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Fallen sentinel

Winkler's water tower touched the ground last Wednesday after standing sentinel over the community for the past six decades. For more photos, see Pg. 4.

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Park art unveiled

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Artist Andreas Huebert removes the tarp from one of the three hockey player sculptures now in place in the Greg Ens Memorial Park.

By Ashleigh Viveiros

As one Winkler landmark was coming down last week, another was going up.

The same day the city's water tower was being dismantled, the Greg Ens Memorial Park across the street saw three hockey player sculptures installed.

On Monday, artist Andreas Huebert joined local dignitaries in officially unveiling his work.

"Unbelievable," Huebert said when asked how it felt to see his pieces on display for the whole community to enjoy. "I can't believe I made it ... because I've never done this before in my life."

This is Huebert's first large-scale commission since he started creating

art several years ago. The sculptures each represent countless hours of work.

"Every day, several hours," Huebert said, explaining he got to work on them in earnest in June.

Each piece consists of a metal tubing frame covered with building foam, welded wire, and, finally, multiple layers of cement mix.

Huebert wasn't out to depict fine details with these pieces, focusing instead on capturing a sense of action with the poses.

"It's not about the details" of each player's equipment or uniform, he explained, but rather the "beauty and power of motion."

The sculptures got a big thumbs up from Margaret Penner, head of the

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The wind finally cooperated Nov. 3 to allow for the dismantling of the Winkler water tower. Workers got started at first light cutting through the steel structure to allow for the bowl to be removed just before lunch. The legs then came down piece by piece over the next few days. Hundreds of people tuned into the livestream of the event on the City of Winkler's YouTube page and dozens parked across the street to witness the demise of this iconic piece of the city's skyline. The tower went up 1964 and was part of Winkler's water processing system until 2011, when the new treatment plant opened. An assessment of the tower earlier this year determined it would cost over \$1 million to fix its growing structural issues. City council opted instead to spend about \$250,000 to tear it down. Rakowski Cartage & Wrecking out of Winnipeg were tasked with getting the job done.

Bringing the tower down



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> SCULPTURES, FROM PG. 3

Winkler Horticulture Society, which has taken the lead on the memorial park.

"They are truly a work of art," she said, thanking the City of Winkler and all the generous donors for making this project possible. "This impressive statement will bring a lot of people to this spot and I think it will be a landmark from here on out."

Al Ens, father of the late Greg Ens, feels the sculptures are a fitting tribute considering his son's love of hockey and his involvement as a player, coach, and supporter.

"They are much more than I had expected," he said looking up at the

larger-than-life pieces and reflecting on some of the early designs he saw. "I thought they would be rugged and edgy ... these look very, very real. I think Andreas has done a fantastic job."

Ens noted he and his family are eager to see the park finished next year. "We're looking forward to the day it will be completed and we can have our family gatherings here," he said.

Still to come to the park this winter is a shelter and fire pit. The city will also be flooding the walking path to create a skating trail. Further landscaping and tree planting will happen next spring.

Community helps get the Flyers off the roof

By Ashleigh Viveiros

The community came through for Central Station in a big way last week. The Winkler community centre stranded the Winkler Flyers junior hockey team on the roof of Main St. Plaza Nov. 2, promising not to let them back down until \$40,000 in donations came in.

Vehicles were lined up to support the cause before the Flyers even got up on the roof, and so volunteers were kept busy from the get-go selling ta-co-in-a-bag lunches, cinnamon buns, and candy bags and accepting donations from about 11:30 a.m. through to the evening.

The Flyers had their feet back on the ground by mid-afternoon—about three hours after they settled in for what could have been a much longer haul.

“It went a whole lot faster than we expected,” said executive director Bev Wiebe, expressing her appreciation for the countless people who stopped by to make donations both large and

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Winkler Flyers players and staff queue for the trek up the fire department's ladder truck to the roof of Main St. Plaza last Tuesday.

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The Flyers chow down on the coffee and cinnamon buns that were sent up when \$20,000 in donations was reached.

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> CENTRAL STATION, FROM PG. 5

small—it all added up. “It was the community showing up with \$20 and \$50 and \$10—you name it.”

Not only was the \$40,000 goal reached, but donations continued to pour in beyond that. At press time, organizers figured the event had raised \$65,000 for renovations to the building, which Central Station hopes to have completed by next spring.

“I was a little anxious about [reaching] \$40,000,” Wiebe admitted. “This was a really pleasant surprise.”

It takes good-sized bite out of the \$1.6 million Central Station needs to raise for the renovation project, bringing them to about \$745,000 and counting.

“It’s a really good start, but we do still have a long way to go,” Wiebe said. “This doesn’t stop what we need to do in the community to bring more funds to the renovations. So we’ll keep plugging away at it.”

The renovations will transform Main St. Plaza into Central Station’s new home, with a much larger area for the food cupboard, increased childcare space, and a larger commercial kitchen and dining hall that will double as a gathering area for community groups and activities.

The community centre currently calls 545 Industrial Dr. home, but they’ve long outgrown the building since opening there eight years ago.

The success of the fundraiser certainly goes to show the community is behind Central Station’s dreams of expansion, Wiebe observed.

“It was phenomenal to see not just

the financial donations but the people just showing up. It’s so affirming to know that people are supportive of what we do as an organization,” she said. “I think that’s the biggest message that we took away: people believe in the work that’s happening here and they want to be a part of it.”

For the Flyers, the day was a fun team-building exercise while also being a chance to give back, said head coach and general manager Justin Falk.

“It was a great day and a great opportunity to be involved in such a great community initiative,” he said. “Central Station is near and dear to many people’s hearts in the community and you saw that with the support and the money that was raised.”

“I knew we would get there,” Falk added of the financial goal. “But I didn’t think it would happen that quickly.”

The boys passed the time playing cards and bean bag toss. That, and an awful lot of eating.

Lunch was sent up when \$10,000 in donations was reached, followed by coffee and cinnamon buns at \$20,000, and a pizza party at \$30,000.

“It seemed like we were eating non-stop,” Falk said, laughing. “It was a chance for the guys to connect and visit and the next thing you knew the time went by and that was it.”

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Kicking off Movember



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The Morden Firefighters Association and Rendezvous Brewery and Taproom teamed up for a special Movember fundraiser last Saturday that included Rendezvous serving up a firehouse amber ale, fire-themed beer cocktails, and smokies from Oakwood Meatery. A dollar from each pint and 50 cents from each can sold was donated to the Movember Foundation in support of men's health. If you missed out, you can still stop in for one until the specially brewed beer is gone. "We were thrilled when they asked us. This is the kind of thing we have wanted to do since we opened this place," said Caylie Nicholson of Rendezvous. "We want this to be an annual thing," noted firefighter's rep. Sean Christensen.

Giving Challenge takes place Nov. 15-21

Donations an investment in the future of your community: Lambert

By Ashleigh Viveiros

A donation to your local community foundation will be stretched next week thanks to Endow Manitoba's Giving Challenge.

During the week of Nov. 15-21, a \$5 donated will turn into \$7 thanks to support from The Winnipeg Foundation and the Province of Manitoba.

Some local community foundations will see donations stretched even further than that.

The Winkler Community Foundation, for example, has lined up additional funds from the City of Winkler, Access Credit Union, Protec Plumbing, Elias Woodwork, Triple E, GTP, Parkland Place, and Winkler Concrete.

That support means every \$20 that comes in from the community is worth \$40, says executive director Myra Peters.

"This is the biggest fundraiser for the foundation every year. This is the one that we wait for and really lean heavily on," she says, noting last year nearly \$45,000 was raised for WCF's community endowment fund, which issues grants annually to a variety of community projects. Several thousand more dollars came in that week for other funds under the foundation's umbrella, though those donations are not stretched during this campaign.

Knowing their donations are going to be super-sized during the Giv-

ing Challenge, many people wait all year to give.

"Our donors often wait for this time of year because their dollars are stretched and have that much more impact because of that," Peters said.

The Winkler foundation is aiming high with this year's campaign, hoping to reach \$75,000.

They estimate they need to raise that much every year for the next four years to hit their goal of bringing the community fund to \$1 million.

"By raising the community fund to \$1 million it will give us more funds to grant back," Peters said. "We find each year the asks keep going up and we want to be able to meet more of those requests to support charities in our community."

Meanwhile, the Morden Area Foundation is receiving additional stretching funds from Access Credit Union's Morden branch on top of those from The Winnipeg Foundation and the province during Giving Challenge week. The support means a \$100 donation from you becomes \$160 for the foundation's general community fund.

Likewise, the Plum Coulee Community Foundation has extra support coming in from Sunvalley Tire. When all is said and done, a \$5 donation will become \$12.

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'Ears to Zeke

The other day my sister sent a text to the family chat stating that her beloved pet pug Zeke was going to have to have his ear canals removed due to infection.

The response was quick and sympathetic. All acknowledged that this was a tragedy. While Zeke is an older dog, it would definitely be sad for him to lose his hearing. I mean, what's a dog without his ear canals? I felt bad and sent along my sympathies and best wishes.

I mentioned the unfortunate news to my wife and she was quiet for a long moment, clearly processing what she had heard.

"How do they remove ear canals?"

"What do you mean?"

"I mean ... they're holes right? How do you remove a hole?"

I was stumped. I had not thought of this. We discussed further.

"Well, the vet told her that Zeke's

ear canals needed to be removed."

"Right, I understand this. But how do you remove nothing? I mean they are holes. They are the absence of a thing. How do you remove that?"

Hmmm ... she had a point. I had not thought of that. I mean, your sister tells you that the vet says her dog needs to have its ear canals removed and you assume ear canals are things that can be removed, like tubes or something.

My wife continued inquisitively:

"They're a canal, so doesn't that mean if you remove them you're just making them bigger?" (This just reminded us of an old riddle: "What gets bigger the more you take away from it? A hole.")

"Well, they're canals right? Don't canals get filled in? Maybe the vet will be filling in his ear canals." This seemed satisfactory when I said it but felt ridiculous immediately afterward.

"WHY would a vet fill in a dog's ear canals? What possible medical advantage could there be to filling them in?"

"I don't know. I'm not a vet."

By this point, I must admit, we were both rolling with laughter at how ridiculous we had made the whole thing. It felt like we were trapped in an episode of Seinfeld and George is telling his father that his fiancé's cat needs its ear canals removed, leading to similar, increasingly louder, discus-

sions.

Now please understand, we are not heartless monsters who typically roll with laughter upon learning our poor nephew-dog Zeke needs his ear canals removed. It was more the situation of trying to comprehend what that involves from a veterinary science perspective that triggered our humour response.

