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## Making spirits bright



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Audrey Armstrong and Durwin Buchy were among the volunteers who, armed with bags of gift cards and bearing a smile beneath their masks, did the Morden Christmas Cheer Board deliveries last week to 276 families in the area. For the full story and a few more photos, see Pg. 2.

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# HAPPY & HEALTHY HOLIDAY WISHES

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A small group of volunteers orchestrated this year's Morden Christmas Cheer Board campaign, delivering gift cards to families throughout the community last week Wednesday.

# Morden Christmas Cheer Board helps 276 families

By Lorne Stelmach

There were no big hampers to be delivered again this year, but a small army of volunteers still spread some seasonal joy last week.

The 2021 campaign of the Morden

Christmas Cheer Board wrapped up with parcels filled primarily with gift cards being delivered to local homes.

Delivery day last Wednesday saw 276 distributed around the community, and the total was right on target.

"Actually, that is what we predicted,"

said board representative Lesley Andrew.

The total generally does increase a minor amount each year, but organizers had expected it might drop a bit this year. The numbers jumped to over 300 in 2020.

"It is a little down from last year, but, of course, I think the economy has picked up, so we maybe don't have as many people out of work as we did last year, and I think that is reflected in our hampers," Andrew suggested.

Given the ongoing pandemic and public health restrictions, the campaign was done differently for a second year in a row.

The board adapted the campaign in 2020 and again in 2021 to avoid the larger gathering of volunteers and residents around the packing of hampers. In addition, the Cheer Board also did not accept donations of food and toys but instead welcomed monetary contributions.

While it was unfortunate to miss the camaraderie that comes with the traditional campaign activities, the spirit

of the season is still very much there, and Andrew noted their new way of doing things worked well for them last year when the need increased substantially.


"We didn't take any donations of food or toys this year, so we asked for more monetary donations, and they have come in, so we are very happy about that," she said.

"I think now that we were in year two of COVID, we learned from last year and were a little better organized," she said. "We've still had lots of people contributing to Christmas Cheer. We've been very supported by the community and by everyone. The money has been coming in very nicely."

She also cited the importance of the support of businesses like the Morden Co-op, which has been collecting and encouraging donations at the tills.

"They've especially been a big proponent and big supporters," said Andrew.

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# Decked out for the holidays

By Lorne Stelmach

Debbie and Dennis Korne never tire of having people driving by their home and coming into their yard.

In fact, the Morden couple get a lot of joy from having passersby enjoy the holiday decor that fills up the yard of their 353 12th Street home.

That is all the reward they need, although they do appreciate it as well when people take the time to say thank you, whether on social media or even with a note on their doorstep.

"People have even brought us pies and muffins saying thank you for bringing us joy in this time of need," Dennis noted as they prepared for another busy weekend of sightseers and visitors to their festive yard.

The couple have gone all out for a number of years now with the decorations for both Halloween (his favorite holiday) and Christmas (her favorite).

"Christmas has always been a special time for me, and my kids are aware of that, so every year I get an added piece. Somebody buys me something for my birthday, which is in November ... and I always hint at what I've seen or what I like," Debbie noted. "So we've just been adding to the yard every year. It keeps growing every year. I'll always make room for something ... and even if some things are interchangeable, we try to make it a little bit different every year."

A large holiday display is something she had always wanted to do but never really could until they came to Morden.

"Christmas is a big deal for me, and when we lived in Winnipeg, we just didn't have the property or the space to do this kind of display," Debbie said. "When our kids were little, we would drive around the city looking at Christmas lights and I remember how much they enjoyed it, so now we have the opportunity to give back and do it for others."

Dennis noted that in the lead up to the week before Christmas he will keep working on the displays.

There are always new features, including having a walking route through the yard and a candy cane decoration he made filled with sweets for visitors to take.

"I've always loved Halloween, but I do enjoy this as well. It brings a lot of joy to people," said Dennis.

"Halloween got a bit crazy this year. I really got into it more with Dennis, and that was one of the biggest displays we have had," Debbie said. "We've gotten a lot of response."

