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Cleaning up

Howard and Jeannie Pauls were among the dozens of locals who came out to help clean up around Lake Minnewasta in Morden last week. For the full story, see Pg. 3.

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Community shows up in force for lake cleanup

By Lorne Stelmach

Amidst all the concerns around historically low water levels at Lake Minnewasta came a blessing in disguise which brought out about 50 volunteers last Wednesday evening.

A community cleanup was organized to take advantage of the opportunity to clean up especially along all of the unusually exposed shoreline of the lake.

"It's an opportunity to do some cleanup we haven't maybe been able to do ever," said Gordon Earl, who was among the volunteers who spent an hour or two helping pick up trash not only along the shore but the lake trail as well. "Often things can collect and pile up even over the summer, so it's great to clean it up and have it in great shape for next year."

Earl's frequent use of both the lake and especially the trail motivated him to get involved.

"It's a great resource that we have for the city," he said. "If we all do it a little bit, then we're good to go."

Beach and campground manager Brian Thiessen said getting a sense throughout the summer of how much people care and were concerned about the lake spurred the idea to organize the cleanup effort.

"It was just seeing how much people cared about what was happening at the lake ... and I thought why not just capitalize on this opportunity and see if we could get a big effort together and get the community to come out



PHOTO BY LORNE STELMACH/VOICE

About 50 volunteers showed up to a community cleanup at Lake Minnewasta last week, taking advantage of the low water level to get to trash left along the shore and on the walking trails.

and see what they could gather up.

"The water has never been this low in something like 30, 40 years, so why not take the opportunity?" Thiessen continued. "The weather turned out really nice for it, and it looked like the turnout was going to be really good with what I was seeing for registrations.

"I was pumped to get at it and clean things up," he said. "I was hoping for maybe 20, 25 people, and I think I counted about 48 plus coming, so we're really happy with it."

Being at the lake throughout this whole period of drought, Thiessen said it has been interesting to see what has been emerging as the water level dropped.

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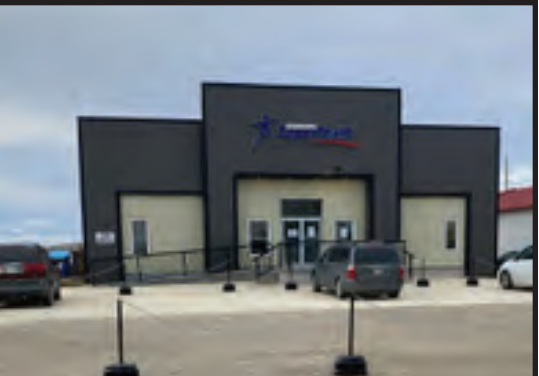
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Let's Get Back to That

United Way launches Koats for Kids campaign

Distribution dates set for Morden, Winkler next month

By Lorne Stelmach

United Way Pembina Valley is putting out a call for donations of winter clothing for the agency's Koats for Kids donation drive.

The annual effort to collect gently used winter clothing for distribution to others in the community runs Oct. 15 to Nov. 9.

It is always a very worthwhile way for the United Way to return the favour to the community for the financial support the annual fundraising campaign receives each year

"We just always get a really good response, and it does a really good job just for the fact that it helps a lot of people," said board member Terry Gibson.

Koats for Kids has run in Morden for a number of years. With the recent merger of the Winkler and Morden United Ways, the program is expanding this year to include Winkler as well. Gibson said it is exciting to see the effort growing.

"It sure could make it bigger overall," he said.

"We've got it worked into a shorter time this year because of COVID," he noted. "What we're concerned about is we could be going into the fourth wave, so we're setting up so that we can operate unless things get totally shut down ... we'll be able to operate safely and make it work."

The agency is looking for all kinds of winter items for kids and adults

including jackets, snow pants, toques, mittens, scarves—anything that will help families in need stay warm in the months ahead.

Red donation bins are in place at two locations in Morden and Winkler this year: the Morden fire hall at 194 Thornhill St. by the shed at the back of the building and the Winkler fire hall at 290 Pembina Ave. at the front of the building.

Local families can then stop by the Morden fire hall or Shine and Share at Winkler's Central Station Community Centre for distribution nights on Monday, Nov. 8 from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. or Tuesday, Nov. 9 from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. and 4:30-6:30 p.m. There is no charge for any of the clothing. Anyone who needs it is welcome to come pick something up.

"People have come up really big for us to make this happen here. Central Station has a really good spot there," said Gibson.

He had no doubt that people will come through for them again as they always have to support the initiative.

"We've gotten coats from as far west as Crystal City. There's a lady who collects there for us every year," he noted.

Winkler fire Chief Richard Paetzold was glad that the department could be involved in the campaign, as the pandemic has not allowed them to be as involved in the community of late.

"We thought it was a good opportunity to maybe even start afresh with community organizations," he said.

"We often receive a lot of help and support from the community, and we also like to give back as well," Paetzold added. "This is a way to re-engage with the community again and work with the United Way on an important project."



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United Way Pembina Valley's Terry Gibson (left) with Winkler fire Chief Richard Paetzold and the drop-off box in place at the city's fire hall this month for new and gently used winter clothing. A donation box is also at the Morden fire hall.

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"There's absolutely everything from what looks like used to be old fire pit rings to old rubber tires," he said. "Of course, there's half broken down aluminum cans, there's bottles, glass and all sorts of new litter out along the shore, whether it's been blown in or from people taking a stroll and not taking their garbage with them.

"Items I never knew would be down there are now showing themselves ... it's hard to say how long some of this has been in the water; it looks like some of it has been there several years, decades even, so who knows."

Thiessen suggested the cleaning effort might even help reinforce the overall message for people to be mindful of and to take care of this vital resource.

"I think we're more cautious than we have ever been about our water," he said. "We are careful about what goes in the water, and I think that would prompt a good turnout for this event."

Earl also shared a sentiment that is likely shared by all right now.

"We're all hopeful the lake is not going to stay this way, that we'll get enough snow this winter and fill it up."

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MORE QUESTIONS THAN ANSWERS

Absolutely everyone has been affected with what has gone on in this world over the past year.

Visitation of elderly and hospitalized has had restrictions, way of life has changed, fundamental constitutional rights and freedoms have been suppressed, some have died from COVID, some have died or suffered ill effects from vaccinations.

With many more questions than answers, I am compelled to carefully consider my options as a father and family breadwinner.

My family is not opposed to vaccinations, but I must count the cost and consider the risk of an experimental vaccine, not one with years of available data and study.

With serious risk factors of being not vaccinated as low as they are and the possibility of medical complications as they are for those who do take the vaccine, I have to consider what might happen to my family.

**James Suderman,
Reinfeld**

A PLEA FOR VACCINATION

Let me start by stating that those in Southern Manitoba that are reluctant to get the COVID-19 vaccination are not necessarily of Mennonite descent. And for those of you whom are, "Na Mensch/Meale!"

Our heritage would teach us to not trust the government, yes. I would dare say that this many generations later, many probably don't even know why.

However, our heritage would also teach us that we would wish no harm to others. I look at my family history books and am proud to see the amount of men whom served as conscientious objectors. My memory of our history would also show that in times of religious persecution, we didn't start a revolution ... our inclination would be more likely to move on. Hence why we have been lucky enough to grow

up in Canada.

And for those that have considered that as a current choice, my prayers go along with you as I am not sure that there is any other nation that would be safer to live in than Canada.

If our history isn't enough, I would also implore you to look inward. There are many voices screaming on either side of this debate [at this point I think Oma would be yelling "zie ya schate" to everyone on BOTH sides]. My experience has been that the truth lies somewhere in the middle.

Currently, Southern Manitoba is popular in the news for all the wrong reasons. I am still proud to be a Mennonite. The government is in control of every facet of the safety of its citizens (personally, I am grateful for healthcare and stop lights, to name a few). I am not a scientist. My life isn't political (oh Lord, make it stop!). I am tired of restrictions. That won't end until the vaccination rates are at a certain level. I am a 'high risk' immune compromised individual. I couldn't live with myself if I passed on COVID to any of my loved ones.

I am vaccinated. I hope you will be too.

**Darlene Hunt,
Morden**

LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOUR

I tested positive for COVID-19 because I was with someone who had COVID. And the impact this had on our family was huge.

Thankfully I have been double vaccinated for just over three months. My symptoms were more mild, although bad enough. I started with congestion, and then developed into a dry cough,

which I still have. Another thing I found out, since I received my positive test results, is that the chance of spreading is less, and less severe of the virus that you will spread. Thankfully, none of my close contacts tested positive. And no one got symptoms. Above the science part of it, thankful to God for His protection!

I am not a medical professional. I have been in this journey with COVID for the last 18 months, just as you all have. I have learned to trust Dr. Rousin, and Dr. Joss Reimer, and besides knowing Dr. Reimer's family, in our community, I did not know either of them before this. But have so appreciated their wisdom, the studies they've looked into. Thank you to Dr. Lane, Dr. Klassen, Dr. Abbu, and all our doctors, medical staff, [respiratory therapist] Craig Doell, who have shared some of their journey, pleading with our community to go get vaccinated.

I'm sharing a bit of my story and hope and pray it will impact someone.

You don't have to believe me. I have not done the studies. But I know from my experience anyone can get COVID. And am so thankful I was vaccinated! I have and will continue to trust my doctor. Thank you to all our medical staff for working tirelessly, as it impacted your own families, while trying to protect our community.

If you don't think you need to get vaccinated for yourself, do it for your loved one, the neighbour down the street who has cancer, your grandchildren, or your friends' grandchildren!

In the words of Dr. Lane: "Love your neighbour, and get vaccinated!"

**Eleanor Wall,
Winkler**

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• HEALTH CORNER

Big Pharma and your doctor

Have you ever heard that doctors get paid per prescription? Or that pharmaceutical companies pay doctors to prescribe certain drugs? Or simply that doctors are “in the pocket” of Big Pharma?

As a family doctor I’ve heard all of these things over the years, but I have yet to receive my cheque from Big Pharma!

