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BTHC to expand

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Southern Health CEO Jane Curtis, flanked by provincial dignitaries, announced plans to expand Boundary Trails Health Centre last week. For the full story, see Pg. 2.

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An expansion two decades in the making

By Lorne Stelmach

A new building will be constructed as part of a \$64.4 million expansion to the Boundary Trails Health Centre.

Announced last Friday, the project will add new acute care inpatient beds and provide a larger, more modern space for patient care programs.

Officials noted these additions are something that were already long ago identified as needed to better support the health needs of the growing communities in the region.

"When Boundary Trails was built in 2001, it was already being stretched," said Jane Curtis, CEO of Southern Health-Santé Sud. "So those discussions started very soon after Boundary Trails opened, and knowing that eventually we would need more space, so this has been a long time in the making."

"For the last nine or ten years, there has been discussion around this plans," she added. "I think they've been carefully designed to look at not just the needs for today but the needs for the future. I also know that we have additional space for the future if things do need to be added on at that

time."

"It has been a long time getting to this date," agreed Morden-Winkler MLA Cameron Friesen, who saluted all those who have had the vision for a consolidated centre of care for the region. "We know that the future is going to mean that more patients in southern Manitoba can get their care closer to home. We know that it will be a more appropriate care, a quicker care."

The project will move forward in two stages starting with the construction of a two-storey community services building and inpatient building.

While planning for the new building is still being finalized, it is expected to include a number of existing programs that are currently located elsewhere, including acute care areas. This may include services such as ambulatory care, cancer services, home care, education services, public health, health information services, and administration.

Once programs and services have been relocated to the new community services building, renovations will begin on the vacated spaces in the hospital. This will allow for the cre-



PHOTO BY LORNE STELMACH/VOICE

Local and provincial dignitaries and medical staff gathered at Boundary Trails Health Centre last week to announce a \$64.4 million major expansion to the 20-year-old facility.

ation of expanded spaces for several departments and programs, including surgery and the addition of a retail pharmacy.

A two-storey addition to the inpatient building will also be constructed to house 24 beds on one level and en-

hanced nursery capacity on the other.

Construction on the new building, to be located adjacent to the current health centre, is expected to begin by the summer of next year.

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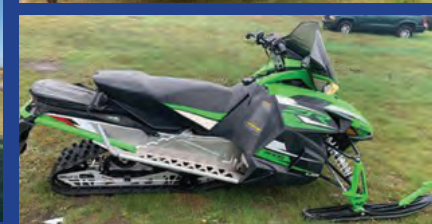
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Salem, Tabor warn of potential staff shortages

By Ashleigh Viveiros

The local personal care homes were hoping for the best but bracing for the worst when it came to staffing levels this week.

On Monday, public health orders went into effect requiring those who work with vulnerable populations—including residents at care homes—to be fully vaccinated against COVID-19 or undergo testing every 48 hours in order to report for work.

Last week, both Salem Home in Winkler and Tabor Home in Morden sent out letters to family members warning that there is some uncertainty as to how this mandate might affect resident care in the weeks ahead.

"We want to keep all our residents as safe as possible so we are planning for worse case scenario starting on this day [Monday], if staff refuse to be tested or not come to work," said both letters.

The letters went on to advise families that they may be asked to help with their loved ones' laundry, room cleaning, feeding, personal hygiene, and social activities.

Both care homes had earlier this month put a freeze on new admissions, but things may have to go even further if there is a staffing crisis.

"If we do not have enough staff, we may have to go one step further and ask that you would take your loved one home to look after them, if this is possible for you and your family to manage," the letters said, acknowledging this may not be possible for some residents and noting that families would be contacted to discuss options in the days ahead.

Representatives from both facilities and the regional health authority released a joint statement Monday in response to requests for comment.

"Manitoba's



PHOTO BY LORNE STELMACH/VOICE

A few dozen people gathered outside Salem Home in Winkler on Monday to protest the requirement for COVID-19 vaccination or regular testing for health-care staff who work with vulnerable people. None of the protestors would speak to our reporter about their concerns.

health system has been preparing for the implementation of rapid COVID-19 testing for several weeks, with managers and directors working to identify direct care workers and obtain their COVID-19 vaccination disclosure," the statement said, noting the vast majority of Manitoba's health-care workers—over 94 per cent—have been confirmed to be fully vaccinated.

There are pockets, however, where some staff have indicated they would not participate in testing and were not vaccinated. These individuals,

the statement explained, have been placed on immediate unpaid leave. The RHA did not disclose how many staff have chosen this route.

"Regarding service delivery, contingency plans are in place to ensure ongoing access to health services and we are happy to report that, to date, those areas are operating with appropriate staffing levels, ensuring the ongoing care and comfort of our most vulnerable citizens.

"Over the coming days, these efforts will continue to ensure staff are redeployed to support areas that may need some additional help, to encourage staff to complete their vaccine disclosure forms if they have not yet, and to be tested prior to going to work if they are required to do so."

In the meantime, Southern Health-Santé Sud has said it continues to offer education and answer any questions vaccine-hesitant staff may have.

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Nature's light show



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Morden's Brittney Rae caught this shot of the Northern Lights as they lit up southern Manitoba the evening of Oct. 11.

Frontline workers, supporters march for freedom of choice

By Ashleigh Viveiros

The latest local rally against government restrictions to curb the spread of COVID-19 took place in Bethel Heritage Park in Winkler over the weekend.

Attendees observed a time of silence in support of frontline workers who are against the provincial mandate that public servants who work with vulnerable populations (patients, long-term care residents, students, to name a few) must be vaccinated or else undergo regular COVID-19 testing to report to work. The group followed the silence up with a march through town before returning to the park.

Winkler Mayor Martin Harder kicked off the event's speeches, stressing he was not there to speak for or against the government.

"The reason I came today is because I know I've got a group of people here that are from our community who genuinely care about our community, and you care about the people that you work with, you care about the people that you look after," he said. "I know perfectly well what health-care workers do and how involved they get into people's lives, and I know really that's why you're here."

The theme of the rally—supporting frontline workers—made it one he wanted to be a part of, Harder said.

"I want to commend you for what you're doing and I understand the reasons why you're doing it, and I understand there are reasons why you have some hesitancy to vaccination," he said, going on to share that his daughter had a severe bout with the

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> BTHC EXPANSION, FROM PG. 2

The project is connected to the 2021 provincial budget, which included a \$812 million capital investment in building, expanding and renovating health care facilities across the province in support of the clinical and preventive services plan.

The plan identified expanded services at the 94-bed Boundary Trails as being key to efforts to support better care sooner and closer to patients' home communities.

"The clinical plan represents a smart, co-ordinated, patient-focused investment in the health of Manitobans with the goal of making more care avail-

able to the citizens of our rural communities," said long-time Winkler physician Dr. Don Klassen, who heralded the commitment as "a plan that will continue to improve health care and benefit our communities long after the pandemic is a distant memory."

"This is a significant day here at Boundary Trails," said Ben Friesen, chairperson of the BTHC Foundation, which has long promoted and pushed for the expansion. "As Boundary Trails has evolved into a regional health centre, serving the needs of southern Manitoba and the province, the foundation has been aware of the need for additional health care space for many years."

Curtis stressed how this project will strengthen Boundary Trails' role as an important hub of medical services and allow it to continue to meet the long term needs of this growing area.

"We will be providing many of the services that we currently provide but able to handle bigger volumes, as we know our population continues to increase ... as that evolves, we'll hopefully be having more services and able to handle more population," she said.

"This investment will help support this centre to serve as a district hub for the community and region, offering southern Manitobans many services that might currently require them to seek care in Winnipeg or other communities," agreed Gordon. "We are building a health-care system that offers rural communities more services closer to home supporting specialized services at larger facilities like Boundary Trails, which can reduce the need for many residents to travel to Winnipeg for their care."

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Stanley, Winkler moves from severe to moderate water conservation level

By Ashleigh Viveiros

The City of Winkler and the RM of Stanley announced Friday that they are reducing the water conservation level from stage three (severe) to stage two (moderate), effectively immediately.

The two communities have been at the higher level since June. In August, the region as a whole declared a state of drought emergency.

"The underground storages (aquifers) are what we have been protecting to carry us through the winter, in the event

the Red River cannot produce enough water for us," the municipalities said in a statement.

"With the combination of recent rains, the work done by PVWC [Pembina Valley Water Co-op] to lower their intakes, the forecasted river flows, and reduced demands over winter we feel we can drop the conservation level for the next months."

The downgrade in levels lifts certain water usage restrictions on homeowners and businesses from mandatory to voluntary. That said, resi-

dents are still asked to be careful in their water usage through the winter.

"We are grateful for all the efforts that have been put in by residents and would like to express our thanks to all of those that participated in the water conservation effort this summer," the municipalities said. "Your efforts made a tremendous difference."

The City of Morden on Monday was still at the extreme level of its water conservation plan.

> RALLY, FROM PG. 4

virus. "She thought that she was going to die ... it's not easy as a dad to see a daughter go through that."

Harder noted that he's lost family and friends to COVID-19, and he is vaccinated in the hopes that the severity would be lessened should he contract it himself.

"I don't really like [the idea of] getting choked to death," he observed, noting again, however, that he understands others' hesitancy with the vaccine and desire for choice, and he believes the government should be looking at other methods of prevention as well.

Most of the speakers who followed did not share their full names but stepped up to speak on behalf of frontline workers.

Some expected to be on unpaid leave from their jobs for refusing to get vaccinated or tested several times a week for COVID-19.

"As I told my boss, I'm taking a stand for freedom of choice," said one, who identified himself as Darren and went on to quote scripture and encourage people to put their trust in God's control when it comes to the pandemic.

Frank Harder, who said he's been a rural firefighter for 10 years, said he and his fellow firefighters have undergone countless hours of rigorous training to do their jobs effectively.

"We are the ones that you call when you are having the worst day of your life," he said, noting many firefighters carry mental scars with them due to the things they have witnessed.

The recent vaccination mandate for frontline workers has Harder feeling that none of these sacrifices matter.

"The only thing that matters at this point is that we get jabbed," he said, stressing the importance of choice on this issue. "Discrimination has no place in a democratic society, and that includes your decision to get a vaccine or not."

He went on to call vaccination as a result of pressure or punishment an assault not only on one's body but on one's freedoms.

Another speaker, reading a statement on behalf of health-care workers, said things have come a long way from last year when everyone was rallying to show their support for frontline staff, calling them heroes for doing their jobs.

"Today, 19 months later, we are faced with an ultimatum from our employers," she said. "We are told that if we do not consent to vaccination or regular testing we are no longer safe to care for our patients."

"We face losing our jobs, our careers, and our livelihoods because of the personal health decision we have made," she said. "We love our jobs and we want to continue in them. We only ask that the cornerstone of informed consent be honoured and personal health choices be respected."



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Smile ... you're on candid camera

I'm not sure you know this but typically I am recording everything I see with two binocular 3D lenses of about 576 megapixels in resolution each.

I am also recording all audio with two phenomenally sensitive microphones. It all goes onto about 2.5 petabytes (1 million gigabytes) of storage.

Everywhere I go I bring these lenses, microphones and my associated storage device with me. If I am talking to someone I record the content to my storage device where I can retrieve it or any images and video I want at a later date, over and over again if necessary.

Does this make you uncomfortable? Maybe a little, right? I mean, whether I'm at the beach or in the bathroom these devices are constantly doing their job.

You are too, you know. It's true, ev-

erywhere you go you bring the same waterproof equipment.

I am talking of course about our eyes, ears and our brains, all of which, according to various sources, meet or exceed the specs I mentioned earlier.

Humans are constantly recording and processing information for use immediately or to recall at a later date. Everything we see and hear is recorded.

We are so instinctively aware of this it goes without notice or concern, but let's say I add another device of a far, far lower quality and reliability, like a cell phone, and start recording you while we talk. Suddenly people become uncomfortable.

We're not concerned with what we don't notice. "Ignorance is bliss" or "Out of sight out of mind" are the sayings that come to mind.

Recently I bought a pair of Ray-Ban Stories Wayfarer sunglasses. These are "smart" glasses designed in partnership with Facebook to record video, pictures and audio for easy capturing of day-to-day moments and posting to social media.

I rationalised the heck out of the purchase.

"I need new sunglasses," I thought. "I can easily take phone calls or listen to music while biking because I can still hear ambient noise."

Ultimately, though, I got them because I am a nerd and I love technology. They are a highly unnecessary toy.

I am painfully aware of the creepy factor of wearing a recording device and it has led me to consider the difference between the ones we wear and the ones we are born with.

