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Morden Community Thrift Store gives back

By Lorne Stelmach

Even with the ongoing restrictions of the pandemic, the Morden Community Thrift Store continues to put so much back into the community.

After having handed out \$300,250 in grants this past spring, the organization presented another \$174,000 as part of its fall funding this week.

Ten organizations and agencies got a share of the money that was handed out at the thrift shop Monday, including the STARS (Shock Trauma Air Rescue Service) air ambulance, which received \$50,000 towards its operational costs.

"This is a key piece of our fundraising every year," noted Daryl Braun, donor relations development and community engagement co-ordinator for STARS.

Although it is funded 85 per cent by the province, there is another couple million dollars that needs to be raised every year in order to ensure they continue to have the best training, equipment and operational support.

"We're a big part of the local health care system," said Braun, who noted that STARS last year was in the Boundary Trails Health Centre catchment area 35 times in addition to other calls to scenes across the region.

"We've been very blessed. I think this is our third year [of receiving this funding]. It's something that we never take for granted. When we get the phone call, we're elated."

Another frequent recipient is the BTHC Foundation, which received



PHOTO BY LORNE STELMACH/VOICE

The Morden Community Thrift Store granted out \$174,000 to 10 local groups and projects on Monday.

\$40,000 for a ventilator and wireless fetal health monitor.

"We appreciate the Morden Thrift Shop," said foundation executive director Shannon Samatte-Folkett. "Every year, I apply for different projects, usually I apply for equipment that has been requested by the director at Boundary Trails Health Centre.

"It's unbelievable that this Morden thrift store gives as much as they do to all of these different organizations," she added. "We're very grateful for the support that they show us and the rest of the community."

Other recipients of grants included:

- Youth for Christ, \$20,000 for basketball equipment, a slushie machine, and transportation needs.

- Morden Police Service, \$16,000 for canine officer training and equipment.

- Darlingford fire department, \$10,000 for a commercial extractor to clean firefighter gear.

- Many Hands Community Centre food bank, \$10,000 for the cost of coordinating and setup of a new food bank location.

- Pembina Valley Pregnancy Care Centre, \$10,000 for counselling services.

- 500 Stephen Street (Morden community resource centre), \$7,000 for furnishing and equipping new location.

- South Central Regional Library, \$6,000 for steel shelving for Miami branch.

- Pembina Counselling Centre, \$5,000 to subsidize counselling.

Thrift shop chairperson Linda Arnt said they were pleased to still be able

to give back as much as they could to the community.

"We're very glad because it was a challenging year. In the last 20 months, I think we were closed for four months, and then we were limited in capacity for customers for quite a while," she said. "We're up to 50 per cent capacity now, so we're doing okay. It's much better."

She also noted that they like to support as broad a range of services and organizations in the community as possible.

"We try to ... we just respond to the requests that are made, and it is amazing how it does spread right across the community," said Arnt. "It does feel good ... the volunteers feel very happy when they see the funds going out and they see that we have supported these causes, because they are near and dear to most people's hearts."

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Under the Official Time Act, daylight saving time ends this Sunday, Nov. 7 at 2 a.m., at which time clocks should be set back to 1 a.m.

We spring forward again the second Sunday in March.



Pembina Valley Muslim community marks Canadian Islamic History Month

By Ashleigh Viveiros

Winkler's mosque hosted an open house last weekend to mark the final day of Canadian Islamic History Month.

A small group of invited guests stopped by the downtown prayer space Sunday afternoon to explore displays outlining the contributions Muslims have made in the fields of science, medicine, engineering, and more.

Guests also got the chance to watch a few of the mosque's members answer their afternoon call to prayer—one of the five daily prayers in Islam—and to have their questions about the faith answered.

"Welcome to what we call our 'little mosque on the prairie,'" said organizer Zahid Zehri, a Pakistani native who has lived in Winkler for many years.

While the mosque has been in town for about five years now, most people in the predominantly Christian community know very little about their Islamic neighbours.

"The main purpose of the Islamic History Month of Canada is to learn, share, and celebrate," Zehri said.

"The picture of Muslims worldwide on the news is a very distorted one," he continued. "But if you look at the 1,400 year [history of the faith] ... the contribution of the Muslims in this civilization, they've shaped the future."

Events like the open house aim to show another "side of the coin" about the role of Muslims in the world, Zehri said, far separate from the actions of

those who twist the faith to support a terrorist agenda.

It's a sentiment echoed by Khawja Latif, regional representative for the Manitoba Islamic Association.

"There is a kind of stigma to Muslims in this country," he said, noting people are most aware of Islamic fundamentalist terrorists.

"That's not all Muslims," Latif said, stressing the faith is one focused on justice and charity.

Latif was one of the founders of the Winkler mosque, hosting prayers and get-togethers in his home for years before a more formal space was created for the growing Pembina Valley Muslim community to gather.

That community has grown in leaps and bounds in recent years, especially with the influx of refugees from Syria settling in the area. Between Winkler, Morden, Altona, and Carman, there are about 250-300 members right now.

"We are growing very quickly," Latif said. "People are coming here and trying to find their place to be and we are trying to fill in and give them that space ... [to] feel safe here, feel they are welcome, and they're part of this society and be proud of it."

The region has, for the most part, been very welcoming.

Zehri recalls a local family whose daughter was bullied at school several years ago for wearing a head scarf. The area has come a long way since then.

"Today, my three girls, they wear a scarf in the school, and they are very welcome—not only in the school, the teachers and the staff, but the whole community, they never say a single word. The reason? Because they respect it, because now they understand," Zehri said. "Before it was a very usual thing [to see here] ... but now people do understand this is a part of our religion, this is a part of our faith and beliefs, and they do respect it."

Acceptance and understanding comes with familiarity and dialogue, Zehri stressed, welcoming anyone



PHOTOS BY ASHLEIGH VIVEIROS/VOICE

From left: Khawja Latif and Zahid Zehri at the Winkler mosque, which hosted an open house Sunday in celebration of Canadian Islamic History Month. Below: Answering the afternoon call to prayer.

with questions to reach out.

"This mosque is not only for the Muslims, it's open for the whole community," he said. "We learn by asking

questions, we learn by communicating."

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Winkler Horticulture Soc. raising funds for new downtown planters

By Ashleigh Viveiros

Winkler Horticulture Society volunteers have been hard at work rounding up supplies for their annual fall/Christmas fundraiser.

This year the group responsible for beautifying our community are getting together Nov. 9 to build live arrangements.

They have one done already and it's

very much a made in Winkler display.

The evergreen boughs came from local shelterbelts, the colourful hydrangeas were picked at Bethel Heritage Park, the planters were made by volunteers, and all the other odds and ends—a holiday ball ornament, ribbons—were purchased from area thrift shops.

The final result is an outdoor display that works as a Christmas or simply a

winter decoration.

Each one of the 30 available arrangements sells for \$50, with all the proceeds going to help the society replace the aging flower planters in the downtown core.

"We just want to bring a bit more of a modern look to Main St.," says society president Margaret Penner.

The new planters are short and round and will have flowers overflowing on the sides.

The society has already ordered several to go into part of the middle section of Main St. between Mountain Ave. and Stanley Ave., but will need to raise several thousand more dollars to finish off that section and even more to complete the rest of the downtown.

"It's going to be a couple of years for sure before we get all the Main St. planters replaced," Penner says, adding that she's optimistic that once

people see the new look they'll be eager to support the project.

"We want to portray ourselves as being a modern, progressive city," she says, noting the old planters have been in use for many years and definitely have a somewhat dated look to them.

Any individual or business who would like to make a donation or sponsor a planter or two can contact Penner at 204-362-2552 or send an email to winklerhorticulture@gmail.com.

That's also the contact information to book one of the live arrangements, which will be available for pick up Wednesday, Nov. 10 at the back door of the Winkler Arts and Culture Centre.

MEMORIAL PARK UPDATE

Meanwhile, the horticulture society's work on the Greg Ens Memorial Park in front of the Winkler Centennial Arena continues, even with winter weather looming.

The pathway through the park is expected to be poured any day now and the plan is for the city to be able to flood that walkway to turn it into a winter skating trail.

Penner says they also hope to have the shelter, fire pit, and decorative sculptures in before the snow flies. Additional trees and shrubs, meanwhile, are on the to-do list for next spring.



ABOVE PHOTO BY ASHLEIGH VIVEIROS/VOICE

From left: Winkler Horticulture Society volunteers Margaret Penner, Carol Neufeld, and Betty Klassen with one of 30 outdoor arrangements they have up for sale to raise funds for new planters (similar to this one at right) in downtown Winkler.



Remembrance Day services will be a little different this year

Morden hosting a short outdoor event, Winkler's ceremony is online only

By Lorne Stelmach

The pandemic means the traditional ceremonies will not be possible this year, but Remembrance Day will still be marked in both Morden and Winkler next week.

The Winkler Veterans Association is once again preparing a virtual ceremony that will be available online Nov. 11, while the Morden Legion is planning a short in-person service outdoors at the cenotaph in Confederation Park.

"We are going to record it as well, and people will be able to see it on the website," noted Morden Legion president Tammy Petkau.

"If it's really bad and stormy that day, we will make it shorter, but we are going to go forward with it," she said. "Everything is normal except being a bit shorter ... and we've had such a great fall so far, so we're hoping for the best."

Nearby sections of street will be closed off for the brief service, which will include the key features such as the colour party, Last Post, Lament, and reading of the honour roll. They will lay about a dozen wreaths, with the others put in place ahead of time. The ceremony will start at 10:55 a.m.

"You don't want to restrict people from coming to a Remembrance Day service, but you hope they will respect what we need to do and the restric-

tions," said Petkau. "We just ask spectators to remain standing and keep their distance and have masks on at all times."

She said it was a tough call to decide how to do the ceremony this year given the ongoing pandemic.

"Last year we had to cancel at the last minute because of COVID restrictions ... so we decided to go forward with it at the cenotaph this year," Petkau said.

"We're hoping for good weather so we can follow through with this," she continued. "[The veterans], though, fought for us, and they fought through all sorts of weather, so I'm sure we can stand outside for 30 minutes or so."

In Winkler, the Veterans Association was doing filming over a couple days this week to have a ceremony ready to show online for Remembrance Day.

"It's too bad it has to be virtual again,

but I think we're doing our best under the circumstances," said organizer Rob Wiebe. "COVID means we still can't safely meet inside, and we were uncertain about outside activity."

It will be a traditional service, he said, honouring the men who gave their lives in service to our country.

The association got some help from local students to make it happen.

"We've got the involvement of the high school choir from Garden Valley ... and a lot of the filming is going to be done by some students as well," Wiebe said. "We wanted to include as much of the community as possible ... we think our efforts are going to generate a successful Remembrance Day service under the circumstances."

As with last year, the video will be posted the morning of Nov. 11 on the City of Winkler social media pages.

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PVLIP creating “Welcoming and Inclusive Communities” toolkit

By Ashleigh Viveiros

The Pembina Valley Local Immigration Partnership (PVLIP) has secured funding to create a “Welcoming and Inclusive Communities” toolkit.

PVLIP coordinator Elaine Burton-Saindon explains the project, funded by the Government of Canada, is meant to promote diversity, equity, and inclusion and enable local community leaders and employers to implement best practices within their own organizations.

It’s an initiative that’s been a few years in the making.

It started when PVLIP began reaching out to local municipalities and community stakeholders to talk about diversity in our area.

When it came to addressing just how inclusive and welcoming the Pembina Valley is, “we realized that a lot

of people just don’t know what that really means,” Burton-Saindon says. “What does that look like and how would we do that?”

While toolkits for other jurisdictions exist, they’re very much region-specific. Creating one aimed at the Pembina Valley became a priority, though the pandemic significantly delayed the grant approval process in 2020.

The ball finally got rolling when PVLIP applied for funding for a different project earlier this year, this time to film a series of diversity and inclusion videos for workplace training.

Government officials recently reached out to PVLIP with funding to combine the two ideas—the toolkit and the videos—into one project to be completed over the next 15 months.

“It’s exciting. I’m so happy to see that finally came through,” says Burton-Saindon. “It’s like a big dream and checkmark for us. Hopefully at

the end of the day we’ll have an actual resource for the Pembina Valley that will be helpful for anybody.”

Coming on board to complete the project are PVLIP staffers Antonio Lopez and Forde Oliver.

The pair will spend the next several months doing research ahead of creating the actual content, with an eye to having the resources ready to launch by early 2023.

“It will be a toolkit that will be broad enough that any community, regardless of size, could use as a resource,” Burton-Saindon says, explaining it will address what diversity is and how communities can take steps to be more welcoming to immigrants as well as offer links for newcomers to connect them with local resources and information as they settle in their new home.

Burton-Saindon expects the video series will be very useful to local employers, many of whom have an increasingly diverse staff, which can, on occasion, create some cultural misunderstandings.

The videos will address the question of “how to integrate a multicultural workplace,” she says. “How to address what happens when you do have a multicultural workplace on things around cultural awareness, diversity awareness, even culture to culture.”

