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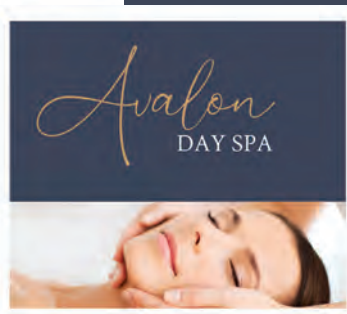
Adeline Braun, Peter Kornelson, and Al Ens of the Winkler MCC Thrift Shop celebrated the end of the store carrying a mortgage with a burning ceremony on Friday. See Pg. 3 for the full story.

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MCC pays off 20-year mortgage in eight

By Ashleigh Viveiros

With a flash of flame and a puff of smoke, the Winkler MCC Thrift Shop last week marked the payment in full of the \$350,000 loan it took out to purchase the rest of its building in downtown Winkler.

The mortgage-burning ceremony came a full 12 years earlier than expected when the board took out the loan in 2012.

"What a momentous occasion," said Dave Penner, a past board member and longtime MCC volunteer. "The mortgage was made for 20 years and here we are eight and a half years later and it's paid off. It's pretty amazing."

A low interest rate coupled with thriving sales allowed the shop to pay the loan down quickly, Penner explained.

Purchasing the entirety of the building MCC has called home for years allowed the store to tackle some major renovations, including completely redoing the front facade.

The shop has come a long way indeed since its humble beginnings as a goodwill store in the former Manitoba Bible School on 8th St. in 1970. Four years later it officially became an MCC thrift shop.

It moved around a few times in the early years before settling down in its current location—though in a much

smaller space than now—in the 1980s.

Over the past several decades, the MCC Thrift Shop has raised \$12 million for Mennonite Central Committee's aid and mission projects around the world.

"In the first 34 years, \$6 million was sent to MCC. And then the next 11 years until now we've sent another \$6 million," Penner said, pointing out that another \$200,000 has been donated to local non-profit organizations and projects over the years, including \$20,000 this year alone.

With the loan now off their backs, the store will have tens of thousands of dollars more a year to give back, Penner said.

"On behalf of the board, I would like to thank the hundreds of volunteers who spend many, many hours here every week to make all this possible," he said. "We also want to thank the community of Winkler and surrounding areas for their support, both in donations of product and then in coming back and shopping here."

He also gave thanks for the many businesses and individuals who have given the shop discounted pricing on materials and labour for repairs and renovations.

"This whole facade only cost us \$68,000," he noted of the exterior work

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MCC Thrift Shop board member Al Ens presented The Bunker's Harold Espinosa with a donation last week. The store is able to give back \$20,000 to local non-profit organizations and projects this year.



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Winkler, Morden United Ways launch joint campaigns

By Lorne Stelmach

The two local United Way agencies have kicked

off their annual fundraising campaigns while continuing to work towards amalgamation.

The United Way of Morden and District and

the Winkler and District United Way are set to become United Way Pembina Valley as of the new year, but in the meantime they are running joint campaigns this fall.

"We're excited to be doing this jointly," said Winkler board president Kim Nelson, who noted the two organizations are "quite far into the process of becoming one, and we anticipate that will happen in January of 2021."

"In the new year, when grants are distributed, it will be from United Way Pembina Valley."

"Our totals will probably be similar to last year," suggested Morden board president Alex Fedorchuk. "We would hope that our results this year would be similar to last year when it was about \$85,000 [in Morden]. When the total is correlated, then we will look at the applications from the agencies ... we're assuming there will be a lot of similarities to last year."

"Our focus this year has been really on amalgamating and becoming one," said Nelson, who noted the Winkler board had not set a specific target for their campaign.

Both see this as an opportunity to grow together as they continue to provide local funds to local non-profit organizations, and Nelson was confident the two communities will come through once again.

"The Pembina Valley cares, and because we care, we want to keep these funds local. We want to keep these resources and local agencies viable, and in order to do that, we need to raise the funds, we need to raise awareness," she said. "Because of our heart and because of our caring nature and because of the generosity of Pembina Valley, we fully believe that we can hopefully continue to grant as much if not more money."

With the pandemic forcing the cancellation of many major fundraising events, this year more than ever local non-profit organizations really need support, stressed Nelson.

"This COVID thing might surprise us, and people might be more generous. But if we could do what we did last year,

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From left: Winkler and Morden United Way reps Terry Gibson, Kim Nelson, and Alex Fedorchuk say the agencies are excited to be working together again on this fall's fundraising campaigns in the lead up to the creation of United Way Pembina Valley in the new year.

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Newcomers to Canada share their stories

By Lorne Stelmach

A project that compiled some of the personal experiences of immigrants to the region could have multiple benefits, suggest organizers.

The storybook entitled *Hear My Story* as well as the accompanying launch of a video compilation called *Newcomer Stories* is seen as being a tool not only to raise awareness here in our communities but perhaps also to inspire other newcomers to Canada.

"I really think that it will help other new families as they arrive to hear these people who have experienced it already and hopefully it will make their transition a little bit easier," suggested Elaine Burton-Saïndon, coordinator of the Pembina Valley Local Immigration Partnership (PVLIP). "We can use these as tools to help promote the cultures and diversity throughout the area."

The *Newcomer Stories* video project was launched and livestreamed as part of a small Culture Days event held last Saturday at the Access Event Centre in Morden.

It grew out of what the organization had originally intended to be a live face-to-face way to connect with newcomer families in the area, but the pandemic of course scuttled those plans.

With the help of the Canada summer jobs program providing funding for two students, they changed gears to the idea of making a series of short videos.

"We were hoping to conduct some in-person, small group events that would help show more about the culture and diversity within the region in different communities. We were going to do that with some newcomers and get them to tell their stories ... just a fun, interactive opportunity," explained Burton-Saïndon.

"It turned out really good, and we were able to take it to another level and were also able to create a written format in a little story book of all of the stories," she added, explaining the origin then of *Hear My Story*.

"It was especially really fun to talk to some of the youth, so we have some young people who participated," she noted.



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Newcomers to Canada gathered at the Access Event Centre in Morden Saturday for the launch of a new book called *Hear My Story*. The project also includes a series of short videos called *Newcomer Stories*.

One of those youth who took part was Siddhi Parekh, who attended the launch Saturday with her parents and sister.

"It's been a great experience. I really enjoyed being part of this, and I feel proud that I am part of the Pembina Valley," she said.

For Parekh, the ultimate message she hoped to get across was that "if you work hard and you are motivated to do something, you definitely can do anything."

"It's been a big change in my life from where I have been and now where I am, but hard work can get you anything," she said.

"I had an impression before I came as to how it was going to be here and how the people will be, but I can say definitely the entire family, with my own experience, that people are all so nice, so loving and they make you feel like you are home," said her father Rajesh, who brought the family here from India in 2019 through the Morden immigration initiative and has become involved with the PVLIP and Regional Connections.

"If you decide to do something, you can succeed in all your endeavours ... where there is a will, there is a way," he said in summarizing what his message would be to others. "There are challenges there ... but I'm sure if you make some good decisions and some good judgement and you try, you will succeed."

His wife Rupal very much expressed similar sentiments.

"There have been challenges, but you need to be patient, and you need to be working hard, and you just need to keep being motivated. You just need to keep your goals in place and just keeping working towards it," she said.

"I would advise people to just gather all your courage and just be positive," Rupal added. "There are many who may not have been getting jobs because of the COVID situation ... but you are going to achieve what you want. It may take time ... if it worked for us, it will work for everybody."

"What's really neat is how everybody who has learned to adjust and come into a new culture, a new language, new customs, new food is so willing to adapt and so excited to participate in this new adventure," said Burton-Saïndon.

"I think for me, it's more about helping other community members hear their stories because there's not a lot of op-

portunity to actually hear what it's like to change from one huge culture shift to another or coming into a new language.

"I think it's mostly I hope people see that our communities are expanding and that the diversity of our region has changed over the last several years," she concluded. "It's just one way to hopefully bridge that gap of communicating, being able to understand each other a little better and know who your new neighbours are and maybe get involved."

The *Newcomer Stories* videos are available through the PVLIP Facebook page. The organization is also making arrangements with the Pembina Hills Arts Council to have the book available for sale at the Morden gallery and to get it into school libraries.

> THRIFT SHOP, FROM PG. 3

done a couple of years ago, stressing it was only possible thanks to the generosity of the business community.

Penner went on to laud the store's handful of

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The power of decisiveness

Mars is looking pretty good these days.

There's plenty of unclaimed land (as far as we know); it has kind of an Arizona vibe; best of all, it's FAR from the drama of Earth and it's a one-way ticket.

Elon Musk is planning the first personed mission to Mars sometime in the next 10-20 years. If there is one thing we've learned about a guy like Musk: if he says he is going to do it, he does it.

Of course it helps to be a gazillionaire, but this is simply a detail.

Imagine going to Mars. I remember in Grade 12 I asked one of teachers about the possibility of going to Mars and his answer was swift: "It will never happen in mine or your lifetime."

Disappointing.

But why would it be disappointing? I mean, aren't there proverbial (and real) children in Africa who need food? Don't we have better things to spend our money on?

If by our money you mean Elon Musk's than probably. But he can do what he wants with his money, no

matter how much we complain.

Back to Mars.