Maybe we don't mind the ones we are born with so much because I cannot repost what I see with my eyes or hear with my ears to social media (yet).

I do think these will work a little better than past devices. Remember Google Glass? People quickly declared owners "Glassholes" and banned them from businesses. This might be because people wearing them looked so obviously like dime store androids that they were instantly disconcerting.

Snapchat had their Spectacles which were just goofy and ridiculous looking, frankly.

Facebook smartly partnered with Luxottica, the owners of the famous and stylish Ray-Ban brand, to develop something that looked normal but embedded tech. This is the evolution of tech. Wearable tech is just more broadly accepted when it blends in with what we already know.

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• FAITH FOCUS

We are all handmade by God

There is a special value that we can discover when something is made by hand.

When our children or grandchildren draw pictures of life as they see it and then give it to us, we cherish them, even if our eyes and nose or some other feature seem out of proportion in their drawing.

This summer my wife and I enjoyed

our visit to a gift store in a small town. Along with Christmas items which may have come from other countries, the proprietor had attractive creations



By Randy Smart

made from used dishes crafted as bird feeders and ornaments. All of them had solar lights. The craftsman took great pride in explaining to us how he collected his original

materials and created these items. We bought two of them. One of them is now on duty in our yard as a bird feeder and the light shines on when the night grows dark.

In the Winkler and Morden area there was a recent opportunity to visit local artisans in their studios (or garages) to see what they had created and to purchase items that we found compelling. It was interesting to visit and see the great variety of creative expressions available very close to

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Katie Cares online auction raises \$22K and counting

By Ashleigh Viveiros

The online auction hosted by Katie Cares this fall in place of its usual fashion show proved to be a solid success.

Executive director Ruth Reimer shared last week that the 43 prize packages up for grabs Sept. 19 to Oct. 9 brought in \$16,500 in bids.

"And then \$5,800 right now has come in from donations as well," she added. "Those are coming in daily" from people who didn't want to bid on a prize but still wanted to show their support for the charity.

It's not quite the heights the hugely popular fashion show reaches each year (the last one in 2019 brought in \$65,000), but Reimer is looking beyond that to the invaluable awareness the auction generated.

"When you look at what the fash-

ion show, we're established with that, we're known for that," she said. "With the online auction, this was a new venture for us.

"It raised great awareness. We had bidders from all over, right across the province. I was really happy with that."

The \$22,000 and counting in bids and donations is most welcome, Reimer added, as it helps keep the doors open at the Katie Cares respite home.

"I'm deeply happy with those results because the glass is not half empty, it's half full. That's how I look at it," she said.

That half-full glass supports not just the cottage but also long-running programs like the care packages Katie Cares puts together for kids in hospital.

"With this funding we can go out and buy those Beanie Babies for the



VOICE FILE PHOTO

Funds go to support Katie's Cottage and the charity's care bags.

kids, because that program is growing by leaps and bounds, and health care needs every bit of help that they can get right now to make things less stressful," Reimer said.

The pandemic has meant guest numbers are down somewhat at Katie's Cottage, but Reimer is optimistic things will turn around on that front.

"They shouldn't be afraid to come here," she said, urging people to stop by if they need an affordable place to stay overnight or a welcoming space to pass the time during the day while a loved one receives care at the nearby Boundary Trails Health Centre.

"This is a safe place. We make it safe because we keep it clean, our staff are masked, and we do everything plus to keep it safe, going above and beyond what Public Health or Southern Health has asked us to do," she said.

With any luck, a year from now will see the return of the fashion show.

"That's our hope," Reimer said. "That's what people are asking for ... and I want to make it clear we are not dropping the fashion show. It's ready to go. We just need to pull the trigger and say, yes, we're having it and let's have a wonderful night."

> FAITH FOCUS, FROM PG. 6

home. These artists need our support through the year. Remember that Christmas is coming. You should consider some gifts made with love by local craft specialists.

I have also recently observed some workmen applying their skills to a home. They are doing finishing details outside a house and they study and measure, cut with precision and install. I have some of the same tools in my garage but I would not be able to achieve the same results. How impressive it is to see people who love their craft and do it well.

Did you know that we are "hand-made" also? The Bible teaches that God is our Creator. There could be many layers to that statement but in simple form we understand that God not only made the world, he has a personal interest in the development and wellbeing of each one of us.

David expressed it this way in Psalm 139:13,14: "For you created my inmost being; you knit me together in my mother's womb. I praise you because

I am fearfully and wonderfully made; your works are wonderful, I know that full well."

The reference to God's hand is common in the Bible. It may be a word picture to help us visualize the ways that God reaches out to us and helps us when we seek Him. In Isaiah 41:10 we read: "So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand."

Our Creator God has made us with worth and purpose. He sent Jesus to teach and provide the way for us to have access to Him. God is still able to craft our lives when we seek his guidance to discover more about the incredible truth that we are "hand-made."

Randy Smart has been a pastor in Southern Manitoba since 1979. He is currently senior pastor at Bethel Berghaler Mennonite Church south of Winkler.

> CANTELON, FROM PG. 6

Still, it can take time. Remember about 20 years ago when we started seeing people wandering through airports or in public talking loudly to themselves? It felt VERY weird because we were not yet used to Bluetooth technology and wireless earpieces with mics. Now it's simply annoying.

I believe this kind of technology will become ubiquitous to modern life. It will take time and trial and error by

developers but it will be embraced. The trick is to ensure Big Brother is kept at bay and the surveillance state is regulated.

At any rate all they will get from me are bike rides, pictures of my cats and causal walks.

Frankly, as my personal storage becomes a little iffy and unreliable, my cameras begin to fail and my microphones dull, I am all for a little technological augmentation.

"IT RAISED GREAT AWARENESS. WE HAD BIDDERS FROM ALL OVER ..."

Our mistake

Our story on the Pembina Valley Cardiac Rehabilitation Program last week (Pg. 25) included a typo we need to correct.

The cost for the program is \$50 per participant, not \$30.

We sincerely regret the error and

any confusion it may have caused.

If you'd like to learn more about the program or the other support services available to help people live healthier lives, reach out to your health-care provider or local clinic.

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PVLIP launches new podcast to promote cultural inclusion

By Ashleigh Viveiros

The Pembina Valley Local Immigration Partnership has developed a new outreach tool.

The PVLIP Podcast has two episodes under its belt already, with plans to release new content every other week going forward.

It's designed, explains PVLIP coordinator Elaine Burton-Saindon, to provide information for newcomers and longtime locals alike.

"We have a working group focusing on how to make communication better and out of that came the idea that this could be a tool that would reach more people, especially different generations," she said.

The podcast's goal is to "shift judgement to curiosity" when it comes to the ever-increasing diversity of the Pembina Valley.

The voices of the project are Osaid Zehri and Braedon Thiessen, while Regional Connections volunteer facilitator Shepherd Chiwandire spearheads the behind-the-scenes work.

The first two episodes released earlier this fall focused a bit on the work of PVLIP. The group works to create more welcoming and inclusive communities, bringing together stakeholders and immigrants to figure out exactly how best to do that.

Future episodes will shine a spotlight on various support programs for immigrants in the area, chat with local



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From left: Shepherd Chiwandire, Braedon Thiessen, and Osaid Zehri at work on an episode of the PVLIP Podcast, which has new episodes every other week.

municipal leaders, showcase a variety of topics ranging from mental health to employment challenges, Q&As with professionals such as lawyers on common questions they receive, and stories from newcomers themselves about their integration into their new home.

"There's a lot that we can do, really ... moving forward we want to involve as many people and as many organizations as we can in the communities," said Chiwandire, noting the podcast is a short-form one never lasting more than 10-15 minutes—just long enough

for people to enjoy on their daily commute.

The podcast is working not just to inform newcomers but anyone interested in learning more about the impact immigration has and continues to have on our community.

"The one big thing we're trying to really bring in with the podcast is integration," Chiwandire said. "Just a community sense of feel."

Zehri and Thiessen recorded enough interviews to take the podcast through to spring. As they're now both being kept busy pursuing post-secondary

education, PVLIP is looking for some new volunteers to keep the podcast going beyond that.

Anyone with a passion for communicating and sharing stories is invited to reach out to learn more about getting involved with the podcast or one of PVLIP's advisory groups. Learn more at pvlip.ca.

Links to the podcast are posted on PVLIP's Facebook and Instagram pages. Right now it's available on YouTube but the plan is to make it downloadable to the various podcast apps as well.

RHA has contingency plans for staff shortages: Curtis

By Lorne Stelmach

The regional health authority had contingency plans ready for this week as a portion of health-care staff faced a deadline to be either vaccinated or prepare to face regular testing for COVID-19.

If they refused, staff at facilities that include the local hospital, clinics, and care homes were to go on unpaid leave.

Just how many staff might opt not to show up at work this week was up in the air, though Southern Health-Santé CEO Jane Curtis stressed on Friday that steps are being taken to ensure the care needs of local patients and care home residents are met.

Both Salem Home and Tabor Home sent out letters last week to families advising them they may be asked to assist in the day-to-day care of residents (see story on Pg. 3).

"I just want to say to those families that we will take care of their loved

ones," Curtis stressed. "Even just in normal times, families are a really important part of our care team ... it's not unusual to have families in on a daily basis.

"We would never put a family into a position where they'd have to come in," she added, "but we do know there's families out there that would be willing to and happy to help."

"There are many contingency plans that are being looked at right now, and one of them is to make family members aware that their assistance may be required, but that doesn't necessarily mean that that will be the case," noted Health and Seniors Care Minister Audrey Gordon.

"There are pockets all across the five regions," Gordon said of the number of unvaccinated health-care workers. "In terms of the 42,000 health-care professionals that are direct care workers, I would consider it not a large number, but there are individuals that remain unvaccinated."

"We have a really good idea about who is vaccinated," noted Curtis. "There's another part that we're trying to determine, and that's because people are in flux right now. They're trying to decide about vaccination, and if they've made that decision, now they're trying to decide about testing. That number is fluid.

"We've already put some contingency plans in place. We have staff on standby that can be redeployed into sites if it starts looking like we are not going to have enough staff to care," Curtis said, adding for example that they were "looking at things as simple as menus and ramping down some of our menus so there's easier recipes to produce if they need to ... we know that we're going to have a portion of our kitchen staff [unvaccinated].

"These are all things that are in the wings. We are not implementing them until we know we have to but everyone is sort of prepared to do that.

"We have a lot of confidence that

we know who is going to come in because they've told us, so it's that last little percentage that we're waiting on," Curtis said. "We're really hoping for the best ... we are making sure that we also have those plans in place if we need to implement."

Curtis noted the staffing shortages would be spread out and not overly impact one area or department more than any other one.

"I would say it's all over. It depends on the facility, it depends on the site," she said.

"I think this just reflects that vaccine hesitancy that we've seen at all pockets of our population. It doesn't belong to one group ... it's across the board," said Curtis. "We've definitely identified sites that may be in more challenging situations than others."

Gordon also touched on continuing to address the issues around vaccine hesitancy.

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Here comes Appetizer Week

Local restaurants serving up specials Oct. 25-30

By Lorne Stelmach

The regional tourism agency is back with another food theme week.

Appetizer Week from Oct. 25-30 is a new addition for Explore Morden Winkler, which has previously promoted theme weeks around burgers, pizza, and poutine.

The aim, though, remains same: to come together to support businesses in a sector that has been especially hard hit by the pandemic.

Organizers feel the theme week idea is now well established and has caught on in the area, and Valley Bakery in Winkler is one business that is keen to be involved in the initiative.

"It's a very good opportunity. I think the Explore Morden Winkler food weeks have been a big hit," said Thomas Guenther, sales manager for Valley Bakery.

The bakery has participated in three of the food theme weeks, and it also has some bragging rights after having been crowned as the Pizza Week champion.

This time, it is working in collaboration with Dead Horse Cider Company in pairing its pretzels bites with a hard cider cheese sauce to create a creamy dip.

"We decided to take something we've been making for about two months now, add another variety of those soft pretzels and then make our own custom cheese sauce," said Guenther.

They like the opportunity to go beyond the

normal scope of what would be expected from a bakery, he added.

"We've tried to expand what we think of what a bakery can be, so it's part of our long term plan to try to be more present in the community and offer more things," he said. "If we can do more interesting things, we can draw more people in, and we could expand our customer base."

It was a great opportunity as well for Dead Horse Cider Company as it seeks to grow further, including having recently opened a tasting room.