PVLIP expects this project will reach 2,200 newcomers and 100 stakeholders across south central Manitoba.

Burton-Saindon also hopes it will provide a framework for a much broader application.

“This could be a starting point,” she says. “It could launch into a provincial project that could be broadened to make it more Manitoba focused.”

“We’re ‘Friendly Manitoba’ but are we welcoming and inclusive?”

“AT THE END OF THE DAY WE’LL HAVE AN ACTUAL RESOURCE FOR THE PEMBINA VALLEY THAT WILL BE HELPFUL FOR ANYBODY.”

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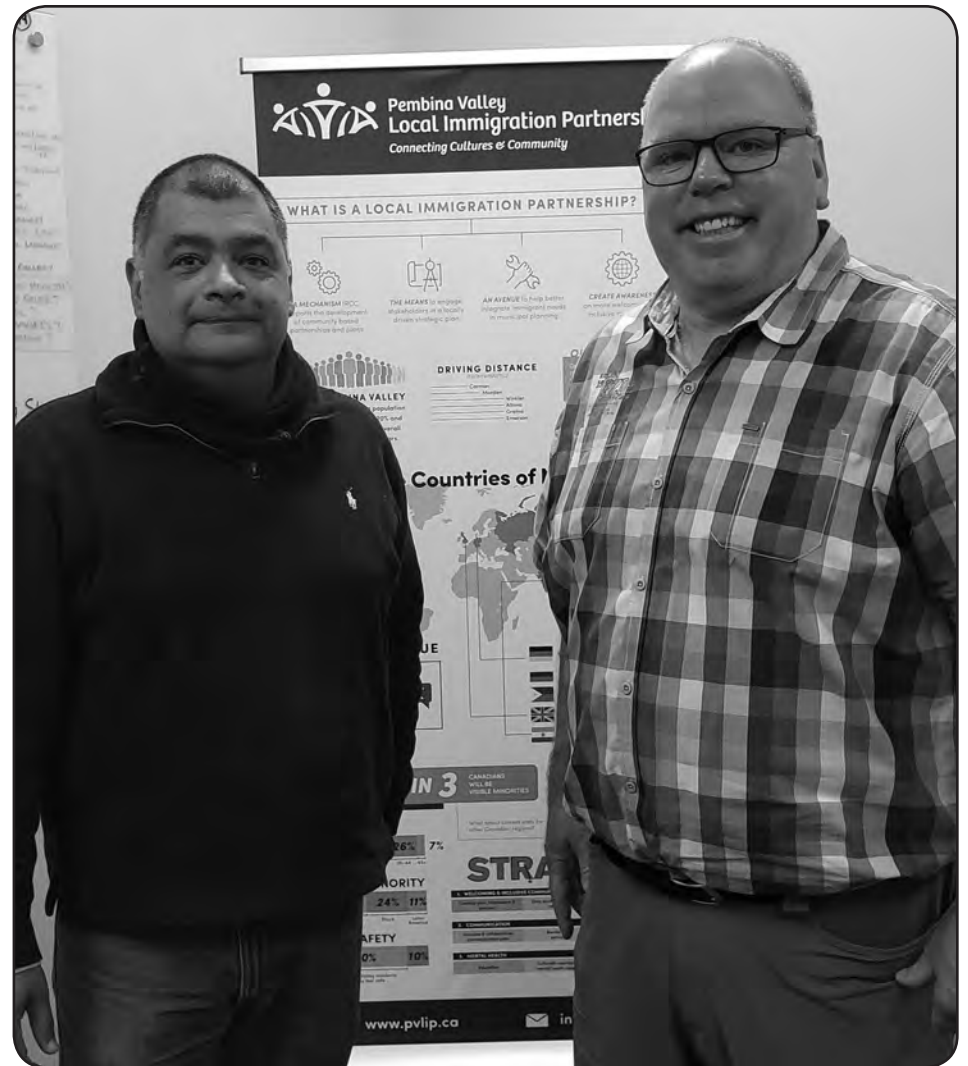
Our article last week on the Morden Christmas Cheer Board’s campaign launch (Pg. 5) incorrectly stated they are accepting toy donations once again through the Dairy Queen Angels Anonymous program.

Due to the pandemic, Morden Cheer is only accepting monetary donations

this year, which will be used to purchase gift cards that will serve in place of the traditional hampers.

We sincerely apologize for the mix-up and any confusion it may have caused.

Donations can be made online at mordenchristmascheer.com.



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Antonio Lopez (left) and Forde Oliver have come on board with the Pembina Valley Immigration Partnership to create a Welcoming and Inclusive Communities toolkit and workplace video series over the next year.



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Stuff matters: mental health and inequality

Whenever coined the term "money can't buy happiness" was likely someone with money.

They meant well, and at a foundational level they were onto something, but then wildly missed the point when they coined this oft repeated phrase.

This phrase sits in the same wheelhouse as "misery loves company." Both phrases seem to try and offer comfort by suggesting that "other people struggle too" which is a terrible and somewhat useless form of comfort at best and, at worst, creates a need to hurt others so that I feel better.

In various ways my wife and I are both intimately familiar with mental illness, particularly depression.

While there have been struggles, some of them significant, we have

been fortunate enough to sustain ourselves to a place where we have some tools and resources to attempt to work through things as they arise.

As an example, the other day we were discussing depression while relaxing in our hot tub. We were talking about how certain kinds of mental illness such as depression often seem to arise out of a vacuum and then hunt out a source or sources to latch onto and blame like some sort of emotional heat seeking missile.

It is important, we agreed, to try our best in such circumstances, to rise up and gain perspective of our landscape so that we can be prepared when this happens.

This is when we noted the importance of "stuff" and how "stuff" factors in. While taking a break from writing this column I stumbled across an apt meme in a brilliant stroke of serendipity. It read: "Getting out of bed would be 10X easier if there was a Caribbean Sea and 30-degree weather waiting outside for you."

This statement is not saying you would be less tired in this circumstance. It is saying you would be more motivated to get up in this circumstance.

Money can't buy happiness but it can change circumstance and alleviate and/or eliminate a lot of those tar-

gets something like depression seeks out.

The difference between myself and my mum for instance is that when depression haunts me, I can take the opportunity to ponder it from my hot tub. My mum would have to ponder it, if she had the luxury to even ponder, from her Salvation Army couch in the confines of a crappy, rented, run-down government housing project, with the weight of deciding which bill to pay and which to ignore, while caring for her four children alone and planning groceries without a car.

Stuff matters.

I can go to my espresso machine and make a cappuccino to drink as I seek solace. I can wander out onto the porch of my beautiful 130-year-old field stone home and consider my options while ordering a high-end pair of Ray-Ban sunglasses.

My point? Stuff matters. Things matter when it comes to mental illness. Resources matter. Does having a decent job, a stable marriage, a home, two cars, and a strong family support network mean my depression is less than someone else's? No. Does it mean I may be able to weather the storm better? Probably. It may mean the difference between being able to

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Letters

PAYING TRIBUTE

As we approach Remembrance Day, I'd like to pay tribute to the veteran members of The War Amps.

The War Amps was started by amputee veterans returning from the First World War to help each other adapt to their new reality as amputees. They then welcomed amputee veterans following the Second World War, sharing all that they had learned.

These founding members then es-

tablished the Key Tag Service, which is still going strong today, to fund the Association's many vital programs including The War Amps Child Amputee (CHAMP) Program.

I was born a partial left hand amputee and grew up in CHAMP, which provided me with financial assistance for prosthetic devices and offered emotional support. These veterans have left a lasting impact on generations of amputees as they taught us that we should be proud of our amputation and to know that it

will not stop us from achieving our goals.

Everyday, but particularly on Remembrance Day, Canadian amputees like me honour these veterans who not only served their country but returned home to make life better for all amputees.

**Graham Spero, graduate of
The War Amps Child Amputee
(CHAMP) Program**

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November is Domestic Violence Awareness Month

Genesis House has a host of activities happening over the next few weeks

By Ashleigh Viveiros

November is Domestic Violence Awareness Month and the local shelter is doing what it can to get the word out about the help it offers victims of abuse.

Genesis House has a few events on tap for the weeks ahead, including a chance to virtually tour its facilities.

"Most people have never seen the inside of our shelter," said Ang Braun, executive director, explaining that the location of the shelter is kept under wraps for safety reasons.

The lack of a public storefront coupled with fewer community events than ever this past year thanks to the pandemic got Braun thinking about how they could connect with people in a new way. A glimpse inside the facility seemed a perfect fit.

A video crew came in and spent an entire day shooting footage for the tour, she noted.

"It's kind of like if you were entering the shelter, coming in right through the front door, and I'm taking you through

the house as if you were coming to stay," Braun said. "It is pretty cool. People will get an inside peek at the place."

You can view the tour online at genesishouse-shelter.ca.

Once you've had a chance to take a virtual walk through the shelter, you can show your support in person at the Nov. 12 Winkler Flyers hockey game, where all the players will be wearing Peace Begins at Home white jerseys and shelter staff will be on hand accepting donations and providing information about the services the shelter offers.

Also going on this month is a donation drive, with shelter reps. on hand at a few locations in Morden-Winkler (coming up, Morden Alliance Church Nov. 6 from 9 a.m. to noon and the

Gilmour Bral Hiebert Law Office in Winkler Nov. 20 from 10 a.m. to noon).

Donations of all kinds are most welcome, be it food items, toiletries, clothing, baby/kids supplies, and Christmas gifts. A complete list can be found on the Genesis House social media pages and website.

"Usually by December our pantry is quite bare," Braun said, thanking anyone who is able to drop off a donation of any kind to help families in care.

Also accepting donations for the annual Power of the PJs campaign is every branch of the South Central Regional Library.

Many of the women and children who show

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take care of myself during a depression and not being able to because of a dozen other concerns rooted in poverty, gender, and other sources of inequity.

Income and stability absolutely matter when navigating mental illness. These things are not simply matters of food and shelter but of equality and justice.

Now, one must be careful when walking this line of thinking because depression, like so many other expressions of mental illness, can lean on addictive behaviours. One could find themselves trying to buy themselves peace of mind through online shopping, drugs, gambling, etc. and this will only add to the worries and circumstances that extend and foster depression.

My point is this: while we may all, on occasion, feel the same things, we are not all resourced in the same way to navigate those feelings.

Before you rush off to tell your depressed friend who is struggling to make ends meet and living paycheck to paycheck that "money doesn't buy happiness" consider not saying anything at all and asking yourself how you might be able to resource them as a valuable part of their support network ... perhaps by being a silent presence and abiding with them through the storm, for starters.

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Koats for Kids distribution nights are next week

By Lorne Stelmach

A main organizer of the annual Koats for Kids campaign, Terry Gibson may not have many people sharing his wish for a spell of colder weather.

But the United Way Pembina Valley board member has seen that cooler weather gets people thinking about winter and the need to be prepared with warm clothing. That in turn gives a boost to the annual effort to collect gently used winter clothing for distribution to those in need in the community.

"My experience has been that if you don't get a good shot of cold weather, you don't get a lot of people out," Gibson suggested as the organization prepared for its two distribution nights next week.

The United Way has been running the campaign to collect all manner of winter items for kids and adults—jackets, snow pants, toques, mittens,



VOICE FILE PHOTO

United Way Pembina Valley has jackets and all manner of other donated winter clothing up for grabs at its Koats for Kids distribution nights next week Monday and Tuesday in both Morden and Winkler.

scarves—since Oct. 15.

Both new and used items in good

condition are being dropped off at red donation bins at the Morden and

Winkler fire halls. Donations will be accepted until the distribution days next week.

Locals who need some winter gear can stop by the Morden fire hall or the Central Station Community Centre in Winkler Monday, Nov. 8 from 4:30-6:30 p.m. and Tuesday, Nov. 9 from 9:30-11:30 a.m. and 4:30-6:30 p.m. to pick items out free of charge.

Gibson last week said the amount of donations coming in seemed to be pretty good under the circumstances.

"It's looking amazingly well, considering how mild the weather has been," he said. "I think we have done a pretty good job of advertising and promoting it this year."

"I think we may be able to expect a pretty good crowd this year beside the people who would usually come," he added. "So I'm really hoping we get enough clothing."

Winkler police officer charged with assault, uttering threats

By Voice staff

A Winkler police officer is facing charges in connection with an incident that sent a man to hospital this fall.

On Sept. 11, Wasagaming RCMP received a report of an assault at a residence in Ditch Lake, MB involving an off-duty officer from Winkler.

The Independent Investigation Unit

(IIU) of Manitoba, which was notified of the allegations two days later, said the victim was taken to Minnedosa Hospital for treatment. No information has been released about the extent of his injuries.

Last week, the IIU announced that its "civilian director is satisfied that there are reasonable grounds to believe a criminal offence occurred."

The IIU is asking for the individuals who assisted the injured man to contact them toll free at 1-844-667-6060 to aid in the investigation.

