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Thirty-seven riders on 29 bikes set out from Winkler Saturday as part of Children's Camps International's first Manitoba Ride for Kids. See Pg. 3 for the full story.

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Bikers raise enough to send nearly 1,500 kids to camp

By Ashleigh Viveiros

Nearly 40 riders on 29 motorcycles set out from Winkler Saturday for Children's Camps International's first Ride for Kids in Manitoba.

It was a great way to kick off what the Christian ministry hopes will become an annual event, said organizer Marv Letkeman.

"It was a really good day," he said on Monday. "We raised \$2,237, which translates into being able to send 1,492 kids to camp overseas."

Letkeman had hoped to see perhaps 50 motorcyclists take part in the drive through the Pembina Valley this first year, but conflicting rides elsewhere in the province kept many out-of-town bikers away. He's confident the event will grow in future years.

"We were shooting for a few more riders," he said, noting the original June 8 date had to be pushed back to September due to the pandemic. "We had a lot of plans for the ride this year but because of the restrictions we couldn't do a lot of the stuff."

"But everyone I talked to had a great



PHOTO BY ASHLEIGH VIVEIROS/VOICE

Twenty-nine motorcycles took part in Children's Camps International's first Ride for Kids event in Manitoba last weekend. Their route took them all over the Pembina Valley before returning to Winkler for supper. The day raised over \$2,000 to help send kids to Christian day camps overseas.

time. They were just so excited about the run and they were going to promote it to other people, and so we'll be bigger and better next year, definitely."

Ride for Kids offered participants three routes of various lengths to tackle, but nearly all of the riders opted for the longest route at 400 km.

"We thought it would be a good idea, having three different routes for the different experience levels, but all but one couple, who did the middle [275 km] route, did the longest run. And no one did the short [175 km] run."

With that in mind, Letkeman said they'll likely offer just the one, longer route next year with a few fun optional offshoots and pit stops.

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Familiar face in curator role at Winkler Heritage Museum

By Ashleigh Viveiros

Joanne Bergen has stepped into the curator/manager role at the Winkler Heritage Museum. Bergen, who has worked at the Southland Mall museum for the past seven years as its shop-

keeper, takes over from longtime volunteer curator Dora Hildebrand, who stepped down earlier this summer.

The change gives Bergen more immediate control over the goings-on at the museum.

"It's neat that I sort of have final say on things

now," Bergen says, stressing that she's grateful for all the work Hildebrand put into the museum over the years.

Now, though, if someone comes in with an artifact they want to donate, Bergen, who is there nearly every day of the week, no longer has to act as a go-between.

"It's basically streamlines the day-to-day running of the museum," she says. "It's nice to have the person who is here all the time making the decisions."

Thanks to Hildebrand securing the museum some extra storage space in the mall before her departure, Bergen and some volunteers were able to put their stamp on the museum this summer with a rearrangement of its various exhibits, trying to make for a less cluttered experience for visitors.

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Joanne Bergen is the new curator/manager at the Winkler Heritage Museum, which recently received these wooden post boxes as a donation. Local history buffs figure the boxes were in a village store at some point in time, but they're not sure where. If you have an idea where they may have originated, contact the museum.

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Proposed Valley Fiber Radio Communications Project Telecommunications Tower

Valley Fiber Limited is a locally owned and operated technology firm based out of Winkler, MB. The ever-growing need for fast and reliable telecommunications has spurred innovation. To continue this innovation, Valley Fiber is proposing to construct a 58m tower with communication equipment and all Transport Canada required lighting. The tower will require a small 3.6mx4.2m ancillary building at the base of the tower. Based on a review by Valley Fiber, there were no available existing location or facilities that would suit the project requirements. Valley Fiber is inviting the public to comment on the proposed tower location prior to **October 19th, 2020**. This tower is going to be constructed and operated to be fully compliant with Industry Canada guidelines found in the client procedures circular (CPC-2-0-03, including Safety code 6 and CEAA 2012).

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Celebrating Mennonite Heritage Week

In honour of Mennonite Heritage Week Sept. 6-12, the Winkler Heritage Museum put up a display of quintessential Mennonite artifacts and photos in its windows for passersby to enjoy.

"I tried to pick out photos that to me just say Mennonite," curator Joanne Bergen says. "Pictures that depict everyday life for the Mennonite families that were here."

The display windows also include a few pieces of Mennonite clothing and, of course, a Crokinole board.

Coming up next month, the museum plans to shine a spotlight on the Jewish families that called Winkler home in its earliest days.

Bergen is looking for artifacts to help paint a picture of the impact the Jewish culture had on the fledgling community.

"Please, somebody bring me a dreidel, a menorah," she says. "It's part of our story."

—Ashleigh Viveiros



WINKLER HERITAGE MUSEUM PHOTO Summer staffer Gabi Peters in front of the Winkler Heritage Museum's display in honour of Mennonite Heritage Week.

Kidney Walk supporters step out in person, online

A dedicated group headed out from Morden Park Sunday afternoon for the annual Pembina Valley Kidney Walk. With many more people also participating virtually, organizers were confident the annual fundraiser for the Kidney Foundation of Canada Manitoba branch would meet and perhaps surpass their goal of \$10,000 in donations.

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Five-day COVID-19 test positivity rate at 1.4 per cent

By Ashleigh Viveiros

Manitoba's five-day COVID-19 test positivity rate was at 1.4 per cent Monday as public health officials announced 21 new cases of the virus, the bulk of them in Winnipeg.

Those cases, added to the 35 announced over the weekend, bring Manitoba's total number of cases to 1,449.

There were 257 active cases on Monday and 1,176 total recoveries. Twelve people were in hospital at the start of the week, three in intensive care. Sixteen Manitobans have died of COVID-19 since the pandemic began.

At press time, Southern Health-Santé Sud had a total of 25 active cases.

There were no active cases in Morden, Winkler, or Carman as of Monday afternoon, though the three communities had 17 recoveries between them.

Meanwhile, Stanley was showing one active case and one recovery, Lorne/Louise/Pembina had three active cases and 15 recoveries, Roland/Thompson had one active and 13 recovered cases, and Morris had eight recoveries.

The first week of school ended with reports of potential exposures at five schools in Winnipeg and Brandon.

"At this time, the school exposures were in people who were asymptomatic at the time that they were in the schools," explained Dr. Brent Roussin, Manitoba's chief public health officer at Monday's press briefing.

Roussin noted that in all these cases public health advice was being followed, including physical distancing and mask use, and so the risk to others is considered to be low.

Still, the increasing case numbers across the province is a reminder that "we are seeing this virus circulating and it's necessary to always practise those fundamentals and all the protocols that have been put in place,"

Roussin said.

That includes staying home if you are sick, washing/sanitizing your hands, covering your cough, physically distancing when you are with people outside your household, and wearing a mask in situations where you cannot physically distance.

"We know that our actions today could have effects up to two weeks from now," Roussin stressed, "so we need to stay up to date on those fundamentals, protecting ourselves and protecting the people around us."

Learning to live with COVID-19 goes

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Wage subsidy program extended

Voice staff

The Manitoba government has expanded its Back to Work in Manitoba Wage Subsidy program to the end of the year.

Through the Back to Work initiative, private-sector and non-profit employers can receive up to \$100,000 to subsidize 20 employees (up to \$5,000 per employee) hired since July 16.

On Monday, Premier Brian Pallister announced the program will be extended by two months until Dec. 31.

"The Back to Work wage subsidy is benefiting hundreds of Manitoba businesses that are bringing back employees who were laid off during the COVID-19 pandemic, and hiring more staff to boost their operations and provide valued services to Manitobans," he said.

Pallister also announced that employers are now able to rehire students previously hired through the Manitoba Summer Student Recovery Jobs Program, Canada Summer Job

Program, and Green Team Program.

The province also confirmed new start-up companies are eligible for the program, providing they have a business number.

"Extending the program through the calendar year will support seasonal winter businesses and allow existing employers to use the program for a greater length of time into the holiday season," noted Economic Development and Training Minister Ralph Eichler. "Youth employment remains a focus of our government, and we want to give employers the flexibility to rehire summer students, which increases job creation and benefits post-secondary students and businesses alike."

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The season of nuts

Please remove your nuts from my air filter."

If I could communicate with squirrels this is what I would say to one of our neighbours. Alas, Google Translate does not include the animal languages yet.

Let me back up. For several weeks now our car has had a worrying rattle. It was the kind of rattle that had my wife and I thinking about whether there was an issue in the engine. It was definitely coming from somewhere under the hood.

An inspection by my wife revealed nothing. Open the hood and things appeared to be fine. Still, when the engine reached a certain RPM that rattling began. If it passed this RPM it would vanish. Sadly, the magical level was roughly where we needed to be to drive the speed limit, so we had to choose to

drive slower or faster or simply live with the mind-numbing rattle.

Fast forward to a few days ago. It was oil change time. There was some conversation about how maybe, because we were a little delinquent on the change (by about 2,000 km), that this may have something to do with it.

My wife brought the car in for the oil change and referenced the rattle, which led to a promise to check it out (shout out to the folks at Ed's OK in Winkler who have always been amazing with service for us).

When she went back to retrieve the vehicle one of the guys asked my wife to take a look at something on his phone. He presented her with a photo of an air filter completely covered in acorns.

"It looks like you've had an intruder."

Somehow a squirrel had managed to climb into the engine and place his nuts all over our air filter. Perhaps he wanted to toast them, we mused. Thankfully there was no evidence a squirrel actually ended up getting bound up in the engine.

Squirrels.

Every year around this time the little brown, red or grey rodents drag their

nuts all over our property looking for places to stash them. Usually you find small hordes of them at the juncture of branches, in small holes in the ground, under the cushions of patio furniture, etc., but this is the first time we have found them in our car.