Periodically, people do things simply for the sake of seeing if they can be done. Alexander the Great sought to conquer the world heading east; Genghis Khan sought to do the same thing heading west; Sir Edmund Hillary climbed Mount Everest (ostensibly for the first time, but I suspect locals had been up and down many times before).

Now Musk wants to send people to Mars. The journey would take somewhere between seven to nine months. Nearly a year in zero gravity. We know it can be done because astronauts have been aboard the International Space Station and the former Mir space station for as long as 437 and 438 days, respectively.

Of course there are consequences to such lengthy stints in space, including reduced muscle and bone mass. The risk of death is also very real, but people will still line up to go. They already are, even though the mission is being described as a one way trip.

Why? Why do we do things like this? Why did the people of Scandinavia set out across the Atlantic? Possibility. The possibility of discovery. The possibility of glory. Simply possibility. Sure, amazing new technologies are often the result of unbridled acts of discovery, but these are typically side benefits. The primary reason underlying these things is almost always simply curiosity.

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we'd be very happy," added Fedorchuk.

"Every penny we raise goes to help keep vital programs and services that support countless people in our communities going," he said. "The vast majority of our funds raised go to local organizations, secondly to provincial organizations, and thirdly to federal things."

Nelson said the initial feedback from organizations supported by the United Ways about the amalgamation has been positive.

"It was well received when we shared the information ... and now that it's actually coming to fruition, it will be nice for everyone," she said, adding they will ensure they equitably address the needs of both communities. "There will be an allocations committee that will be looking at all of those things when we get to that point to ensure that both communities are being represented."

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Like most statements this is an oversimplification but the point is clear: the longer you take to make a decision the more time there is to talk yourself out of it or be talked out of it.

Musk is a decisive leader. This (aside from obscene amounts of money) is a large part of why he succeeds. He has failed spectacularly on many occasions. In the lead up to full deployment SpaceX blew up countless rockets at a cost of hundreds of millions of dollars. But with each failure they learned invaluable lessons that have led to a spectacular new space program unlike any we have ever seen.

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Applications for United Way funding, meanwhile, are available at unitedwaywinkler.com with a deadline of Dec. 15.

SHARE harvests 560 acres for foodgrains bank

By Lorne Stelmach

It may not be unusual to see harvesting underway right now, but it was a special crop coming off a field northwest of Thornhill last week.

The local group of farmers whose project is known as SHARE have had one of the largest growing projects for the Canadian Foodgrains Bank for 12 consecutive years now.

"There's always been good support here, and we've always had a very good bunch of acres," said Ben Friesen in speaking for the group last week.

"We've always had people donating land and offering that they want to farm the land for foodgrains bank. Our acreage has always been in the 500 plus range, which is just over 10 per cent of the project in Manitoba."

"This is a very important project ... it makes a significant contribution," agreed regional CFGB representative Gordon Janzen as he watched the crop coming off the field.

The SHARE project is harvesting 560 acres this year, with work resuming last Thursday on the harvest of the final 250 acres.

The field was part of the Dave Petkau land now owned by his family, who donate it in his memory.

There were five combines along with grain carts and trucks manned by volunteers working to harvest a nice crop of soybeans in the one afternoon.

Friesen noted there were a number of things that always fall into place to make this happen.

"We get our input costs covered by a lot of guys and companies ... we have three or four farmers who bring their combines and do the

seeding in the spring," he said.

"So we try to do the entire project with all of our input costs covered, so whatever we get off from the harvest we can send it all in to the foodgrains bank."

The south central region of the province is a substantial contributor to the Canadian Foodgrains Bank, including also the Gardenland project in the Winkler area as well as CHUM at Plum Coulee, Common Ground near Rosenfeld, Hands Harvest Hope in the Darlingford area, Pembina near Manitou, and GIFT (Growing In Faith Together) in the Miami region.

Founded in 1983, Canadian 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 support of over 200 growing projects across Canada.

These projects contribute approximately half of the donations received by the foodgrains bank, and each year the Canadian government then provides matching financial support.

"We also know that with anything we contribute, the government also sponsors that on a four to one basis ... so if we can raise \$250,000, we know that there's at least a million there," said Friesen.

"Some of us have also had the opportunity to go and visit some of the projects in Ethiopia and South Africa, so that's a really good influence, he concluded. "It's a very positive program ... and their administrative costs are really held in check ... so you know that the dollars we raise go to a positive outcome."



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The SHARE Canadian Foodgrains Bank growing project harvested its final field last week. The project this year grew 560 acres to help feed people around the world.



Manitoba sees its 20th COVID-19 death

By Ashleigh Viveiros

Manitoba recorded its 20th death related to COVID-19 on Monday.

Public health officials said the man was in his 70s and lived in the Prairie Mountain Health region.

Monday's update also saw the total number of active cases in the province grow to 618 (up 255 cases from the same day a week ago), including seven new cases in both the Interlake-Eastern and Northern health regions, three in Southern Health-Santé Sud, and 22 in Winnipeg. The five-day test positivity rate was 2.2 per cent.

There were 13 people in hospital with COVID-19 at press time, seven in intensive care. A total of 1,281 Manitobans have recovered from the illness.

In the Morden-Winkler area, there are two active cases of COVID-19, specifically in Winkler. Health officials advised on Saturday that there was a possibility of exposure at Del Rios Restaurant at 644 Main St. in Winkler on Sept. 16 from 6-7 p.m.

Skyrocketing case numbers in Winnipeg led the province to elevate the #RestartMB Pandemic Response System level for the Winnipeg Metropolitan Region to restricted/orange effective

Monday.

The move affects not just Winnipeg but also 17 surrounding communities and municipalities, including Selkirk, Stonewall, and Niverville.

Masks are now mandatory in all indoor public places in these communities. Gatherings are also restricted to 10 people, both indoors and outdoors.

The restrictions will be in place for at least four weeks (two incubation periods of the virus).

"We know that all of these actions not only protect ourselves, they protect the people around us, the people we love, and our community," said Dr. Brent Roussin, Manitoba's chief public health officer. "We encourage Manitobans to step up once again to reduce the transmission of this virus."

That includes sticking to the fundamentals, Roussin stressed.

"Staying home when we're ill, even mildly ill; washing our hands frequently; trying to practise that physical distancing when at all possible and wearing a mask when in indoor public places," he said. "When wearing a mask it's important to use it properly, ensuring it's covering the nose, mouth, and chin without any gaping. Wash your hands frequently if you are required to touch the mask."

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Former Mordenite honoured for her medical research

By Lorne Stelmach

A former Mordenite recently earned recognition for her research work that aims to enhance the health and well-being of people affected by multiple sclerosis (MS).



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Dr. Marcia Finlayson is one of three University of Queen's University medical researchers recently inducted into the Canadian Academy of Health Sciences Fellowship.

The disease has been a large focus of the work of Dr. Marcia Finlayson, who is the daughter of Morden's Frank and Darlene Ptosnick. Finlayson is one of three Queen's University researchers who were recently inducted into the Canadian Academy of Health Sciences Fellowship—one of Canada's top academic honours.

Finlayson's contributions to medical science were heralded for having widespread impact both in Canada and internationally, and she sees the honour as a motivation to keep advancing her research.

"It's recognition of a lot of years of work. I think, for me, it's a validation that the work I've been doing is meaningful and that my peers see it as a valuable and important contribution to health sciences in Canada," she said. "I think the other thing it does for me is acknowledge that research on quality of life, broadly speaking, is valuable."

Finlayson traces her interest in this field back to a family member with MS.

"A lot of the research questions that I've had over the years have been based on experience that stems from that ... and I've also been very involved in volunteering with the MS Society over time," she said, noting she cur-

rently serves on the national organizations's medical advisory committee.

Finlayson's research program focuses on developing, implementing, and evaluating self-management programs and rehabilitation services to enhance the health and well-being of people affected by multiple sclerosis, including both those with the disease and their caregivers.

The ultimate goal of her work is to enable people affected by MS to lead healthy, meaningful lives.

"As an occupational therapist, I'm interested in how people manage in their day-to-day life and the kinds of strategies that we can develop and enable people to give them choice and control in their everyday lives," Finlayson said.

She has done a lot of work in three key aspects of MS, starting with managing the fatigue.

"I've spent a lot of time looking at ways to help people with MS manage fatigue so they can keep doing what they want and need to do in everyday life," Finlayson said.

A second focus is on ways to prevent falls.

"We know that even things like fear of falling actually contributes to falls," Finlayson explained, adding a third focus then is supporting the caregivers. "What are the skills that they need in order to be caregivers, what are some of the challenges that they're experiencing and how do we leverage their strengths so that they can con-

tinue in those roles.

"Some of it is thinking about helping people really figure out what the priorities are," Finlayson said in summarizing her ultimate hope with her work. "What's really important to me, and how do I make choices and engage in strategies and lifestyle options that can allow me to do the things that are really important and meaningful and will allow me to have the quality of life that I want."

Having come from Morden, an interesting factor with her research is the fact that this region has a high incidence of the disease.

"Manitoba and Saskatchewan have some of the highest rates in the world," she noted.

"There's lots of different hypotheses," Finlayson said, citing the fact that "the further away from the equator you are, the higher the rates of MS."

"There's also hypotheses about environmental issues ... and there are some genetic factors involved," she added. "But we can't say X causes MS; we can say there's a whole cluster of things."