It's something that people can do safely at a time of public health concerns, she added.

"You can see when there's more than one family, they will patiently wait for the family to go through, so people have gotten used to the social distancing thing. People are always welcome to come ... and they can come as often as they want."

"I just get the enjoyment of just watching or getting the positive feedback," Debbie said. "I just hope that the community enjoys it."



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Morden's Dennis and Debbie Korne always go all-out with their holiday yard decorations.



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The Winkler Horticulture Society's Jodi Szutu in front of the Greg Ens Memorial Park's new picnic shelter, which went in last week. A fire pit is on the way and the city is also flooding the walking path to make a skating trail (below).



## Shelter is up at Greg Ens Memorial Park

### Fire pit set to go in soon

By Ashleigh Viveiros

The Winkler Horticulture Society and the City of Winkler aren't letting the cold of winter stop them from continuing work on Greg Ens Memorial Park.

The park's picnic shelter went up over a couple of days last week, and city staff have begun flooding its pathway to be used as an outdoor skating trail.

Project leader Jodi Szutu said they also hope to have the fire pit in sometime soon.

"We're just waiting for them to finish this [the shelter] up and then we'll get that in as well so people can hopefully use it this winter already," she said. "And then we might get a few picnic tables in this winter, but things like benches and everything else, the planting, will be in spring."

The little park is shaping up to be a nice destination for locals and visitors alike. Located right in front of the Winkler Centennial Arena, the site includes Winkler's giant hockey stick and a trio of larger-than-life hockey

player sculptures unveiled earlier this fall.

"Most people are pretty excited about it," Szutu said, adding that it provides a different kind of green space for the area.

"More of a casual little picnic area, and then in winter people can come and skate with their kids," she said. In future years, the nearby arena will serve as a warming space for the park.

This summer's drought foiled plans to get the memorial trees purchased by community members into the ground successfully, but Szutu said all the donors were understanding of the circumstances.

"We'll have to replant those in spring," she said, noting they expect to have between 20-30 trees planted, alongside a series of shrubs.

"It's a small space once you start talking bigger trees," Szutu said, explaining they're going over their planting plans over the winter to figure out what will work best for the site. "We're squeezing in what we can."

The park, created in memory of avid sports fan and volunteer Greg Ens, has been made possible thanks to generous support from the community.

## Manitoba could see 1,000 new cases a day thanks to omicron

By Ashleigh Viveiros

Manitoba could be in for a rough start to 2022 thanks to the omicron variant of COVID-19.

Chief provincial public health officer Dr. Brent Roussin released some sobering projections for the next few weeks at a news conference Dec. 15.

While this variant is not yet the primary form of COVID-19 in Manitoba (at press time Monday there were 17 confirmed cases, the delta strain still remaining the dominant one), it's clear from other jurisdictions that it's only a matter of time.

"We know definitely it is much more transmissible than the delta variant," Roussin said, noting research is still being done on the severity of illness it causes and the impact omicron may have on vaccine efficacy, but the fact it spreads much more rapidly is clear. "We need to be very prepared for an exponential growth of omicron throughout Canada, including Manitoba."

Looking at what's happening in other parts of Canada and in the United Kingdom, where omicron has a 35 per cent daily growth rate, Manitoba is on track to start seeing 223 cases a day by

Christmas and over 1,000 new cases daily in the new year.

To put that in perspective, last Thursday Manitoba reported 218 new COVID-19 cases. It was the highest daily count in six months. It then reported 239 new cases the next day.

The data shows omicron's reproduction number is four times that of delta's. The virus in Ontario has also been shown to double every three days. Delta, in comparison, has a doubling rate of 34 days.

"We know, from other jurisdictions, once we see this spreading in the community, we are weeks away from

it being our dominant strain," Roussin said. "We need to act now to decrease the impact of this very concerning variant in Manitoba."

To that end, Roussin urged Manitobans to get vaccinated and, if you've already been fully vaccinated, to go for a booster shot as soon as you're eligible.