I have since learned that aging Zeke has gone deaf as a result of an ear infection (hence the canal work required) and while Zeke's mother, my sister, would never admit this, my other sisters have confessed this has had some small advantages in the house.

Zeke is a bit of a barking thing. He barks when a car drives by the house, when the door opens, when the door closes, when someone knocks at the door, when he hears another dog bark on television.

Now that he cannot hear these things he does not bark nearly as much.

Look, don't feel too bad for Zeke. There is not another dog mom on the planet who lavishes more love and care on their dog than my sister. He will be fine as he convalesces from ear canal removal surgery (or whatever is happening).

I might suggest that my sister ask the vet to save the canals after they're removed. You know, for posterity.



By Peter Cantelon

Letters

DISAPPOINTING

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To be clear, as an ardent conservative with a libertarian bent, I recog-

nize your individual right to reject vaccination. But that doesn't mean that this choice is anything less than juvenile and irresponsible. It's hurting us all via extended restrictions and the taxation of our shared healthcare infrastructure. Moreover it's ruining 100 years of goodwill and reputation, built on hard work, sweat and sound decisions. What a travesty.

**Mike Phelan,
Oakbank**

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Stefanson sworn in as Manitoba's first female premier

By Ashleigh Viveiros

Heather Stefanson was sworn in as Manitoba's first female premier last week.

Stefanson, who won the Progressive Conservative Party of Manitoba's leadership race against Shelly Glover by 363 votes (Glover is currently appealing to the courts to declare the results invalid), took over the role of premier Nov. 2 from Kelvin Goertzen, who filled it in an interim capacity after Brian Pallister stepped down.

A woman becoming Manitoba's 24th premier is something that was once "unthinkable," Stefanson reflected after being sworn in, going on to honour the legacy of the women who came before her in various roles in government, steadily paving the way for this day.

"While I may be the first woman to hold this office, I take this oath confident in the knowledge that I will not be the last," she said.

Stefanson pledged that her government is committed to acknowledging and reconciling for the sins of the past

when it comes to the province's treatment of Indigenous peoples.

"Our government is committed to listening and learning from First Nations leaders, Elders, and Indigenous families as we advance reconciliation together," she said. "I look forward to learning from Indigenous Manitobans and working together to heal the wounds of the past and forge a new path forward."

The pandemic is also top of mind for the new premier, who acknowledged it has "affected the lives and livelihoods of every Manitoban."

The crisis has created and exposed challenges in the province's health care system, Stefanson said, announcing the creation of a task force to "clear the surgical and diagnostic backlogs and enhance our ICU capacity."

She also pledged to "do right by our seniors" by implementing every recommendation made in the review of Manitoba's long-term care system.

And when it comes to the economy and the struggles the pandemic has caused, she promised the government is committed to helping entre-

Premier Heather Stefanson reflected on the women who came before her in government and is confident that while she may be the first female premier in Manitoba, she certainly won't be the last.

SCREENSHOT



preneurs get back on their feet.

"To the extent that government is impeding their productivity and growth, we need to get out of their way and let them run their businesses," she said. "Over the coming months and years, that is exactly what our government will do. We will listen to our business community and create the conditions for economic growth."

Above all, Stefanson stressed she believes wholeheartedly in the values of peace, prosperity, and human

rights for all.

"I promise that I will always be humble in the pursuit of that cause," she said. "I promise that I will always listen to you, the people of Manitoba. And I promise that in two years, when this government seeks a renewed mandate, you will see yourself in our priorities and our vision."

"I will work every day to gain and maintain your trust."

Stefanson will deliver her first throne speech as premier on Nov. 23.

Our mistake

Our story on Sarah Gwen Peters last week (*Morden woman wants greater flexibility in vaccination exemptions*, Pg. 12) incorrectly identified her as a Morden resident.

That should have read "a Morden-Winkler woman"—Peters splits her time between Winkler and Winnipeg.

We regret the error and any confusion it may have caused.

> GIVING CHALLENGE, FROM PG. 7

makes it so much fun," said Morden's Lynda Lambert, Endow Manitoba's community foundations coordinator for the south-central region.

"All these gifts at this time of year are an investment into the future and an investment into whatever community you belong to," she added.

Other regional foundations include the Pembina-Manitou Community Foundation, the Miami and Area Foundation, the Morris Area Founda-

tion, and the Pilot Mound and District Foundation.

To make a donation next week, go to endowmb.org/giving-challenge and find your local foundation, or head to your community foundation's office or website for further details.

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Emerado School celebrates opening of new playground

By Ashleigh Viveiros

Emerado Centennial School cut the ribbon on its new playground last Friday.

The entire student body headed outside that morning for the ceremony, which wrapped up with their first chance to explore the structure.

Former longtime Emerado principal Garth Doerksen returned for the celebration and reflected on how far the school's grounds have come since its opening in 2006.

"When we opened this school, the ground that we're standing on was just dirt, nothing but dirt, and that was everything we had to play with,"

he told the assembled students. "And here we are all these years later thanks to the fundraising that each one of you have done and the kids that have been here in past years have done. That fundraising has made a tremendous difference in making sure that we can have a play structure like you see here today."

Doerksen went on to thank the school's current and past parent advisory council members for taking on this project, especially Richard and Tara Suderman and Abe and Denita Fehr.

"Their energy and enthusiasm and influence in the community has made the difference to bring us to the point where we can put in play structures like this one and more in the future."

Current PAC chair Joel Billing said the playground is the result of countless fundraisers over the last several years and the generous support of community members and businesses alike.

"A lot of the corporate sponsors stepped up and pitched in," he said, thanking major donors Diamond Doors, WBS Construction/Harval Homes, and Rede-Made Noodles, among many others. "A huge thank-you to them. This is not possible without the students doing their hard

work, fundraising ... but also these corporate sponsors. A huge thank you to all of them."

The structure unveiled last week is just one part of a larger playground revitalization project at Emerado. Billing noted they've also put in new swings and have another surprise for the kids going in next spring.

"So we're still looking for funds, still looking for sponsorships."

With the sounds of the kids enjoying the playground ringing in the background, principal Jacqui Kusnick observed how important a play space like this is for students.

"For them to have something to do, it's good for their mental health and their physical health," she said. "That is important now and it's always been important."

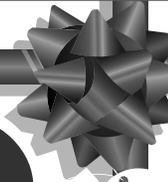
The kids have been eagerly awaiting the chance to explore the structure, which was fenced off until last week.

"There has been such excitement since the day they brought it in on a crane ... every day they've been asking, 'When do we get to go on it?'" Kusnick said, going on to thank everyone who made this day possible. "For everyone to come together right now and make this happen for our community, it's really awesome and it's really amazing."



PHOTOS BY ASHLEIGH VIVEIROS/VOICE

Emerado Centennial School staff and students gathered with parents and donors Friday to officially declare the school's new playground structure open for play.



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Gary Gilmour receives Honour 150 medal

By Lorne Stelmach

Gary Gilmour is among select company as an award recipient of the Honour 150 initiative.

The Winkler resident is one of 150 Manitobans recognized with the award presented by Canada Life to help celebrate Manitoba's 150th year by honouring people who stand out for their role in making a difference in their communities.

Plans for an in-person tribute event for the Manitoba 150 Honourees in Winnipeg were cancelled, so community groups like the Winkler Community Foundation were enlisted to officially present the commemorative medal and certificate to Gilmour at a noon hour ceremony Monday at Winkler City Hall.

"It's not something that you look for or that you necessarily expect," said Gilmour.

"There's a real variety of people there," he observed of his fellow recipients, which includes Morden's Clare Agnew. "They did get a real variety of recipients from different communities and different walks of life within the province. So it's a great honour. I'm somewhat overwhelmed by it."

Gilmour has been a community

leader in Winkler for decades, spearheading the local blood donor clinics, serving as a member of the Winkler Lions Club, helping establish the Amy Janzen Fund, and being part of the group who got the Winkler Flyers junior hockey club going, also serving on its board of directors for many years.

Since the early 2000s, Gilmour has worked with the Winkler Community Foundation and helped develop Youth in Philanthropy programs in local schools.

"I've always been involved in the community," said Gilmour. "I've always been prepared to help with things. It's something that always interested me. You'd see something that needed to be done or something that can be done better and get involved with it."

"The important thing is really don't look for other people to take the lead. If there's something you would like to see done, if there's something the community lacks, try to get it started ... go for it and work for it."

The commemorative medal Gilmour received incorporated copper salvaged from the Legislative Building and features a design created by Manitoba artist Takashi Iwasaki, who drew



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Honour 150 award winner Gary Gilmour with Winkler Community Foundation vice-president Cory Hildebrand.

inspiration from Manitoba's prairie sky, rivers, villages and farming roots.

In addition, \$500 was donated to a charity of each honouree's choice. Gilmour selected the Central Station Community Centre.

In keeping with the original spirit of this award, Canada Life has offered to redirect \$150,000 in funds originally intended for the recognition weekend to the Health Science Centre COVID-19 Crisis Response Fund to support frontline health care workers as they continue to navigate the in-

creased needs and pressures caused by COVID-19.

"The recipients are local leaders who selflessly give their time and effort to make our province a better place not only during our province's 150th year, but every day," said Hugh Moncrieff, executive vice-president, advisory network and industry affairs, for Canada Life. "We couldn't think of a better way to celebrate their dedication than to contribute to the charities and organizations of their choice in their honour."

Local docs continue to reach out to the vaccine-hesitant

By Lorne Stelmach

The challenge of trying to reach those people who remain resistant to or even outright against COVID-19 vaccination is what now faces the health care sector as the fourth wave of the pandemic wears on.

Winkler-Stanley remains the area of the province with the lowest vaccination rates, while Southern Health as a whole also lags behind the rest of the province.

Dr. Aly Dhala is among the local medical professionals who are committed to trying to have conversations with the vaccine-hesitant in the hopes those numbers can be improved.

"We're all coming from the same place. People want to be safe and no one wants to do something that's harmful," said Dhala, who has been a family physician at the C.W. Wiebe Medical Centre in Winkler since 2014.

"The conversations can become tense very quickly. There's a lot of strong feelings on both sides of this,

but, at the end of the day, I don't think it's a two-sided issue. There's very few things in life that are black and white," Dhala suggested in an interview last week.

"I try to be as open-minded as I can with people. I try to be as patient as I can, and you try not to make assumptions because the reasons for hesitancy are very broad. There isn't one reason; there's many different reasons."