The Winkler officer, whose name has not been made public, has been arrested and charged with assault causing bodily harm and uttering threats. He was released on an undertaking and will appear in court in Minnedosa

Dec. 7.

As the matter is before the courts, Winkler Police Chief Ryan Hunt was unable to comment on the charges, but did confirm the officer, who has been with the department for three and a half years, will be performing administrative duties in the office until the matter is decided in court.



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> GENESIS HOUSE, FROM PG. 7

up at the shelter come with little more than the clothes on their backs, Braun shared, so donations of things like pyjamas, socks, and underwear are a real gift.

Finally, in lieu of their masquerade gala this year, Genesis House is hosting an online auction Nov. 16-30.

"We've got some very cool prizes that will be available," Braun said. "There's 56 items and there's such a variety of things that a person could actually do a bit of Christmas shopping with this."

The prizes, all of which have been donated, range from high-end things like a Nintendo Switch and a sound bar to hand bags, jewelry, and handmade quilts.

Further details about the auction will be posted soon.

REACHING OUT

All these activities serve not only to raise funds and donations for the shelter but also to get their name out into the community.

Domestic violence is a very real issue across the region. In the 2020/21 fiscal year, Genesis House provided shelter to 42 women and 30 children.

Statistically, one in four women have experienced violence in a current or previous relationship, with young

women aged 25-34 experiencing the highest rates of spousal violence.

Children under five constitute the largest portion of abused children in shelters, followed by ages 5-9.

Bringing awareness to what domestic abuse is and how it affects families is a big step towards creating a healthier community, Braun said.

And it's not just about trying to reach only the victims of abuse—this is an issue the entire community can tackle together.

"One of the things we saw through COVID was our calls increased from family and friends calling and saying, 'We think there could be trouble here. What do we do?'" Braun said. "People stepping up and saying what can we do to help?"

"For me, the core message is always when a person tells you this is happening to them, you need to believe them. People don't make this up. It is such a difficult road that no one would choose it."

If you're in an abusive relationship and need help, or if you know someone in that situation and need advice on what to do to help them, you can reach Genesis House anytime at 204-325-9800 or toll-free at 1-877-977-0007.

Stefanson wins Conservative leadership vote

By Lorne Stelmach

The first female premier of Manitoba struck a conciliatory tone in her first address as leader of the province last weekend.

Following her election as leader of the Progressive Conservative Party of Manitoba Saturday in Brandon, Heather Stefanson bid people “welcome to the new PC party of Manitoba.”

“I am truly honoured and humbled to stand here with all of you making history in Manitoba,” said Stefanson, who won the leadership with 8,405 votes compared to 8,042 for her lone challenger Shelly Glover. “A strong PC party is vital for a strong Manitoba, and together I know we will come out of this race more united than ever with a focus on winning a third consecutive majority government in 2023.”

Stefanson was elected with a majority of the votes from the 64 per cent of eligible party members who cast a ballot in the contest.

She expressed gratitude for all who put their trust in both her and the party and offered particular appreciation for former premier Brian Pallister as well as interim leader Kelvin Goertzen, who also addressed the gathering.

Stefanson noted that she had visited all corners of the province in recent months and suggested that Manitobans had told her “loud and clear that they want to see us take a much more collaborative approach when it comes to working with other levels of gov-

ernment and with stakeholders in our communities.

“Manitobans want a government that works alongside them,” Stefanson said in her acceptance speech.

“They want to see a government that focusses on strengthening our health and education systems, working with, listening to and learning from Indigenous elders and leaders on moving Manitoba forward with reconciliation and attracting and retaining talent, investments and business that will provide a culture and environment that ensures our kids want to live, grow and succeed right here in Manitoba.”

“I’m ready to address the many challenges facing us,” she continued.

“Our immediate priorities must be to focus on repairing our relationship with Indigenous peoples, to get Manitoba through the rest of this pandemic, to focus on economic recovery with an emphasis on the importance of immigration and addressing the critical labour shortage this province is facing and tackling the various serious concerns that COVID has exposed within our health care system.”

Offering a final address as the interim premier, Kelvin Goertzen touched on the importance of working with municipal leaders who are knowledgeable and care deeply about their communities as well as representatives of various cultural and faith communities as well.

He emphasized particularly though working closely with Indigenous communities.

“WELCOME TO THE NEW PC PARTY OF MANITOBA.”



SCREENSHOT

Heather Stefanson won her bid for the leadership of the Progressive Conservative Party of Manitoba on Saturday, making her the province's new premier.

“Success for our province cannot happen unless we engage in meaningful ways with indigenous leadership and ensure that they are heard as decisions are made,” he said. “Indigenous leaders want respectful dialogue, and we must respond.”

“We are committed to continuing to work with Ottawa and being a co-operative partner in Confederation Park,” Goertzen added.

“The past 19 months has truly been the challenge of a lifetime,” he concluded. “It has also shown us some things. It has shown us how much we care for each other.”

“There are reasons for optimism,”

he concluded. “The pandemic tested governments and people in a way that we have never seen in our lifetime before, and as we look to emerge from it, we have to do so as a province that is united.”

Stefanson was slated to be sworn in as premier on Tuesday.

Meanwhile, Glover on Monday had asked the Court of Queen’s Bench to declare the leadership election invalid and order a new election, claiming there were irregularities in the counting of the votes, including party members who did not receive their mail-in ballots to vote.

Majority of new COVID-19 cases in Southern Health

By Ashleigh Viveiros

Public health officials were reporting 483 new cases of COVID-19 in Manitoba from last Friday to Monday.

The vast majority of those cases—266 in total—were in the Southern Health Santé Sud region, where vaccination rates continue to lag behind the rest of the province.

The Winnipeg health region accounted for 96 of the new cases, Prairie Mountain and the Northern health regions each had 41, and Interlake-Eastern had 40.

Of the 96 new cases identified on Monday alone, the province reports 70 were in individuals not fully vac-

inated (two weeks past their second dose).

In our region, Southern Health, 37 of the day’s 45 new cases were not fully vaccinated, the province reports.

Manitoba’s total number of active COVID-19 cases was at 1,273 at press time. There have been 1,248 deaths due to the virus since the pandemic began.

As of Monday, there were 98 people hospitalized due to COVID-19 in Manitoba, including 25 in intensive care.

In the Pembina Valley, Winkler added 17 new cases over the past week to hit 54 active cases—the highest in the region.

Morden also jumped by 12 cases to 19. Stanley is at 13 active cases, as is Altona. Carman and Lorne/Louise/Pembina both have seven cases, while Red River South has five, and Roland/Thompson and MacDonald are both at three.

THIRD DOSE ELIGIBILITY EXPANDED

Last week, the province expanded its recommendations for third doses of the COVID-19 vaccine to include residents of congregate elderly persons housing. There are more than 500 such sites across the province.

Also eligible for a third jab are First Nations people living on a reserve, people who have only received a viral vector vaccine or who received one or two doses of a vaccine not approved by Health Canada, health care workers who have direct contact with patients or residents, immunocompromised individuals, residents of all personal care homes, and residents and staff of all First Nations personal care homes.

More information about the vaccine campaign in Manitoba is available at www.manitoba.ca/vaccine and <https://protectmb.ca>.

Sirel Grocery and Food House open for business

By Lorne Stelmach

Carmen Laurel recalled her own experience as a newcomer here Saturday as Sirel Grocery and Food House officially opened its doors in Morden.

Having come here from the Philippines in 1987, Laurel, who has been an accountant and had a brother in Morden serving as a pastor, found herself being regularly asked to help with things such as providing food.

"There was one time also that we had a fundraiser for someone who was sick, and I said I would bring some goodies ... and it was gone within a few minutes," she recalled. "Some people then started calling me asking can you get me some of these things ... from there, they said why don't you start a store?"

All that led to the opening of the new business at 610 Thornhill Street, which Laurel says will strive to meet the needs of the area's ever-growing Filipino community.



PHOTO BY LORNE STELMACH/VOICE

Cutting the ribbon on Morden's newest grocery store: Sirel Grocery and Food House.

"When I first moved to Canada, I thought I love the food from the Philippines, that's the food I was looking for," she said. "I think there's people here looking for the same thing, the

familiar snacks, familiar food."

Their plans began to form around opening a bakery but then expanded to include a range of groceries.

The challenge of starting up the

business was helped in part by finding this particular location.

"We found this ... and it had a kitchen and everything we needed," said Laurel.

The result is a store that offers a variety of snacks and basics such as sauces, condiments, and spices as well as things like noodle soups and fresh frozen fish and meats. There is also an enticing bakery section with breads, pastries, and desserts as well as an assortment of some fresh fruits and vegetables.

They are working with a number of suppliers based in Vancouver and Winnipeg, and Laurel noted they hope to be able to keep adding to what they can offer here.

"I know there's some things that we cannot find yet because our suppliers don't have those, but we will try to bring in whatever we can," she said.

Sirel Grocery and Food House is open Monday to Saturday from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.

Online sessions hope to get Winnipeggers "Beyond the Perimeter"

By Ashleigh Viveiros

Regional Connections is teaming up with several partners in Winnipeg to share a bit about the opportunities that rural Manitoba offers.

The immigration services agency hosted the first of two "Beyond the Perimeter" information sessions online this past Tuesday. The second virtual event is scheduled for Nov. 16.

"Still in Manitoba, a pretty significant majority of immigration is to Winnipeg—some 80 or 90 per cent of newcomers," said Steve Reynolds, executive director of Regional Connections.

"But of course there's lots of rural opportunities and newcomers have immigrated to Winnipeg almost by default—you're halfway around the world and you hear about the big cities and you don't know about the smaller communities."

Beyond the Perimeter aims to educate Winnipeggers about the Pembina Valley and the communities in it, including hearing from local employers and service providers and from newcomers to Canada now living in the area.

Friesens, Meridian Manufacturing, and Decor Cabinets will all be making presentations, as will realtor Michael Grenier, who will speak a bit about the local housing market.

There will also be greetings from the mayors of Winkler, Morden, and

Altona, virtual tours of the three communities, and presentations about the settlement services, daycare options, and schools in the area.

Reynolds noted this information session is for newcomers and urban service providers alike.

"Sometimes the service providers that work with newcomers are working on employment and housing challenges with them and are not aware of the opportunities in rural Manitoba," he said. "That there's jobs, that there's safe communities, that there's good places to live ... so this is meant to bridge that gap."

This is the third such rural living

information session held in recent years. The first, held in Portage la Prairie before the pandemic, saw a busload of participants come out to tour the community. An online session has also been held in Steinbach.

The "Winnipeg to the Pembina Valley" events are hosted by Regional Connections alongside the Manitoba Association of Newcomer Serving Organizations (MANSO), New Journey Housing, and the Manitoba Interfaith Immigration Council (Welcome Place).

If you know someone living in Winnipeg who might be looking for information on rural living, send them

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to <https://mansomanitoba.silkstart.com/events/beyond-the-perimeter-2021-altona-morden-winkler-1> to sign up for the Nov. 16 session.

You can also email info@mansomanitoba.ca for more information.

Council okays new constable for Winkler PD

By Ashleigh Viveiros

The Winkler Police Service will have a new officer on the beat next year.

Winkler city council at its meeting last week gave the department the green light to hire a new constable.

Chief Ryan Hunt says that will bring them to 21 officers in total.

"That puts us in a good position for the size of our community," he said, noting, however, that several veteran officers are approaching retirement age. "Therefore we will be looking

at doing further hiring in the not too distant future."

Hunt urges anyone considering a career in law enforcement to head to the department's website (winkler-police.ca) for an application. Applications are accepted on an ongoing basis.

Once hired, Winkler's newest officer should start training in early 2022 and be ready for patrol duties in late summer or early fall.

A few other odds and ends from the Oct. 26 council meeting:

- Council unanimously approved

a motion to remove the state of drought emergency put in place by it and the other Pembina Valley Water Co-op (PVWC) members this summer.

Coun. Marvin Plett, Winkler's PVWC representative, noted the decision was made by PVWC's 14 member municipalities earlier that day in light of recent rains and elevated river flows.

PVWC will continue to "monitor the situation throughout the winter and into the spring to ensure ad-

get informed

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Taking a hard look at the Indian Act and its impact

By Lorne Stelmach

The second in a series of three talks took listeners another step further on a path toward greater understanding around Indigenous issues.

David Scott, who is an elder and policy advisor with the Swan Lake First Nation, again offered his perspective as part of the series organized by the local Truth and Action Working Group.

With the aim to help promote awareness of Indigenous realities and build relationships with Indigenous neighbours, the talks had kicked off last month with a historical look at Canada's Indigenous policies and continued last Tuesday with a focus on treaties and the Indian Act.

Scott wanted to address not only some of the basics of the treaties and Indian Act but "what they have done and what our relationship was supposed to be like and what went wrong.