"We were opening our tasting room for tours only, and it was a great little thing to have on the menu," said Marcus Wiebe, who added the partnership was beneficial for them as they don't have a full-size kitchen. It also helps promote another local product

"It pairs really well," he suggested. "It's a good promotion for us. I thank them for letting us partner up like this with them."

Previous theme food weeks have seen dozens of local eateries take part and generated thousands in sales.

Find out whether your favourite restaurant has an entry in Appetizer Week by heading to exploremordenwinkler.com.

PHOTO BY LORNE STELMACH/VOICE
Valley Bakery's Thomas Guenther with the pretzel bites and hard cider cheese sauce they're serving up for Appetizer Week.



Businesses fined for non-compliance with health orders

By Voice staff

The Manitoba government's COVID-19 enforcement efforts included another local business last week.

Valley Bowl in Winkler was one of 10 businesses across the province to be hit with a \$5,000 fine for not complying with public health orders the week of Oct. 4-10.

Other businesses fined include ABC Auto Service in Brandon, Anytime Fitness in Selkirk, Benny's Astoria Pizzeria in Shoal Lake, Fitness Zone in Steinbach, and, in Winnipeg, AM Food Fare Chaise Café & Lounge, MORFIT Training Centre, The Village Nightclub and Lounge, and Tuxedo Village Family Restaurant/Monstrosity Burger.

A further three \$1,296 tickets were issued to individuals for various offences and 18 \$298 tickets to individuals for failure to wear a mask in an indoor public place.

Enforcement officers also issued 57

warnings that week.

Since the enforcement began in April of 2020, a total of 2,217 tickets totaling over \$3 million in fines have been issued.

Manitoba Justice Minister and Morden-Winkler MLA Cameron Friesen touched on the province's ongoing enforcement efforts at an event in Morden-Winkler on Friday.

"The number of tickets and the number of warnings has continued to climb," he noted. "I would say there is a correlation between the cases and the enforcement issues. I mean, as the case numbers go down, things do settle. As restrictions increase, so does the obligation and the responsibility to enforce."

"We are both making sure that we are out in all communities to make sure that there is compliance to the rules ... where there are hotspots, that means that we must be additionally responding," Friesen added. "I can tell you that those senior leaders who are

charged with that responsibility are constantly assessing. They're also taking into account where there are complaints of infractions.

"Enforcement will continue to be a key facet of our government's response to the pandemic because it matters. When the numbers get worse, we know what the risk is and it's important that people comply," he

concluded. "We believe it is out there. Every jurisdiction in Canada, indeed every jurisdiction in North America, is grappling with that question of how to allocate resources appropriately and adequately to respond to issues of compliance."

—with files from Lorne Stelmach

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"We continue to work with Shared Health and the leaders of the regional health authorities to communicate information ... to allay the fears of individuals who are still vaccine and testing hesitant," she said.

"This is a time for compassion and kindness and listening and understanding and realizing that there are myths out there and a lot of mis-

information, and our job is to dispel those myths, to remove the barriers.

"This is not a time for shaming or blaming," she concluded. "What I say to those individuals is we will stand shoulder-to-shoulder with you in terms of helping you to navigate some of the issues around the unwillingness to be vaccinated or tested."

Shoppers Love You campaign raising funds for Genesis House

By Ashleigh Viveiros

Winkler's Shoppers Drug Mart is aiming high with its annual Shoppers Love You campaign this month.

Store manager Mike Agnew says they're hoping to raise several thousand dollars for Genesis House, the local shelter for the victims of domestic violence.

"Our corporate goal—and that's based on our customer count, so it's based on an average of what stores across the country do—is \$1,081," he said, explaining that's the total that comes to them from their head office. "But we always blow that goal out of the water. Last year our donation was \$3,400. So we're making our goal this year to be \$3,500.

"I know we can do it. We started this past Saturday and we're already at over \$450."

It's the second year in a row the store has selected the shelter as the recipient of this campaign.

"It's such an important thing," Agnew said of the work they do, noting the focus of the initiative each year is on an aspect of women's health, including mental health. "That's what Genesis is all about, so we want to be supporting that."



PHOTO BY ASHLEIGH VIVEIROS/VOICE

Winkler Shoppers Drug Mart staff gathered with Genesis House executive director Ang Braun (centre) last week to celebrate the start of the annual Shoppers Love You campaign, which is collecting donations again this year for the women's shelter.

It's a show of support that Genesis House executive director Ang Braun is grateful for.

"It's amazing. Absolutely amazing," she said. "I have to say that for us, that

added exposure, getting people talking about it, the cashiers, the people on behalf of the store, just addressing it right directly with people makes such a big difference in getting our

name out there."

While the shelter has been a part of the community for decades, there are still lots of people who don't really know what it is they do.

"Because we don't have a storefront we don't really have an opportunity to easily engage with the public, Braun said, which makes the value of this campaign extend far beyond the monetary donations.

That said, the donation part of the campaign is also most welcome, she said, as it helps keep the shelter's doors open as a safe space for women and their children escaping violent home situations.

In addition to the residential services, Genesis House also offers a host of other services and programs, including support groups, counselling, a 24-hour crisis line, protection planning assistance, and more.

Donations will be accepted at the till until Nov. 5. There are four different donation levels ranging from \$1 to \$50. Every donation will see a paper leaf, butterfly, apple, or bird go up on the store's front window.

"We're very thankful to all our customers for their generosity in these hard times," Agnew said.

New restrictions for Southern Health communities

By Ashleigh Viveiros

Manitoba saw its COVID-19 case count jump by 339 cases Thursday through Monday

There were 92 cases on Friday, 108 on Saturday, 88 on Sunday, and 51 on Monday.

The Southern Health region led the way in new cases with 128 in total, followed by 81 in Winnipeg, 56 in Prairie Mountain, 53 in the Northern health region, and 21 in Interlake-Eastern.

Twenty-two of the 26 new cases in Southern Health on Monday were in individuals who were not fully vaccinated. Provincewide, 36 of the day's 51 new cases had not received two doses of the vaccine.

There was also five new deaths in people with COVID-19 since Friday, bringing the total number of Manitobans who have died due to the virus to 1,231.

At press time, Manitoba had 976 active cases and a five-day test positivity rate of 3.3 per cent.

A total of 90 people were in hospital with COVID-19, including 16 in intensive care.

Southern Health was reporting 231 active cases Monday, 35 hospitalizations, and nine ICU patients.

In the Pembina Valley, Winkler leads the way in active cases with 31 followed by 13 in Carman, eight in Morden, seven in the Red River South, four in the Altona area, three in Stanley, and two each in the Morris and MacDonald areas.

SELF-ISOLATION REQUIRED

In light of rising case counts and low vaccination rates in Southern Health, last week the province announced stricter household self-isolation (quarantine) requirements for the region.

Household members of close contacts or symptomatic people who have not had any known COVID-19 exposures must self-isolate.

That means if an individual is await-

ing test results for COVID-19, everyone in their household must self-isolate along with them. This is not currently the case in the rest of the province.

Exempt from self-isolation are people who are fully vaccinated (two doses) against COVID-19 or were infected with the virus within the past six months.

Asymptomatic designated workers who are not fully vaccinated but are taking part in a regular rapid testing program are also exempt from self-isolation. If the worker or a close contact in the household has symptoms, the exemption does not apply.

The province has said the online screening tool will provide guidance on how long people must self-isolate.

THIRD DOSE FOR FIRST NATIONS

Monday saw the province expand its recommendations for a third dose of the vaccine to First Nation people liv-

ing on reserve. This applies to an estimated 7,200 people.

The Integrated Vaccine Operations Centre, which is co-led by First Nations and the federal government, is being reactivated to oversee the third dose rollout and co-ordinate other supports that communities may need, the province has said.

It was also announced that pharmacies will now be allowed to administer COVID-19 rapid tests for people travelling outside the province who need a negative test result before doing so.

"This is an important change that builds capacity and provides more options for travellers," Health Minister Audrey Gordon said, noting pharmacies will be able to perform rapid antigen tests and rapid molecular (non-PCR) tests.

There is a fee for these tests and travellers will be required to present the pharmacist with documentation related to their travel plans, which may include a plane or train ticket or hotel booking.

Mr Mikes Winkler joins Mealshare program

By Lorne Stelmach

Local diners can support a nationwide charitable effort to help feed youth across Canada.

Mealshare recently added the Mr Mikes Steakhouse chain as a partner in its “buy one, give one” charity program for restaurants.

It means whenever a customer orders the featured steak meal or tells their server to “make it a mealshare” at Mr Mikes in Winkler, there will be one dollar added to their bill to support a meal provided through the Winkler & District Food Cupboard.

“We are so excited to have Mr Mikes partner with us to help feed youth in need,” said Audrey McNab, Mealshare Manitoba rep.

“Each location supports a youth charity right in their own community,” she stressed. “We love that these well known Canadian restaurant chains

are helping us have even more of an impact on kids in smaller communities across Canada.

“We hope that more people take action and turn their dining out into helping out.”

Representatives for Mr Mikes said they were very excited to be part of the Mealshare family.

“As a brand who is committed to our community and to helping others, Mealshare is the perfect fit as a national partner and complements all of the community work done by our stores today,” said Taili Coates, vice-president of marketing for the chain.

“They have local charity partners in each of our communities, so the funds raised by a local store will go directly to their community and internationally through Save the Children Canada. This is community giving at its best.”

The new partnership also served to help mark World Food Day Oct. 16



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Mealshare is expanding its program to include Mr Mikes Steakhouse in Winkler. Featured meals will support the Winkler and District Food Cupboard.

with the message for Canadians to come together to take action and help put an end to youth hunger.

In Canada, it is estimated nearly one in five children or over 1.15 million kids are food insecure.

Mealshare is partnered with over 250 restaurants in more than 450 Canadian communities. To date, the program has provided over 4.9 million meals to youth in need.

“We hope Canadians will head to our website and look for Mealshare partners near them so they can take action and turn their dining out into helping out,” said says Derek Juno, executive vice-president for Mealshare. “Hunger is not just an issue in far-away places. It is happening right here in Canada and can make anyone experiencing it feel very vulnerable—especially children.”

Some health-care workers fielding threats, harassment

Longtime local doc calls for greater dialogue, understanding

By Lorne Stelmach

Reports of health-care staff being harassed or even threatened by the anti-vaccine crowd and pandemic-deniers had a veteran Winkler doctor last week appealing for both understanding and greater dialogue.

Dr. Don Klassen briefly addressed the concern Friday while taking part in the announcement of a \$64 million expansion of Boundary Trails Health Centre.

“The pandemic is going to come to an end and we are still going to be left living here in Winkler, Morden, Stanley. We’re still going to have Boundary Trails, now to be expanded, and the pandemic will become a memory. The disease won’t go away, but the events around it and all of the misinformation and myths will quiet down,” said Klassen. “We will need to be able to move on from this.”

The division in the community escalated in recent weeks including local respiratory therapist Craig Doell revealing one threat directed his way.

Doell, who has actively used his social media to try to debunk myths and misinformation, noted one particular incident in an Oct. 12 post on his Twit-

ter account.

“It was brought to my attention that the local Facebook disinformation group did not like the Wpg Sun article about me from last week. A couple of members made very threatening comments about asphyxiating me. A police report has been made. This hate speech can’t be tolerated,” Doell said in reference to a Facebook post that was later deleted.

Klassen, who has also tried to engage with the vaccine hesitant in the community, also related one recent personal experience.

“Someone very neatly put a package of information under the windshield wiper of my car in my driveway at home,” he recalled.

“I thought it was a little bit odd, but I didn’t feel particularly threatened by it,” he added. “I’ve lived in this community long enough that I personally didn’t interpret that as a giant threat or anything like that ... but I thought it was a little unusual.”

“There’s many different definitions of threats,” Klassen continued. “I don’t think they’ve been threats in the sense of planting devices under cars or anything like that ... I think they’ve been threats more along the lines of where

people feel threatened when materials get delivered to their homes.”

Tensions have been running high in this area for months, Klassen observed, and it has taken a toll on health-care workers.

“In the clinical settings, where families absolutely refuse to be tested or they refuse to acknowledge that COVID exists, that makes it difficult for health-care workers to provide care under those circumstances,” he said, noting it is especially those people who he would like to directly engage with in a positive way and have dialogue about the matter.

“That’s been my intent, to engage with folks who are still vaccine hesitant or even folks who are more than hesitant, they are just anti-vaccination. I’ve tried very much to engage with them and to say are there any questions that you still need to ask,” Klassen said.

“Even this past week, I would say I have had anywhere between five and 10 people I’ve spoken with who I think will now get the vaccine,” he added. “It bears some results. Not always ... I’m an optimist, though. If I turn my optimist light on, that’s how I see it. One can get pessimistic about this or dis-

couraged about it, but so far I prefer the optimistic option.”

