, City Manager
City of Morden, 204-822-4434

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IN THE MATTER of the ESTATE of **GEORGE DAVID McGREGOR**, late of the City of Morden, in Manitoba, deceased. All claims against the above Estate, duly verified by Statutory Declaration, must be filed with the undersigned at 309 Stephen Street, Morden, Manitoba, R6M 1V1, within thirty (30) days of the date of this publication.

DATED at the City of Morden, in Manitoba, this 4th day of August, 2020.
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Monday August 24, 2020
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OBITUARY



James (Jim) Riediger November 19, 1951 – July 29, 2020

It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of Jim Riediger. Jim is survived by his son Ryan Cousins (Neta), daughter Christy Cousins, grandchildren Bailey and Brooke, and his brother Jack (Bev). He was predeceased by his parents, Abe and Frieda. Jim was born, raised and lived much of his life in Morden, Manitoba. He had a long and rewarding career in the agriculture industry, working in the family business, J P Riediger & Sons, as well as United Grain Growers and Monsanto.

Jim enjoyed skiing and was an avid golfer, but his real passion was for cars. All cars. His two favorite cars were his rebuilt 1967 Chevelle SS and his 1973 Plymouth Roadrunner. They were always meticulously clean and cared for. He loved road trips and enjoyed

driving anywhere, any time.

There will be a private celebration of Jim's life at a later date.
Rest in peace Jim, you will be missed.

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The portion of the Public Reserve along the south side of Gilmour Street and generally west of Birchwood Drive Plan 1319 in the City of Morden, in Manitoba as shown on the attached Schedule "A":



AND FURTHER TAKE NOTICE THAT the Council of the City of Morden shall sit at 7:00 p.m. on the 24th day of August, 2020, at the Access Event Centre, 111 Gilmour Street, Morden, Manitoba, to hear in person or by agent, any person who claims that her/his land will be prejudicially affected by this by-law;

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

DATED at the City of Morden in Manitoba, this 7th day of August, A.D. 2020.

Nicole Enns, City Manager
City of Morden

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Public Notice is hereby given that the 2021 assessment roll for the Rural Municipality of Thompson has been delivered to the Municipal Office at 530 Norton Avenue, Miami, Manitoba and is open for public inspection during regular business hours. Applications for revision may be made in accordance with sections 42 & 43 of The Municipal Assessment Act:

APPLICATION FOR REVISION:

42 (1) A person in whose name property has been assessed, a mortgagee in possession of property under section 114 (1) of The Real Property Act, an occupier of premises who is required under the terms of lease to pay the taxes on the property, or the assessor may make application for the revision of an assessment roll with respect to the following matters:

- liability to taxation;
- amount of an assessed value;
- classification of property;
- a refusal by an assessor to amend the assessment roll under subsection 13 (2)

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS:

- An application for revision must:
 - be made in writing;
 - set out the roll number and legal description of the assessable property for which a revision is sought;
 - set out which of the matters referred to in subsection 42 (1) are at issue, and the grounds for each of those matters; and
 - be filed by
 - delivering it or causing it to be delivered to the office indicated in the public notice given under subsection 41 (2), or
 - serving it upon the secretary, at least 15 days before the scheduled sitting date of the Board.

The Board of Revision will sit on Thursday, October 8th, 2020 at 10:00 a.m. in the Council Chamber of the Rural Municipality of Thompson to hear applications.

Applications must be received by the Secretary of the Board on or before **Tuesday, September 22nd, 2020.**

Secretary, Board of Revision
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OBITUARY



Margaret Doreen Storey (nee Madill)

On the morning of July 31st, Doreen Storey of Miami, Manitoba, passed away peacefully at 87 years of age.

If friends so desire, donations can be made to the Miami Area Foundation or a charity of their choice in Doreen's memory.

In keeping with Mom's wishes a private interment will be held.

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Vera Lydia Adey-Martens 1934 - 2020

It is with sorrow, that her family announces the death of Vera Lydia Adey-Martens (nee Bernutat) on July 29, 2020.

She is survived by her children Les (Laura), Mark, Greg (Maggie), Tania; numerous grandchildren, great-grandchildren and great-great grandchildren. She is also survived by her brother Klaus Bernutat (Ingrid) and nephew in Germany. She was predeceased by her husbands, Gunther Zoske, Russ Adey and Jake Martens.