Doctors in Morden-Winkler have been having frank discussions with patients ever since the vaccine was developed, Dhala said, trying to educate people and address their concerns.

"We're still seeing some of those people who are on the fence ... they have some very fair questions, and they're trying to sort things out," he said. "With those patients, I will sit and spend however long it takes—whether it's five minutes or 45 minutes—if it means I can have a reasonable conversation with them and address their concerns."

That said, it's one thing to reach peo-

ple who are simply uncertain or fearful and quite another to connect with those who have much stronger feelings against vaccination.

"There's another group that has made up their minds ... and it's very hard to change their mind once their mind is made up," Dhala acknowledged. "It's translating into things like being sick for a week and not isolating or going for COVID-19 testing and then showing up to acute care because they are really feeling unwell."

"It's challenging. I don't have a good answer" as to how to reach those individuals, Dhala said, noting there is the additional challenge of how it can be tied in to a strong religious belief for some people. "It's very hard to separate that out ... it's very hard to undo that thinking."

He holds out hope that the vaccine mandates may have an impact the longer they stay in place.

"I think one of the ways forward ... is it's going to become increasingly difficult to do things," said Dhala. "I

think when people encounter those barriers, I hope that encourages them to relook at things and consider why these measures are in place and that there's a safety component to this; there's no grand conspiracy."

In the end, Dhala said he remains optimistic, even as the number of infected patients with COVID-19 in the area continues to climb.

"I think you really have to be hopeful," he said. "There's only one way forward and that's going to end the pandemic ... there's no other way to do that right now other than through safe and effective vaccination."

In a prepared statement, the Menzies Medical Centre in Morden also touched on how they continue to try to support and guide patients through the vaccination process.

"Providers continue to ask their patients if they are vaccinated and if not, allow the conversation to take place when patients have questions," the clinic said. "Through listening,

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Morden's Little Caesars picks up pair of awards

By Lorne Stelmach

Morden's Little Caesars has been honoured on the global stage.

The pizzeria received not only a top award for operational excellence at an annual company event in Las Vegas but another honour as well for top five sales increase for franchisees around the world.

"We honestly didn't even think we would be nominated, never mind win, so that was a pretty big deal," franchise owner Lorenzo Friesen remarked when he arrived back home last week.

"It was quite an experience," he said. "There's probably 3,000 franchisees out there ... all over the world ... and suddenly you win an award and they all know your name and where you're from all of a sudden."

Little Caesars first opened in Morden in 2012. Friesen took over ownership of the outlet in 2018.

The restaurant here wasn't always as successful as it could have been, he noted, but they've really stepped up their game.

"In the last few years, it's really been doing quite well," Friesen said. "I think it comes down to a focus on staff and



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Morden Little Caesars staff Carter Hynes, Jack Whiteway, Lorenzo Friesen, Ethan Fehr, Selina Finley, Kyle DeMont, Zach Francis, Ariel Grant, Aleah Hildebrand, and Itsy Cantelon with the awards the restaurant won recently. Missing are staff Dakota Seenie, Levi Ward, Zane Sheldon, Noah Klassen, Kamden Fehr, and Gabriella Thiessen

making sure that we can always keep our promise of hot and ready pizza.

"Being able to move to Morden and being in the store, especially for those first few years, every day really helped turn things around here," he added, noting the location has 13 employees in addition to himself and his girlfriend.

This year was the first time they had

been able to go the company's annual business conference, past years being foiled by work or the pandemic.

"We had really built up a solid foundation with our staff ... everything was running much smoother, so I was able to take the time off," Friesen said.

As for the award for top five sales increases for franchisees, Friesen estimated they have had about a 25 to 30

per cent increase in the past year.

"That one is really just due to the community really supporting us," he suggested. "I think through the pandemic, initially we saw a big decline in sales ... however, we're a takeout store, so we were really able to capitalize on that hot and ready pizza, people being able to just come in and get out."

He sees their online pizza portal and what they are calling "reserve and ready" as really working well for them.

"This is what we primarily focus our pizza portal around where you can order your pizza any way you like, and when you come in the store you just type in your code, a door opens up, and you get your order.

"This came literally just months before the pandemic really hit, and that was obviously a big hit with people because it's little interaction and you're in and out ... I think that has really helped us."

Now, Friesen looks forward to continued success and growth in the market here.

"When it was first put here, it was a growing town ... the town has really grown further now ... and our customers are from all over ... so the location can grow into the population."

Low vaccination, high test positivity rates in Southern Health

By Ashleigh Viveiros

The Southern Health region's low vaccination uptake is leading to some sobering numbers.

Last Friday, public health officials for the first time released the COVID-19 test positivity rates for all five Manitoba health regions.

Southern Health-Santé Sud was seeing a five-day test positivity rate of 14.5 per cent that week, well above the 9.5 per cent being seen in the Northern health region, 5.3 in Interlake/Eastern, 4.8 in Prairie Mountain, and two per cent in Winnipeg.

At 68.4 per cent, Southern Health's vaccination rate is the lowest in the province by a wide margin; the next lowest is Prairie Mountain at 81.7 per cent.

As of Monday, Southern Health accounted for 439 of Manitoba's 1,377 active COVID-19 cases—over 30 per cent—and nearly half of all the new cases reported over the past week, despite only having about 15 per cent of the province's population.

Of the 141 Manitobans hospitalized due to COVID-19 on Monday, 62 are from Southern Health. The region also accounts for 15 out of the 26 peo-

ple currently in ICU due to the virus.

"We are monitoring the situation in Southern Health, as we are monitoring the situation throughout the province," deputy chief provincial public health officer Dr. Jazz Atwal said at a press conference last Wednesday. "We're looking to see if there's anything else we can do from a measures perspective and recommendations to government related to Southern Health as well."

Currently, the bulk of the Southern Health region has more restrictive capacity limits in retail stores (50 per cent) compared to the rest of the province, but no other extra restrictions.

Atwal said they're looking closely at what the picture might look like across the province in the weeks ahead but

could give no firm details on what, if any, further restrictions might be on the horizon.

"We're looking at where we anticipate cases to be over the next one to six weeks' time and also where hospitalizations and acute care capacity requirements will be over that time," he said. "So we're taking in a lot of information right now, we're synthesizing it, and we're going to look at seeing what else we can do from a public health perspective in those locations."

When it comes to reaching out to communities in Southern Health, Atwal said they plan to continue working with local leaders to help educate people about the vaccine's efficacy and alleviate concerns they may have about its safety.

"The vaccine has proven quite powerful in preventing cases and also in preventing those severe outcomes," he stressed.

Manitoba on Monday reported 156 new cases, its largest daily increase in infections since June. Fifty-six of those were in Southern Health.

Across Manitoba, unvaccinated or partially vaccinated people make up about 60 per cent of active COVID-19 patients in hospital and 89 per cent of those in ICU.

Locally, cases are on the rise in several communities, with Winkler reporting 68 cases, Morden 27, Altona 22, and Stanley 19 on Monday. The other Pembina Valley communities each had under 10 cases at press time.

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discussing and providing guidance, physicians and providers do what they can to encourage vaccinations. They also ensure if patients are using the internet they are directing their patients to reliable websites such as www.manitobavaccine.ca.

The statement went on to note that

they are considering how the clinic can take advantage of provincial support for vaccination outreach.

"We were excited to learn about the new initiatives brought forward from Doctors Manitoba, and we do hope to be able to implement some of them.

"Some of the other initiatives involve supporting vaccine clinics. We are incredibly fortunate in our community to have a supersite as well as many pharmacies providing vaccinations. We feel these resources adequately provide for the vaccination needs of our community."

Celebrating all skin tones

Winkler woman raising funds to get Colors of the World markers into local schools

By Ashleigh Viveiros

With Winkler becoming a more culturally diverse community every day, a local mother has set out to ensure every child can see themselves reflected in their and their classmates' artwork.

Kayla Sukkau is raising funds to put five boxes of Crayola's Colors of the World markers into every K-6 classroom in Garden Valley School Division.

The markers, released by Crayola last year, include 24 different shades of skin tone colours meant to better represent all peoples of the world.

Movements like the Every Child Matters campaign and the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation got

Sukkau thinking about the importance of inclusion and representation at every age.

"I watch my first grader come out of school with her friends and, even within her one class, there's so much diversity there," she says. "When I bought her these markers she was super excited—now she can draw pictures of her friends at school because she has the colour she needed to be able to draw all her friends and they don't all just look the same."

"I thought how cool would it be to buy a bunch of markers for our kids' classes at school as a way to celebrate our diversity and individuality?"

There are a little over 100 K-6 classrooms in GVSD, so Sukkau is aiming to purchase at least 510 boxes to equip them all.

So far, through the generosity of friends and family, she's raised enough to purchase 38 boxes.

Thanks to Crayola recently hooking her up with wholesale purchase prices, Sukkau estimates she'll need to raise about \$2,400 to purchase the rest (almost half what she was expecting to have to pay at retail).

"It's a little bit more attainable now,"



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Kayla Sukkau hopes to put a few boxes of Crayola's Colors of the World markers into every K-6 classroom in the Garden Valley School Division. So far she's raised enough for 38 of the 510 needed.

she says, noting that it works out to about \$30 per classroom.

She hopes to get the markers into the classrooms as soon as possible but will be accepting donations towards

this project for as long as it takes.

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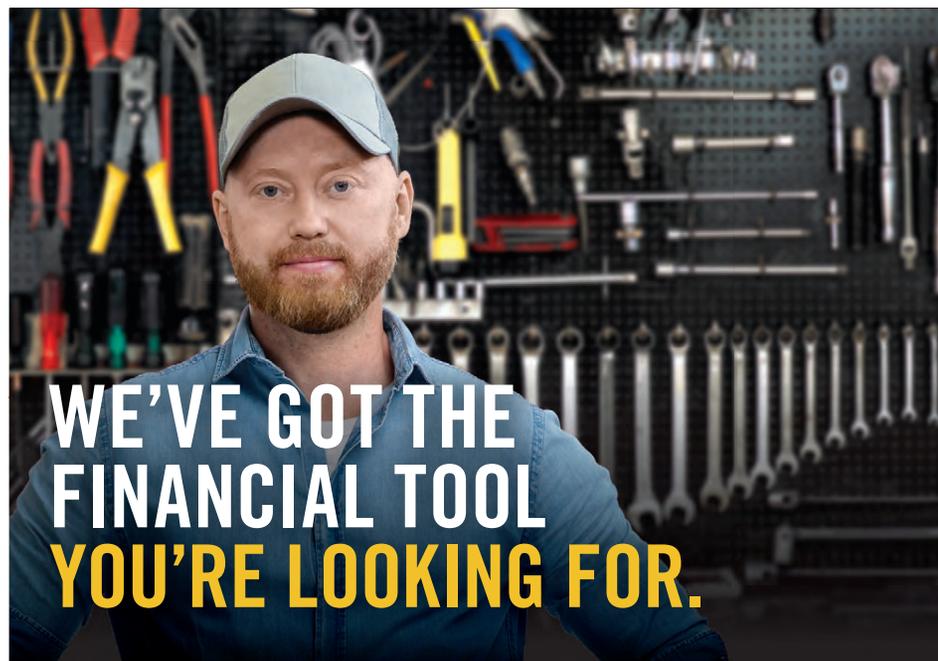
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By Ashleigh Viveiros



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The Manitoba Farm Women's Conference is back for another round of virtual sessions.