If there is anything a squirrel loves more than their nuts I am not familiar with it. I have seen the noisy little beasts hauling their nuts all over the place from tree to tree frantically trying to find a place where other squirrels will not find them.

Generally squirrels are not creatures to go around blatantly flaunting their nuts for all to see as this would betray the need for secrecy.

Comedian and national treasure Sarah Silverman has a particularly funny bit about how squirrels are reported to actually forget where they hide more than 80 per cent of their nuts. "And that's how trees get planted!"

I have no doubt that the squirrel that was storing his nuts in our engine would not have found them again in the spring, but I am certain that he has crammed his nuts in enough weird places that he will do just fine without them.



By Peter Cantelon

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beyond common sense health precautions, Roussin noted.

"We also have to remember to be kind and that stigma really impairs our ability to address this virus," he said.

Roussin urges people with even mild symptoms of respiratory illness to get tested soon after those

symptoms arise.

"If you test positive, no one is blaming you, but it's the best way to protect everyone around you," he said.

Businesses are encouraged to have protocols in place for what is expected to be a fall and winter filled with a higher than usual rate of employee absenteeism.

"We again ask employers not to send asymptomatic employees for testing," Roussin said. "Only symptomatic people or people who have been advised from Public Health should be going for asymptomatic testing."

> WAGE SUBSIDY, FROM PG. 5

To date, the Back to Work Manitoba Initiative has received more than 800 applications from employers for 4,500 positions and \$22.6 million in supports.

Some of the top participating sectors include retail trade (16 per cent), agriculture, forestry, fishing and

hunting (12 per cent), and accommodation and food services (eight per cent).

Recent labour force statistics show that nearly 70 per cent of Manitobans who lost their jobs in March and April have been rehired.

The Back to Work Manitoba Wage

Subsidy application deadline is now Dec. 1. Employers will be required to provide proof of payment of wages by Feb. 1, 2021.

Program details and the application form are available online at www.gov.mb.ca/covid19/restartmb/btwmp.html.

Eden Head for the Hills raises \$80,000

By Lorne Stelmach

Coming close to what the event usually draws and raises was heralded as a welcome achievement by organizers of Head for the Hills last weekend.

The 18th annual cycling fundraiser in support of the Eden Foundation and local mental health programming had 147 pre-registered bikers (with a few more showing up the morning of) and raised at least \$80,000 on Saturday.

"It's a little bit less than last year, but this is exceedingly and abundantly better than we had anticipated given our current world circumstances," said foundation director of development Earl Reimer.

"It was a bit of a challenge to figure out how do we do this safely and how do we do this well," he noted. "We're really quite delighted by what's hap-

pened here. I was really concerned about two weeks ago ... but we have been blessed, so we are very thankful."

Instead of leaving from Lake Minnewasta and heading south to the border, this year the cyclists started and finished south of Morden at the Cripple Creek Music Festival site.

"One of the things that draws people is the location ... we're on the Trans-Canada Trail," said Reimer. "And this is the first time we have been granted the privilege of using the Cripple Creek Music Festival site, and that is as a result of a family estate granting us access to their private property."

"I think the cause draws people; the fact that this is for the purposes of bringing hope, healing, and community to those who are on a mental health journey," he said. "I think that's an important component that people



PHOTOS BY LORNE STELMACH/VOICE

Over 150 bikers set out from Cripple Creek Saturday for the 18th annual Eden Head for the Hills cycling event.

connect with.

"Hopefully we're providing people with a pleasant riding experience and we're providing people with an over-

all good experience of what it means to be community," Reimer added. "This year probably is also indicative of the fact that people are looking for the opportunity to engage in community in some safe fashion."

For rider Yvonne Stoesz, who works for Eden Health Care Services and has been part of Head for the Hills since nearly the start, it's about supporting something that is close to her heart.

"It's a great cause ... mental health and supporting people's wellness," she said. "And I love biking, and those two go together so well ... physical and mental health go together."

"It's a great way for me to even encourage people who I work with ... that they can not only receive services but participate in helping other people."



Heritage society has big dreams for museum

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She envisions a series of rotating displays featuring a slice of the thousands of artifacts the museum has in its care. That way there's something new to explore on every visit.

"We've wanted rotating displays in here for years, but we just didn't have the space to store so many artifacts elsewhere," Bergen says. "Now we can actually do it."

Bergen and the Winkler Heritage Society have big dreams for the museum, which has been operating out of the mall since 2011.

Chief among them is finding a larger location to allow for more extensive exhibits and perhaps the inclusion of the Winkler Archives, which currently calls the Winkler Centennial Library home.

"I've always said why are we not to the West Reserve what the Mennonite Heritage Village in Steinbach is to the East Reserve?" Bergen says, referring to the blocks of land set aside by the government for the Russian Mennonites who settled southern Manitoba in the 1800s. "They are this information hub, they have this gorgeous museum. We could have all that here."

"What we need, first of all, is a big-

ger space," she says, noting they've been looking at a number of potential locations in the community, including empty spaces in the mall itself, but nothing has been decided yet.

A major barrier, of course, is money. The society relies on donations to keep the museum's doors open each month.

"We want to expand," Bergen says. "We're going to need some help to do that."

New volunteers are also always welcome.

"Right now we need volunteers for Saturdays from 2-4 p.m.," Bergen says, noting volunteers are also needed to

"WE WANT TO EXPAND. WE'RE GOING TO NEED SOME HELP TO DO THAT."

help with the processing of new donations.

If you'd like to learn more, stop by the museum Tuesday-Friday from noon to 4 p.m. or Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Buhler Active Living Centre exec. director stepping down

By Ashleigh Viveiros

The Buhler Active Living Centre is on the hunt for a new executive director.

Mike Chute is stepping down from the role this fall to enjoy retirement with family in Alberta.

Chute has headed up the non-profit 55+ community in Winkler for four years now, coming on board a few months after the facility opened its doors in 2016.

"I'm going to be 70 years old next month and I just thought it was time," says Chute, who was the branch manager of Winkler's Scotiabank before taking the job at the BALC. "We've accomplished a lot here and I think it's appropriate to now pass the torch on to someone else."

The past four years have seen the building become a real community in the heart of downtown Winkler

"There's been a lot of accomplishments," says Chute. "First of all, we filled the building. Then we got The Villages going on the second floor, and it's full now. And we then we got the our charitable status for The Villages."

The Villages was the last piece in the BALC puzzle, offering supportive housing for older adults. The rest



After four years in the role, BALC executive director Mike Chute is retiring this fall. The hunt is on for his replacement.

PHOTO BY ASHLEIGH VIVEIROS/VOICE

of the building includes affordable housing units, age-in-place supports such as food services, and the Winkler Senior Centre on the ground floor.

Chute's departure means he won't get to see the facility's latest project—a rooftop terrace and garden complete with gazebo—through to fruition, but he's confident it will be another great addition when it opens.

"That's a project we're working with The Villages on," he says, adding

they've been fundraising steadily and successfully over the past year. "We're just waiting now for engineer drawings. The hope is we get the structure up there by winter and then in spring we'll be ready to go."

For Chute, being part of the facility's first few years of community-building has been immensely gratifying.

That community extends far beyond the BALC, he notes, and includes the surrounding 55+ apartment complex-

es and everyone who stops by regularly to use the services on the main floor, including the pharmacy, hair salon, and senior centre.

"That's certainly another accomplishment is the senior centre and how it's melded so well into the building," Chute says. "It's seamless. There's so many activities going on."

Chute credits his staff and the facility's board of directors with making the centre what it is today.

"I have a great team here. They're very committed and dedicated to helping and serving."

The Buhler Active Living Centre board is now accepting applications for the executive director position. Chute plans to stay on until early November to help transition the new person into the role.

His advice for whoever steps into his shoes?

"I think for me it was being a people person," Chute says. "Connecting with the tenants is very important. Spending time with them, having a cup of coffee with them, listening to them. I think that's all really important here."

It's also what makes his decision to retire such a difficult one.

"The hardest part of leaving is going to be saying goodbye to all the staff, the tenants," Chute says.

Laurie Dyck continuing as GVSD board chair

By Ashleigh Viveiros

A new school year meant it was time for some shuffling of the Garden Val-

ley School Division's board.

The trustees held their annual reorganization meeting last week.

Back as board chair is Laurie Dyck



GVSD PHOTO

The Garden Valley School Division board of trustees held its reorganization meeting last week. Laurie Dyck (front row, second from right) returns for her seventh year as board chair.

while John Klassen steps into the vice-chair position.

The education committee consists of Klassen, Garry Bueckert, and Barb Heide; the operations committee is made up of Tash Olfert, Deana Wilson, and Tena Lane; and the policy committee includes Jake Fehr, Dyck, and Leah Klassen.

"It's a privilege to lead the board," said Dyck, who is entering her seventh year in the role.

What with the uncertainty surrounding the COVID-19 pandemic, it might be one of GVSD's most challenging years yet.

"The year is going to look different simply when it comes to all the procedures we have in place for student and staff safety," Dyck said. "Our senior admin has done an excellent job at coming up with a plan and working with our school leadership teams."

That said, finding a way to pay for it all is going to be a challenge for the division. None of the extra expenses that come with increased cleaning measures, distancing tools, or hand

hygiene supplies were in the budget for the school year.

"Our new curve ball for sure is that we are incurring new expenses due to the COVID practices," Dyck said, adding that while the government has announced some funding support for these measures, school divisions are still awaiting confirmation on exactly what that support is going to look like at the local level. "We're hoping some of those unforeseen expenses can be covered, because they are definitely not expenses we had planned for when we passed our 2020-2021 budget at the beginning of March."

As the pandemic's impact continues to unfold this fall and winter, the division intends to work hard to keep the lines of communication open.