Vera was from Königsberg, Prussia. In 1952, when she was 18 years old, she moved to Canada by herself, settling in Winnipeg, Manitoba. She worked as domestic help for a family soon after she arrived. Before long, she met her first husband, Gunther Zoske, and started a family which she loved. Vera was a devout

Christian. Her faith led her to the love of her life, Russ Adey. After becoming involved with the Rock Lake Bible Camp, they decided to move from Winnipeg to Glenora, Manitoba which they loved. They enjoyed living in the country, being involved in their church and community, working together in their home business and travelling across Canada and abroad, making many friends along the way. After Russ' death, Vera moved to Winkler where she met and married Jake Martens and moved to Morden.

The family wishes to thank the staff of St. Boniface Hospital, Boundary Trails Hospital, Swan Lake Memorial Hospital, Tuxedo Villa Extendingcare and Grace Hospital for their care of Vera.

A graveside service will be held with family and close friends. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Vera's memory to a charity of your choice.

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Anne Goertzen (nee Derksen) 1930 – 2020

On Tuesday, August 4, 2020 at Boundary Trails Health Centre, Anne Goertzen, age 90 of Winkler, MB. formerly of Reinfeld went to her eternal rest.

She leaves to mourn her passing her sons, Dave and Betty of Winkler, John and Alvina of Reinfeld, Bernie and Darlene of Winkler; daughter Nancy and Don Falk of Winkler; many grandchildren and great-grandchildren; one sister, three brothers-in-law, six sisters-in-law and many, many friends.

She was predeceased by her husband, John A Goertzen in 2010 and two grandchildren, her parents, four sisters and eight brothers.

Memorial service was held on Friday, August 7, 2010 at the Winkler Mennonite Church with interment prior at the Reinfeld

Cemetery.

We are thankful for the excellent care Mom received at Health Sciences Centre and Boundary Trails Health Centre. We would also like to thank the neighbours at Cedar for always looking out for Mom. Thanks to Wiebe Funeral Home for their compassionate care.

If friends so desire donations may be made in Anne's memory to BTHC Foundation Palliative Care Box 2000 Winkler, MB R6W 1H8.

Thank you, Mom, for being a great Mom and excellent role model for us. You have left us with such a rich legacy.

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OBITUARY



Elma Kehler (nee Fast) 1936 - 2020

On Thursday, August 6, 2020 at Boundary Trails Health Centre, Elma Kehler (nee Fast) passed away after a short battle with cancer. She leaves to mourn her passing four children, Art and Lorna Kehler, Wanda and Lawrence Dyck, Wes and Kim Kehler and Violet and James Funk; 11 grandchildren; and 16 great-grandchildren. She was predeceased by her granddaughter, Rachel and her husband, Jake as well as one brother, one sister and three brothers-in-law.

Mom was born on February 21st, 1936 to Corny and Anne Fast in Hague, Saskatchewan, the third child in a family of nine. Mom married Dad on June 20th, 1954 and they lived in Winnipeg until 1959 when they moved to the farm near Kronsthal. Here Dad

farmed and had a shop on the yard while Mom was kept busy with the family. She taught Sunday School and VBS and played piano for various groups. She also wrote the RNK News for the Red River Valley Echo for many years and in 1983 she served on the Rhineland Municipality History Book Committee. After living on the farm for 38 years, Mom and Dad retired to Winkler. They enjoyed 16 years of retirement until Dad passed away in 2013. In March of this year, Mom was diagnosed with a brain tumour.

Two things that were very important to Mom were her faith and her family. You have heard the saying, "Bloom where you are planted", well Mom certainly did that. She lived out her faith by serving God wherever he called her. She prayed for all of our families daily and we will miss those prayers. During Mom's last days at home there were two plaques hanging above her bed. One read, "If God brings you to it, He will bring you through it." It was evident she believed this by her attitude. Even though her health was failing day by day she continued to trust God. Many times, she commented, "God has been so good to me." The other plaque read, "The love of a family is Gods greatest blessing". Mom's love of family was evident even as her health failed. She recognized everyone who came to visit, whether it was a child, grandchild or great-grandchild, she knew each of us by name, and told us how much she loved us. Mom appreciated the many care givers she had, both at home and in the hospital.

Although we will miss mom, after watching her struggle, we are thankful that she is now at peace with Jesus.

Private graveside service was held at the Winkler Cemetery. If friends so desire, donations may be made in Elma's memory to Back to the Bible.