The truth is that doctors don’t get

paid for prescriptions and are prohibited from doing so by the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Manitoba conflict of interest rules.

These rules dictate that a doctor must act in the best interest of the patient and cannot have any financial conflicts that interfere with this.

Most family doctors are paid fee for service by Manitoba Health, which means they get a set amount for a patient visit. The fee is the same whether an expensive drug is prescribed, a cheap drug is prescribed, or no drug



By Dr. Dan Hunt

Morden police officer uses taser on man resisting arrest

By Voice staff

A Morden police officer used his taser to subdue a suspect in an altercation that took place last month, the department has released.

In the early morning hours of Sept. 5, an officer conducted a check on a vehicle that was parked on the side of Hwy. 3 with the four-way flashers activated.

Upon approaching the vehicle, the officer observed the driver to be slumped over with his head against the window. Alcohol containers and drug paraphernalia were observed inside the vehicle.

Police knocked on the window several times to wake the driver up, at which point, police report, the driver aggressively exited the vehicle and rushed towards police, clenching his fists and yelling incoherently.

The driver was advised he was under arrest and given commands to put his hands behind his back. The driver continued to ignore police instructions and sprinted at police with his

fists raised. At this point, the officer deployed his taser and the accused was taken into custody.

A further search of the accused’s vehicle revealed a folding knife on the driver side floorboard, alcohol containers, dried marijuana, and a bag with white residue in it.

The accused had sustained an upper body injury and was transported by ambulance to Boundary Trails Health Centre for precautionary reasons. He was treated and released a short time later.

The accused was then transported to the Morden Police Service where he provided two breath samples of 100 mg%.

As a result of this incident, a 23-year-old Carman man is facing charges of: operate or have care and control of a conveyance over 80mgs, assault on a police officer, resist arrest, and fail to comply with the conditions of an undertaking.

He was released on conditions to appear in Morden Provincial Court in November.

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at all is given. This allows your doctor to give you an unbiased opinion on what they believe the best treatment is. Sometimes the best treatment is a pill, but in many cases a person is best served by non-pharmacological treatments like exercise, healthy diet, physiotherapy, counselling, or surgery. For many minor ailments the best treatment is simply time for the body to heal itself.

The results of this can be seen in the medications we most commonly prescribe. If you have a heart attack or stroke you will likely get Aspirin for four cents per pill. If you have diabetes, you will probably be on Metformin for 2.5 cents per pill. These are hardly the choices doctors would make if we were trying to increase pharmaceutical profits. Often doctors actually need to talk patients out of taking medications that cause more harm than good, like sleeping pills or antibiotics for viral infections.

This applies to COVID vaccines as well. Your doctor is paid the same whether you are vaccinated or not. If your doctor needs to spend more than ten minutes answering vaccine related questions they do get paid for that time, at the same rate they would get for answering questions about any other health matter.

Each lifesaving COVID vaccine costs only \$20-30. The profit margin goes directly to Pfizer and Moderna—no por-

tion of the profit is shared with your doctor. When doctors recommend COVID vaccines our only motivation is to keep people healthy and out of hospital, not any financial gain.

None of this is to say that the pharmaceutical industry does not try to influence doctors’ prescribing habits. They absolutely do try. They do this through advertising, by giving out free drug samples to patients, by preferentially funding research into newer, more expensive drugs. However, there are safeguards built in to minimize improper influence. The Colleges that regulate physicians, the universities that train physicians, the medical journals that keep physicians up to date all have policies to limit the influence of the pharmaceutical industry and ensure physicians are giving the best advice possible given the current scientific evidence.

With the COVID-19 pandemic it has become more important than ever to know where you can turn for reliable medical advice, and that is certainly not Facebook, Instagram, or WhatsApp.

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Dr. Hunt is a family physician at the C.W. Wiebe Medical Centre in Winkler.

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Morden man wins big in vaccination lottery

By Lorne Stelmach

A Morden resident is the lucky recipient of an extra reward for having been vaccinated against COVID-19.

Protecting himself and others around him was all that mattered to Russ Peters, but being selected as one of Manitoba's Vax To Win lottery recipients is certainly a nice bonus.

Peters last week was announced as one of 17 Manitobans to share in part of cash and scholarship prizes totalling \$950,000 in the second round of the provincial lottery.

"When they first called I thought maybe it was a scam, like all those calls that you get ... but they left a message on my phone with a phone number and it kind of seemed legit," Peters said. "I had forgotten about the lottery after a while ... I didn't hear anything more about it.

"I was in shock for awhile there. It still hasn't really sunk in yet," he added.

To be eligible for the second draw, individuals had to have received their second dose of vaccine on or before Sept. 6. Seven adult winners were chosen including three from the Winnipeg Regional Health Authority and one from each of the other RHAs in the province. Peters nabbed the Southern Health-Santé Sud prize.

Peters and the other adult winners each received cheques for \$100,000, while 10 youth from across Manitoba took home scholarships valued at \$25,000 each.

A lifelong Morden resident, Peters



Russ Peters won the \$100,000 vaccination lottery prize for the Southern Health region.

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noted personal gain like this wasn't a factor in his decision to roll up his sleeve.

"I think maybe when I was vaccinated ... I may have thought it might push some people over the edge if they were on the fence," he said. "For me, it was never an issue. I got vaccinated because I didn't want to get sick, didn't want anyone in my family to get sick. As soon as I was eligible, I signed up for it.

"I can only speak for myself. I can't speak for other people who don't get vaccinated ... it's their choice ... but I don't want to risk getting people sick."

As for his plans for his unexpected winnings, Peters thought "maybe pay some bills, pay down the mortgage a little bit and maybe upgrade the car ... nothing too crazy; maybe do some travelling when things open up again."

Announcing the latest lottery winners last week, Crown Services Minister Jeff Wharton and Advanced Education, Skills and Immigration Minister Wayne Ewasko noted that when the Vax to Win lottery was first announced in June, Manitoba sat at 67.8 per cent of eligible individuals with a first dose of the vaccine and

14.2 per cent of individuals with both doses.

The province has since reached 85.2 per cent of individuals with a first dose and 81.1 per cent with both.

"We are extremely grateful and proud of the way Manitobans stepped up to the plate to be vaccinated this summer to support the fight against COVID-19," said Wharton.

"While only a few people were fortunate enough to win a lottery prize, we have all benefited from the decisions we made to protect ourselves, our families and our communities. As Manitoba is now in the fourth wave of the pandemic, we can truly see how essential the vaccine is in providing as much protection as possible."

"We know Manitoba's young people will shape our province's future in ways we can't yet imagine," said Ewasko. "They continue to be an integral part of our shared fight against COVID-19. These scholarships will help set them on a path toward an even brighter future."

"The Vax to Win lottery has been extremely helpful in bringing Manitobans together as we all continue to push through this pandemic," added Manny Atwal, president and CEO, Manitoba Liquor & Lotteries.

"We are pleased to have been able to play a role in rewarding those who made the right decision and got their vaccines. I would like to congratulate all the winners from the first and second rounds, and again thank everyone who got vaccinated. Your decision helps all Manitobans."

Manitoba vaccination doses now exceed two million

By Ashleigh Viveiros

Manitoba hit a milestone last week in its COVID-19 vaccination efforts.

Dr. Joss Reimer, medical lead of the province's vaccination task force, announced Oct. 6 that the province has surpassed two million doses of the vaccine.

It's been a monumental effort for Manitoba's health-care workers, starting back with the very first dose administered in mid-December.

"From all of us on the vaccine task force, thank you," Reimer said. "There have been thousands of people involved in this campaign and we couldn't have done it without you."

She also thanked the more than 85 per cent of eligible Manitobans who have stepped up to receive at least one shot thus far, and the 81 per cent who are fully vaccinated with two doses.

"This is really your story," Reimer said. "It's built around your decision to protect yourself, protect your loved ones, and protect our province."

Vaccination against COVID-19 has proven to be "incredibly effective," Reimer said.

"It's been remarkable to see in our personal care homes the just complete drop in outbreaks, and seeing how overwhelmingly higher the risk is if you're unvaccinated to end up in the hospital, to end up in the ICU.

"So while this vaccine is not perfect—no vaccine prevents infection 100 per cent of the time—it is dramatic," Reimer stressed. "And so I encourage people that even though it doesn't take you down to zero [risk], it takes you pretty close to zero when it comes to ICU admissions and it takes you way, way lower in your risk for even mild infection."

As the fourth wave gets underway in Manitoba, the province is expanding its recommendation for who can receive a third dose of the vaccine.

Individuals who have only received a viral vector vaccine, such as two doses of AstraZeneca or a single dose of the Janssen (Johnson & Johnson) vaccine, can now book an appointment for a third shot of an mRNA vaccine, as long as at least six months have passed since their last shot.

This move impacts about 6,800 people who received those vaccines, which Reimer noted lose their effectiveness more quickly than the mRNA vaccines from Pfizer-BioNTech and Moderna.

Also able to get a third dose are health-care personnel who have direct contact with patients, residents, or clients.

Health-care workers—which num-

ber about 50,000 in Manitoba—were among the first to roll up their sleeves for the vaccine when it was released.

"For many health care workers, it has been quite a few months since their last dose of the vaccine," Reimer said, noting studies have shown the vaccines provide protection against severe illness due to COVID-19 for at least 20 weeks, but protection against mild infection does decrease over time.

"In general, if we weren't inside of a pandemic, we might be okay with a lower level of protection against mild infection, but when we are facing a fourth wave and we do know that every health-care worker is critical to being able to provide services to Manitobans, we want to offer this booster to use every tool in the toolbox to support the health-care system."

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Thanks for Giving Run supports local food bank

Members of the Thanks for Giving Run organizing committee set out from the Winkler arena last week for a much smaller version of the annual event, which wasn't able to have a mass start once again this year due to the pandemic. A total of 26 people signed up to run the half-marathon, 5K, 10K, and 1.5 children's events on their own this fall in support of the Winkler and District Food Cupboard. Thanks in large part to the generous support of local business sponsors, the Thanks for Giving Run still managed to raise \$9,500 to fill the shelves at the food bank. "We look forward to 2022 when we hope we can once again have an in-person mass start event," notes race director Dwight Suderman.

