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A Holly Jolly fundraiser

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The Winkler community came together as volunteers and supporters Saturday morning for the annual Holly Jolly breakfast fundraiser in support of the Winkler Christmas Cheer Board. See more inside this edition of the Voice.

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A 'soft' opening for Stanley community pathway

By Lorne Stelmach

The Stanley Community Pathway is not yet fully complete, but it is close enough to that point that committee members decided last week to do a 'soft opening'.

The decision was made given that people have already been using it and given the fact that some things like pathway signage are largely in place now, said committee representative James Friesen.

"People were already on the pathway," he acknowledged, noting it was encouraging to see the interest although they hadn't really wanted people using the path until it was close enough to completion.

"We had some weather as well as some construction scheduling challenges the last while, but we thought now that signage is in place, the safety part was our main concern, that we would open it up at least evenings and weekends, so outside of construction times.

"The surfacing has been done, and it's paved almost all the way other than a couple small spots at Boundary Trails Health Centre that still need some patching, but it's surfaced, the lines are painted, the signage is in place, so we're calling it a soft open-

ing," he said. "We've got a little bit of good weather here yet, so let's give the community permission to get a few walks and rides in before winter."

There is still some work being done such as cleaning up the excess topsoil piles along the route, he noted.

"The final landscaping will be done whenever the soil allows that to happen," he added, noting they want people using the pathway to be alert for vehicle traffic, slow down, stop and look both ways before crossing, and they also urge drivers to keep an eye out for cyclists and pedestrians as they approach intersections.

Friesen reiterated that they are pleased with the positive response.

"I've heard a lot of comments about how quickly it has gone from start to finish ... to be at this point of completion now, it's good," he said. "We're feeling good about it ... all in all, this is a very positive thing."

And Friesen noted it really became possible now with them having to only fundraise about 20 per cent of the total cost, which is estimated at about \$4.2 million.

"Over 80 per cent of the funding for this has been dedicated grants and funding ... so we've been very successful with the grant writing," he said.



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"Now, we just need some money to close the gap, and we're having some very good response from businesses and individuals, so that's the message going into the winter here. We look forward to the full opening in spring."

"We're also looking at putting aside some contributions to a maintenance fund," he added, noting they eventually plan to add some things like benches along the route. "We want to do something significant at Boundary Trails as a rest area."

Halloween fun at the library



PHOTO BY LORNE STELMACH/VOICE

There was some pre-Halloween fun to be had last Tuesday at the Morden Library. The local branch of the South Central Regional Library offered a spooktacular story time with some craft time and some treats as well, and the kids of course were encouraged to come in costume.



Concert to support Congo school

By Lorne Stelmach

An upcoming concert in Winkler is raising funds to help support a charity's efforts to support a school in Africa.

The HANDS Canada concert set for Nov. 14 at 7 p.m. at the EMMC Church in Winkler will raise money to go towards the expansion of of school in the Democratic Republic of Congo.

The organization is raising funds to add another level to the building to house two more classrooms for the school as they had realized it was an inadequate space for the level of need and the number of students who could benefit from it.

"This year alone, they've boosted the number of students from 435 to 700," said spokesperson Assani Muhamuzi.

"We're looking at about \$16,000 to get the whole project completed and to get the two classrooms built on top," he added, noting that the school serves students from Grade 1 to 12.

HANDS - Hope for All Nations Developments and Sustainability - recognizes the impact of unfair living circumstances which results in extreme poverty in African societies suppressed by war, conflicts and governments. Vast groups of people are unable to access opportunities to

improve the quality of their lives and are forced to spend their day void of proper nutrition, education or necessary health care.

Through first hand knowledge of the poverty that exists in the war torn country of the Democratic Republic of Congo and in South Kivu in particular, HANDS reaches out to those most vulnerable and, following Christ's example, offers to take away their hopelessness through education and a chance to develop a healthy sustainable society.

HANDS is a non-profit organization which started in South Kivu in the Democratic Republic of Congo by building a school for young children. The building development took place during 2014 and 2015, and the first day of classes was in September 2016.

To become a self-sustaining school project, the organization also looked to set up a pig farm near the school with proceeds going towards staff salaries, maintenance costs and cost of education in general.

Muhamuzi sees this project as a major life changing initiative.

"It is very, very important because it is something that is giving opportunities to children to learn ... aside from them learning, we are teaching them

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HANDS Canada is looking at raising about \$16,000 to get the Congo school expansion project completed.



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Decor boosts foundation campaign



PHOTO BY LORNE STELMACH/VOICE

Morden Area Foundation representatives were pleased to receive a \$10,000 donation from Decor Cabinets with the presentation made Monday by CAO Stan Pauls (fourth from left).

By Lorne Stelmach

The Morden Area Foundation got a major financial boost Monday in advance of its Giving Challenge donation drive this coming week.

The organization received a \$10,000 donation from Decor Cabinets, and CAO Stan Pauls said they were very happy to be able to be a partner to help make the campaign a success.

"When we see things like this, we

want to partner with it because they are working to make a difference, and that is what we want to do," he said.

"That's our mantra. That's our culture. I think that's why we are here. We want to try to make a difference and make the world a better place.

"It's always fun to be part of something way bigger than yourself," he said, "You can accomplish so much more, so it's our pleasure to be able to partner with the Morden Area Foundation."

It is a significant donation for the foundation, as it offers the opportunity for the Winnipeg Foundation and Manitoba government to provide grants to at least match of portion of it.

"It's a great opportunity for people to give at this time," said chairperson Sue Nelson. "The challenge is out there for the community to support it and to donate to the foundation."

She noted this puts them well on the way to meet their target to raise \$50,000 with this year's Giving Challenge campaign.

"We are well on our way," said Nelson, who noted it goes a long way to help them meet the community's greatest needs.

"There's always huge demands from the charity groups in our community, and we try to provide as much as possible to as many groups and as diverse groups of possible to help make this community a better place."



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Spreading some Christmas joy

By Lorne Stelmach

The region is again being called on to help make the Christmas holiday season a little brighter for those in need around the world.

The Operation Christmas Child program of Samaritan's Purse is underway again, and communities are being invited to put together and contribute shoebox hampers.

The charity states that God is using simple shoebox gifts, prayerfully packed in Canada, to change lives.

Operation Christmas Child is equipping local churches in over 100 countries to share the gospel and deliver shoebox gifts at child-friendly outreach events, and over 232 million shoeboxes have been distributed in more than 170 countries and territories since 1993.

It was estimated the region including Carman, Morden, Winkler and Altona collectively contributed just over 5,000 shoeboxes last year.

"It's just to share God's love with people and how a little shoebox can change a kid's life ... that's what I would say was the biggest pull for me," said Dorcas Rempel, who has been involved with the effort for a

number of years but is now in the lead role as a regional co-ordinator for a first time.

"I love doing things with my hands and creating things," said Rempel, when asked what drew her to want to get involved. "And it's just a way to minister to kids that from afar that nothing.

"I feel very blessed with our lives and the community that we live in and just the amount of support that you have from people in the community who are willing to give ... it's an easy thing to take over because you know it's received so well."

People who want to participate can get Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes from a number of locations including Gospel Mission Church in Winkler as well as the Tempo gas bar.

People can go online to samaritanspurse.ca to find participating locations close to them. There are a number of local participating churches with the main collection week of Nov. 17 having Gospel Mission Church in Winkler as the main collection point.

People can prepare their own boxes, and they need to just label it to indicate whether it was packed for a



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boy or girl and which age category: The general recommendations are to make sure your gift is fun and includes a 'wow' item and other quality toys and is packed to the brim with such things as school supplies and personal care items.

It can also be personalized to contain a note and photo, which are often the child's favorite items, but there are also a number of things to avoid ranging from perishable items to any toys

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When shall we three meet again?

Really four, but that messes with the headline and I think this applies to my sisters mostly.

The sisters in question? Angel, Susan, and April, who came to visit my wife and I for a few days recently.

They came to us from the east (two from north of Toronto and one from Ottawa) though they did not follow a star, but they did come bearing gifts. They flew out for the occasion of my son's wedding.

It is always fun and stressful to host family for more than a few hours. Sure, we grew up together, but as the oldest I moved away first and they after, and so while we continue to stay in close touch and visit, they are not the same as when we were children, and neither am I.

This is a good thing, but it also makes visits fraught with the unknown. How do we keep such big city urbanites entertained in the rural landscape of Manitoba, I wondered.

Well, let's see. We can bring them to the local pub. Excellent. There are art galleries, parks, hiking, thrifting (they love to thrift) ...hmmm...what else? Drive the endless flat prairie and remark at how big our unobstructed sky is?

"Do you guys like Winners?"
"ABSOLUTELY!"

Great – we spend an hour in Winners.



By Peter Cantelon

Then there was the obligatory visit to my daughter's home and my son's home to boast of success and continued well-being amongst the progeny.

Of course, while they were visiting the temperature dipped to 16 degrees in Manitoba on the same day it was 31 degrees in Toronto. This makes the sales pitch on why they should move here difficult.

"But it's a dry cold" only works so many times.

Of course, the main event consumed most of a day. A beautiful wedding in the sunshine along the banks of the Red River enjoyed by all. Many thousands of photos were snapped for posterity.

The evenings were filled with long conversations about past torments as children.

"Remember when you used to hide under Angel's bed and grab her ankles at night?"

"Yes, some of my best moments."

"Remember when you used to sit on our heads and fart?"

"Absolutely. A classic."

Memories are shared. Children are compared and boasted over, jobs are complained about, pets are discussed at length, wine is drunk, and meals together are enjoyed.

We chat about how fortunate we are that we continue to love each other and not argue and fight unlike every other family of siblings we know.