In thinking about her hometown, Finlayson said her experiences growing up here had a lasting positive impact.

"Morden was a really good place to grow up ... you've got a really good sense of community and lots of opportunities to explore different ideas ... people are saying you can do great things."



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For further details, please contact MPI at inquiries@mpi.mb.ca or visit the Board's website at www.pubmanitoba.ca.

An electronic-based virtual public hearing on the proposed decrease will be held beginning:

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Please view the hearing via the Board's website (www.pubmanitoba.ca)

If you are interested in learning more about this rate decrease, you are encouraged observe the hearing via live streaming, or provide your perspectives through the Board's online comment tool.

If you wish to speak at the hearing or make a written submission, please contact the Board Secretary, Dr. Darren Christle at 204-945-2638 or toll-free 1-866-854-3698, no later than **October 1, 2020**.

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Fish fry raises \$1,300



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The La Riviere & Community Recreation Association went ahead with its annual fundraising fish fry Sept. 20 after having to postpone it in May due to the pandemic. Using a drive-thru format as a safety precaution, the supper saw volunteers serve about 400 meals and raised upwards of \$1,300. "The support was overwhelming. Even those who had to be turned away after we were sold out were pleased with the turnout, support, and success," said board chairperson Ev Janzen. "In these unprecedented times, we have been truly blessed."

Southwood School celebrates new playground

By Ashleigh Viveiros

After years of dreaming, planning, fundraising, and, finally, building, the new playground at Southwood School is complete.

The Schanzenfeld K-3 school cut the ribbon on its community play space project last week, over four years after prep work first began.

"The dream is now right here in front of us and we're very excited about it," said principal Linda Dyck, noting the multi-phase project has more than lived up to her expectations and has gotten a big thumbs up from the kids since school began. "It was really exciting to be able to create a space where kids can use their creativity, because that's what we are encouraging in the classrooms as well."

With over three decades of use under its belt, the old playground structure was long overdue for an overhaul. But bringing it up to current safety and accessibility standards would have been just as costly as rebuilding.

After exploring a prefabricated design, the play space committee made up of Dyck and parents Wenona Thiessen and Marilyn Hart decided to think bigger.

"When we were talking to the RM [of Stanley], they encouraged us to look at increasing capacity," said Hart, explaining the school yards in Schanzenfeld already had a few prefab structures aimed at the 5-12 age range. "They encouraged us to look at serving a greater range of ages and mobility levels."

The end result is a playground that includes not just traditional playground elements like swings, slides, and climbing features, but also adds a deep sand pit, a log stepping path and log maze, outdoor musical instruments, climbing/sitting boulders, a



PHOTOS BY ASHLEIGH VIVEIROS/VOICE

Southwood School staff, GVSD trustees, project committee members, and donors gathered at the school's new community play space last week to celebrate the completion of the mutli-phase project. The playground includes lots of features designed to encourage creative play. It's also more accessible, with wheelchair and stroller-friendly pathways throughout.

willow tree tunnel, and even an outdoor classroom.

Bringing a bit of nature into the playground was a major part of the vision for this project, said Dyck.

"The Southwood teachers were hoping for the playground to represent inquiry-based learning," she said, noting many of these areas call for more interactive forms of play. "We pitched the idea to [Thiessen and Hart] and they kind of caught the vision with us."

The entire playground is also much more accessible overall, including specialized swings for infants and the mobility challenged and a wheelchair-friendly path connecting everything. Every play feature has a ground level entry point so people using walkers or pushing strollers can easily access them.

"Just to see the generations getting together in this space ... grandparents and kids and parents interacting. That's why we did this," Hart said.

"It is surreal to see that this has all come together," added

Thiessen. "It's very rewarding when you see families gather here. Moms, they make their play dates here and they bring picnics. They gather and they enjoy the space. It is so worthwhile to see that."

The school raised approximately \$160,000 to make the playground a reality, though Hart notes the actual costs of the project are actually much higher.

"That number is the fundraising part, but that's not adding in all the volunteers in the community, the parent advisory council members who helped plant trees," she said. "And the division was amazing in providing labour to take down the old structure and to build edging and help us in so many ways."



"It really took everybody," Hart stressed, sending out thanks to everyone who donated financially or rolled up their sleeves to help out.

"None of this would have been possible without that support," agreed Dyck.



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Due to Covid-19 we plan to cancel this year's AGM.

Reports will be available at MCC or via e-mail by Oct.30th. Objections to this decision should be directed to MCC (Ph. 204 325-9770, mccmanager@outlook.com) before Oct.15th.

Triple E contributes \$50K to Menzies Medical Centre

By Lorne Stelmach

A major financial boost is helping the recently renamed Menzies Medical Centre move on to the next step in its development project.

A \$50,000 donation was presented last Tuesday by Triple E Developments to the Morden clinic, which just days earlier had celebrated the completion of a \$1.25 million expansion and renovation project supported by a \$500,000 community fundraising campaign.

"It's done and we're up and above that," said Bob Wahl, fundraising chairperson for the clinic's community board, which is now turning its attention to the estimated \$200,000 needed for equipment and furnishings for the expanded clinic as well as a third phase that will include painting and new flooring in the remaining original area of the facility.

"Fundraising will never stop. It will keep on going," said Wahl. "Any donation that we get, large or small, is definitely going to help toward finishing the project."

"We've got the room now to really start recruiting. To start recruiting, we've got to have furnishings for our offices, we've got to have equipment."

James Elias, manager of Triple E Developments, observed that this is an important project that benefits many of their employees in the extended Triple E family that also includes Lode King.



James Elias (front, left) of Triple E Developments presents a donation of \$50,000 to the Menzies Medical Centre, represented by Dr. Kevin Earl (front, right) and members of the clinic's board.

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"As a large employer in southern Manitoba, we recognize that a large percentage of our employee base comes from outside of Winkler," he said, estimating around 50 per cent of their employees live somewhere in the greater region.

"We kind of look at ourselves as a regional community based business," said Elias. "We like to be a community-minded business, and we like to

contribute to projects that are benefiting our employees and their families.

"We're happy to support the project," he added. "It's a good asset to have in Morden and southern Manitoba."

Wahl said they especially appreciate having this support coming from a company based outside of Morden.

"It might be an eye opener to a lot of other employers outside of the com-

munity," he suggested.

Wahl remained confident the next step in their fundraising efforts will be as successful as the last.

"It's been a challenge, but people have been stepping up. They're a very giving community," he said. "Health care shouldn't be hard to sell ... more people are definitely sympathetic to our cause."

A 'perfect storm' led to boil water advisory in Winkler

By Ashleigh Viveiros

A perfect storm of malfunctions led to Winklerites getting a city-wide boil water advisory last week.

City manager Jody Penner explained the advisory came after a series of unlikely events happened back-to-back Thursday afternoon.

"It was a combination of two things that rarely happen and they happened to occur almost at the same time," he said on Monday. "First, we had a pump failure at our George St. reservoir. So we had staff there working on that and our water treatment plant was keeping up with capacity during that time."

But then, for reasons the city are still investigating, a breaker blew at the treatment plant. That meant workers were suddenly unable to keep water pressure stabilized across the system.

"The breaker went and so we had nothing pumping into our distribution system and that's why pressure and some service was lost right away," Penner said, explaining that when the pressure drops below a certain level the province requires a boil water advisory be sent out and testing occur to ensure no contaminants made their way into the system.

"You do a boil water advisory out of an abundance of caution," he said.

Power was quickly restored at the treatment plant, but the testing process requires two clean samples be taken 24 hours apart, which meant the advisory had to stay in place until the province gave the all-clear on Saturday.

The two mechanical failures are not

believed to be connected to each other.

While the reason for the breaker problem is still being looked into, Penner said the broken pump at the reservoir was connected to air getting into the system and messing with the flow, which took some time to fix.

The city used a number of methods to get the word out about the boil water advisory, including through phone calls, texts, and emails to those signed up with the Connect Winkler emergency communication system. The alert was also posted on social media and the city's website.

"We also called some of the high water users ... and we had staff that went directly to restaurants to make sure they knew about it right away," Penner said.

If you're not signed up for Connect Winkler alerts, you can do so online at cityofwinkler.ca/p/connect-winkler.

Our mistake

A Sept. 17 headline regarding the Canadian Foodgrains Bank's upcoming Singin' in the Grain concert incorrectly referred to the online show as being "livestreamed."

The virtual show will be available to be watched starting on Friday, Oct. 16 at 8 p.m. at foodgrainsbank.ca.

ca/singing.

The program will feature music from the Quonset Brothers Kristel Peters and Korey Peters, and Steve Bell. Jim Cornelius, outgoing CFGB executive director, will also offer a short update on the organization's work around the world.

WCF accepting applications for second round of ECSF funding

Voice staff

The Winkler Community Foundation has put a call out for applications for the second round of grants available through the Emergency Community Support Fund (ECSF).

As part of an ongoing partnership with Community Foundations of Canada, United Way Centraide Canada, and the Canadian Red Cross, the Winkler foundation will be distributing \$30,000 to local charities responding to COVID-19. The money comes from the federal government's \$350 million ECSF.

"As infection rates start to rise again in communities across the country, ongoing support is vital in the fight against COVID-19," says Myra Peters, WCF executive director

"Local charities and non-profit organizations are pillars in this community," she continued. "For over

six months, they have been working tirelessly to support those who need it most, but the reality is they're struggling with increased demand at the same time as revenues have decreased.