"There is so much that is still regulated ... even just being a member of a community is so difficult," he said. "People may read the document, but they don't really see how the policies of the act are enforced on reserves and the kind of power the Indian agents had on the reserves.

"Today, the difference is the agent isn't on the reserve now, they're just in government, yet the policies are still being enforced."

Scott went through some of the key aspects of the treaties and referenced the language such as the agreement to "cede, release, surrender and yield up to her Majesty the Queen and her successors forever."

In theory, the treaties and then the Indian Act may seem to reference the right ideas, like building peaceful alliances, sharing the wealth, and protecting ways of life, but of course it became something quite different in practice.

He went on to cite a wide array of examples, including the fact Indigenous peoples ultimately:

- had no control over what could be done with their land;
- were not allowed income from their labour

and not allowed to keep and handle money;

- could not will their farms to their children;
- saw women removed legally from their traditional roles within the structure of the community, and,
- saw Indian agents given the power to determine the full scope of rights and even Indian leadership.

Other examples noted how Indigenous women could not pass on treaty or Indian Act status to their children. Scott also pointed out how the Indian Act had been exempt from falling under the Human Rights Act, though a court decision in 2011 did finally change that.

As another example, Scott touched on what he referred to as the trespass law.

"They wanted to keep us on the reserve, and they wanted to stop communication or interaction between white society and our society. They did not want white society to see what the Indian agents were doing on the reserves. That was a big part of it," he suggested.

"Section 30 still applies; it's still out there, although it's not being enforced ... no Indian Affairs person would even come on to a reserve now and order these things around, but the law is still there ... if they wanted to enforce."

"That's part of the way that we have come to segregate ... how we've been segregated from white society."

Scott acknowledged that there is so much information that people need to digest and that it is challenging to comprehend and fully understand it all.

"It's a complex issue. It's not easy to cover these things in two and a half hour sessions," he said, adding he is nevertheless heartened to know that these kinds of discussions are happening. "It is very encouraging that people are actually hearing about it, and they want to talk more about it.

"I hope that we can continue on this path together ... so we can have heart to heart discussions about these things."

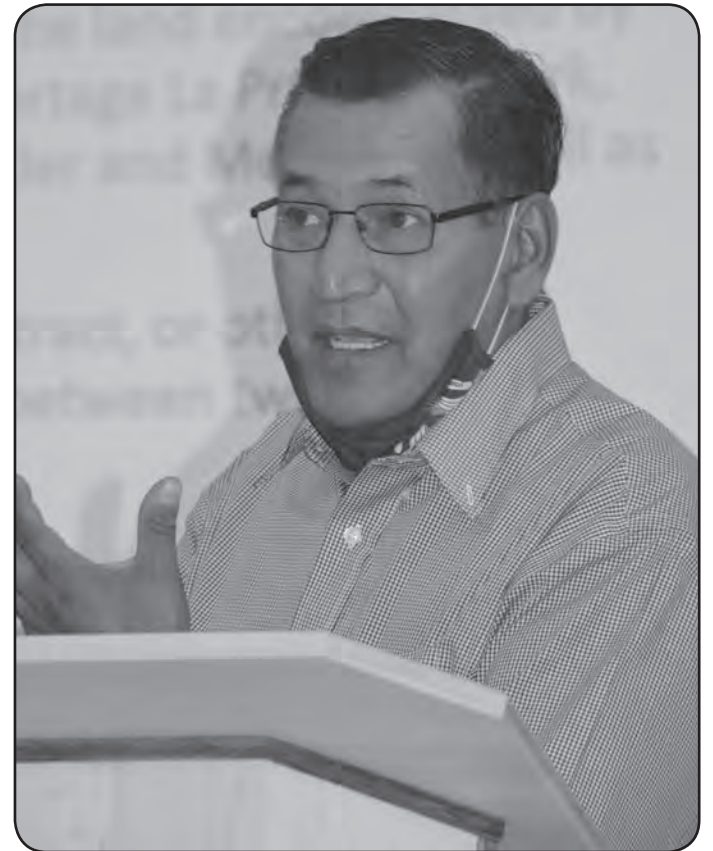


PHOTO BY LORNE STELMACH/VOICE
Speaker David Scott at the latest Truth and Action Working Group series addressing Indigenous issues.

Scott concludes the series on Tuesday, Nov. 30 with a focus on the condition of Indigenous people today and how they are surviving amidst the realities of life on the reserves.

"I will try to tie all these things together and how they impact us today," he said. "We can look at how do we move forward."

The presentation will take place at the Morden Mennonite Church starting at 7 p.m.

Find more information by following the Truth and Action Working Group on Facebook.

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equate water is maintained in case drought develops again in spring or in case we have low snowfall," Plett said.

The co-op sends out its thanks to residents across the region for their water conservation efforts this summer, he said, adding that people are still urged to continue to use water wisely.

While the regionwide drought declaration is over for now, communities like Morden remain at an extreme

drought state with water usage restrictions. Lake Minnewasta, the city's main source of water, is still several feet below the full supply level.

- Council okayed a request from Manitoba Hydro to install street lighting on several roads in the north part of town.

Pearl St., Makena Place, Makena Way, and North Point Trail will be getting 60W LED lights installed while 90W LED lights are going in on Northlands Parkway.

- Final reading was given to an amendment that will allow the City of Winkler to borrow over \$10.5 million for the construction of a mechanical wastewater treatment facility as a local improvement project. The loan will be paid back over the next 13 years at an interest rate of 2.53 per cent a year.

- Councillors heard from Winkler Family Resource Centre's Cathy Savage about its work in the community and the impact the city's support (\$5,000 a year) has on the non-profit

organization.

The funds allow WFRC to offer a host of early childhood programming to families free of charge from its space in the Emmanuel Mennonite Church.

These programs provide valuable educational and social outlets for children and parents alike, Savage said, stressing that the reliable financial support from council is a blessing during a time where other funding sources have become somewhat less certain in recent years.

Morden woman wants greater flexibility in vaccination exemptions

Health officials in response stress vaccines are safe for people with a wide range of medical conditions

By Lorne Stelmach

A Morden woman who has faced chronic health conditions throughout her life is looking to the province to make things more fair for people like her in relation to the rules around vaccination and exemptions.

Sarah Gwen Peters says she takes COVID-19 seriously and follows all the rules, including wearing a face mask and social distancing, but she maintains she has valid concerns around how vaccination could impact her, and she sees the current exemption requirements as being far too narrow in scope.

The province may tout that it even allows exemptions, compared to some other provinces that do not, but Peters sees it as being deceptive in making it nearly impossible to actually qualify for one.

"We are getting towards the time when people want to gather for the holidays ... and there is probably one person in every extended family who is affected here, and there is probably another person in every extended family who doesn't want unvaccinated people at the gathering," she noted.

"So we need to establish something that is valid for people who deserve an exemption and who aren't getting an exemption now," she said. "We have to be given something to put us on a level playing field in time for the holidays and beyond ... we should all be able to feel comfortable gathering ... we deserve that; we are all equal human beings."

Peters has worked as a massage therapist, reflexologist, and counsellor, and it was through her experience and contacts that she became familiar with herbs and natural substances and remedies.

That knowledge has become increasingly important for her particularly in recent years as she has worked to boost her immunity and improve her overall health and wellness.

Her health challenges began early on in her life, starting with recurring tonsillitis. At the time, tonsils were not always removed, she noted, so she faced repeated bouts that meant multiple doses of antibiotics.

"That was a bad start for my immune system," Peters said, adding as a teenager she then contracted infectious hepatitis and was quarantined. Later on, she received the smallpox vaccination and she recalls facing a 14 month period before she recovered from its side effects.

"Intermittently then, throughout my adulthood, I've had different things that brought

down my immune system as well," she continued, noting, after years of declining energy, she was diagnosed with multiple chemical sensitivities in 2002 and was unable to work or spend much time in public spaces.

She had to go on social assistance for a time but was eventually able to work again, although she attributes that more to her pursuit of natural remedies than any medical intervention.

"I've built it up over the years, and I don't want to compromise it now, and I know that any foreign substance in my body now would compromise it," Peters said in explaining her decision to not be vaccinated against COVID-19.

Peters feels Manitoba needs to widen its exemption requirements for COVID-19 vaccination to take more health concerns into account, or come up with a way for those who feel they cannot be vaccinated to undergo testing for the virus or provide proof of natural immunity.

Currently, the province only allows people to secure an exemption in one of three situations:

- They had a severe reaction after the first dose of a COVID-19 vaccine;
- They are receiving treatment that affects their ability to mount an immune response, meaning vaccination must be timed carefully with their treatment schedule (ie: cancer treatment).
- They had a severe allergy or anaphylactic reaction to a previous dose of a COVID-19 vaccine or its components that cannot be managed by the Health Sciences Centre allergy clinic.

"It should be wider; as it's stated, it's so narrow," Peters lamented. "This is so astonishing to me.

"We could think outside the box. We could find a way to establish an equivalency so that everyone has the same status, whether that's through regular testing, whether it's through establishing immunity ... or whether it's expanding those extremely narrow and nebulous sorts of criteria, those criteria that are meaningless," she continued. "It's important that every human being ... everyone here should have equivalency, whether that's through an exemption or a testing of established immunity ... that is purported as being available, but it is so deceptive."

PROVINCE RESPONDS

The *Voice* received a detailed response from the province when requesting comment on



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Sarah Gwen Peters is one of the 29 per cent of Morden residents who have not been vaccinated against COVID-19. She feels her health issues should qualify her for an exemption and she's calling on the provincial government to be more flexible in dealing with people with valid health conditions concerned about the impact the vaccine will have on them.

this matter.

It began by noting that the list of exemptions was created by a medical advisory committee which is made up of specialists in a wide range of fields.

"For individuals with serious or multiple health conditions, the vaccine is especially important," the statement stressed. "We have seen very clearly that having multiple health conditions greatly increases a person's risk of having a severe outcome related to COVID-19.

"The vaccine on the other hand, despite being administered over six billion times, has not been shown to trigger flare ups or to worsen any existing health conditions.

"The conditions for exemption are not because we are worried about what the vaccine will do to the health condition but rather because the health condition might make the vaccine less effective.

"We are aware of an increased risk of clots with low platelets with AZ and Janssen [vaccines]. We have also seen a small number of cases of mild myocarditis with mRNA for young men. We take these risks seriously which is why we have adjusted recommendations about who receives which product. But even with these risks, if you follow the recommendations, the benefits still outweigh the risks for Manitobans.

"Thankfully, these vaccine contains very few chemicals and the ones that they do contain, are in very small quantities," the statement further stressed. "As an example, a person would be exposed to a much higher dose of multiple chemicals by applying sunscreen, or eating a bag of chips. Multiple chemical sensitivities would be unlikely to lead to a reaction from this vaccine. In fact, many people with a proven anaphylactic allergy to one of the ingredients in the vaccines will still not have an allergic reaction to the vaccine.

"Likewise, the vaccine does not contain any virus or portion of the virus such as an antigen (the part of the virus that triggers an immune response). The only antigen is the one that your cells create after reading the mRNA instructions."

The province noted that older vaccines for other ailments contain multiple antigens which can provoke stronger reactions.

"FOR INDIVIDUALS WITH SERIOUS OR MULTIPLE HEALTH CONDITIONS, THE VACCINE IS ESPECIALLY IMPORTANT."

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"For example, the smallpox vaccine contained more antigens than all of the vaccines in Manitoba's vaccine schedule combined. So a reaction to the smallpox vaccine would not put someone at high risk of having a reaction to the COVID-19 vaccine. Hospitalization on the other hand would be a high risk setting to have exposures to multiple chemicals in an environment that is not controlled by the patient.

"We know that people want the best for themselves and their health," the statement concluded. "We know that the vaccine makes people worried, and there is a lot of misinformation out there making it scarier. But the evidence is clear and the experts agree that for almost everyone, the vaccine is very clearly beneficial and therefore recommended."

FLEXIBILITY NEEDED

Peters still strongly feels more flexibility is needed as society attempts to move on into a post-pandemic world.

"[The vaccine] may be a hundred per cent safe for more than half of the population, [but] it isn't safe for everyone and we can't design a medicine for each and every individual," she said.

"I am not on either side of this polarity. I'm not an anti-vaxxer nor a fan of western medicine," stressed Peters. "I'm wearing a mask, I'm distancing ... certainly I'm respecting other people's concerns. I'm keeping my bubble, and that's difficult now because one of my two main bubble partners is fully vaccinated.

"Each and every human being, regardless of status, is a potential carrier and also is a potential person to catch the virus. This has now been established," she said. "Also what is not a black and white picture is that throughout all of this ... regardless of how long it lasts ... we cannot live as a species in a world where western medicine based on drugs gets a hundred per cent marks through all of this and traditional, natural, and complementary medicines get a zero grade."

Triple E, Leisure Travel Vans honoured with award

By Lorne Stelmach

Winkler's Triple E RV and Leisure Travel Vans has landed a top annual industry honour for nine years running.