Then before you know it the visit is over, and we are driving them to the airport shocked at how quickly things have gone by.

We hug, we say our goodbyes, we commit to not taking too long to visit one-another again by waiting for weddings and funerals, and then, as quickly as it began, they are gone.

The drive back from the airport to home is pensive. I wonder at how quickly time has gone by and how it seems to be accelerating.

I am grateful for siblings. Grateful for a common history that gives us each a unique understanding into one-another that no one else can have.

We are aware of how fortunate we are to have each other.

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Dominion City rallies to support family

By Lorne Stelmach

A Dominion City family is looking to rebuild not only their home but their lives after a recent fire that destroyed their home.

The family of Richard and Paula Ewen, who also now have four foster children, all got out safely from the October 25 fire, and that is all that really matters at the moment to them.

"In 15 minutes, it's all gone," Paula said about a week after the fire while staying at the home of her son Christopher, who is mayor of the RM of Ritchot. "You never think it's going to happen to you."

"At the end of the day though, it's all just stuff, and the most important things came out of that house with me, and I just have to remember that," she said.

The cause of the fire, which happened sometime around 5 p.m., remains under investigation, but there were suspicions it may have been connected to a boiler heating system. Richard had gone out to check on it and came back and immediately shouted call 911.

"I grabbed my two little foster babies and ran out of the house," said Paula.

"The only thing that ran through my head was to grab my babies and make sure they were safe, and I ran out of the house. That was all I thought about ... I didn't grab my purse, I didn't grab a phone. I thought about nothing else."

She noted then that a neighbour and friends came over and asked if everybody was out of the house, and they then turned their attention to the dogs in a kennel.

"They went running, and they saved my dogs," she said, adding they also saved nine rescued birds. "They got them all out of the house and saved all my birds, who have now all been rehomed for now ... and my son is taking the dogs, and he's going to kennel them for now."

Paula said it is all incredibly challenging to process, but she instead has focussed on what really matters.

"It is overwhelming," she said.

"I worked two jobs for the last 12 years to build our big beautiful retirement life, and we bought this beautiful home," she noted. "I worked two jobs, day and night. I worked at night; I'm a nurse."

The following Saturday night then

with everyone gathered at her son's house again put it all into perspective.

"I walked in, and I thought the most important things in my life are right here in front of me," she said. "Literally, you have nothing, but I'm so fortunate my children have all stepped up to the plate."

Paula also expressed her gratitude for how the greater community have rallied to help them.

"We were so fortunate the MCC store in Morris on Sunday morning opened the doors ... so we could go get clothes for the babies and the other two boys," she noted.

"And the Roseau Valley School was incredible. They dropped off school backpacks and lunch bags for the kids because we had nothing. Everything was consumed in the fire ... and they brought snacks for the kids, and the Bigway in Morris donated some snacks for the kids."

Mitzi Borodenko, who moved to Dominion City a number of years ago and is a retired Access Credit Union manager, together with a friend opened up an account for the family, and people can support by making a deposit to the account at any Access

Credit Union branch.

"They lost literally everything except the clothes on their backs," she said.

"So everybody in the community is feeling quite badly for them because they're fairly new to our community ... it is heart wrenching."

Paula said the support for their family has been quite overwhelming.

"The outpouring of generosity from strangers has been absolutely amazing," she said tearfully.

"It's so touching. Your friends and family are always there, but you never expect strangers to do what they do, and people really stepped up for us, and it's absolutely phenomenal. I just can't believe how kind people have been," she said.

"I feel so humbled. I think there's people who have so much less in the world than I do," she said. "I certainly will pay it forward in my life."

"So I said when we rebuild our home, we're going to build it bigger ... and I am going to have a huge celebration and invite all of these wonderful people to our home to celebrate because it is a home they have contributed to," she concluded.

> CONGO SCHOOL, FROM PG. 3

about Jesus as well.

"It's a very important thing," he said, noting they offer a variety of supports from providing them with Bibles to feeding them as well.

Donations will be welcomed at the Winkler concert, which will feature the Glencross Quartet, Blue Water Brothers and George Braun and Abe Friesen.

Muhamuzi expressed his gratitude for the support the organization has

received for their efforts.

"Thank you to the community because they really helped start this school in 2016 ... so we are approaching our 10th anniversary ... and this is something that really makes a difference," he said. "They can see that it is growing ... and the community can continue to assist it because that is the only way that we can grow."

> CHRISTMAS JOY, FROM PG. 5

or games that are related to such things as war.

Rempel sees it as a great way to get involved locally to be part of something that is having a global impact, and the region has generally been a good supporter of the program.

"So many of the churches collect hampers, and we have a drop-off centre for all of those boxes, so it's amazing how many boxes you see come in that week," she said.

"I know lots of people do hundreds of shoeboxes, which is amazing, but start with one or

five this year ... it doesn't have to be big. It's just about that one box even making a difference in someone's life."

She concluded with a personal message to encourage people to get involved.

"I would say look at your own life and how many things you have and see just the little amount it takes to fill a shoebox and how this can change a kid's life is huge," said Rempel. "Don't do coffee for a week, and you can fill a shoebox ... it takes so little, and every shoebox counts."



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Auditor General says CRA's service to taxpayers needs improvement

Canadians trying to get help with their tax questions are still facing long wait times and receiving inaccurate guidance from the Canada Revenue Agency's (CRA) call centres, according to a new report from Canada's auditor general.

The performance audit, titled Canada Revenue Agency Contact Centres and released Oct. 21, found that most callers could not get through to an agent within the agency's own service standards, and that when they did, the information they received was often incomplete or incorrect.

"The Canada Revenue Agency has a duty to help individuals and businesses meet their tax obligations and access benefits," auditor general Karen Hogan said in a news release. "I am concerned that in spite of a new telephony system and other improvements, Canadians are still waiting too long to get answers to their tax questions."

The auditor general's office examined eight CRA contact centres between February and May 2025 to assess how quickly agents were responding to calls and how accurately they were answering general tax, business tax, and benefits questions.

In the 2024-25 fiscal year, the CRA's target was to answer 65 per cent of calls within 15 minutes or less. The audit found that only 18 per cent of callers reached an agent in that timeframe. In June 2025, just 5 per cent of calls met the 15-minute standard. On average, callers waited about 31 minutes to speak to someone, nearly double the wait time from the previous year.

The report also found that 12 per cent of taxpayers waited on hold for more than an hour. Of the roughly 32 million calls made to CRA call centres in 2024-25, only about 10 million reached an agent. Roughly 8.6 million

Exhibit 6—Responses to non-account-specific calls we made to the Canada Revenue Agency contact centres had low rates of accuracy and completeness

Areas of enquiry	Accuracy of response	Completeness of response
Individual taxes	17%	17%
Benefits	56%	33%
Business taxes	54%	31%

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Canada's auditor general found CRA agents providing a high percentage of inaccurate information.

calls were "deflected," meaning callers were diverted to online self-service tools and not given the option to speak with a person. For the remaining calls, it is unclear how taxpayers ultimately had their questions resolved.

The audit also highlighted issues with the accuracy of the information taxpayers received once they did get through. Responses to general individual tax questions were accurate only 17 per cent of the time, meaning 83 per cent of answers contained errors or lacked necessary information. Responses to business tax and benefits questions were accurate just over half the time.

"Canadians are trusting the Canada Revenue Agency to provide answers to their tax and benefit questions that are accurate and complete," the report states. "Errors in taxes and missed deadlines can be costly to taxpayers."

Call centre staff receive feedback from "quality evaluators" who review selected calls and provide written assessments. However, the auditor general found that these evaluations tended to focus more on meeting performance targets—such as call

length—than on the accuracy or completeness of the information being provided. As a result, errors were often overlooked and not addressed in training or coaching.

The CRA's artificial intelligence tool, known as Chatbot Charlie, also fell short. When auditors asked it six general tax questions, Charlie provided accurate information only one-third of the time. The report noted that the chatbot provides only general guidance and cannot assist with account-specific inquiries.

The report recommends that the CRA improve staffing levels at its call centres to reduce wait times, revise training and evaluation processes to prioritize accuracy, and refine the tools agents use to gather information. It also recommends separating questions related to MyAccount—the agency's online portal—from broader tax and benefit inquiries to better direct callers.

In its response, included in the audit findings, the CRA said it is undertaking service improvements and plans to transition to a new contact centre engagement platform in fall 2026. The agency said it has already begun re-

viewing processes and technology "to allow better alignment of resources and the reduction of wait times," including expanded use of artificial intelligence.

To improve the accuracy of information provided to callers, the CRA said it will strengthen training and coaching for call centre staff and revise performance evaluation frameworks "to ensure more focus on completeness and accuracy versus other evaluation criteria."

The federal government has also announced new measures to simplify tax filing for some Canadians. Beginning with the 2026 tax year, the CRA will introduce a pre-filled return option for about one million lower-income Canadians with simple tax situations. The program is expected to expand to about 5.5 million people for the 2028 tax year.

In an Oct. 21 joint statement responding to the auditor general's findings, Minister of Finance and National Revenue Francois-Philippe Champagne and Secretary of State (CRA) Wayne Long said the agency is making progress.

"In early September, we directed the CRA to implement a 100-day Service Improvement Plan designed to strengthen services, improve access, and reduce delays," the statement said. "As we near the midpoint of this plan, we're pleased to announce that it has already yielded significant progress. Since September 8, the CRA has extended term contracts and hired more employees."

The CRA said a quality monitoring program launched in 2024 is helping improve response accuracy. "This program has already led to significant improvements in the accuracy of taxpayer-specific responses, which make up 80 per cent of all calls," the ministers said.