"We're thrilled to be able to flow additional emergency funding their way through the ECSF, but we also see the

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Voice acting

Flatlands Theatre Company kicked off its 15th season at the Winkler concert hall with a radio drama workshop and performance on Saturday. A second workshop/show is scheduled for Oct. 17. Email flatlandstheatreco@gmail.com to take part as an actor or to secure a seat in the audience. Tickets are free but limited.

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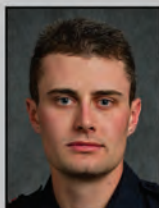
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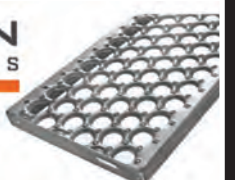
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- Avoid installing where the temperature is less than 5oC (41oF) or exceeds 48oC (119oF).

- Keep alarms away from doors and windows.
- Never locate an alarm in front of an air register, fans or vents.
- Keep alarms at least 60 cm (2 feet) from any corner.
- Do not recess smoke alarms in walls or ceilings!
- Smoke alarms in rooms with ceiling slopes greater than 30 cm (one foot) rise per 2.4 m (eight feet) horizontally should be located on the high side of the room.
- Avoid locating an alarm at the peak of an "A" frame type ceiling.
- Never paint a smoke alarm.
- Keep alarms 60 to 90 cm (two to three feet) away from light fixtures.

should always be used with caution. Nobody wants a special candlelit dinner to turn into a nightmare. Here are some tips for avoiding fire risks around candles.

Choose the right candle holder

Make sure your candle holders are stable and large enough to collect dripping wax. Avoid those that are made of wood or plastic. Be careful with glass candle holders; the heat of the candle could break them.

...and the right candle

Avoid using candles with multiple wicks, as they can produce big, high flames and intense heat. They can also melt quickly and produce large quantities of hot wax.

Position your candles in safe places

Always place your candles on a stable, unobstructed surface, a minimum of 30 cm away from fabrics, paper, woodwork and wallpaper. Make sure they are out of the reach of your children and pets. Don't place candles where they risk being knocked over by a draft or by a person passing close by.

Lastly, pay attention to your hair and clothes when lighting a candle. Above all, never, under any circumstances, leave burning candles unattended. Likewise, you should never use candles in your bedroom, as you might fall asleep before you blow them out.

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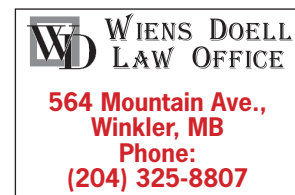
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Learning about common types of breast cancer

October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month, and an ideal opportunity to learn more about a disease that affects one in eight American women. In an effort to raise awareness, here is a bit of information about the two most common types of breast cancer and their main characteristics.

1. DUCTAL CARCINOMA

This type of cancer, which originates in the milk ducts of the breasts, can be divided into two categories. Ductal carcinoma in situ (DCIS) is a non-invasive variety that remains within the duct tissues. Invasive (or infiltrating) ductal carcinoma is more aggressive and involves cancerous cells that have traversed the duct walls and invaded the surrounding breast tissue.

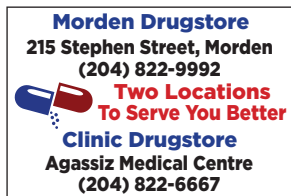
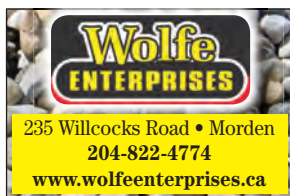
Invasive ductal carcinoma is the most common type of breast cancer, accounting for about 80 percent of all invasive cases.

2. LOBULAR CARCINOMA

This type of breast cancer develops in the lobules, which are the milk-producing glands at the end of the ducts. As with the ductal type, lobular carcinoma can be in situ or invasive. The latter is the second most common type of breast cancer, accounting for about 10 percent of all invasive cases. The non-invasive variety is sometimes referred to as lobular neoplasia because it's not a true cancer. Rather, someone with this diagnosis is simply at a higher risk of developing breast cancer due to abnormal cell growth.

For more information about the characteristics, prevention and treatment of various types of breast cancer, visit the Canadian Cancer Society website at cancer.ca

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Legion adding new commemorative banners

By Lorne Stelmach

There were a few tears last week for Brenda Perkins, and there will likely be a some more when she sees her father's picture on display in Morden later this fall.

Herman Larke is among the 16 subjects of the second round of commemorative banners honouring local veterans unveiled last week.

Perkins, a Winnipeg resident, is hoping to see her father's banner go up somewhere in the vicinity of 13th Street, which is also known as Larke Lane.

"I can hardly wait," she said after seeing the banner for the first time at the Morden Legion last Thursday evening. "Being an army brat, it means a lot to me. I think it's awesome, and we decided Dad needed to be part of it."

The Morden Legion introduced the commemorative banners last year with an initial 25 banners honouring local veterans.

They are put up in various locations for about a month around Remembrance Day, and they feature images of area residents who have served their country stretching back to the First World War and right through to today. Some of the banners feature a poppy to signify that person died in service.

"Our community has a lot about history ... and I knew that our community is big on history. We want to keep our history alive, and I think this is a great way to add to the history of the community," said Legion representative Ken Wiebe, who has spearheaded the

banner project.

"We had really good support with the first banners," he said, noting they quickly sold out the first batch they planned for. "We had demand for more, so we thought we would continue the program this year and try with 15.

"It's been a good program. It really hasn't been difficult to sell," said Wiebe, who added an interesting part of it for him has been having the chance to meet with the families and hear some of the personal stories.

For instance, there are two banners this time with the name David Scott Nichol, as one fought in the First World War and then his nephew served in the Second World War.

"I would love to get the school involved in this project," Wiebe said. "Take a name, research it, talk to the family and write a short biography and put it on the city website. I think that would be great history for our community."

The key thing for the Legion is to preserve this vital part of our history.

"These aren't just pictures. These are people who lived here," Wiebe said. "Every one of these guys have family in this area. They helped build our community, a lot of them. ... It's local people, and it's important to me that people understand that."

"These men sacrificed a lot, and they need to be remembered," agreed Perkins. "I think it's a good lesson for the younger generation who maybe didn't have their parents a part of this; they need to know what these men sacrificed for us."



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Relatives of Herman Larke with Legion president Tammy Petkau (far left) and Councillor Nancy Penner (far right) and the banner going up in Larke's memory. The Legion is adding 16 new commemorative banners to those put up last year for Remembrance Day.

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need for stabilization support for the sector so they can continue their good work in our community over the long haul."

WCF had previously awarded \$40,000 to seven organizations in our area in the first round of distributions from the ECSF.

Applications for the second round

will be accepted Oct. 5-30.

Grants can be used for a variety of purposes, including to cover staffing or resource needs, purchase assistance, and more.

Application details are available online at winklercommunityfoundation.com.

MANITOBA'S HOG SECTOR CONTINUES TO INVIGORATE RURAL COMMUNITIES



The global economy has taken a severe hit from the pandemic. As Manitoba starts to recover, it is reassuring to note that the hog sector continues to enhance economic strength province-wide by creating jobs and growth opportunities in rural communities, while producing high-quality and affordable protein.

The Manitoba hog sector employs 14,000 Manitobans and contributes \$1.7 billion to the provincial economy annually. Thanks to the hog sector, rural areas like Neepawa, Roblin, Killarney, and Notre Dame de Lourdes are being revitalized with new jobs in construction and other local trades. Schools, daycares, churches, and recreational centres are welcoming new members and communities are thriving.

"Myself and other Manitoba hog farmers continue to invest in new or expanded operations to meet the higher demand and standards that the marketplace requires," says Rick Préjet, a hog farmer from Notre Dame de Lourdes.

Since 2017, there have been over 20 new barn sites or barn expansions developed in Manitoba, with several others currently in the planning or approval stage.

This represents over \$100 million in private investment in rural Manitoba. As well, more than \$200 million has been invested by Manitoba processing facilities.

All told, in the coming years provincial pork producers will be investing about \$2 billion, creating jobs and raising the economic wealth of all Manitobans. Ongoing investments like these will be bolstered by the provincial government's sustainable protein strategy, which seeks to ensure that Manitoba remains a leader in animal protein production as global demand increases.

"The world will eventually recover and move on from the destruction brought by COVID-19," Préjet notes. "And Manitoba hog farmers will do our part by continuing to contribute to a thriving and progressive lifestyle for everyone."

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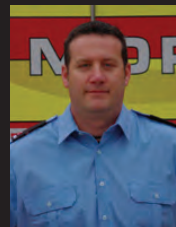
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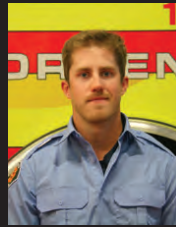
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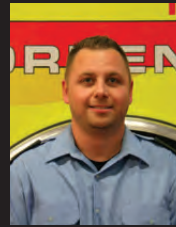
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Why cooking safety matters

- Cooking is the #1 cause of home fires and home fire injuries.
- Unattended cooking is the leading cause of fires in the kitchen.
- Scald burns are the second leading cause of all burn injuries. Hot liquids from coffee and even microwaved soup can cause devastating injuries.