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Exempt Manitobans to receive same card as fully vaxxed

By Ashleigh Viveiros

Manitobans who have received a valid medical exemption from COVID-19 vaccination will now be armed with the same immunization card to prove it as those who are fully vaccinated.

Dr. Joss Reimer, medical lead of the province's vaccination task force, announced the move last week.

It's a way to ensure there's consistency across the board, she said.

"We had lots of conversations about how many people have to scan those cards in so many different sectors, and we wanted to make it as simple as possible for all of them," Reimer said. Currently, proof of vaccination is required for entry to restaurants, theatres and concert halls, art galleries and museums, and sport facilities, among other social gathering spaces.

"The message is clear that this is the only proof of vaccination, regardless of whether or not someone is medically exempt," said Reimer, stressing showing up at a restaurant with a doctor's note is not sufficient proof of an exemption. "They need that card with a scannable QR code."

The province has said that only a very small number of people are unable to get safely immunized, including those who had a severe reaction after the first dose of the vaccine, patients receiving treatments that might affect their immune response (for example, certain types of cancer treatments), and people who have had a severe allergy or anaphylactic reaction to a previous dose of a COVID-19 vaccine or its components that cannot be managed by the Health Sciences Centre Allergy Clinic.

In all these cases, people must

schedule an appointment with their health-care provider or specialist to determine if they qualify for an exemption. Individuals cannot submit their own requests for exemption.

If an exemption is approved, individuals can then request their digital or physical Manitoba immunization card approximately seven to 14 business days later, the same as a fully

vaccinated person would.

Details about exemptions are available online at <https://manitoba.ca/covid19/vaccine/eligibility-criteria.html#exemptions>.

> VACCINATION NUMBERS, FROM PG. 8

Receiving a third dose is voluntary and health-care workers who decide not to get it are still considered fully immunized, Reimer stressed.

The province is currently considering further expanding third-dose eligibility in the weeks ahead to older Manitobans, including those not living in personal care homes (who are already eligible) and those who live in other congregate living settings.

Reimer further said that it's likely most Manitobans will have the opportunity to get a booster shot by year's end. She stressed again that two doses of the vaccine provide ample protection against severe outcomes for a long time, but a third dose in the months ahead would help with mild infections, especial-

ly if a great deal of time has passed since the second dose.

Asked how she responds to Manitobans who are fearful there will be no end to booster shots in the future, Reimer pointed out that's already how we deal with vaccinations for other viruses.

"We have an influenza or a flu season every year and people have to get a booster shot every year. That's certainly a possibility here as well that this might become something we have to do every year.

"As more and more of us become protected and the severity of infections goes down, it will become more and more like how we treat influenza," Reimer said. "And so even as people get infections, those who

don't end up in the hospital, those who don't die, will also slowly have more and more protection as well even without the vaccine.

"So as a society together we [will] see decreasing severe outcomes and therefore be able to move away from all this emergency approach to managing the pandemic."

Heading into the long weekend, Manitoba was reporting 927 active cases of COVID-19, a provincial test positivity rate of 3.4 per cent, 90 total hospitalizations, and 14 ICU patients due to the virus.

A total of 1,217 Manitobans have died due to COVID-19. There have been 59,241 recoveries.

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Legislature reconvenes for brief fall session

By Lorne Stelmach

The Manitoba Legislature got back to business only briefly last week and again this week, but it was important work nevertheless.

The government was primarily meeting to complete the final stages of implementing the 2021 budget, and Morden-Winkler MLA Cameron Friesen was keen to get things done.

"There are a couple of important pieces of legislation that we want to move forward at this time," Friesen said as the legislative assembly sat Oct. 6-8 and Oct. 12-14.

He saw the budget related bill as including a number of key measures which not only boost some spending but also aim to help make life more affordable for Manitobans while providing support in the fight against COVID-19.

"It contains increases for health, education and families. It contains funding to respond to COVID-19. It contains PST reductions as we pledged," noted Friesen. "It also includes more money for personal care homes and



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Morden-Winkler MLA Cameron Friesen was back in the legislature this and last week as the government met to move forward on several pieces of legislation.

other things as well."

He also noted what may be equally important right now are a few matters which are not being pursued.

"There's been a number of pieces of legislation at this point of time that we have chosen not to proceed with," he said. "We also have withdrawn Bill 64, which was our education modernization act. That was done for the purpose simply that we felt it was not the right bill to bring forward at this time.

"We heard loud and clear from Manitobans over the past number of months that they believe in good educational outcomes," Friesen said. "Many of them indicated that they really thought there was a good road map in our K-12 review ... they said this [Bill 64] though was not the path forward; I agree with those voices, so we're doing a reset when it comes to educational reform."

In addition to the budget implementation bill, the government was intending to pass Bill 72, the disability support act and amendments to the Manitoba Assistance Act, to better support Manitobans and their families living with disabilities.

The proposed budget implementation and tax statutes amendment act is the legislation that supports the government's budget commitments and makes the necessary amendments to statutes.

Some key features of the act:

- establish a private sector-led economic development agency and set out the mandate, powers and responsibilities for Invest Manitoba to facilitate and encourage economic development in Manitoba, and to provide advice to the government about economic policy and incentives for economic development.
- exempt personal services from retail sales tax including hair services and haircuts, non-medical skin and aesthetician services, body modifications and spa services.
- reduce payroll taxes for Manitoba's small and medium-sized businesses, resulting in \$9.7 million in savings benefiting 1,100 employers and exempting 240 employers entirely.
- improve the Interactive Digital Media Tax Credit and Small Business Venture Capital Tax Credit.
- extend the Cultural Industries Printing Tax Credit and Community Enterprise Development Tax Credit.
- adjust the deadline for the frequent filming bonus for the Film and Video Production Tax Credit;
- make the Book Publishing Tax Credit permanent;

and

- establish a new Teaching Expense Tax Credit to top up the federal government tax credit.

Similar to other provinces, the bill is meant to help to level the playing field and protect local businesses providing goods and services at the storefront in Manitoba through the application of sales tax to online streaming services, online accommodation platforms, and marketplace sellers.

Other measures from Budget 2021 include the \$248 million education property tax rebate to ensure homeowners and other property owners received their rebate cheques in the month their property taxes were due. The rebate, which was part of Bill 71 and received royal assent during the last sitting in May, ensures 658,000 Manitobans will receive rebates on their properties this year.

Budget 2021 tax relief and COVID-19 measures support the government's \$2,020 tax rollback guarantee, which provides savings for Manitobans over four years including \$275 in savings for the average household this year.

"While COVID-19 continues to be the most significant challenge of our time, Budget 2021 provides important financial relief for hard-working Manitobans, while providing record investments in the services Manitobans rely and depend on," said Finance Minister Scott Fielding.

"We continue to act to protect the physical and financial health of Manitobans as we deal with the challenges of COVID-19 today while looking forward to a strong economic recovery in the future," added acting Premier Kelvin Goertzen.

Meanwhile, Friesen noted they also now look forward to completing the leadership process which will put a new Conservative leader and premier in place, and that was also playing a role in keeping the session short.

"We're trying also to be mindful of the fact that in just a few short weeks there will be a new leader of the PC party, a new premier of Manitoba ... we want to be keeping the options open for that individual," he said.

"We are at a historic point ... we will have our very first female premier in the province of Manitoba, which I also think is a very exciting milestone."

Shelly Glover and Heather Stefanson are both up for the job. Progressive Conservative Party of Manitoba members will vote one in later this month.

Rosengart man killed in hunting incident near Elma

By Voice staff

Lac du Bonnet RCMP are investigating the death of a 59-year-old man from Rosengart who was shot near Elma last week.

Police were called to of a report an adult male suffering from a gunshot

wound in a wooded area off of Silver Bridge Road just before 8 p.m. on Tuesday, Oct. 5.

When officers arrived on the scene, they were advised that the man had succumbed to his injuries.

The RCMP investigation has determined that the victim was shot by a

45-year-old man who was hunting in the area. The victim and the man were not known to each other and were not hunting together when the incident occurred.

On Oct. 6, RCMP charged 45-year-old Carsten Aust, a German citizen, with manslaughter. He was remand-

ed into custody ahead of a court appearance in Winnipeg last week.

Lac du Bonnet RCMP with assistance from Major Crime Services, RCMP Forensic Identification Services, and Manitoba Conservation Officer Service continue to investigate.

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City of Winkler unveils a brand new look



By Ashleigh Viveiros

The City of Winkler unveiled its new brand last week, replacing the old “Yes Winkler” marketing scheme in use for the better part of the last decade.

The brand includes a new logo, tagline, and colours that will be seen on all city vehicles and signage and most communications moving forward.

City manager Jody Penner said they took a long look at the current logos and slogans being used throughout the community and decided it was time for a bit of a refresh.

“Part of what we did with the brand audit is look at what is working with our brand and with our logos? What’s not working?” he said. “Who are we ... what’s our mission, our values?”

Rather than a total overhaul, Penner and communications coordinator Wendy Klassen opted to build on the past when designing the new look.

While “Yes Winkler” (a tagline meant to showcase the go-getterness of the community) is being retired, the swoosh and maple leaf from the old logo remains, though now it swirls around the words “City of Winkler” with the new “Dream. Build. Live” motto underneath it all.

“We felt like the core logo that we have still looks clean and modern ... and it’s already highly recognized, so we didn’t want to start from scratch,” Penner explained. “We had a good foundation with our brand and we felt like we could build from that.”

The swoosh is still meant to represent “the fact that we are a creative people in this community—we create local solutions,” he said. “Then we have the Canadian flag [maple leaf] which represents that we are a part of the country but we also contribute to the country.

“And then the ‘Winkler’ word itself is in a very understated lowercase font, and we really feel that represents the humility with which we seek to live in our community.”

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From left: City of Winkler manager Jody Penner, communications coordinator Wendy Klassen, and Mayor Martin Harder in front of a backdrop of the city’s new logo.

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The “Dream. Build. Live.” tagline is something that came from Mayor Martin Harder’s state of the city address earlier this year.