Morden-Winkler MLA Cameron Friesen also emphasized the need for continued calm and dialogue overall.

“Issues of vaccination hesitancy aren’t localized only to my community ... this is an area that historically has been low when it comes to vaccine uptake,” he suggested. “Some of that is cultural. We continue to be an area that has invited a lot of newcomers to Manitoba.”

“I don’t think it’s all about education, but education is a key component, getting people to be in possession of good information about what a vaccine does and the level of risk,” he said. “I think for myself the most perplexing thing has been that people who are saying no to a vaccine are people who will receive health care when it comes to a broad variety ... if they had a cancer diagnosis, they would trust the medical system.”

“Condemnation and criticism are not working. We need to find inroads. We need to find those groups of people who actually are reachable and then reach them with the most creativity and the most resources that we can,” stressed Friesen. “I think there is more to be gained from listening than there is to be gained from shouting.”

Miami war memorial is coming together

By Lorne Stelmach

Work is continuing on a substantial project to improve the cenotaph and war memorial park in Miami.

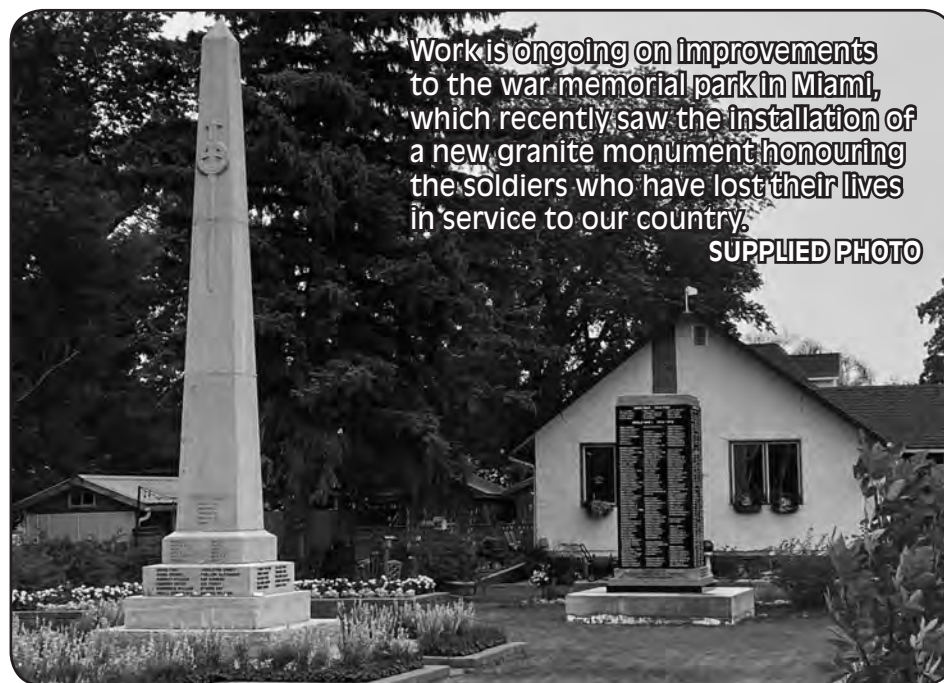
The work, which is estimated to cost around \$110,000, is all leading up to next summer when there will be a dedication event for the newly named Veterans Park.

The effort to improve the memorial and the park where the cenotaph is located has been ongoing for the past three years, so those involved with it are pleased to see the project moving along.

"The Miami parks board has received tremendous support from the local community for this entire project including the beautification work but most importantly care for the cenotaph and the new war memorial," said board member and RM of Thompson council member Heather Imrie.

"We are a very small municipality with a consistent population of around 1,500 over these many years," she noted. "The 704 names listed on our new war memorial represents a very significant commitment from our small community over the years to the Canadian military and in response to events from all over the world. Most of the residents of our municipality can find the names of many friends and family members on the war memorial.

"It is with a great sense of pride and gratitude to those men and women that we have been able to honor their commitment and sacrifice by putting up these permanent memorials to commemorate them," Imrie added. "We are very grateful to all the people and organizations who have helped



by contributing financially to this heartfelt project."

The project has received generous support from a number of sources, including Canada Veterans Affairs, Miami and Area Foundation, Manitoba 150, RM of Thompson, Miami Legion Ladies Auxiliary, and the Manitou Legion, as well as fundraising events and donations from private citizens and municipal councillors.

It has also now received two installments from the Manitoba Military Memorial Conservation Grant program, including a recent \$3,000 that was part of over \$60,000 to support the conservation and maintenance of important military memorials throughout the province.

The project has included cleaning and repair of the cenotaph, which was installed in 1930 and includes the names of the people from the municipality who died during the First and

Second World Wars.

About 550 feet of stone retaining walls were installed around the perimeter of the park interior flower beds as well as along the sidewalk and around the cenotaph with the help of local landscape architect Michelle Gall.

There were seven new trees and mass perennial plantings throughout the park in addition to landscaping stones in and around the new plantings in the extensive flower beds.

Next came the installation of a new war memorial: a solid granite stone monument containing hundreds of names of people who resided in the municipality and who participated in and or lost their lives in war or peace-keeping missions with the Canadian military from 1899 to the present day.

The monument is four feet across and 11.5 feet high and sits on a two foot high base, which will be finished

next spring with a stone retaining wall flower bed to match the one that surrounds the cenotaph.

The monument was created and installed by Levi Maendel of RB Millworks, which is located in the area. Imrie noted it was meaningful for the municipality to have local involvement in the project.

"We have been very pleased to be able to have the war memorial and the masonry work completed by local businesses," she said. "The rest of the work and maintenance of the park is done by volunteers and the Rural Municipality of Thompson."

There is now a number of things left to complete before the dedication of the park next year, including installing a fence on the north side of the park to separate it from the neighboring home.

On the fence there will be numerous plaques and signage that will offer information about various wars and conflicts. It will also include some photos and stories about local people who participated along with original artwork from the senior art program at Miami School.

Next spring will see the installation of two arbors at each entrance to the park to replace the one that was originally built in 1930. They will also be planting a low hedge row on the outer perimeter of the park flower beds, installing some solar park lighting, and placing several decorative stone benches.

"We look forward to having our dedication event next June," said Imrie. "We would like to wait until all of the work is complete, and hopefully covid health restrictions allow for a large crowd to attend."

SCCR puts out urgent call for board members

By Ashleigh Viveiros

South Central Cancer Resource has put out an urgent call for new board members.

SCCR this fall finds itself five members short of the 10-12 directors it aims for.

"We've done planning ahead so that this doesn't happen," says board chair Pam King, who explains, however, that in addition to two members completing their terms as expected, they also had to unfortunately bid farewell to three mid-term members due to personal and health reasons. "Just like

that, half our board is gone."

King has been on SCCR's board from the get-go and finds it to be an incredibly rewarding experience.

"This board—and I've served on tons of boards—this one is probably the most fulfilling and rewarding board membership ever," she says. "The generosity of people, the plights of people that you can help; it's an amazing experience that's really not like anything else that any other board can offer."

SCCR provides support services, education, and resources to cancer patients across southern Manitoba—

from Emerson and Lettelier in the east, Cartwright in the west, the RM of Dufferin to the north, all the way down the U.S. border in the south.

King says they welcome prospective board members from anywhere in that area, though they currently have no representation from Carman, Cartwright, Miami, Emerson, Morris, La Riviere, Manitou, Darlingford, Roland, Plum Coulee, or Lettelier.

There is a role for just about any interest and skill set on the board—committees include fundraising, finance, policy, and programming.

Board members are asked to attend

monthly board meetings (generally held in Morden, though it's all being done virtually of late) and to attend some fundraising and awareness events throughout the year.

If you're interested in getting involved, King invites you to get in touch with her at 204-825-4357 or email at pkking@mts.net to arrange to attend a board meeting, no strings attached.

If the position of board member isn't something you can commit to right now, they are also looking for help in the planning of their spring fashion show. Call the SCCR office at 204-822-9541 to join the organizing committee.

Sledge hockey open house this weekend

By Ashleigh Viveiros

Recreational sledge hockey is coming to Winkler this fall.

Locals and longtime players Nicholas Klassen and Silas Penner have teamed up with Manitoba Possible (formerly the Society for Manitobans with Disabilities) to host a weekly game at the Meridian Exhibition Centre Saturday mornings.

They're kicking things off this Saturday, Oct. 23, with an open house to give everyone a chance to try out the sport. It runs from 10:15-11:30 a.m. in the ICON Arena.

"It's open to anyone of any age and any disability," says Klassen, noting they also welcome people who don't have a physical disability but who are interested in trying something different. "We'd love to have people without physical disabilities out there as well."

Sledge hockey is an adapted version of hockey where players zip around the ice on sleds and use specialized hockey sticks with metal teeth on the end to navigate and handle the puck.

For Penner, who has an artificial leg, and Klassen, who lives with cerebral palsy, sledge hockey gave them as kids the chance to enjoy all the competitive challenge and camaraderie that sports provide.

"I grew up enjoying hockey, too. Every kid dreams of going to the NHL, right? This was kind of my NHL," says Penner. "It's been a lot of fun ... playing with a team, playing together."

The pair were avid players growing up, driving into Winnipeg regularly to compete, but had hung up their sleds for a time after high school.

This rec. league is a way to get back into it while also promoting the sport locally.

Their hope is that youth living with disabilities in Morden-Winkler will take advantage of the opportunity to get out on the ice.

"Our dream is to give kids that are like us who couldn't play hockey and couldn't play other sports the same experience we had where we finally were able to be accepted into something, to be part of the team," says Klassen.

"This is finally something closer to home," Penner adds.

People who don't have disabilities can also have a blast playing sledge hockey, Klassen notes.

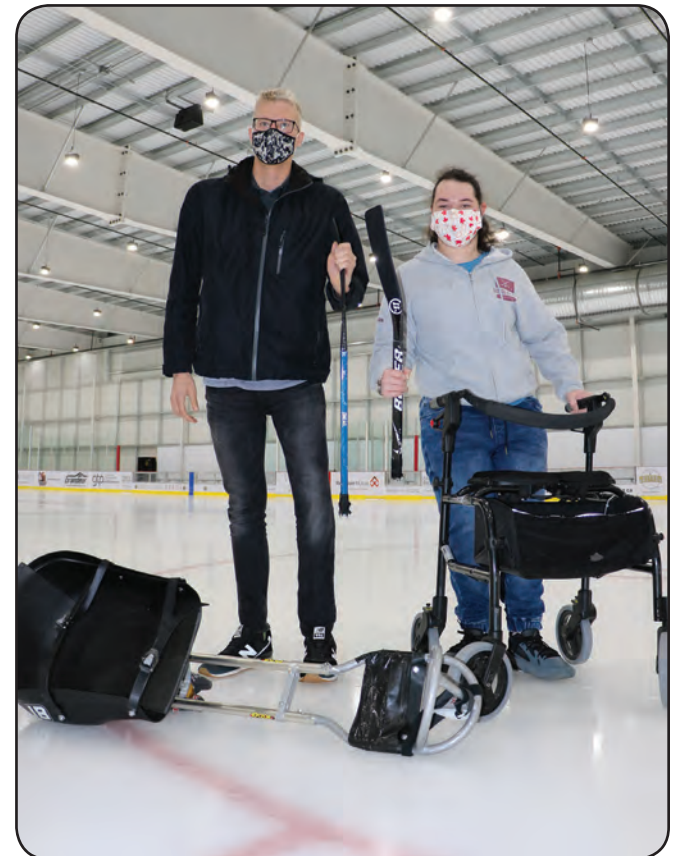
"This is hockey. It's the same sport ... it's the same physicality, the same exercise, the same exhilaration and teamwork that hockey gives you, but just slightly changed a little bit."

If you'd like to learn more or register for the season, stop by the MEC this Saturday or contact Jaylene at Manitoba Possible at jirwin@manitobaposible.ca or 204-918-0145.

Sleds and sticks will be provided, but players are asked to bring their own personal safety gear (helmets, etc.).

If you miss this weekend's open house, the plan is to hold more such events through the winter. Check in with Manitoba Possible or Winkler Parks & Recreation for future dates.

"IT'S OPEN TO ANYONE OF ANY AGE AND ANY DISABILITY."



ABOVE PHOTO BY ASHLEIGH VIVEIROS/VOICE
Silas Penner (above, left) and Nicholas Klassen are heading up a new sledge hockey recreational league in Winkler this fall. The first session is an open house at the Meridian Exhibition Centre this Saturday. Left: Penner and Klassen suited up to play back in their high school years.