"In the era we're in with the pandemic, definitely how can we better connect with our parents and our public?" Dyck said. "The board will be looking at that community connections piece. We'd already done some

arts & culture

Winkler pastor releases pair of children's books

By Ashleigh Viveiros

Kevin Drudge has always considered himself a storyteller.

"When I was a kid and I was home sick from school, my mom and I would just spontaneously tell each other stories, make up characters and tell a story to pass the time," he recalls.

He later shared that tradition with his own children, coming up with countless bedtime stories about a little boy named Johnny who went on all sorts of adventures.

"For years I would tell my daughters Johnny stories," Drudge says, "and they just adored them ... a Johnny story at bedtime could go on for 15 or 20 minutes because the kids didn't want them to end."

Today Drudge, a pastor at Covenant Mennonite Church in Winkler, has found a new audience for his tales, and a new main character.

"A few years ago I was preparing for a worship service here at church. We usually have a children's feature of some kind and so I thought, well, I'll write a story. So I wound up writing a story about a boy named Michael who was actually a lot like Johnny.

"The Michael story was also about an adventurous little boy, but it concluded with a surprising twist that invited the kids to think about a biblical lesson. That's where it began."

One story soon turned into dozens, two of which were recently published as a pair of children's books entitled *Michael's Ice Cream Surprise* and *Imagine, Michael!*

Publication wasn't on Drudge's mind when he first put pen to paper for the Michael stories, but his congregation was quick to voice their support and encouragement.

"They became well-loved by the kids as well as the adults in the church," he says. "People started saying you should try publishing them. At first I thought probably not. I had no idea how I would do that, so I sat on the idea for a couple of years. And then somebody told me about World Alive Press in Winnipeg."

The Christian publishing company was a good fit for Drudge, who has spent the past year editing and approving illustrations for the books. He received his very first copies of the final product earlier this month.

"It feels very exciting to do some-



PHOTO BY ASHLEIGH VIVEIROS/VOICE

Kevin Drudge has published two children's books about an adventurous little boy named Michael who learns biblical values in each story.

thing so completely new as publishing my stories," he says. "It is also humbling and very gratifying to have not only my congregation but also a publisher consider my stories to be worthy of a wider readership.

"I hope many kids will love getting to know Michael and learn some valuable things along the way."

Drudge's books are available through World Alive Press, in ebook

format on Amazon, and locally at the Bible Book Shop.

You can also contact him directly to purchase a book (\$12 each) by calling 204-384-7484 or emailing him at krdrudge@mymts.net.

"We decided to publish two books to start, but I'm thinking I might publish a series at some point," Drudge says, noting he'll wait and see how these first Michael stories are received.

CFGFB Singin' in the Grain concert to be livestreamed



SUPPLIED PHOTOS

Canadian Foodgrains Bank's Singin' in the Grain concert is going online this year. The show features performances from the Quonset Brothers, Steve Bell, and siblings Kristel Peters and Korey Peters.

By Lorne Stelmach

In countries where food security was already an issue, the COVID-19 pandemic has made many people's situation even more precarious.

With that further threat of hunger, organizers of a major annual fundraiser in support of the Canadian Foodgrains Bank (CFGFB) felt it was even more vital they find a way to carry on this year.

"We know the food issue is becoming greater rather than less because of this, so we thought what can we do?" said Pearl Braun Dyck, who is involved with the annual Singin' in the Grain planning committee.

"We had everything lined up for this year ... but we can't do anything at this point. We felt, though, it was very,

very important ... the situation is getting worse rather than better."

With that in mind, they are going online for a virtual Singin' in the Grain concert on Friday, Oct. 16 at 8 p.m. The show will feature the Quonset Brothers from Winkler, sibling crooners Kristel Peters and Korey Peters from Steinbach, and Steve Bell from Winnipeg. Jim Cornelius, outgoing CFGFB executive director, will also offer a short update on the organization's work around the world.

All proceeds will go towards the COVID-19 response programs of Mennonite Central Committee through CFGFB.

"We've had very generous sponsors who have always covered our expenses, so all the funds raised at the

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Local author pens book of 'Peculiar Lessons'

By Lorne Stelmach

A local author's latest effort is a foray from fiction, but one might not be able to easily classify *Peculiar Lessons: How Nature and the Material World Shaped a Prairie Childhood*.

Lois Braun sees her new book as part memoir and part social history about growing up on a southern Manitoba farm in the mid-20th century.

The Altona resident believes there's a large demographic who would recognize the 1950s-1960s world she explores.

"My first thought was that it might just be going to my family ... then I realized ... there are many people who

grew up in the same era ... who would be able to connect," Braun said in a recent interview.

"It kept occurring to me as I was writing that the experiences I was writing about would have been the same for other people or similar, especially people in southern Manitoba, and that others might actually be interested in reading what I was writing. So I began to hone it more into a piece of literature and to flesh it out in a way that would make it interesting for others."

This isn't Braun's first foray into writing. The retired schoolteacher has penned four other collections of short fiction including *A Stone Watermelon*,

which was shortlisted for the Governor General's Literary Award, and *The Penance Drummer*, which received the Margaret Laurence Award for Fiction.

Currently working as a freelance editor and volunteer for local arts and history committees and events, Braun took a different approach to her newest work.

Each essay in the book is about a different substance such as rock, water, plastics, textiles and paper.

As well, each essay touches on three elements: her own childhood experiences and reflections, research into the science and/or history behind them, and a profile of an artist or activist she has come to know and who took experiences similar to hers and formed them into lifelong passions, careers, or hobbies.

"I started writing sort of my life story, but it wasn't for others, it was more for myself. It was exploring really, I guess, my roots," Braun said. "As I was writing about my childhood, it occurred to me that for all of the activities and things that I was experiencing in my surroundings, I discovered that there were objects or substances always connected to it."

As the project progressed she found it a more appealing approach than just a straight-forward memoir style.

"The response that I get from people is how they have had similar yet different kinds of experiences with the same kinds of objects and substances," said Braun.

"You will be surprised by how much you remember," she added, noting how a few things emerged as she continued writing. "Especially my father

and just how much he was present ... suddenly, there was Dad. He was kind of an observer, sometimes an instigator, sometimes a person who was there to help and an inspiration.

"He was only 54 when he died and I was 20. He died before I was aware that he would have had such a history himself that I never tapped into."

Another thing she hopes will emerge from the book for readers is "how rich and beautiful this prairie region really is ... I recognized that there certainly is a lot of complexity and beauty to this region that we live in here in southern Manitoba."

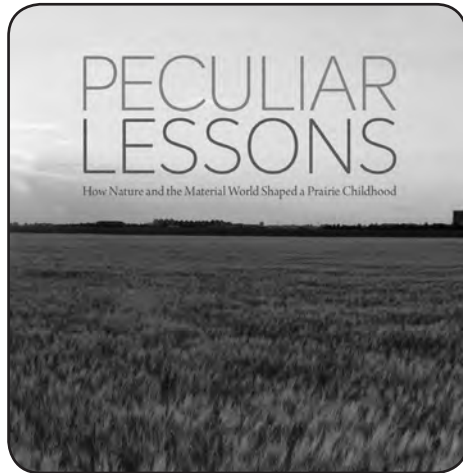
She also hopes it inspires people to perhaps put pen to paper themselves.

"I guess my message in all of this is I really encourage people to start writing," Braun said. "A lot of people say to me I can't remember like you do ... I said you just start writing and you will be surprised how things just click into place. The memories just come rolling in ... it suddenly pops into your consciousness."

"Talk to your parents now because you may regret not having asked them about their own histories. Make sure that you record in some way their memories. I think that is very, very important," she added.

"My message is for others to write, either for themselves or their families ... to write and to just enjoy how the memories and experiences will just keep flooding back and help you to recognize who you were and how you became this person."

Peculiar Lessons is available at a number of retail outlets, including McNally Robinson.



SUPPLIED PHOTOS

Altona author Lois Braun's new book, *Peculiar Lessons: How Nature and the Material World Shaped a Prairie Childhood*, shares memories of growing up in southern Manitoba in the 1950s and '60s.

> SINGIN' IN THE GRAIN, FROM PG. 9

concerts went to areas where Canadian Foodgrains Bank is involved and where the need is really great," Dyck said. "We've always been very fortunate that musicians have been very willing to volunteer their time in doing these concerts for us."

The Singin' in the Grain committee has organized annual benefit concerts to support the Canadian Foodgrains Bank since 2011.

It began in 2010 as the inspiration of Harold Penner, then the Manitoba regional representative, whose thought was "it's not only farmers who really should be working to help eradicate hunger," said Dyck. "He came up with the idea [of] let's involve other people. That is where this group started ... so we brainstormed that first year and our first concert was held in 2011."

The concerts have featured a range of different choirs over the years, with the shows usually including one in Winnipeg and one elsewhere in rural Manitoba, often Winkler.

"They've raised anywhere from about \$15,000 to \$30,000 a year," Dyck noted. "If we could surpass the \$30,000 [this year], that would be a miracle."

The concert will be streamed live at foodgrainsbank.ca and available for viewing afterwards. Donations can also be made online.

FEEDING THE HUNGRY

Founded in 1983, the foodgrains bank is a partnership of 15 church and church-based agencies working together to end global hunger.

In 2019-20, it helped over 800,000 people in 34 countries with the sup-

port of over 200 growing projects across Canada. These projects contribute approximately half of the donations received, and each year the Canadian government then provides matching financial support.

The south central region of the province is a substantial contributor, noted regional rep. Gordon Janzen.

Among the local growing projects are Gardenland in the Winkler area and SHARE at Morden/Thornhill

"Both of those have multiple fields, so they're groups of farmers with several fields that they are managing," said Janzen, who noted SHARE recently harvested 120 acres of oats as well as some peas and canola and have 360 acres of soybeans on the way.