More measles exposure sites reported

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The province warned again last week of more potential exposure sites to the measles virus in a few Winkler locations.

Public health officials were notifying the public of five new measles exposure sites in southern Manitoba including four in Winkler.

Anyone at the following locations on the specified dates and times is asked to monitor for symptoms until the identified date:

- Dairy Queen in Winkler: Oct. 24 from 5 to 11 p.m.; monitor symptoms

until Nov. 15; Oct. 25 from 1 to 7 p.m.; monitor symptoms until Nov. 16; Oct. 28 from 5 to 10 p.m.; monitor symptoms until Nov. 19.

- Boundary Trails Health Centre emergency department: Oct. 26 from 5:30 to 10:30 p.m.; monitor symptoms until Nov. 17.

- Garden Valley Collegiate: Oct. 22 from 8:45 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.; monitor symptoms until Nov. 13; Oct. 23 from 8:45 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.; monitor symptoms until Nov. 14.

- Northlands Parkway Collegiate: Oct. 22 from 8:45 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.; monitor symptoms until Nov. 13.

Public health is also asking anyone who was at these locations during the specified times to check their immunization records and ensure they are up to date with measles vaccine.

For individuals who were exposed at these locations and were born in 1970 or later and have never received a measles vaccine and have never had a measles infection, measles vaccine is recommended, and you should reduce exposures with others, especially anyone who has a weakened immune system or is unimmunized, from the fifth day after exposure to the 21st day after the latest exposure.

Watch for symptoms of measles until the date that corresponds with the situation.

Certain people should not get the measles vaccine including infants less than six months of age, pregnant women and people with weakened immune systems. These individuals should contact their health care provider or public health as they may be eligible for preventative treatment (within six days of exposure). Close contacts may be asked by public health to isolate and consider vacci-

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Back Forty paying tribute to Live Aid

By Lorne Stelmach

The Back Forty Festival is paying homage to one of the most momentous music events of all time as a fundraising event.

It is hosting a 40th anniversary tribute show to re-enact some of the 1985 Live Aid concerts - a massive, simultaneous benefit concert held July 13 at Wembley Stadium in London and JFK Stadium in Philadelphia.

The event aimed to raise funds for famine relief in Ethiopia and was broadcast live to an estimated 1.9 billion people across the world. It featured a star-studded lineup including the likes of Queen, U2 and David Bowie and successfully raised over \$245 million for famine relief.

In keeping with the spirit of Live Aid, the Back Forty wanted a local tie-in "so we thought of Winkler's Cen-

tral Station," said president Scott Bell. "It felt great to try to support an organization that is looking to help feed people, which was kind of the main spirit behind Live Aid."

Bell said the idea was spearheaded by board member and local musician Steve Dueck, who often collaborates with Bell on planning concert events.

"For me, as a young person, that was a very memorable day. I can remember sitting in front of the television the whole day watching this event and just how amazing I thought it was at the time," said Bell.

"In retrospect, it must have been such a huge undertaking ... that show of concern and charitable interest for others just seemed like an amazing thing."

Bell recalled having recently watched the four DVD Live Aid set to refresh his memory and draw inspi-

ration.

"In preparation for this show, it's been playing quite a bit, even if it's just in the background ... it's a remarkable document of that day," he said, recalling how it even covered such a broad spectrum of music and performers.

"It was a great snapshot of its time with artists that were kind of a big deal in the 80s but also some of the classic rock acts ... so it's amazing in that regard."

Bell said they contacted a number of local performers and bands and gathered their thoughts on who they could cover for the show.

"We decided we would maybe streamline the event and just go with three bands ... each band was told you've got eight or nine songs, and then it was a matter of negotiations," he said, noting there was an instance

or two of bands both wanting to do a certain act or song.

"It's been a lot of fun looking at what selections each band has made and how it is shaping up," he said. "Each band will be playing a variety of music from the Live Aid concert."

The poster offers some clues as to the possible acts that might be covered such as Queen, Elton John, David Bowie, Sting, Phil Collins, U2, Paul McCartney, Led Zeppelin, Eric Clapton and Dire Straits. The performers will include Underhill, the M'Ladies and Faces for Radio.

The show is set for Sat., Nov. 15 at 7:30 at the P.W. Enns Concert Hall, and tickets are on sale through winklerconcerthall.ca or at the box office at the Meridian Exhibition Centre. Depending on availability, tickets may be available at the door as well.

Province adds 323 staffed hospital beds to boost capacity

By Haley Cvar

The Manitoba government has expanded hospital capacity with 323 fully staffed beds since October 2023 — including 10 new intensive care unit (ICU) beds this year — as part of efforts to shorten emergency wait times and prepare for seasonal demand, Premier Wab Kinew announced Monday.

"After years of cuts it was critical we staff up Manitoba's health-care system," Kinew said. "With 3,400 more people working in health care, we've been able to open beds and boost capacity across the province. More beds in wards means less access block and lower wait times in the emergency room."

Since April 2025, the province has opened and staffed 10 new ICU beds — six at the Health Sciences Centre

Children's Hospital, two at St. Boniface Hospital and two at Grace Hospital. Additional medicine, surgical and transitional-care beds have been added in Winnipeg, Brandon, Selkirk, Dauphin and Steinbach.

Health, Seniors and Long-Term Care Minister Uzoma Asagwara said the added capacity is helping hospitals prepare for the annual surge in respiratory illnesses.

"Every fall and winter, we see how hard respiratory virus season hits our hospitals and in turn, the patients and staff who rely on them," Asagwara said. "When we came into office, the system was under real strain. But every year, we're entering this season stronger — with more staffed beds, more nurses on the floor and a co-ordinated plan to keep care moving when demand peaks."

The province has also funded and staffed 141 personal care home beds since taking office, with more under construction. Asagwara said those investments help improve patient flow by allowing individuals ready for discharge to move into appropriate care settings, freeing up hospital beds for others.

The added capacity builds on last year's expansion of more than 100 acute-care beds ahead of the 2024 respiratory virus season.

Manitoba's chief provincial public health officer, Dr. Brent Roussin, said the province's planning supports public-health measures aimed at reducing the spread and severity of respiratory viruses.

"Respiratory virus season is always a difficult time for hospitals, families and communities," Roussin said.

"The planning and investments made by the province strengthen our ability to respond. Manitobans can help reduce the spread of illness by staying home when sick, washing hands often and getting vaccinated against influenza and COVID-19."

Flu and COVID-19 vaccines are available at medical clinics, ACCESS Centres, pharmacies, nursing stations and public-health sites across Manitoba. The province is also offering free respiratory syncytial virus (RSV) vaccines to seniors aged 60 and older living in long-term care homes and has launched a provincewide campaign encouraging all Manitobans to get vaccinated.

For a list of vaccination locations, visit manitoba.ca/respiratoryviruses/vaccinefinder.html.

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Further information on measles, exposures and immunization is available at www.gov.mb.ca/health/publichealth/diseases/measles.html, or individuals can contact Health Links-Info Santé at 204-788-8200 in Winnipeg or 1-888-315-9257 toll-free in Manitoba.

Symptoms of measles generally appear seven to 21 days after exposure. Initial symptoms may include fever, runny nose, drowsiness, irritability and red eyes. Small white spots may also develop on the inside of the mouth or throat. Several days after

the initial symptoms, a red blotchy rash appears on the face and progresses down the body. Measles can lead to complications including ear infections, diarrhea, pneumonia (lung infection) and encephalitis (brain inflammation).

If symptoms develop, individuals who may have been exposed are advised to isolate at home and contact their health care provider and advise them of the potential exposure to measles. Anyone else in the household who is unimmunized should limit exposure to others until the symptomatic person has received advice from their health-care provider. It is best to call ahead so health care staff can take

steps to reduce the exposure of other people to the virus.

Measles is a highly infectious communicable disease that is spread through droplets in the air formed when coughing or sneezing. An infected person can spread the virus from four days before the rash appears until four days after. The disease tends to be more severe in infants and young children and can be life-threatening.

Immunization is the only means of protecting people from contracting measles. Contact an immunization provider such as a local public health office, physician or nurse practitioner to ensure everyone is up to date.

In Manitoba, a two-dose measles vaccine program for measles, mumps, rubella and varicella (MMR or MMRV) is routinely provided for children who are at least one year of age and again when aged four to six. In the case of a measles exposure, a second dose may be given earlier than four to six years of age. There is also an outbreak eligibility for some children aged six months to under 12 months. The complete eligibility criteria can be viewed at: www.gov.mb.ca/health/publichealth/cdc/vaccineeligibility.html#MMR.

Morden officer honoured

By Lorne Stelmach

A Morden police officer was honoured recently for his service to the force and the community.

Cst. Jeff Forster was recognized for his role as the community resource officer in Morden when the Manitoba Association of Chiefs of Police held their annual Minister of Justice excellence in law enforcement awards dinner in Winnipeg Oct. 23.

Award recipients were selected for bringing notice upon themselves or their police service or by making an extraordinary and important contribution for the betterment of their community, police service and public safety.

Forster received the certificate and medal from Manitoba Minister of Justice and Attorney General Matt Wiebe, and Morden police chief Sean Aune was also on hand along with sergeants Scott Edwards and Chris Flook to congratulate Forster for his exemplary dedication to public safety.

"It's very appreciated. It was unexpected. I didn't know it was coming," said Forster, who is in his 20th year with the police service.

"I'm not a recognition type of person, but I appreciate that people took the time to see the value of what I'm doing and to recognize it," he said. "The award isn't just my award though. It's an award to the police service and the community as a whole."

He has fully embraced the role of community resource officer and noted there is more involved with the position than people might realize.

"Everyone's been very accepting of the community resource officer role, and it's been a pleasure to be in that role," he said.