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Marking Pregnancy and Infant Loss Awareness Day

By Lorne Stelmach

In conjunction with Pregnancy and Infant Loss Awareness Day Oct. 15, the Pembina Valley Pregnancy Care Centre last week creating a space for people to honour their lost little ones.

The organization has a display in front of their office at 500 Main Street in Winkler where people can write a note, their due date, or the baby's name and hang it up.

There are some meaningful pieces to choose from as well such as a baby

sock or heart. People can also bring their own token of remembrance for the display, which will remain up until Oct. 30.

"We hope that this is meaningful for them and anyone who wants to participate ... it's a simple gesture of remembrance," said executive director Linda Marek.

"Having an interactive display like this lets women and families know they are not alone in their suffering. It honours the babies whose time was far too short and creates awareness

and hopefully compassion for those who are grieving."

"We thought it was important to create space in our community for people to come to and express their grief or memories and honour their little ones.

"It's doing it in a way that's sensitive and compassionate, but hopefully it will also raise awareness in our community that this is a real issue and a struggle for many people."

Starting in 2009 Manitoba has recognized Oct. 15 as a special day of recognition.

It is estimated that between 15 and 20 per cent of pregnancies end in a miscarriage. Most miscarriages occur within the first eight weeks, noted Marek, who added experiencing a miscarriage or stillbirth during the pandemic has created much more difficult situation for women and families.

The layers of complexity, having restrictions around accessing supports, the collective trauma of uncertainty around the pandemic and lengthy periods of isolation from friends and family is making the grief journey even more complicated for women.

"Having support and someone to listen can be very helpful to a woman who is not only grieving the loss of her baby but also mourning the hopes

and dreams she had of motherhood, children, family, and the future," said Marek.

"This day is special because it creates space for conversation, community awareness, for people to talk about their experiences and perhaps break the silence about the little one they lost," she continued.

"People share with us that they have such deep sadness and grief, and they're told they should be over it by now or they should move on," Marek added. "There are deep and complex layers to grief ... and there's always an empty space ... and there's always triggers throughout the year."

As part of its services, the centre has also been offering the Steps in HOPE (Healing Our Pregnancy Experiences) support group for women who have experienced miscarriage or stillbirth.

The women participating are so courageous in sharing their stories and deeply painful experiences, Marek said.

"You cannot erase the memories, but in a safe and supportive place you realize others understand your situation and this community of new friends genuinely cares about you."

Steps in HOPE has closed registration for the current group, however the centre hopes to run the program again next year.

The centre also provides one-on-one support for women and families who have experienced loss through miscarriage, stillbirth, or a death in early infancy. If you know of someone who is struggling and needs a place to talk, contact the centre at 204-362-0797.

Vandals cause damage at Southwood School

By Voice staff

Pembina Valley RCMP are asking the public for help in solving a case of vandalism that took place last month in Schanzenfeld.

On Sept. 19, the Southwood Elementary School was vandalized by four unknown males believed to be youths.

The suspects climbed onto the building's roof and caused approximately \$3,000 in damage to the eavestroughs and roof vents.

Police say that the crime was captured on surveillance video, however their photos will not be released to the public at this time.

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COMMUNITY NEWS



Everything and the kitchen sink shows up at Gateway recycling depot

Staff share the top unrecyclables they see coming in

By Ashleigh Viveiros

The phrase “everything and the kitchen sink” has taken on a very literal meaning at Gateway Resources.

In honour of Recycling Awareness Month, we asked director of operations Loni Derksen to share a few of the more memorable non-recyclables people have dropped off at the depot or tossed in their curbside blue box.

Among them, an actual kitchen sink. “Over the last year I’m sure I’ve seen at least three or four kitchen sinks,” Derksen says. “We have seen it all ... one time we even had a set of dentures come through.”

While most people do their due diligence when it comes to figuring out what can and cannot be tossed in the blue box, non-recyclables are a common sight on the sorting line.

“Some people do not know what is



or is not recyclable. And some people just do not care—they just want to get rid of stuff,” Derksen says, noting that people who ditch non-recyclable items at Gateway actually cost the not-for-profit organization money. “Anything that’s dropped off here that is garbage or we don’t accept, we have to throw away and pay for that fee.”

Sink aside, Derksen’s top 10 list of what he calls “wishcylables”—things people apparently think should be recyclable but most certainly are not—runs the gamut:

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Depot remains closed in wake of fire

Gateway Resources is still working through the challenges caused by the fire that severely damaged its recycling processing space late last month.

The blaze damaged a great deal of equipment inside the building, forcing Gateway to close its drop-off depot to the public. Curbside pick-up of recycling is still taking place.

Director of operations Loni Derksen said last week that they’re working on getting the equipment repaired or replaced, but there’s no clear timeline on when things might be able to get back to normal.

“Right now I’m looking to buy some new balers or one new baler so we can at least bale the stuff so we can send it to somebody else to sort,” he said.

It’s a blow for the organization, which uses the revenue from the sale of recyclables to help cover costs of

the programs it offers for people living with intellectual disabilities in our community.

But fires at recycling depots are unfortunately a common occurrence, Derksen noted.

“With recycling facilities, it’s not a matter of if but when,” he said, pointing out such facilities are packed full of combustible material—one errant spark from an old battery or malfunctioning equipment can set the entire place ablaze. “These are all kind of freak things, but it happens.”

Stay tuned to Gateway’s social media pages for updates on when the depot will reopen.

“Sorry for the inconvenience,” Derksen said, thanking the community for its patience. “We’re working hard to get something up temporarily so we can get things going again.”

—Ashleigh Viveiros



GATEWAY PHOTOS

Sinks and suitcases full of potting soil are a few of the weird and decidedly non-recyclable items Gateway Resource has had dropped off at its depot.

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Creative team in Morden

Kelvin and Britni Dalke are a creative team based in Morden who describe themselves as creating content for energetic entrepreneurs, adventurous couples, and passionate world shakers.

What started out as a home-based business in 2018 has since grown, with Golden Hour Creative Agency setting up shop in the incubator mall on Cochlan Drive.

Kelvin grew up in Morden and Britni came from Altona, and both knew right from when they married five years ago that work involving photo and video production was what they saw for themselves.

"Before that, we were both doing very different things," she said. "When we started dating, we would do photo shoots and make fun videos, so it's always been part of our story."

"I think we dreamed of doing this," Britni added. "Both of our passions for photo and video started young."

"My background came from a passion to film and capture action sports and making videos for friends, and then it eventually grew into doing weddings and working with local businesses," Kelvin said. "We just want to be a creative resource for our community and for businesses and couples."

Golden Hour Creative Agency offers a range of services including promotional photography and video production if someone is looking for a new way to promote their business, event, or organization.

Their photo and video packages for couples can capture their engagement, wedding day, or love story, and they also offer what they describe as lifestyle photography and video production. Whether it's special occasions, sports, or something else you have a passion for, they would love to be there to capture those moments that matter.

They have also been doing real estate photography, including doing photo and video work for Crocus Realty.

A big step for the company came last year when the space on Cochlan Drive became available.



Kelvin and Britni Dalke are the creative team behind Morden's Golden Hour Creative Agency.

"We've been very lucky and very blessed. It's creating a lot of opportunities for us," said Britni, while Kelvin added that it offers them a larger professional meeting place and studio space for shoots.

Overall, what is key for them is building a relationship with their clients.

"We love helping encourage people and making them feel comfortable, which is why we love the couples aspect where we get to celebrate with them," said Britni.

"I think there's a lot of businesses large and small who know that online presence is so important, and it's important to have the story behind your business," she suggested. "It's a plus that we can offer photo and video together."

"We can do a broad range of work. We really enjoy the variety," said Kelvin. "We like to be versatile and flexible to whatever our client is looking for, and we want to bring their vision to life."

You can find out more on their website and social media: goldenhour.ca.

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Local school divisions seeing drops in enrolment

GVSD enrolment down about 200 kids, WSD sees smallest Kindergarten class in years

By Lorne Stelmach

Questions and concerns around the pandemic have had a varying impact on school enrolment in the region this fall.

Garden Valley School Division (GVSD) currently is down by about 200 students with an overall enrolment of 3,663 as of the end of September.

Down the road in Western School Division (WSD), the enrolment particularly in Kindergarten has dropped, but the total overall has shown a very slight increase to 1,877 students.

"We believe that this is driven by the pandemic and restrictions in place," said WSD superintendent Stephen Ross. "We have our lowest Kindergarten numbers in probably 15 years, and we do know that schools have been told by families that some of them kept Kindergarten kids home this year because they weren't sure they could adhere to all the restrictions."

"We think though they will attend in Gr. 1, so that's going to create some challenges for us in planning for next year," he added.

"There's lots of reasons around the pandemic ... parents have concerns on all sides of it," said GVSD board chair Laurie Dyck. "For sure, we are down overall ... but parents certainly have that choice."

"We know that the best place for kids to be learning is in school ... so we certainly would prefer that children are in school, but we also understand every parent has their own feelings," added superintendent Janice Krahn.

"We certainly understand that some of the concerns around mask wearing in schools is a concern for parents, and in both ways," she noted. "I'm guessing that some of it might also have to do with the vaccines, although we are not having the COVID vaccine clinics in our schools at all, so I think that has alleviated some of the concerns that parents had here."

"Typically, we also get a lot of movement at this time of year, so that also accounts for it," said Krahn, who also noted that the decrease isn't concentrated in any one grade or school.

"We haven't seen a big drop in any of our grades, including kindergarten. It just seems to be spread over all of our grades," she said, while adding one exception is that there is strong enrolment in the vocational programs. "All of our vocational areas have grown this year."

Dyck added that they expect to see the numbers change as the year goes on.

"Overall, it is a little lower than what we had budgeted for ... but we're expecting to see what we saw last year as well ... that number we expect will

fluctuate throughout the year as far as kids returning. It seemed to be a staggered thing last year," she said. "We've had withdrawals, but we've also had new people moving in and the return of students last year who were away ... so those are all good things."

In Western, the decrease in Kindergarten enrolment has been offset by increases particularly in the middle and senior years.

"Everybody else kind of held their own or gained a bit," observed Ross. "Right now, we're around 1,900 students. We would be well into the 2,000s if we had non-COVID issues going on ... we would have all of those kids."

"Certainly, COVID continues to keep some families away who have opted to home school for a variety of reasons ... either the virus itself or the restrictions around the virus."

"We have an increase from last year, and we anticipate when the pandemic's over, we will be right on the track with what thought we would be on with the enrolment growth," Ross continued.

"Our early years enrolment continues to be about 36 per cent of our student population. Middle years is around 33 per cent, and senior years is 31 per cent," he said. "So that's right on track with what we know ... with a young growing community, we're just going to continue to need more space over time here, and I think that speaks well to the need for the new school."

Ross also pointed to a couple other positive trends in their enrolment.

"One thing that we're seeing with our numbers is that we have probably about 16, 17 per cent of our current K-8 population that's in French Immersion ... so we're not quite there yet, but we're getting close to the range of one in every five students or about 20 per cent. I think that speaks really well to the French Immersion program."

"The other thing that enrolment is up in is our vocational program, so our piping and welding programs are full up, and this will be the first year our piping program is maxed since it started, so that's great news too."

"Overall, I think it's positive considering we're still in the pandemic."

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1. Styrofoam. While some depots can take Styrofoam containers, Gateway is not one of them. The recyclable arrow on some of these products can cause confusion, but Derksen advises area residents to remember that Gateway only accepts/processes items with the recycling numbers 1, 2, 4, 5, and 7 on it. Everything else should be placed in the trash.

2. Diapers. These pop up on the sorting line with alarming and disgusting regularity.

3. Used oil. Derksen notes oil is in fact recyclable but not by Gateway—it needs to be brought to the City of Winkler's household hazardous waste depot at the public works yard on 1st St.

4. Christmas trees and decorations. Gateway does not accept organic waste, fake trees, or ornaments.

5. Furniture and mattresses. If in good condition, consider bringing these to a local thrift shop. If not,

take responsibility for disposing of it properly yourself.

6. Car batteries and car parts. Again, no parts of these are recyclable at Gateway.

7. Potting soil. Derksen recalls they once found a broken suitcase filled with soil. It's unclear why someone would think the depot was the place to leave this for someone else to clean up.

8. Urinal. Yes, an actual urinal. And toilets make appearances as well, Derksen says, stressing porcelain thrones are not something they can take.

