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## Breaking ground on their new home

The Derksen family joined representatives from Habitat for Humanity's Winkler Morden chapter and local dignitaries in breaking ground on their new home last weekend. For the full story, see Pg. 2

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# Getting to work on Morden's first Habitat build

By Lorne Stelmach

The family that will call the first Morden build of the local Habitat for Humanity chapter home are a big step closer to seeing their dream of home ownership come true.

Following a sod turning ceremony at the site Saturday morning, Peter Derksen reflected on what it will mean for himself, his wife Emily, and their two boys.

"We can just make their rooms their room how they want it," he said. "I dream about sitting on a patio and drinking coffee in the morning and watching the sunrise ... being able to put nails in every wall that I possibly want to without calling the landlord first.

"This means being able to put down roots. It means not looking for another place to live at the end of our lease ... now we can just put down roots here and stay here and it's one school for our boys ... it's just stability."

Christina Falk, secretary and public relations rep for the chapter, called it a momentous day for them.

"It's been a really rough year ... the obstacles that have come up in this last year for Habitat has just been really rough," she observed, while noting the words of committee member Sue Nelson that everything worth do-



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The Derksen family were joined by Habitat for Humanity volunteers and local dignitaries to break ground on their new home, going up on land on 6th St. in Morden donated by Triple E Developments.

ing is worth struggling for.

"We're really excited to be coming to Morden for the first time and building here. It's been a dream of ours," added chairperson Duane Falk. "We had this lot waiting for us so long ... it took awhile for the money to get together. We're glad that this day has come around and we're excited to get to work on this new house.

"Habitat is not just about building houses. We work in a certain way in order to bring a community together

to work together ... we choose to do it with volunteers because that's part of making a community work together.

"Remember, as you watch this house go up, it's more than just a house. It's community, and that's important."

The project began with a lot on Sixth St. at the far north end of the city being donated by Triple E Developments.

Next came fundraising and then the process of finding a family who fit the criteria Habitat uses in its selection process, which gauges their ability to

repay a mortgage, their need for better housing, and their willingness to participate by providing 500 hours of "sweat equity" in the build.

"These families work hard to get a Habitat house. It's not easy for them, and then they need to put in their 500 sweat equity hours," Christina said. "They deserve this house; they work hard to get there."

Families pay full market value for their homes, taking on a mortgage with Habitat for Humanity that has zero per cent interest, no down payment, and payments based on income. The organization then recycles mortgage payments back into building more affordable housing in the community.

"It's something that me and my wife had almost come to terms that we would never have," reflected Derksen.

"It's been so long that we've been waiting to see this actually get started ... before this, it kind of almost seemed surreal, but now I can really see that we are going to have our own home," he said. "It's very exciting, especially in the time that we're in ... that we can work together and we can help each other out and people can get together and we can still accomplish things."

Other speakers at the sod turning offered similar sentiments.

"There's been so much division and fear and uncertainty, and so to be able to come together around something positive is special," said Portage-Lisgar MP Candice Bergen, who also offered a message to the family. "You are blessing our community by letting these people give to you this way, and it really shows the power of giving and receiving, and you're going to be then giving to others."



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# Hundreds gather at series of Winkler rallies to protest public health orders

By Ashleigh Viveiros

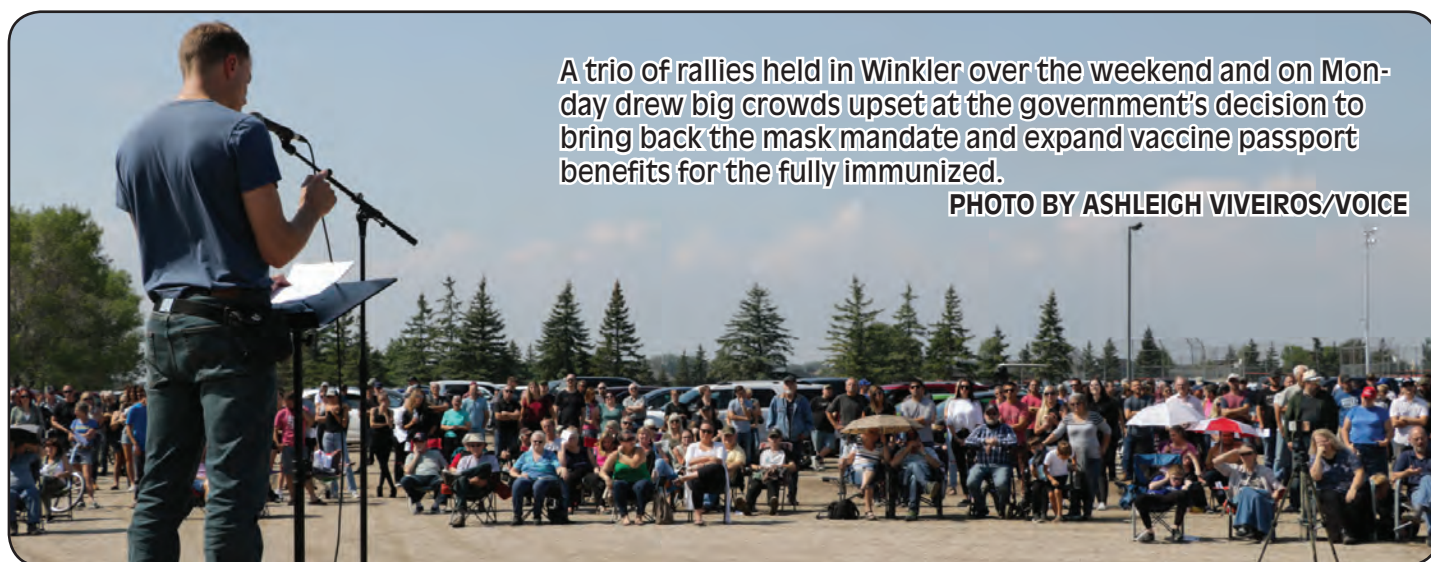
Manitoba's decision to tighten public health restrictions in advance of the expected fourth wave of the pandemic prompted several large protests in Winkler in response.

On Saturday, a few hundred people gathered in the Winkler Parkland to speak out against the measures.

Organizer Blaine Reimer stressed that he refuses to wear a mask and encouraged others to do the same, contrary to public health orders mandating masks in public indoor spaces once again as of last weekend.

"We the people have been weak, we have been naive, we have lacked courage, but not anymore," he said to cheers from the assembled crowd. "We will rise up as one. We will stand together and say no. We will begin to say in one voice, 'Not in our town, Mr. Pallister, not in our town.'"

"We will not comply. We will not bow down to your tyrannical dictates ... your rules do not apply here."



A trio of rallies held in Winkler over the weekend and on Monday drew big crowds upset at the government's decision to bring back the mask mandate and expand vaccine passport benefits for the fully immunized.

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He expressed doubt at the impact of the virus, the veracity of both the government and the media in reporting on the pandemic, the efficacy of lockdowns, and the safety of the vaccines.

Reimer also voiced his belief that the medical community and government are covering up the efficacy of ivermectin, an anti-parasitic commonly

used to treat livestock that has not been approved to treat COVID-19 in either the U.S. or Canada.

Meanwhile, a pair of "Stand Up Winkler" protests held Sunday and Monday nights at the south edge of town drew massive crowds, slowing down traffic on Hwy. 32 as participants streamed in to take part.

Organizers of the back-to-back events are gathering signatures to petition Winkler city council to declare the community a "sanctuary city."

As such, they hope to make Winkler a safe haven to disregard public health orders including mask and vaccine

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## Province tightens restrictions ahead of expected fourth wave

By Lorne Stelmach

Masks became mandatory in public spaces across the province again this past weekend as part of measures that also included COVID-19 immunization requirements for people to attend a wide range of business, facilities, and events.

Provincial officials announcing the changes last Friday defended the measures as being necessary now with the threat of a fourth wave of the virus and particularly the dangers posed by the virus variants.

"The emergence of the delta variant has changed things significantly. Now public health officials tell us the pandemic is one of the unimmunized," said Manitoba Health and Seniors Care Minister Audrey Gordon. "We are introducing these measures to help protect people across the province and to ensure the health care system is not overwhelmed by a fourth

wave of COVID-19.

"Currently there are more than 406,000 Manitobans who are not yet vaccinated. Of these, nearly 230,000 are children under the age of 12, and they are not eligible to be immunized. We need to do everything we can to protect them from COVID-19 especially as they return to school," said Gordon.

The measures came as Manitoba released new COVID-19 case numbers that showed unvaccinated individuals are accounting for a significant proportion of all new cases.

Of the 31 new cases identified last week Friday, for example, 26 were in individuals who were unvaccinated. In the Southern Health-Santé Sud health region, 13 of the 14 cases identified that day were in individuals who were unvaccinated.

"These orders are here to try to reduce the transmission of the virus as well as reduce the future need for fur-

ther lockdowns," said Dr. Brent Rousin, chief provincial public health officer. "We want to do whatever we can to avoid further lockdowns, and ensuring that only fully vaccinated people take part in some of these higher risk activities is one such method of doing that."

"We can see that the great majority

of our new cases are unvaccinated. These numbers are even higher if we look at ICU admissions. We see very few people who are immunized requiring ICU admission," he continued.

"We have to protect others in the community and the health care system from delta. We can see in the

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Yevgeniya Tatarenko was joined by Winkler Mayor Martin Harder (left) and Morden Deputy Mayor Gord Maddock (above) in flag ceremonies honouring the 30th anniversary of Ukraine's independence from the former Soviet Union last week.

By Lorne Stelmach

Local leaders took time last week to mark a milestone for the country of Ukraine.

Aug. 24 marked the 30th anniversary of the country's independence from the former Soviet Union, and there were brief flag ceremonies held in both Winkler and Morden.

"These celebrations are held around the world today, and I'm honoured that this anniversary is part of Morden. We are very proud to be part of your milestone," said Morden Deputy Mayor Gord Maddock, who helped raise the blue and yellow Ukrainian flag at the Access Event Centre.