"We know that our best protection against this variant or any of the other variants that are circulating is to be vaccinated," he said, pointing out unvaccinated people are five times more likely to contract COVID-19 than

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# Stricter pandemic restrictions now in effect

By Ashleigh Viveiros

New public health orders went into effect Tuesday morning in an attempt to stem the expected tide of the more contagious omicron variant of COVID-19 in Manitoba.

"Rising COVID-19 transmission, case counts, and the introduction of the omicron into the province means we need to introduce new measures and introduce them now," Health Minister Audrey Gordon said at a late afternoon press conference in Winnipeg on Friday. "We need to delay the emergence of omicron to give all Manitobans time to get their third dose and reduce the demands on our health care system as much as possible."

"Case counts and hospitalizations are rising and we must be proactive in protecting our health care system. We need to be sure that we have hospital beds available to provide care for patients in need."

In Monday's COVID-19 update, the number of Manitobans in hospital with the virus was at 137. Twenty-seven of those were in intensive care.

Health officials also announced that the number of omicron cases in the province had risen to

17—up 12 from a week earlier.

"We've continuously urged Manitobans to get vaccinated, whether that be their first, second, and now their third dose," said Dr. Brent Roussin, chief provincial public health officer. "At this point, from what we see on the significant increase in transmission of the omicron variant, we need to go further."

Roussin lamented the need for further restrictions, especially days before the holidays, but stressed the toll omicron is having on other jurisdictions makes it clear "decisive actions" must be taken before community transmission of this strain gains a footing in Manitoba.

"We know that no one wants to hear news of new public health orders, but as we enter this holiday season we must work together as Manitobans to slow the spread of omicron," he said. "This is to protect our health care system, to protect those Manitobans most at risk of severe outcomes."

The new restrictions include:

- private indoor gatherings are limited to 10 additional people plus the household if all are fully vaccinated (youth ages 12 and under are exempt from needing to be fully vaccinated);

- private indoor gatherings are limited to five additional people plus the household if any of the individuals ages 12 year and older are unvaccinated (youth ages 12 and under are exempt from needing to be fully vaccinated);

- outdoor gatherings at a private residence are limited to 20 additional people plus the household if all are fully vaccinated (youth ages 12 and under are exempt from needing to be fully vaccinated);

- outdoor gatherings held on public property are limited to 50 per cent of the usual capacity if all in attendance are fully vaccinated (youth ages 12 and under are exempt from needing to be fully vaccinated), and 50 persons total if anyone present is unvaccinated (youth ages 12 and under are exempt from needing to be fully vaccinated);

- indoor and outdoor sporting and recreation capacity is reduced to 50 per cent for spectators, games and practices can continue but no tournaments will be permitted;

- outdoor ticketed performing arts events, indoor recreational businesses, seasonal facilities and events, group instructional classes and bingos, casinos and VLTs are limited to 50 per cent capacity and must continue to restrict admission to those who are fully vaccinated (youth ages 12 and under are exempt);

- day camps are limited to no more than 25 campers and camper groups must be cohorted, overnight camps are prohibited under these orders;

- gyms, movie theatres, museums and libraries are limited to 50 per cent capacity with proof of immunization required everywhere except libraries;

- restaurants and licensed premises are limited to 50 per

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## Enforcing public health orders

Health Minister Audrey Gordon was asked to comment on how the province intends to enforce the new, more restrictive public health orders in communities where many people have been ignoring previous restrictions since the start of the pandemic.

The persistent lack of enforcement of mask use in many Winkler stores, for example, was being called out on multiple social media posts over the weekend, with people posting photo after photo of shoppers navigating stores like Superstore and Walmart without masks.

While masks in indoor public spaces have been mandatory in Manitoba for some time now, the sight of maskless shoppers going about their business seemingly without consequence is nothing new to anyone who shops in the community.

Still, officials insist enforcement has been and continues to be a priority.

"We're going to continue to work with the Department of Justice on enforcement and ensure that enforcement is stepped up," Minister Gordon said. "And that individuals that are not abiding by the orders that we have stated today are held to account for that."

Premier Heather Stefanson was asked a similar question about enforcement earlier in the week.