"There's lots of different parts to the role, but the main part of the role is to build relationships with the community and try to help the people who are struggling and getting to the root cause of why crimes are being committed, why we have high calls for service and to address those problems," he suggested.

"And even just to be able to connect with the different parts of the community, different groups in the community, who maybe wouldn't necessarily want to have connection with the police, but we want people to be



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Cst. Jeff Forster, centre, with Morden police chief Sean Aune and Manitoba Minister of Justice and Attorney General Matt Wiebe.

able to approach the police and not be scared of us."

He emphasized that having a close connection to the community and to have its support is of tremendous im-

portance.

"We can't do our job unless we have community assistance. We can't do it alone, so it's very important to have that connection to the community."

The Giving Challenge an Easy Win

If you knew you could see a well over 100 percent return on your investment how fast would you run to the bank? No doubt speed records would be broken.

The reality is that the Morden Area Foundation's \$10,000 Giving Challenge happening from November 10-16 this year does just that and then some.

Here's how it works - if the foundation receives \$10,000 in donations from the community, matching funds come from Décor Cabinets (\$10,000), the estate of Harold Bollenbach (\$10,000), The Winnipeg Foundation (\$2,000), and \$2,000 from the Manitoba Government.

Overall the foundation has a target for giving of \$50,000, well over the \$10,000 needed to secure the matching funds.

This means that Mordenites can impact the community with a total of \$34,000 in funding after the matching happens. This is the kind of return on investment that is unheard of these days.

Someone might be thinking "hold on, this is a donation, not an investment," but every dollar contributed to the Morden Area Foundation doesn't just double in size, it is an investment back into the community.

Not only does the matching increase donations by 100 percent up to \$24,000 it's important to consider the work being done by the grants this becomes and the value of the impact which is sometimes hard to measure.



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Since the Fall of 2024 the Morden Area Foundation has provided more than \$239,000 in grants to 34 Morden-based non-profits that are doing some amazing work to improve the community. Organizations like the Morden Activity Centre, Pembina Valley Humane Society, Many Hands, or the South Central Regional Library.

Every grant could only happen because of donations from the community to programs like the Giving Challenge.

Consider a grant given to Chance 2 Camp for example. The Morden Area Foundation's grant meant 20 children from Morden were able to attend camps and day camps in the area they would otherwise have had to miss.

"Our family consists of four people," said one parent. "We arrived in Canada in the fall from Ukraine, fleeing the war. Any help is very important to us. Thank you very much!"

This is true, local impact. This is the social return on investment generated above and beyond the dollar-for-dollar matching that happens during the Giving Challenge.

Consider a donation to the Morden Area Foundation between November 10-16. You'll receive a tax receipt, but more importantly, you will be changing lives right here in Morden.

Remember - every dollar that you give will be matched. Visit mordenfoundation.ca for more info, call 204-822-5614, or just walk into their office at 13-379 Stephen Street.



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- ✓ All cheques must be payable to Morden Area Foundation Inc.
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Remembrance banners go up in Winkler

By Lorne Stelmach

An initiative started in Morden to honour the service and sacrifices of local military veterans has now expanded to Winkler.

The project involving commemorative banners paying tribute to local service men and women saw a group of banners installed in Winkler last Wednesday including along Main Street adjacent to the Bethel Heritage Park.

"This is a magnificent moment for the Winkler Veterans Association and I think the City of Winkler, the citizens of the City of Winkler," said Rob Wiebe of the Winkler Veterans Association.

The roster of commemorative banners paying tribute to area residents who have served in the military and in service to their country has continued to grow in Morden, where it has been spearheaded by Ken Wiebe.

In an earlier interview, Wiebe had said it feels good to now have Winkler getting involved in the project as well with three of their eight most recent new banners being for Winkler area

residents who served.

"It's just really good because there are quite a number of names on the Winkler cenotaph, and some of those are also on the Morden and Stanley cenotaph, so it's good to see that Winkler now has a cenotaph," he noted. "It's good that the City of Winkler recognizes that freedom isn't free, and it came at a cost, at a cost for residents in Winkler and people in the RM of Stanley," he added. "It's good to see."

Rob Wiebe noted they were starting this year with eight banners, and the banners have the City of Morden logo because these veterans were members of the Morden Legion.

"In the future, more will say they are from Winkler and sponsored by Winkler," said Wiebe.

He hoped the banners might spark some increased thought and discussion in relation to service to the country.

"We understand there have been pacifists and conscientious objectors. We respect the fact that they decided not to bear arms against fellow men," he said. "The fact that these guys though put on a uniform and fought



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Rob Wiebe of the Winkler Veterans Association was pleased to see some commemorative banners go up in Winkler last week.

for Canada and fought for our freedom must be acknowledged.

"This brings a little bit of history to life and brings it up for everyone to see and hopefully it will inspire questions and thoughts of remembrance,"

he said. "This is important. Hopefully, it will spur some ideas and thoughts of remembrance.

"There's already been some talk. We're strongly hopeful that there's going to be at least four more of 2026."





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Local invention earns global acclaim

By Lorne Stelmach

Jeremy Matuszewski had an idea to make combining more efficient for farmers, and his creation has now earned recognition as one of Time magazine’s list of the best inventions of 2025.

The founder and CEO of Thunderstruck Ag in Winkler created a new kind of concave, which is used in every combine and plays a vital role during harvest.

The concave sits under the rotor and helps to separate the chaff from the grain, and it has a series of openings that are sized according to the type of crop that is being harvested.

A wheat concave is different from a concave used while harvesting corn, for example, so a farmer must switch the concave every time they harvest a different crop, and Matuszewski started thinking there must be a better way back in 2023 when the company had been selling a different brand of concaves.

“What we realized and what we learned through working with farmers is that there basically is a major issue with the combines and how the



material will go out one side or the other,” he said. “I wondered what if you used unique bar spacing patterns and controlled where we threshed and where the material unloaded to try to increase efficiency out of the combine.”

They eventually reached out to Ironmen Industries to have them build prototypes - two Case models and two John Deere models, and they even actually flew them to Australia to be tested out.

Bottom line is they found they could increase the capacity of the combine with a unique concave design that uses a variable bar spacing pattern.

“Everybody else, their spacing is the same, no matter what combine it’s going in,” he said. “Mine is different. With mine, it doesn’t matter what the crop is ... the spacing is based on the combine and how the material flows through it.

“The combines have always been able to do multiple crops, but you had to change the con-



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“The combines have always been able to do multiple crops, but you had to change the concave ... with ours, there’s no changing,” said Jeremy Matuszewski. “What makes mine unique is my bar spacing is very different, and it increases the capacity of the combine. It allows the combine to do more bushels per hour.”

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cave ... with ours, there’s no changing,” he continued. “What makes mine unique is my bar spacing is very different, and it increases the capacity of the combine. It allows the combine to do more bushels per hour.”

The process then soon moved further along.

“Once I realized that we were on to something, I started the patent process in January of 2024, and then I got Ironmen to build me 25 new prototypes based on what I had learned,” he said, noting it was then tested in various locations before being officially launched in November 2024 as Razor’s Edge Concaves.

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Halloween family fun at the Morden Family Resource Centre



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There was lots of family fun to be had last Thursday at the Morden Family Resource Centre. It offered a variety of games, crafts and fun activities as well as a story time as part of its annual Halloween celebration at its location in the lower level of the Morden Alliance Church.

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As you get older, certain aspects of daily life can become more challenging for you and pose risks to your physical, psychological and financial health. Here are three key safety concerns that affect older adults, along with simple ways to reduce the risks.

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2. TECH FRAUD

Fraudsters often target seniors through phone calls, emails or social media, attempting to steal money or personal information. Educating older adults about these scams and en-

couraging them to be cautious of urgent or unsolicited messages can help keep them safe.

3. AT-HOME FALLS

Statistics show that falls are a leading cause of serious injuries, such as hip fractures, among seniors. Installing grab bars in bathrooms, wearing proper footwear and keeping walkways free of clutter and amply lit all reduce the risk. Regular balance and strength exercises also play a key role in fall prevention.

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Cities set to mark Remembrance Day

By Lorne Stelmach

Morden and Winkler are once again set to hold their Remembrance Day services next week, and organizers of both have seen increasing interest again in the past few years post pandemic.

"It definitely is getting more interest. The years of COVID did slow things down a lot," said Rob Wiebe of the Winkler Veterans Association. "It has been growing again."

The Winkler service takes place at the P.W. Enns Concert Hall, and people must be inside and seated early enough for the service to get underway by 10:45 a.m.

Wiebe believes their service has been getting good response and involvement year after year.

"People seem to appreciate it. We get a lot of good comments about the service."

He obviously stresses the importance of pausing to recognize and honour the service and sacrifices of local veterans both past and present.

"It's part of the motto 'lest we forget' ... so we feel it's our duty and our moral obligation to do it and make it happen," he said.

And he noted there are a number of area residents who are currently serving with the armed forces, so they as well should be honoured.

"Their presence should also help remind people that veterans are created every day. It's not just world war one or world war two," he concluded.

"We honour them all," said Wiebe, who noted they have to respect the views of the pacifists and conscientious objectors, but it is also vital to honour those who have served.

"I think it's especially gratifying in Winkler that

they did have the wall of the conscientious objectors ... and now they also have a cenotaph in remembrance of the veterans in that area," observed Bob Frost, president of the Morden Legion. "The conscientious objectors had their beliefs, but so did the people who served ... there was no right or wrong."

The Morden service as usual takes place at the Access Event Centre, and the Legion wants to see people seated by 10:30 because the program gets underway at 10:45 a.m.

The service Capt. Wayne Beresford of the Cavalier 10th space warning squadron as a guest speaker.