"Winkler is certainly impacted by the people here with Ukrainian roots," noted Winkler Mayor Martin Harder as he stood below the Ukrainian flag on display at City Hall.

"They contribute not only to our culture but also the economy," he said, pointing out the city has honoured its Ukrainian heritage with displays in Bethel Heritage Park. "We're delight-

ed that they achieved independence, and we celebrate with them."

Taking the lead in marking the occasion here was Yevgeniya Tatarenko on behalf of not only the Ukrainian Canadian Congress Manitoba branch but the local Ukrainian united school and Ukrainian cultural club.

She said there is a strong Ukrainian community here in the Pembina Valley, so it felt significant to her to have the two cities officially mark the day and have the flag on display.

"It's Canada-wide and a worldwide celebration," she said. "There are a lot of Ukrainians all over the world in almost every country of the world, and all of them celebrate this day. This is the biggest holiday for the Ukraine ... we are proud to raise our flag and celebrate that we are free."

"There are a lot of Ukrainians here," Tatarenko continued. "They help to build the community and the economy as well ... we want to work together to help build our community and make Winkler and Morden even stronger."

# Celebrating 30 years of Ukrainian independence

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## The importance of luck

**C**apt. James Tiberius Kirk, captain of the famed USS Enterprise NCC-1701, is set to be born in Riverside, Iowa in 2233, just over 200 years from now, and by all accounts his will be a life worth following.

Kirk, whose future exploits are nothing short of staggering in his efforts to save the Earth and perhaps even the galaxy numerous times brings incredible skills to bear during his career: leadership, hard work, charisma through the roof, combat, strategy, diplomacy and loads more. But perhaps his most important attribute is one that has nothing to do with him: luck.

Of course, when we are talking about a fictional character from Gene Roddenberry's hope-filled *Star Trek* television series commissioned by Desilu Productions for less than three

seasons between 1966-1969 (thanks to Lucille Ball of all people), we cannot help but include a healthy dose of luck.

Whether we are talking about Jim Kirk, Robin Hood, Luke Skywalker and others, one cannot dismiss the required amount of luck good fiction must have to keep the plot going. But what about real life? In real life luck takes a back seat to good hard work and sweat equity. Right? Maybe not.

My wife showed me some interesting research recently that suggests people tend to downplay or even dismiss the role of luck (or lack thereof) in their own lives.

You know the story ... wealthy and successful man or woman got to where they are by pulling themselves up by their own bootstraps, making smart choices and blah, blah, blah.

Research suggests it works in reverse too. If we suffer a string of misfortunes, we are more apt to blame ourselves (and those in the same place) for some lazy lack of action and poor choices rather than the role a string of bad luck may also play.

In reality, while hard work or a lack thereof definitely contribute to our stations, they are not remotely the only factors, and sometimes not even the most important factors. Luck plays a role in our lives whether we believe it or not.

Your job is kept on the basis of your skills and ability to work well with others BUT maybe it was offered to someone else first who had to turn it down due to an illness or other misfortune—lucky for you, bad luck for them.

Our lives are filled with moments of fortune and misfortune that have absolutely nothing to do with how hard (or not) we work. This is not to diminish the value of hard work, but it should cause us to think twice before condemning others for not being where we are or condemning ourselves for not being where they are.

There is a LOT that sits outside of our control no matter how much you try to “make your own luck” with weird superstitions like horoscopes, rabbit's feet, and four-leafed clovers. Stop being so hard on others and stop being so hard on yourself.

I've been writing these columns for 11 years now and while I would like to think I am a good writer there was no small amount of good fortune involved in the *Voice* starting up roughly at a time when I became available.

If the timing were off by six months you might never have had the pleasure (or displeasure) of reading my columns, so count yourself lucky. I know I do.



By Peter Cantelon

## Letters

### CONCERNED ABOUT MLA'S VIEWPOINTS

Dear Josh Guenter, MLA:

I have deep concerns about your letter to the premier in reaction to the new public health orders (see story on Pg. 7).

1. You speak for your constituents and, yet, you are speaking for a minority of your constituents.

2. You suggest that Mennonites have these “deeply held beliefs” about

these new pandemic orders. In fact, many of the Mennonites in Borderland are finally feeling as though the health of their loved ones is being protected. Mennonites have, indeed, prospered since they left the terrible conditions to immigrate here, thanks to Canada and all its freedoms. Most of your constituents are delighted to have some practical tools to help us get to the end of this pandemic.

3. All over the world, health experts are constantly watching this virus

evolve and responding to the threats as they arise. No “promises” can be kept when dealing with such a shifty, deadly virus.

4. We will get to the “living with the virus” stage, but not yet. It does sometimes seem like “an abyss with no end in sight.” Delta is here, more contagious to young people and more deadly. Isn't it your role as a leader to give us hope?

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# Borderland MLA speaks out against restrictions

By Lorne Stelmach

Local MLA Josh Guenter last week joined the chorus of critics of the government's new vaccine mandate.

Representing the constituency of Borderland, which includes the RM of Stanley—a municipality with the lowest vaccination rate in the province—the rookie MLA joined at least one other Conservative caucus member in denouncing the move by his own party as going too far and being too punitive.

In an interview following his release of an open letter to Premier Brian Pallister, Guenter maintained he felt strongly convicted to speak up even at the risk of potentially facing consequences.

"I say let the chips fall where they may," said Guenter, who noted he and his fellow MLAs "all represent slightly different constituencies, and our first job as an MLA is to be listening to our constituents."

"I trust that we can find a way forward through this," he said, noting that he knows his riding is very much divided on this issue. "But I do think we're going to have to listen to all perspectives on this issue ... that's why I spoke up."

"I say a vaccine mandate is not the inevitable next step," Guenter added. "Simply because we are actually going to be tying our hand behind our back and creating another crisis entirely separate ... with the exodus of

staff and essential workers at our front lines. I think we create bigger problems by going there."

This all ensued after the government announced a broad vaccine mandate that will restrict access to a range of businesses, places, and events starting Sept. 3 to only people who can show proof of vaccination (see story on Pg. 3). In addition, a wide range of provincial employees, health care staff, teachers, and child-care workers will have to be fully vaccinated by late October or submit to regular testing to report for work.

"I had no idea that this is the direction that the province is going to move in, that Public Health was going to propose or institute a vaccine mandate," said Guenter. "Not having had that ability to speak up for my constituents within the walls of the Legislature ... I had to let Public Health and provincial leadership know, as well as my constituents know, where I stood on this issue."

While noting he is fully vaccinated, Guenter in his letter went on to explain his opposition to a vaccine mandate both as a matter of personal conviction and on behalf of constituents.

He touches on how many in his riding fled persecution in coming to Canada and their mistrust "is exactly why

using a sledgehammer and enforcing a vaccine mandate will not work. The more the government thrashes about trying to get people to take the vaccine, the less inclined my constituents are to listen.

"Manitoba's adoption of a vaccine mandate is punitive and dangerous," he continued. "The vaccine mandate will create a crisis in hospitals, schools, local governments and businesses as nurses, teachers, bus drivers and staff walk off the job rather than taking the vaccine against their deeply-held beliefs. This is already happening in my constituency."

"The most disturbing aspect of this decision is that Manitobans were told last June that vaccines would never be made mandatory. This breach of public trust will not result in increased vaccine uptake, in fact, it will do the opposite," wrote Guenter. "This is no longer about a virus or a vaccine, this is now about government overreach and the setting of dangerous precedents ... with a government that believes it is acting in the public interest while imposing harsh conditions on a minority."

"This policy will be difficult to roll back and will only exacerbate the divisions in the families and communities

I represent," said Guenter, who reiterated that he believes "it's a question of fairness and the fact that we're now essentially creating a two tier society, among other things."

"I do think that Public Health has gone over the cliff with this policy, and I think this is about damage control and needing to pull them back."

He went on to note that Manitobans were promised a return to a post-pandemic normal and that we had exceeded the vaccination targets, so "this sudden departure from the plan may satisfy those who have made a virtue out of celebrating the harshest restrictions, but it undermines any confidence my constituents may have in public health measures."

"If we have discarded the idea of living with the virus and returning to our normal lives, what red lines are in place to ensure that the government of Manitoba respects the natural rights and freedoms of Manitobans? Where do you draw the line? It is time for a new approach to leading Manitobans through this pandemic."

In conclusion, Guenter lamented how so many commentators have been "wagging their fingers" with scorn and contempt for the region he represents. He suggested that only further entrenches and divides people.

"It doesn't help; it doesn't further the conversation," he said. "I just don't think that it gets us to where we want to be when we are already so divided."

"I DO THINK WE'RE GOING TO HAVE TO LISTEN TO ALL PERSPECTIVES ON THIS ISSUE."

## > LETTERS, FROM PG. 6

5. "Profound distrust" in the world

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around us has been fuelled by social media and snake oil purveyors, out to make a buck. Really, though, trusting health professionals who have devoted their lives to keeping us healthy makes the best sense.

6. This is not a political issue! It is a health issue. Politicians are here to protect their constituents. Please realize this and take some time away from the din of the minority in Borderland to explore the science behind these public health mandates.

I realize you are young and so do not have the gift of hindsight to chart your way. That is no excuse for not understanding why these orders are so important right now.

Legislation to prevent smoking in public places had push back. Now, you would never take your family to a restaurant full of cigarette smokers. The vaccine and mask mandates are same, allowing all of your constituents to breathe easier when they go out into the public.

Please sit down with the worried you refer to and walk them through the science behind these new mandates, provide them with hope and be a leader, joining with all thinking people in governments around the world to bring Covid under control.

Vera Froese,  
R.M. Stanley

## > HABITAT, FROM PG. 2

"This is a tremendous day and a tremendous vision," said Morden-Winkler MLA Cameron Friesen. "This is a very generous area that we live in ... people want to help; they believe in community. It really is about community and what we can do together."