9. Paint cans. Again, the public works yard is where you should bring these items.

10. Lawn chairs. Like other furniture, these should be donated to a thrift shop if reusable or thrown in the trash if not.

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Pembina Valley goalie Bryson Yaschyshyn dives to poke the puck to safety as Brandon's Ekam Dhaliwal closes in. The Hawks lost 5-4 in OT.

By Lorne Stelmach

The male U18 Pembina Valley Hawks went to extra time in a pair of games with the Brandon Wheat Kings last weekend.

The Hawks avenged a 5-4 overtime loss Friday in Morden by triumphing 3-2 in a shootout Saturday in Brandon.

The win in the second game with the Wheat Kings halted a two game slide after Pembina Valley had fallen 5-1 to the Southwest Cougars last Wednesday, and it left the Hawks in eighth place with a .500 record of 3-3-1 for seven points in the 13 team

league.

Logan Fillion connected just 19 seconds in for the Hawks Saturday before Carter Sotheran extended the lead to 2-0 by the four minute mark.

Keston Worley and then Cameron Parr connected in the shootout to give the win to the Hawks, who were solidly backstopped by Raiden LeGall with 47 saves as the Wheat Kings had a 49-23 edge in shots.

In the overtime loss, Clarke Caswell completed his hat trick with the winner for the Wheat Kings at 4:03 of overtime.

Both goaltenders were tested in this one with the shots on goal ending up 55-42 in favour of the

Hawks, who got a pair from Worley and other goals from Griffin Ayotte and Mitchell Hlady. Goalie Bryson Yaschyshyn had 37 saves.

Earlier in the week, the Hawks were a bit out-gunned against Southwest as the Cougars held a 50-29 edge in shots on goal, so LeGall had a busy night in goal in making 45 saves. Hlady scored the lone Hawks goal on a first period powerplay.

This weekend offers Pembina Valley a double-header with the Wild starting in Morden Friday evening and then in Winnipeg Saturday afternoon.

Winkler Flyers best Winnipeg Freeze twice

By Ashleigh Viveiros

The Manitoba Junior Hockey League's newest team was no match for the Winkler Flyers last weekend.

Playing before a hometown crowd Friday night, the Flyers handily beat the Winnipeg Freeze 8-5, outshooting their opponents as well 42-23.

The opening period featured a veritable deluge of Winkler goals courtesy of Nicolas McKee, Justin Svenson,

Brody Beauchemin, Gavin Waltz, and Cole Mackenzie. Winnipeg scored one in response.

Momentum shifted in period two, which saw the Freeze score two unanswered goals to make it 5-3 heading into the final 20.

There, the visitors managed two more but Winkler bolstered their lead by three thanks to Svenson, Beauchemin, and an empty-netter from Jayden McCarthy.

Brock Moroz stood tall in net for the Flyers, making 18 saves.

Saturday's match in Winnipeg proved to a much closer affair, with Winkler just edging out shots on goal 28-27.

The Freeze failed to get a single shot past goalie Malachi Klassen, though, while the Flyers scored in each period courtesy of McKee, Daniel Isaak, and McCarthy.

With that, the Flyers are 6-3-0-1 for

the season for 13 points, which slots them in third place behind the Steinbach Pistons and the Winnipeg Blues (18 points each) in the MJHL East Division. They're a full six points ahead of the Selkirk Steelers in fourth place.

The Freeze get another crack at the Flyers this week with games in Winnipeg Friday and Winkler Saturday.

Cross country race

Morden students from Grades 3 to 8 had a chance Saturday morning to take part in a cross country race at the Minnewasta Golf and Country Club. There were about 40 early years students running a 2K race and about 30 middle years students doing the 3K route. "It's just giving them an opportunity to get some competition. They had been practising for about the last month, so this was a way to wrap up the season," said Bethany Loewen, Grade 7 teacher at École Morden Middle School.

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Winkler Rec. skating programs to return next month

By Ashleigh Viveiros

The City of Winkler Recreation Department is putting the final touches on its fall programming lineup.

Director of community services Jordan Driedger says they hope to have scheduling details for its on-ice programming—home school skate, parent and tot skate, public skating, and shinny hockey—this or next week, with an eye to getting things going in early November.

"We do plan on offering some of our programming," he confirmed last week. "We're going to look at each program and how it might work under the current public health orders."

At press time, the public health orders require adults to show proof of vaccination (or proof of a valid exemption from vaccination) to enter indoor sporting and recreational facilities. Children under 18 are not required to be vaccinated.

Over 57 per cent of eligible adults in Winkler have not been vaccinated against COVID-19. In the surrounding RM of Stanley, which also use the city's recreation facilities, a full 75 per cent of eligible residents are not vaccinated.

While a few of Winkler's public skating programs usually start in November, for some this will be a later than usual start.

Driedger explained they wanted to take the

time to ensure they were understanding the health orders correctly and had staff in place to carry them out properly before launching any programs.

"We want to ensure we're offering a safe environment but also one that is easily accessible and people can enjoy it," he said, noting they're going to look at the feasibility and demand for each program.

Meanwhile, most adult sports programs remain on hold due to a lack of gym space (local schools are not able to host to outside recreational programs at this time). That includes badminton and volleyball, though Driedger notes the area's pickleball community has been able to create a modified court in the Royal Hall upstairs at the Winkler Centennial Arena.

For information on upcoming rec. programs, check out Winkler Parks & Recreation on social media or head to cityofwinkler.ca.

"WE WANT TO ENSURE WE'RE OFFERING A SAFE ENVIRONMENT BUT ALSO ONE THAT IS EASILY ACCESSIBLE AND PEOPLE CAN ENJOY IT."

Zodiac boys win zone banner



PHOTO BY ASHLEIGH VIVEIROS/VOICE

The Garden Valley Collegiate boys varsity soccer team clinched the Zone 4 banner last week, besting the Morden Thunder 7-0 in the final match of the season (above). The GVC varsity girls team also made it to the final after besting Morden 1-0 in the first round of playoffs, but lost their chance at the banner to the W.C. Miller Aces 2-1. NPC's teams got knocked out in the first round of playoffs, the boys falling to Morden and the girls losing to Altona, both 3-1.

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Participants run through some skills training drills at the World Girls' Ice Hockey Weekend events in Morden Saturday.

Celebrating World Girls' Ice Hockey Weekend

By Lorne Stelmach

An event this weekend in Morden joined a worldwide celebration of girls hockey.

From Oct. 15-17, the International Ice Hockey Federation led the way on the 10th annual World Girls' Ice Hockey Weekend.

Dozens of federations around the world took part, and the annual event in the past has involved more than 23,000 Canadians in over 225 events across the nation, including in Morden.

"It's an event that's used to try to recruit, retain and engage players ... I think it's also just a fun event," said

Natalie Vigier Hutton, who is the female hockey rep for Morden Minor Hockey.

The goal of World Girls' Ice Hockey Weekend is not only to celebrate but also grow the game while uniting Canadians through grassroots programming led by girls hockey associations, minor hockey associations and communities.

First held in 2011, events can range from games and skills sessions to classroom activities and even just road hockey, and the hope is simply to draw people of all ages together and to contribute to the growth of women's hockey.

"We were excited to have this event

this year because last year we couldn't do anything due to COVID. I think it was an exciting day for the girls to be outside and doing some different fun things," said Vigier Hutton.

Held on the grounds of Maple Leaf School, the afternoon included various stations focused on skills like stickhandling and shooting.

"We have limited ice available this year in Morden," Vigier Hutton noted. "And just due to COVID, it's safer to have events outside if possible."

All the girls from Morden Minor Hockey were invited to participate. Vigier-Hutton estimated that includes around 60 players across all age groups.

"We have girls all the way from U7 all the way up to U18 in the minor hockey program," she noted.

She said they want to take every opportunity to help advance and promote the program here in Morden.

"We always want to give the girls opportunities to show what they can do and to try to get other girls involved as well.

"I think our program has been steadily increasing in recent years, and events like this for sure can help draw attention to the hockey program and get more girls involved in it."

Hawks fall short against Yellowhead, Westman

By Lorne Stelmach

A road trip to western Manitoba didn't produce favourable results for the female U18 Pembina Valley Hawks this past weekend.

The Hawks dropped a pair after having started the season winning three of four as they first fell 5-3 to Yellowhead Saturday in Shoal Lake and then 5-2 to Westman Sunday in Hartney.

The final frame did in the Hawks Saturday as they were even with the Chiefs at 1-1 after 20 minutes and tied 3-3 at the second intermission.

Scoring for the Hawks were Abbey Bourdeaud'hui, Gracie Carels and Cambree Martens, while Kaylee Franz made 25 saves with Yellowhead holding a slight 30-29 edge in shots on goal.

On Sunday, it was the first period that got the Hawks in trouble as they fell behind 4-0 against the Wildcats.

Annika Braun scored both goals for Pembina Valley, which was outshot 30-

22. Tria Enns was relieved in net after giving up four goals on 12 shots. Franz then stopped 17 of 18 shots.

The Hawks sit in fourth place in the eight team league with a .500 record

of 3-3-0 for six points.

This weekend, Pembina Valley welcomes the Winnipeg Avros Saturday evening and then the Interlake Lightning Sunday afternoon.

Twisters make short work of Victorias, Riels

By Ashleigh Viveiros

A pair of wins this past week kept the Pembina Valley Twisters locked in a tie for first place in the Manitoba Major Junior Hockey League.

The Twisters blanked the St. Vital Jr. Victorias 5-0 last Thursday and then doubled up on the St. Boniface Riels 6-3 Sunday.

Nico Vigier contributed a pair

against the Vics, adding to singles from TJ Matuszewski, Ethan Carels, and Merek Degraeve. Martin Gagnon got the win in net with 28 saves. Pembina Valley fired 44 shots on net the other way.

Matuszewski had an impressive five-goal night against the Riels, including four in the final period alone. Degraeve also scored while Gagnon made 20 saves as the Twisters outshot

St. Boniface 52-23.

With that, Pembina Valley boasts a 6-1 record for 12 points, tying them with the Transcona Railer Express at the top of the standings.

Coming up, the Twisters host the River East Royal Knights this Friday night and then hit the road to play the Raiders Sunday.

• A LOOK BACK

Thanksgiving

By now, our Thanksgiving holiday will be a distant memory for some. But despite COVID and despite all the other ills we hear about on a constant basis, we have much to be thankful for every day of the year!

Thanksgiving has been celebrated in North America since the late 1500s. Indigenous people held harvest festivals long before white Europeans came to Canada. They thanked their creator for providing for them throughout the year and for the new harvest that would help them survive the next winter.



By Florence Dyck

The early explorers were thankful for their safe voyage over dangerous oceans and the settlers were thankful for this new land where they could grow abundant crops of fruit and vegetables.

On November 6, 1957, Canada celebrated its first official Thanksgiving. Later, this holiday was moved to October so as not to interfere with Remembrance Day ceremonies.

Our family never had large gatherings for Thanksgiving or any other holiday. The grandparents on my dad's side died before I was born and his 14 brothers and sisters didn't celebrate together.

My grandmother on Mom's side made no effort to have her 12 children home for holidays. Some lived too far away and Grandmother often lived in the homes of the elderly she cared for while renting out her own home. An interesting fact, though, was that my grandmother and her 10 sisters got together for holidays as long as they were able, long after their mother died.

My mother always made sure our family had a good Thanksgiving dinner. She saved grocery money for several months to buy the much anticipated turkey. One year, she promised us pumpkin pie. When no pumpkin appeared among the holiday groceries, I became concerned. Mom told



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The author's growing family.

me not to worry! That was the year I learned pumpkin pie could be made out of the carrots we had grown in our garden.

I looked forward to church on Thanksgiving Sunday morning. Beautiful displays of fall's bounty lined the floor and platform at the front. Every kind of fall vegetable along with pumpkins and squashes of all sizes and shapes were artistically arranged there. Stalks of corn, sheaves of wheat and dried flowers were placed among the fruits and vegetables.

After the praise and worship service, we enjoyed a pot luck dinner with the entire congregation. I waited patiently for the special banana cake frosted with layers of whipped cream and bananas which was traditionally served at every feast.

After we left home, we knew we could still count on Thanksgiving dinner at Mom's. Our small family of six grew to 22 when the in-laws and grandchildren came along and then to 30 when a step-brother and step-sister and their children joined our family.

Mom cooked with our help until she moved into a small apartment. By that time most of the grandchildren were married and great-grandchildren began arriving. Finally, a hall had to be

rented and everyone contributed to the meal. How I missed those large family dinners after Ron and I moved to the Okanagan! So many wonderful memories!