The 10 SWS provides tactical warning and attack assessment of sea-launched and intercontinental ballistic missiles launched against the continental United States and southern Canada. Additionally, it provides surveillance, tracking and space object identification for the United States Space Command Space Surveillance Network.

The Remembrance Day service has always generally been well attended and at least nearly full, and Frost agreed it has been climbing again post pandemic.

"Prior to COVID, we used to get upwards of 800 people. We're still getting perhaps 550 or 600," he estimated.

"Over the last few years, different schools in Morden have had teachers in those schools or the administration really step up and promote Remembrance Day. The students are getting really, really involved," he added, noting students were asked to volunteer to participate in the service "and they're getting more students than we can actually seat."



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Services will be held at the P.W. Enns Concert Hall in Winkler and at the Access Event Centre in Morden.

It is encouraging to him to see that interest building in the next generation now.

"Absolutely ... maybe that will translate into parents maybe getting more involved," he said. "And our executive, as in most Legions, is getting older, and we will need younger blood and new ideas."

And he concluded this service to the country and in support of freedom remains vitally important.

"Given the current climate in the world, whether it's Ukraine or Gaza ... China's making noise, India's making noise ... it's not out of the realm of possibility that we're going to see a major world conflict again."

Local foundations looking for support

By Lorne Stelmach

Winkler and Morden have shown strong support for their local community foundations, and directors are again looking to see that trend continue with the upcoming giving challenge week.

Giving to the community foundation between November 10 and 16

will see every gift during this week stretched by The Winnipeg Foundation and the Manitoba government with each community foundation eligible to receive up to \$2,000 each from the Winnipeg Foundation and the Manitoba government.

"Winkler was in the top two communities for receiving the most gifts during the Giving Challenge," noted

Myra Peters, executive director of the Winkler Community Foundation, which she added has been among the top fundraisers in the province for several years now.

Last year, the foundation brought in over \$148,000 in gifts, and the matching dollars took their total to over \$152,000 - second only to Dauphin.

"We were super excited for the sup-

port that we received in our community, knowing especially that the gifts we received in the giving challenge have a lasting impact on our community, allowing us to give back more each year in grants, which is huge."

"We do see some of our donors waiting until the giving challenge and

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Breakfast fundraiser supports Christmas Cheer

By Lorne Stelmach

The annual Holly Jolly breakfast fundraiser for the Winkler Christmas Cheer Board Saturday morning at the Central Station Community Centre was a success.

The event raised a total of \$8,300, and the \$3,000 contribution from Sun Valley brought the total raised to \$11,300.

"We're quite pleased with that," said Winkler Christmas Cheer Board chairperson Crystal Rempel. "That's up from last year, and we had probably surpassed about 300 people at the breakfast, so that was a great turnout."

And while the fundraising aspect

of it is the most important thing, it is also just good to see the community come together, she added.

"When there's a common focus, it brings people together," she said. "This is something that makes sense to everyone and brings the people together around the same table."

"We're excited to do that in the community and for the community," said Rempel, who noted the cheer board also got a further financial boost from the Sunday charity game between the Winkler Flyers and a team of Winkler firefighters.

Next up for the cheer board then is the SMILE cookie week put on by Tim Hortons the week of Nov. 16-22.



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The Holly Jolly breakfast fundraiser at the Central Station Community Centre raised \$11,300 including \$3,000 from Sun Valley Tire. As well, more money came in from the Sunday charity game between the Winkler Flyers and Winkler firefighters.



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having their dollars stretched, which is a great opportunity to have even more impact in our community."

"Our community is very generous," she said. "When you give to a community foundation, you're giving to projects that give back year after year."

In Morden, the foundation last year brought in over \$45,000, so the matching dollars took its total to over \$49,000.

"I am happy and surprised that the Morden community is becoming more aware about the Endow Manitoba giving challenge," said Maia Vicente, a community foundations co-ordinator who works with the Morden Area Foundation.

"Looking back, from the years 2022 to 2024, there is an average increase of 21 per cent in the number of donors and 23 per cent in the amount received," she noted.

Vicente commented on the impact the giving challenge has on the foundations, especially with the stretching dollars.

"The stretching dollars is a good

motivation to everyone, thus increasing the donation to the Morden Area Foundation general community fund that is used for granting different organizations. More funds means more grants or projects to be benefitted."

Vicente is hopeful the Morden foundation could at least up its tally a little bit this year.

"Given the stretching funds from Décor Cabinets and the estate of Harold Bollenbach, the foundation is hoping to reach more than \$50,000 in donations this year."

The foundation held a kickoff Monday at 11 a.m. at the foundation office in Morden, and board members will also be at Gardenland Co-op grocery store Nov. 12 & 15 from 2 to 5 p.m.

If you want to donate to your local foundation, you can make a gift online with your credit card and print off your tax receipt. Visit the endowmb.org website or your local foundation for more information.

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Morden-Winkler's eight new memorial banners

Eight new memorial banners were added this fall to what is now a collection of 81 that are put on display every year to pay tribute to Morden-Winkler residents who have served in the military.

Here are some details about the men and women newly honoured:

- Rifleman Cornelius Fehr Klassen, France and Germany Star, Canadian Volunteer Service Medal (CVSM) and Clasp; Lake Superior Regiment.

Klassen was a member of the Veterans Association in Winkler and a member of the Royal Canadian Legion in Morden. On 15 April, 1944, when just 18, he enlisted with the Canadian Infantry Corp. Klassen served in Canada, United Kingdom and continental Europe. On 9 March, 1945, private Klassen was transferred from the 13th Battalion to the Lake Superior Regiment, and

his rank was changed to rifleman, what Privates were called in this regiment. He continued to serve with the LSRs until discharged 7 June 1946.

- Ordinary Seaman Makenzie Jae George (Wiebe); Canadian Armed Forces; Canadian Forces Maritime Command (NAVY).

After graduation, she enrolled in the navy reserves at HMCS Non-such in Edmonton as an ordinary seaman. She did her basic training at CFB St. Jean, Quebec. After graduation from basic training, Wiebe went to Halifax, Nova Scotia and took the boatswain (called Bosun) course and was then posted to HMCS Glace Bay - a Kingston class coastal patrol ship. A ships Bosun is a seamanship specialist responsible for the safe operation and maintenance of the ships rigging.

- Lieutenant / nursing sister Ethel Bayliss Large; Queen Alexandra's Imperial Nursing Service (Malta); Canadian Army Medical Corps. She served with the Queen Alexandra's Imperial Nursing Service (QAINS) from 6 November 1916 until 6 May 1918. She finished her obligation to QAINS, went to England and was commissioned in the Canadian Army Medical Corps 20 May 1918. Bayliss served at the #5 Canadian General Hospital and the #16 Canadian General Hospital in England

- Captain Donald Ross McNaughton, 1939-1945 Star, Defence Medal, Canadian Volunteer Service Medal with Clasp and Dieppe Bar, 1939-1945 War Medal, Queen's Own Cameron Highlanders.

On the night of 18-19 August 1942, Operation Jubilee, also known as the Dieppe Raid, was implemented. The

objective was to test the German defences, and a quick in and out was planned, but the surprise element was lost in the early part of the raid, and severe losses were suffered by the British, Americans and in particular the Canadians who made up the majority of the invasion force. Of the 4,963 Canadians involved in the raid, only 2,210 Canadians were withdrawn. The invasion force was involved in a short battle, which lasted approximately 10 hours, and suffered heavy losses. There were 3,367 casualties, 916 killed and 2,753 prisoners of war.

- Corporal Harvey Peter Friesen, Canadian Volunteer Service Medal, 1939-45 War Medal, Queen Elizabeth II Golden Jubilee Medal; Canadian Army.

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promoted to the rank of corporal and then volunteered for the army's chemical warfare testing program in Suffield, Alberta. He went on to work with his comrades to establish a local Legion branch in Winkler, however the branch relinquished its charter in 1951. He maintained his connection to the Royal Canadian Legion in Morden.

He and his fellow Comrades lobbied tirelessly for the erection of a memorial venotaph in Winkler. Their efforts were rewarded in 1999 when the vouncil agreed to the project. After 50 years of service, to the Royal Canadian Legion, Harvey was awarded a Life Membership in 2004.

Additionally, Harvey lobbied Canada's Minister of National Defense, for many years, seeking recognition for the veterans who were exposed to and injured in, the mustard gas experiments. His advocacy was rewarded when, the Government announced compensation for those veterans.

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• Pilot Officer George Cornelius Krahn, 1939-1945 Star, Canadian Volunteer Service Medal and Clasp; Royal Canadian Air Force; 415 Sword Fish Squadron.

He was posted overseas in the spring of 1943 and eventually ended up in 415 Torpedo Bomber (TB) squadron, which specialized in night operations and as part of coastal command were responsible for patrolling the English Channel and southern parts of the North Sea. On the night of 12-13 June 1944, they attacked a large group of enemy E-Boats, high speed torpedo boats, and his aircraft became a

victim of intense concentrated enemy flak and was shot down. Krahn was killed in action at the age of 23.

• Pilot Officer Clifford Clarence Reichert, 1939-1945 Star, Aircrew Europe Star, Defence Medal, Canadian Volunteer Service Medal (CVSM) and Clasp, 1939-45 War Medal and Clasp for Mention in Dispatches (MID); Royal Canadian Air Force; 408 Goose Squadron.

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On a night bombing operation, target Krefeld, Germany, 21 -22 June 1943, the bombs were successfully delivered to the target and on return to England though was attacked by German nightfighters. The aircraft received extensive damage, several crew members were killed and the aircraft caught fire. Reichert was initially listed as missing and in January 1944 his death was confirmed to the Reichert family.