Also contributing in the region are CHUM in Plum Coulee, Common

Ground near Rosenfeld, Hands Harvest Hope in the Darlingford area, the Pembina project near Manitou, and GIFT (Growing In Faith Together) in the Miami region.

"We're really thrilled with the solid support and continuing support, especially during a year when COVID-19 is causing an increase in the number of hungry people around the world," said Janzen. "I haven't heard the words bumper crop being used, but I think producers are really pleased with the yields."

"The support of the Morden and Winkler area is really significant and makes a big difference to our programs," he added. "A lot of the support in the Winkler-Morden area goes to the MCC account, and that's a big one and an important partner."

Teichroeb raises nearly \$32K for STARS air ambulance

By Ashleigh Viveiros

He may not have reached his fundraising goal, but Bernhard Teichroeb is still feeling pretty good about the money he was able to raise for the STARS air ambulance last week.

Teichroeb brought in \$31,663 in donations during his participation with the STARS Rescue on the Island Sept. 9.

The event sent Teichroeb, a sales and project manager with Wiebe's Steel Structures in Morden, Loewen Windows and Doors president Al Babiuk, and RM of Ste. Anne councillor Sarah Normandeau to an island in the Whiteshell for the day armed with their cell phones so they could reach out to their contacts for donations to earn a helicopter ride home.

Teichroeb had hoped to raise \$50,000 for the air ambulance that helped save the life of his daughter when she needed emergency transport a few years ago.

"I am a little disappointed I didn't reach my goal," he said back home last Thursday, "but we're happy and definitely very appreciative of all of the people who gave."

"Really, I measure it in missions to southern Manitoba," he added, explaining the average cost of a STARS flight is \$5,400. "So that's six life-saving missions."

Fundraising aside, Rescue on the Island served as an eye-opening experience for Teichroeb. In between donation calls, he and the other participants spent the day



STARS PHOTOS



Morden's Bernhard Teichroeb spent last Wednesday tackling medical and survival challenges as a participant in the STARS Rescue on the Island. He raised nearly \$32,000 for the air ambulance.

being quizzed on their STARS know-how and tackling various survival and medical challenges.

Teichroeb won the challenge that had them use what they had on hand to mark a landing zone for a helicopter in an emergency situation.

"It was fun, for sure," he said. "It was great to work with the volunteers and the STARS personnel."

"The challenges, they were definitely just that: they were challenging," Teichroeb added, noting the medical scenario especially highlighted how fast things can happen in emergency medical situations. "It was a real eye-opener for me as to what's all involved in a situation where somebody's not breathing or something."

In all, Rescue on the Island 2020 raised just over \$223,000 for STARS.

"I just want to say a big thank you to each and every donor," Teichroeb said. "Whether the gift was large or seemingly on the smaller dollar amount side, every dollar is put to use and nothing is taken for granted."

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work this spring with some videos we released and now we're looking for other ways to make sure we're staying connected with everyone about what's going on."

COVID-19 matters aside, the day-to-day operating of a school system that includes facilities in Winkler, Plum Coulee, Schanzenfeld, Blumenfeld, Hochfeld, and Reinland includes keeping on top of necessary maintenance for those facilities.

Prior to summer break, the division submitted requests for project funding to the Public Schools Finance Board for a gym roof and exterior replacement at Winkler Elementary School, a building envelope replacement at Garden Valley Collegiate, and a replacement of the portable link hallway at J.R. Walkof School.

They haven't heard back yet on these projects, Dyck said, though work had previously been approved for other exterior improvements to the older section of the Winkler Elementary building.

"That work, the planning starts now," she said.

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Sweet suncatch sounds

The Beerjammers entertained in downtown Morden Friday night for the Suncatch Sounds concert, which was not only the finale but also the lone show of the summer after the previous two were cancelled because of rain. Capacity was restricted and other measures were in place due to the ongoing pandemic.

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Retirement PLANNING

How financial planners can help you every day



Financial planning and retirement go hand in hand. Without effective planning, many people would never be able to retire, while others might have to work much longer than they hope to. While financial planning is essential to achieve long-term goals, planning also can make it easier for people to meet their everyday financial needs.

Managing money is a big responsibility, and it's one that many people may need help with. A recent survey from Pew Charitable Trusts found that 55 percent of Americans spend as much or more than they earn. That's not only compromising their financial futures, but also making daily life more stressful, as the American Psychological Association's annual «Stress in America» survey routinely finds that money is a top cause of stress among millions of Americans.

Adults who are finding it difficult to manage their money on a day-to-day basis may benefit from the services of a financial planner. Financial planners can help people create effective long-term financial plans, and they also can be vital resources for people who need help managing their money every day.

Planners can look at things from an unbiased perspective. An honest assessment of monthly expenses is essential when creating a monthly budget. However, many people tend to be biased when it comes to their monthly expenses. For example, some may feel that three streaming

service subscriptions are something they cannot live without. That can make it difficult to trim some of the fat from their monthly expenditures. A financial planner will begin by examining your monthly expenses and may or may not make unbiased suggestions regarding where you can save.

Planners have the time. The average household is a hectic place. Adults with commitments at work and home often cite a lack of time as one of the reasons they aren't more on top of their finances. A 2018 survey from Bankrate.com found that 16 percent of respondents aren't saving more money because they haven't gotten to it. Financial planners have the time to help clients save, and over time a planner can be an expense that pays for itself if families are saving more as a result of enlisting the services of a planner.

Planners have the expertise many people lack. One of the reasons people struggle financially is that it can be hard to navigate the world of investments, insurance and taxes. Planners have the financial literacy necessary to navigate those waters successfully and can help people realize both their short- and long-term financial goals.

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Merit Functional Foods ready to open in CentrePort

By Jennifer McFee

A new food production facility will open soon in CentrePort to provide consumers with protein-packed dairy and meat alternatives.

Merit Functional Foods was established in July 2019 by hemp industry experts Ryan Bracken, Berry Tomiski and Shaun Crew, who have decades of experience working in the plant protein industry. The company takes pride in offering a lineup of pea and canola protein that exceeds industry standards for purity, solubility and taste.

Last fall, construction began on a 94,000-square-foot facility in CentrePort.

"We are nearing the finish line — in the last few months we have made amazing progress and our facility is on track to be fully operational by the fourth quarter of 2020," said Bracken,

co-CEO of the company.

"Along with producing high-purity pea protein, we're proud that our facility will be the first commercial facility with the capability to produce food-grade canola protein. Ultimately these ingredients will then be used in the formulations of high-value food applications such as plant-protein beverages, dairy alternatives and meat alternatives."

It's good news for the agriculture industry since Merit will be sourcing pea and non-GMO canola in Western Canada.

"We will initially source approximately 30,000 acres worth of pea and canola, growing to greater than 100,000 acres within three to five years," Bracken said, "which will add more value to Western Canadian agriculture."

Merit's ingredients can be used in



VOICE PHOTO BY LANA MEIER

Merit Functional Foods is on track to be fully operational by the end of this year.

a variety of products, including meat alternatives and dairy alternatives — like plant-based milk, plant-based frozen dessert and plant-based yogurt — as well as functional foods and beverages such as protein supplements or nutrition bars.

"We're redefining what 'plant-based' means when it comes to protein. Consumers are looking for plant-based protein but without sacrificing taste or texture," Bracken said.

"While early adopters of the plant-based movement may have been less critical of plant-based protein's taste, today the consumer base has significantly grown — and with that growth has come the expectation of good taste and the ability to move to a plant-based diet without trade-offs. Protein from Merit means that it's not just plant-based, but it also has higher

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Your FARM



Interlake Packers continues with farming roots

By Evan Matthews

The most successful businesses bridge a gap, fill a need, provide a service, so it should be no surprise that this Interlake success story can be traced back to the farm.

A group of 12 farmers started Interlake Packers — originally known as Interlake Custom Killing Plant — in 1972, as there was nowhere else near St. Laurent or the surrounding area to process livestock. Over the years, Monica Schon's father slowly bought out each one of the 12 to become the sole owner.

"My dad owned a beef farm, and there was nowhere to slaughter in our area. They built a small little facility, and it just started to grow," said Schon, who is now the manager and co-owner.

Schon has co-owned with her three



Some of the classic sausage and garlic rings made at Interlake Packers.

brothers, Rick (who works at the facility and is quality control and our main sausage maker), Ed (the former-manager, now retired), and Willy (a silent partner), since 1991.

"Now, our business focuses on pro-



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Siblings Rick and Monica Schon operate the family-owned and operated Interlake Packers business.

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cessing pork, we have a retail store, and we do wholesale," she said.

The business has a truck on the road five days a week supplying large quantities of processed pork products to other retailers as far north as Gypsumville, Fisher Branch, Peguis, Inwood, Teulon, Arborg, Riverton and Gimli.

The retail store offers an array of sausage and garlic rings, which are smoked on-site. The business recently invested \$300,000 into a new smoker, as the old one couldn't keep up with the demand the business had.

Reflecting the ever-increasingly difficulties associated with the beef production industry, Schon said Interlake Packers stopped slaughtering beef roughly four years ago.

"It started with BSE (mad cow) when... Rothesay stopped rendering beef. They are still open but render pork," said Schon, referring to what was Manitoba's only rendering company at the time. Rendering is the process of converting waste animal tissue into stable, usable materials.

"We tried to hang on until it just

wasn't sustainable. It got to a point where we were losing money on beef production."

With so many beef producers in the area, there were quite a few producers saddened by the business's decision, she added.

Schon said the company still brings in some beef for certain sausage recipes, but the beef comes in from Beausejour and Carman after being processed.

"Our sausage is probably the bread and butter of our business, and they're gluten-free. They're so well-known all over the place. ... People come from B.C. and everywhere else to stock up," said Schon, adding the plant produces 1,500 pounds of sausage daily.