Recipe for safety

Before you serve a meal, it's essential to serve up fire safety in the kitchen. There's nothing like spending time in the kitchen cooking a delicious meal for family and friends or an appetizing treat for yourself. But do you know the important steps to take long before anyone takes the first bite?

Importance of fire prevention

In a fire, mere seconds can mean the difference between a safe escape and a tragedy. Fire safety education isn't just for school children. Teenagers, adults, and the elderly are also at risk in fires, making it important for every member of the community to take some time every October during Fire Prevention Week™ to make sure they understand how to stay safe in case of a fire.

STAY

focused on the food



Unattended cooking is the leading cause of fires in the kitchen.

- Stay in the kitchen when you are frying, boiling, grilling, or broiling food. Turn off the burner if you leave the kitchen—even for a short period of time.
- If you are simmering, baking, or roasting food, check it regularly and stay in the home.
- Use a timer to remind you that you are cooking, or carry around a wooden spoon as a reminder.
- If you are sleepy, have consumed alcohol, or have taken medicine that makes you drowsy, don't cook. Place a delivery order!

PUT

a lid on it

You can take simple steps to keep a small kitchen fire from getting out of control.

- Always keep a lid nearby when cooking. If a small grease fire starts, slide the lid over the pan and turn off the burner. Leave the pan covered until it's cool.
- Never discharge a portable fire extinguisher into a grease fire because it will spread the fire.
- In case of an oven fire, turn off the heat and keep the door closed until the oven is cool. After the fire, have the oven serviced before using it again.
- If you have a microwave oven fire, turn the appliance off immediately and keep the oven door closed. Have the microwave oven serviced before using it again.

KEEP

cooking areas clear

Clear away clutter and give cooking appliances space to lessen the chance of a kitchen fire.

- Keep anything that can catch fire—oven mitts, wooden utensils, food wrappers, towels, curtains—away from the stovetop.
- Loose clothing can hang down onto stove burners and catch fire. Wear short, close-fitting, or tightly rolled sleeves when cooking.
- Have a "kid-free zone" of at least 3 feet around the stove and areas where hot food or drink is prepared or carried.
- Keep pets off cooking surfaces and nearby countertops.
- Clean up food and grease from burners and the stovetop.

PREVENT

scalds and burns



Hot liquids and steam from the stove or oven can cause devastating injuries.

- Turn pot handles away from the stove's edge.
- Keep hot foods and liquids away from table and counter edges.
- Keep your face away from the oven door when checking or removing food so that the heat or steam does not cause burns.
- Open microwaved food slowly, away from your face. Let food cool before eating.
- Keep appliance cords coiled and away from counter edges.



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Drive for Cancer raises \$20,000 for SCCR

By Lorne Stelmach

Car aficionados hit the road recently in support of the fight against cancer.

The Legends Car Club held its 20th annual Drive For Cancer on Sept. 19, a few months later than usual thanks to COVID-19.

Organizer Lyle Dunsmore noted they decided a few weeks ago that the fundraising drive should go ahead as they felt strongly about supporting South Central Cancer Resource amidst the pandemic.

"I talked to a couple of the guys and I said we should get this thing in the books because I know they're struggling for money," he said.

Despite public health restrictions limiting the numbers and requiring social distancing, the event brought in about \$20,000, which is not far down from last year's total of \$25,000.

"It depends on how hard the guys go to beat the bushes for pledges," Dunsmore said. "In about 20 years we've probably come close now to raising a couple hundred thousand dollars for them in total."

The 45 cars in attendance was also



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The Legends Car Club hosted its 20th annual Drive for Cancer Sept. 19. They raised \$20,000 for South Central Cancer Resource.

close to what the drive normally draws.

"I think there's a lot of car guys out there who are anxious to do stuff but there's not a lot going on this year," Dunsmore suggested.

After meeting up in Altona, the group drove a route that took them through Altona, Morris, Carman, Manitou, and Winkler before returning to Altona.

"You couldn't have asked for a more beautiful day for it," said Dunsmore.

"A good number of cars came over from Steinbach country across the river. We have a lot of members who are farmers, so it's kind of tough for them ... but a fair number of cars showed up from across the river, so it brought our numbers up."

SCCR's support of people dealing with cancer is a cause just about ev-

eryone can connect with, but the past few years especially it has really resonated with the car club.

"Sadly, we had lost two of our members to cancer the year before, so that maybe gave a little impetus for us to push a little harder," Dunsmore said. "And sadly, we have a member right now who's dealing with cancer."

"We all know somebody who's dealing with it or has dealt with it," he said, adding that they appreciate the support of their communities. "It's obviously not Legends Car Club money. It's the people of southern Manitoba ... certainly hundreds of people from southern Manitoba make donations to this thing every year."

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Busy fall ahead for Winkler Arts & Culture

By Ashleigh Viveiros

Winkler Arts and Culture kicked off its mixed media art classes for kids last week.

The six-week session gives budding artists the chance to play around with a variety of art mediums and techniques.

It also represents the start of what's shaping up to be a busy fall at the WAC, which hosts Gateway Resources' 10th annual art show this week (Sept. 29-Oct. 3) and welcomes back Chase the Ace and monthly bingo next Tuesday, Oct. 6.

"Chase the Ace is a continuation from the one we started last year and had to stop" due to the pandemic, said Jennifer Penner, WAC's administration and education director, noting

they'll be abiding by all public gathering restrictions, so come early to secure a spot.

The jackpot is at over \$2,500 with 26/54 cards drawn. A draw of the ace of spades wins the jackpot. Ticket sales (\$5 each) run every Tuesday night at the art gallery from 6:30-7:45 p.m. The draw is at 7:50 p.m.

Meanwhile, bingo runs the first Tuesday of every month starting at 6:30 p.m.

These fundraisers are vital to the ongoing operations of the art gallery, Penner said, stressing, "it helps us keep things going."

Also coming up at the WAC is an exhibit of word art from Kelly Klages (Oct. 5 to Nov. 16), an Artist's Guild graphite workshop (Oct. 8) and a still life open studio night (Oct. 22), a wa-



PHOTO BY ASHLEIGH VIVEIROS/VOICE

Winkler Arts and Culture welcomed nine kids for the first of its mixed media art classes last week. The six-week course gives young artists the chance to try their hand at a host of different mediums.

terbased markers painting class (Oct. 15-16), and a fundraising art auction (Oct. 30). Details are available at winklerarts.com.

Winkler council eyeing 15th St. roundabout

By Lorne Stelmach

A roundabout is being eyed as part of the plan for improvements to 15th Street in Winkler.

The project to improve the route including widening the shoulders and creating a crosswalk could also feature a roundabout to ease the traffic flow at the intersection of 15th St and Roblin Blvd.

One estimate had the roundabout potentially costing an additional \$150,000, but discussions have suggested it may be the only effective way to keep traffic moving there, Winkler Mayor Martin Harder said after the Sept. 22 council meeting.

"We've talked about it for a couple years already ... when we were going to redo 15th Street. First of all, is there room to do one, and secondly, is that the best way to handle it?"

"We talked about what will it be like if there is a four-way stop, for example, and how easy it is for the traffic to back up, and quite likely that four-way stop could be backed up to Highway 14, which would be very dangerous," said Harder.

"At this point of time, the process of the design is being developed, and the space is available, so the chances are very good that we will have a roundabout there in 2021," he said, noting it will still need to be considered for approval as part of the 2021

budget process.

The transportation committee has suggested the four-way stop will remain at Granduer, while a median will be provided for pedestrian crossing near the parking lot locations mid-block. No change was recommended to remove the stop at the railway tracks due to the cost provided by CP Rail being prohibitive at about \$375,000.

The idea of a roundabout may be new to the community, but it is something increasingly being used elsewhere, Harder noted.

"Take a look in Winnipeg and go into any of the new subdivisions that have been developed there," he said. "Because of the traffic study that was done, because of the new school and bus routes and everything else, the amount of traffic there is only going

to get busier. So we need to be able to keep the traffic moving.

"People will get used to using it, and they're going to think it's the best thing."

Meanwhile, speed limits are being looked at as part of larger discussions around traffic safety in residential areas in the community.

One key idea has been a residential route speed reduction to 30 kph, but no decisions have been made as of yet.

"The intent is to try to safen the residential street areas," Harder said. "So how do you do it ... how do you enforce it? We have enough streets right now it's difficult to have enough police officers to enforce those speed limits."

"So our transportation department has been challenged with developing methods of slowing traffic that

may not necessarily mean reducing speeds," he continued. "The idea is to do something that will prevent the traffic from speeding through rather than just putting up a sign."

"The engineers are going to try to figure out what works in a variety of different cities, and we'll use what we think is the best way to deal with it," Harder said, adding public awareness would need to be a key component as well.

"The education would happen pretty quickly if you happened to hit a speed bump," he said. "Obviously signage would need to be there, but public education is very important."

The transportation committee has also suggested there should be some form of public input as part of the process.

Nominations open for business awards

By Lorne Stelmach

A large awards gala may not be possible, but outstanding businesses in Morden will still be honoured for their success this fall.

The Morden and District Chamber of Commerce is holding its annual business awards program as usual, but the ongoing public health restric-

tions make it clear the honours will have to be presented in a much smaller-scale way.