The company recently once again received the Vehicle Dealers Association (RVDA) Dealers Satisfaction Index (DSI) Quality Circle Award.

To determine the DSI rankings, the RVDA surveys dealers on four categories: reliability/quality, parts, warranty and sales, and Leisure Travel Vans ranked top among the motorized vehicle brands with an average score of 4.83 out of five and a net score of 90.4 per cent compared to 52.1 per cent for all brands.

Company officials said the honour further highlights the company's commitment to quality, dealer support, and customer care.

"We actually finished first out of every single RV manufacturer in North America ... so for us to finish first is quite exciting," said territory sales manager Dean Corrigan.

"It comes from the dealers, and some of them aren't even our dealers," he noted. "So they may not even necessarily sell Leisure Travel Vans but they are impressed with the product."

He said the company's excellence in quality and service all starts with its employees.



LEISURE TRAVEL VANS PHOTO

Triple E RV and Leisure Travel Vans in Winkler won a prestigious industry award for the ninth year in a row this fall.

"It's our people. It's the people who build our motor homes," said Corrigan. "We really have to give them all the credit ... they build a great product, and it's a great area here."

"We're honoured to receive the DSI award once again and thank our incredible group of dealers for continuing to place their trust in our brand," general manager Ryan Elias added in a post on the company's website.

"Providing a first-class customer experience is a truly a team effort. We have an incredible team here in Winkler that go above and beyond to support our dealer network and customers. A huge thanks to all of our dealers, employees, suppliers and customers for their ongoing commitment to Triple E RV and Leisure Travel Vans."

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Beginning of the end

Workers began dismantling the Winkler water tower on Park St. last week, taking down the walkway and other external pieces ahead of the final drop. The original plan had been for the tower to come down on Monday or Tuesday, but windy weather had, at press time, forced a delay until Wednesday morning. Residents can tune in to the demolition process on the City of Winkler's YouTube page, which has been showing a livestream of the tower for the past week. The tower has been an iconic part of the community's skyline for 57 years, but city council decided this summer to bring it down at a cost of about \$250,000 versus the over \$1 million that would be needed for structural repairs to keep it standing. The tower was decommissioned as a working part of the city's water treatment process a decade ago.

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Wrapping Up a Morden Christmas returns—in person and virtually

By Lorne Stelmach

An annual holiday season campaign to promote local businesses and encourage people to shop locally will be held both in-person and virtually this year.

Loosened restrictions has led the Morden and District Chamber of Commerce to reinstate the Wrapping Up A Morden Christmas evening this year after the pandemic in 2020 forced the event to just go virtual.

The latter option, though, will also be offered again over a four week period following the in-person celebration set for Thursday, Nov. 18.

"So there's the two ways to participate," said executive director Candace Collins. "We thought maybe for those who maybe can't make it out that evening ... there's more than one option."

All participating businesses are being asked to do something special for the event, whether that be a sale, giveaway, or special promotion.

The chamber is also purchasing \$5,000 in gift cards from the participating businesses as prizes for a pass-

port contest.

"As you shop, you can grab a passport that day from any participating location," explained Collins. "As you shop, you gather stamps and then drop off the passport at the end."

The hope, as always, is that the initiative will give the Morden business community a welcome boost heading into the holiday season.

"It's a good opportunity to get a head start on your Christmas shopping," said Collins. "We really want to promote keeping our dollars spent locally and supporting these businesses that have had a tough year. I think now, more than ever, people understand the importance of supporting our local businesses."

After the opening evening, the program will continue virtually for a month. People are encouraged to post any sort of photo related to their shopping excursion in support of a local business to Facebook or Instagram and tag it #shopmorden to be eligible for a cash reward. There will be a weekly draw, with another \$2,000 to be awarded throughout the month.



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COMMUNITY NEWS



Ten Thousand Villages opens in Winkler library

By Ashleigh Viveiros

The annual Ten Thousand Villages pop-up store has a new home this holiday season.

The fair trade outlet has set up shop in the Winkler Centennial Library meeting room, starting this past Monday and remaining opening until Dec. 24.

It's quite a change for the seasonal store, which has for many years been located in the mall, but manager Lori

Friesen feels the library is perhaps an even more perfect spot for them.

"They were just so excited to have us here, I think they're excited as we are to be here," she said, noting she's thrilled to be downtown where passersby might be tempted in by the products on display in the window and the Ten Thousand Villages sidewalk sign on Main St. "Last week while we were setting up a lady actually just walked in off the street. She wasn't even heading to the library but

she saw the windows and had to come in to see what was going on here ... it's a great location."

The South Central Regional Library has certainly welcomed them with open arms.

"We're so hyped about this," said director of library services Cathy Ching, noting the room would otherwise be sitting mainly empty this fall due to pandemic restrictions.

"Look at it now," she said, gesturing to the hundreds of artisan works lining the walls. "It's a wonderful partnership and we're hoping that this could be an ongoing thing."

The library also brings a new fea-

ture to the store: delivery to any of its branches in Morden, Altona, Miami, or Manitou.

"If COVID closed everything down again, we have couriers that go back and forth between our locations [delivering library materials] so we can get the stuff to anybody who wants it," Ching said.

Ten Thousand Villages once again brings with it a host of products sourced from artists all over the world. It runs the gamut from handcrafted kitchenware and home decor to clothing and foodstuffs.

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Sue and Faith Bergman fueling up for the big game.

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Community sports are builders of character and create the foundation of a healthy lifestyle, with leagues and arenas across the province serving as valuable connectors both in cities and towns. Young people benefit greatly from organized sports, and after missing activity due to the COVID-19 pandemic, community support is vital to support grassroots and amateur sports across Manitoba.

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From left: The South Central Regional Library's Cathy Ching and Jess Martens with Lori Friesen of Ten Thousand Villages Winkler, which has set up its seasonal store in the Winkler library's meeting room this year. As always, the pop-up shop offers ethically sourced fair-trade products from artisans around the world.





Miracle Treat Day at Dairy Queen

Christine Wiebe and Jen Kauenhofen were happy to be serving up blizzards Thursday at the Winkler Dairy Queen as part of Miracle Treat Day. Proceeds from every blizzard purchased Oct. 28 were being donated to the Children's Hospital in Winnipeg. In Winkler, that translated to over \$2,100 while the Morden DQ raised around \$1,000. Since 1984, Dairy Queen has become a top contributor to the Children's Miracle Network, with over \$44 million raised to date in Canada alone.

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RCMP pay raise could be challenging for municipalities

By Becca Myskiw

Towns and municipalities that use RCMP services are likely going to have some hefty increases in retroactive pay after a collective agreement was announced recently between the department and the federal government.

Over the six-year retroactive period between 2017 and 2023, members under the rank of inspector will be receiving a 23.7 per cent increase in their wages.

Towns and municipalities are under contract with the RCMP to receive safety services. Costs for that policing are split depending on population size—in communities with a population less than 15,000 people, they pay 70 per cent of the increase, and in communities with more than 15,000 people, they pay 90 per cent.

In 2015, the Supreme Court of Canada ruled RCMP members have the right to unionize and since then municipalities have been anticipating costs. The national recommendation, however, was that they set aside 2.5 per cent for an increase annually to cover those costs, which is much lower than what was recently agreed to.

Now, communities will have to pay approximately a 3.95 per cent increase, which totals nine per cent more than they expected. The rural governments know as much as the public does now too, according to Association of Manitoba Municipalities (AMM) president Kam Blight.

He said towns and municipalities were left out of the negotiation process completely, meaning the decision was strictly between the federal government and the National Police Federation.

"Unfortunately, municipalities are upset," he said. "We were told to set aside a lower amount of dollars annually; we're now seeing these large increases in salary — and we're not against that — we're just against how this is being thrown onto our laps. There's going to be a great increase in costs to municipalities but no enhancement in services."

It's still unknown iff 23.7 per cent is the final number, what the final bill will be, and when municipalities are expected to pay it. In other words, they're hanging in limbo.

Blight said AMM is keeping a close eye on this and lobbying for anyone and everyone, especially MPs, to bring forward their concerns to the Government of Canada. He said municipalities cannot afford this, so they're asking the federal government to absorb these retroactive costs.

"If it's left to municipalities, there will quite possibly be an increase in taxes to residents and cuts to services," he said. "Municipalities only have one way of generating revenue and that's through taxation."

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arts & culture

Winkler Arts & Culture prez has big dreams for the future

By Ashleigh Viveiros

If there was one familiar face behind

the push to get the Winkler Arts and Culture Centre built, it was Ray Derksen.



Ray Derksen has returned as Winkler Arts and Culture's board president, and he's eager to hit the ground running.

PHOTO BY ASHLEIGH VIVEIROS/VOICE

He was there at the beginning 15 years ago when a group of Winkler artists started holding public exhibitions wherever they could find a space—at the curling club, City Hall, even Derksen's own workshop in the middle of a blizzard.

And he was there when Winkler's first gallery finally opened its doors in the former water treatment plant on Park St. in 2016 after years of dreaming, planning, and fundraising.

Now, as Winkler Arts and Culture (WAC) prepares to mark its 10th anniversary in 2022, Derksen is back as president of its board of directors.

And he still has big dreams for the facility's future.

"Part of my job now is to make this so that people want this," he says during an interview at the gallery last month, surrounded by art from the Central Region Juried Art Exhibition.

But when he says "this" he's not just talking about a place to view and appreciate art.

"This town has always been a sports town, but I know for a fact with the diversity that's moved in this cultural centre is more of a need than ever before," Derksen says, stressing that the culture part of the facility's name was always meant to be as important as the art side of things.

"We saw through COVID how much hate is in the world and we need to eliminate that with these kind of centres," he says, envisioning a space where people of all backgrounds and viewpoints can come together to break bread, overcome their differences, and broaden their minds.

"Art, I always say, is just a by-product of what this facility is supposed to be. We're not here to develop artists, we're here to work on opening people's minds ... making the community more well-rounded."

One part of that is broadening the very definition of what is art.

"When you say the word art ... people always stop at paint, draw, sculpt," Derksen says. "But it goes far beyond that."

Anyone who engages in the act of creation—be it through traditional artwork, music, the written word, or even more utilitarian projects and hobbies—are artists.

"The person that designed this folding table is an artist. The person that

"THIS SHOULD BE THE TRUE HEARTBEAT OF THE COMMUNITY WHEN WE'RE TALKING ABOUT THE CULTURAL END OF THINGS."

designed the lighting system, that's an artist," Derksen insists. "The whole idea of this place was erasing the lines ... encompassing all art and all artists."

BECOMING SUSTAINABLE

Getting the Winkler Arts and Culture Centre up and running was a monumental task on its own, but it has been eclipsed in recent years by trying to figure out how to keep the doors open and make the facility more financial viable.

The pandemic certainly hasn't done them any favours on that front.

"COVID killed it," Derksen says of any momentum the gallery may have finally had after getting through its first few years of operation. "We've had two years now that we haven't been able to do any proper fundraisers."

No money coming in from events (regular admission to the gallery's exhibitions is free) makes it difficult to plan for the future—a future Derksen very much believes needs to include finally tackling what was always billed as phase two of the project: transforming the currently closed rear room of the building into a second exhibition space, complete with a prep kitchen.

"With just one room we're limited to making money in this one room," he says. But with two? And a kitchen? "Then we could actually have true rentals and fundraisers within this building ... we'd get the full gamut. Two different functions on either side, you can have a rental and still have a gallery open."

And while the iconic Winkler water tower behind the gallery is coming down this very week, Derksen notes

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Morden Minor Hockey wrap on new zamboni

By Lorne Stelmach

When the kids are set to take to the ice now at the Access Event Centre, there will be something extra to perhaps get them a little fired up for their hockey games.

Along with having the main Huron Window Arena in use again with the completion of renovations, there is also a new zamboni that is displaying the team logo and colours.

The Morden Minor Hockey Association contributed funds for the wrap on the new zamboni as part of a five year agreement, and president Steve Mullin said it's a real point of pride for the players.

"We thought it would be good to get our logo out there more," he said. "And the fact that the zamboni driving out there is going to have our logo on it is something the kids will be excited about, and it's something that we're happy to support because the city has been very good to us ... we eat up a lot of the ice time here on a nightly basis, especially during the weeks and on the weekends.

"We're seeing our numbers increase, and the kids can be proud of minor hockey and enjoy coming to play mi-



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Morden Minor Hockey has sponsored a wrap for the Access Event Centre's new zamboni machine.

nor hockey."

"When purchasing a new zamboni, it provided an opportunity to work with an organization on designing a new wrap. Morden Minor Hockey seemed like a great fit," said Clare Agnew, director of community services for the City of Morden. "The zamboni receives a lot of attention from

the young fans, and I think the Hawks logo will help to instill pride with the players and families.

"As one of the facilities main ice users, it is a great opportunity for them to give back and show their support in an entertaining way, so the city appreciates their support."

Meanwhile, the Huron Window Are-

na was now also getting back into operation after having received an overhaul that included replacing the brine line system and the surface as well as new boards and glass as well.