Harder explains he was trying to come up with a theme that summed up how Winkler strives to be a place where people come to live, work, and

build for the future.

“What are the values that we stand on?” he said. “I looked back in history, from the last 50 years, how was Winkler built? It was because people had the ability to dream about something that they wanted to do and then they had the ability to be able to build it.



These banners with Winkler’s new “Dream. Build. Live.” motto are slated to go up along Main St. The first letter of each word includes a symbol of a person to recognize that the community is still a place where people very much make the difference, says city manager Jody Penner, harkening back to one of the community’s older slogans.

“That’s really where the city comes in to provide an environment” for growth and expansion across all sectors, Harder explained. “People come here to enjoy life and as a place to raise a family.”

Another element of the rebrand that serves as a nod to the past is in the new banners that will be going up along Main St.

“One of the old taglines is ‘where people make the difference’ and so we used people figures as the first letter of the ‘Dream. Build. Live,’” Penner said. “That was kind of a nod to say that still has to be part of it, because

that part is still true. In this community people do make a difference.”

The rebrand also comes with clearer direction on where and when the city’s vintage crest with the industrial, agricultural, and retail icons will be used.

Previously seen on public works vehicles and buildings, this more formal logo (now with slightly new colours to align with the other branding) will only be used on official government correspondence moving forward, while the other logo will be used for everything else.

Pembina Parish celebrates officially becoming an affirming ministry

By Lorne Stelmach

It’s been a long journey to get to the day, but the Pembina Parish that includes the United Church communities in both Morden and Darlingford officially became affirming ministries this past weekend.

It means the two churches under Pembina Parish’s pastoral charge—St. Paul’s United Church in Morden and Zion-Calvin United Church in Darlingford—have publicly declared their commitment to inclusion and justice for people of all sexual orientations and gender identities.



PEMBINA PARISH PHOTO

The churches have been well on the way for years now to welcome all people, but it was important to them to make this declaration and commitment.

“We need to be public, intentional and explicit,” explained Rev. Carrie Martens.

“If you’re affirming but nobody knows it, it doesn’t matter,” she said. “If you’re going to be affirming about God’s love for all people, you have to be willing to tell people about it, and basically congregations need to come out as places that are affirming, especially when the vast majority of churches are still not affirming.”

It has been a learning process for the Pembina Parish since a number of years ago when, at a congregational meeting regarding the search for a new minister, they discussed and then voted on their willingness to call a gay or lesbian minister and to perform equal marriages.

For about five years they pursued a process of education and discernment about what it means to be affirming, and they have reviewed and revised their policies and procedures to make them inclusive.

It led eventually to a congregational vote which unanimously supported this initiative. The final step in the process to become affirming was to hold a celebration on the occasion of receiving the membership certificate in Affirm United.

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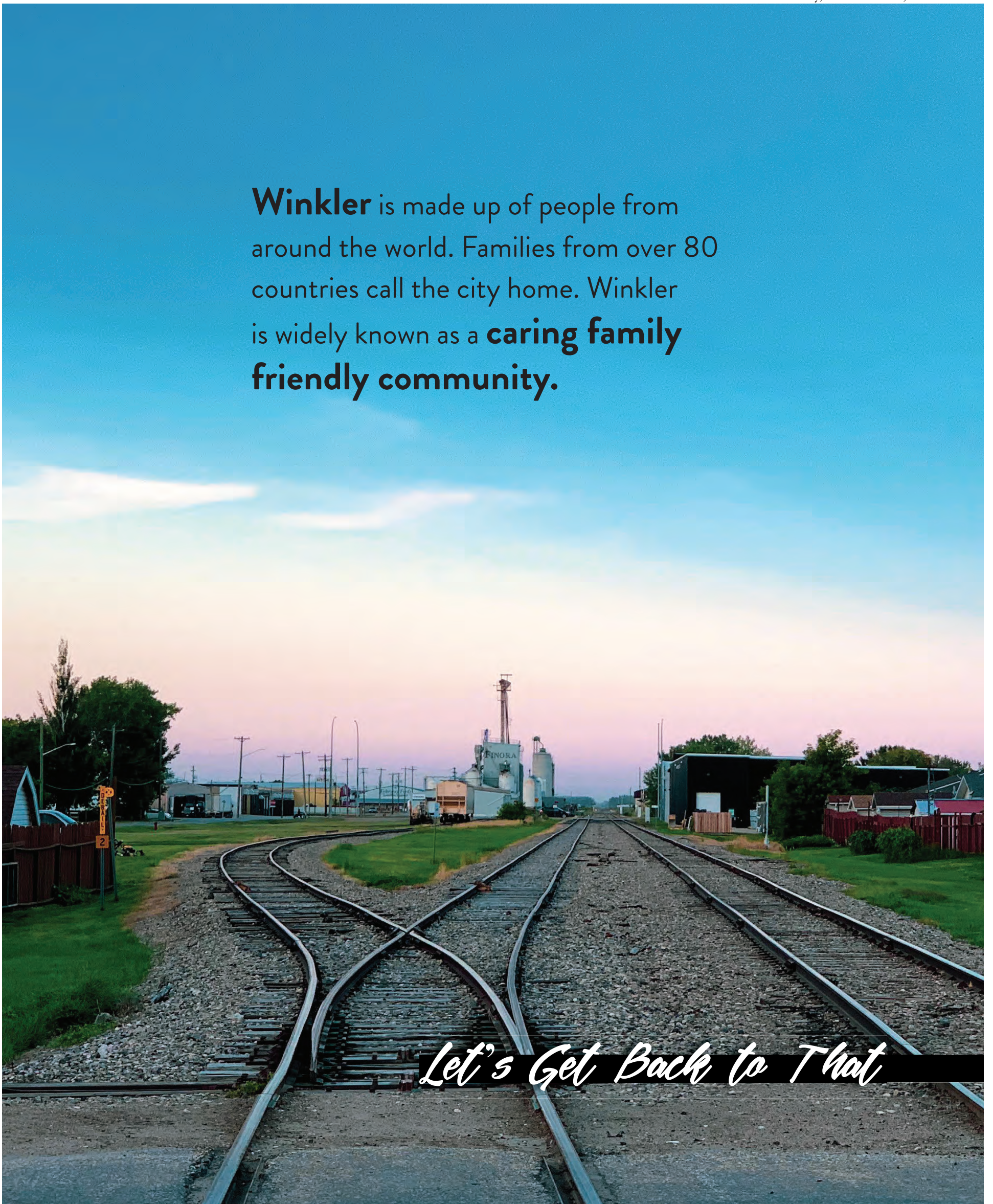
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Central Region Juried Art Show in Winkler this month

By Ashleigh Viveiros

The 39th annual Central Region Juried Art Show has its final tour stop this month.

The 2021 exhibition is on display at Winkler Arts and Culture until Oct. 25.

"It's a really cool opportunity for artists," says WAC's Jennifer Penner. "It's open to artists of all skill levels who reside in the central region. It's a chance for them to display their work in a professional setting but also have their work constructively critiqued by the jurors. It's a chance to grow, to net-

work with other artists." The show got its start this spring in Portage la Prairie, where jurors selected 25 pieces out of the submitted 40 or so to tour Carman, Morden, Holland, Winnipeg, and Winkler through the summer.

Participating artists include Esther Hildebrand from Crystal City, Jean Mackie from Emerson, and Kathy Wikdahl from Carman, to name just a few. The work ranges from paintings and pencil sketches to photography and sculptures.

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The Central Region Juried Art Show includes works from artists such as Emerson's Jean Mackie (above), Poplar Point's Levina Cunningham (left), and Nicole Delichte from St. Alphonse (below).

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Budding artists learning about the greats

A group of young artists have been drawing inspiration from some of the all-time greats as part of the fall Art Academy session of the Pembina Hills Arts Council in Morden. A full class of eight youth aged 6 to 10 have been doing a variety of activities based on the work of famous artists, including, so far, Pablo Picasso, Andy Warhol, and Georgia O'Keefe.



"We're learning just a little bit about the artists as well as we go along," said instructor Margie Hildebrand (left). "We can incorporate different media and styles." The aim is to introduce children to basic art techniques but with an emphasis on having fun. The winter session starts Jan. 18.

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Things are getting 'icy' at Pembina Hills Gallery

By Lorne Stelmach

The featured exhibit for October at the Pembina Hills Gallery in Morden is centred on something most people may not want to think of yet, but it has nonetheless stirred the creativity of participating artists.

The group exhibition by the Textile and Fibre Artists of Manitoba is entitled *ICE*, and the group's members really embraced the theme.

"We thought it was a really great topic and had lots of different options. People could interpret it in so many different ways," said Cathy Ugrin, exhibit co-ordinator for the organization. "We thought of the theme of ice because we felt it was a very Manitoba kind of thing, living in this winter climate ... and when we started talking about the topic, we were just throwing out so many ideas that had to do with ice."

The Textile and Fibre Artists of Manitoba was the brainchild of five fibre artists in 2017. It has since grown to over 60 members.

Its goals are to grow a network of textile and fibre artists, exchange ideas, knowledge and expertise, enter



PHOTO BY LORNE STELMACH/VOICE
Pembina Hills Gallery in Morden is hosting the Textile and Fibre Artist of Manitoba's show *ICE* all this month.

art shows and exhibits as a group, be open to all textile and fibre artists, and raise awareness of textile and fibre arts as an art form.

"We were founded by just a bunch of fibre artists who wanted to create a group that was kind of cohesive and brought the different fibre artists of Manitoba together," said Ugrin.

"With that in mind, each year, we

create a travelling exhibit. Two of our members will come up with the idea and make all the rules ... things like how big the pieces are going to be and all of that ... and whoever is interested creates a piece, and the exhibit travels around for three years."

Ugrin said the *ICE* exhibit's artists came up with a range of ideas—everything from ice cream to sports to

winter landscapes.

One piece is made up of tiny cubes like a tumbler full of ice, while another piece shows a man holding a block of ice with a fan blowing on him to cool down.

"We're really, really pleased with the exhibit," said Ugrin.