"Our bacon is supposed to be the best in the world, we have a few testimonials. ... That's probably why we're still standing," she said, chuckling.

For the most part, COVID-19 has impacted businesses in every industry, and Interlake Packers is no exception.

Fortunately, the bottom line has not been overly affected by COVID. Whereas wholesale demand may

have dropped off slightly, Schon said the company's custom work has picked up "tremendously."

"It was slow for a while when it first hit in March ... but everybody is trying to raise their own meat now. They raise a pig, they bring it in here, and we butcher and package the meat as requested," said Schon.

"That's more and more because people like to know what they're eating nowadays, I think. We've also been doing a lot of wild game from hunters

who bring in elk or moose. ... We do lots of different sausage for them."

Sales in the retail store have increased quite a bit during COVID, Schon said. There are more people at home looking for local product and traditional recipes.

"We've actually hired a couple of people over the pandemic," said Schon. "It's been sad. Some of the restaurants we supply didn't survive, so we know we're fortunate."



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\$134-million interprovincial agreement renewed for Western College of Veterinary Medicine

By the Manitoba government

Three provincial governments announced the renewal of their financial commitment to the University of Saskatchewan's Western College of Veterinary Medicine (WCVM) today.

The Manitoba, British Columbia and Saskatchewan governments' agreement with the University of Saskatchewan provides over \$134 million to the Western College of Veterinary Medicine (WCVM) for the next five

years.

The agreement helps to ensure that Western Canada has a steady supply of veterinarians with in-depth knowledge of animal health and public health, as well as an awareness of the standards and issues facing livestock, fowl and fisheries producers, and pet owners.

"The Manitoba government is pleased to renew our commitment to training in veterinary medicine and

continue our long-standing partnership that provides high-quality education and training opportunities to Manitobans and helps meet labour market demand across the province," said Manitoba Economic Development and Training Minister Ralph Eichler. "This is an important investment in Manitoba's agriculture sector that aligns with needs under the Manitoba Protein Advantage Strategy. We need good veterinarians in place to help us practise safe animal welfare and keep growing animal agriculture in Manitoba."

Saskatchewan Minister of Advanced Education Tina Beaudry-Mellor said, "Ensuring that educational opportunities meet labour-market expectations is a Growth Plan priority for our government. This agreement allows Saskatchewan, and our partner provinces, to communicate admissions' priorities so they are in step with each province's labour-market needs."

British Columbia Minister of Advanced Education, Skills and Training Melanie Mark said, "There is an increasing demand for veterinarians and veterinary research across Western Canada. This agreement helps us focus on equipping students from the

western provinces with the expertise to return and practise in their home communities, where they are in demand."

University of Saskatchewan interim provost and vice-president academic Melissa Just said, "The WCVM is built on collaboration, and its people and programs strengthen the University of Saskatchewan's impact in everything from agriculture and animal health to comparative medicine and public health. We're excited to see what it will achieve with the renewed support of its provincial partners and our university."

The WCVM is the premier centre of veterinary education, research and expertise in Western Canada and a key member of Canada's veterinary, public health and food safety networks. The internationally accredited facility includes a veterinary medical centre, a provincial diagnostic laboratory and large-scale research facilities.

The college's new interprovincial agreement is in place until 2025.

Find video greetings from Manitoba, British Columbia and Saskatchewan and University of Saskatchewan representatives at <https://wcvm.usask.ca/ipa.php>.

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Studio tour showcases local artists at work

By Lorne Stelmach

There were many familiar faces but also some newcomers taking part in the annual Pembina Valley Studio Tour last weekend.

The annual two-day showcase for the arts across the region returned for its 16th year with dozens of stops ranging from galleries to home studios.

A number of the planned 30 locations including the Manitou Opera House, Miami Railway Station Museum, Pilot Mound United Community Arts, and Darlingford School Museum ended up having to drop out mostly

due to ongoing pandemic restrictions, but that didn't deter people like Kerry Ward from checking the tour's other venues out for the first time.

"It seemed to be something that we could do this year with so many other things being closed down," noted the Blumenfeld resident.

She came away impressed with the variety of art on display.

"There is a lot of talent here," Ward said. "It's interesting seeing different things, and it's nice being able to see the local artists and what people are doing in your own community."

"It's really cool to discover all the



Artist and tour organizer Margie Hildebrand with some of her work.

Above, left: Kerry Ward and Micaela Gray checking out the work of Marilyn Young in Morden at one of the stops on the Pembina Valley Studio Tour last weekend. Above, right: Woodworker Laverne Lovattt chatting with visitors at his home studio.

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little galleries and spaces sprinkled around the city that you would never have expected," noted fellow tour participant Micaela Gray of Morden.

"It's good exposure for the local artists," she suggested. "That's something that is really good with the art gallery because they showcase a lot of local artists ... and it's cool to be able to visit their homes and meet the people behind the art you see in the galleries."

Mordenite Lenore Laverty finds herself drawn to the self-guided tour every year.

"Often I know the people, so you just want to support them and see what they've been doing," she explained. "It's always exciting to see the creativity in the Pembina Valley and then some of the new people and what they come up with ... it's all just very interesting."

"I've never done the whole tour in one weekend, so you can move around each year," Laverty added. "And the artists change a bit every year, so there's always new things to see."

"I look forward to it, and I'm doing some of my Christmas shopping," she said, adding that "seeing what other people do might inspire you ... or even maybe to try something new."

Artist and tour organizing committee member Margie Hildebrand welcomed visitors to her workspace in her Morden home.

"I think it's lots of fun. It's a bit of work, but I enjoy seeing the people come and enjoy looking at my art," she said. "It's good to interact with them and see what people's reactions are to some of the things that I've done."

Being part of the tour was also motivation for her to get working, as she is preparing for an October exhibit with fellow artist Tammy Hendrickx called *Land And Sky*.

"There are a lot of paintings that I've done this year of the Pembina Valley and the escarpment," Hildebrand said. "I had a lot of time to work on my art this past winter, so I got a lot done. That was one thing with the lockdown. I stayed home and did my painting."

"There haven't been a lot of other events happening, so this might have been a good opportunity to do something fun ... and it's not in a big group all at once."

For her, the ultimate reward may be when she sees her work really engage someone in some way.

"I had a little girl here earlier, and she was really fascinated with the little fairy houses," Hildebrand shared. "So she's going to take my kids pottery class that I'm doing starting in a couple weeks, so she was getting ideas of what could happen in that class."

"It at least gets my shop cleaned up," joked fellow artist and tour stop host Laverne Lovatt, who welcomed the opportunity to show off and sell some of his woodworking.

"This year has been tough for artists all over the world," he said. "With everything being closed, I went three months without any sales. I've had some sales since things reopened."

"It's a good opportunity to meet people and talk to people about what I do. It's nice to have some sales, but it's good to just talk to people about it."

Art Academy starts new session next week

By Lorne Stelmach

One of the main youth programs of the Pembina Hills Arts Council is picking up where it left off.

Art Academy is back with its first session for 2020-21 with pottery and sculpture classes beginning Sept. 22 and continuing Tuesdays until Nov. 24.

"This is actually a session that we had to cancel due to the pandemic closures in March," noted Tricia Dyck, programs and outreach co-ordinator for the arts council.

"We're trying to focus now on having a really strong fall session after having the challenges of spring and summer ... and we want to continue with strength in our programs for the fall."

The Art Academy program was initiated with the aim of not only being fun and educational but also going more in depth into various mediums.

The sessions will continue to be a little more comprehensive and thematically focused as what started out as an eight week program will now run over 10 weeks.

"It just seemed to fit better seasonally with the school year, ending at Christmastime and then having another two sessions from January until approximately May," said Dyck, not-



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Pembina Hills Art Council's Art Academy for kids picks back up again next week.

ing the theme for the second session will be revealed later in the year.

"We have added our new health protocols, making sure that everybody is going to be safe ... that they can safely still have fun learning about this medium," she continued.

"What is different is that we have moved it to the Access Event Centre. Our gallery spaces are very small, and because of the social distancing requirements we can't have very many people in our rooms," said Dyck, adding as well that they will be asking

children to wear masks in keeping with the guidelines being used in the schools.

As for the first session, Dyck sees it as "definitely being more detailed, definitely building on the skills from week to week.

"It also is really good for pottery to have that amount of time because of the drying and glazing and firing that needs to happen," she said, adding that instructor Margie Hildebrand "is a very skilled, very experienced potter. She will be able to teach from the beginner level with no knowledge to being able to build vessels and figures.

"I think it's a great way to start," she suggested. "Working with their hands, in the clay, is a point of connection to the earth ... being able to mold and touch the earth in that way and being able to create something useful and beautiful out of it."

The session had just a few of its dozen or so spots remaining as of last week. It's open for kids age 6-10 years and runs every Tuesday from 4-5:15 p.m. Registration is \$135.

For more information, contact the Pembina Hills Gallery at 204-822-6026, e-mail info@pembinahillsarts.com, or go online to pembinahillsarts.com.

Regional Connections hosting online job fair

By Lorne Stelmach

Regional Connections is introducing a new initiative to play matchmaker with employers and job seekers in the region.

An upcoming job fair will be strictly virtual, given pandemic restrictions, but the organizers hope it could be the start of an ongoing effort to connect people with work opportunities.

The pilot event has six employers who are looking to fill numerous positions, said employment co-ordinator Adeleke Dada.

"We're just building relationships at this point, and there are lots of businesses in this community, so it's going to take a while before we have really connected with all the businesses," he said. "This is a first event ... so we don't want to make it so crowded ... but we want to make it compact and see how it works."

The online job fair for the Pembina Valley region will take place Oct. 6 from 4:30-6 p.m. through Zoom.