"This is a great community to live in ... and we'll get some councillors down here and help you build," said Morden Deputy Mayor Gord Maddock with a chuckle.

The timeline for the project is uncertain, but it is believed excavation work will begin this month.

Anyone wanting more information or to volunteer to help out with the build should head to the Winkler Morden Habitat for Humanity Facebook page or go to [www.habitat.mb.ca](http://www.habitat.mb.ca).

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# Stanley Park project funding celebrated

By Lorne Stelmach

Provincial funding is supporting a pair of projects in the RM of Stanley.

Government representatives made the journey out to Stanley Park last Thursday to present grants for improved facilities there and for the further development of the Schanzenfeld Secondary Plan.

The latter received \$21,000 from the Building Sustainable Communities program while the former got \$75,000 for an additional washroom and pavilion.

"It's needed," said Stanley Reeve Morris Olafson. "This is to do with recreation and well being of people ... this is where people meet; this is for the whole RM of Stanley and southern Manitoba."

"That's just the start of it. We're not done. We've got other areas in which we want to put another pavilion in and a few other things," he added. "I've had a pipe dream along the way to make a great big pavilion ... it's on my wish list."

Borderland MLA Josh Guenter especially welcomed the support to help



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From left: Morden-Winkler MLA Cameron Friesen, RM of Stanley Deputy Reeve Ike Friesen, Reeve Morris Olafson, Borderland MLA Josh Guenter, and Minister of Municipal Relations Derek Johnson in Stanley Park last week to celebrate government funding for improvements there.

guide the development of Schanzenfeld.

"It's one of our fastest growing villages in the area ... the RM of Stanley has seen significant growth in recent years, and we want a plan to see that

continue."

Morden-Winkler MLA Cameron Friesen noted how the program is making good investments to enhance life in the communities where we live.

"We know that Stanley Park is a

natural hub for the entire region ... it's good to see how the municipality continues to develop a co-ordinated and comprehensive plan to improve this place," said Friesen. "We know that these investments and this new pavilion ... will be an important part of continuing to provide resources and facilities for people to enjoy for years and years to come."

The program aims to help build thriving sustainable communities that provide a high quality of life for Manitobans, and the grants leverage investments in community development by local governments, non-profit organizations and others.

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## Public health officials release delta variant modelling

By Ashleigh Viveiros

News of Manitoba's renewed COVID-19 restrictions came hours before the province finally released its fourth-wave modelling, which shows the potential for the more contagious delta variant of the virus to have a significant impact on Manitoba's health-care system.

"The delta variant is changing the game," said Dr. Jazz Atwal, deputy chief public health officer.

"In an extreme scenario, the model shows that COVID-19 can overwhelm the acute care system within two months after a fourth wave begins," he said. "Without higher levels of immunizations, and without stricter public health measures, significant levels of ICU occupancy could be expected this fall."

In the extreme scenario, projections are for 80 ICU beds to be filled with COVID-19 patients within a month of the fourth wave starting.

For comparison, during the week of Jan. 5, 2020 (before COVID-19), there were an average of 63 ICU beds occupied by patients for regular use, including flu, trauma and surgery. COVID-19 bed use will be on top of

regular use.

"While additional beds can be added through cancelled surgeries and other service adjustments, this has negative effects on individuals seeking care," the report notes.

Of concern as well is how the increased needs of COVID-19 patients will overlap with the start of the influenza season, further straining the health-care system.

Currently, about a third of Manitobans are not vaccinated against COVID-19, either by choice or because they are not eligible (there has not yet been a vaccine approved for children under 12).

While vaccination doesn't provide 100 per cent protection against catching COVID-19, health officials stress that it does significantly lower the risk of severe outcomes, including hospitalization.

Of the 27 new COVID-19 cases announced last week Monday, Atwal noted 21 were unvaccinated.

"We aren't seeing people who are doubly vaxxed in hospital or in an ICU bed," he said. "What we're seeing is unvaccinated individuals coming into hospital. The best bet to prevent ... overwhelming our acute care system is to get vaccinated and to practise the fundamentals."

### > PROTESTS, FROM PG. 3

mandates, vaccine passports, lockdowns, and gathering limits—things the campaign's supporters claim violate the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms.

Speakers at these events likened the public health orders to actions taken by oppressive governments in other parts of the world and lamented the divisiveness the pandemic response has caused in the community.

### COUNCIL RESPONDS

Winkler city council held a special meeting Monday morning to draft a response to these rallies and the

sanctuary city campaign.

A statement provided to media noted that council is "aware of a significant sized group within the City of Winkler and surrounding area who have expressed concerns with recent Manitoba public health orders."

"We realize that many people may feel that their voices have not been heard. That is disappointing to us. As council it is important to us that everyone have a voice."

Council encouraged citizens who choose to organize or attend public demonstrations to ensure they are "respectful of public health orders,

fellow citizens, and property."

The statement goes on to state that "requests for action by the City of Winkler should be sent directly to council for review and consideration."

"In times like this we have the opportunity to either grow, or hurt Winkler's reputation on the provincial, national and world stage," council stressed. "When we politely and firmly share our concerns in a manner that is safe to all, we have an opportunity to influence those we wish to reach."

# Medical students get a taste of rural living

By Lorne Stelmach

Health care service in the region will be the beneficiary if the past week here has the same impact on eight current first year medical students as it did in the past for Dr. Sherwin Gacutan.

The family physician who has been practicing at the C.W. Wiebe Medical Centre in Winkler since 2015 came to the area himself as a student through the Rural Week initiative.

"I saw how the doctors work together, the scope of practice involved as a rural family physician here, and I said this is a place where I want to work," Gacutan said last Friday as the clinics in Morden and Winkler joined the Boundary Trails Health Centre in hosting the students as part of the program aimed at attracting medical students to live and work in rural Manitoba.

It provides an opportunity for students to get a first-hand experience and exposure to rural medicine and life. It's also an opportunity for participating communities to showcase themselves and to promote the benefits of living here.

Rural Week usually takes place in spring, but it was delayed this year thanks to the pandemic, happening instead Aug. 23-27.

For Winnipegger Prasansa Subedi, the experience has her keeping an open mind about eventually working and living in rural Manitoba.

"I really think that working in a smaller community is something that would be really fulfilling ... you likely have more of a personal connection with your patients," she suggested.

Subedi called it an amazing week and found Morden and Winkler extremely welcoming.

"And the patients have been very patient with all of us in our learning experience here," she said.

"It's been amazing to see the scope of the practice for family physicians here because there's so much more than you can do in an urban setting," Subedi added. "It's been cool to get a sense of the broader scope of what's possible here."

"It surprised me even on the obstetric ward how many patients were there," she said. "I also noticed how integrated the team of health care professionals were on the ward. Everyone knew each other and were working so seamlessly."

"I think that's what also comes out of working in a smaller centre is you get to know everyone well, so the teamwork is really great."



PHOTO BY LORNE STELMACH/VOICE

The clinics in Morden and Winkler and the regional hospital hosted medical students last week for Rural Week, which gives future doctors a taste of what living and working in a rural area is like.

Kris Breckman noted it was great to be in the clinic setting one day and then in the operating room the next.

The Winnipeg resident also noted the amount of different roles that each physician has a chance to fill here.

"I've really seen that it's more than just the family practice. There's so many different roles that they each get to do. I didn't expect to see that because we're used to the urban setting where it's all just family practice," he said.

"It's amazing facilities here as well. That's what I was most surprised by ...

the OR is awesome, and the clinic in Morden looks like new with the renovations."

Breckman thinks he may still lean towards Winnipeg, as he is settled there with family, but he would never say never now.

"It's definitely something I would consider. I haven't written it off."

Dr. Gacutan sees Rural Week as being a very valuable opportunity for both the students and communities like Morden-Winkler.

"I think it's a great experience for the students, especially because most

of them are from an urban setting or at least grew up in an urban setting," he said.

"We need rural doctors, and some students don't even think about a rural setting until they actually experience it for a week," he said. "We really want them to experience and consider rural settings because that's how we can help retain and recruit more medical students."

"It can open their eyes and help them realize a rural setting is a possible career choice."

## > PUBLIC HEALTH ORDERS, FROM PG. 3

jurisdictions around us the rapid climb in cases which is equating into increase in demands on the health care system."

The new public health order requiring mask use in all indoor public spaces across the province came into effect last Saturday, and the province also developed new requirements for people to be fully immunized to participate in certain events and activities.

Included on the list as of Sept. 3 are indoor and outdoor ticketed sporting events and concerts, indoor theatre, dance, symphony events, restaurants (both indoors and patio dining), nightclubs and other licensed premises, casinos, bingo halls and VLT lounges, movie theatres, fitness centres, gyms and indoor sporting and recreational facilities, organized indoor group rec-

reational classes and activities, and indoor recreational businesses.

Children 11 and under who are not eligible to be immunized will be able to attend events and activities with a fully immunized adult.

These new public health orders complement the vaccination mandate requiring all designated provincial public service workers who have ongoing contact with vulnerable populations, especially children, to be fully immunized.

These individuals will need to receive their first dose by Sept. 7 and their second dose by Oct. 17 to be fully immunized by Oct. 31.

Designated employees who are not fully immunized or cannot provide proof of vaccination will need to undergo regular COVID-19 testing of up to three times a week for full-time employees and provide

proof of a negative test result before they can resume working.

The province is encouraging businesses to follow their lead when it comes to requiring vaccination of their staff.

"I encourage private businesses and organizations to consider mandating COVID-19 vaccine for their employees to protect their customers and staff and to reduce a chance of an outbreak at their workplace," said Roussin.

"I'm urging the more than 177,000 Manitobans who have not yet been immunized to make an appointment," he continued. "We need as many Manitobans vaccinated as soon as possible in order to reduce the impact of this coming fourth wave."

# Kids log thousands of minutes reading

## South Central Regional Library branches wrap up summer reading club

By Lorne Stelmach

The pandemic may have limited the level of participation in the South Central Regional Library's annual summer reading program, but it didn't restrict the enthusiasm of those who did participate in the long-running tradition.