"We'll still go through the same process, but the awards will just be handed out on a more individual basis ... we hope to be back next year with the full gala," executive director Candace Olafson said last week as the call went out for nominations. "We think that

it's important to continue to recognize the businesses and their accomplishments and all their hard work, especially now during such ever-changing times."

The chamber is accepting nominations until Oct. 9 for Entrepreneur of the Year, Not-for-Profit of the Year, and

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Regional Connections adds new project liaison

By Lorne Stelmach

The newest member of the team at Regional Connections will be speaking from experience when he's helping other newcomers to Canada navigate their way back into their chosen fields here.

Muzaffar Aisaev, who started last week in the new role of project liaison, has himself been going through the process of earning his credentials in Canada, so he is well positioned to help others facing the same challenge.

"From my own experience, I didn't know how to do that, so I started reading a lot of information and gathering key pieces to make a whole picture of it," said Aisaev. "It's helpful to me now because I know where to dig information and also what steps should be done for this, and also the team here is helping me."

A native of Kyrgyzstan in Central Asia, Aisaev has worked in the field of human resource management. He has been in Canada for about a year and a half, and the opportunity of this newly created role at Regional Connections appealed to him.

Muzaffar Aisaev is Regional Connections' new project liaison. He's there to help newcomers navigate the credentials they need to get back into their careers of choice.

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"My role mostly will be to determine what their needs are, especially with their jobs and credential recognition," said Aisaev.

"The main goal is to help internationally educated professionals in

the process of credential recognition. We have a lot of newcomers and immigrants who have an international education and while they are here for the first time, they can't work in their field ... it takes time, so we are here to

help them."

He sees himself as being able to help guide people step by step through what all they need to do while also facing all of other adjustments that come with settling in a new place.

"For newcomers, it's a lot of challenges when they move from another country to a new country. They are trying to make this country their home, but at the same time they face challenges ... like cultural differences, language barriers. Here, at Regional Connections, they help with all of those things.

"Personally, I want to be an encouragement for them," said Aisaev, who feels it is important for newcomers to be able to consult with people who can relate to their situations.

"Have faith ... it takes some time, but eventually you can get to your credentials and you can come back to your field and feel more successful," he said.

"We have a good team here ... we also have connections with local businesses to help new immigrants find jobs," Aisaev added. "I can be a good example for newcomers. Don't give up ... everything is possible."

Morden commits \$300K for water treatment plant upgrades

Manitoba Water Services Board to match funding

By Lorne Stelmach

The City of Morden is undertaking some improvements at its water treatment plant with some funding help from the province.

Council gave the go ahead last month for \$600,000 in major upgrades, with the cost split between the city and the Manitoba Water Services Board.

The work will result in overall improvements in water quality, said Mayor Brandon Burley, who added another key for council was that their cost can be borne out of utility reserve funds this year.

"With matching dollars from Manitoba Water Services Board, we felt this was the time to do it and then to levy

next year to make up the remainder of that \$300,000 coming out of utilities reserve," Burley explained.

Water quality has been in the public eye in Morden recently. The city was under a boil water advisory for four days earlier this summer and some residents have taken to social media to voice concerns about the water at Lake Minnewasta, the source of the city's water.

Burley noted some of these upgrades had been identified in their strategic plan, and levies in the last two years to transfer funds to the utilities reserve have put the city in the position to address them now.

"That won't come as a special service levy, that will just be in general taxation," he added. "It's a little bit of pre-committing to next year's budget, but we feel we're in a position where we can do it. They were things that were on the table last year to get done but we just didn't have the budget for

it. We're in a better position to be able to do them now."

The city had identified a few particular challenges with the water treatment process, and one key aspect that will be addressed is the fixed standpipe where the water flow is coming in at one depth.

"If water is coming in with poor water quality at a certain depth, we cannot change that depth, we have to treat it more extensively," Burley said. "One of the things we're doing with this funding is we're moving the fixed standpipe, which will allow us to vary the depth at which we take in water."

Another key piece is what were called variable speed drivers.

"What that allows us to do is to flow water through the system and equalize the pressure on both sides of the membrane," explained Burley, suggesting there will be significant cost savings while also allowing "us to vary the speed of flow depending on water

quality."

The city is also looking at upgrades to the membrane as well as other possible work, dependent on provincial approval.

"There's a pile of things that we can do there, but we want to make sure that what we're doing is prudent, and this way, we can be doing it in increments," said Burley. "We can monitor the testing results on the other side and see the impact that it's making, and we can make those changes incrementally, which I think is responsible to taxpayers."

"Water quality is something that we're looking at closely, and we've committed to spending \$4 million over four years," he concluded. "We've obviously been concerned with the quality of water in the lake itself, but we also want to ensure that we improve the quality of water coming out of the taps."

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Flyers split pre-season games with Steelers

By Ashleigh Viveiros

The Winkler Flyers found themselves in a hard-fought battle with the Selkirk Steelers last week in the MJHL pre-season.

In game one Sept. 23, Winkler's Mike Svenson opened scoring early in the first period to take a 1-0 lead.

The Steelers tied it up in the 18th minute and then took the lead themselves 11 minutes into the second period.

The Flyers reclaimed control of the game with a pair of goals from Jayden McCarthy and Svenson at 19:30 and 19:52.

Selkirk scored the third period's lone goal, tying things at 3-3 and forcing a scoreless extra period.

The game moved into a shootout for a decision. Both sides missed the mark in the first round but scored in the second. McCarthy did the honours for Winkler.

Two more futile rounds followed before Selkirk missed their fifth shot while Winkler's Max Collette found the back of the net to give the game to the Flyers 4-3.

Malachi Klassen and Nico Gamarra split duties in net. Klassen made 14 saves off 15 shots while Gamarra faced down nine shots and made seven saves in regulation. Winkler outshot Selkirk 36-24 overall.

Two nights later it was Selkirk who had home ice advantage. They made the most of it.

After drawing first blood with a goal from Sullivan Shortreed just 18 seconds in, Winkler failed to score again for the rest of the game, while the Steelers tied the game in the first and added goals in each of the remaining periods to take it 3-1.

Dylan Meilun and Reid Dyck took the loss between the posts for Winkler, Meilun making 12 saves off 14



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The Selkirk Steelers clawed their way back into the game last Wednesday in Winkler to force a shootout, which the Flyers won to claim a 4-3 victory in their first exhibition game of the season. Winkler went on to fall to Selkirk 3-1 Friday night. They close out the pre-season with a game in Steinbach Saturday.

shots and Dyck saving 18 out of 19 as the Steelers outshot the Flyers 33-16.

Winkler closes out their exhibition games this Saturday

in Steinbach against the Pistons.

The regular season begins in Neepawa Oct. 9 followed by the Flyers' first home game, also against Neepawa, Oct. 10.

Winkler Cricket Club looking for players

By Ashleigh Viveiros

The Winkler Cricket Club has put a call out for new players for the 2021 season.

This summer was a rocky one for the club, which oversees the Winkler Royals.

"We used to have a lot more players here living in Winkler and Morden, but then three or four of our guys moved to Winnipeg," says team captain and club president Deepak Saini. "And because of their move they're now connected to other teams."

The Royals did still compete in the Manitoba Cricket Association's outdoor league in Winnipeg this summer.

It was an unusual season thanks to COVID-19, and the team finished it with a middle-of-the-road record of five wins, five losses.

"We didn't do so well," Saini said, adding he hopes to see the team grow both in skill and size next season. "For next year our goal is to look for five or six new players."

The team plays weekends starting in May through to September.

The games are all in Winnipeg right now, but the cricket club hopes to see that change with the construction of a pitch in Winkler at Northlands Parkway Collegiate.

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End of an era for local footballer

By Lorne Stelmach

As Jonathan Remple prepares to likely bring his football career to an end, the Mordenite looks back fondly on what started his successful journey in the sport.

The Pembina Valley Cornhuskers midget level program only lasted three seasons, but it launched Remple on to big things at the high school, junior, and university levels.

"We did have some really good players come through, but there really wasn't an opportunity to go on, unfortunately," said Remple, who is now in what he believes will be his final year as quarterback for the University of Manitoba Bisons. "I believe though it was a big part of my development that I used to play football out here for the Cornhuskers."

Remple has earned a reputation for keeping plays alive with his feet and demonstrating strong down field vision in the process.

Success has followed him since his three years with the Cornhuskers, with whom he starred despite the fact the fledgling team went just 2-18 over three seasons.

In 2012, he was named the Midget Football League of Manitoba's MVP after throwing for 1,216 yards and 11 touchdowns in nine games while also carrying the ball 74 times for 639 yards rushing and scoring eight touchdowns.

"There wasn't place to play; really, the only option was to go play in the city," Remple recalled of when the Cornhuskers formed for the 2010 season.

"I knew some people from Morden who played in the city, but it just didn't seem like a good option for me, so it was really nice when the Pembina Valley Cornhuskers became an or-

ganization that it gave me a chance to play.

"My dad started me out as a big CFL fan. We would always go to CFL games because we had season tickets. We would always play catch in the front yard," Remple recalled. "So when the Cornhuskers became a viable option, we jumped on board right from the beginning, and it was a big family affair."

When the local football program ended, Remple still had his Grade 12 year remaining, so he ended up in Winnipeg at Sturgeon Heights, where the Huskies had title hopes but lost in the league semi-final to Garden City.