It will include representatives of Access Credit Union, Grandeur Housing, Gateway Resources, Meridian Industries, Berg Trailers, and Friesens.

"The plan is to have representation from all communities within the Pembina Valley area, and also we selected employers who have multiple job openings," said Dada.

The aim is simply "to create awareness of employment opportunities in the Pembina Valley area and also create a platform for job seekers to meet employers and potentially land jobs," Dada explained, adding he sees the

"WE FEEL THIS COULD BE A GOOD OPPORTUNITY FOR EMPLOYERS AND JOB SEEKERS."

event being suitable for newcomers as well as the unemployed and underemployed in the area.

"We want to have such events regularly," he noted. "Because this is the first of its kind, we decided to start up with a few employers and hope more businesses will contact us regarding

subsequent events.

"We feel this could be a good opportunity for employers and job seekers."

The job fair will be limited to 100 participants, so people need to call 204-325-4059 or e-mail info@regionalconnections.ca to register to take part in advance.

Manitoba extends state of emergency

Voice staff

The Manitoba government has once again extended the province-wide state of emergency in response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

The extension went into effect Sept. 10 for a period of 30 days.

A state of emergency allows the government to take quick action to support Manitobans when they need it most, the province said in a state-

ment.

It was first declared on March 20 under the Emergency Measures Act and has been extended every month since.

CFDC unveils new tectonic plate exhibit

Voice staff

The Canadian Fossil Discovery Centre in Morden has unveiled a new exhibit showcasing the incremental movement of the tectonic plates beneath the Earth's crust.

Our planet's continents have been in continuous motion ever since separating from the supercontinent known as Pangaea 200 million years ago.

CFDC's new exhibit features a digital counter marking the distance between America and Eurasia in mi-

croseconds—a number that increases by one digit every half hour or so.

It also includes a video showing the movement of the continents and several informative panels explaining the science behind plate tectonics.

Funding for the exhibit came through the province's Signature Museum Program.

Thanks to COVID-19, the museum is unable to host a public celebration for the exhibit, but it is open to visitors effective immediately.



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Three times more insurance frauds this year: MPI

Voice staff

Manitoba Public Insurance has seen a huge jump in auto-insurance fraud charges for 2020.

The agency last week announced that the number of charges have nearly tripled this year over last.

As of the end of July, a total of 88 charges against 33 people have been laid, compared to 30 charges against 10 people in 2019.

"This increase is partially attributed to MPI's refocused effort in reviewing suspicious cases," explained MPI spokesman Curtis Wennberg. "In addition, MPI has adopted a business change to emphasize that insurance fraud is a crime and pursue both a denial of coverage and charges going forward.

"Following extensive investigations, these files are forwarded to the provincial prosecution office for review," he added. "These charges fall within either the Criminal Code, the MPIC Act or Highway Traffic Act. A conviction of any nature is a very serious consequence of auto insurance fraud."

Charges laid might include making a false statement, fraud over \$5,000, or fraud under \$5,000.

Individuals found guilty in the courts could face a financial fine, criminal charges, or/and restitution orders to pay back MPI.

Suspicious claims are handled by MPI's Special Investigation Unit (SIU). The unit closed more than 1,200 investigations in 2019, resulting in more than \$10 million in savings for MPI rate payers.

Anyone with information about auto

insurance fraud is encouraged to call the Manitoba Public Insurance TIPS Line toll-free at 1-877-985-8477. All calls are anonymous.

"A criminal record can affect traveling across the border, employment

or business opportunities," stressed Wennberg. "Insurance fraud is not a victimless crime and this criminal activity affects honest Manitobans through their premiums."

Insurance fraud—automobile, home

or health care—costs Canadians more than \$3 billion a year in premiums, according to the Insurance Bureau of Canada.

Plum Coulee lift station upgrades receive \$325K

Voice staff

The Plum Coulee lift station upgrade project is getting a piece of the provincial government's #RestartMB funding.

Central Services Minister Reg Helwer recently announced the Conservative government is committing \$50 million to 42 new water and waste infrastructure projects across the province.

"We want to help municipalities with immediate projects that improve quality of life," said Helwer. "These projects will not only help increase clean drinking water and advance our clean sewer projects to help keep our rivers and lakes safe, but will help boost our provincial economy too."

Seeding deadline extended for winter wheat and fall rye

Voice staff

Farmers have a few extra weeks to get their fall and winter crops in the ground this year.

The Manitoba Agricultural Services Corporation (MASC) announced earlier this month that it has approved the extension of the seeding window for winter wheat and fall rye.

The decision was made after consultation with Winter Cereals Manitoba (now part of the newly-formed Manitoba Crop Alliance) and Cereal Crop Specialists with Manitoba Agriculture and Resource Development, the

agency noted. The RM of Rhineland received \$325,000 for the Plum Coulee lift station project, which will improve water storage and pressure in the community.

The funding got a big thumbs up from Borderland MLA Josh Guenther.

"As we see populations growing in rural Manitoba towns, cities and municipalities, our infrastructure has to grow with them," he said. "Our Progressive Conservative government is proud to make these important investments in local infrastructure projects that ensure Manitobans have access to modern, reliable water and wastewater services."

Also in Borderland, the RM of Montcalm-Letellier received \$1 million for wastewater lagoon upgrades.

agency noted.

This fall, producers can get full coverage if their winter wheat or fall rye crops are seeded from Aug. 15 to Sept. 25, and reduced coverage if seeded from Sept. 26-30, opening the window by an additional 15 days.

The revised deadlines were approved by MASC's Board of Directors and Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada in July. Seeding date changes will be in effect for winter wheat and fall rye seeded in 2020 and harvested in 2021. Next year's AgriInsurance Contract will be amended accordingly.

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Challenger Baseball ensures every kid can play

By Lorne Stelmach

Local families hope to see a program established here that would provide opportunities for children, youth, and adults with disabilities to play organized baseball.

Challenger Baseball would not only enhance their lives but also help empower those with disabilities through being involved in sport and physical activity.

"All ages and levels of ability would be welcome and able to play and just be a part of the team and enjoy the sport," said Connie Hesom, who is helping push to establish a Challenger program here for her son Evan.

Challenger Baseball adapts the game to make it more accessible to those living with a physical or cognitive disability, addressing barriers such as lack of programming and skills.

An estimated 290,000 Canadians under the age of 19 live with such disabilities, putting them at a significantly greater risk of developing preventable chronic illnesses, many of them due largely to inactivity.

Earlier this year, Jeannie Pauls, who is a children's service co-ordinator in Morden for Manitoba Possible (formerly the Society for Manitobans

with Disabilities), had Hesom, who is one of her clients, submit his dream of bringing Challenger Baseball to southern Manitoba to the agency's 70 Ways To Make Manitoba Possible Challenge.

"This was one of his dreams ... when I asked what would you dream about, Evan, for your community, and this was it," said Pauls. "My role was only to say, well, let's see how we can make this happen."

Pauls and a number of other individuals and organizations then worked together with the support of Challenger Baseball, Manitoba Possible, the Jays Care Foundation, and the City of Morden to

hold their first camp and ball game on Aug. 29 in Morden Park.

Pauls is quick to credit Evan with being such a go-getter to initiate it all.

"He is a dreamer, and he is a mover and a shaker," she said. "Even though he has some medical and physical limits, you would never know from his attitude. He's just a very passionate little fella."

"Evan loves his sports. When he puts his mind to something, it usually ends up happening somehow," agreed Hesom of her son. She added that the day of baseball turned out to be a great one.

"I THINK THERE IS A NEED HERE, AND I THINK IT COULD BE DONE."



PHOTO BY LORNE STELMACH/VOICE

Local Manitoba Possible children's services coordinator Jeannie Pauls with Evan Hesom, who lobbied to bring Challenger Baseball to Morden last month. The hope is to start a new league next season.



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Kids of all abilities came together Aug. 29 to play Challenger Baseball, a modified form of the sport designed to make it more accessible.

The idea took shape as a result of Evan playing sledge hockey. It was through that program that he met a new family and first heard about Challenger Baseball.

The idea of kids of all different ages and abilities being able to come together and play every Saturday was immediately appealing.

"Evan tried minor ball in Morden here for two years, but the older he got the harder it was to play," Hesom explained. "The expectations aren't suited to someone who has a disability or just can't keep up.

"His running wasn't the same as everyone else, and his reflexes weren't so good, so he kept getting hit with the ball," she continued. "So we tried Challenger Baseball, and he just really enjoyed it. He meet some new friends through it, and some sledge hockey guys have gone over to Challenger Baseball too.

"It's become a really good outlet," she said. "We play against kids who are in wheelchairs, and the adult who is behind them helps them bat and pushes them around the bases."

Bringing the program to Morden did require bringing in some specialized equipment from Winnipeg, Hesom noted.

"They use softer bats and softer balls ... the first base actually squeaks when you jump on it, so if you're visually impaired you know you're on it," she explained.

The hope now is to create a small Challenger Baseball league next summer so more kids can get in on the fun on a more regular basis.

"Being outside of Winnipeg, it's means constantly travelling," Hesom said. "If it was something local and there was enough interest, you could absolutely do it. I think there is a need here, and I think it could be done."

MB Marathon going online

Voice staff

The Manitoba Marathon, delayed by the COVID-19 pandemic, will be a virtual event next month.

Usually held on Father's Day, the Manitoba Marathon was rescheduled for Oct. 11.

Now, however, the event will be conducted as an online run from Oct. 11 until Nov. 11, organizers announced last week.

For more race details and to register to take part, head to manitobamarathon.mb.ca.

Sport and Leisure Expo highlights local programs

By Lorne Stelmach

An annual event that offers a one stop shop of sorts to find out what all is available for recreation in Morden went ahead last week, although it was on a smaller scale than usual.