Someone was sure to note the disastrous Thanksgiving a large bowl of dressing was dropped and nothing could be salvaged among the broken shards of glass.

The year Mom's three daughters decided to have baked potatoes and sour cream with the turkey was just as disastrous.

"What?" was the hue and cry from the men and boys, "No mashed potatoes and gravy?"

Then there was the year Mom got up early to dress the turkey, bake it and have it ready for our noon meal. She did not realize until some hours later her oven wasn't working. Mom was devastated! While everything was put on hold, one of us took the turkey home to cook and we ate later than planned. Maybe all the memories weren't that wonderful!

But mostly, we remember the love, the joy and the laughter, we shared in being together. Mom wanted us to continue family gatherings even after she died. We do but some are always missing. Children moved away for work. Grandchildren moved away

for school, work, and marriage. Now, Mom's grandchildren and great-grandchildren are scattered from Manitoba to Ontario, from Alberta to British Columbia, and from Oregon to California.

Our precious mother, who sacrificed so much for her children, died in January 2011. A dear stepsister-in-law, Sandy, who made us laugh with her droll sense of humour died in March 2013. A special sister-in-law, Pat, who gave generously of her time to help family died in February 2018. My almost twin sister, Jeanne, who battled a terrible disease with courage and dignity, died in January 2019. My beloved husband, Ron, who had the heartiest laugh of all, died in December 2019. And just recently a young great-grandchild and great-niece, Mica, died too soon in September 2021.

So here on earth, our circle is broken but still we give thanks. We give thanks for family support and love. We give thanks for our country, Canada. It's not perfect but it's still one of the best countries in the world to live in. And we give thanks for the many other blessings bestowed on us daily!

Florence Dyck is a former Mordenite now living in the Okanagan

BTHC staff get thank-you meals from Princess Auto

By Lorne Stelmach

Boundary Trails Health Centre (BTHC) staff are getting the gift of some nice free meals this fall courtesy of a Winnipeg-based charitable organization.

The Princess Auto Foundation recently came forward with a generous offer to supply health care workers at the regional hospital with 200 free

meals each day for a three week period that began Oct. 5.

The foundation, which provides financial assistance to pre-employment skilled trades and technology students enrolled at Canadian colleges, has made a similar gesture in Winnipeg during the pandemic.

The foundation is coordinating the initiative with a number of local businesses in Winkler and Morden.

In a statement, foundation representatives noted how the dedicated health care staff in the region work tirelessly to deliver care and support services to the community and how it has been especially vital while navigating the challenges of the COVID-19 pandemic.

"We are doing this because we feel

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Singin' in the Grain 2021 goes virtual



YOUTUBE: FOODGRAINS BANK FUNDRAISERS

The Canadian Foodgrains Bank hosted its Singin' in the Grain 2021 concert as a virtual show last Saturday. In between performances from the Quattro Grani quartet (above), the Quonset Brothers, and Darryl Neustaedter Barg and Kim Thiessen, CFGB executive director Andy Harrington and regional representative Gordon Janzen shared about some of the work they do worldwide to feed people in need. Check out the show or make a donation online at www.foodgrainsbank.ca/singing. Funds go to help CFGB and the Mennonite Central Committee's agricultural programs in Haiti designed to improve food security.

Tips to keep clubroot "low and local"

By Autumn Barnes

A new factsheet available at clubroot.ca distills the key practices to mitigate clubroot and maintain profitability.

Practices include growing clubroot-resistant (CR) cultivars responsibly on all canola acres. In 2020, only 39 per cent of the canola cultivars grown in the Canadian Prairies were CR, according to Canadian Grain Commission data. While CR will be a standard feature on most canola hybrids by 2025, canola growers should start to use CR and other integrated management strategies immediately.

Clubroot is the disease caused by soil-borne spores of the protist and obligate parasite, *Plasmodiophora brassicae*. Spores spread easily and early infections can be missed for years while clubroot-susceptible canola multiplies spores to catastrophic levels. Planting CR cultivars before the disease gets established will help slow spore reproduction.

Keeping spore concentration low helps maintain yield and protect CR traits. Growers who wait until the disease has taken hold in a field before choosing CR could be stuck with challenging levels of clubroot for a long time.

Higher concentrations of *P. brassicae* spores lead to larger clubroot galls, more risk to yield, more resting spores released back to the soil and

fewer management options. (The goal is to keep spore concentrations "low").

Preventing the introduction and spread of *P. brassicae* spores will prevent the clubroot disease from establishing and spreading. (The goal is to keep spores "local").

Responsible use of CR cultivars includes an integrated approach to clubroot management, which will help to protect the CR trait. Integrate the following practices to keep spores low and local.

Keep spores low

- Rotate crops. Maintain a minimum 2-year break between canola (1-in-3 rotation).
- Scout. Examine roots in every canola field during late summer/fall. Pay special attention to high-traffic and high-moisture areas. Soil testing

may help identify spores before physical symptoms appear.

- Grow clubroot resistance (CR) on all canola acres. Early infestations can be missed for years while susceptible hosts multiply spores to catastrophic levels. Clubroot resistance (CR) should be grown on all canola acres as part of an integrated management strategy.

- Control brassica weeds in all crops. Host weeds (like volunteer canola, stinkweed, flaxweed, shepherd's purse and mustards) should be controlled early to minimize gall formation and resting spore release.

- Manage clubroot patches. Identify clubroot areas and manage those patches separately from the rest of the field to reduce spore concentration and prevent spores from spreading. The new "Manage Clubroot, Mini-

mize Risk" factsheet at clubroot.ca has specific tips for patch management.

Keep spores local

- Take biosecurity measures. Commit to a biosecurity plan to prevent the introduction and spread of spores on contaminated inputs and equipment. Communicate sanitation expectations with all relevant parties before field entry.

- Reduce tillage. Minimize soil (and spore) movement within and between fields.

Visit clubroot.ca to learn more about the clubroot disease cycle and management, and to see the full factsheet.

Autumn Barnes is an agronomy specialist and clubroot lead with the Canola Council of Canada. Email barnesa@canolacouncil.org.

> PRINCESS AUTO FOUNDATION, FROM PG. 20

it is the right thing to do, to give back to the health care workers during these difficult times. We know they are working hard, they are tired, and local small businesses are also struggling, so this program supports both."

The gesture of community spirit and show of appreciation for the health care staff was very much ap-

preciated at BTHC, where officials were making sure that all staff had a chance to benefit from the gift.

"We're making sure that the meals are getting distributed to all of the staff members in all of the departments," noted Lorraine Cassan, who is a site leader at the hospital. "It's been well received by the staff; the meals are gone very quickly. It's

been really a wonderful, wonderful experience for the staff.

"We are extremely grateful for their generous donation," she said. "They are extremely generous in a time where our staff are a little bit worn down. This pandemic has been ongoing and it is such a great gesture of good will."

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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

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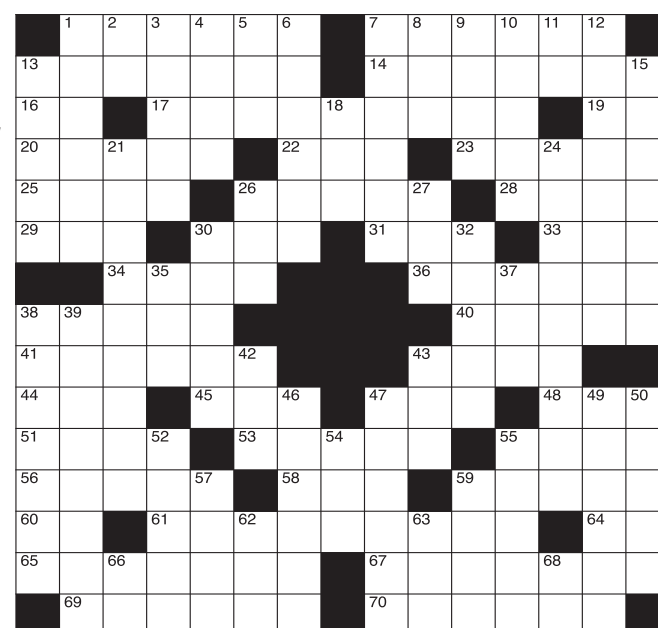
> GAMES

CROSSWORD

CLUES ACROSS

1. Break
7. Ruled Russia
13. Having several lobes
14. Walked around proudly
16. Atomic #77
17. Largest living land animals
19. The Great Lakes State
20. A type of toast
22. Partner to feather
23. Bristlelike
25. Bowfin
26. Distributes
28. Hairlike structure
29. Sino-Soviet block (abbr.)
30. Where wrestlers work
31. Blood relation
33. A great deal
34. Round Dutch cheese
36. Move further away from

38. Type of wrap
40. Furies
41. Removes from the record
43. Young salmon
44. Feline
45. Skin decor
47. Disfigure
48. They ____
51. Formal term for "on"
53. Weight of precious stones
55. Traveled rapidly
56. Long-winged aquatic bird
58. Prickly husk
59. Expressed pleasure
60. Exclamation of surprise
61. Most irritable
64. Virginia
65. Optimistic
67. Humorous works



69. Arranged systematically

CLUES DOWN

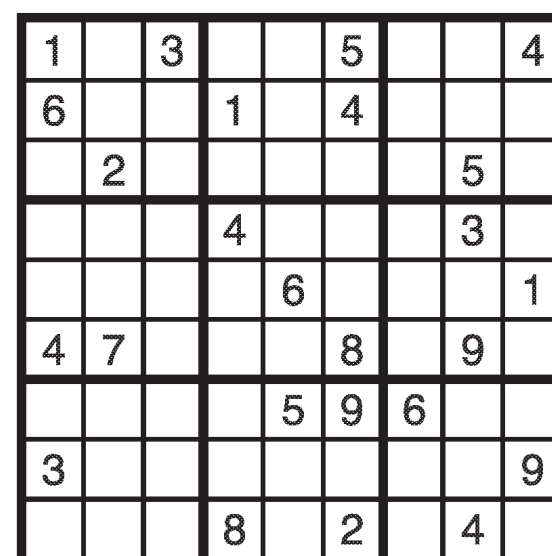
1. Wives of a polygamous man
2. Where hurt ballplayers land
3. Single-celled animal
4. Rhythmic pattern
5. One from Utah
6. A group of seven
7. Refrains from inflicting
8. Light brown
9. Humanistic discipline
10. Emits coherent radiation
11. It says who you are
12. Roundworm
13. Group of Native Americans
15. Makes wider
18. Headgear
21. One who sets others free
24. Form of communication
26. A Brit's mother
27. Title of respect
30. Famed modernist painter

32. One-time province of British India

35. Prosecutors
37. Motor vehicle
38. Non-religious
39. Native Americans of Colorado and Wyoming
42. Pouch
43. Touch gently
46. Chose
47. Actress Tomei
49. Former Broncos coach Dan
50. Icelandic poems
52. More decent
54. Grillmasters use it
55. Self-immolation by fire rituals
57. Expression of annoyance
59. ____ Spumante (Italian wine)
62. Consumed
63. Body part
66. Thus
68. Rupee

See answers on pg 32.

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- As the Director you should be very comfortable and confident with
approaching and connecting with businesses and individuals for
support via attendance, participation and/or sponsorships.
- The candidate should have a heartfelt passion for enhancing the
healthcare of our region.

Contact Shannon Samatte-Folkett, Executive Director for the BTHC
Foundation, at 204-331-8808 or by email at office@bthcfoundation.ca.

Please provide a short letter describing your interest in serving on the Boundary Trails
Health Centre Foundation and why you feel you would be a good representative on
the board. All applications need to be originals with a signature so please do not send
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OBITUARY



John D Friesen 1942 – 2021

John Friesen, age 79 of Morden, MB passed away peacefully Saturday morning October 9, 2021 at Boundary Trails Health Centre.

John was born on March 5, 1942 in Morris, MB. Four years later, the family moved to Mexico where he attended school for five years followed by a move back to Southern Manitoba. After leaving school he got a job in Morden where he met his future wife, Reita. June 5, 1960 at the age of 18, on confession of his faith in Jesus Christ, John was baptized at the Old Colony Mennonite Church in the Village of Rosenort. On August 19, 1962, John and Reita (nee Janzen) were married. Shortly after that they moved to Winnipeg where he went to school to be a mechanic and he got a

job at Hamm's Garage. Soon after they started a family and settled in Winkler where he worked as a mechanic for 44 years. John and Reita loved to travel and attended many gospel music events. John also loved to watch hockey and attended many games at the Winkler arena.