"I think it is exciting for us. It's nice to have it all fixed up," said Agnew.



Bergen sworn in

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Portage-Lisgar Member of Parliament and Conservative Deputy Leader Candice Bergen, shown here with the deputy clerk, got sworn in on Monday for her fifth term in office. "From my first swearing-in to the House of Commons in 2008 until today, my focus has been to be a strong, relentless and courageous voice for the people of Portage-Lisgar," Bergen said. "That continues to be my commitment and my pledge today to the people who elected me."

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The bedrock of the non-profit social enterprise is fair trade—ensuring artisans receive a fair wage for their work.

It's a real passion for Friesen and the reason why she and the store's volunteers work so hard to get it up and running every year.

"Knowing that there's families out there that can't make it without someone buying their products and giving them a price that allows them to afford to send their kids to school and pay medical bills and put a roof over their heads," she said. "For me, that's the big thing: giving people an

option to buy something where the person you're buying for is happy for the gift but the person who actually made it is directly benefiting as well."

The store is open starting at 10 a.m. daily Mondays to Saturdays, with evening hours to 8 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays.

If you can't make it to the store in person but have a gift you have your eye on, you can connect with Ten Thousand Villages Winkler on Facebook (@villageswinkler) or by calling 204-542-0770 to arrange for payment and delivery to your local SCRL branch.

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they still have big plans for the space it sits on: a plaza area where tents could be set up for events, a stage space, sculpture garden.

All this was part of WAC's original vision for the property, and Derksen is confident he will see it happen one day.

"I'll say the only reason I took on this position again is because I am an optimist," he says, sharing his vision of the facility as a place where people come together for grand galas, vintage movie nights, songwriting workshops, poetry readings, music lessons, and, of course, art shows and workshops. "The potential is there."

He's looking for some people with passion and vision to turn that potential into reality. The WAC board currently has just four members; they need at least three more, including someone eager to take a lead in events planning.

"The gear is in, the clutch is ready to be released," Derksen says. When the pandemic is over, they want to hit the ground running.

"I want this to be a positive place. The strive is to get back to the living building ... this should be the true heartbeat of the community when we're talking about the cultural end of things"

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Flyers fall to Blues

By Ashleigh Viveiros

The Winnipeg Blues successfully froze out the Winkler Flyers in two games over the weekend.

The Blues handed Winkler their first loss in weeks Friday night in Winnipeg.

The home team were up 2-0 after 20 minutes—a lead that held through a scoreless middle frame.

Winkler finally got on the board thanks to a goal from Brody Beauchemin, who chipped one in off an assist from Nolan Henderson on the power play, but Winnipeg got that one back and one more on top of it to take the game 4-1.

Dylan Meilun was in net for the loss, making 34 saves as Winnipeg outshot Winkler 38-30.

Saturday night's game in Winkler proved to be a much closer battle, with the Flyers this time getting the edge in shots 33-21.

Nicholas McKee and Justin Svenson scored in the first to tie the game at 2-2.

Winnipeg pulled ahead by one early in the second, but Trent Sambrook closed that gap to send the game into the final period tied at three.

There, the Blues managed to break the deadlock six minutes in and then keep the Flyers at bay through to the end to win the night 4-3.

Malachi Klassen was between the posts for Winkler, making 17 saves.



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Winnipeg Blues goalie Dawson Green closes his eyes and misses seeing Flyer Justin Svenson's shot hit the goal post in Saturday's game in Winkler. The Blues got the win 4-3, following up on a 4-1 win from the night before.

The Flyers remain in third place in the MJHL's East Division with a record of 8-5-0-1 and 17 points. Nipping at their heels are the Selkirk Steelers

in fourth place. They trail the Steinbach Pistons in first and the Blues in second by seven and five points, respectively.

This weekend Winkler gets another crack at the Blues, with a home game Friday and an away match Saturday.

Rocky start for Bombers as they fall to Carman 11-1

By Ashleigh Viveiros

The 2021-2022 hockey season certainly got off to a rough start for the SEMHL's Morden Bombers last weekend.

The team travelled to Carman Saturday for their season opener, and

returned home with an 11-1 loss for their record.

Morden's lone goal came from team captain Tyler Peers six minutes into the second period. Carman, meanwhile, scored five unanswered goals in the first, two in the second, and four more in the third period.

Reed Peters and Ted Lea split netminding duties for the Bombers, Peters making 26 saves and giving up seven goals in his 40 minutes, while Lea made nine saves off 13 shots in his 20 minutes between the posts.

Morden next goes up against the Winkler Royals this Saturday at 7:30

p.m. in Winkler. The Royals also posted a loss in their first outing of the season last month, falling to Notre Dame 9-3.

Winkler is also scheduled to host Portage on Wednesday.

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Hawks fall to Thrashers, split games with Northstars

By Lorne Stelmach

It was a week of mixed results for the male U18 Pembina Valley Hawks.

The Hawks played well but came up just short in a 3-2 loss to the Winnipeg Thrashers last Wednesday in Morden.

The weekend then brought the Norman Northstars to Morden for a doubleheader. The first game Friday was a 9-0 romp for the Hawks, but Norman turned things around with a 4-2 victory Saturday afternoon.

That leaves Pembina Valley in ninth place in the 13 team league with a record of 4-6-2 for 10 points.

The Hawks fell behind 3-1 after one period against the Thrashers and could only get within one goal with a second period marker.

It was a well-fought battle, with Pembina Valley holding a 29-24 edge in shots on goal. Cameron Parr and

Liam Goertzen scored for the Hawks, while Bryson Yaschyshyn took the loss in net with 21 saves.

The Hawks pumped in four first period goals Friday then ran away with it by firing in five more unanswered goals in the final frame.

Carter Sotheran had a hat trick and a four point night while Parr had a goal and three points.

Griffin Ayotte, Kam Thomas, Sebastian Hicks, Logan Fillion, and Keston Worley also scored for Pembina Valley while Raiden LeGall got the 39 save shutout with the shots 41-39 in favour of the Hawks.

Things turned out differently on Saturday. Even though the Hawks outshot the Northstars 53-35, Norman took period leads of 1-0 and 3-1.

Worley and Marek Miller scored for the Hawks. Yaschyshyn took the loss in goal with 31 saves.



PHOTO BY LORNE STELMACH/VOICE

The Pembina Valley Hawks came close but ultimately lost their match against the visiting Winnipeg Thrashers 3-2 last week Wednesday. The team went on to split a pair of games against the Norman Northstars.

The Hawks continue their home-stand this weekend as they welcome the Kenora Thistles to Morden for a doubleheader Saturday evening and Sunday afternoon.

Female Pembina Valley Hawks on a win streak

Wins against Wildcats, Selects

By Lorne Stelmach

The female U18 Pembina Valley Hawks are riding a three game winning streak after a pair of victories this past weekend.

The Hawks came up with solid efforts in a 4-1 win over the Westman Wildcats Saturday and a 4-2 victory against the Eastman Selects Sunday.

It boosted their record above .500 to 6-4-0 for 12 points and keeps them in the thick of the battle among the top four spots in the standings.

On Saturday, the Hawks held period leads of 1-0 and 3-1 against Westman. They were backstopped by netminder Kaylee Franz, who stopped 37 of 38 shots on goal.

Scoring for Pembina Valley were Abbey Bourdeaud'hui, Gracie Carels, Quinn McLaren and Mya Pearce, while Annika Braun chipped in with a pair of assists.

The Hawks then broke open a game against the Selects that remained tied 1-1 until the third period when they scored three more to seal the victory.

Abbey Bourdeaud'hui capped off a good weekend with a hat trick while the other goal came in from Marissa Fehr. Tria Enns got the win in goal on

the strength of 30 saves.

The Hawks head west this weekend for an exhibition game Sunday against

Pilot Mound Prep and then return to league play the following weekend against Central Plains in Portage Nov.

13 and Yellowhead in Morden Nov. 14.

Twisters keep the victories coming

By Ashleigh Viveiros

It was a winning weekend for the Pembina Valley Twisters.

The MMJHL team came out ahead by one over the St. Boniface Riels and then trounced the River East Royal Knights.

Friday night's game against the Riels saw the hosting Twisters outshoot their visitors 47-33.

Caelan Russell had a hat trick while

Riley Goertzen contributed a single in the 4-3 win for the Pembina Valley. Logan Enns made 33 saves in net.

Russell added a couple more goals to his record two nights later against the Knights, joined this time by goals from Merek Degraeve, Jackson Wilson, Jordan Keck, and TJ Mateszewski as the Twisters won the night 7-4.

In net this time for the Twisters was Martin Gagnon, who made 32 saves out of 35 shots. Meanwhile, his team-

mates fired 45 the other way.

With that, the Twisters have improved their record to 10-1 for 20 points, putting them at the top of the standings with the Transcona Railer Express, who also have 20 points.

Not far behind are the St. James Canucks in third place with 18 points.

The Twisters kick off November with a game in Stonewall against the Jets Friday and in Winnipeg against the Fort Garry Fort Rouge Twins Sunday.

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Local curler shines on Manitoba junior tour

By Lorne Stelmach

A team featuring Reece Hamm of Winkler playing third is making its presence felt on the Manitoba Junior Curling Tour this season.

The foursome skipped by Jordan McDonald of Winnipeg with Elias

Huminicki of Winnipeg Beach at second and Winnipegger Alexandre Fontaine as lead has won two recent events on the tour.

Given how competitive curling is in the province, it is quite an accomplishment to be having success early on in such a tough field.

"If you're able to come out of Manitoba, it really says something about that team," Hamm said last week.

"We are doing pretty good so far ... we thought we had a pretty good chance at these events, and we just went into them very positive and just came out with a good outcome."

The most recent victory came at the Heather MJCT championship. Twelve teams from Manitoba, Ontario and North Dakota competed, and Team McDonald bested Team Jace Freeman in the final 8-4.

The weekend before, the team went 5-0 at the Stonewall Curling Club to win another MJCT championship.

Everything has just clicked for the foursome, which only came together in the past year.

"We sort of made the team right when COVID sort of hit hard and cancelled all the curling last year," noted Hamm.

All came to the group with good experience on the ice, though.

"We spent quite a few years playing against each other and know each other pretty well ... you make friends

that way," Hamm said.

"I think we had just one or two practices before our first event, and it was all very good," he said. "The communication has been very good, and in curling, that is such a huge thing ... we have just really gelled together well."

"It feels so good to be back on the ice," added Hamm. "The events have

been sort of limited in terms of the amount of spectators you can have and that sort of thing, so it's not quite the same, but just to be back at it feels pretty good."

And they have high hopes now for the potential to advance this season.

"I think we have really high hopes for the provincials and then hopefully for nationals," said Hamm.

Their next big event is at this weekend's world junior qualifier event. The team that wins will move on to compete in Saskatoon mid-November for a modified national event. The winner of that will be able to compete in the world junior curling championships in Sweden next March.

"WE HAVE REALLY HIGH HOPES FOR THE PROVINCIALS AND THEN HOPEFULLY FOR NATIONALS."



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Jordan McDonald, Elias Huminicki, Alexandre Fontain, and Winklerite Reece Hamm have been finding success on the Manitoba Junior Curling circuit this season.

The RCMP is warning the public after two recent frauds

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Two people have been defrauded of over \$34,000.00 recently in southwestern Manitoba.

In one instance, a victim received a telephone call from a person claiming to work for the Canada Border Services Agency. The caller advised that they had intercepted a

package addressed to the victim. They claimed the package contained drugs, money and fraudulent documents. The victim had recently placed some Amazon orders and was awaiting their delivery, which made it believable and concerning. Additional calls were then made to the victim from someone impersonating a police officer, and another call from someone from the Canada Revenue Agency. The victim was advised to send monetary payments to settle the issue, which the victim did. In the days following, the victim continued to receive phone calls requesting more money and realized it was a scam and reported it to police.

In the second instance, a victim received a telephone call from someone impersonating a police officer, claiming that a family member of the victim had been involved in a collision and was now at a police station. The caller requested that the victim send money in order for the family member to be released from police custody. After the money was sent, the victim followed up with another family member and realized it was a scam and called police.

No police agency or other government agency will request you send monetary payments to them by way of mail, wire transfers, cryptocur-

rency or QR codes. This is a scam, and the callers usually use pressure tactics and threaten the victim if they don't pay forthwith.

Here are some tips on how to avoid falling victim to a scam:

- No information should ever be given to a person over the phone until you are satisfied they are who they say they are. Look up the phone number to the police agency/government agency they say they are calling from and confirm it by calling there yourself.
- A real police officer would not ask to have money sent on behalf of your relative/friend.
- Ask for help from a member of your family or a trustworthy friend if you are unsure about a call or request received requiring payment.
- Verify identities or whereabouts of the caller.
- Don't feel pressured and do not send money before doing your own investigation.
- Don't disclose personal financial information.