An advantage of fibre arts, she explained, is that it can involve a broad range of media and materials.

"And a great thing is it does range from complete beginners to well established almost internationally exhibited people," she added.

"It's great because we're not sort of bound by the rules of tradition ... it's an open art form," she said, noting for example how in April they had someone show them how to create pieces out of plastic material. "Everybody is learning and learning from each other."

"Many of the members started with making clothes or something traditional ... but we have all sort of realized we like this; it's really an art form. It's a really expressive, creative thing that we're doing here," Ugrin continued.

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Don't tune out your home's smoke, CO2 alarms: fire chiefs

By Lorne Stelmach

This year's theme for Fire Prevention Week focuses in on something that is a key thing to know when an alarm goes off in your home.

Learn the Sounds of Fire Safety aims to educate everyone about the different sounds of smoke and carbon monoxide detectors because knowing what to do when an alarm sounds will keep you and your family safe.

It's vital you know the difference between an alarm's various beeps and chirps, say local fire chiefs.

"Know the difference between your smoke and your carbon monoxide detectors and the sounds that they make

when they're in alarm or need attention and maintenance," said Winkler fire Chief Richard Paetzold.

"What they're trying to emphasize is with the full out alarm, get yourself out of the danger zone, get yourself out of the building. If it's a chirp, it's probably just a low battery or your detector needs replacing," added Morden fire Chief Andy Thiessen.

"We get probably about a dozen calls a year where people don't know what the noise means," he said. "If it's a battery, they obviously can take care of that on their own.

"Some people actually think that once they've bought a smoke detector that they're good to go," Thiessen

added. "But there is a life expectancy on those units. Smoke detectors are usually around 10 to 12 years and a carbon monoxide is anywhere from about seven to nine."

"So test them at least once a year, and if it chirps at you, then you know the battery is just about dead."

"We get several calls [a year] for carbon monoxide detectors ... they're just in maintenance mode but people don't understand, so we try to educate them," said Paetzold.

"Probably, the last few years, we're getting less calls," he continued.

"People understand it better, and the technology of these detectors is getting better. Probably eight out of ten calls for carbon monoxide now, we actually get readings with our detectors that we carry, so the false alarms for that have really reduced."

Both departments continue to work to get the messages out about all aspect of fire safety, and the Morden fire

department has really stepped up its presence on social media of late.

"We also just got notice that the schools are going to let us in again on just a different setup; we just can't gather in big numbers. It will just be

going from class to class," noted Thiessen. "We're going to make up a schedule to go and do that because that's something we haven't been able to do in the last year and a half."

"I always also

think it's important to emphasize that you should always have an escape plan from every room in your house if your alarm goes off," added Paetzold.

"Of course, it's one thing to have an escape plan but then you need to practice your plan," he stressed, suggesting then that people can "make it fun and see how quickly you can escape."

"WE GET PROBABLY A DOZEN CALLS A YEAR WHERE PEOPLE DON'T KNOW WHAT THE NOISE MEANS."

> PEMBINA PARISH, FROM PG. 12

Celebrations in both churches Oct. 10 marked their welcome into Affirm United, which includes communities of faith that publicly declare their commitment to inclusion and justice for people of all sexual orientations and gender identities. There are currently 30 affirming ministries in Manitoba and 260 in Canada affiliated with the organization.

The process has been an interesting journey for everyone, suggested Martens, who herself belongs to the LGBTQ community. It was knowing the church was on this journey that in part drew her to the position here.

"And I'm not the first queer minister that they have had either," she noted. "They've had a lesbian minister in the past as well."

She suggested the process was a valuable one for everyone as it involved hearing about the experiences and stories of people from the local LGBTQ community.

"It's learning what it means to be an affirming congregation and not just a church that welcomes people but a church that is truly affirming and understands what that means and is committed to an ongoing journey," explained Martens.

Being affirming within the United Church means something more, Martens said, and emphasizes the need for an explicit welcome to a group of people who have histori-

cally faced deliberate and specific rejection and condemnation in many places of worship.

For many rainbow people, churches do not represent safe or welcoming spaces, she said, so this is why affirming ministries are so important.

"It's an interesting journey in a community where it's not completely safe for people to be out yet," Martens added, while noting though that it has come a long way in recent years.

"I think that was made pretty clear to folks when they had their first Pride parade here ... it's definitely a growing and changing landscape in terms of LGBTQ inclusion."

She said they hope to be able to continue to connect and work closely with Pembina Valley Pride as they continue on this journey

"We know that we're going to get it wrong sometimes ... and we're going to need some continued learning," said Martens, while noting that they have received positive feedback, such as after someone posted to a local Facebook group about affirming churches in the area.

"That started some conversation, and we had a few folks contact us directly," said Martens. "So as this is starting to become more public, people are reaching out to us to connect, and I think they are just feeling some hope that there is a space for the rainbow community in our community."

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Southern Health reflects on a challenging year

By Lorne Stelmach

The pandemic has posed many challenges for the health care system, but the directors of the Southern Health-Santé Sud regional health authority last week also celebrated the successes of the past year.

Reflecting on it all as part of the on-line annual meeting Oct. 6, both CEO Jane Curtis and board vice chair Terrie Porter especially saluted the perseverance and dedication of all staff amidst such a difficult time.

"Despite the magnitude of the effects from the COVID pandemic on our staff, their families and communities, we know that as an organization our number one priority is to provide safe, quality health care services," Curtis said as part of the annual report. "Among the many traits that health care workers have in common, none seem stronger than a shared commitment to serve, and through this extraordinary past year, that spirit of service never waned."

Porter said the staff have consistently risen to the challenges and "have a deep sense of responsibility and empathy for the community and those they serve. They excel in very small things that they do day in and day out and when tough times arise, they shine."

They went on to touch on a number of key issues and concerns, including the ongoing need for staff recruitment.

"We have many strategies underway in the region, and we're constantly looking at new ways to recruit staff to our sites and programs," said Curtis.

"I would say that with the expansion of some of the services ... we will need to look at the additional staff that we're going to require, and we're working very closely with the province on that to look at how do we open up for more training for physicians and nurses and other health care providers," she said. "We also look at recruitment from other areas, whether it be in the country or even internationally."

A question about the issue of low vaccination rates in some areas of Southern Health led Dr. Denis Fortier, who is the chief medical officer and vice-president of medical services for

"WE CERTAINLY ARE TRYING TO ENSURE THAT WE TAKE CARE OF OUR STAFF IN THE BEST WAY WE KNOW HOW ..."

Southern Health-Santé Sud, to emphasize how it needs to be addressed at an individual level now with compassion.

"That's going to take some time, a lot of energy," he said. "We will have to be listening ... listening intently to the concerns of people who are hesitant or wondering about the vaccine. We will need to be offering credible information so that people can make an informed decision."

Curtis also addressed the impact that the pandemic has had on staffing and morale.

"Of course we're very concerned. I think there's two things. It's the length of [the pandemic], but it's also the different challenges that we've had to face and not really knowing what tomorrow brings.

"We certainly are trying to ensure that we take care of our staff in the best way we know how," she continued. "We know there's community resistance out there, but we also know there's a lot of supportive community out there."

Porter further observed how it all

has uncovered silver linings, especially at the organizational level in terms of encouraging innovation, collaboration and expanded use technology, and Curtis also noted how the provincial co-ordination of service delivery through Shared Health has been crucial as well.

"With the pace and scale of changes necessitated by the pandemic, it became evident that no one can do this work alone," she said.

"We have seen the health system's response in Manitoba as truly provincial. Working together to marshal our resources and leverage our clinical expertise, best practice and efforts helped us put into action the necessary changes in a timely fashion."

Porter added that it has helped "to enable and enhance local focus on the delivery of health services while ensuring a consistent approach.

"Overnight, the pandemic changed our traditional ways of doing our work," he said.

The annual meeting also highlighted a number of significant capital projects, including the construction and

expansion of the care homes in Carman and Steinbach as well as three EMS stations in Morris, Portage, and Crystal City.

As well, there is the new rapid access service for addictions treatment in Portage and enhanced access to school based mental health and addictions support.

The meeting also featured the presentation of two awards, including the Physician Emeritus Award in recognition of significant lifetime contributions and accomplishments. The honour was presented this year to Dr. Paul Peters, who is now retired but practiced for 38 years in the Steinbach area, including serving as chief of staff at Bethesda Regional Health Centre and being a founding partner of the family medical centre in Steinbach.

The CEO Career Achievement Award was presented to Jackie Doerksen in honour of over 34 years of service that saw her start as an occupational therapist in Morden. Over time, she went on to a number of different roles including most recently as co-lead of the COVID-19 testing site.

> WAC SHOW, FROM PG. 16

Winkler Arts and Culture often hosts artwork from local artists, so this is a fun opportunity for them to showcase pieces from further afield, Penner says.

"It's artwork that this community might not ever see without this exhibition," she says. "It's really cool that these pieces get to travel all across the central region like this."

Winkler Arts and Culture not only has the honour of playing the final host for the 2021 show, but will be the main host in 2022.

That means the entire exhibition will be on display in Winkler next spring so jurors have the chance

to make their selections for the touring show.

Winkler's art gallery, located at 547 Park St., is open Tuesdays to Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Exhibitions aside, the gallery is hosting its latest after school art class session starting next week. The workshop for kids age six to 11 is full, but there's still space in the one slated to

get underway in the new year.

For older artists, the gallery hosts a virtual Artist's Guild Open Studio Night the second Tuesday of every month.

"Bring whatever you're working on and just create together, build relationships, learn from one another," Penner says.

Contact the gallery for more details.

> PHAC SHOW, FROM PG. 18

"It's different than paintings and drawings and all that in that it's textural as well," she added. "There's just something about cloth and textile that I think we can all relate to in some

way.

"And seeing it in person is different than seeing it online because you aren't able to appreciate all that detail."

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Manitou rink's new ice plant up and running

By Lorne Stelmach

A major overhaul of the Manitou arena is complete, and the community is excited about the prospect of having artificial ice for the facility.