In honour of Manitoba Farm Women's Week Nov. 14-20, MFWC is hosting a pair of Zoom presentations on Nov. 15 and Nov. 17.

The online gatherings follow on the heels of a similar series held earlier this year, which MFWC committee member Tracy Chappell says were quite well-attended.

"I think it's something where people were looking for something to offset COVID—something to do—and that's why we're doing it again because we feel it's time to connect again," she said. "Although we can't connect in person like we'd like to, this is a way we can do it virtually."

Since its creation 30 years ago, the conference has sought to provide an opportunity for participants to network and share knowledge about the benefits and challenges of rural living.

"It's a chance to get together and laugh and commiserate with each other," Chappell said, noting some farm families may have had a banner year, while others are struggling. "We've all been there before and so sometimes the older ones can impart their wisdom onto the younger ones. It's about being there to support one

another.

"I think sometimes [living rurally] we feel distanced. But you're not alone."

This year's conference theme is "Gratitude and Wellness Within the Farming Community."

The Nov. 15 session, featuring guest speaker Kim Moffatt, will focus on mental health as it relates to those who make their living in the agricultural world.

Moffatt trained in psychiatric nursing and is a certified crisis counsellor who worked for the Manitoba Farm, Rural and Northern Support Services as well as the Manitoba Suicide Prevention Support Line.

She is able to use her own experience as a former farmer to help understand and connect with producers who are facing increasing stress levels.

"We really feel that mental health is something we're all learning about and realizing the importance of," said Chappell. "She going to come in and give us some tips on what to look for, what's available for people who are suffering."

Then, on Nov. 17, participants will hear from Portage la Prairie area producers Mark and Yanara Peters of Spruce Drive Farms and Stone Shed Gardens.

Together they produce 100 acres of seed potatoes and about 500 acres of grass and alfalfa hay alongside a new flower business to bring colour to people's lives.

Also on tap for the evening are Elise and her daughter Emily from Porch Drop Produce, who are bringing rural produce into the urban markets.

It's a chance to showcase some options for shopping locally heading into the holidays, Chappell said.

"I think the pandemic, if it's done anything, has made us realize that there's a lot of things in our own backyards that maybe we didn't realize were out there," she said, explaining the speakers will share their journeys and methods of reaching out to people, especially those who may not be connected to the rural areas.

MWFC is also encouraging people to share made in Manitoba products and businesses with them on their social media pages.

The sessions both run from 7-8 p.m. and they are free and open to all. Pre-registration is not required: simply join the meeting via Zoom at <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/7062595483> to take part (or head to the Manitoba Farm Women's Conference's Facebook page for a clickable event link).

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Service to one's country often a multi-generational affair

Morden Legion banners include many local families who had multiple members serve their country

By Lorne Stelmach

There are so many families who have sacrificed and lost so much over time through war and service to our country.

For some, that service to the greater good spanned generations, and that is an aspect of it that is not lost on Ken Wiebe.

The former Morden mayor who spearheaded the Morden Legion's commemorative banner project made that observation recently in the lead up to Remembrance Day.

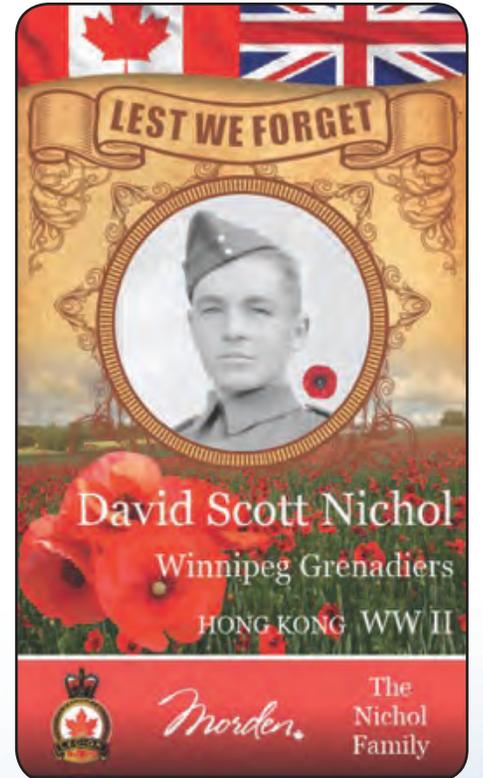
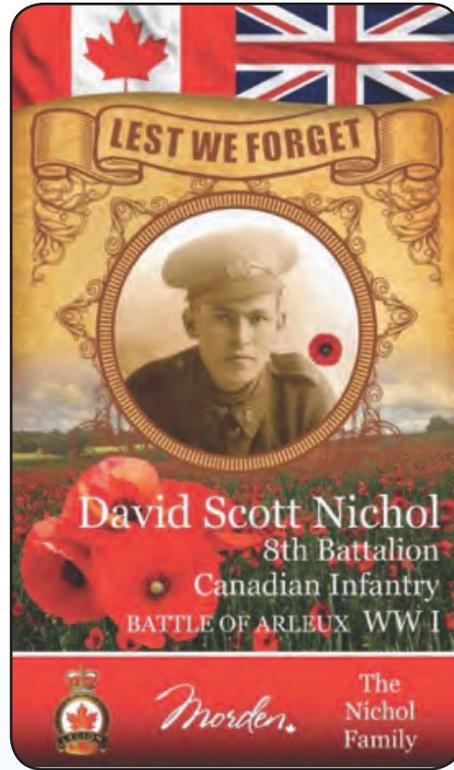
"It's interesting that we have so

many multi-generational banners out there ... I think it's kind of unique," said Wiebe, who himself was a long serving military man.

"It is very significant, and you very often see that where the sons serve after the fathers," he observed. "It's a sense of duty ... I don't know if it's born into you or whether you just feel it."

Going through profiles of area veterans compiled by the Legion as part of the banner project sheds light on some of the stories of such families.

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The Nichol family of Darlingford lost the elder David Scott Nichol in the First World War and the nephew named in his memory in the Second World War.

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Take, for example, private David Scott Nichol, who served in the 8th Battalion of Canadian Expeditionary Force in the First World War.

Having enlisted on Nov. 6, 1915, he sailed from Canada to Liverpool with his brother Walter in May 1916.

On April 28, 1917, the 8th Battalion, of which Nichol was a member, attacked Arleux over a low rise but was hit by heavy automatic fire. The company lost all of its officers, and Nichol was killed in action. He was laid to rest in France.

Decades later, Nichol's nephew, Lance Corporal David Scott Nichol, served with the Winnipeg Grenadiers, Royal Canadian Infantry Corps in the Second World War.

His war records state he was born in 1919, but like many of his peers (including his brother Bill), David

lied about his age to enlist.

On Dec. 8, 1941 the Japanese invaded Hong Kong and the British and Canadian Forces were soon overwhelmed. The fighting lasted 17 days until the white flag of surrender was hoisted.

Of the 1,975 Canadians, 290 were killed in action, 493 wounded, and 264 would die as prisoners of war including Nichol, who lasted until Oct. 12, 1942 and died of an inflammation of the small intestine, which was probably brought on by the starvation diet. Nichol is buried at the Sai Wan War Cemetery.

Another profile tells the story of 18-year-old Russell Alfred Burkitt, who in May of 1940 enlisted in the army and became a member of the Royal Canadian Corps of Signals.

He was involved in the Battle for

Normandy and at the city of Caen, which the Allied Airforce Commanders wanted captured to put in runways and more aircraft on French soil.

While on line patrol at Caen, Burkitt was severely wounded on July 19, 1944. He spent five months at a hospital in England before being sent back to Canada.

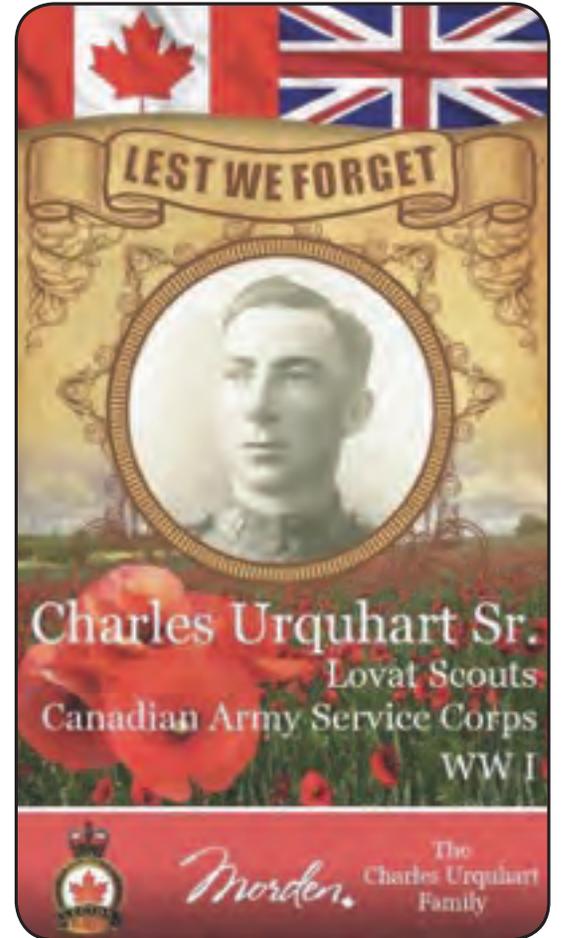
He returned home to Thornhill and began farming. An avid pilot, Burkitt and five others co-founded what became the Morden Flying Club.

The second of his four children, Sergeant Brian Grant Burkitt, at the age of 18 enlisted in the Canadian Armed Forces in August 1968.

The younger Burkitt was initially an aircraft technician and later trained as a flight engineer and was transferred to Edmonton and the 418 Squadron, which was used for training and search and rescue.