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Spooky fun

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The Westside Community Church hall was packed Saturday afternoon for the Halloween Spooktacular hosted by the City of Morden. Families came in costumes (with prizes awarded for the best) and everyone got to enjoy cider and apple fritters while taking part in activities that included pumpkin carving, a craft corner, and a Halloween dance.

take a break > GAMES

SUDOKU

7		5						2	
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Fun By The Numbers

Like puzzles? Then you'll love sudoku. This mind-bending puzzle will have you hooked from the moment you square off, so sharpen your pencil and put your sudoku savvy to the test!

Level: Intermediate

Here's How It Works:

Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken down into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numeric clues already provided in the boxes. The more numbers you name, the easier it gets to solve the puzzle!

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

Sudoku Answer

I	S	V	I	E	N	R	H	S	V	H
B	L	T	B	T	S	T	O	O	R	C
V	O	B	S	E	G	S	V	A	H	G
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T	D	T	R	E	M	E	T	E	R	K
S	L	G	V	C	E	E	D	O	O	R
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G	I	N	G	I	M	C	S	E	S	P
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S	B	L	B	E	I	L	E	M	I	R

Crossword Answer

X CROSSWORD

CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Nuclear undersea weapon
- 5. President of Syria al-__
- 10. Partner to flows
- 14. "Snow" in Welsh
- 15. Famed Mexican painter
- 16. Song
- 17. ticks outward from the crown
- 18. Doddering
- 19. Resist authority (slang)
- 20. Antsy
- 22. Wrath
- 23. Spills the beans
- 24. Past
- 27. The woman
- 30. One has 24 hours
- 31. Talk
- 32. It can sting
- 35. Astronomy unit
- 37. Halfway
- 38. Chinese dynasty
- 39. Australian river
- 40. Software to transfer audio (abbr.)
- 41. Fabric
- 42. Crucifix
- 43. Defunct European economic group
- 44. "Hotel California" rockers
- 45. Michael Knight's car
- 46. Actress Ryan
- 47. A digital tape recording of sound
- 48. Insecticide
- 49. Scientific instrument
- 52. Golden-__ corn
- 55. Israeli city __ Aviv
- 56. Sword
- 60. Ottoman military title
- 61. Aromatic plants
- 63. Cold wind
- 64. Large, semiaquatic reptile (slang)
- 65. Political unit
- 66. Indiscreetly reveal secrets
- 67. Comfort food dish
- 68. Actress Zellweger
- 69. Romanian city

CLUES DOWN

- 1. One point east of southeast
- 2. Italian monetary unit

1	2	3	4		5	6	7	8	9		10	11	12	13
14					15						16			
17					18						19			
20				21		22				23				
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52	53	54			55				56		57	58	59	
60					61				62		63			
64					65						66			
67					68						69			

- 3. Warship prison
- 4. Tropical American tree
- 5. Alias
- 6. Normal or sound powers of mind
- 7. English county
- 8. Not compatible with
- 9. Female deer
- 10. Not late
- 11. La __ Tar Pits, Hollywood
- 12. "Jupiter's Legacy" actress Leslie
- 13. Impudence
- 21. Advises
- 23. Founder of Babism
- 25. A baglike structure in a plant or animal
- 26. Male parent
- 27. A type of plug
- 28. Capital of Vietnam
- 29. Fungal disease
- 32. Shelter
- 33. Finished
- 34. Excrete
- 36. Unhappy
- 37. Partner to cheese
- 38. Coffee receptacle
- 40. Spend time dully
- 41. Makes full
- 43. Snakelike fish
- 44. Take in solid food
- 46. __ student, learns healing
- 47. A way to take away
- 49. Impart a lesson to
- 50. "Transformers" actress Fox
- 51. Spiritual leader
- 52. Every one of two or more things
- 53. Indian city
- 54. 17th stars
- 57. Weapon
- 58. Amounts of time
- 59. Isodor __, American Nobel physicist
- 61. Soviet Socialist Republic
- 62. Witness

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> MEAL IDEAS



Tricolor Grape Pizza with Goat Cheese and Thyme

2 tablespoons fresh thyme leaves
1/4 cup coarsely chopped walnuts
2 ounces fresh goat cheese, crumbled
2 tablespoons freshly grated Parmesan cheese

freshly ground pepper, to taste
Position rack in bottom of oven and place inverted baking sheet on top of rack; heat oven to 500 F.

On lightly floured surface, press pizza dough into 10-inch round circle and cover with towel while preparing toppings.

Sprinkle large baking sheet lightly with flour. Stretch pizza dough into oval, about 14-by-10 inches, and place on sheet. Drizzle with oil. Sprinkle with grapes, thyme and walnuts. Place baking sheet on top of sheet already in oven and bake until crust is bubbling and golden, 8-10 minutes.

Remove pizza from oven. Sprinkle with goat cheese and Parmesan. Season with pepper, to taste. Transfer pizza to board, cut into pieces and serve warm.

Prep time: 20 minutes
Cook time: 10 minutes
Servings: 6
1 pound prepared pizza dough flour
2 1/2 tablespoons extra-virgin olive oil
2 cups halved green, red and black California grapes



Smoked Chicken and Grape Bruschetta

slices with garlic-oil and place on cookie sheet. Toast in broiler about 1-2 minutes on each side until golden brown. Remove from broiler.

On each bread slice, place about 1 tablespoon chicken breast and three grape halves then top with 2 tablespoons grated cheese.

Place cookie sheet about 8 inches away from broiler and broil 2-3 minutes until cheese is melted and bubbly. Place on serving platter and sprinkle with snipped chives and pepper.

Yield: 24 pieces
3 cloves garlic, minced
1/2 cup extra-virgin olive oil
1/4 teaspoon salt
1 French bread baguette
8 ounces smoked chicken breast (1 3/4 cups), shredded or cut into bite-size strips
1 1/2 cups red, green or black seedless California grapes, halved
12 ounces fontina, port salute or Monterey Jack cheese, grated
1 tablespoon chives, snipped
1/2 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper
Preheat broiler to 550 F.
In small bowl, combine garlic, olive oil and salt. Set aside. Slice baguette on bias into 1/2-inch thick slices. Brush baguette



Expert patient here to help!

By Susie Schwartz

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Susie Schwartz

The doctor called today. My Endocrinologist, who specializes in diabetes, had some blood results to discuss with me. In addition, he had some medication suggestions. If you find yourself in similar shoes, you might want to give this a try:

Negotiate. You hold power.

"Susanne, your overall cholesterol is good, but your LDL (the nasty stuff) is a bit higher than I'd like. Have you been on a Statin before?"

Yes, yes I have, and that little pill and I were not friends.

"Okay, well, have you tried a different family of cholesterol meds? Anything like Fenofibrate?" he asked.

I hadn't, and the reason is this: when they were suggested to me, I said I preferred not if I didn't have to be on another med (I'm on a list of non-negotiables already), and the next time I got my cholesterol tested, it was in the normal range.

"Dr. Walker, can you tell me what the numbers are? (To immediately be put in my home medical file for future reference) and can you look back and tell me if this is the first time it has come back too high recently? Or has it been climbing for a while?"

I could hear him looking back on my file and mumbling dates to himself.

"Well, your LDL hasn't been tested for a couple of years, but it was good the last time it was."

"Okay, thank you. And is LDL something I might be able to bring down with dietary changes?"

"Yes, some people are able to. You'd need to cut down on animal fats - saturated fats like butter - and



Susie Schwartz

switch to healthy fats like olive oil."

My heart skipped three beats. We already use vegetable oils in the frying pan and salads, but nothing beats butter on super-seeded GF toast. Or on Yorkshire puddings! (Try it. Trust me. It's amazing. Although, on second thought...not the healthiest advice I've ever given!)

Okay. So. Which did I want more? Butter? Or to not be on another med.

"How about I try to get it down naturally and then retest in a while, see if there's progress, and decide then?"

"That's fair," he said.

And that's what doctor negotiation looks like.

I don't know yet if I will need the med or not, but the point is, you don't have to say yes to taking something you aren't comfortable with or without further discussion. You really do hold the power.

Bye bye, yorkies! (And...cue tears.)

Less health stress, yes?

A published author and musician, Susie currently lives in the UK. Find her on FB @medicalmissstress, Instagram @susie.suscha, and lesshealthstress.com

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Easy Grape Compote

Prep time: 5 minutes, plus cooling
Cook time: 20 minutes
Servings: 6

4 cups black or red California grapes
3 tablespoons granulated sugar
2 strips fresh lemon peel
1/4 teaspoon sea salt
2/3 cup water
1 tablespoon fresh lemon juice
1 tablespoon cornstarch
1/2 teaspoon unsalted butter
1 teaspoon high-quality balsamic vin-

egar (optional)

In bowl of food processor, finely chop grapes and sugar using one-second pulses. Transfer to deep, medium skillet or wide saucepan; stir in lemon peel, salt and water. Bring to boil over medium-high heat. Cover pan with lid, reduce heat to medium-low and simmer 18 minutes until fruit is tender.

In small bowl, stir lemon juice and cornstarch then stir into grape mixture with butter; simmer 6 minutes, or until desired consistency. Stir in vinegar, if desired. Serve warm or cool.

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Education

- A high school diploma.
 - Two course credits from the Chartered Insurance Professional (CIP) Program.
 - Three years of office and/or customer service experience.
- OR
- A diploma in business administration or a related discipline.
 - One year of office and/or customer service experience.

Qualifications/Special Skills

- Demonstrated oral and written communications skills.
- Successful completion of the Associate Adjuster Qualification Test.
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FARM LAND FOR SALE BY TENDER

Sealed, written tenders for property in the Municipality of Stanley will be received by:

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PROPERTY (owned by Arnold G. Funk and Marie Funk)
Lot 2 Plan 47949 MLTO exc Plan 49412 MLTO in N ½ 10-3-6 WPM (120.04 acres)

There is an open gravel pit on the property

BUILDINGS

42x68 Quonset with cement floor

CONDITIONS OF TENDER

1. Interested parties must rely on their own inspection and knowledge of the property.
2. Tenders may be placed and accepted on one or more or all of the above described parcels of land.
3. Tenders must be received on or before 2:00 p.m. on November 12, 2021.
4. A deposit cheque in the amount of \$20,000.00 payable to McCulloch Mooney Johnston Selby Trust, must accompany each Tender. Deposit cheques accompanying unacceptable bids will be returned.
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TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF SALE

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3. Possession is not authorized until acceptable arrangements for full payment are made following acceptance of tender.
4. Successful bidder will be responsible for real property taxes commencing January 1, 2022.
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Public Notice is hereby given that the 2022 Assessment Roll for the Rural Municipality of Stanley has been delivered to the Municipal Office at 1-23111 PTH 14 and is open for public inspection during regular business hours. Applications for revision may be made in accordance with Sections 42 & 43 of *The Assessment Act*.

APPLICATION FOR REVISION

- 42(1) A person in whose name property has been assessed, a mortgagee in possession of property under Subsection 114(1) of *The Real Property Act*, an occupier of premises who is required under the terms of a lease to pay the taxes on the property, the authorized agent of the person, mortgagee or occupier, or the assessor may make application for the revision of an assessment roll with respect to the following matters:
- a) liability to taxation;
 - b) amount of an assessed value;
 - c) classification of property; or
 - d) a refusal by an assessor to amend the assessment roll under Subsection 13(2).

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

- 43(1) An application for revision must
- a) be made in writing;
 - b) set out the roll number and legal description of the assessable property for which a revision is sought;
 - c) set out which of the matters referred to in subsection 42(1) are at issue, and the grounds for each of those matters; and
 - d) be filed by
 - (i) delivering it or causing it to be delivered to the office indicated in the public notice given under Subsection 41(2), or
 - (ii) serving it upon the secretary, at least 15 days before the scheduled sitting date of the board as indicated in the public notice.

The Board of Revision will sit on Thursday, December 2, 2021 at 10:00 a.m. in the Council Chambers of the Rural Municipality of Stanley to hear applications.

The final date on which applications must be received by the Secretary of the Board is Tuesday, November 16, 2021.

Dated at Winkler, in Manitoba, this 28th day of October, 2021.

Dale Toews - Secretary
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DUTIES WILL INCLUDE:

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- Establishing and maintaining the voters list
- Giving public notice of nominations
- Receiving and verifying the nominations
- Establishing and equipping the voting stations
- Giving public notice of elections
- Printing the ballots
- Overseeing all aspects of the election on Election Day and
- All other duties as established in The Municipal Councils and School Board Elections Act.

In the years when a general election is not required, the SEO will be responsible to update and maintain the voters list and to conduct a by-election if required.

The successful applicant must have computer experience, strong communication and interpersonal skills. Management and previous election experience would be considered an asset. Applicant must be willing to attend election training sessions.

Resumes will be accepted by the undersigned until a suitable candidate is found. Please submit resume to one of the contact coordinates noted below.