It will have a significant impact in terms of what will be possible now for programming and services, said Don McLean, who is a local municipal councillor and project committee member.

"Everybody is quite happy to see it running and quite excited to get started ... skating in Manitou in October is something that has never happened before," he noted. "It's pretty exciting for everyone."

"It's good for everybody. We're not looking at having to travel all over the place to find ice for October and parts of November for the kids to start playing hockey. We can offer a lot more programming than we would have been able to offer previously."

The arena had been using a geothermal system to make ice and cool the arena, but it had limited the length of their season for having ice, and that had increasingly become an issue for users.

That all changed when equipment became available by donation from a vegetable storage facility, and it was determined a few modifications could turn it into a full blown ice plant.

Work started last July with assem-

bling equipment and upgrading the electrical system in the building, then the main work got going in August.

Along the way, they found out they needed to change some of the piping, as it would be under-sized for the unit being installed.

By mid-September they did the first test of the system and got it up and running.

"We've had a few little bugs to work out, but it's been running now for just about a month," said McLean. "We started flooding about two and a half weeks ago ... and we have ice in the arena now, not skateable, but we were probably about 10 days away from having skating ice."

The cost had been estimated at \$120,000 with the arena also needing the electrical upgrades as well, so they approached a lot of businesses in the wider region and applied for some grants. That all went better than expected, McLean said.

"We had our goal set at the \$120,000, and we reached \$135,000 prior to spring already, so we were very, very happy with how everybody jumped on board," he said. "It became clear early on that people were excited to see this happen."

Now they can start to look ahead, and McLean notes that expanding their programming and facility use will be vital also to support the ongoing operational costs.



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The Manitou arena was able to take old equipment from a vegetable storage facility and modify it to use as a full blown ice plant, allowing the community to finally have ice for many more months of the year.

"The biggest downside of this system now is it's not cheap to operate. The hydro bill is going to be substantially higher than normal, so we're going to have to make sure we do more stuff and get more people in the building than we were doing before."

They also have the future in mind including the idea of raising the piping from 16 up to six inches to help increase the efficiency. As it is now,

the unit had the floor frozen in about four days compared to before when it would have taken weeks, but raising the piping up even more would take even more stress off the system.

"We could have ice then even that much faster, and it makes the plant work that much more efficiently," said McLean. "So that will be the next step in the future."

CCI still has room on its auction block

Ministry hosting fall Auction for Kids

By Lorne Stelmach

Childrens Camps International is putting out a final call for participation in its next Auction for Kids fundraiser.

The auction initiative run in partnership with Bill Klassen Auctions has been a successful event for the charitable organization, and the next one is set for Oct. 22.

The last Auction for Kids in April

raised enough for the Christian ministry to send over 5,000 children to camp overseas, noted CCI representative Greg Wood. He's hopeful the fall auction will hit similar heights.

"There's still stuff coming in; there's always more things in the final two weeks because that's when the last push is on," said Wood.

Harvest for Kids started the auctions with the idea of giving farmers the chance to get rid—and to find—under used machinery and farm equipment.

It has grown from there to include not only any kind of farm machinery but also construction equipment, vehicles, and anything and everything

else.

"There's usually lots of different things. We end up with everything from farm equipment and trucks ... we actually even auctioned off a grain bin ... to even a whole lot of electrical equipment," Wood said. "People offer up all sorts of stuff. I might think maybe this is not going to go for a whole lot, and I'm surprised ... it's amazing what people offer, and it's amazing how much some of it goes for."

The auction lots this time so far include such attractive items as golf packages and stays at Tallpines Lodge in the Whiteshell and the Montana Hill Guest Ranch in B.C.

"People know it's for a good cause," said Wood, noting for example it was interesting in an earlier auction to see two people bidding back and forth against each other. "When they're willing to pay more than its worth ... you know it's exactly for that reason, that they know it's going to send kids to camp and they know it's going to a good place."

You can find more information online at www.ccicamps.com and find the auction at billklassen.nextlot.com.

If interesting in donating items, call 1-204-331-4003 or email auction@harvestforkids.com.

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Mixed weekend for Hawks

By Lorne Stelmach

The female U18 Pembina Valley Hawks had mixed results this past weekend.

The Hawks were handed their first loss Saturday as they were edged 3-2 by the Westman Wildcats. They then rebounded to pick up a 3-2 shootout victory Sunday over the Winnipeg Ice.

The Hawks grabbed a 2-0 first period lead on Westman on goals by Caitlin Anderson and Abbey Bourdeaud'hui, but Wildcats netminder Grace Glover shut them down the rest of the way. Kaylee Franz made 14 saves for the Hawks, who held a slight 19-17 edge overall.

Annika Braun led the way for Pembina Valley Sunday with a pair of goals while the other marker came from Quinn McLaren. Tria Enns made 14 saves for the Hawks, who managed 26 shots on goal.

The results put the Hawks at 3-1 in the early going of the season with only 4-0 Westman besting them so far. Yellowhead is also unbeaten in three games so far, and it is the Chiefs who host the Hawks this Saturday in Shoal Lake. Next then for Pembina Valley will be taking on Westman in Hartney, so it makes it a key weekend for the Hawks overall at this point of the season.



PHOTO BY RICK HIEBERT/VOICE

Pembina Valley's Annika Braun gets a good scoring opportunity in the second period against the visiting Westman Wildcats last weekend. The game went Westman's way 3-2, but the Hawks bounced back the next night to best the Winnipeg ice 3-2 in a shootout.

Male Hawks post pair of victories on the road

By Lorne Stelmach

The male U18 Pembina Valley Hawks bounced back from a rough opening weekend by taking both games of their doubleheader with the Interlake Lightning last weekend.

The pair of 3-1 victories for the Hawks on the road evened their early season record at 2-2.

Pembina Valley took a 2-0 first period lead Friday in Lundar on the strength of a pair of powerplay

goals by Logan Fillion and Cohen Thomas.

Carter Sotheran scored their other goal in the second period, and Raiden LeGal was solid with 42 saves as the shots on goal were 43-36 in favour of the Lightning.

On Saturday in Stonewall, the Hawks gave up an early first period goal but shutdown the Lightning the rest of the way as they went ahead 2-1 after 40 minutes then sealed the victory by scoring with about a minute remaining.

Scoring for the Hawks were Keston Worley, Liam Goertzen and Cameron Parr, and Bryson Yachyshyn made 21 saves with the shots on goal 33-22 in favour of the Hawks this time.

Pembina Valley has a busier schedule this week that starts with the Southwest Cougars Wednesday followed by a home-and-home doubleheader with Brandon starting Friday night in Morden and Saturday on the road.

Zodiacs down Thunder

The high school soccer season is nearing its end. Right: Last week, the Garden Valley Collegiate Zodiacs varsity boys team bested the visiting Morden Thunder 3-1 in their final regular season game. Playoffs get underway this week for the boys and girls teams at GVC, NPC, and Morden Collegiate.

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Jumpstart lending Morden figure skating club a hand

By Lorne Stelmach

The Morden Figure Skating Club is receiving some timely assistance from Canadian Tire's Jumpstart program.

The club recently got a \$10,250 grant through Jumpstart's Sport Relief Fund set up to help sport and recreation organizations in the wake of the impact of the pandemic.

The funding comes as the club starts up again for another season, and it will go a long way towards helping it on a number of fronts, directors suggested.

Morden Figure Skating Club and

the communities it serves have experienced the impact of the pandemic first-hand, suggested president Tasha Roberts.

"I think that COVID was a real challenge for our club to both run within the restrictions that we had to follow but also maintain affordability for residents in the community," she said. "We're super grateful for receiving this grant and what we'll be able to do with the money both for keeping our registration fees as low as possible and trying to be accommodating with all of the physical distancing that we need.

"We want to be as accessible to as many people as would like to join ... so it means a lot to us."

In February, Canadian Tire announced an additional \$12 million commitment to Jumpstart's Sport Relief Fund after having done a state of sport study that revealed the pandemic has not only impacted current access to sport and play but has real long-term effects as well.

In 2021, Jumpstart has disbursed funding to more than 1,200 organizations across Canada through Jumpstart's Sport Relief Fund.

The extra funding helps provide

even a little more optimism for the skating club with Canskate starting this week following the resumption of its regular season last week.

"Hopefully, the restrictions stay as they are so that we can have as many kids on the ice as possible ... and we can use the money to help accommodate that and keep the program going," said Roberts.

"Our numbers are a little lower, but our Canskate program is full, which is awesome ... so we're really looking forward to having the kids on the ice."

Morden Rec. announces host of fall programs

By Lorne Stelmach

After more than a year of pandemic restrictions, a variety of recreation programs are being offered this fall by the City of Morden.

There is a lot of planning that has had to go into it, not only with public health considerations in mind but other restrictions as well, but city staff are still glad to be able to get things going again.

"We still need to be flexible and to adapt to changes as needed ... but we're excited to have programming going again," said recreation programmer Stephanie Dueck.

The city has had to make adjustments even in terms of facilities with the Access Event Centre hall still being tied up as a vaccine site and Western School Division facilities also not being available for evening programs.

"We have less facility space available to us than we would normally have," said Dueck. "So we're making use of some of other facility spaces in the community including churches, so some of our programs are running out of Westside Community Church, and we have some

running out of Morden Mennonite Church."

"There's been quite a bit of planning going into it," she continued. "We felt strongly about doing what we can with the spaces that are available to us.

"There's been some logistics to be sorted out, and there still are some logistics," she added. "We are still looking for a grade one to three rec hockey coach, and we are still looking for youth basketball coaches ... so we're encouraging parents to consider volunteering to be coaches."

Dueck particularly highlighted the fall PD days when there are no school classes (Oct. 22, Nov. 12, and Nov. 26).

These day camps will include crafts, sports and other activities, and they will take place from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Westside church. Registration fees are \$25 a day per child, and the program is for ages 6 to 12.

"We have done PD days in the past, but they've been kind of one off here and there, so we have them set as a series this year, and people can register for one or more," Dueck said.

Another program of note is the adult sports nights taking place Thursdays at Morden Men-

nonite.