The impact of the pandemic meant there were fewer organizations and programs represented last Wednesday as the City of Morden hosted its annual Sport and Leisure Expo outdoors at the Access Event Centre.

The expo offered community groups the opportunity to not only present information and answer questions about their programs but also potentially take registrations.

"Some aren't running, and some have chosen just to do online registration only," noted Stephanie Dueck, Morden's recreation programmer. "I still want to make sure people get the information that they need and know what's going on in the community."

The expo this year included Axent Guitar Studio, City of Morden Rec Hockey, DanceWorks, Grass Roots Movement Studio, Morden Achievers 4-H, Morden Parent & Child Resource Centre, Pembina Valley Rhythmic Gymnastics Club, Regional Connections, and Supplement King.

It makes sense that many organizations are scaling back and doing things differently this fall, including focusing on just online registrations, said Dueck, who was at the table for the rec. hockey program.

"We usually take a lot of registrations at the expo, but we do have online registration available as well ... so we've had less people coming in person ... it is a good chance though to connect and ask questions about the program."

There are naturally lots of questions and concerns about COVID-19.

"At times, some people think we're too strict about COVID or not strict enough," acknowledged Dueck.

"On the whole, I would say people are still looking for opportunities to participate in programs, to be active, to connect with the community ... the fact is we can't run all the programs," she said, noting that they normally use school facilities for some recreation offerings, but those facilities are not available this year.

GETTING THE INFORMATION OUT

Regional Connections participates in the expo every year and, despite the scaled-down format, still saw it as a good opportunity to connect with people.

"A lot of times our clients will come to a place like this and sometimes they can be confused and overwhelmed as to what the options are, so being here allows us to help break that down and help navigate them in the right way," said Alesha Hildebrand, volunteer and integration co-ordinator. "I think having this outside and in a safe place



PHOTO BY LORNE STELMACH/VOICE

Local sport and recreation groups gathered for an outdoor version of Morden's annual Sport and Leisure Expo last week, giving people the chance to gather information and register for programs.

is allowing people to still be able to access it and get their questions answered.

"I think programs are doing their best to create safety guidelines," she added. "As long as [people] are aware and educated then they make informed decisions."

"It's certainly worthwhile. Any time you can be out in the public eye and have face to face contact with people to explain your programs, it gives you a better chance to connect with people ... and they can get a better idea of what you're programs are all about," agreed Cathy Savage, director of the Morden Parent and Child Resource Centre, who was manning a booth nearby.

"It's so important for us to connect with families because when everything closed down in March, it kind of felt like people were really lost," she said. "Now we've had time to wrap

our heads around reorganizing our programs to follow the COVID recommendations.

"I think we're going to be better off now this fall," Savage suggested. "People have had time to wrap their heads around it all ... and people are ready to venture out. And as long as you follow the protocols, it's safe for families. You do whatever you have to do to keep your programs running."

Information on the wide array of sports and recreation activities in Morden is available online through the city website, noted Dueck, who hopes they'll be able to host a larger-scale expo again next fall.

"I'm hoping that we will be able to have a larger event with everyone represented if we can ... it's great especially for people who are new to the community just to see all the options that we have here."



PHOTO BY LORNE STELMACH/VOICE

COVID-19 gathering restrictions meant the expo was a scaled-down version this year.

Storm take first place

By Ashleigh Viveiros

The Winkler Storm made short work of the Bandits last week and then doubled up on Scotia United Monday night.

The Sept. 8 game against Bandits FC went Winkler's way 2-0 thanks to goals from Roberto Kort and Jan Heide and a clean sheet from keeper Alwin Rode.

The victory launched the Storm into the Manitoba Major Soccer League 1st Division's number one spot, bol-

stering their record to 5-0-4 for 19 points—two points ahead of the Hannover Kickers in second place and three up on Forza-WSP in third.

On Monday, Winkler earned three more points by defeating Scotia 2-1, cementing their number one ranking with 22 points.

Scoring for the Storm in the game were Nico Nickel and Peter Neufeld.

Coming up, the Storm travel to play Jedinstvo FC in Winnipeg next Monday and then also play at Granite United Sept. 28.

Thanks for Giving Run going virtual this fall

By Lorne Stelmach

The annual Winkler Thanks for Giving Run is going ahead this fall as a virtual event in light of the pandemic.

Organizers had originally hoped to be able to hold the actual run in October, but current conditions make it unlikely.

"It was becoming quite clear almost nobody was holding a race in person," said director Dwight Suderman.

"After being snowed out last year, we wanted to be visible this year and have a race of some sort, so this is the best we could do with it," he said. "We know we likely won't get as many runners ... but I think it will shape up to be all right."

"This way, we're still a little bit in the public eye, and we're still raising funds for the Winkler Food Cupboard."

The in-person running events had been scheduled for Oct. 3, but participants are now being encouraged to enter as a virtual participant at Rac-



VOICE FILE PHOTO

The 2020 Thanks for Giving Run is moving online this year. Participants can sign up to run their route anytime between Sept. 25 to Oct. 12.

eRoster.com and run their distance anytime between Sept. 25 to Oct. 12.

You can choose to tackle a 5k, 10k, or half marathon. Registration is \$40,

which includes a free race T-shirt.

Funds raised go to the Winkler and District Food Cupboard.

"For a lot of people, that's a great im-

petus to run," Suderman said.

He noted they really appreciate that the businesses that support them have remained fully committed to this event—in fact, they have more sponsors than usual this year.

"Generally, I think we raise over \$10,000," he said, estimating upwards of 200 people, including kids, from all over come out to take part each fall.

Moving the event online and giving people a few weeks to participate could widen the run's reach significantly, Suderman speculated.

"Runners can run their chosen distance anywhere, really, and still run our race in a virtual sense. People in Winnipeg could run their distance there if they want," he said. "A lot of the watches and phones have apps that can track the distance so it's reasonably close to the distance for this virtual race."

For those who want to stick to the original route in Winkler, the race maps are available online at www.thanksgivingrun.ca.

MJHL makes major changes for 2020-2021 season

By Brian Bowman

The Manitoba Junior Hockey League will undergo some major changes for the 2020-21 season.

With the addition of a 12th MJHL franchise named the Winnipeg Freeze, which is owned by 50 Below Sports + Entertainment, the league will now be divided into three divisions this season. The change was made to limit travel and virus exposure during the COVID-19 pandemic.

The Winkler Flyers will be in the central division alongside the Portage Terriers, Neepawa, and the Virden Oil Capitals. The eastern division will include the Selkirk Steelers, Winnipeg, Blues, Winnipeg Freeze, and the Steinbach Pistons while the western division will feature the Waywayseecappo Wolverines, OCN Blizzard, Swan Valley

Stampeders, and the Dauphin Kings.

Each team in the league will play a 40-game regular-season schedule compared to 60 last season. Training camps will begin Sept. 18 while the regular season will start on Oct. 9. Winkler

travels to play Neepawa that night and then hosts Neepawa Oct. 10.

Teams will play each divisional rival eight times (four home, four away) and each of the league's other eight teams twice (one home, one away).

MJBL award winners announced

Voice staff

The Manitoba Junior Baseball League 2020 award winners were announced by the league last Thursday.

The Elmwood Giants' Brandon Racette (7-2 record, 2.64 earned-run average) was named top pitcher while teammate Darnell Wyke, an outfielder, was honoured as the top defensive

player. Elmwood first baseman Riley Trager was recognized for sportsmanship and ability.

Carillon Sultans' third baseman Zach Giesbrecht was named the MJBL's most valuable player, hitting .571 with a home run and 11 RBI.

Pembina Valley Orioles' outfielder Tristan Peters was named the league's top rookie. He batted .500 with two homers and 20 RBI.

Curling Canada cancels six more events

Voice staff

Curling Canada has cancelled six more events in 2021 due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

The organization announced last Thursday that it has cancelled the Continental Cup in Oakville, Ont., the Canadian under-18 championships in Timmins, Ont., the New Holland Canadian junior championships in Fort McMurray, Alta., the Canadian wheelchair championship in Moose Jaw, Sask., the Canadian Under 15 RockFest, and the U Sports/Canadian Colleges Athletic Asso-

ciation championships.

Safety of participants and volunteers, travel restrictions, and costs were factors in the decisions to cancel the events, said Curling Canada.

"We considered all options, but in the end we had to make the responsible decision—for the athletes, for the volunteers, and for the organization, to ensure the safety of those involved in the championships as well as the viability of the sport in Canada," Katherine Henderson, chief executive officer of Curling Canada, said in a statement.