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- Experience covering council and school board meetings
- Knowledge of CP Style and about the Interlake and its surrounding communities would be an asset

Please forward your resumé along with three writing and photography samples to:
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OBITUARY

Elma Janzen (nee Siemens) 1932 - 2021

Tuesday morning, October 26, 2021, Elma Janzen passed away peacefully at Boundary Trails Health Centre.


She is survived by her children, Ernie (Helen), Arlene (Marv) Giesbrecht, Carol (Reuben) Schulz, Ken (Linda); 13 grandchildren and their spouses; 17 great-grandchildren; her brother, Jack (Mary) Siemens; sister, Doreen (Wayne) Penner; brother, Harry Siemens and many nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by Abe, her husband of 60 years; her parents, Henry and Anna Siemens; parents-in-law, Frank and Justina Janzen; sister-in-law, Jessie Heide; brother-in-law, John Heide and sister-in-law, Judy Siemens.

Mom was born to Henry and Anna Siemens on July 28, 1932 in the district of Grosswiede. She grew up on the family farm four and a half miles Northeast of Plum Coulee. Mom was baptized upon the confession of her faith on June 5, 1949, in the Plum Coulee Bergthaler Church. She met the love of her life, Abe Janzen while cruising in his 1947 Coupe. They were married on June 3, 1951. God blessed their marriage with four children: Ernie, Arlene, Carol and Ken. Mom and Dad lived on the Janzen Family Farm for five years before they established their own farmyard in 1957, three miles North of Plum Coulee. Together they enjoyed the farming way of life and the opportunities it created for family fun and sharing the love of the land. In 1996 they moved to the town of Plum Coulee, while their youngest son then made the move to the family homestead. Mom had a love for gardening, flowers, dolls and crafts. She was also known for her delicious fruit pies. Mom instilled a love for music in the lives of her children by encouraging them to play instruments and sing at an early age. For ten years the family played and sang together at various churches and music events. Mom and Dad always enjoyed travelling. In their early years they took the family on many camping trips, however, as the children grew older, they transitioned to becoming snowbirds. Mom was a Sunday school teacher in her early years of marriage, participated in Women's Sewing Circle and worked at the MCC Warehouse in Plum Coulee for many years. In the Winter of 2010, Mom and Dad were recognized for 20 years of voluntary service with Wycliff Bible Translators in Arizona. Even though she missed Dad immensely, Mom travelled on her own for a few years to Giroux Music Festival, Red Deere Alberta Music Festival and Winkler Bible Camp senior weekend events. In spite of health issues and after hip surgery, mom grew to love riding her scooter all over the streets of Plum Coulee. In January of 2021, mom suffered a major stroke. With incredible determination and hard work, she was able to recover and return to her home in April 2021. She was blessed to enjoy a wonderful summer with her family and friends, working on her yard, and scooting around town. God answered her prayers to remain in her home until she entered BTHC on October 5th, 2021. She suffered a series of small strokes and the Lord took her to her heavenly home 11:35 am on October 26. Mom had a great love for God, her church and community and was so grateful for all the acts of kindness shown to her within the community. Mom will be lovingly remembered by her family and many friends.

Memorial service was held at Harvest Christian Fellowship with family interment prior at the Plum Coulee Cemetery.

If friends so desire, donations may be made in Elma's memory to Samaritan's Purse Operation Christmas Child.

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OBITUARY

Walter Alfred Pokrant
May 28, 1925 - October 24, 2021


With heavy hearts we announce the peaceful passing of Wally, after a healthy and well-lived life, at age 96 at Prairie View Lodge, Pilot Mound.

Wally was active on the family farm north of Rosenfeld until he was 75. Always a farmer at heart, he kept up on growing conditions, crop prices and yields. But his adventurous spirit pulled him off the farm as a young man, working winter jobs in Winnipeg, Toronto and Vancouver. This love of travel continued his whole life. After his marriage to Lorraine Braun, he retired to Morden. He remained a devoted member at St John Lutheran Church, Rosenfeld.

He is lovingly remembered by his wife Lorraine (of 26 years); his four daughters Cathy (Randy Wiebe), Sharon (Les Wieler), Elaine (Stuart Janke) and Denise (Len Wieler); seven grandchildren: Nicholas and Matthew; Theo (Carlie), Alyssa (Ryan Friesen), and Tim (Catharine); Jordan (Krystelle) and Regan; and seven great-grandchildren: Zachary and Myles Janke; Félix, Adèle and Rémi Wieler; Quinn Janke and Maisie Friesen; and one sister Hedy Schmidt of Vancouver. Also survived by stepsons Stuart, Lindsey and Murray Braun and their families. He was predeceased by his first wife of 40 years, Ruth; brother Harold; sisters Eleanor Sommer and Martha Wonnick.

Funeral service was on Friday, October 29, 2021 at 2:00 at St John Lutheran Church, Rosenfeld. Full vaccinations and masks required. Interment at Rosenfeld Cemetery following the service. Donations may be made to Canadian Foodgrains Bank.

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OBITUARY



**Nettie Wiebe (nee Giesbrecht)
1938 – 2021**

Nettie Wiebe passed away peacefully early on Monday, October 25, 2021 at Salem Home, Winkler, MB with family at her side.

She is survived by her husband, Ben Wiebe; daughter, Roberta (Jake); daughter-in-law, Dolores (Garry); grandsons, Nick, Marco (Madie); sister, Mary (Walter) Peters; brother, Abe Giesbrecht; sister-in-law, Mary Giesbrecht and many nieces and nephews. Nettie was predeceased by her son, Jonathan; her sisters, Helen, Tina and Marge and brothers, Ben, Pete and Henry.

Nettie Wiebe was born on July 12, 1938, to Abram and Katherina (nee Neudorf) Giesbrecht, the youngest of nine children. Having emigrated from Russia, Nettie's family were frugal and hardworking, making the most of whatever they had. They received a helping

hand from others and Nettie had a real heart for lending a helping hand as well. Nettie's family was very musical and they spent many hours singing and making music together. Nettie led a deeply spiritual life. She was baptized on the confession of her faith in May, 1955. On August 23, 1959 she married Ben D. Wiebe. They were blessed with two children, Roberta and Jonathan. In 1968 Nettie and Ben settled in Winkler where Ben taught in the local high school and began pastoral work in the Winkler EMM Church. Nettie was a strong support to Ben in the many years of ministry throughout the EMM Conference. Nettie shared generously of her time and talents as she served alongside her husband in the churches they served. She was always involved in the musical life of the churches as well, leading choirs and music ensembles. Nettie was devoted to her family, her husband and children as well as her extended family and church families. She worked hard all her life to provide and care for her family. When she was diagnosed with Parkinson's in 2015, she continued to live life to the full even as layers of her life were peeled away. She never gave up and treasured every opportunity to spend time with the people she loved. In 2018 when she moved to Salem Home, she continued to inspire staff, residents and visitors with her strong faith, dignity in the face of changing circumstances and her zest for life.

A private funeral was held 11:00 a.m. Friday, October 29, 2021 with livestream available on the Wiebe Funeral Home website.

The family wishes to thank all staff at Salem Home, Winkler for their incredible care for Mom. Donations may be made in Nettie's memory to Salem Foundation Inc.

Wiebe Funeral Home, Winkler
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OBITUARY



**Jacob Thiessen
1943 – 2021**

Jacob Thiessen, age 78 of Miami, MB passed away at Boundary Trails Health Centre on Thursday October 28, 2021.

He is survived by his wife, Tina (nee Unger), two sons and two daughters: Henry Thiessen, Agatha (Randy) Krahn, Katharina (Corny) Wiebe, Abram (Esther) Thiessen and four grandchildren: Rochelle, Arlen, Adrian Thiessen and Allison Wiebe.

Jacob was born on January 15, 1943 near Plum Coulee. He was the second oldest of five siblings. Jacob was baptized upon the confession of his faith on June 8, 1965 by Bishop John A Friesen of the Sommerfelder Church. On October 10, 1965 he entered holy matrimony with Tina Unger. They enjoyed 56 years of marriage. Jacob enjoyed farming, later farming together with his children.

He liked spending time with his horses, occasionally going for Sunday drives. He loved to spend time with his grandchildren. Another hobby which he enjoyed was gardening, planting flowers and fruit trees. Many times he would bring his wife flowers from his garden.

Funeral service was held on Tuesday, November 2, 2021 at the Chortitz Old Colony Mennonite Church with interment at the Chortitz Village Cemetery.

Thank you for the cards, meals, visits, phone calls, flowers, prayers and to the ministerial of the Old Colony Mennonite Church. Thank you to Dr. Woelk and to Dr. Atchison for their care. Thank you to the hospital staff at Boundary Trails Health Centre, CancerCare Manitoba, St. Boniface Hospital, Health Sciences Centre and Wiebe Funeral Home.

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OBITUARY



**Jean-Guy Joseph Fillion
May 4, 1939 – October 11, 2021**

Thanksgiving Day, October 11, 2021 at Health Sciences Centre in Winnipeg, Jean-Guy Fillion, age 82 of Winkler, MB went to be with his Lord and Saviour.

He leaves to mourn his wife, Betty (nee Enns); three daughters, Yvette (Gary) Krahn, Joelle (Brad) Fillion Kopp and Nadine Fillion; five grandchildren: Matt (Kristi) Krahn, Alexandra (Cam) Dueck, Sarah Kopp, Ben Kopp and Sam Kopp and one great-grandchild, his sweet little Ellie. He was predeceased by his parents, Adonias and Leona Fillion and seven of his 15 siblings.

Jean-Guy (John) started life on the family farm in St. Joseph in a big family, of mom and dad and 16 children with many extended family members nearby. John loved his family and the farm.

He was sent to St. Joseph College boarding school at the age of 14, what is now known as Providence College in Otterburne, MB. With time, Jean-Guy adapted to being at school and excelled. Over the years he developed a love for business and attended further schooling in Winnipeg, with the Federated Co-Op, and eventually received his CGA certification. His great skills as an accountant took him to a number of different businesses throughout the years. He spent the bulk of his career working for John Buhler at Buhler Industries, starting at Farm-King in Morden and eventually moving on to work in Winnipeg.

He met the love of his life, Elizabeth Enns (Betty) while working at the Morden Co-Op. They were married in 1965 and moved into a house he had built in Morden. There were numerous moves in the next few decades including Carman, Winkler, Kelowna, BC and Winnipeg.

John kept it simple - he loved the Lord, he loved his wife Betty, he loved his family, and in short, he cared about everyone he met. He was a spiritual leader in his home, his church family and in the community, serving on church boards and committees and he regularly talked to people (whether he knew them or not) about their faith or their church.

John and Betty loved to visit family - St. Joseph, Kelowna, Vancouver, Abbotsford, Ottawa and Gaspé, Quebec. He loved the outdoors, hunting, fishing, time at the Buhler cabin and at the trailer at Spruce Sands and Stephenfield. John was a numbers guy who enjoyed and was great at playing card games. He always seemed to know every card that had been played and also which cards the opponents held in their hands. He enjoyed sports including golfing and hockey. He played hockey as a young man and also coached later on. Golfing was a lifelong passion, playing his last round only days before he passed away. His girls also fondly remember their Dad's love of country/gospel music and the impromptu dances in the kitchen with Mom growing up.

John will be dearly missed by many, as he had a caring heart and helped and encouraged so many people in his life, not only in the area of finance, but also life in general and was always eager to talk of his Lord, spiritual matters and of people's well being. He was a committed follower of Jesus Christ. His daily devotions and his well-worn bible were always near at hand. Each member of his family knew well that he and Mom would pray for each of them every night.

This unexpected loss has left a hole in our family. We will miss his big smile and his big laugh terribly. Rest in peace, Dad. We will see you again in heaven someday.

Private interment and a Celebration of Life service was held on October 16, 2021.

Donations in memory of Jean-Guy can be made to the Buhler Active Living Centre.

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OBITUARY



Margaret Wood (nee) Peters

It is with great sadness, Margaret Wood, (Nee) Peters passed away on October 23rd, 2021 unexpectedly at Regina General Hospital. Margaret lived her life for her children, grandchildren, siblings, and the least of those among us. Margaret could be found at the local Tim Hortons in Portage La Prairie, spreading her infectious love and kindness to all she met. Despite her many challenges, she always gave of herself and always asked, "Is there anything I can do for you?" whether a cup of coffee, hugs or simply words of encouragement to those around her. Her greatest legacy, her children, Tracy,

Lyall, Abe, Neil, and Gerry (Ger Ger), and her grandchildren. Margaret lived her faith in the most powerful way, by example. Heaven gained an angel, but sadly we must linger, till we meet again.

If you wish to donate in her memory, A Go Fund Me has been established to help with her unexpected expenses, and final costs while in Regina.

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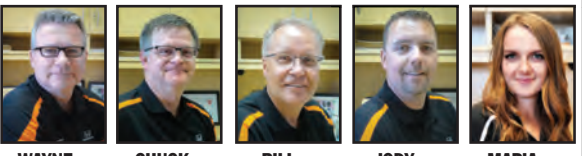


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