The bi-weekly schedule of ten sessions include volleyball, basketball, pickleball, and badminton with a cost of just \$25 per sport.

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Winkler Flyers, Pistons split weekend games

Flyers next face Winnipeg Freeze, Blues to round out October

By Ashleigh Viveiros

The Winkler Flyers are holding steady at third place in the MJHL East Division's standings after splitting games against Steinbach last weekend.

Playing in Winkler Friday night, the Flyers came out on top 3-2 in a game that saw them on the wrong end of shots on goal 41-22.

Logan Davis and Justin Svenson got the home team up on the scoreboard in the first five minutes of the opening frame. Steinbach got one of those goals back in the 12th minute and then scored the second period's lone goal to tie things up.

That tie held until Brody Beauchemin got one in for Winkler two minutes into the third. The Flyers' lead then held through to the end thanks in part to the netminding skills of Dylan Meilun, who made 39 saves overall that evening.

The Pistons got their revenge the next night in Steinbach.

Though tied for shots 27-27, Steinbach was the only one doing any scoring, breaching Winkler's defensive lines twice in the second and once more in the third for a 3-0 win. Meilun was in net once again, this time mak-

ing 24 saves.

With that, Winkler's record for the season thus far is 4-3-0-1 for nine points, which puts them two up over the Selkirk Steelers in fourth place

and five behind the top-ranked Winnipeg Blues and Pistons.

Coming up for the rest of October, the Flyers face the league's two Winnipeg teams. They have four games

against the Freeze, including home games this Friday and Oct. 23, and then face the Blues at the end of the month (at home Oct. 30).

Twisters battling for first place

By Voice Staff

The Pembina Valley Twisters are battling for first place in the early going of the MMJHL season.

The defending champions defeated the Stonewall Jets 6-4 Saturday to boost their record to 4-1 and put them

in a tie atop the standings alongside Transcona, which is the only team to have beaten Pembina Valley so far.

The Twisters held period leads of 3-1 and 4-3 on the Jets while outshooting Stonewall 35-26.

Scoring for Pembina Valley were Ethan Carels, Travis Penner, Riley Go-

ertzen, Nico Vigier, Jackson Wilson and Jordan Gray, while Logan Enns got the win in goal with 22 saves.

It was the lone game of the past week for the Twisters, who hit the road this week to visit St. Vital Thursday and St. Boniface Sunday.

Efficiency Manitoba launches rebate program

By Voice staff

A new rebate program could net eco-conscious Manitobans a tidy sum.

Efficiency Manitoba, the province's newest Crown corporation dedicated to energy efficiency, has launched its Windows and Doors Rebate for homeowners upgrading to high-performance windows and doors.

Eligible customers can receive \$50 per qualifying opening for the purchase and installation of select Energy Star certified products.

"Manitoba has long been a leader in the windows and doors industry in Canada," said Conservation and Climate Minister Sarah Guillemard in a statement. "Through incentives that encourage Manitobans to choose high-performance windows

and doors, Efficiency Manitoba is supporting an industry with approximately 5,000 Manitoba-based employees as well as ensuring homeowners are choosing energy-efficient, high-quality, long-lasting products."

Replacing older, inefficient entryways and windows with high-performance ones means less air leakage and heat loss in a home, which helps homeowners reduce their energy consumption, lower their energy bills, and enjoy a more comfortable living environment.

"This new program and rebate offer is another way we're helping Manitobans achieve whole-home electricity and natural gas savings," said Colleen Kuruluk, CEO of Efficiency Manitoba. "These rebates are responsive to requests from custom-

ers and industry, and we're here to make energy-efficient choices easier and more affordable for Manitobans."

Homeowners must first purchase and install their eligible windows and doors and then apply online for their rebate. A full list of eligible products and the online application form can be found at efficiencyMB.ca/windowsanddoors.

Those participating in the Canada Greener Homes Grant can also access rebates through the Windows and Doors Rebate. Efficiency Manitoba works with Manitoba Hydro to ensure financing is available through their Home Energy Efficiency Loan. More information about financing can be found at hydro.mb.ca/heel.

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"It's hard to get that much facility time," Dueck noted, "so we're fitting two different sports into an evening."

Youth basketball, meanwhile, is scheduled to go from Oct. 22 to Jan. 21. It takes place at Westside Fridays at 6 p.m. for Gr. 1-4 and 7:15 p.m. for Gr. 5-8.

Youth recreational hockey is also set for October to March for Gr. 1-3 and Gr. 4-5 (Saturdays from 8-9 a.m.), Gr. 6-8 (Saturdays from 9:15-10:15 a.m.) and Gr. 9-12 (Sundays from 8:30-9:30 p.m. The cost is \$125 per player.

Other fall programs include a first aid course Nov. 6, a Mindfulness Matters class Oct. 19 to Nov. 23, and Yoga Fit Oct. 18 to Dec. 20.

It is expected that there will also be dates set for youth first aid as well as stay safe and babysitting courses.

Head to mymorden.ca/recreation for more details or to register.

Nominations open for Excellence in Education Awards

By Voice staff

Think your kid's teacher is awesome? Now's your chance to thank them for it.

Nominations have opened for the 2021-22 Manitoba's Excellence in Education Awards, Education Minister Cliff Cullen announced last week on World Teachers' Day.

"Manitoba educators provide outstanding service every day, and continue to do so during the pandemic," Cullen said. "The Excellence in Education Awards provide an opportunity to recognize educators who are making a special difference in the lives of their students."

There are three teaching excellence awards up for grabs and one each in the categories of outstanding new teacher, outstanding team collaboration, outstanding school leader, and the Premier's Award for Excellence in Education.

Parents, students, school trustees, teachers and school or school division administrators are invited to submit nominations by the Dec. 2 deadline.

Nominees must be educators who hold a valid, permanent Manitoba teaching certificate and work directly with kindergarten to Grade 12 students in a school setting on a daily basis. Each award recipient will

receive \$500 and a framed certificate.

The selection committee includes representatives from Manitoba Education, Manitoba School Boards Association, Manitoba Association of Parent Councils and Manitoba Federation of Independent Schools.

"I want to thank our educators for the work they do, supporting our children and ensuring they can succeed," said Cullen. "We know teachers are an incredibly dedicated group, and we hope the community responds to this call for nominations."

For more information, head to www.edu.gov.mb.ca/k12/excellence/.

Cardiac rehab program providing a closer-to-home option for patients

By Ashleigh Viveiros

The Meridian Exhibition Centre in Winkler has been playing host to the first in-person session of the Pembina Valley Cardiac Rehabilitation Program.

While the first run online in June went pretty well overall (and, in fact, a couple participants this time around opted for the virtual route once again), Dr. Bryan Kroeker and the rest of the program's team are glad they've been able to host the fall session face-to-face.

He explains that the program takes a multidisciplinary approach to equipping cardiac patients with the tools they need to lead healthier lives.

"There's that old adage that knowledge is power ... we've had some folks that have had heart disease for well over a decade that now are saying they understand their heart disease better than they ever have, and it just took them a few sessions of education," Kroeker says. "They're feeling more confident in understanding their experience and what to expect moving forward."

The six-week program brings students together twice a week for two hours.

The first hour is spent hearing about heart health from a broad range of health-care providers, including physicians, a pharmacist, dieticians, a kinesiologist, a social worker, a mental

health clinician, and a chronic disease management clinician.

The second hour sees participants exercising under the watchful eye of kinesiologists, who ensure they're learning effective, safe, and personalized techniques they can stick to long after the program is complete.

"We really want to empower people to know what heart disease is like and is going to be like in their life and to know that they can have a huge part to play in feeling safe and better," Kroeker says, noting this approach has been shown to have incredible benefits for patients, drastically reducing the risk of, for example, a second heart attack in those who have suffered a first.

Cardiac rehab programs certainly aren't a new thing in Manitoba, notes program kinesiologist Nolan Turnbull, but the closest one to our area has long been at the Reh-Fit Centre in Winnipeg.

Driving into the city several times a week certainly isn't a great option for most people.

"Quite a lot of these individuals wouldn't have been able to go into Winnipeg routinely. There's a lot of barriers with doing that," Turnbull says, pointing not just to the cost of gas but also time off work and away from family. "We've had a lot of people say they wouldn't have been able to participate [if it wasn't being held in Winkler]."

The Winnipeg program is also lon-



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In addition to walking, participants often hop on the exercise bikes or do various strength training exercises. This makes up the second hour of every session—the first includes presentations from a host of health-care providers on topics such as diet and lifestyle.



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Participants in the Pembina Valley Cardiac Rehabilitation Program are accompanied by program staff as they make their way around the Meridian Exhibition Centre walking track in the exercise portion of the twice-weekly sessions.

ger and more expensive—about \$300 versus the \$30 charged to participants here.

"We had, in the Winkler-Morden area ... the biggest untapped population pretty well in the province for folks that were eligible for cardiac rehab at the Reh-Fit Centre but did not partake," noted Kroeker. "So we said we need to bring this program home."

Participant Derek Bobbie is certainly glad they did. He's found the sessions to be incredibly helpful in the wake of heart issues that cropped up for him last year.

"It's actually too bad I didn't have some of this information 20 years ago," he says. "They've done some really great things teaching us about food and diet and exercise and what it does. Not that that led to my heart situation, but it's definitely something that I've been trying to teach to my child as something you can incorporate into your life so it becomes a habit."

"I think it's been a great program. I have nothing but good things to say about it," he adds, lauding the presenters for creating a welcoming and informative atmosphere. "You can tell they care and want to see people improve. It's not just a job for them."

Fellow participant Vern Braun has found the varied approach to heart health to be eye-opening.

"It gives you a little different perspective than what you are familiar with," he says. "Perspectives on foods, on exercise."

"It's worth the time to go and just learn about your heart function and

the diet, the exercises, your lifestyle," adds participant Lawrence Dyck. "Hopefully that helps you stay healthy."

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After a break this fall to assess the ins and outs of the program and fine-tune the referral system to it at Boundary Trails Health Centre, the next session is slated to get underway in late January.