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OBITUARY



Henry D Krahn 1958 – 2020

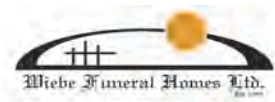
On Saturday, August 1, 2020 at Boyne Lodge Personal Care Home in Carman, MB, Henry Krahn, 61 passed away.

He is survived by three daughters, two sons and their mother, three sisters, seven brothers, three sisters-in-law and their families. He was predeceased by his parents, Cornelius and Helena Krahn, five brothers and one sister-in-law.

Funeral service was held at 2:00 p.m. on Wednesday, August 5, 2020 at the Winkler Sommerfeld Mennonite Church with interment at the Rosenbach Cemetery.

Henry's siblings would like to thank all the people who have taken care of Henry in his last years of life especially the staff at Boyne Lodge. Thank you to all who visited him.

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OBITUARY



Mavis Emma Cram (nee Sandercock) 1929 – 2020

Mavis Cram aged 91 of Morden, MB passed away peacefully Tuesday, August 4, 2020 at Tabor Home with family by her side.

She is lovingly remembered by her husband of 70 years, Don; her brother, Garry Sandercock and sister-in-law, Betty Sandercock. Don and Mavis were blessed with five children and their families who will cherish the countless memories such an energetic, loving and giving mother gave to each and everyone of them: Ken (Joanne), Rick (Joanne), Betty (Collin), Karen (Glenn), Ron (MaryAnn); 11 grandchildren: Bryce (JulieAnne), Jessica (Mike); Kurt (Sarah), Derek (Adelle), Jerrett (Stephanie); Jason (Rebecca), Colby (Jasmine), Tyson (Janelle); Thomas (Yulia), William, Emma, nine great grandchildren: Zachary and Nicholas; Grant; Talia and Vivianne, Gage and Caden, John and James. She was predeceased by her brothers, Walter, Mel, Edgar, Bert, Doug and sisters, Marion and Velma.

With such a large family and extended family there were many memorable gatherings, picnics and other family events where the most delicious food was consumed, and enormous fun and competitive games were enjoyed.

Mavis was born at Free Mason's Hospital on May 29, 1929 to William and Emma Sandercock. She was raised north of Morden and lived with her Aunt Dora and Uncle Bert from ages of 9 – 13. She was a busy teenager, helping at home, playing ball and going to dances while ensuring her grades were good enough for university. After high school, Mavis moved to Winnipeg with friends and attained her Arts Degree at U of M.

After University, she returned to Morden where the casual courtship between her and Don blossomed, and they were married on June 22, 1950. They moved onto the Cram homestead farm located at 16-3-5 where they farmed together with Don's brother, Bob until Don and Mavis decided to homestead their own farm in 1964 located at 21-3-5. Being a farmer's wife in the 50's with a family of five meant working hard 16 hours a day cooking, baking, cleaning, gardening, butchering and caring for family and extra men during harvest. She believed in working hard and then playing hard and lived life to its fullest every day. When the work was done – it was time to play – (cards and parties with friends; dances, camping with family and attending every activity/event her children were involved in. When the farm work and bonspiels were done – then it was time to travel from Canadian coast –coast and down to the Caribbean and Hawaii). Sports (baseball, curling, golf) were always a passion for Mavis and she excelled at many of them, including a Provincial Curling trophy in 1992 at the Golden Girls Provincial Curling. Being involved in community was very important to Mavis. She was active in the United Church, Dunston, Parkhill Cheval community groups along with the Kinettes for many years. When the dust would settle, Mavis would relax in front of a large quilt or behind her sewing machine where she created countless children's outfits, costumes and doll clothes. Her hands were never idle – as they always had a pair of knitting needles in them and her grandchildren were blessed with her beautiful sweaters and were warm and cozy with the numerous afghans.

Mavis leaves a legacy of love and commitment to family and community; and a life that demonstrates her passion for living life to the fullest. She will be celebrated by friends and family as the most beautiful soul.

A private family service was held Sunday August 9, 2020 at Wiebe Funeral Chapel in Morden with inurnment at Chapel Cemetery Columbarium.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Mavis' memory to Tabor Home Inc.

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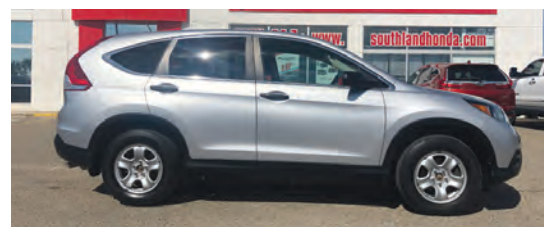


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