In June 1986, while in the midst of a search and rescue mission, Burkitt was one of eight people on board a Twin Otter aircraft who all perished in a crash. The investigation concluded the accident was caused by an illusion when the sun's high angle and lack of shadow on terrain caused the pilot to perceive the mountains distance deceptively far away.

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Charles Urquhart Sr. made it home from the First World War. Charles Urquhart, died in a bombing raid in Germany. F

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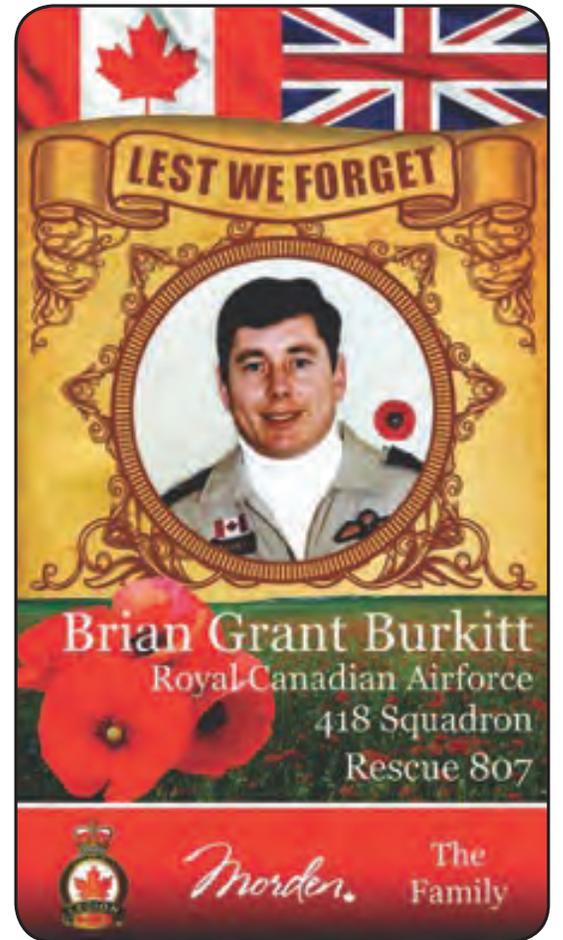
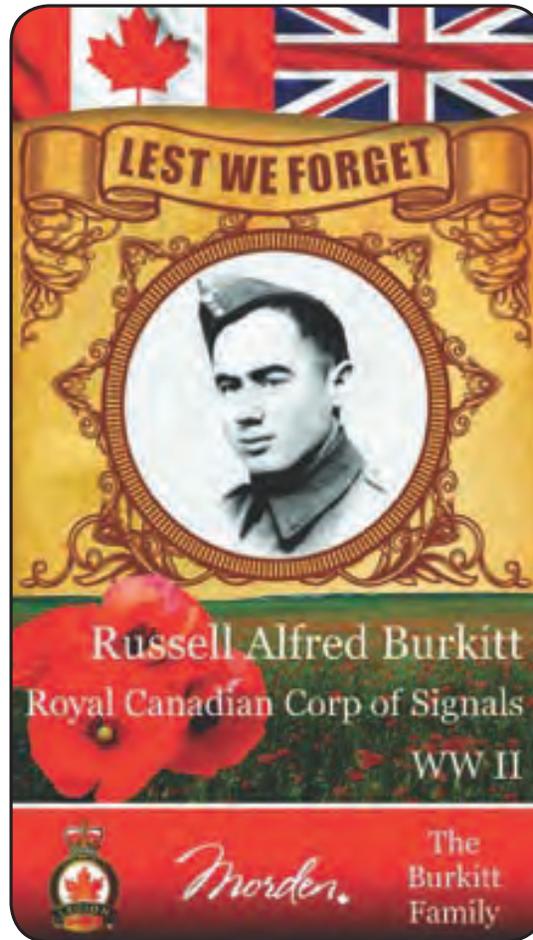
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Charles came from the First World War in 1919. His son, David Smith Urquhart, was killed in Germany. His plane wasn't found until 2015.

Another local family who saw its members serve across the generations was the Burkitts, who lost Russell Alfred Burkitt in the Second World War and Brian Grant Burkitt during a rescue operation in 1986.

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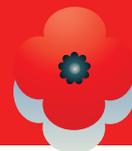
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Then there are the stories of the three Kinsmen brothers who served, including Elmer Frank Kinsmen, who in 1941 at the age of 23 joined the Royal Canadian Horse Artillery. He eventually was deployed to southern Italy as a driver mechanic and later to Belgium where he remained until peace was declared in 1945.

Rifleman Harvey Lloyd Kinsman enlisted in June 1942. In August 1944 in France, the Queen's Own Rifles were shelled and rifleman Kinsman was a casualty. He is buried at the Bretteville-sur Liaze Canadian War Cemetery.

Gunner Orval Ezra Kinsman in 1942 joined the Royal Canadian Horse artillery in Winnipeg at

the age of 17. He never left Canada but served until the end of hostilities in 1945.

Another local father and son duo who served was Charles Urquhart Sr. and David Smith Urquhart.

Charles enlisted in the Canadian Army Service Corps in March 1917. He suffered gassing while in the trenches and was eventually transferred and then given leave in France before being posted to England, eventually returning home in June 1919.

David, meanwhile, enlisted in the Royal Canadian Air Force in July 1941 and trained as an air gunner. He was later promoted to flight sergeant.

In December 1942, his air crew left for a bombing raid in Germany. An SOS was received as they flew over the Bay of Biscay, but nothing further was heard. The crew was presumed dead.

In the summer of 2015, the Wellington III Bomber was found buried in a wooded area near Langonnet, France. No bodies or parachutes were found, and the plane was out of fuel, so it is believed the crew abandoned the aircraft and drowned.

A memorial service for the crew was held in Langonnet, France in May 2016, and the cairn features a picture of the Wellington bomber along with David, who was 21 when he died, and his crewmates.

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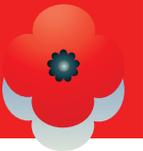
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A SOBERING REALITY

Stories like these—of which there are of course many more, not just locally but across the country—resonate with Wiebe, who also has a number of family connections tied to service.

“My father served and my father-in-law served in World War Two, and then I served not in war but in peacetime, as did my wife Linda ... and then our daughter also was in the navy for a period of time.”

Wiebe wanted to join at age 17, but his mother refused to sign, so he then joined after he turned 18 and became an aircraft technician.

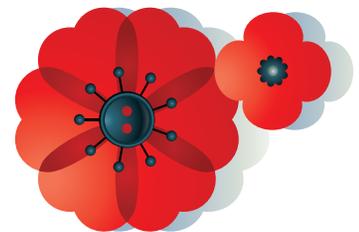
“Maybe it’s something you see your parents do and you think, well, maybe it’s a good thing, so you do it yourself,” he reflected.

“I thought it was a five-year plan,” Wiebe said. “I enjoyed the service. I enjoyed the camaraderie. I thought it was a good future, and I stayed on ... next thing you know, it was almost 30 years.

“Not everybody is born to do this ... it takes a certain kind of person ... it takes a lot of dedication,” he said. “I just had the desire to serve, and I thought it would be an adventure, and I think that’s the way a lot of people started.

“A lot of people just have the same feeling, that sense of duty ... and I think it’s very much there still ... when Canada was very involved in Afghanistan, the recruiting went up with people wanting to join,” he concluded. “And it can

often be generational. That sense of service, I don’t think, is any different, but it’s a different time now ... that sense of service is to serve your country and do what you can to serve.”



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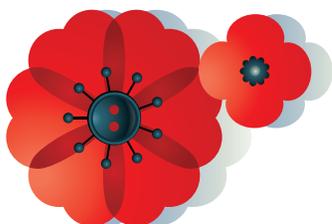
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La Riviere train station moved to Manitou

By Lorne Stelmach

A historic train station was on the move last week as the first step in its journey to being restored at its new home in Manitou.

The La Riviere train station that had been part of the former Archibald Museum has been relocated to the north end of Manitou's Main Street near where the town's own train station once stood.

It will provide a historic bookend to the Nellie McClung Heritage Site at the south end of Manitou, and it is a project that had been in mind for a number of years now.

"We just kind of said, 'Okay, it's now or never,'" noted Travis Long, who is involved with Boundary Trail Railway Company, the locally owned shortline railway formed by farmers in 2008 which operates 23 miles of the former CP La Riviere subdivision from Morden to Binney Corner.

"Some folks were out there in the summer and noticed the condition of the building had changed quite a bit in the last year or so, so there became some urgent concern that if we don't act soon, maybe there won't be a building to save in a year or two from now."

Completed in 1898, the La Riviere train station has been widely regarded as historically significant for such features as its French Canadian design with a mansard roof.

It was moved to the Archibald Museum in 1986 and remained on that site after the museum closed a few years ago.

Long recalled discussions back at that point about the train station as well as the two Nellie McClung homes which have since been relocated and opened as a heritage site in Manitou.

"There seemed to be a lot of energy for the Nellie McClung stuff first ... so they essentially became the priority," he said. "A few of us who were interested in the railway sta-



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The La Riviere train station was moved from the former Archibald Museum to its new home in Manitou last week.

tion decided to back off so that we wouldn't be competing with them and starting fundraising campaigns at the same time.

"Now that it's essentially established, discussions started again about the station," said Long, who added, though, that progress was further delayed by the pandemic. "It probably has cost us in the end a bit because some of the other railway infrastructure from the museum has ended up over at the Miami museum ... but at least it's being well preserved there."

The impetus to pursue it again now stemmed from the deterioration of the building, which had also incurred some damage from vandalism this past summer.

Given that the railway company has a section of land adjacent to the line, there was the rare opportunity to locate the station alongside a functioning rail line.

"That's a bit of a unique aspect to this project," Long suggested. "You probably wouldn't see that happen, especially not alongside a CN or CP line anymore ... the fact that there are only a handful of short line railroads in western Canada kind of means that this is a fairly unique opportunity for us to do this here."

They have been working on a site plan for the location right at the north end of Main St. on the south side of the tracks. The original Mani-

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A stroll down Stephen St. is now a literary experience

By Lorne Stelmach

A stroll along Stephen Street can now also offer you and your family some reading time.

Western School Division literacy coach Darlene Keith has spearheaded a Story Walk through Morden's downtown, posting pages from a book in various locations along the way.

The idea has started off with selections from the bestselling picture book *All Are Welcome*, which celebrates diversity and inclusivity as you follow a group of children through a day in their school where everyone is welcome.