The plan then is to host a new session every eight weeks, for a total of six cohorts of 10 people each in 2022.

"We've been registering people for our next cohorts and anticipate a full group," says Turnbull, noting the dream is to continue to grow this program in the years ahead, perhaps provide a wider range of exercise activities and more staff, as funding allows, and even branching out to other regional hospitals.

Area patients who have had a cardiac event or related procedure moving forward will receive a referral to the program, but if it sounds like something you might benefit from you're encouraged to ask your health-care provider about it.

"The goal is to intervene as soon as possible and help as many people as we can," says Turnbull.

Even if you don't qualify for this particular program, he stresses that there are resources in place to help people get the care they need when it comes to living healthier lives. Call your local clinic for details.

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CITY OF WINKLER NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING UNDER THE PLANNING ACT

The Council of the City of Winkler, under the authority of The Planning Act, will hold a Public Hearing, at the Winkler Council Chamber, 185 Main Street, Winkler, Manitoba, on Tuesday, October 26TH, 2021 at 6:45 PM, at which time and place the Council will receive representations and objections from any persons who wish to make them in respect of By-Law No. 2270-21, of the City of Winkler.

The general intent of the above By-Law No. 2270-21, is to zone the land described below, Namely:

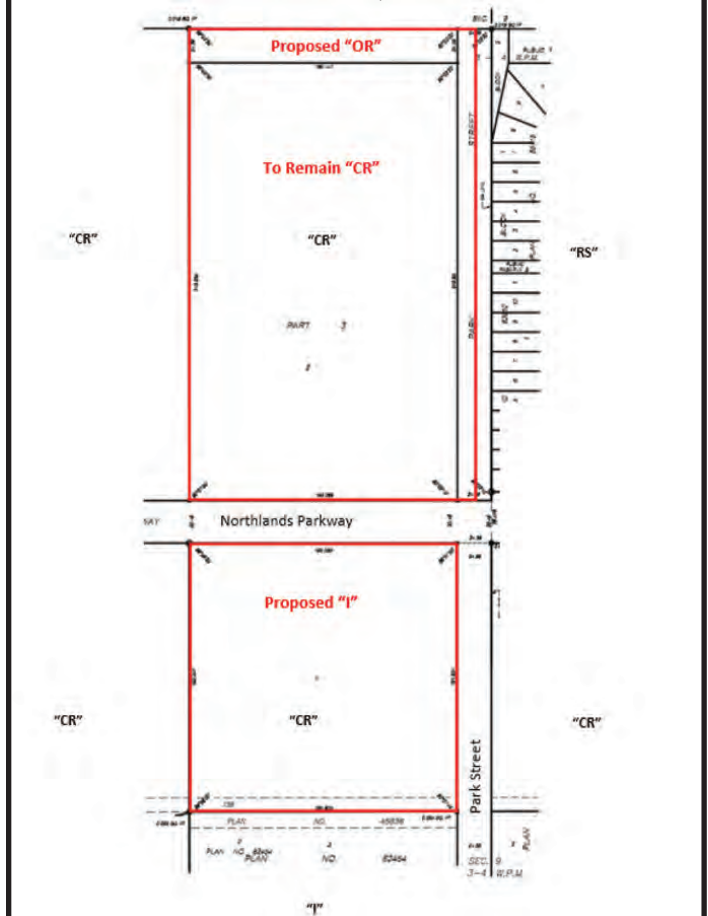
Part of Plan No. (Deposit 768/2020) MLTO in the SW ¼ 9-3-4 WPM as shown outlined in a heavy solid line on the map attached hereto as Schedule "A", and forming part of this by-law, be rezoned

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A copy of the above By-Law No. 2270-21 and supporting material may be inspected by any persons between the hours of 9:00 AM and 5:00 PM, Monday to Thursday and 9:00 AM and 4:30 PM, Friday, in the City Office.

SPECIAL COVID-19 PRE-REGISTRATION REQUIREMENT: Members of the public must confirm if they plan to attend the public hearing within 2 days of the hearing date by contacting planning@cityofwinkler.ca or calling the city office at (204) 325-9524 ext. 3. This pre-registration process will ensure that staff have time to ensure physical distancing is achieved.

DATED at Winkler, in Manitoba, this 13th day of September, 2021.
Designated Officer
City of Winkler



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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING UNDER THE AUTHORITY OF THE PLANNING ACT

On the date and at the time and location shown below, a PUBLIC HEARING will be held to receive representations from any person(s) who wish to make them in respect to the following matter:

HEARING LOCATION: Council Chambers at City of Winkler 185 Main Street, Winkler, MB
DATE & TIME: November 9, 2021 at 6:45 p.m.
GENERAL INTENT: To repeal and replace Zoning By-law 1938-08 and all amendments thereto
AREA: By-law 2271-21 will apply to the entire limits of the City of Winkler

A copy of the above proposal and supporting material may be inspected at the location noted above during normal office hours, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday to Thursday and 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 pm Friday. Copies may be made, and extracts taken therefrom upon request.

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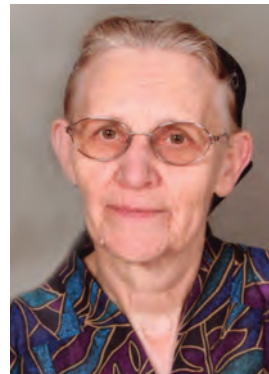
OBITUARY

Aganetha Dyck Wolfe (nee Kroeker) 1943 – 2021

On Monday October 4, 2021 at her residence in Osterwick, MB Aganetha Wolfe age 77 passed away.

She leaves to mourn her passing her husband, Jacob Wolfe and his family, her daughters, Tina and Jake Thiessen, Helen and Jake Froese, Nettie and Henry Wall, Susie and Kevin Oestrieher, three sons, Isaak and Helen, Pete and Val, John and Eva, daughter-in-law, Nettie (Jake) and Ike Dyck and their families. She was predeceased by her first husband, Jakob H Dyck in 2012 and one son, Jake in 1995.

Private funeral service was held with interment at the Osterwick Cemetery.



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OBITUARY

James Hildebrand

It is with great sadness we announce the passing of James Hildebrand, age 87, on September 17, 2021, just six months after the passing of his beloved wife Betty.

He was born in Morden, Manitoba on October 9, 1933. There he met Betty whom he married in 1953. They moved to Powell River in 1955 and had three sons.

Jim was an employee of the mill in Powell River for over 30 years. He was an avid fisherman and loved the ocean. He volunteered countless hours for the Powell River Salvation Army over 50 years and played the bass and sang on their worship team.

Jim was enormously generous and the best grandpa ever. He leaves three grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

He will be greatly missed.

For we walk by faith, not by sight
2 Corinthians 5:7



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

Sudoku Answer

E	O	H	S	S	O	W	E	E	C			
A	B	V	N	A	S	O	W	E	E	T	E	
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W	N	H	V	N	S	S	L	V	N	E	S	S
I	S	S	W	N	T	N	O					
S	V	N	Y	N	V	N	H					
E	X	O	H									
T	V	I	O	S		O	L	V	H	E		
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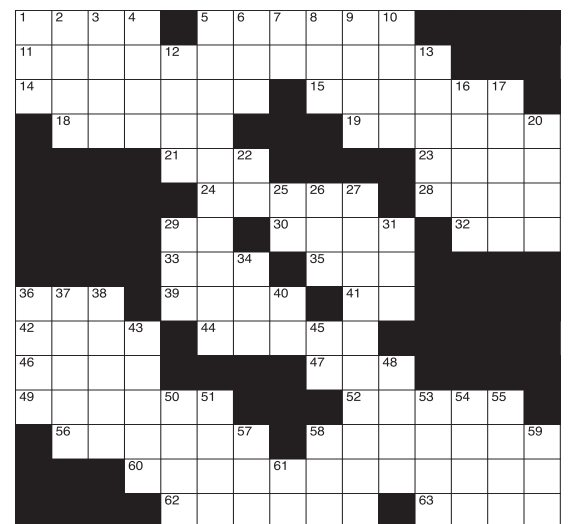
CLUES ACROSS

1. Flat-topped hill
5. Move upward
11. Admiration
14. It's useful for serving food
15. Kidnap
18. One of the Greek Muses
19. A type of media
21. Sunscreen rating
23. Former Michigan coach Brady
24. German town devastated in WW2
28. Gasteroy and Ortiz are two
29. Leave
30. Forearm bone
32. Very fast airplane
33. Helps little firms
35. Defunct economic organization
36. Science-based students organization (abbr.)
39. Feels ill
41. Indicates position
42. Beverage containers
44. Assists
46. Science accreditation organization (abbr.)
47. Purpose
49. Group of elected officials
52. Hebrew prophet
56. They help you drink
58. Lawmaker
60. Charitable
62. Doctrines
63. Footwear

CLUES DOWN

1. Where wrestlers work
2. Dueling sword
3. Practice fight
4. Genus of clams
5. Fear of heights
6. What some tell their dog

CROSSWORD



7. The Golden State
8. When you expect to get there
9. Pointed ends
10. Extinct flightless bird
12. Feeds
13. Nape of neck
16. Descendant
17. Small boats found in Turkey
20. To avoid the risk of
22. Athlete with no contract (abbr.)
25. 13th letter of the Greek alphabet
26. Brew
27. Feeling of anxiety
29. Young girls group
31. Perform on stage
34. White clerical vestment
36. Popular musical awards show

37. Bumpkins
38. One who acts on another's behalf
40. Direction
43. Look at with fixed eyes
45. One who helps professors (abbr.)
48. A large number of
50. Type of powder
51. Large jug
53. ___ Christian Anderson, children's author
54. American state
55. Muslim inhabitant of the Philippines
57. Witness
58. Landscapers lay it
59. Type of bread
61. Of I

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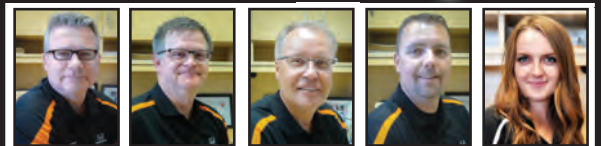


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