As windup celebrations were held recently in each of the five branch libraries, director of library services Cathy Ching noted how interesting it always is for them to see some of the reading logs of the kids who actively take part.

"Some of these kids, on their own, read for 10,000 minutes, so that's a lot of reading," she said.

Kids who sign up for the program are encouraged to read through the summer and keep a log of the number of minutes they have spent either reading independently or with an adult. This year's theme was "Ticket To Read."

Due to public health order restrictions, the libraries had to again do things differently this summer, with the five branches unable to open to

the public until just this past month.

"It was lower this year because we couldn't open until August," said Ching, who estimated the program in 2020 had about 1,300 kids registered and around 600 actively participating. They ended up with about 300 registrations this year.

"So it was a slow start. We were trying to get kids registered online ... but kids pretty much had to find out about it on their own," she said, noting not having that excitement of visiting the library in person made it harder to get families interested and engaged.

"We were happy enough with what we had, though," Ching said, noting they did a lot of videos for online content. "There was some interest with what was going on with our YouTube channel ... and we did have a bunch of craft kits prepared so they could still take stuff home. I think that helped."

One perk of the libraries having been closed was that there were a lot of new book arrivals that had accumulated for families to enjoy reading.

"They would come to get bags of books," Ching said. "When people came in, every book that was out on



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Families at the Morden Library last week marked the end of the summer reading program with games and activities. Similar wrap parties were held at all the SCRL branches.

the display was brand new. People hadn't seen them since May ... we kept getting new books. There were two months worth of new books to choose from that they hadn't seen before ... there were so many to choose from that almost everybody got new books, so that was kind of exciting."

Now the library staff are turning their attention to other programming ideas for this fall and winter as well as looking ahead to next summer.

"We're already planning for next year and what we could do differently," Ching said.

# Province expands vaccination card eligibility

By Ashleigh Viveiros

People living in Manitoba who do not have a provincial health card are now finally able to get an immunization card if they are fully vaccinated against COVID-19.

Dr. Joss Reimer, medical lead of the province's vaccine implementation task force, made the announcement Monday in a virtual press conference.

"We've been working on this process for quite some time," she said, noting the past few months have been challenging for people like international students or armed forces members to prove their vaccination status without an immunization card.

Cards can be requested as long as you've received two doses of Pfizer, Moderna, or AstraZeneca or a single dose of the Johnson & Johnson vaccine, with the final dose more than 14

days ago. If any of those shots were given outside of Manitoba, proof must be submitted to public health and the data must be recorded in the system.

Individuals can call 1-844-MAN-VACC (1-844-626-8222) to speak with an agent about getting digital or physical versions of the card.

Dr. Reimer was uncertain how many people this move will affect, but one for sure is Altona's Callum Morrison, an international student at the University of Manitoba.

The Scottish transplant has been asking the government to make this change ever since the vaccination cards first started being issued in June.

"I am grateful that the Manitoba government has made the necessary changes, however the vaccination card should have been offered to all Manitobans from the launch of the vaccine

card system nearly three months ago," he said on Monday. "It has often been difficult for many who did not qualify for the card to prove their status without access to this well recognized and official proof of vaccination."

## 213 NEW CASES OVER WEEKEND

Also on Monday, public health officials announced 213 new cases of COVID-19 in Manitoba since the previous Thursday.

The daily case totals ranged from a low of 31 on the Friday to a high of 102 Saturday.

The five-day COVID-19 test positivity rate was at three per cent provincially and 1.6 per cent in Winnipeg.

Manitoba's active case count was at 503, with 65 people hospitalized due to COVID-19, including 18 in inten-

sive care.

The province has seen 56,989 recoveries and 1,189 deaths from the virus.

In our health region, Southern Health-Santé Sud, there were nine new cases on Monday, eight in people not fully vaccinated.

The Pembina Valley's cases were concentrated in the Winkler-Stanley area, with the RM reporting 11 active cases and the city eight.

Meanwhile, the Altona area had six cases, Morden had four, and MacDonald was reporting one.

Vaccination rates in Winkler-Stanley remain the lowest in the province, with Winkler at 39 per cent of eligible residents having received a dose and Stanley at 22.5 per cent. Provincially, 82 per cent of Manitobans have received a dose of vaccine and nearly 77 per cent are fully vaccinated with two doses.

# Junior rugby jamboree



PHOTOS BY ASHLEIGH VIVEIROS/VOICE

Winkler's Emerado Park hosted a junior rugby jamboree Saturday featuring teams from Winkler, Plum Coulee, Morden, and Winnipeg. This is the first season for the Pembina Valley teams, which, with 76 kid registered to play, is currently the largest junior rugby club in the province.

## Council asked to lower 14th St. S speed limit

By Ashleigh Viveiros

The City of Winkler is mulling over the request of a resident to lower the speed limit on 14th St. South.

At its Aug. 24 meeting, council responded to a letter from Bill Zacharias asking the City to reevaluate the posted speed of 70 kilometres/hour from Pembina Ave. to the south city limits, proposing a return to 50 km/hr along that stretch.

"The reason for this request comes from a social observation stemming from the noise level created by the increase of traffic volume and speed," Zacharias wrote, noting a lower speed would not only decrease traffic noise but increase safety for drivers and pedestrians alike.

Council sent the matter to its trans-

portation committee for further review.

Other items of note at the meeting include:

- City manager Jody Penner has been appointed to the Winkler Police Board, replacing former member Albert Heide as the City's staff representative.

- In the Winkler Police Board meeting minutes presented to council, Chief Ryan Hunt noted some training opportunities have begun to return after being cancelled due to the pandemic. Cst. Travis Krahn recently attended a seven-week basic tactical officer's course in connection with his role on the Regional Support Tactical Team while Csts. Rudy Loewen and Sean O'Brien attended one-week Use of Force courses to keep their instruc-

tor credentials current.

The department also recently completed the hiring process for a new constable, adding Cst. Anthony Dueck, a former Altona officer, to the team.

- Council gave approval to a proposed subdivision of two lots on Park St. north of the water treatment plant. The subdivision creates a new public road in the area. With no objections received as to the plan, council approved it subject to rezoning and a development agreement.

- Council also gave the green light for Elias Woodworking and Manufacturing to build a second building on their lot on Badger Ave. and for Simple Self Storage to do the same on their property on George Ave., subject to various conditions and agreements.

- Council wrapped up with a presentation from Rochelle Drudge, director of the Douglas Kuhl School of Music, about their recent musical theatre camp.

The camp, held the first week of August at the Parkland stage, attracted 12 students from the Winkler area and gave them a chance to perform a medley show featuring songs from 17 different musicals.

"As we all know, kids have had a hard year and a half," Drudge said, noting it was therapeutic for everyone to come together to process some of their common experiences and emotions and present them through song and dance. "I think it was a really healing experience for all the kids involved."

## RM of Stanley holding off on block party promotion

By Lorne Stelmach

The RM of Stanley changed its mind last week on its initiative to promote block parties in the municipality.

Announced only a couple days after the last easing of public health order restrictions, the block party program quickly drew concerns from some that it was too soon for the municipality to be encouraging gatherings while COVID-19 remained a threat.

The idea did get some takers, but a statement on the RM's website now

cites the prediction of increased COVID-19 cases in the coming weeks as being behind their move to postpone the block party program.

"We're trying to be cautious," said Reeve Morris Olafson. "There's been a ton of emails on both sides of the fence on this ... I don't perceive it as bowing to the heat ... we're going by the medical advice more than anything."

The program had been touted as a way for residents in neighbourhoods to start reconnecting while remaining

mindful of public health recommendations.

However, some RM residents questioned the wisdom of promoting such gatherings now, not only while concerns still remain about COVID-19 in general but especially given the fact the RM of Stanley has the lowest vaccination rate in the province.

"We had great intentions ... we were just trying to get the communities back together. I'm just as concerned about mental health as anything else ... this was a small attempt to get a

sense of community again," said Olafson.

"As we go along here, now in the last little while, we're getting indications that maybe our numbers are going to go up," he said. "So, okay, maybe we're going to quit this for a little while until we get more direction from our medical people."

"We will institute this back again as soon as we can."



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Jen Martens' Art on the Trail submission (left) is called Technology Takeover. The life size figure of a woman is made out of a variety of elements ranging from sticks to wire. David Peters, meanwhile, created a rammed earth structure (above). He hopes the benched area will gradually become overcome by nature and blend in with its surroundings.

# Lake trail art unveiled

By Lorne Stelmach

The aim was to celebrate the first two pieces installed this year for Art On The Trail, but a public reception last Tuesday at Lake Minnewasta also had the artists and organizer looking ahead.

The hope is the creations installed this year by David Peters and Jen Martens might help encourage other artists to come on board with the Pembina Hills Arts Council project.

"We've had many people asking about it, and we absolutely believe other artists could be inspired. We hope people are coming down the trail to see these pieces because they are prime examples of what we were looking for," said Tricia Dyck, programs and outreach co-ordinator for the arts council.

"Our hope is that each year we'll be able to offer a couple more artists to be able to install and create pieces ... and we're hoping of course they will be sustainable and ecologically focused.

"It was a really challenging project but a very interesting one," said Peters, whose piece is a rammed earth structure using natural materials that forms a benched area which he also hopes will gradually become overgrown and blend into the surrounding landscape. "Everyone can approach it in different ways, and that's part of what makes it interesting."

"I think art is just about getting out and trying something ... I think art can be just trial and error ... so don't be afraid to try something," said Martens, whose piece called Technology Takeover is a life size figure of a woman made out of a variety of elements ranging from sticks to wire.

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They were the first two artists chosen to take on the challenge of creating work to be set amidst the natural beauty of Lake Minnewasta.

The vision was to have artists design, plan, create and install sustainable and land-conscious public art near the lake trail to not only encourage outdoor physical activity but also connect trail users and art.