The first pages are in the window of the Morden Library. Others can be found as you make your way down the street.

"It's another way to promote literacy, to promote physical literacy by getting out and getting some exercise, and it can be a way to spend time with family and friends," Keith suggested last week. "And it's been a nice fall, and

people have enjoyed being outside.

"There are lots of stores and businesses along the street who have agreed to put a couple pages in their windows," she said. "The businesses have been very supportive, and people are willing to let us use their storefront windows."

Keith also sees it as another small way to engage people in the community.

"As you walk along Stephen Street, you kind of have to keep your eye out as to which windows have the next pages because it's not just store after store, it's kind of random and staggered as you go down the street," she noted.

The plan is to put up new stories in the months ahead—perhaps a new one every couple of months.

"As the year goes on, different stories will go up," Keith said. "It might be some seasonal stories or it might be about some things that are going on in the world."

"Hopefully people might even read



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Darlene Keith at the start of the new Story Walk in Morden. Businesses downtown have put up pages from the storybook *All are Welcome* in their front windows for passersby to read.

some books that will open some views for people or just to inform them of something they hadn't learned about before or thought about."

RCMP investigating pharmacy break-in

By Voice staff

Morden RCMP are investigating a break-in at a Swan Lake pharmacy

Police were called to the scene on Saturday, Oct. 23 just after 3 a.m. and found that suspects had broken into the building and made off with numerous pill bottles containing narcotics and controlled drugs.

RCMP are warning the general public of the dangers of ingesting any prescription medication without the consent of a medical professional.

Police are asking anyone with information to call the Morden RCMP at 204-822-4476, or Manitoba Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-8477. Secure online tips can also be made at www.manitobacrimestoppers.com.



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Marking November as Diabetes Awareness Month

By Lorne Stelmach

Diabetes Awareness Month throughout November as usual is much about raising both funds and awareness, but this year it is also a celebration.

A special event next week will honour the revolutionary Canadian discovery of insulin a hundred years ago—a scientific feat that has changed the lives of generations of people living with diabetes.

“Diabetes impacts everybody in some way, shape or form, whether it’s ourselves, whether it’s a family member or a friend,” said Andrea Kwasnicki, Diabetes Canada regional director for Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Nunavut.

“It’s because the prevalence is so high ... 33 per cent is what we are looking at right now or one in three ... so look to your left, look to your right, and then look in the mirror.”

The activities this month include a World Diabetes Day livestream event the evening of Nov. 14 that will feature people impacted by diabetes, health care providers, and local entertainment from across Canada.

You can also take part in a 50/50 raffle, bid for items at a silent auction, or purchase a “Cause Box” to add to your at-home viewing experience with a box that is unique to Manitoba and includes special treats.

Here in Manitoba, they are also making particular note of DREAM (Diabetes Research Envisioned and Accomplished in Manitoba) as a key research theme at the Children’s Hospital Research Institute of Manitoba (CHRIM).

In 1985, a leading diabetes doctor and investigator on DREAM, Dr. Heather Dean, discovered the first case of Type 2 diabetes in a child.

Since then, Manitoba and CHRIM has become one of the world’s top research centers for Type 2 diabetes, which is the fastest growing chronic illness in Canada. Manitoba has one of the highest rates of Type 2 diabetes in children in the world.

“Very often, with Type 2 diabetes, signs and symptoms don’t show unless you’re getting tested,” noted Kwasnicki.

Not only is one Canadian diagnosed with diabetes the equivalent of every three minutes, but there are about 11 million Canadians who currently have diabetes or pre-diabetes. It is estimated it will reach 14 million and that perhaps 1.5 million may have Type 2 but not know it.

In Manitoba, the prevalence of diabetes is at about 403,000 or 28 per cent of population, and it is estimated it will be 488,000 or 31 per cent by 2031.

“And that’s just what they’re estimating ... we are saying it is because of our population, our aging population as well as the fact that we do have a high number of high risk

groups that live in the province of Manitoba,” said Kwasnicki.

“Indigenous are more apt to develop type two diabetes, and because we do have a higher indigenous population per capita, our numbers are probably one of the highest in the country.”

A few basic facts about four types of diabetes:

- Type 1 - about 10 per cent of people living with diabetes have Type 1. People with Type 1 must inject insulin multiple times a day. It is diagnosed most often in children and young adults but can appear in older adults as well, and it cannot be prevented.

- Type 2 - about 90 per cent of diabetics have Type 2. The pancreas does not work properly, and the body cannot make enough insulin and/or cannot properly use the insulin it does make, but this may be prevented or delayed.

- Prediabetes - blood glucose levels are higher than normal but below the level to be diagnosed. There is a higher chance of developing Type 2 diabetes. There may be no symptoms, but often there is still time to act.

- Gestational - develops during pregnancy and affects 3.7 per cent of all pregnant women, so it places women at higher risk for Type 2 diabetes.

There are a number of key risks as well that are linked to diabetes, including:

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- Connected to 50 per cent of kidney failure resulting in dialysis. You are 12 times more likely to be hospitalized for kidney failure.

- Connected to 70 per cent of non-traumatic leg and foot amputations. You are 20 times more likely to be hospitalized for amputations.

- 25 times more likely to experience vision loss, and it is a leading cause of blindness in Canadians under 50.

- On average, it can reduce your lifespan by five to 15 years.

For more information, including a self risk assessment test, head to www.diabetes.ca.

Dynacare offering free blood sugar testing

By Lorne Stelmach

A special campaign on now in conjunction with Diabetes Awareness Month is offering free testing while also raising awareness of the risk factors associated especially with Type 2 diabetes.

Dynacare and Diabetes Canada have teamed up for a fourth year to offer the free testing throughout November as part of the province’s largest diabetes wellness initiative.

“This is a great complement to our campaign ... and we really need to raise the awareness,” said Andrea Kwasnicki, Diabetes Canada regional director for Manitoba, Saskatchewan, and Nunavut. “We have that campaign running right now so anybody can go and have their test.”

Kwasnicki joined Manitoba Health Minister Audrey Gordon and Dynacare’s chief scientific officer Dr. Jenisa Naidoo for the campaign kick-off Nov. 3 in Winnipeg.

There was on-site A1C (blood sugar) testing open to the public followed by a panel discussion that evening featuring nurse consultant in

diabetes management and educator Lori Berard

Through the remainder of the month, there is free A1C testing being done at all Dynacare locations, which include those in Winkler and Morden.

Tests are being offered for free to at-risk Manitobans at no cost to the province. At-risk groups include, but are not limited to, people who are overweight, over 40, or of Indigenous, African or Asian descent.

Dynacare will donate \$0.50 to Diabetes Canada for every A1C test in November up to \$25,000.

“On our website, there’s also a risk assessment that people can do. It’s a self-administered self risk test,” noted Kwasnicki. “We encourage them to go to their family doctor and ask for a requisition, however we do have some pre-signed requisitions that will be available at the Dynacare labs.”

“Diabetes is a serious public health concern in Manitoba,” said Dr. Naidoo. “We are proud to use diabetes awareness month to give Manitobans the tools they need to prevent or treat Type 2 diabetes.”

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tu station had actually been on the north side back in the time when it was Manitoba City, with a town site that eventually moved south.

The slight change is primarily a safety concern, Long explained, with them not wanting to have people crossing the tracks to get to the building, so it will face town rather than the tracks, but with a small section of track built to sit in front of the station on the south side.

Long said there is good support for the project from the community including particularly people who are involved with and behind the Nellie McClung Heritage Site.

“They feel long term there’s going to be great opportunities for programming partnerships with the Nellie site,” he said. “In the future, we

think there’s going to be unique opportunities for us to do some unique excursion experiences with our railway company.

“The focus right now for our group is to raise the funds that we need to successfully secure the building, make sure the exterior of the building is restored and it’s put on a strong foundation at a permanent location.”

Long feels very optimistic about the project moving ahead strong.

“I feel it’s an important component to the community,” he said. “Manitou seems to have pretty good success with projects like this ... we’re pretty confident there’s historical capacity here, and there’s a lot of people who have a passion for it.”

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Male Hawks crush Thistles

By Lorne Stelmach

The male U18 Pembina Valley Hawks won both games in a weekend doubleheader with the Kenora Thistles.

One of the lower rung teams in the 13 team loop now with only one victory in 14 games, the Thistles fell 4-1 Saturday and 4-2 Sunday to the Hawks in Morden.

In game one, the Hawks had a 3-0 lead by early in the second period before Raiden LeGall missed out on a shutout by giving up a powerplay goal late in the middle frame.

Keston Worley scored twice, with the other goals coming from Cameron Parr and Sebastian Hooks. Pembina Valley outshot Kenora 46-23.

The second game unfolded in similar fashion with the Hawks again taking a 2-0 first period lead before putting it away with two more in the third.

Scoring for the Hawks were Carter Campbell, Carter Sotheran, Griffin Ayotte, and Mitchell Hlady, while Bryson Yaschyshyn made 18 saves with a final shot tally that was 46-20 in the Hawks' favour.

The wins improved Pembina Valley's record to 6-6-2 for 14 points, which leaves them in seventh place, tied with Parkland, and two points behind the Winnipeg Bruins.

The Hawks only had one game this week as they concluded a six game homestand by welcoming Southwest to Morden Wednesday evening.



PHOTO BY RICK HIEBERT/VOICE

Kenora's Jett Mintenko attempts to stop the Hawks' Cohen Thomas.

Winkler Flyers win one, lose one against Blues

By Ashleigh Viveiros

Two of the Manitoba Junior Hockey League's top teams went head to head over the weekend.

The third-place Winkler Flyers host-

ed the second-place Winnipeg Blues last Friday night. The Blues then returned the favour Saturday evening.

The result was two hard-fought games that decided little, each team posting a win and a loss.

Winkler's win came before a hometown crowd Friday. The Blues drew first blood near the end of the opening period, taking a 1-0 lead that held all the way until the second frame's ninth minute when Jayden McCarthy, working off assists from Gavin Waltz and Trent Sambrook, scored the tying goal on a power play.

Waltz got Winkler's second of the night a few seconds into the final frame. The Blues, despite firing 16 shots on net that period to Winkler's 11, weren't able to right the ship, while the Flyers' Jackson Arpin and Josh Beauchemin made it a 4-1 win with goals in the game's final few minutes, including an empty-netter from Beauchemin.

Dylan Meilun made 38 saves in goal for Winkler out of the 39 he faced. His teammates sent 37 the other way.

Saturday's game proved to be an

even closer affair, breaking 3-2 for Winnipeg.