- Sergeant / Petty Officer Allan Christian Bjarnason, Canadian Volunteer Service Medal (CVSM), 1939-45 War Medal; Royal Canadian Air Force; Royal Navy Fleet Air Arm.

Bjarnason remained with the RCAF Reserve until discharged and then immediately transferred to the Royal Navy Fleet Air Arm and reported to HMS Seaborn at Halifax. He was given the rank of Petty Officer (PO) and embarked on the S.S. Louis Pasteur on 11 June 1945, landing at Southampton U.K. on the 17th. Bjarnason reported to HMS Macaw, a Royal Navy Fleet Air Arm Base, on 19 June and remained there until he departed Southampton on the R.M.S. Queen Elizabeth on 14 November arriving back at Halifax on the 18th. PO Bjarnason's discharge became final 19 January 1946.

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'One glance away': Mother turns tragedy into mission against distracted driving

By Annaliese Meier

When 16-year-old Kailynn Bursic-Panchuk glanced down at her phone while driving near Weyburn, Saskatchewan, in August 2018, she could never have imagined how that brief moment would alter countless lives. Her car was struck by a train, and six days later — one day after her 17th birthday — her family said goodbye.

That single act of distraction, her mother Sandra LaRose says, didn't just end one young life — it shattered many others.

"When I found out the cause of Kailynn's collision, and realized it never should have happened, it actually infuriated me," LaRose said. "A simple glance away took everything from Kailynn, took everything from me, my family, and her friends."

Kailynn's story is now at the heart of Manitoba Public Insurance's Friends For Life speaker series — a two-week program that brings survivors of impaired, speeding, and distracted driving crashes to schools across the province.

This year's tour, running through early November, includes 20 schools in communities such as Teulon, Arborg, Hamiota, Carberry, Powerview, Erickson and Winnipeg. LaRose shares her story alongside fellow speakers Jon Tiessen and Rosalie Finch, whose lives were also forever changed by a preventable crash.

MPI's goal is to reach youth at the stage when they are just beginning to drive — the time they are most at risk for collisions.

According to MPI, 49 people were killed in distracted driving crashes in Manitoba in 2024, while 91 people lost their lives on Manitoba roads that same year. The agency says young Manitobans are 2.4 times more likely



The logo of Sharing Kailynn's Sunshine Foundation — reflects Kailynn's bright, giving spirit.

than other age groups to be involved in a severe collision involving impairment.

"These speakers are taking devastating experiences and using them to advocate for change," said MPI Vice-President Maria Campos. "Their stories show that every choice behind the wheel has consequences."

For LaRose, speaking publicly was never part of the plan — until MPI reached out in 2019.

"When Kailynn was being taken off life support to see if she could donate her organs — which she did — I made her one promise: to make her as proud of me as I was of her," she said. "I knew early on that I needed to do something. I just had no idea what that would be."

Since then, LaRose has shared Kailynn's Story with nearly 30,000 students across Canada — first virtually during the pandemic, and now in auditoriums across the country.

"This will be my fourth year participating in Friends For Life," she said. "I have to give MPI credit for starting me on this journey."



A roadside memorial marks the site of the 2018 crash where Kailynn Bursic-Panchuk was fatally injured after glancing at her phone while driving.



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Sandra LaRose and her daughter, Kailynn Bursic-Panchuk, are pictured together in an undated family photo. Kailynn was 16 when she was fatally injured in a distracted-driving collision near Weyburn, Sask., in 2018 — a tragedy that inspired LaRose to share her story through Manitoba Public Insurance's Friends For Life speaker series. Photo courtesy of Sandra LaRose family

When LaRose stands in front of a gymnasium full of students, she asks them to see themselves in Kailynn — to picture their own friends, families and futures.

"My hope is that students realize they are not invincible," she said. "I want them to see their mom or dad in me, and themselves in Kailynn. One wrong choice can take away everything."

But her message reaches beyond teenagers. LaRose believes distracted driving is a challenge for all ages — a symptom of a culture that prizes constant connection.

"We've become so accustomed to being connected that when we disconnect, we feel lost," she said. "Fifty years ago, we planned ahead, told people where we were going, and just lived simpler lives."

She urges parents to model better habits:

"If you pick up your phone to text or change a song, and your kids see you, they'll think it's okay. Children learn what they live. And to the students — if you know the right thing to do is stay off your phone, and you see an adult doing it, please point it out. Share Kailynn's story."

To honour her daughter's giving spirit, LaRose created Sharing Kailynn's Sunshine Foundation Inc. in 2020 — a Saskatchewan-based non-profit that raises funds for causes that reflect Kailynn's values: compassion, empathy, and kindness.

Through burger-night fundraisers and online auctions held each August near Kailynn's birthday, the foundation has raised nearly \$40,000 for organizations including STARS

Air Ambulance, Ronald McDonald House Charities Saskatchewan, Lulu's Lodge (a home for LGBTQIA2S+ youth), Caring Hearts grief programs, and Teddy Bears Anonymous.

"Kailynn's soul was always giving," LaRose said. "Her legacy continues through every act of kindness done in her name."

More about the foundation can be found on Facebook (Sharing Kailynn's Sunshine) and Instagram @kailynnsunshine.

Born in Regina on Aug. 21, 2001, Kailynn spent her early childhood in the city before moving to a family farm and attending Fillmore Central School. She was known for her humour, determination and fierce love for her siblings and cousins, who she called her "BFFs."

She had a soft spot for animals, a strong work ethic, and dreams of becoming a high-school teacher.

"She was funny — hilarious, actually — and loved to make people laugh," LaRose said. "I know she's with me every time I stand on a stage. She's cheering me on."

For LaRose, grief and love coexist — both rooted in the same deep bond between mother and daughter.

"Kailynn may have died, but she also lived," she said. "Her story continues to make an impact. Without love there is no grief — and love will always win."

For more information about the Friends For Life speaker series, visit mpi.mb.ca. To learn more about Sandra's work, visit www.sandralarose.ca.

Youth-led fundraising gala focuses on next generation of Manitoban leaders

By Jennifer McFee

Youth resilience is in the spotlight at an upcoming gala fundraiser that will share the stories of Manitoba's future leaders.

CanU will host its annual youth-led Imagine Stories Gala on Thursday, Nov. 13 at the Canadian Museum for Human Rights in Winnipeg. The Winnipeg-based charitable organization offers mentorship to kids in grades 5 to 12 on post-secondary campuses.

Each week, students from across the city are bused to campus to take part in fun, educational programs led by university students who volunteer as mentors through CanU's Leadership Development program.

"The experience creates a powerful two-way impact; youth gain confidence, curiosity and a sense of belonging, while the university mentors develop leadership and empathy through giving back," said Christina Wood, chair of the CanU Imagine Stories Gala. "Together, they're building a stronger, more connected Manitoba."

For Wood, the cause is close to her heart.

"This event is deeply personal for me. I grew up in poverty and moved between foster homes. At one point, even finishing high school felt out of reach. But I was lucky to have people who believed in me — teachers and mentors and my foster mom who helped me believe in myself," she said.

"CanU is about giving young people the chance to be seen, supported and

inspired to believe in themselves. It's a program I wish had existed when I was growing up, and that's why I'm so passionate about helping it grow."

The Nov. 13 gala is geared for anyone who believes in the potential of Manitoba's youth — including community members, the business community, educators and supporter who want to make a difference.

"It's also for people like me, who see a bit of themselves in some of the CanU students and know what having a safe place to grow and learn can do for your confidence and your future," Wood said.

"Many of our guests come year after year because they leave inspired by the students and the stories they share."

The goal of the gala is simple: to raise awareness and funds so more kids can participate in CanU.

"We want every student who dreams of joining to have the chance, regardless of their circumstances. It's one of our main fundraisers of the year. All proceeds go directly toward CanU programming, covering transportation, meals, scholarships and the costs that make it possible for almost 700 students to attend and thrive," Wood said.

"It also supports the processes involved in selecting, training and coordinating almost 800 post-secondary volunteers who are developing their professional and leadership skills and convictions. The gala is what keeps the program accessible to families who might not otherwise be able to

participate."

For Interlake residents, the program can also make an impact.

"Even though the Imagine Stories Gala takes place in Winnipeg, the message behind it resonates across the province: when we invest in our youth, our whole province grows. In fact, CanU is working with several partners to develop and provide opportunities to youth in northern and remote parts of our province," Wood said.

"Through our CanU's Leadership and Development program, post-secondary students volunteer as mentors, tutors, program designers and facilitators for grades 5 to 12 participants, and many of those mentors come from communities outside Winnipeg, including the Interlake and Pembina regions. In many ways, the impact travels home with them — back into the communities they come from and eventually return to."

At the same time, the CanU team is also working to grow their reach and share what they've learned.

"Beyond raising funds and awareness for CanU, our story might inspire others to start their own local initiatives that connect youth, mentors and education," Wood said. "And we'd be happy to share our experience and insight with anyone who wants to make that happen in their own community or help us bring CanU into theirs."

The Imagine Stories Gala takes place on Nov. 13 at 6 p.m. at the Canadian Museum for Human Rights (85 Israel Asper Way in Winnipeg).



"The Imagine Stories Gala is our annual celebration and fundraiser. It's a powerful evening where CanU youth take the stage to share their own stories — stories of hope, confidence and growth. Alongside that, we host a gourmet cocktail-style dinner, online auction, 50/50 draw and VIP reception. It's one night that brings together community, inspiration and impact," Wood said.

"There are lots of ways to get involved; sponsoring the event, donating to the online auction, volunteering or simply helping spread the word. We're always looking for mentors, supporters and community partners who want to help create opportunities for youth."