He is survived by his loving wife of 59 years, Reita Friesen of Morden; three daughters, Laurie (husband, Brad) Martens of Lockport, Myrna (husband, John, deceased) Froese of Winkler, Sharon (husband, Campbell) Friesen-MacDonald of Vancouver and one son, Lyndon (wife, Kim) Friesen of Calgary; 10 grandchildren, Tyler, Jasmine, Lucas, Riley, Trenton, Haley, Cloe, Ella, Zoe and Benjamin and four great-grandchildren, Josiah, Alayah, Azariah and Neveah. Also left to mourn his passing are four sisters, two brothers and their families. John was predeceased by parents, John and Anna Friesen and his brother, Henry.

Funeral service with immediate family was held at Wiebe Funeral Chapel in Morden followed by a graveside service at Chapel Cemetery.

Special thank you to the staff at Boundary Trails Health Centre for their care, to Wiebe Funeral Homes for arrangements and to friends and neighbors for providing food, support and prayers.

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OBITUARY



Isaac I Peters 1925 - 2021

Isaac I Peters, age 96 of Winkler, MB, passed away peacefully on Thursday, October 7, 2021 at the Buhler Active Living Centre.

Isaac was born on June 27, 1925 to Isaac D. and Anna Peters. He was baptized upon the confession of his faith in the Sommerfelder Church in 1949. Isaac married his sweetheart, Tina Hildebrand of Greenfarm, MB on July 28, 1957. They were married for 48 years before her passing in 2005. He has enjoyed doing many things. He was a caterpillar operator, farmer, mechanic, and carpenter. Isaac was a storyteller at heart. He loved the Lord, his family and visiting with friends and acquaintances. Isaac was a resident of Osterwick for approximately 75 years, Cedar Estates in Winkler for 20 years and Winkler's Buhler Building (Village West), for five months. This

Bible verse is a fitting summary of Isaac's life: "I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith: Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day: and not to me only, but unto all them also that love his appearing." 2 Timothy 4:7-8

Isaac is survived by one sister, Helen and three brothers, John, Dave, Pete; two sons, Carl (Sarah) Peters of Morden, Kelly (Linda) Peters of Osterwick; four grandchildren, Julianna (Brian) Unrau, Stephen (Megan) Peters, Christina (Alfred) Friesen, Lakia Peters and seven great-grandchildren.

A graveside service was held at Osterwick Cemetery.

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OBITUARY



Marie Hildebrand 1930 - 2021

Marie Hildebrand (nee Knelsen) was born on January 14, 1930, in Hague, SK, to John and Margaret Knelsen (nee Hildebrand) and passed into glory October 11, 2021, at 5:37 a.m., from her residence at Salem Home.

The Lord Jesus became a very close friend and guide for Marie during her teenage years. She enjoyed young people's meetings and choir practice. Marie was baptized upon the confession of her faith in 1952. In 1953 Marie met Peter Hildebrand. They were married on November 14, 1954 and took over the Hildebrand farm near Plum Coulee where they lived 42 years until Peter's death in 1996. They joined the Plum Coulee Mennonite Bergthaler Church shortly after their marriage. They were both sensitive in contributing to the Lord's work and loved supporting missions and missionaries.

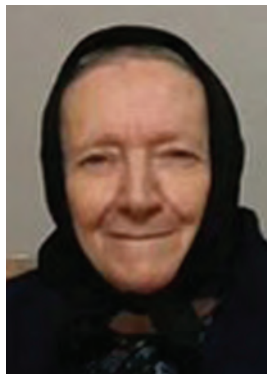
Marie was predeceased by her parents; Peter's parents; her husband, Peter; three younger brothers, Ike, John, Abe and brother-in-law, Dave Zacharias. Marie is survived by brother-in-law, Aaron Hildebrand; sisters-in-law, Eve Hildebrand, Kathy Zacharias, Mary Knelsen, Wilma Knelsen; nieces, nephews and their families. Also commemorating her heavenly ascension are Peter and Marie's four children and spouses, Robert (Shirley), Ron (Lydia), Sheila (Henry), Jolene (Wayne), together with their respective children and grandchildren, about 74 people in total. We solemnly reflect on the new reality of this phase of the legacy you have entrusted us with. You've done well Mom. We're proud of you, and we love you. Enjoy the eternal rewards you have worked so hard to achieve.

Private funeral service was held at Wiebe Funeral Home in Winkler with interment at the Winkler Cemetery.

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OBITUARY



Maria Goertzen (nee Guenther) 1938 – 2021

Maria Goertzen, 83 of Winkler, MB formerly of Schoenweise and Reinfeld passed away on Sunday, October 10, 2021.

She is survived by her children, Pete (Lisa), Anne (John Peters), Mary (Frank Schmitt), Helen (the late George Schmitt), Judy (Henry Peters), Jake (Tina), Abe (Helen), Henry (Mary), Cornie, Sadie (Wendall Hoepfner), Arron (Angela); 37 grandchildren and 38 great-grandchildren. She was predeceased by her husband Jacob M Goertzen in July 2021; one son, George in infancy; one daughter, Tina in 2001; son-in-law, George; three grandchildren; two great-grandchildren.

Funeral service was held at the Chortitz Old Colony Mennonite Church with interment at the Church Cemetery.

Thank you for the many phone calls, cards and kind words. Thank you to Boundary Trails Health Centre, Wiebe Funeral Home, Bishop Peter Elias, Rev. John Wiebe and many other for caring for Mom in her last days and supporting us as a family.

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OBITUARY



Johan K Giesbrecht 1944 – 2021

Johan went to be with Jesus on Thursday, October 7th 2021 at 1:15 p.m. with his daughter, Margaretha and three of her daughters looking on, while Anna and the rest of the children, spouses and some grandchildren watched from home via Zoom.

Johan K Giesbrecht is survived by his loving wife of 58 years 3 months and 12 days, Anna; seven sons and five daughters and 11 of their spouses, 73 grandchildren, 82 great-grandchildren and one sister-in-law. Johan was predeceased by his parents, two brothers and two sisters, two brothers-in-law and one sister-in-law, also one son in infancy, one son-in-law and two grandchildren.

Funeral service was held at the German Old Colony Mennonite Church, Hochfeld with interment at the Church Cemetery.

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OBITUARY



Adam Rust

March 25, 1938 - October 7, 2021

Angels of heaven came down looking for souls, they picked our beloved Adam's beautiful, loving, caring soul. As God promised, he didn't have to walk it alone. He sent the very finest, of his heavenly hosts, to carry him home.

Left to mourn is his wife of 56 years, Sandra, his daughter, Juliana, his granddaughters, Ashley and Suzanne (Peter) and his three great grandsons, Tayden Adam Don, Lukas Adam and Nolan Parker, his sister, Katharina (Erich) Muskat, son, Jurgen and family as well as other nieces and nephews in Germany. We can't forget about Gloria and Abby, our precious, beautiful shaded silver Persians that he always referred to as 'The Girls'. He was predeceased by his father, Friedrich and his mother, Gertrud Rust, his brothers, Melchior, Benedikt, Johann, Petrus, Karl and his sister, Elisabeth.

Adam was born and raised in Germany. He worked at a brewery delivering beer and then was enrolled in the army for two years. He loved his motorcycle but sold it for the ticket to come to Canada. He moved to Thompson and got a job at INCO where he worked and retired after 33 years. He met Sandra on his first annual holiday to Morden and four years after they met, they got married and made their home in Thompson.

Adam took pride in his 66 Meteor Convertible. He took it to car shows, chauffeured weddings, and was in the Nickel Days Parade for the A&W root bear. Ashley was in the parade from the time she was in a carseat until she turned 16 and Adam had to take the passenger seat. Papa's Suzie was proud to be a part of it every year alongside her sister.

Adam's hobbies were smoking fish, hosting the best parties on the block by always making sure everyone was happy and having a good time, hunting and fishing, morning swims at the Norplex Pool, bowling, coffee and conversation with his buddies at the Corner Deli or Tim Hortons and going for drives.

In 2008, Sandra's dream home went on the market in Morden and Adam didn't hesitate once he saw it.

Adam loved his family very much, showing it by always being there for us in good times and in bad, always guiding his girls and showing them the way. He was a proud man, very proud of his little family. He adored the girls growing up and did whatever was needed for them and loved them unconditionally. He waited a long time but was so fortunate to live long enough to meet his boys.

Being there for us was his life. In turn, we as a family were there for him when he needed us the most. Juliana chauffeured him to appointments in Winnipeg as needed, never faltering and always doing her best to be there for her beloved Dad. They became more like friends as the time went on.

We are all going to miss him terribly, and our worlds will never be the same without him. A part of us went with him. He showed us the true meaning of LOVE. He was always so proud of all of our accomplishments, and we were always so proud to call him OURS.

Juliana drove and parked the Meteor in the front of the Wiebe Funeral Chapel while we said our final goodbyes. After the gathering we left, and Juliana felt there was something missed. Adam always tooted the airhorn at arrivals and departures. So Juliana went back, told her dad she missed him already, turned up his German music and tooted that airhorn for him as a final goodbye from life to everlasting life.

We would like to thank all the staff at the Boundary Trails Health Centre, home care, Dr. Jackson, Wiebe Funeral Home and all who reached out during this difficult time. A special thank you to Adam's nephew, Jurgen for being in constant contact with him, keeping his sister and family in Germany updated with information and sending all the pictures back and forth. Adam looked forward to all of those emails and enjoyed being able to learn more about his family that was so far away.

Loving him forever, until we meet again.

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3 PLEX APARTMENT PROPERTY FOR SALE BY TENDER



Sealed written tenders for a 2008 - 3-unit apartment complex described below must be received by 5:00 p.m. on November 10, 2021 at:

Details of the Tender are available at www.fhwlaw.ca
Franz Hoepfner Wiens Law Office
Box 99, 1 880 J 15th Street, Winkler, Manitoba R6W 4A4
or email joan@fhwlaw.ca

The property is located at 607 Stephen Street, Morden, MB
and the building is constructed on a Logix basement.

Apartment Unit A

A 1,120 square foot bungalow, with front and rear verandas and a double insulated attached double garage included in the rent. Apartment offers 3 entries with a walk-through landing featuring a finished main floor with a full 4-piece bathroom. Kitchen has maple cabinets solid wood doors. Two bedrooms on main floor with the second bedroom offering a third entranceway. Fully finished basement with 1 bedroom and a full 4-piece bathroom. Central vacuum and air conditioning with fridge, stove, dishwasher, and washer and dryer included. Current rent is \$1,371.60.

Apartment Unit B

A 2-storey 1,200 square foot unit with a front veranda and a 600 square foot finished basement. The garage is not included in the rent but is optional for an extra charge. Parking is included at the rear of the building. Main floor features laundry and pantry and a 2-piece bathroom. Kitchen has maple cabinets solid wood doors. Three bedrooms and a full 4-piece bathroom on 2nd floor. Large linen closet located in the upstairs hallway. Central vacuum and air conditioning with fridge, stove, dishwasher, and washer and dryer included. Current rent is \$1,058.00 plus tenant provides caretaker services.

Apartment Unit C

A 2-storey 1,200 square foot unit with a front veranda and a 600 square foot unfinished basement. The garage is not included in the rent but is optional for an extra charge. Parking is included at the rear of the building. Main floor features main floor laundry and pantry and a 2-piece bathroom. Kitchen has maple cabinets solid wood doors. Three bedrooms and a full 4-piece bathroom on 2nd floor. Large linen closet located in the upstairs hallway. Central vacuum and air conditioning with fridge, stove, dishwasher, and washer and dryer included. Current rent is \$1,200.00.

Viewing is by appointment only on November 2nd and November 4th, 2021 between 1:00 -3:00 p.m. and 6:30 - 8:30 p.m., by calling or texting Judy at 204-362-2676 or Ken at 204-362-2993 to set up an appointment.

Conditions of Tender:

1. The parcel described will be sold "as is".
2. Highest or any tender not necessarily accepted.
3. Possession is December 1, 2021.
4. Tender must be accompanied by a refundable deposit of 10% of the amount offered (cheque made payable to Franz Hoepfner Wiens Law Office).

Terms of Sale:

1. The successful bidder(s) shall enter a formal agreement for sale for the payment of the balance on date of possession.
2. Possession is not authorized until acceptable arrangements for full payment are made following acceptance of tender.
3. Property taxes to be adjusted as of the date of possession.
4. GST and land transfer taxes are the responsibility of the purchaser as of date of possession.

For further information contact Franz Hoepfner
Wiens Law Office at 204-325-4615.

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Sudoku Answer

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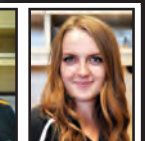
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