Winkler was up 1-0 after 20 minutes thanks to a goal from Justin Svenson and 2-1 after 40 courtesy of one from Dalton Andrew.

That was all she wrote for the Flyers, though, while Winnipeg's Brayden Foreman added two more in the final period to get the win.

Meilun made 17 saves off 20 shots. Winkler outshot Winnipeg with 37 shots on goal.

With that, Winkler remains in third place in the MJHL East Division standings with a record of 9-6-0-1 for 19 points, trailing the Blues by five points and the Steinbach Pistons in first place by nine.

This weekend the Flyers take on the Selkirk Steelers, playing in Winkler Friday night at Selkirk Saturday.

Buffalo for Team McDonald



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Winkler's Reece Hamm will be representing Manitoba at the 2022 World Junior Championship Qualification Event in Saskatoon later this month. Team McDonald—which includes (from left) coach Blaine Malo, lead Alexandre Fontaine, second Elias Huminicki, Hamm as third, and skip Jordan McDonald—were undefeated at the U20 Manitoba Junior Curling Championships last weekend. If the foursome do well in Saskatoon Nov. 22-27 they'll qualify for the World Juniors in Sweden next March.

Bombers best Royals

By Ashleigh Viveiros

The Morden Bombers found themselves on the other side of a high score in coming up against the Winkler Royals in SEMHL action last weekend.

A week after opening the season with an 11-1 loss to Carman, the Bombers evened out their record by

besting the Royals 6-2 Saturday night in Winkler.

Two goals from Mike Rey and singles from Andrew Clark and Adam Hughesman in the first period gave Morden a lead that held through the first 40 minutes of play.

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Morden arena celebrates end of \$3.2M renos

By Lorne Stelmach

City officials and residents gathered Sunday to celebrate the completion of what became a \$3.2 million project to give Morden's main arena a complete overhaul.

Fittingly, the ceremony and a hour of public skating time was brief, as the newly renovated and revamped Huron Window Corporation Arena had a busy schedule of users lined up for the day.

"At the end of the day, the fun part is that the ice is going to be in good

shape and put to good use, and we have a facility now that we can rely on for many years to come," said Clare Agnew, director of community services for the City of Morden.

"We've been identifying this project as a need for a number of years now. Things finally aligned for it to be a reality in 2021," Agnew explained.

"Although the COVID pandemic has provided us all with many challenges, it has given us a few opportunities," she noted. "With the facility closed in February and without the usual demand on the arena in the spring and

summer, we were able to start dismantling the boards, and get to work. This meant that the city staff – facilities and operations – could complete much of the demolition, saving us from having to hire a contractor, and it also meant securing employment for staff during the shutdown."

Users will now be able to appreciate the new boards and seamless glass, but the biggest part of the project of course was the new arena floor, new brine lines and a new ice plant that moved from 700 sq ft in the basement to a new 1,200 sq ft. in a new building.

The project included a new cooler unit, a smart

contained condenser, a huge electrical panel and a whole lot of piping. The system is all automated and linked to computers for ongoing monitoring.

"We needed to do this project firstly for the safety and the accessibility of the equipment," said Agnew. "There are also plans for the future that we could recapture the heat that the plant is giving off ... there's more that we could have the opportunity to do things like that down the road.

"What we were dealing with was built in the 70s, so things have definitely changed since then ... so we are really looking forward to everything being good to go now for many years."



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City councillor Doug Frost, WBS contractor Derek Thiessen, Morden director of community services Clare Agnew, and Morden city manager Nicole Reidle cut the ribbon on the new and improved Huron Window Corporation Arena.



Twisters drop two and slip into second place

By Lorne Stelmach

The Pembina Valley Twisters saw their seven game winning streak halted last weekend, and the defending champions gave up first place as a result.

The Twisters fell 4-1 to the Stonewall Jets Friday but then at least gained a point Sunday while losing 4-3 to Fort Garry Fort Rouge Sunday.

Pembina Valley still has a solid record at 10-2-1 for 21 points, but they are now one point back of St. James and three behind Transcona.

Special teams did in the Twisters against Stonewall as the Jets fired home three unanswered powerplay goals in the first period before putting it away with a third period shorthanded marker into an empty net.

Mike Heppner scored the lone Pembina Valley goal in the middle frame on a powerplay. Martin Gagnon made 25 saves in net as Stonewall had a slight 29-27 edge in shots.

The Twisters led Fort Garry Fort

Rouge 2-0 after 20 minutes but trailed 3-2 after 40. The Twins won it 1:42 into overtime.

Nico Vigier, Jacob Carels, and TJ Ma-

tuszewski scored for Pembina Valley, which outshot the Twins 39-32. Logan Enns took the loss in goal with 28 saves.

The Twisters pay a visit to Charleswood Friday and then host St. James in Morris Sunday evening.

Pembina Valley Hawks shut out Pilot Mound Prep

By Lorne Stelmach

They had a break from regular season league play, but the female U18 Pembina Valley Hawks still saw some action last weekend.

The Hawks hit the road to play the Pilot Mound Prep team, coming home with a 3-2 exhibition win.

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Then, in the third, Winkler's Cameron McNabb and Brett Dudar halved that lead with two goals in quick succession, but the Bombers got those back thanks to Nick Hatley and Rey once again in the final minutes of the period.

Scoring for Pembina Valley was Jessica Anderson, Caitlin Anderson, and Abbey Bourdeaud'hui, while goaltender Kaylee Franz was only called on to make seven saves for the shutout.

The Hawks remain in the thick of the battle among the top four of the eight team league with a record of 6-4-0 for 12 points coming into play this week.

Reed Peters stood tall in net for Morden, making 46 saves as the Royals outshot the Bombers 48-46. Janzen was in goal for Winkler.

The loss was Winkler's second of the week, as they also fell to the Portage Islanders 4-2 three nights earlier.

They were trailing Yellowhead and Westman, who were both at 8-1-0 for 16 points, while the Winnipeg Avros were close behind them and with games in hand at 5-1-0 for 10 points.

The Hawks travel to Portage to take on Central Plains Saturday and then welcome Yellowhead to Morden Sunday afternoon.

That match saw Winkler goals come in from Phil Letkeman and Mitch Fehr while Janzen made 33 saves in net. The Islanders had 37 shots to Winkler's 31.

Morden heads to play the Merces in Warren on Saturday while Winkler hosts the Carman Beavers.

• A LOOK BACK

Honouring the sacrifices of the past

I appreciate the fact that Mennonites are opposed to bearing arms against their fellow man. And yet, whenever possible I attend Remembrance Day services.

I went to school in Morden where its importance was emphasized. We did not get the day off but had to attend a ceremony before we were dismissed on time to go to the town cenotaph. Here we listened to another service and watched the veterans march and lay wreaths. The service ended with a bugler playing the mournful notes of The Last Post.

When I visited Ypres, Belgium in 2008, I was amazed to learn that The Last Post is still played every evening at 8 o'clock at the Menin Gate Memorial. The Menin Wall also lists the names of the over 54,000 Allied young men who died fighting in World War I and do not have a grave site.

Ypres was totally destroyed by armies marching back and forth trying to regain territory during World War I. It was rebuilt after the war and the war cemeteries (many graves have no names) are carefully tended by its citizens.

I, my oldest sister, and only brother were all born during World War II. My father had a good job during those years, and because he was older and had a young family, he did not apply for conscientious objector (CO) status. He did not think he would be conscripted. He was surprised to be called up in 1944.

His first stop was at a medical center where he underwent a variety of tests. He was passed by three doctors before the fourth one said, "How did you get this far? You could never stand the rigors of the army. Your heart is twice the size it should be!" Dad had had rheumatic fever twice as a young adult before antibiotics were available and he did not realize the damage it had caused.

Mom and Dad knew the hardships they suffered during the war were nothing compared to the hardships suffered by families who had loved ones fight-



By Florence Dyck



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The author's grandsons, Christian and Elijah, taking part in laying wreaths on Remembrance Day a few years ago.

ing overseas. They lived on a small acreage outside of Winnipeg where they had a cow and chickens. They had their own milk, cream, butter, and eggs. Ration cards were used to buy other food essentials. Flannel for diapers was scarce as were thread and elastic. Mom continued to be frugal throughout her entire life.

Although Mennonites had been promised exemptions from military duty when they settled in Canada, many young men defied their churches and their parents and enlisted.

Dad's youngest brother joined the navy. He served on a submarine and survived being torpedoed.

Mom's oldest brother joined the army. He was a self-taught mechanic and spent the war years stationed in Quebec. His skills were needed to teach the young recruits how to service and maintain the trucks and tanks they would be driving overseas.

Other young Mennonite men, including Mom's second oldest brother and my husband Ron's father, applied for CO status. They were both assigned work building roads near Clear Lake, an area which was later developed into Riding Mountain National Park.

The work was hard and their pay was low but they were thankful the government of Canada allowed them this choice.

Bethel Heritage Park in Winkler now has a monument honouring the few local Mennonites who were killed serving in World War I and World War II. Bethel Park also has a brick wall made up of 3021 bricks, the approximate number of Manitoba Mennonites who served as COs overseas and at home.

Over the years I have attended many Remem-

brance Day services, but one of the most meaningful was held in our little community of Okanagan Falls.

Ron and I, together with our 12-year-old twin grandsons, attended a short service there. When it was over, the boys were invited to march with the veterans to the cenotaph. They walked proudly beside two RCMP officers in their red dress uniforms. At the legion they were asked to help lay wreaths. They sensed the solemnity of the occasion and performed their duties well as they were each called upon several times. This was a service they will always remember!

World War I was to be "the war to end all wars." Only 21 years later, World War II began. Since then, conflicts in Europe, Africa, Asia, South America and in the Middle East have dominated the news. We read about children in war-torn countries who have never known peace.

On Christmas Day in 1863, Henry Wadsworth Longfellow wrote, "And in despair I bowed my head 'there is no peace on earth,' I said." Now, in November 2021, 158 years later, we still agree. Countries are engaged in civil wars and intent on fighting their rivals.

But as we keep working toward and praying for world peace, let's wear a poppy, attend a service and remember that Remembrance Day is not held to glorify war but to honour the brave men and women who fought and died so that we, in Canada, might live in freedom and in peace.

Florence Dyck is a former Mordenite now living in the Okanagan

Family resource centre offering new after-school activities

WFRC launches After School Kids Club theme weeks from now until Christmas break

By Ashleigh Viveiros

The Winkler Family Resource Centre (WFRC) is shaking things up with its new after-school program.

The program, which launched this fall, has now been dubbed the After School Kids Clubs and will be offering a series of themed activity weeks from Nov. 22 until Christmas break.