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4	8	5	7	2	3	6	9	1
7	2	1	9	6	8	4	5	3
9	6	3	5	1	4	2	7	8
5	1	7	6	3	9	8	2	4
6	9	4	8	7	2	1	3	5
2	3	8	1	4	5	7	6	9
8	5	6	4	9	7	3	1	2
3	7	9	2	8	1	5	4	6
1	4	2	3	5	6	9	8	7

Sudoku Answer

S	S	V	S	S	E	A	D	D	E		
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E	L	E	V	T	O	I	E	T	A	R	
S	T	E	O	N	V	C	V	R	M	A	
A	V	U	R	A	V	E	E	S	N	I	R
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A	R	A	V	D	R	F	C	L	A	T	

Crossword Answer

X CROSSWORD

CLUES ACROSS

- Greasy powder (abbr.)
- Rural Free Delivery (abbr.)
- Amount of time
- Greeting
- Form of "to be"
- Israeli diplomat
- Outfit
- The 13th letter of the Hebrew alphabet
- Deceptive movement
- Anxious
- Popular Letterman guest
- Saints' signal caller
- Intoxicate
- Relationship
- Ask for one's hand in marriage
- Popular Will Ferrell film
- Gargle
- Warning sensation before migraine
- Returned material authorization (abbr.)
- Erases
- At ease
- Small branch of an artery
- Mother of Hermes
- Body part
- Cavalry sword
- Wellness chants
- Helps little firms
- Afflicted
- Peep
- Nellie __, journalist
- Spiritual leader
- Doctor of Education
- Affirmative
- Cheek

CLUES DOWN

- Popular kids' game
- Away from wind
- Round water pot

1	2	3	4		5	6	7		8	9	10				
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55											57				58
59											61				
62														64	

- Drink quickly
- A simple type of jet engine
- Something for nothing
- Painkiller
- Siskel's pal
- Strong spirit distilled in Turkey
- Again
- Imitate
- Icelandic poems
- Jacob __, American journalist
- No (Scottish)
- Newborn
- Credit term
- Nonprofit research group in CA
- Male offspring
- Important baseball stat
- A way to compel
- Fiddler crab
- Jewish equivalent of "Sir"
- Every
- Midway between east and southeast
- Anti-slavery treaty
- A friendly manner
- Military figure (abbr.)
- Area units
- Sudden incursions
- Expressed pleasure
- Covered with hoarfrost
- Job
- Donkey
- Swiss river
- Prejudice
- Actor Idris
- Light dry-gap bridge (abbr.)
- Criticize

OBITUARY



Erwin Hiebert
1937 - 2020

Erwin (Erv) Hiebert, 83, passed away Saturday, September 5, 2020 at Boundary Trails Health Centre with his loving wife, JoAnn and his son, Corrie at his side.

Erv was born to Jacob and Margaret (Fehr) Hiebert in Altona. Erv grew up in Kronstal in a tiny house the family shared with Corny and Helen Fehr. At the age of 14 his family moved to Crystal City into a house so run-down they couldn't tell the difference between the house and barn. Erv didn't have fond memories of this home with not a tree in sight and snow on the blankets in the morning. At 18 Erv had had enough of the farm and went to work on the pipeline, an occupation he loved. While visiting his Uncle Hank and Zelma Fehr in Gretna, Erv became acquainted with Alvina (Zelma's sister), who was attending MCI. He solidified the relationship while cruising the happening streets of Gretna and they were married in 1959. Alvina joined him on the pipeline and they traveled between Ontario and Alberta, started a family, and stayed in their own "interesting" homes to create memories by. When their eldest, Cindy was to start school in 1967, they settled in Morden where they stayed and finished adding to their family of seven. Erv worked for a time as a mechanic, then purchased Texaco, becoming business partners with Sig Pankratz, whom he later bought the business from, and added Westpark, a successful motorcycle and snowmobile dealership. He sold Westpark in the mid 90's and built a shop, creating his dream job as a custom metal fabricator, calling the business Erv's Mobile Welding. Erv's motto was, "If it's too hard for them, it's just right for me." He continued working until the fall of 2019 when he sold the shop to his son, Corrie.

His wife, Alvina, passed away from a long battle with breast cancer in 2000. Erv later met JoAnn while out for coffee, a favourite pastime. They tied the knot in a hurricane on Grand Cayman Island where Erv's daughter, Tammy resides. Starting in 2003, Erv suffered a heart condition leading to a series of strokes which made his life much more difficult, but he continued to work and travel despite the setbacks. Besides his passion for work, Erv would immerse himself in many hobbies including bow and arrow, flying, snowmobiles, motorcycles, golfing, and travel. The family took trips to Florida, Fargo, and Detroit Lakes. He went on a motorcycle trip with Alvina to the East Coast where they had a motorcycle accident. Erv also travelled on motorbike by himself and Corrie has fond memories of motorcycle trips all over the U.S.A. Later, Erv and JoAnn often visited Yuma Arizona and Mexico. A great deal of pizza, purchased with coupons, was consumed on those trips, interspersed with Denny's and very, very many cream pies. In fall, Erv would attend the fall suppers and only eat pie, so if you didn't get your slice, now you know why. As a golf lover and person always in a hurry, Erv didn't want to mess around wasting time, so, while others were taking their shots, he would look for golf balls, saving money and time! On one golf trip there was a mishap with the golf cart which ended up rolling into the ditch, the golf cart was easily retrieved but the balls had gone everywhere! Not wanting to miss tee time, the balls were left behind. On the way home all the balls were stacked up in a neat pyramid by the side of the road. Erv thanks you, whoever you are! Erv had a great shot as a golfer, which was odd since he golfed with his arms crossed. Like his golfing, Erv was unconventional, but he got the job done better than most.

Erv was predeceased by his first wife, Alvina Neufeld, his parents and brother, John Hiebert. He is survived by his wife, Debora Jo-Ann MacKay and his children: Cindy Hildebrand, Tammy Patino, Tracy Collis (Dallas), Corrie Hiebert (Cheryl Plett) and Mandy Bennet (Jay); stepchildren: Corrin Fraser (Roberto Bisighini), Erin Beaumont (Ian), Cheryl Fraser (Owen Thorne) and Devin Fraser; grandchildren: Cole, Cali, Pavlova, Rayne, Riley, Quinn, Sawyer and Ella; step-grandchildren: Jayden, MacKayla, Aiden, Kendra, Liam, Taylor, Avery and Owen, and great-grandchildren: Jackson, Oliver and Remington as well as his siblings: Abe and Emily Hiebert, Anne and Mel Hildebrand and sister-in-law, Anne Hiebert.

A private memorial service will take place at a later date.

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OBITUARY



Kimberly Ann Bergen
1962 - 2020

On Tuesday, August 18, 2020, Kimberly Ann Bergen, age 57, went home to be with Jesus, suddenly but peacefully at her home.

Kim was born on November 16, 1962 and was lovingly welcomed into the Bergen family on April 23, 1963. She brought sunshine and laughter to her large family and her many friends. She was a "people person" and it was reflected throughout her life by the way she constantly stayed in touch and showed concern for others.

Kim had many passions which included the Winnipeg Blue Bombers, Manhattan Beach Camp and the Morden Corn & Apple Festival. She loved music and went to many events held in Morden.

Kim struggled with health issues, but always appreciated when her family and friends prayed for her. This gave her strength and

assurance to carry on in life. Over the past several months, Kim talked about her desire to go home to be with Jesus.

She was predeceased by her dad, Abe Bergen; and two sisters, Darlene and Brenda. Kim will be deeply missed by her mom, Anne Bergen; two brothers, Kelvin and Kenton; three sisters, Dianne, Rebecca and Candice and their families.

Thanks to Kim's many friends and the people of Morden for the countless ways you poured into her life - the coffee times, the rides you gave her and the care you showed her, both when she was alive and at her passing. Special thanks to Dr. Nause and the many medical staff for their genuine care and concern for Kim's wellbeing.

Donations may be made in Kim's memory to the Morden Tabor Home. Kim's mom lives there and Kim was so grateful for the love and care her mom receives from them.

Kim, you fought the good fight. You finished the course. You kept the faith!

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OBITUARY



Rick Wiebe
1950 - 2020

Richard Frank Wiebe was welcomed into Jesus' arms on Sunday, September 6, 2020, passing away peacefully in his home after a hard-fought battle with cancer.

Rick was born on September 12, 1950 to Frank and Anne Wiebe (nee Loewen), the first of two children, followed by his sister, Margo. He grew up on the family homestead in the Burwalde School District north of Morden and Winkler where horses were the main focus of farm life. In 1966, Frank was one of the first to get started in the PMU business in Manitoba, which Rick later took over.

Rick married Wendy Wagner June 14, 1975 and they had two children together: Tanya on June 9, 1978 and Dusty on January 6,

1986.

Rick was looking for a better way to market the foals the PMU business was producing and in 1986 he began what would become a 31-year career of the Rocking W Horse Sales. It started with a small production sale with consignments from other local breeders at the Miami Fairgrounds and later grew to consign over 800 head in the best years, which required a move to Brandon, first at the Heartland Livestock Auction Mart, then in the last years, the Keystone Centre. Rick and Wendy went their separate ways in the '90s. Rick continued to raise horses and put on the horse sales, always busy with the yearly farm lifecycle. Around this time, Rick made a change in his life and began living for the Lord. He was baptized upon confession of his faith in 1998. This was something that meant a lot to him to share with friends and anyone who wanted to hear. He always said you didn't need to be perfect or have it all together; forgiveness and salvation were for everyone, no matter your past.

Rick met Barb Warkentin and they married October 24, 2004 and spent many wonderful, happy years together. Rick liked to travel and preferred driving to flying but he broke out of his routine and flew to a destination holiday with Barb, one of the highlights was going to see the Mexican Charro Rodeo. The trips driving to Arizona, Texas and South Dakota these later years made for lots of memories too. With horse sales being tougher to make viable, Rick held his last Rocking W Horse Sale in the fall of 2018, the 31st Annual. Still wanting to raise a few horses, Rick kept a small band of mares and couple stallions and began selling privately off the ranch. The last of these Rocking W Horses will sell on September 12th. The resounding link all through his life was that Dad loved his family, he loved people and he enjoyed horses. All of those were the links in his life that led to opportunities, friendship and experiences. Relationship with others was important to him and he always looked for an opportunity to share his faith and testimony and the good news of salvation through Jesus Christ. That faith he held onto until he closed his eyes and was welcomed in heaven.

Rick leaves to mourn his passing his wife, Barb and his daughters and sons-in-law, Tanya and Bryan Gerbrandt and Dusty and Bert van der Steen; his mother, Anne Wiebe; his sister and brother-in-law, Margo and Larry Friesen; the Warkentin family; extended family and many, many friends.

A private graveside service was held at Southside Cemetery in Morden followed by a come and go coffee at Rocking W Ranch.

If friends so desire, donations may be made in Rick's memory to either South Central Cancer Resource or to Bridges for Peace.

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