She told reporters that it isn't true enforcement isn't happening in Southern Health, the health district that has the lowest vaccination rate in all of Manitoba and, in recent weeks, the highest rate of COVID-19 patients requiring ICU care.

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Stefanson said that 68 per cent of all COVID-19 tickets issued between October and December were in Southern Health.

If you break down the enforcement reports the province puts out every week, there have been a total of 201 tickets handed out to businesses and individuals for breaking public health orders between Sept. 27 and Dec. 12. The weekly totals range from lows of nine tickets to highs of 33 tickets.

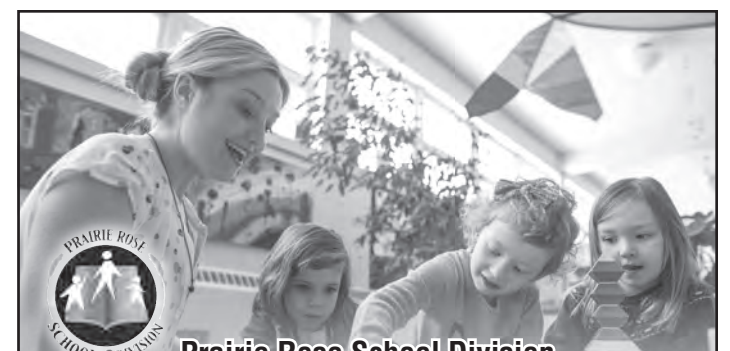
"I don't want anyone to think out there that we're not taking enforcement seriously," Stefanson said. "And where we need to take more action, we will."

Winkler police Chief Ryan Hunt told the Voice in an interview last week that local police are increasingly being called out to assist Public Health officers in their enforcement efforts in Winkler.

"If they encounter somebody that is angry with them or won't provide them with identification then they call us and we'll go there and try and mediate it," he said, noting the number of these incidents of angry individuals refusing to cooperate with enforcement officers has been on the rise of late.

Hunt pointed out that refusing to provide identification when being ticketed for violating public health orders can result in an arrest, though that is never the resolution to these types of incidents that officers hope to see.

—Ashleigh Viveiros



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• **FAITH FOCUS**

## The First Noel

**N**oel is a word we identify with songs telling the story of the birth of Jesus Christ.

The word has French and Latin roots. In the hymn known to us as "The First Noel" the stanzas tell a progressive story of Jesus' birth beginning with the angel's announcement to the shepherds. The song also directs us to picture the exceptional star that guided the wise men to Bethlehem. Can you imagine the wise men (we are not sure if there were precisely three of them) presenting their gifts after they found Joseph, Mary and the Child?

The record of the gifts sometimes inspires our imagination about ways to honour our loved ones. The gifts that were presented were not selected in a rush. They were intentionally selected

to communicate respect and honour. The men had travelled a long distance and came prepared. In Jerusalem they asked, "Where is the one who has been born king of the Jews? We saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him." (Matthew 2:1-12.)

Not everyone understood who these foreign travellers were searching for, or the eternal significance of this inquiry. Herod did provide general direction to nearby Bethlehem. The Scriptures tell us that the star they had seen appeared before them again and guided them to the place where the child was.

They were overjoyed because when they saw the star again it was a confirmation of the facts that had led them on this journey. Matthew recorded "When they saw the star, they were overjoyed. On coming to the house, they saw the child with his mother Mary, and they bowed down and worshiped him. Then they opened their treasures and presented him with gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh."

The worship indicated a personal submission to the one whom they recognized to have exceptional worth.



**By Randy Smart**

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The gifts were costly and pointed to the significance of this unusual birth.

We may be preoccupied by many duties and questions, like some in Jerusalem were, and miss the big picture of what God is doing. Our Christmas can become a time for thoughtful and joyful worship of Jesus, and presenting gifts that bless others without "breaking the bank."

Is there a friend or neighbour you could show kindness to? A gift of baking that could brighten someone's day, and your own as you anticipate the sharing? You may have other creative ways to bless those around you. The gift of friendship needs to be extended in fresh ways in our families and communities.