Visit trellis.org/2025imaginestories-gala for more info about tickets and sponsorship opportunities. The event usually sells out, so it's best to buy tickets early.

Guenter calls for criminal code change

PC resolution aims to address rights to use force in home invasions

Voice staff

Progressive Conservatives are calling on the federal government to amend the Criminal Code to more clearly establish a person is justified to use reasonable force, including deadly force, to protect themselves and their family from a home invasion.

The resolution brought forward by

Borderland MLA Josh Guenter comes in the wake of recent violent incidents in Winnipeg.

In September, a man in his 80s and a woman in her 70s were attacked in their Garden City home by a repeat violent offender, and in October, a home-based jeweler and his father were shot several times during an armed robbery in the Maples.

"This resolution calls on Ottawa to provide better protections to homeowners who are defending their lives, the lives of their loved ones and their property," said Guenter.

"Self-defense exists as a defense at trial," he noted. "You have to be charged by police first before you can defend yourself in court. That takes a heavy financial and emotional toll on people who were only trying to pro-

tect their loved ones from potentially deadly criminal activity."

The resolution follows other recent incidents in Canada where homeowners faced serious criminal charges after defending themselves and their families from armed intruders.

For example, in August, a Lindsay, Ontario man confronted an intruder in his home brandishing a crossbow. The man grabbed a knife and a fight broke out, wherein the intruder was seriously injured and the resident charged with aggravated assault.

In 2023, a Milton, Ontario man was arrested and charged with second-degree murder after using his legal firearm to fatally shoot an armed home invader. The homeowner spent nine days in jail before being released. The charges were dropped five months

later.

"Homeowners should be able to use force, including deadly force, to repel home invaders trying to break into their homes and harm their loved ones," said Guenter.

"I'm disappointed but not surprised that Wab Kinew and his NDP would not support our Progressive Conservative resolution. The NDP's soft-on crime, catch-and-release bail policies are what got us here today, where crime has become an epidemic in Manitoba."

The NDP did not support the PC resolution, but Guenter vows to continue pressing Kinew on his 2023 promise of reforming the bail system to prevent repeat violent offenders from victimizing more Manitobans.

Co-op introduces inclusive carts

By Lorne Stelmach

Gardenland Co-op has introduced a new service to help make their grocery stores a little more accessible particularly for families with children that have special needs.

The initiative has a personal connection for Cam Buhler, food division manager for Gardenland Co-op, as he has a granddaughter with special needs.

Buhler recalled seeing inclusive carts in a grocery store in the United States.

"It piqued my curiosity, so I looked up a little bit about them," said Buhler, noting his daughter brought it up as well. "She said it would be really handy if we could have these carts in our community."

Key features of the inclusive carts include it having a harness with five connection points, and the child can sit in it looking back so it is face to face with the parent or guardian.

They received them about a month ago, and

they were starting out small with one cart in each of the three stores in Morden, Winkler and Rose-nort to see how well they are received.

"We just wanted to see if they would be used," said Buhler. "They are quite expensive, but we thought if they get used more, we will just order more," he noted.

"They have been used ... and apparently, there's nothing like it anywhere else around here," he said. "I thought this could be good for our community, and we try to be inclusive with everything that we do."

"Because my granddaughter is special needs, I guess it hit home a little bit more," he added, noting they would definitely be open to adding more of the carts in the future if warranted.

"We didn't know how popular they would be in our community," said Buhler, noting this very much ties into their mission to serve and give back to their communities. "I hope it can help a lot of people out."



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Food division manager Cam Buhler with one of the Gardenland Co-op inclusive carts.

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the concave is also being embraced by farmers here in Manitoba.

Matuszewski suggested producers are being sold on the increased efficiency and lower fuel costs.

"It will save grain loss; it will save grain damage, and it will reduce the fuel use," he said, noting they had recently already sold about 400 sets this year worldwide to a number of countries.

"There's huge potential in this," he suggested. "There's a major impact not only to the farmer's bottom line around the world but also when we talk about grain production and needing to feed the world, there's a significant impact there."

The recognition of the Razor's Edge Concave from Time now comes months after winning a farmer's choice award and innovation award

at Canada's Ag in Motion farm show in Saskatchewan this past summer.

So how did this level of recognition feel?

"I was blown away, shocked. I had no inkling," said Matuszewski. "We were asked to apply based on some of the other awards we had won ... and it was a pretty intense application process. I still can't believe that we won. We're in Winkler, Manitoba."

"I had a really good idea, and I've got a really strong team around me," he stressed. "It's one thing having a good idea, it's a whole other thing to bring that idea to market. Ironmen was a huge part of this process."

"To bring it to market and have it widely accepted and to win an award like this is not a one person thing at all."

Twisters drop pair as winless streak continues

By Annaliese Meier

The Pembina Valley Twisters are still searching for their first win of the Manitoba Major Junior Hockey League season after dropping back-to-back games over the weekend.

The Twisters opened with a 5-0 loss Friday on the road to the Fort Garry/Fort Rouge Twins at Century Arena. Despite keeping the game scoreless through the first period, Pembina Valley couldn't find their footing in the final 40 minutes.

The Twins built a 2-0 lead in the second period on goals from Luca Buoncore and Jayden Lamoureux, then added three more in the third from Noah Friesen, Karst Gruener and goaltender Alex Pauls, who scored into an empty net.

Pembina Valley goaltender Rowan Cherkas faced 38 shots and turned aside 33, while Pauls earned first-star honours with a 24-save shutout for the Twins.

Back home Sunday at the Morris MultiPlex, the Twisters came out strong against the River East Royal Knights, grabbing a 3-2 first-period lead before falling 6-3.

Aidan Younghusband, Josh Guilford and Vlad Stepic scored for Pembina Valley in the opening frame, but River East's offence took over from there, striking for four unanswered goals over the final two periods. Liam Urciuoli scored twice for the Roy-

al Knights, while Layne Richardson contributed a goal and two assists.

Twisters goaltender Darion Penner stopped 31 of 37 shots in the loss.

With the pair of setbacks, Pembina Valley sits at 0-9-1, last in the 10-team MMJHL.

The Twisters will look to regroup when they host the Raiders Jr. Hockey Club Friday at 8 p.m. in Morris before visiting the Transcona Railer Express Sunday afternoon.

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Winkler downs the Bombers

By Lorne Stelmach

The Winkler Royals are unbeaten through its first two games of the new SEMHL season after a Sunday victory over the Morden Bombers.

The Royals jumped out to a 2-0 first period lead and fired home four more in the second period before the Bombers could get on the scoreboard.

TJ Matuszewski and Brett Bergman both had two goals for Winkler with the other goals coming from Jordan Wall and Aaron Lewadniuk, while Tyler Campbell had the lone Morden goal.

The Bombers had a very different outcome though in their other game this past week as they romped to a 12-3 blowout of Carman Friday.

Campbell and Jory Mullin both had

hat tricks for Morden, which soared to period leads of 4-2 and 9-3. Michael Hlady contributed a pair with other goals coming from Jaden Townsend, Logan Christensen, Derek Wiebe and Nick Hatley.

The Red River Wild meanwhile dropped to 0 & 2 as they fell 4-2 to the Springfield Winterhawks Saturday.

The Wild fell behind 2-0 in the second period and then came up short in trying to come from behind in the third period. Red River got goals from Justin Beaudry and Matthew Hill.

This week, Morden and Winkler have a rematch Thursday, then the Bombers face Carman Sunday while the Royals take on Notre Dame on Sunday as well. Red River was facing Portage Wednesday.



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Morden Bombers' Tyler Campbell displays some fancy footwork to evade the defensive attempt by Carman Beavers' Scott Atkins in what turned out to be a 12-3 romp for Morden.



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Hawks netminder Hannah Bannister stops a shot during the overtime shootout with the Central Plains Capitals, who came out of it with a 4-3 victory.

Female Hawks fall in shootout

By Lorne Stelmach/VOICE

They fought back from 2-0 and 3-1 deficits, but the female U18 Pembina Valley Hawks came up just short last week in a 4-3 shootout loss to the Central Plains Capitals.

Sophia Cox scored with just 45 seconds remaining in regulation time to force the game to overtime last Wednesday on home ice in Morden. Casey O'Brien also scored a pair of third period goals for the Hawks.

Overtime settled nothing, so it was off to a shootout. Payton Manness and Cox were both denied, while Central Plains scored on one of their first two

attempts.

O'Brien then scored to extend the shootout, but the third shooter for the Capitals walked in a fired one up-stairs to end the game.

The Hawks at least gained one point, but their record of 3-4-0-1 for seven points leaves them sitting in sixth place as the league now takes a break during the U18 nationals. Pembina Valley is one point back of the Winnipeg Avros and one up on Yellowhead.

The Hawks return to action first in hosting the Avros next Friday (Nov. 14) before then paying a visit to Central Plains in Portage next Sunday (Nov. 16).

Male Hawks fall to Wild

By Lorne Stelmach

The male U18 Pembina Valley Hawks had a three game winning streak come to a halt this past week with a narrow loss to one of the top teams in the league.

After having recently edged the second

place Winnipeg Wild 3-2, the Hawks this time came up short in falling 3-1 to the Wild this past Wednesday in Winnipeg.

Koen Bleznuk kept Pembina Valley in the game last week as Winnipeg outshot the Hawks 38-30 including 22 shots in the third period alone.

Ocean Fehr got the Hawks on the board first in the second period with his fourth of the season, but it was all Winnipeg the rest of the way as they had it tied after 40 minutes then put it away with two more in the final frame.

It left Pembina Valley sitting in fifth place with a record of 7-4-0-1 for 15 points, which had them one back of Southwest and two back

of Brandon but also just two up on Parkland and three ahead of Yellowhead.