"We had a really good year. We had the top four receivers, the best offence ... and a bunch of my teammates moved on and had really good junior and university careers," noted Remple.

Although he only had one season there, Remple earned accolades including being named the 2013 Division 2 Offensive Player of the Year after throwing for over 1,800 yards and 17 scores. He was later named to the Div. 2 all-decade team as quarterback.

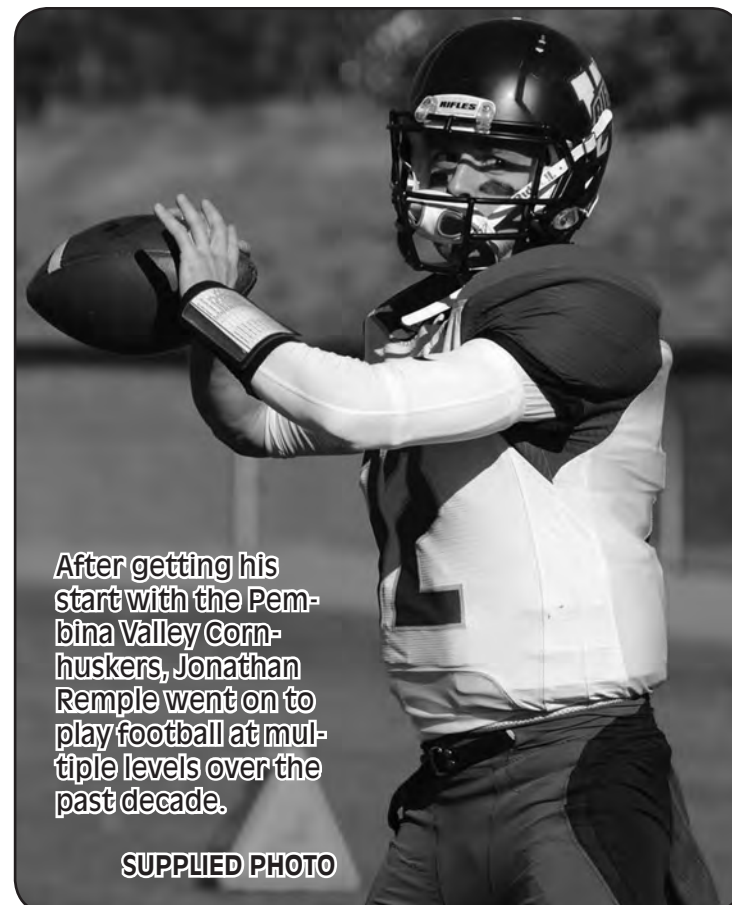
After graduating from Sturgeon Heights, he played for the Winnipeg Rifles junior team, where he again starred before accepting an offer from the University of Manitoba.

"We had a really good team, and I was surrounded by some very good players," said Remple. "Last year was one of the best teams I've been on; we had a good chance to win the Vanier Cup [national university championship] but we lost to the champion Calgary Dinos."

This current season was to be his third and final year of age eligibility, but it of course was brought to a halt by COVID-19.

"This was supposed to be my senior year, and I have one class left for my degree, so I'm finishing that right now. It's tough to end on this

"IT WAS JUST SUCH A GOOD EXPERIENCE ... TO PLAY A SPORT THAT I REALLY LOVED."



After getting his start with the Pembina Valley Cornhuskers, Jonathan Remple went on to play football at multiple levels over the past decade.

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note. We're practising three times a week, but it's definitely not the same," said Remple.

Although the age eligibility restrictions were lifted and could allow Remple one more season next year, he is doubtful that he will want to return.

"I'm at a point in my life I think I'm ready to move on and do other things. I'm ready for the next step," he said.

"I've been very fortunate to be on some very good teams, and I have a lot of fond memories," said Remple, as he again harkened back to the early days with the Cornhuskers.

"I never had the opportunity [before them]. I played every other sport growing up. It really was a positive experience when I look back on it because it was just fun to get out there," he concluded.

"We didn't win a lot. I think we won two games in like three years ... obviously, you want to play to win, but honestly, looking back on it, I don't even think about our record. It was just such a good experience and to play a sport that I really loved."

Season runs May-Sept.

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"The pitch is already dug up but we're looking for a sponsor who can help us with the concrete," Saini said, explaining they hope to secure funding in time to have the pitch up and running for next summer.

Once that's in place it will open up a world of opportunities to the club, he said. Not only will Winkler finally be able to host league games and tournaments, but the club can also

organize workshops to introduce people to the sport.

If you'd like to play cricket or want to support the club in its efforts to get the pitch in, reach them at winklercricketclub@gmail.com or call 431-451-9528 or 204-952-9523.

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The Winkler Royals are hoping to add some new players to their roster next summer. They were 5-5 this year.



Mutcheson Trust hands out scholarships to Morden youth

By Lorne Stelmach

Two more young scholars and athletes are benefiting from the legacy of Michael Mutcheson.

Annual scholarships honouring the memory of the former Mordenite support the continuing education of two outstanding local youth in Morden each year. The awards recognize them not only for athletic ability but also for being a role model, just as Michael Mutcheson was until his life was cut short.

Receiving the \$4,000 awards for 2020 last Thursday were Megan Sandercock and Cassidy Curry, who both called it a tremendous honour.

"My family has kind of known the Mutcheson family; I've always heard about them around the community," said Sandercock. "It's kind of nice to have that recognition. It's very special to know that they selected you to receive such a great award."

"I feel very honoured because there's so many great athletes in our community and around here," said Curry. "So to be able to say that I won the Mutcheson scholarship is a phe-

nomenal feeling, and I feel proud to say it."

"These candidates represent what Mike represented. They're hard working, they chase some athletics, they come from great families. These two here just emulated everything we're looking for," said Ray Mutcheson, Michael's brother.

The Michael Mutcheson Memorial Trust was started in 1996 to raise money for scholarships to assist worthy high school graduates involved in athletics in Milton, Ontario where Michael lived and in Morden where he grew up.

The trust has since distributed well over \$200,000 in scholarships and over \$800,000 in donations to children's charities, including \$50,000 to the children's ward at Boundary Trails Health Centre.

It was friends of Michael who were inspired to create this legacy to honour the spirit in which he lived his life, said Mutcheson, who added it is encouraging for the family to know that Michael's legacy continues to have an impact.

"It was a tremendous tragic loss to



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From left: Meghan Sandercock, Ray Mutcheson with mother Sylvia, and Cassidy Curry at the presentation of the Michael Mutcheson scholarships last week.

our family. He was all of it: our mentor and our model. But this has been healing for all of us," he said.

"It's nice to see that Mike's work on this earth can help other people ... and it always means a lot to us that we always have such quality candidates."

"It's really helpful both psychologically and financially," said Sandercock of the award. She recently began her commerce studies at the University of Manitoba in the Asper School of Business.

"It definitely means a lot. It's nice to have the support going into university, especially with the way everything is kind of different this year," she said. "It's reassuring to have support from your own community and for your volunteer work and everything you've done to be recognized."

"It means so much to me; I'm so grateful and appreciative to have the support," said Curry, who will be studying at Université de Saint-Boniface with the goal to become a French Immersion teacher.

"I definitely feel very honoured and supported by the community to know that after all my years of hard work to have the support of the community backing me when I go on to continue my education."

"We're always happy with our candidates. They represent the best of the best, and they remind us of Mike and how he lived his life to the fullest," said Mutcheson.

"I think Mike would be very pleased," he added. "Mike was always looking out for people. He did it for his family and for his community."

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> MEAL IDEA



Vegetable and Rice Power Bowls

Total time: 45 minutes

Servings: 6

2 cups chopped butternut squash

2 cups chopped sweet potatoes

3 tablespoons olive oil, divided

1 tablespoon fresh thyme leaves

1 tablespoon maple syrup

1/4 teaspoon salt

1/4 teaspoon pepper

2 cups peeled, chopped beets

2 bags Success Jasmine Rice

4 cups mixed greens

1 can (15 ounces) brown lentils, drained and rinsed

1/2 cup crumbled goat cheese

1/3 cup pumpkin seeds

1/2 cup prepared balsamic dressing
Preheat oven to 400 F. In large bowl, toss together butternut squash, sweet potatoes, 2 tablespoons oil, thyme, maple syrup, salt and pepper. Arrange in single layer on parchment paper-lined baking sheet.

In same bowl, toss beets with remaining oil until well coated; add to baking sheet with butternut squash and sweet potatoes. Bake 30-35 minutes, or until golden brown and tender.

Prepare rice according to package directions; divide among six bowls. Top each with greens, roasted vegetables, lentils, goat cheese and pumpkin seeds. Drizzle with balsamic dressing.



SUBMITTED PHOTO

Supporters of Winkler's annual Thanks for Giving Run in support of the Winkler and District Food Cupboard gathered at the Winkler arena Friday to kick off the event and collect donations for the food bank. Instead of the usual community run, this year participants can sign up to run a 5k, 10k, or half-marathon distance on their own anytime until Oct. 12. Registration details are available at thanksforgivingrun.ca.

Possible Lone Star tick sighting in the Pembina Valley

By Lorne Stelmach

Ticks are pretty commonplace for Jamie Grenier and his family, who live in the heavily wooded Pembina Valley, but he might have had one recently that was quite out of the ordinary.