The final verse of The First Noel invites all of us across the generations to marvel and to sing with agreement "Then let us all with one accord, Sing praises to our heavenly Lord, That hath made heaven and earth of naught" (from nothing – our Creator), "And with his blood mankind (all people) hath bought" (to be our Saviour). "Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel. Born is the King of Israel."

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

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those who are fully vaccinated and 18 times more likely to end up in intensive care.

Manitobans who received their second shot six months ago may see a decrease in protection as the immunity begins to wane. There are also some eligible Manitobans—about 16 per cent—who have yet to go for their first dose.

"So we're making that plea to Manitobans to do whatever we can to get as many eligible people vaccinated," Roussin said. "If that means your first or second dose, we need that. And if it means you're eligible now for your third dose, we need as many eligible Manitobans to get that vaccine in the next two weeks, before what we know is going to

be a large amount of gathering during our holiday season, before we have widespread community transmission of omicron, which we also know is on its way here."

Roussin also urged people to be cautious over the holidays, especially when it comes to those with a higher risk of severe outcomes if they contract COVID-19—people over 60 or

with underlying medical conditions.

"You need to be very, very careful about your plans to gather," he stressed, urging people not to host large gatherings and to avoid coming into contact with too many people from outside their household. "If you have higher-risk people at those gatherings, you're putting people you care about at risk."

## > CHRISTMAS CHEER BOARD, FROM PG. 2

"So the spirit is still there ... and all of our delivery people have been delivering for a long, long time," she observed. "The difference is we don't have all those massive boxes."

If you haven't supported the campaign yet, you can still do so by donating online at [mordenchristmascheer.com](http://mordenchristmascheer.com).

com.

Andrew noted they are also still looking for volunteers for next year.

"We're always looking for more volunteers to come forward, even to serve on the board. We do need to fill a few spots."



# Community continues to give in memory of Jeff Pappas

By Lorne Stelmach

A simple way to pay tribute to a Morden resident who passed away almost four months ago has also benefited the United Way Pembina Valley.

The motivation for Dave Destoop of Morklers was to honour his longtime employee, Jeff Pappas, after he died Sept. 1, but there was also an opportunity for him to support an organization that he values in the community.

Donations in memory of Pappas could be left in a mug with the logo of the former Morden United Way, given to Destoop a year ago as a small token of appreciation when the United Way Pembina Valley was formed through the amalgamation of the Winkler and Morden agencies.

A year ago, donations at first started to be left in the mug unsolicited, but this fall it was an intentional effort that resulted in \$1,221.40 being donated to the United Way.

"He was well-known in the community, got dubbed the Stephen Street icon by a few people because he was

always outside ... everybody knew him, everybody waved to him," said Destoop of Pappas. "He was quite friendly to everyone who came in ... he is greatly missed."

"There were lots of people looking to do something for the man. He had been well known in the community for many, many years," he said. "We decided to turn the cup into a memorial for him ... people just started to donate, and it kept coming."

"It was interesting how he just left it on his counter and people started donating ... and the money added up," said Terry Gibson, a director with United Way Pembina Valley and former director of the Morden agency.

"We gave that cup to Dave just as a little thank you," he said. "This year again, it has grown, and it is amazing how much was in there. We've been really amazed."

There's still time to contribute to the United Way's campaign. Head online to [unitedwaypembinavalley.ca](http://unitedwaypembinavalley.ca) to give or make a donation at any Access Credit Union branch.



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From left: United Way Pembina Valley directors Alex Fedorchuk, Chris Willsey, Terry Gibson, and Liz Reimer with Dave Destoop from Morklers and the coffee cup customers have been dropping donations into this fall in memory of Jeff Pappas (right).



## City of Winkler passes PVLIP welcoming and inclusive policy

By Ashleigh Viveiros

Winkler city council voted unanimously last week to adopt a policy brought forth by the Pembina Valley Local Immigration Partnership (PVLIP).

PVLIP this fall sent a Welcoming and Inclusive Communities Policy Framework to all municipalities within the Pembina Valley, encouraging community leaders to voice their support for it.