Teaching art at the University of Manitoba, Peters was drawn to the idea of creating something that could blend into the environment, and he was led to a location on what is an alternative path from the main trail.

He recalled how it started out with him going for a walk on the trail and not only finding his location but an abandoned bird nest, which sparked his imagination that led to his own form of construction using a rammed earth structure.

"I had just seen it again now for the first time in a little while; the last time I saw it, I had taken apart the forms, and I saw this sort of geometric solid thing. It felt a bit almost like rough concrete," he observed.

"Then the weather that we've been having, sort of these extreme heats and then also drought and now some strong rain, have eaten away at parts of it but in an interesting way," he said.

It very much fits in with what he had hoped for the project, Peters added.

"I was always interested in making something that was sort of ephemeral ... now it looks like something you might come upon like an old foundation for a building or something.

"I can start to see some little grasses growing out of the soil itself, and that was the other intention, to embed some local seed in it," he said. "I'm hopeful that these things will grow and what we'll see is almost a mound around this thing.

"I hope it will disappear ... it may take a few seasons," said Peters. "It will look different next

year and different again the following year."

Also set in place along the first section of north trail, the piece by Martens called Lily offers the contrast of the figure made from natural materials being overtaken by the technology represented by wires and a phone in hand.

"I had 10,000 different ideas ... I had so many ideas, but I always tend to come back to something in human form," she explained.

"She is natural and organic, but her phone is creeping out, and it's overtaking her. Those electrical wires are coming out of her phone, and they're wrapping into her brain," she said.

She was concerned initially that she had to fix it early on as a result of the piece being damaged, but Martens as well embraces how it is already evolving in the landscape.

"I love the fact a lot of people have said it scared them; they come around the corner and don't know that it's there," she said.

"She is getting a little worn; some of the wires are rusty," Martens observed. "But that's kind of cool to see her almost decomposing back into nature. I hope it goes slower ... she's holding up so far.

"I chose my materials because I thought they would be easy to work with," she noted in offering a bit of advice for other artists. "I realized they also are materials

that are easily vandalized ... so I would maybe choose something a little harder."

Dyck noted they very much appreciated how both artists were being mindful of the environment with their creations.

She sees the project as a way to bring art that is new and exciting but also accessible to everyone, and she likes how it can encourage outdoor activity while also connecting trail users to the art community.

"This was a unique opportunity and a way to showcase artists' work in the natural beauty of the lake."

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# Faces of Winkler wraps up at Winkler Arts and Culture

By Ashleigh Viveiros

Winkler Arts and Culture's annual Faces of Winkler exhibition wrapped up last week with a closing gala that brought together artists and subjects alike.

The show, which was on display at the Park St. gallery and on its website through August, selected as subjects this year Steve Banman, Carol Neufeld, Kelly Morgan, Randy Rietze, Valerie Harder, Jayme Giesbrecht, and Isaac A. Dyck.

Each "Face" was paired with an artist and a photographer who tried to capture a bit of who that person is and what they mean to the community.

"The first part of that process is figuring out who is this person and why have they been chosen to be nominated," explained artist Kelly Klages, who painted Steve Banman. "So you learn a bit about them and their personality."

Banman's bio pegs him as an enthusiastic Winkler Flyers supporter and a familiar face at the senior centre. He's also had to overcome a lot of health challenges in his life, but Klages said she didn't want that to be what defined him in her painting.

"I really wanted to zoom in on his face because not only is this Faces of Winkler but I didn't want to focus overwhelmingly on the disabilities side of things but instead to show his

personality and why he's so admired, has so many friends in this area, been such a fixture in the community."

Seeing her portraits up on the wall as painted by Jennifer Penner and photographed by Herb Kuhl was an odd experience for Carol Neufeld.

"It was a good experience but something I felt was undeserved," said the avid Winkler Horticulture Society volunteer. "It was an honour and I'll just embrace it as that."

Neufeld has attended most of the Faces exhibitions over the years and loves the idea behind the show.

"I like to see both the ordinary people and then the exceptional ones too, the businesspeople, the doctors, or whatever—anybody who's made a contribution to the community."

Artist Scott Bell, who painted singer Jayme Giesbrecht, echoed that thought.

"It's nice to celebrate people that have a positive impact on the community," he said. Bell has contributed artwork to most if not all of the Faces shows over the years. "It's always such an interesting collection of people ... it's a wonderful use of the gallery to help celebrate positivity within the community."

Looking at Bell's painting of her alongside Darren Crane's piece that used digital tools to add local landmarks and images of things she loves to her portrait, Giesbrecht was blown



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Artists and photographers tried to capture the essence of seven selected "Faces of Winkler" subjects for the 2021 show, which was on display at Winkler Arts and Culture through August. Left: Randy Rietze. Right: Jayme Giesbrecht.

away by what they came up with to depict her.

"Scott, I've worked with him so many times musically, so I had no doubts he'd be able to capture me, probably from memory," she laughed, noting the painting not only looks like her but also uses a bright array of colours she feels "really captures my inner essence."

As with the other subjects, it's a unique experience to see yourself up on the gallery's wall.

"It was a huge honour because it kind of validates some of the effort I've put into being a strong community member," she said, noting she's always appreciated the fact the show

shines a spotlight on such a wide range of Winklerites—from those who are often at the forefront of community events and happenings to those who stick more behind the scenes.

"What I really like is not all of the nominees are well-known, singing on a stage type people," Giesbrecht said. "A lot of them are just people who you recognize from your walks through town, people who have owned small businesses, members of the horticulture society who often go behind the scenes and we just see the beauty of their hard work."

"I'm humbled to even be a part of that list of people who really make this community."



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Longtime Winkler firefighter Isaac A. Dyck had his portrait painted by artist Olga Krahn and a pair of photos taken of him at the fire hall by photographer Walter Dueck.

## Pembina Valley Studio Tour on Sept. 11-12

By Lorne Stelmach

An annual showcase of the arts across the region is on again this fall, although on a somewhat smaller scale.

The Pembina Valley Studio Tour is set for the weekend of Sept. 11-12, but with a fewer number of possible stops given the uncertainty that remained around pandemic restrictions when plans were being put together this spring.

"This year we're having a somewhat smaller number of studios than we've had some years," said organizer Mar-

gie Hildebrand, noting they're down from the usual 30 or so stops to about 24.

"A lot of the ones that were group shows weren't able to say earlier on what things were going to be like now," she explained. "We didn't know when we started planning months ago what the situation would be now."

"I think we still have a really good variety of artists and mediums," added Hildebrand. "The quality and the variety of the arts is really interesting and varied. It's everything from paint-

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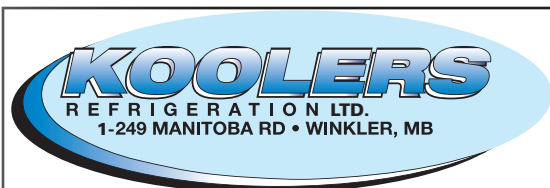
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## Back on the ice

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The Winkler Flyers hosted 48 players at its main camp over the weekend, split into three teams bearing the names of former Flyers greats Steve Harder, Wade Sambrook, and Ed Belfour. Winkler's MJHL pre-season gets underway with games against the Pistons in Steinbach Friday and Winkler Saturday and continues with home-and-away games against Selkirk and Virden next week. Winkler opens the regular season by hosting Portage Sept. 18. Above: Winkler's own Malachi Klassen prepares to make a save on a penalty shot in Sunday's intersquad game. Below: Across the rink, Carson Bjarnsson does the same to keep his team in the game.





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The Morden Mud Hens knocked the Winkler Whips out of the playoffs last week 9-2 (above) but then fell in game one of the championship final against Pilot Mound (right) over the weekend. The series concluded Tuesday night. Right: Morden's Chris Moffatt safely gets past the tag of Pilot Mound catcher Robi Lewarne.



PHOTO BY RICK HIEBERT/VOICE

By Ashleigh Viveiros

By the time you read this, only one team will be left standing in the Border Baseball League.

The Morden Mud Hens made short work of the Winkler Whips in the league's East Division final last week Wednesday, winning 9-2 to advance to face West Divi-

sion champs the Pilot Mound Pilots in for the title.

Game one went Pilot Mound's way Friday night 7-5. Games two and three were scheduled for Tuesday night. Results were not available at press time.

Morden has finished the regular season in first in their division with a record of 8-3-1, beating out the second-place Whips (6-5-1).

## Storm post first loss



PHOTO BY ASHLEIGH VIVEIROS/VOICE

The Winkler Storm battled hard but were unable to unseat the first-place Bonivital United, who handed Winkler their first loss of the season 1-0 Sunday afternoon. The Storm are now 0-1-3 for the season so far, putting them in fifth place in the MMSL's Premier division. Coming up, they're slated to play at Hellas SC this Wednesday and host Ital-Inter SC Sept. 12.



## Hawks host tryouts

Players were put through their paces this weekend as the female U18 AAA Pembina Valley Hawks held tryouts in Morden. It included practice sessions and intersquad games in the lead up to the final roster being set for the season. The team's schedule for exhibition games includes Sept. 4 against Eastman and Sept. 12 against Pilot Mound Prep followed by the Winnipeg Avros Sept. 15 and a pair with the Rink Hockey Academy Sept. 18 and 19. The regular season is set to begin Oct. 2 at Interlake.

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# Winkler RC club is off to the races with new track

By Lorne Stelmach

A Winkler club is offering the excitement of racing but on a miniature scale that is accessible to anyone.

Integrity Youth RC uses a track developed on park space off Redhawk Trail for the remote control racing, and a small but devoted core of aficionados is spreading the word to get more people interested in the hobby.

"You can just hang out together and cruise around the track ... it doesn't matter if you're good or bad ... it's just having a lot of fun," said Chris Gies-

brecht, who is part of the group that meets on a semi-regular basis.

He was approached to help originally because he has had experience with building dirt bike tracks.