"Children can come to the centre af-

ter school for a fun-filled hour of activities," says WFRC executive director Cathy Savage, noting the sessions are open to any child in the community, including those who may not require after-school care but are looking for a way to ward off cabin fever. "So many things have been cancelled this past year, so we're just trying to reach out to people and say, 'Hey, here's something fun to do.'"

The themes include:

- Kids in the Kitchen, Nov. 22-26, will see kids making and baking delicious snacks and building a foundation for lifelong healthy eating.
- STEM Basics, Nov. 29, 30, and Dec. 2, will feature educational activities and fun experiments.
- Sports/Physical Fitness, Dec. 6-10, will get kids off their butts and up being active, both inside and out.

- Winter Holiday Fun, Dec. 13-17 and Dec. 20-22, will include a little bit of everything—activities, games, art, baking, and more.

Kids in Kindergarten to Gr. 6 can sign up for one day or the entire week. The cost is \$6 per day and the activities run from after school until 5 p.m. (pick-ups as late as 6 p.m. are avail-

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New STARS helicopter touches down at BTHC

By Lorne Stelmach

A new state of the art air ambulance that will be providing service here in Manitoba touched down at Boundary Trails Health Centre last Tuesday.

The H145 helicopter replacing an existing air ambulance made the stop here to give health care workers and local leaders an opportunity to check it out.

"This was not an easy feat. We relied on the community, on our government partners, on donors to make this a reality, and we're proud to see that the day has come," said Grant Therrien, provincial director for Manitoba operations for STARS (Shock Trauma Air Rescue Service).

The range of services and care that can be provided on board doesn't change, but it will now be done in a more up-to-date environment, he explained.

"It's a more comfortable cabin with better climate control, better lighting and a smoother, faster ride ... the medicine's the same; it's just more modern.

"This is a brand new version of the helicopter that we had in operation for over 30 years," Therrien continued. "We love the modern avionics, the reliability of having a new aircraft, a whole new patient compartment, a whole new stretcher system.

"Everything in this aircraft is state of the art, so it will allow us to continue to provide excellent critical care in a safe, efficient manner, and this will be an aircraft that's going to serve Manitobans for years and years and years to come."

The helicopter will be ready to enter service before the end of the year.

As part of the training and familiarization process for crews, STARS visited several communities in rural Manitoba last week.

"Our medical teams are doing life training flights right now,

"EVERYTHING IN THIS AIRCRAFT IS STATE OF THE ART."



STARS brought its new H145 air ambulance to Morden-Winkler last week to give staff at Boundary Trails Health Centre and local leaders a chance to check it out. The helicopter is a more modern version of the air ambulance STARS has been using in Manitoba for years.

and once they're complete, you'll be seeing this aircraft responding to real missions here in Manitoba," said Therrien.

With six bases operating across the three western provinces, STARS is in the midst of replacing its entire fleet. This is a \$13 million aircraft, with a large portion of the funding for it in place, noted Colleen Mayer, STARS director of donor relations and development.

Overall, it is a three year campaign for each of the provinces to raise the funds, she added, and Manitoba still needs to raise another \$2 million.

"It's been hard over COVID, but Manitobans have really stepped up, and I kind of tongue in cheek say that our helicopter here is built off of loonies and toonies," Mayer said. "The money continues to come in; municipalities have been great supporters ... it's been amazing how much support that we've garnered from Manitobans in the COVID era."



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able for an additional charge but must be requested at registration).

There are walking school buses for students from the Pine Ridge and Parkland schools to the WFRC in the Emmanuel Mennonite Church on 15th St. Participating families from other schools will need to arrange their own transportation to the centre.

For more information or to register your child in one of the sessions, email wfrcaspcordinator@gmail.com or head to www.winklerfamilyresourcecentre.com/after-school-program/.

This program represents something new for the resource centre, whose programs usually focus on pre-school age children.

"With our location in the Emmanuel Mennonite Church and the space we have here, we're able to do these and really expand," Savage says, noting she'd love to see families who used to take part in WFRC programs before their kids aged out of them return.

"Whether you've been home alone or you haven't been able to get your kids out to activities, you can come here and have some fun."

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Deadline to apply is Friday, November 12.



OBITUARY

Olga Zacharias (nee Schellenberg) 1928 – 1921



On Wednesday, November 3, 2021 at Tabor Home in Morden, MB Olga Zacharias, 92 formerly of Glencross went to her eternal rest. Olga was predeceased by husband, David H Zacharias (2012); her parents and all her siblings.

She is survived by her daughter, Elaine (Robert) Toews, son, Wendall (Alicia), their daughters, Corina and Abigail, son, Jimmy (Gale) his son, Jeremy and Juanita, his daughter, Kristal and Garrett Jones and their sons, Caleb and Callen, one sister-in-law, Helen Schellenberg.

Private graveside service was held at the Southside Cemetery in Morden.

Flowers are gratefully declined.

Thank you so much to the staff at Tabor Home for the care given to our mother.

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OBITUARY

Irene Ruth Neufeld (nee Ens) 1951-2021



It is with great sadness we announce Irene Ruth Neufeld, Winkler formerly of Altona, passed away at Boundary Trails Health Centre on Monday, November 1, 2021 at the age of 70 years.

She leaves to mourn her husband, Henry; son, Derek (Tracy) children, Jessica (Caleb, great-grandson Christopher), Jenna (Johnny) and Chloe, son, Dwight (Marla) children, Jonah, Autumn and Moses, daughter, Denita (Abe) children, Summer and Austin.

Irene met her Lord and Saviour at an early age and was baptized upon the confession of her faith in the Blumenort Mennonite Church in Rosetown. She married the love of her life, Henry in 1972 and they were blessed with 49 years together. Irene enjoyed baking, family gatherings, sewing and she loved her children, grandchildren and great-grandchild. She never missed a school concert, dance or piano recital, hockey game, horse show or soccer game. They always knew she was there cheering for them. She also enjoyed coffee and dessert with the ladies at Gingerwood Lane. After a 2-year courageous battle with cancer, she is now resting with her Lord Jesus. She chose the joy of the Lord daily, with a selfless and positive attitude; always thinking of others first and never complaining.

Private service was held with interment at Westridge Memorial Gardens.

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**Anne Laura Klatt (nee Zacharias)
1931 - 2021**

During the early hours of Friday, October 29, 2021, Anne peacefully passed away at Tabor Home in Morden with her son, Doug, by her side.

Anne is survived by her son, Gordon, his wife, Barb and their two children, Julie (David) and Eric (Amanda), son, Doug, and four great-grandchildren, Abby, Lincoln, Autumn and Emily; two brothers, Willie and George; three sisters, Adeline, Elsie and Gladys; four sisters-in-law and many nieces and nephews.

She was predeceased by her husband, Bernie; her parents, Jacob and Elizabeth Zacharias and her brothers, Frankie, Jake, Johnny and Henry and two brothers-in-law.

Anne was born May 21, 1931 in the Glencross District to Jacob and Elizabeth Zacharias (Zado). She attended Diamond School south of Morden until grade 8. Anne began her work career at about the age of 18 waitressing and cleaning at The Arlington Hotel in Morden. Anne married Bernie Klatt on September 21, 1952. They had two sons, Gordon and Doug. After Bernie and Anne were married, they settled in Morden and bought their first home on South Railway Street. As times were tough in those days, they worked where they could. In the early years they worked at numerous jobs, Anne working in the beet fields hoeing beets and Bernie driving truck. For a few years, the summer months were spent working in the Morden area and winters were spent in Winnipeg - Bernie working at the sugar beet factory and Anne working at Eatons. Anne then worked at the Morden cannery and later at the Morden Hospital as part of the cleaning staff until retirement. In 1992 they decided to move to 13th St. in Morden. Together Bernie and Anne enjoyed going to bingo and fall suppers and getting together with family and friends. Bernie passed away in August of 1999, and Anne continued to live on her own in her home on 13th St. There she continued to enjoy her garden and flowers and took pride in taking care of her home and yard. Anne had a green thumb and could bring back to life plants that most would have given up on. Anne also travelled on a few bus tours with her sister Elsie. Together they travelled to Branson, the southern states and an East coast tour that took them as far as Nova Scotia. Anne was an amazing cook and would create the most delicious food in her little kitchen - the family never left hungry. Anne also greatly enjoyed going to many of her grandchildren's sporting and school activities and was their biggest cheerleader.

In November of 2010, Anne had a fall while out shopping. She was rushed to hospital by ambulance. She severely broke her right leg. Upon returning home, mobility became increasingly difficult, so in 2013, Anne purchased a condo on North Railway in Morden. Mobility again decreased and even using a walker and getting around became more of an issue. Home care then became necessary. On November 17th 2014 Anne fell again. She was rushed to Boundary Trails Health Centre having broken her right hip and pelvis. Shock had set in because of the fall and she was too weak for the doctors to operate immediately. The operation was finally preformed two days later. A rod and pins were inserted. During her stay in hospital, Anne went through a lot. During the early stages of recovery, she developed sepsis shock. She very nearly lost her battle for life at that time but miraculously recovered. For the next two weeks she had become very weak and was very sick. Her health finally improved and after a nine month stay at Boundary Trails, she was moved to Swan Lake Hospital, then to Notre Dame Nursing Home and soon after that she was transferred to Tabor Home in Morden, where she resided until her passing.

Private service was held with interment at Hillside Cemetery.

The family would like to thank the staff at Tabor Home for the excellent care they gave her during her time at Tabor Home.

Donations may be made in Anne's memory to Tabor Home Inc.

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OBITUARY



**Henry Krahn
1922 - 2021**

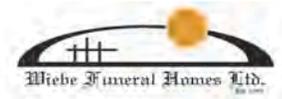
It is with sadness that we announce the passing of Henry Krahn at Salem Home in Winkler, MB in the early hours of Wednesday, November 3, 2021 at the age of 99 years.

Born in Reinfeld, MB Henry was the second son of John and Susana (Janzen) Krahn and brother of the late John Krahn, Susie Krahn and Isaac Krahn. He was predeceased by his wife, Mary Krahn (nee Schapansky) in 1999 and daughter-in-law, Kathy Sawatsky in 2017. He is survived by his daughter, Linda Hawley (Rob), son, John Wesley, granddaughter, Alba Sawatsky and one brother, Jake Krahn along with numerous nieces and nephews.

A private funeral was held Saturday, November 6, 2021 with interment at the Reinfeld Cemetery.

If friends so desire, donations may be made in Henry's memory to the Salem Foundation Inc.

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