The policy lays out a mission for municipalities to work together to create more welcoming and inclusive communities while improving settlement and integration outcomes for newcomers in the Pembina Valley.

The policy further sets out principles of:

- upholding the Manitoba Human Rights Code;
- embracing all cultures and peoples, and welcome their unique talents, abilities, and resilience;
- understanding that personal and community wellness is made up of many parts collectively; and if we invest in each other, helping all residents grow deep roots in our communities and flourish.

Winkler Mayor Martin Harder said it's important that all communities in

PVLIP's service area be on the same page on this front.

"They're trying to get all the communities together to say, yes, this is what we stand for," he said. "That is the only way that we can all grow together."

Winkler's adoption of the policy was really a no-brainer, Harder noted, given how important immigrants have become to the ongoing growth of the community.

"We are a community of 88 different nations, after all," he said, "so we want to make sure that newcomers feel welcomed."

PVLIP is in the midst of developing a locally-focused multimedia toolkit that will help municipalities, businesses, and other stakeholders promote and support diversity and inclusion.

A few other items of interest from last week's council meeting:

- Council gave first reading to an increase in water rates for water sourced from the Pembina Valley Water Co-op.
- The Public Utilities Board approved a water rate increase for PVWC for water sold to its municipal members starting Jan. 1. That approval means

1,000 gallons of water will now cost \$9.53 per gallon—up \$0.19.

It was noted by council that Winkler sources 35 per cent of its water from PVWC. The rest comes from the Winkler Aquifer. As a result, the "pass through" rate approved for Winkler residents is an increase of .07 per 1,000 gallons.

- Council fielded a request for a pair of variations that will allow for the second half of a duplex on Willowridge Place to be built. The first half was built in 2016.

The developers requested a 20 feet rear yard setback (instead of the 25 feet outlined in the city's zoning bylaw) and a 4.25 ft. interior side yard setback (0.75 feet less than required in the bylaw).

No objections were received and council passed the variations unanimously.

- Council also gave the green light for Core Fitness, currently located downtown, to set up shop at 540 McGill Rd.

The move requires approval for a conditional use, as the building is

zoned "industrial general" and the gym is a recreation service. No objections were received at the public hearing.

- Winkler's new zoning bylaw received third and final reading. The city set out earlier this year to streamline and simplify the bylaw, based on the results of consultations with developers and the community at large.

Councillors voiced their thanks to city staff for the many hours of work that went into getting the document created, revised, and finalized.

- A street running alongside Icon Technologies in Winkler's industrial park will now bear the company's name. Council approved changing Burbank St. to Icon Dr.

Harder noted council was pleased to be able to accommodate Icon's request for the name change.

"Icon is in a very aggressive growth mode," he said. "They approached us and they wanted us to change the road that's in front of them ... but it's very difficult to change the name of a road when you have a number of addresses on it already."

Burbank Rd., located to the east of Icon's facility, doesn't have that problem, so it made for the perfect compromise, Harder said.

"WE ARE A COMMUNITY OF 88 DIFFERENT NATIONS, AFTER ALL."



# MAF reports on a solid year, hands out year-end grants

By Lorne Stelmach

The past year brought continued growth for the Morden Area Foundation despite the challenges of the pandemic.

It is a testament to how well the foundation is now established as perhaps the best way to invest in your community, directors heard during its annual general meeting held online last Wednesday.

"We live in an area where people, no matter what is going on, just continue to give. That's the kind of community we live in," said board chair Allison Braun. "They'll continue to support the foundation so that we can continue to support our community and make it as good a place to live as humanly possible ... even with COVID."

"The growth of all the funds has been very positive over the last couple years ... we all know it goes up and down; overall, it continues to go up," she said. "At this point, we're in a really good place, and we just hope that it continues."

In her written report, Braun celebrated the fact that the endowment fund has grown to over \$4 million,

and she also heralded what all is possible as a result of that fund.

"The growth from this fund is what enables the foundation to help start, assist, and/or complete needed projects within Morden and area," she said, citing the examples of "projects such as a Morden home started by Habitat for Humanity, securing a food supply with Many Hands, assisting the South Central Cancer Resource, putting tablets in the hands of seniors through the South Central Regional Library.