"I knew how to build it, so we got together and built the track here," he said, recalling a bit of work went into the track. "It was probably about two weeks from when we started that we got it finished, and it's been going good."

"I was never into RCing until we got this, and now I love it. We're here quite often, and we're hoping more kids find out about it and keep coming."

You don't need to spend a lot of money to get a raceable vehicle—entry-level models start at about \$200.

"You can go pretty expensive if you want," said Giesbrecht, noting you could spend a couple thousand dollars on a high-end racer.

Car in hand, pretty much anyone can get the hang of RC racing.

"Pretty much my whole life I've done motocross and racing dirt bikes ... and this is like the same thing but

**"YOU CAN JUST HANG OUT TOGETHER AND CRUISE AROUND THE TRACK ... IT DOESN'T MATTER IF YOU'RE GOOD OR BAD [AT IT]."**



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A group of remote control vehicle racers were at the new track off Redhawk Trail in Winkler Monday night. The track is open to the public and has hosted several race days so far this summer. The next is planned for this Sunday.

the danger isn't there," Giesbrecht said with a chuckle. "You can just give 'er and have a good time and stand in line with your buddies and talk to each other as you're ripping around and having a good time and making fun of each other."

He thinks the interest is starting to build in the community.

"On a good night, so far, we will have at least seven or eight guys here," said Giesbrecht, noting special race events might get up to 20 or more racers.

"There's classes for the little cars, the little kids, and all the way up to the bigger giant cars, which I had no idea they even made ... so there's classes for everyone."

"We want people to see it and check it out ... what kid doesn't want to play in a pile of dirt?" said Giesbrecht, who encourages people to check out their Facebook page for information about upcoming events, including a race day planned for this Sunday, Sept. 5.

Future races are a little up in the air.

"It's whenever we're free pretty much ... we'll text some guys and cruise the track and rip around for an evening."



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An entry level remote controlled vehicle can cost a couple hundred bucks. This miniaturized form of competition offers some of the fun of full-size racing without the risks, making it great for people of all ages.



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# Renos wrapping up at Adult and Teen Challenge

## New community office now open

By Ashleigh Viveiros

There's been a few changes at Adult and Teen Challenge's Winkler location this year, but the mission remains the same: providing a safe space and support for people and families struggling with life-controlling addictions.

Derek Neufeld came on board as the Pembina Valley ministry manager this spring, just in time to oversee the completion of renovations to the rear of their Super Thrift store building on Cargill Rd.

The site, accessible separately from the thrift shop via a door on the southwest side of the building, now includes ATC's community office that includes a comfortable meeting space for consultations and support groups.

It's the next big step for the agency in the Pembina Valley, and Neufeld is excited to be part of it.

"I've been supporting Teen Challenge for a long time as someone who's excited about what they're doing and how they do it," he says, noting things got a little more personal for him a few years ago when a family member went through the program.

That gave him a firsthand look at the impact Christ-centered addictions support can have on a person.

When the opportunity to lead the Pembina Valley ministry came up, he

jumped at it.

It's been a whirlwind of work ever since, and while the renovations are just about complete, Neufeld says they're just the beginning of the group's dreams for the community.

Representatives last year spoke about potentially bringing a men's group home to Cargill Rd. so ATC participants could live and work in the same facility. That plan has changed in the months since.

"There's always a little bit of tweaking and discerning with the Lord the right timing," Neufeld reflects. "And so the men's residence is off the radar for *this* building, but it's still very much on our radar."

As the Pembina Valley continues to grow, so too does the need for closer-to-home addictions programming, he says, making the area the perfect spot to one day house its own ATC treatment centre.

"But that's a huge undertaking," Neufeld stresses, not the least of which being fundraising to make it happen but also making sure the right systems and staffing are in place to provide the needed 24/7 care such a facility provides.

And so, for right now, ATC Pembina Valley is focusing on paying down the mortgage it took out last year for the new Super Thrift building (a financial



Adult and Teen Challenge Pembina Valley's new community office includes a comfy meeting space and a small kitchen (below) alongside staff offices. Derek Neufeld came on board as the ministry's manager this spring.

burden of nearly half a million dollars) and broadening its outreach efforts throughout the region.

The thrift shop has helped out on both fronts—generating income for the agency while also serving as a way to get people talking about the services ATC offers.

"The need now is to be this bridge, this first point of contact for people," Neufeld says of the community office, which is the place to go if you're looking for help with addiction. ATC staff are on hand to help point people in the right direction for themselves or a loved one. "Where do I go? How do I get there? Is Adult and Teen Challenge even the right fit? Because it's not for everyone.

"We're working on establishing really good, healthy relationships within the community, because there's great places like Genesis House, like Pembina Counselling, like Eden Mental Health," Neufeld says. "We want to be able to help navigate individuals and families [through that network of support]."

While people still need to go to Brandon or Winnipeg for ATC's residential programs in Manitoba, the Pembina Valley chapter has an active weekly men's support group up and running, and Neufeld hopes to get other groups going as well this winter.

"We need a lady, or two. Someone who can buy into our mission, who understands our DNA ... to help us facilitate and lead a women's group," he says. Volunteers are also needed to run a family support group. Training will be provided. Previous addictions experience is not necessary.

"We need someone who has a passion for people, for the community," says Neufeld.

If you'd like to get involved or want information on what support is available to you in dealing with addictions of any kind—drugs and alcohol, certainly, but also things like porn addiction, gambling, and even device addiction—reach Neufeld at 204-949-9484 or stop by 324 Cargill Rd. in Winkler.



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Access to the community office is around the corner from the agency's Super Thrift shop on Cargill Rd.



# Pallister steps down Wed.

By Voice staff

Brian Pallister announced over the weekend that he would be stepping down as Manitoba's premier effective this Wednesday.

In a statement sent to media early Sunday morning, Pallister said he was resigning to "ensure the election of my successor can continue to take place free of any perception of any influence from the Office of the Premier."

Since he first announced his intention to leave his role as the leader of the Progressive Conservative Party of Manitoba, Tory MLAs Heather Stefanson and Shannon Martin and former member of parliament Shelly Glover have announced they will run for job.

"The greatest honour of my life has been serving as Manitoba's 22nd pre-

mier," Pallister said, noting he's proud of the direction his government took Manitoba in since coming into power in 2016.

"We introduced the first balanced budget in 11 years, while creating the largest ongoing per person investment in health care, education and family services of any province," he said. "We did this while lowering the tax burden on every working person and family, more than any other province, to keep making life affordable for Manitobans."

Pallister noted he feels the province is poised to recover well from the pandemic in the months ahead.

"I am incredibly optimistic about our future as a province and that is why I say to you: the only thing better than today in Manitoba, is tomorrow in Manitoba."

## Pregnancy care centre grief support group starting up again

By Ashleigh Viveiros

Pembina Valley Pregnancy Care Centre's support group for women coping with the loss of a child is getting up and running once again.

After a long absence due to the ongoing pandemic, the centre is hosting its Steps in HOPE (Healing Our Pregnancy Experiences) group for six weeks starting Tuesday, Sept. 21 at

7:30 p.m.

The group gives women who have experienced miscarriage, stillbirth, or infant loss a safe place to gather together to work through their feelings, says executive director Linda Marek.

"We know that losing a child can be one of the most difficult experiences anyone can go through and providing a caring space for women to share, knowing they aren't alone, is so im-

## Chambers of Commerce extends staycations to end the summer

By Sydney Lockhart

The Manitoba Chambers of Commerce has extended their Tourism Rebate Incentive Program (TRIP) until Sept. 12 to give Manitobans an opportunity for last minute outings and adventures before school starts.

"You know the feedback that we've got is for a lot of them [hotels] this really saved their summer, I mean what it did is it filled hotels over pretty much a two-week time frame which is something they haven't had for virtually the last 18 months," said president of the Manitoba Chambers of Commerce Chuck Davidson.

The TRIP program offers \$100 rebate on hotel stays, \$150 on some hotel stay packages, and 50 per cent off star attractions in Manitoba. The only requirements for the program are that

a receipt is submitted before the program is over.

"We didn't just want this to be a Winnipeg-only package. This was something that, you know, we saw people taking advantage of hotels in places like Churchill even," said Davidson.

The program was extended because the Manitoba Chambers of Commerce had funds left over that was to be allocated to the program which allowed them to extend it. Over 1000 Manitobans took advantage of the program in the initial weeks.

"What we're also trying to do is to let Manitobans know that ... these

## Bella's Castle celebrates five years



PHOTOS BY LORNE STELMACH/VOICE

A gala evening Friday celebrated a milestone for Bella's Castle, as the bed and breakfast set in one of Morden's most famous historic stone homes marked its fifth anniversary in business. The event included a meal and music by Jayme Giesbrecht in the setting of the outdoor special events tent. Right: Owner Lili Krushel thanks everyone for their patronage.



portant," she said. "Sometimes the pain is so deep but women are told they should be over it by now, or they feel misunderstood when they do take that brave step to be vulnerable about their experiences."

The group's sessions focus on sharing your experiences, learning to cope, cycles of grief, self-care, hon-

ouring your difficult journey and creating a keepsake.

Attendance is free but pre-registration is required.

Email [stepsinhope@gmail.com](mailto:stepsinhope@gmail.com) or call 204-325-7900 for more information or to sign-up.

"THE FEEDBACK THAT WE'VE GOT IS FOR A LOT OF [HOTELS] THIS REALLY SAVED THEIR SUMMER."

are safe places to go and so they've got an increased comfort level and we start to rebuild that consumer confidence as well," he said.

With the tourism industry struggling during the pandemic the program was created to help the hotels and star attractions out while giving Manitobans a safe way to take vacation this year.

"We want to give you a bit of a break, and we want to help you out and at the same time we're going to help local businesses as well," said Davidson.

The Best Western Plus Morden is

seeing about a 35 per cent increase right now due to the incentive.

"They've been using it a lot, our phone since we announced it on our Instagram and Facebook page have been lit up at both locations all day," said general manager Jon Enns.