He didn't think much of it at the time, being in such a hot spot for ticks, but one he found crawling around on one of his kids may have been a variety that are considered to be quite rare here.

"I'm used to seeing the normal dog tick, and we've got lots of deer ticks where we live, but this one was smaller than the deer tick," Grenier said.

After some sleuthing online, Grenier believes it may have been a lone star tick.

"Whether I was right or wrong as far as identifying this one, I don't know, but the pictures looked the same as what I pulled off my kid," he said.

Lone star ticks have been spreading north and west in recent years from their natural habitat in the southeastern U.S.

"Lone star ticks are quite rare here, but we have reports of them almost every year," said Kateryn Rochon, associate professor of veterinary entomology in the department of entomology at the University of Manitoba. "There's been an increase in the last 10 years, but it's still a relatively rare phenomena."

There are more than 40 species of ticks in Canada, but the two main kinds in Manitoba are the dog or wood tick, which is bigger and has notable white markings, and the black-legged or deer tick, which is smaller and can transmit Lyme disease.

 TickEncounter Resource Center

Amblyomma americanum (Lone Star ticks)



Less prevalent are the larger winter or moose ticks and the lone star ticks, whose females have a white dot on their back.

Rochon said the source of lone star ticks in Manitoba would usually be one of two scenarios.

"Someone buys a animal from the U.S. and brings it here. For example, someone buys a horse from Kentucky, and the horse arrives here with a tick or two that have gone unnoticed. Then the new owner will notice while grooming the animal and report those ticks ... or not."

The second route comes from the air. "Immature ticks (larvae or nymphs) attach to birds in the U.S. in the spring or early summer, just before migration. The birds follow their migration route and land here," Rochon said. "When the ticks are done feeding, which can take several days, they will drop to the ground to moult to the next stage (nymphs-adults). The

adults then start seeking a host to feed from, and that's when we find them. Or, rather, they find us."

"Diseases associated with lone star ticks are rare," noted Dr. Natalie Casclang, a medical officer of health with Manitoba Health, Seniors and Active Living, via email.

Scientists are studying the phenomenon of people becoming allergic to red meat after being bitten by lone star ticks. They can also carry bacteria that causes ehrlichiosis.

"Typically, individuals infected with ehrlichiosis experience mild body aches, chills and high fevers," Casclang explained. "These symptoms may develop about a week or two after a tick bite."

"Manitobans are at a very low risk of encountering a lone star tick and at even lower risk of developing ehrlichiosis," she added.

Casclang emphasized the general advice for dealing with ticks:

"Avoiding tick bites is the best way to prevent tick-borne diseases," she said. "Steps to prevent tick bites would include wearing an appropriate insect repellent when outside; wearing long clothing and closed-toe shoes; tucking pants into socks or boots; tucking boots and shirt into pants; and conducting a tick check on yourself, your children, and pets when you return from the outdoors."

"If an individual sees a tick, they should promptly remove it with tweezers by grasping the tick as close as possible to the attachment point (the mouth and head) and pull straight up until the tick is out."

"Individuals can see their health care provider if they experience any changes in their health following a tick bite."

Doing everything you can to protect yourself is certainly advice Grenier takes to heart, living in tick country.

"As far as wood ticks go, it's nasty. You can't really walk 10 feet in the bush without coming out with 10 or 15 of them on you," he said. "As far as deer ticks, now they're starting to be quite a bit more common. We see them quite a bit."

> AWARDS, FROM PG. 19

Business of the Year for both businesses with seven or more employees and those with under seven staff.

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Otherwise, the awards are open to any business that has been in operation at least three years and is located in Morden.

Last year's winners included Fringe Salon and Spa, Horizon Earthworks, Merle Block of Checker Signs, and the Morden Community Thrift Shop.

Shining a spotlight on local success has perhaps never been more important, noted Olafson.

"The chamber wants to recognize local businesses and all that they contribute to our community," she said. "It's important to continue to support our local businesses and make sure that they are continuing to thrive."

"I think the awards help bring attention to that and all the success that they have ... and they are a very important part of our community in the way that they provide services and support our community in many different ways."



Making their mark

A few volunteers and residents contributed their artistic touches to a large art scroll as part of a Culture Day event Saturday at the Access Event Centre in Morden. The Pembina Hills Arts Council welcomed contributors to explore "What is Culture?" The afternoon also included the Newcomer Stories video launch by the Pembina Valley Local Immigration Partnership (see story on Pg. 4) and a screening of The Secret Path film by Gord Downie presented by the City of Morden.

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- Located in the Rural Municipality of Roland
- No Buildings are located on the property

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APPLICATION FOR REVISION

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

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

- 43(1) An application for revision must
- be made in writing;
 - set out the roll number and legal description of the assessable property for which a revision is sought;
 - set out which of the matters referred to in subsection 42(1) are at issue and the grounds for each of those matters; and
 - be filed by delivering it or causing it to be delivered to the Municipal Office at 185 Main Street, Winkler MB., or by serving it upon the secretary, at least 15 days before the scheduled sitting date of the board.

The Board of Revision will sit on **Thursday, November 5th, 2020 at 7:00 p.m.** in the Council Chamber of the City of Winkler to hear applications. The **final date** on which the Secretary of the Board may receive applications is **Tuesday, October 20th, 2020.**

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Level: Intermediate

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2	1	8	9	6	8	7	2	9
7	9	8	8	2	9	1	2	6
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9	8	9	6	8	2	2	1	7
6	2	7	9	1	9	8	8	2

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OBITUARY

Howard Norman Lilke

December 22, 1939 - September 17, 2020

On September 17, 2020 at Boundary Trails Health Centre Howard passed away peacefully with his wife by his side.

Howard was born in Altona, MB on December 22, 1939. He always joked that he survived the "dirty 30's". The beginning years were in Rosenfeld and moved to Morden with his parents Daniel and Hertha Lilke and four brothers Albert, Alvin, Dennis and Harvey in 1952. Howard met Sharon Mary Lone in 1956 and were married May 25, 1963 in Kaleida where they lived on the farm. Howard and Mary have three children Darryl, Darlene and Donna. They moved to Manitou in 1971 and this is considered home for Howard. A gifted man and "jack of all trades" Howard held a few different jobs and made many friends with his wit and sense of humour. Howard and Mary moved to Morden in 1987 where they stayed.

Howard was a very gifted musician and could play many instruments and was a beautiful singer. He played in a band in his younger years and enjoyed fishing, playing cards, music and his immediate family was his world. Nothing made Howard happier than having his kids, grandkids and great-grandkids around him. Add a game of cards or Yahtzee and some food and all was complete.

Howard leaves to mourn his wife and best friend of over 57 years Mary; children Darryl, Darlene (Harry) and Donna; grandchildren Emma, Ellie (Darryl), Derek (Kenzie) and Riley (Meaghan) - Darlene and Harry, Tyler and Josie (Donna); great-grandchildren Jaxon and Holly (Derek); brothers Alvin (Sandy) and Harvey; brother-in-law Dale (Lori) and many nieces and nephews.

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OBITUARY

Susie Reimer (nee Penner)

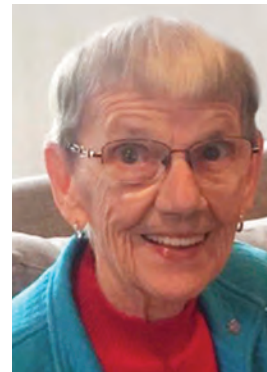
1933 - 2020

Susie Reimer aged 87 of Winkler, MB entered into eternity with her Lord and Savior on Monday, September 21, 2020 at Boundary Trails Health Centre.

Susie was born on June 17, 1933 to Henry and Katharina Penner of Bergfeld, MB. She attended the EMM Church and was baptized at the age of 20. She married the love of her life, Abe Reimer in 1955. She worked at the Winkler Coop and the Bethel Hospital.

Susie is survived by son, Glenn (wife, Darlene) from Edmonton; son, Vern (wife, Cheryl) from Winkler; and daughter, Patsy Penner (husband, Ed) from Winkler; seven grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren. She was predeceased by Abe in 2017.

A private family funeral was held with interment at Westridge



Memorial Gardens.

The family wishes to thank Dr. Woelk, Dr. Lehmann, nurses and health care aids and friends for your kindness during this time.

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OBITUARY

John Peters

1954 - 2020

On Tuesday, September 22, 2020 at Boundary Trails Health Centre, John R Peters, 65 of Morden, MB went to his eternal rest.

He leaves to mourn his passing his wife, Anne (nee Giesbrecht); three daughters, Karen and Daryl Turner (Camri, Skyler, Snowdyn), Kristina Peters (Jaden, Logan, Mason), Nancy and Albert Abrams (Arielle, Taliyah, Brooklyn) and one son, John M Peters; as well as two sisters, four brothers and their families. He was predeceased by daughter, Joanne; his parents, Peter and Elizabeth Peters; two brothers and three siblings in infancy.

Private service was held at Westside Community Church with interment at Southside Cemetery.

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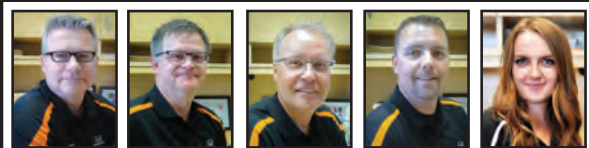


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