Pembina Valley had a bit of a break in the schedule before a busy three game weekend starting with hosting the Winnipeg Bruins this Friday then heading to Kenora for a doubleheader with the Thistles this Saturday and Sunday.

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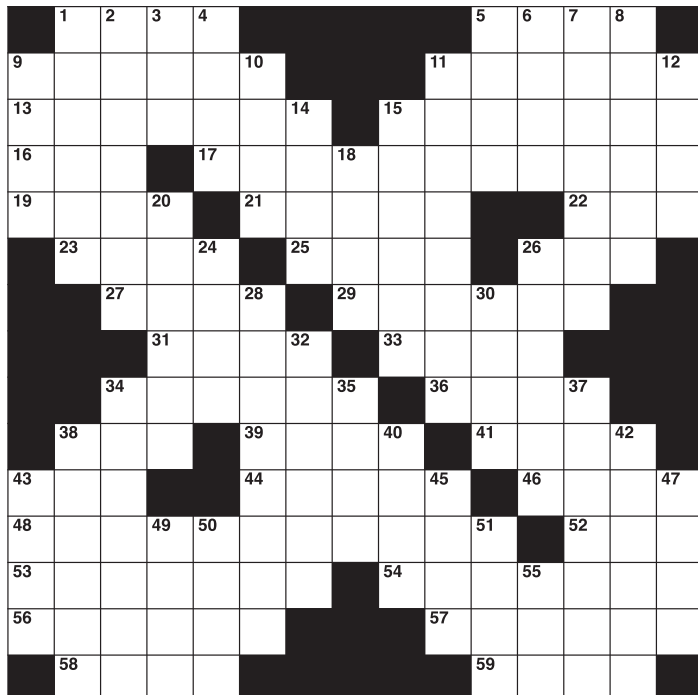
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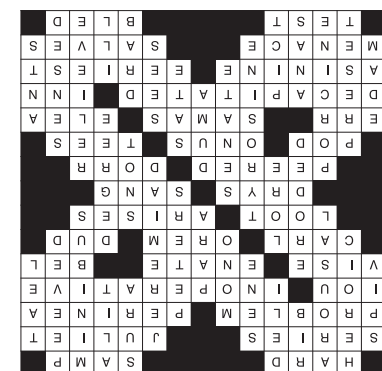


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APPLICATION FOR REVISION

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:

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

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

- 43(1) An application for revision must
- be made in writing;
 - set out the roll number and legal description of the assessable property for which a revision is sought;
 - set out which of the matters referred to in subsection 42(1) are at issue, and the grounds for each of those matters; and
 - be filed by
 - delivering it or causing it to be delivered to the office indicated in the public notice given under Subsection 41(2), or
 - 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 4, 2025 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 18, 2025.

Dated at Winkler, in Manitoba, this 30th day of October, 2025.

Luc Lahaie - Secretary
Board of Revision
Rural Municipality of Stanley
1-23111 PTH 14
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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

UNDER THE PLANNING ACT

The City of Winkler, under the authority of The Planning Act, will hold a hearing at which time and place the council of the City of Winkler will receive representation from the applicants and any other persons who wish to make representations in respect of the Rezoning Application No. RZ2025-009 and By-law No. 2354-25, being an amendment to Winkler Zoning By-law 2271-21 of the City of Winkler.

The general intent of the above By-Law No. 2354-25, is to zone the land described below, Namely:

272 Albert St, legally described as Lot 3, Plan 46139 MLT0.

as shown outlined in a heavy solid line on the map attached hereto as Schedule "A", and forming part of this by-law, be rezoned

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TO: "R3" RESIDENTIAL HIGHER DENSITY

A copy of the above By-Law No. 2354-25 and supporting material may be inspected by any persons between the hours of 9:00 AM and 5:00 PM, Monday to Thursday and 9:00 AM and 4:30 PM, Friday, in the City Office.

Date of Hearing: November 18, 2025
Time of Hearing: 6:30 p.m.
Location: Winkler Council Chambers, 185 Main Street, Winkler, Manitoba

DATED at Winkler, in Manitoba, this 15th day of October 2025.
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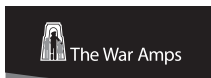
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John I Peters
November 1, 2025

John I Peters, loving husband, father, grandfather, and great grandfather passed away on October 27, 2025 at Salem Home in Winkler, Manitoba.

Dad was born on February 12, 1927 west of Haskett in a log cabin with a thatched roof. His parents were Isaac D. Peters and Anna (Siemens) Peters who were farmers. Dad had nine brothers and sisters. Dad took a trip on a ship to Paraguay with his parents and a couple of his siblings shortly after he was born, two years later they returned by ship and he has lived in Manitoba since then. He grew up in Osterwick and accepted Jesus as his personal Savior in 1946. Shortly after, he started praying about who he should marry. Dad was hauling gravel one day, when he stopped at the Blumenfeld store to buy something and Tena Neufeld was

the clerk. Dad thought this beautiful dark-haired lady was the one. But as is often the case, there was competition from another John, who played the violin very well. Dad was persistent, and with his romantic flair, Katharina Neufeld and John Peters were married on November 6, 1949. Mom had accepted Jesus Christ as her personal Savior, and was baptized in the Sommerfeld Church. Dad prayed about which church he should join and was baptized and joined the Sommerfeld Church shortly before they were married.

Dad had some help and built a small house in Osterwick where they lived for a number of years and then moved next door to a bigger house. It was during this time they had six children, five boys and one girl.

Mom and Dad took us to Sunday School and for many years he was a Sunday School teacher. As children in Sunday School where your dad is a teacher, and there are only curtains to separate classrooms, we siblings did not create trouble. I remember dad telling us that he was teaching the older class and there were two boys who were constantly poking each other and disrupting the class while he was teaching. Finally, thinking he could stop it, he went and sat between them. It didn't take long and they were doing it behind his back. He grabbed both boys by an arm and asking the one on his right, "What did I just say in the lesson?" The boy repeated word for word. Then Dad asked the boy on his left, "What did I say before that?" The boy repeated what Dad had said. This has been a reminder to me that young people may not always appear to be paying attention, but they probably are!

Dad had the small general store in Osterwick, across from the school, and next to our house. If Mom needed something, we would run next door and get it. We would receive a 10 cent allowance every month when family allowance came. Drinks and chocolate bars were 10 cents each. So, if you wanted to have a pop and a bar you had to save from one month to the next, and then you could eat both at the same time. The odd time Dad was clearing out certain drinks or bars for 5 cents and then you could enjoy both without waiting. It was a good way for Mom and Dad to teach us the value of money.

People didn't use credit or debit cards, so payment was by cash or cheque. Dad would let most people have a charge account at the store. This was very convenient as parents could send their children to the store and pick up something and they would pay at the end of the month. A few people didn't pay. One evening we took some grain sacks along in our car and visited a farmer south west of Osterwick. We left his yard with a couple of bags of flax and his bill was marked paid even though the full amount had not been paid. When the store was sold there were very few outstanding accounts. The store was a way of making some money, so they could buy a farm. In 1965 we moved from Osterwick to Wakeham on the side of the Pembina Hills. There was farmland, bush and pasture for cattle and a building for hogs. Dad was finally a farmer.

We were taught the value of work and enjoyed working with Mom and Dad. We planted and hoed in the garden, picked apples, saskatoons, chokecherries, raspberries, strawberries etc. We hauled bales by hand, lots of bales, and shoveled manure, lots of manure for the pigs and cattle. Probably didn't always enjoy that! We milked cows by hand and later with a machine.

Dad was still teaching SS but felt that God was calling him to be a minister in the Sommerfeld Church. He prayed that he would not be asked until son Jake, the oldest, had a driver's license so he could take the family to SS and church, while Dad would preach in other Sommerfeld Churches. Dad asked Mom and us children if we supported him as it would mean certain amount of time away from family and the farm. We said we did. Dad was ordained on February 4, 1968. Dad's handwriting was not the neatest, so he would write out his sermon and Mom would copy it in neat handwriting. Being in ministry was a joint effort. As many of you know, Dad led youth groups, Bible studies, officiated at many weddings and funerals, as well as hospital visitations.

They retired to Morden in 1993 and lived there 24 years.

In 2017, Mom and Dad moved to Buhler Estates in Winkler. Mom was admitted to Salem in 2018 and passed away 2019. Dad continued to live at Buhler Estates and moved to Salem in November 2022. He appreciated the care he received. Thank you to the doctors and Salem staff. Thank you as well to Wiebe's Funeral Home.

He was predeceased by his wife Katharina (2019), his son Ernest (2025), his grandson Mark (1995).

Dad is survived by his children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren:

Jake (and Sylvia) son Jason (and Loresa) with Teigan and Raegan; daughter Cynthia Hamilton with Quinn, Keira and Carys; daughter Stephanie (and Allan O'Ray) with Nolan and Grady; daughter Jacqueline (and John Schmidt) with Calysta (and Pete Fehr), Reed (and Abigail) and Tiana.

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Anne

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Also survived by: sister Helen, brother Dave and wife Linda, sister-in-law Adeline, brother Pete and wife Louise, sister-in-law Anne Rempel.

We will miss Dad, but we are glad that he is in heaven with his Savior, Jesus Christ.

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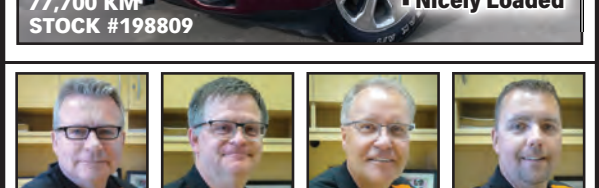
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