He said they have had lots of locals stay at the hotel, but many people from Winnipeg have traveled south to stay with them for a few days as well.

"It's good to see that people have the chance to take the advantage of it, like families that maybe couldn't afford it, so you can come and get a room for like 30 bucks in theory, because people are getting reimbursed within an hour to one day," he said, "I would say it's definitely helped."

Places such as the Carman Motor

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# Pritchard Memorial Tournament raises \$60K for CancerCare, SCCR



SUBMITTED PHOTOS

By Becca Myskiw

The 24th annual Pritchard Memorial Golf Tournament raised over \$60,000 for cancer research and resources this year.

The tournament started in the fall of 1998. Mike Pritchard died of cancer on June 3 of that year. He had been going to school in Fairview, Alberta for turf grass management with the hopes of becoming a superintendent of a golf course.

The same year Mike passed away, two others from his school did as well, all three men passed within months of each other. That first year, and the

following nine years, the school they attended hosted a golf tournament in their honour to raise funds for a scholarship. The golf tournament was held in different provinces each year, coming to Roland on occasion.

After a decade, it became difficult for the school to keep planning the event, so the people of Roland took it over and hosted it until 2013 when it became too much for them. That's when Darren Pritchard and his brother Al brought the annual tournament to the Carman Golf Course.

"We figured we can't let [the tournament] go," said Darren Pritchard. "So, we took it to a larger course with 18 holes to get more golfers out."

And it worked. This year on Aug. 7, they had 243 golfers hit the green, teeing off from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Each participant paid an entry fee of \$125. With that, they got a \$25 tax receipt from South Central Cancer Resource, one of the organizations the tournament raises funds for.

The other organization is CancerCare Manitoba. Pritchard said they used to give some funds to other organizations like the

Organizers of the 24th annual Pritchard Memorial Golf Tournament made the rounds recently distributing \$60,000 in funds to South Central Cancer Resource (above) and CancerCare Manitoba (left).

Carman Area Foundation (CAF), but after his brother Al got cancer for the second time they realized too many people close to them have fought the illness, so they started putting 100 per cent of the profit towards cancer resources.

Since taking over the tournament in 2013, Darren and Al have raised over \$325,000 at the Pritchard Memorial Golf Tournament, \$60,000 of which came from this year's event.

Along with the golfer registration fee, they had an online silent auction where people from anywhere could enter, a virtual 50/50 that received over \$8,400 total, and raffle prizes strictly for the golfers.

Next year is the 25th annual Pritchard Memorial Golf Tournament. Pritchard said their goal is to raise \$100,000 at the event and one of the ways they're planning to do that is by getting sports

teams to sell raffle tickets.

The tickets are \$20 each with \$15 being donated to South Central Cancer Resource and CancerCare Manitoba. The remainder \$5 will support minor sports in Manitoba. There are 5,000 tickets to sell before next year's tournament rolls around.

The raffle prizes include:

- Airfare, two-night accommodations, and \$500 spending cash to any Winnipeg Jets game of the season following the event. Also comes with a meet the player and two signed jerseys.

- Fishing package.
- \$500 to spend at Thermea.

To buy or sell raffle tickets or to learn more about the Pritchard Memorial Tournament, go to [www.pritchardmemorial.ca](http://www.pritchardmemorial.ca).



Mike Pritchard

## Travel campaign aims to rebuild consumer confidence

From Pg. 25

Inn, The Oxbow Inn, and the Canadian Fossil Discovery Centre in Morden are on the eligibility list for rebates. For the full list of eligible hotels and attractions go to [Tripmb.ca](http://Tripmb.ca).

The Manitoba Chambers of Commerce is also urging Manitobans to take part in their buy local campaign called Buy Brag Tag, where they are asking people to post about their local purchases using the hashtag #buylocalmb and tagging friends to do the same.

"What we're really trying to do [is] rebuild that consumer confidence," Davidson said, noting Manitobans have "done a great job throughout this campaign of supporting local."

He said posting about local purchases can help businesses who have struggled through the pandemic get more customers and help support communities.

"We're really looking to encourage Manitobans to take advantage of these. We want to give Manitobans a bit of a break and we want to help some local businesses as well," he said.

"WE WANT TO GIVE MANITOBBANS A BIT OF A BREAK AND WE WANT TO HELP SOME LOCAL BUSINESSES AS WELL."

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# Barnswallows have quilts on display for Sat., Sept. 11

By Lorne Stelmach

The Barnswallow Quilt Guild is looking to fill the void left by not being able to host their popular spring show for the second year in a row.

To make up for it, they're taking the show into the great outdoors Saturday, Sept. 11 in conjunction with the Pembina Valley Studio Tour

Weather permitting, quilt displays will be set up outside of Quilter's Den on the west end of Stephen St. in downtown Morden as well as the three neighbouring heritage homes.

The one exception will be feature quilter Nancy Fieber, whose work will be on display at their Jade Bay home, as her husband George will be part of

the studio tour.

This year's event is similar to the Quilts by the Yard outdoor show the group hosted last year in the midst of the pandemic.

"We liked doing Quilts by the Yard, but because it was so spread out over the whole city ... people didn't necessarily know where to go or to see them all, so we thought we would try to bring everything to one area," said organizer Sue Nelson.

The 2020 event drew people from near and far, and the Barnswallows are hopeful this year's offering will do the same.

"We're hoping people will come out again, and we're hoping having it in conjunction with the studio tour



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This year's Barnswallow quilt show is taking its displays outside at and around Quilter's Den in downtown Morden and at one of the Pembina Valley Studio Tour stops.

that people will come out for both of them," said Nelson.

The annual spring quilt show has been a popular tradition in Morden for over three decades, in recent years filling the Access Event Centre community hall with displays.

"This is not quite the same as having it in the rec. centre," said Nelson, adding, however, they hope the spirit of

the show to shine a spotlight on local talent and inspire others will remain.

"People have been working on a lot of things over all this time," she said. "So it's been disappointing to have to cancel the shows. Hopefully it will be a go and hopefully we'll be able to go back to our regular time in the spring next year."

## take a break > GAMES

### SUDOKU

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Sudoku Answer

A	C	E	V	C	T	V	C	S	E	W	O
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Crossword Answer



## CROSSWORD

### CLUES ACROSS

1. Secret clique
6. Earliest in and out
10. Ancient Egyptian symbol of life
14. Olfactory property
15. Kidnapping
17. Golf prize
19. Helps little firms
20. Cast a spell on
21. Panama is one
22. Dishonorable man
23. Sea eagle
24. Part of the healing process
26. Vin's last name
29. Wings
31. Made older
32. Political device
34. Looks like a rabbit
35. Gurus
37. Philippine Island
38. Not or
39. Hindu model of ideal man
40. Exam
41. Making less difficult
43. Without
45. Dravidian ethnic group
46. A baglike structure
47. Buenos Aires capital La \_\_\_\_
49. Dab
50. Singers who perform together
53. Pirates' saying
57. OK to allude to
58. Somaliland diplomat
59. Has to pay back
60. Felix is one
61. Intestinal pouches

### CLUES DOWN

1. Harsh cries of a crow
2. Type of horse
3. \_\_\_\_ fide: authentic
4. Doctors' group
5. Fugitives are on it

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6. Forged
7. Wild goat
8. Influential American president
9. Calls for help
10. Repents
11. Palm tree with creeping roots
12. Black powder used in makeup
13. Happy New Year
16. Stretched out one's neck
18. Whale ship captain
22. Atomic #20
23. Border
24. River that borders India and Nepal
25. After B
27. Fencing swords
28. Where researchers work
29. Expression of satisfaction
30. Broadway actor Nathan

31. Heavy, heat-retaining stove
33. A way to eliminate
35. Type of tree resin
36. Russian river
37. Children's TV network
39. Troublemaker
42. Averts or delays
43. Self-immolation by fire ritual
44. It cools your home
46. Satisfy to the fullest
47. Stinks!
48. Popular board game
49. Attack by hurling
50. A vale
51. Type of acid
52. Tasmania's highest mountain
53. No seats available
54. Licensed for Wall Street
55. Family of genes
56. Constrictor snake

# PHAC welcomes Into the Wind exhibit for Sept.

By Lorne Stelmach

A dream that kept coming back to Jan Jenkins has come to life through an exhibit featured this month at the Pembina Hills Gallery in Morden.

*Into the Wind* is a series of artworks and poems that are based on the reoccurring dream in which she rises from the ground and flies over land toward distant horizons.

The dream became powerful for Jenkins, who sees it as representing freedom from fears and anxiety, courage to experience unexplored new horizons, and remaining calm and confident while faced with the unknown and hopeful of new beginnings.

"For me, I'm scared of heights," noted Jenkins, who also admitted to being a reluctant traveller in unfamiliar places. "So I think that's kind of a signal of having the courage to try out new things and to go places that are unfamiliar. I think part of that dream was encouraging me to be more explorative and to try new things."

Growing up on an island west of Montreal where the Ottawa and St. Lawrence Rivers meet and maple trees grow tall and sweet was the perfect setting for painting, writing, walking, and rock-picking for Jenkins.

After retiring from a successful corporate career in Calgary, she moved to Dauphin where she now focuses on her lifelong passion to express herself creatively through visual art, wearable art, and poetry.



The colourful art and poems of Jan Jenkins are on display at the Pembina Hills Gallery in Morden this month.

She's taken instruction in oil painting, watercolor and other media, and she particularly credits having been part of a rural Manitoba art mentorship program where she learned about a range of things, including how to put a larger body of work together for an exhibit.

"It was a wonderful experience, being an emerging artist and being able to connect with other Manitoba artists," said Jenkins.

Jenkins' art is regularly displayed in the Dauphin Art Group's exhibits and been included in provincewide tours

as part of the Manitoba Art Network's touring exhibition program.

Her work features linocut, collage, oil pastel, monoprint, pen and ink, watercolour, fabric and words, and she loves light and color, word and rhythm and explores and grows her creative expression with mixed-media.

"This dream, I've had it a number of times over the years, so it really coupled well with an art form I love to do which is called zen doodling," said Jenkins of the *Into the Wind* show.

"One of the challenges I wanted to

do for myself was to make the imagery repeating, so that if you laid multiple copies of the image side by side or up and down below, that the image would repeat itself."

She manipulated patterns digitally to create six foot scarves that fit well with the wind theme as they are very light and flowing, and there is some repeating imagery such as seeds or dragonflies floating on the breeze.

"I have a lot of fun exploring and experimenting and coming up with all these different ways to express this recurring dream," she said.

"The seeds are a sign of rebirth and growth ... [the dragonflies] are a sign of transformation and of self realization of personal growth.

For those who take in the exhibit, Jenkins noted she was providing basic how to sheets on both zen doodling and repeat pattern making, so she hopes people will be inspired to give it a go.

"I hope they enjoy the poem that goes with the art work," she said. "I hope when people go and take a look at the exhibit that they walk away those two pieces of paper and maybe give it a try themselves ... or share it with their children and their family and see if they can have some fun with it.

"Trying new things or taking new steps or heading in a different direction can be quite daunting ... I think it's the subconscious way of encouraging people to not be afraid to try."

## > STUDIO TOUR, FROM PG. 18

ing, ceramics, metal to glass, wood turning. The tour offers something interesting for everyone."

"I think it's also a great outing where you can enjoy the scenery of the Pembina Valley and see what the artists are doing and go into their homes or their studios and see how they make their art."

Now in its 17th year, the studio tour has become a good chance for artists to be able to showcase their work and the spaces that they create and find inspiration in.

There will be many familiar faces and places but also some new highlights for the self-guided tour, which covers an area from Altona in the east to Carman in the north and west to La Riviere.

New or less familiar faces on the tour include Tracey Currie, who does abstract acrylic and folk art and who will be joined this year at her La Riviere area location by her son Justin, who does graphic novel illustration.

"I just thought it would be a really fun way to show off the art, and it's very easy from an artist's view because you're setting up in your own space," said Tracey, who joined the tour for the first time last year.

"We had about a hundred people come through, and I thought that was very good because I'm at the very edge of the tour, and I'm in the country, and of course there was the pandemic.

"For me, I don't do shows and things like that, so there were even a lot of local people who came," she noted. "It's just a nice opportunity for people to see what you can do ... for you to showcase your work."

"Mom has been trying to get me to be part of it, and I've wanted to be part of it for years, but I've always been travelling to conventions on the same weekend," noted Justin.

"Growing up in that area, I always wanted to showcase my art work in some way, but I didn't really have

many outlets. Now that I'm a full-time artist and exhibiting all over the world, it's exciting to be able to go back home and do this there," he said. "Our artwork is nothing alike, so it's definitely more bang for your buck to make the trip ... we both have an enormous amount of work to show, so we're going to fill up that entire barn."

Elsewhere in the region, offering up a variety of work including drums, glass sculpture and alpaca scarves will be Joan Masters, who will be exhibiting along with sculptor Jake Goertzen in Horndean.

At Miami, Brian McMillan and Lucinda Doran will be displaying stained glass, fused glass, wood birdhouses and furniture.

Other participants include Kate Froese, Barb Murray, Lee Rothwell and the Golden Prairie Arts Council in Carman, Susan Crawford Young in Manitou, Susan Pharaoh in La Riviere, Pamela Yorke Hardy in Thorn-

hill, Margie Hildebrand, Laverne Lovatt, George Fieber and Walter Dueck in Morden, Ethan Radstrom at Horndean, Ken Loewen, Olga Krahn, and Gallery in the Park in Altona and Winkler Arts and Culture.

"I think the artists enjoy being on the tour and like having people come see where they work and what they create," said Hildebrand, who enjoys being a participant herself each year. "I've met so many people over the years of being involved with this tour. "And you can see the beautiful countryside and enjoy the Pembina Valley as well."

The variety of galleries, studios and homes will be open that Saturday between 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. and the Sunday between noon and 5 p.m.

Brochures are available at various locations including Gallery in the Park in Altona, Winkler Arts and Culture, and the Pembina Hills Arts Council in Morden. You can also head to [pembinavalleystudiotour.com](http://pembinavalleystudiotour.com).

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Of the one we loved so much.  
Your memory is our keepsake,  
With which we will never part;  
God has you in his keeping,  
We have you in our hearts.  
It is sad to walk the road alone,  
Instead of side by side;  
But to all there comes a moment,  
When the ways of life divide.  
You gave us years of happiness,  
Then came sorrow and tears;  
But you left us beautiful memories,  
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## AUCTION



**Yard Equipment & Fabricating**  
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## OBITUARY



### Bobby Clarence Thiessen 1952 – 2021

On Thursday, August 26, 2021 at Salem Home in Winkler, MB, Bobby Thiessen, 69 passed away.

He was predeceased by his father, Abe and two sisters, Karen and Annette in infancy. He is survived by his mother, Agatha, two sisters, Carol (Isaac Hoeppner) and Connie (John Dyck), Aunt Helen, Aunt Betty, Aunt Shirley as well as numerous nieces and nephews.

Bobby Clarence Thiessen was born to Abe and Agatha Thiessen on August 9, 1952 in Morden, MB. He was loved by numerous people from Morden and Winkler and beyond. He loved his Cottonwood family at Salem Home where he lived for over 49 years. Bob's love for life was displayed by being involved where there was action: a Salem Home board meeting or at one of his many interests, fishing or eating fish, fast cars; as long as he was in the fastest one, emergency vehicles and only if the lights were on and the sirens were blaring, camping and especially at Camp Arnes and watching boxing or wrestling on TV. Bobby attended the Oak Haven School. He loved going for walks and the bike rides on the bike for the handicapped at Salem. Bob was always happy; well most always especially when his meals were delivered on time. He had tons of patience simply because he never used any of his!

Bob's family is forever grateful for the wonderful staff at Salem Home who had tons of patience. A special thank you for all the love and care given by his niece, Kelly Anne Roy, who spent countless hours enriching Bob's life in so many ways.

A private funeral service was held on Sunday August 29, 2021 with interment at Southside Cemetery, Morden.

If friends so desire, donations may be made in Bobby's memory to the Salem Foundation Inc. or to the Winkler and Morden Fire Departments or Police Departments.

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## OBITUARY



### Jake Ernest Dyck 1935 - 2021

It is with heavy hearts that we announce the passing of Jake Ernest Dyck after a long struggle with dementia and cancer.

He leaves to mourn his passing his wife, Margaret and six children, Natalie (Bill) Granger, Norine (Mark) Allan, Colin (Joanna) Dyck, Kevin (Barb) Dyck, Angela (Rene) St. Pierre, Lawrence (Nicole) Dyck; 18 grandchildren and 23 great-grandchildren as well as his brother, John and sisters, Marian Heindrichs and Shirley Wiebe and their families. He was predeceased by his daughter, Corrine Dale, his parents, his brothers, Donald and Henry and sisters, Helen and Betty.

He was born to Hendrick and Helena Dyck on March 19, 1935 in Gladstone, MB. Dad was a farmer, mechanic pipefitter and retired from the CN Carshop in the early 90's. He was a self-taught musician and played guitar, fiddle, mandolin and harmonica. He loved farm life and raising livestock especially his horses and Hereford cows. He married Mom April 4, 1959 and they lived in Winnipeg, Fort Whyte and then farmed in Dugald and Tyndall, MB where Dad retired. He and Mom moved to Plumas then Arden and finally back to Morden where Dad spent the last few years under the great care of the staff at Tabor Home. The staff at Tabor did an awesome job of caring for him and putting up with the family.

The service was held at 2:00 p.m. on Thursday, August 26, 2021 at the Pembina Pines venue with interment at the Southside Cemetery in Morden officiated by Pastor Gerald Dyck.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Jake's memory to Tabor Home Inc. or the Alzheimer Society of Manitoba.

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## OBITUARY



### Peter H Fehr 1932 – 2021

Peter Fehr was born to Henry and Helen Fehr (nee Elias) in the Haskett area on April 6, 1932. On November 1, 1956, he married his loving wife, Mary (nee Kehler). In 1957, Mom and Dad moved to Winnipeg and started their family. Maryann was first born and a few years later their second daughter, Tina joined them. Dad was a mechanic, but also drove long haul for a while. He was a "wheeler dealer" who would sell anything except "the wife and kids". Fixing is what Dad like to do! Nothing was ever thrown out until Dad had a chance to take it apart and try to fix it. Even in his later years, he liked to go to the Thrift Stores and pick up items that he could possibly fix and that he could bring back to the Thrift Store for them to sell. He was saddened when his vision and dexterity made

it impossible. Dad loved to visit with friends and family and made friends wherever he went. They had friends that they kept in contact with in Winnipeg, as well as in Sanford where they lived for several years before moving to the Buhler Active Living Center in Winkler. Children and babies – Dad loved them all. He would chat with and entertain all the children he ran into, whether he knew them or not! With his passing, we know there will be a lot fewer Lisa's and Billie's in this world, as that was what he called all the boys and girls that he saw.

Dad survived all of his nine siblings. He was predeceased by his son-in-law, Lorne. He leaves to mourn, his wife of 64 years, Mary; his daughter, Maryann, grandchildren: Roxann, Cherylann, Ivan, great-grandsons, Kolin and Adam; his daughter, Tina (Bryan) grandchildren: Lindsay (Jim), Tyler. He also leaves his sister-in-law, Susan as well as Mary's sister, Tina (Leonard) and Mary's sisters-in-law, Nettie and Hilda and numerous nieces and nephews.

The last few months were difficult for Dad, as he had a lot of pain, but thanks to the wonderful care he received at Boundary Trails Health Centre, his pain was kept at bay.

Donations may be made to the BTHC Foundation designated to the Palliative Care Unit.

A private service was held with ash interment at the Harvest Heritage Columbarium in Winkler.

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