"We also assisted students by handing out scholarships in both the Morden Collegiate Institute and our adult education centre."

Endowment donations in the past year were \$211,220, and the endowment funds increased by \$435,628, so that combined to boost the foundation's net assets from \$3.6 million to \$4.3 million.

In addition, the foundation had a positive year end with revenue of about \$237,000 including \$184,000 in investment income, while expenses came in at about \$208,000 including \$152,500 in grants, so it left the them with a surplus of around \$29,000.



The new 500 Stephen Street community centre received a grant of \$10,000 for furniture. Accepting the donation was Shelly Voth and Heidie Janzen.



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The Minnewasta Parent Advisory council received a grant of \$10,000 from the Morden Area Foundation for a new natural playground at the school. Accepting the donation recently was vice-principal Jennifer Kroetsch, principal Geoff Sutton, and students (from left) Calista Strome, Connor Plett, and Micah Olusola.

The foundation played a role this past year in distributing a few grants through the federal emergency community support fund including \$10,000 to the Pembina Valley Pregnancy Care Centre, \$10,000 to the Morden Parent and Child Resource Centre, and \$5,000 to the Manitoba Possible Society.

There was also funding from the Power of the Purse with grants of \$4,560 to Many Hands Resource Centre and \$5,840 to Genesis House. Other significant community grants included South Central Cancer Resource (\$4,793), Pembina Valley Humane Society (\$4,500), Morden Chamber of Commerce (\$5,000), Katie Cares (\$3,000), and Morden rec hockey (\$5,170), among others.

In addition, four more grants were announced last week:

- Minnewasta Parent Advisory Council: \$10,000 towards a new natural playground.
- 500 Stephen Street community

centre: \$10,000 for new furniture to assist in providing space for several local not-for-profit organizations to enable them to serve the community more effectively. The centre will accommodate expanded food bank services as well as provide physical space for other local not-for-profits.

- Many Hands Resource Centre: \$4,200 for phase one of the new drop-in centre that will be located at 500 Stephen Street. It will help provide some basic services as well as a small business centre with two computers and a printer to research job opportunities and create/print resumes.

- Pembina Valley Watershed District: \$741 for five new GPS units to be used in programming for the general public as well as local schools and various events and activities.

"Together, as a group of community members, we can fulfill the needs of our home for all who are blessed to live here in Morden and area," Braun concluded.

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cent capacity with a maximum of 10 people per table and proof of immunization required, and members of the public are required to be seated except when travelling to get food or beverages or engaging in sporting activities; and

- faith-based gatherings are limited to 50 per cent capacity with proof of vaccination or 25 per cent capacity or a total of 25 people, whichever is lower, when proof of vaccination is not required and cohorts may be implemented where groups can be physically divided up to a maximum of 10 cohorts or 250 people.

All other public health orders not listed above remain the same as before. The restrictions remain in effect until Jan. 11.

"It's absolutely frustrating to be here again, for all Manitobans," Roussin said after announcing the changes. "But we've been here before, we've stepped up before ... we'll get through this one, but we need to do so together."

Asked whether Manitobans should still gather for the holidays, Roussin urged people to give the matter serious thought.

"My thoughts are that everyone, in addition to

these restrictions, need to take into consideration their personal risk assessment," he said. "If you or someone you love is at high risk of a severe outcome, then you need to reconsider just how many people need to be in your bubble."

On Monday, Manitoba's COVID-19 case count was at 2,183. The death toll has hit 1,366, with several new deaths reported over the weekend. The five-day test positivity rate provincially has jumped to eight per cent—up from 5.7 per cent the week before.

Check out the Winkler Morden Voice online at [www.winklermordenvoice.ca](http://www.winklermordenvoice.ca)



# Friesen pleased at progress being made on regional water issues

By Lorne Stelmach

Morden-Winkler MLA Cameron Friesen sees good progress being made towards developing a more secure water supply strategy not only for Morden but the wider region as well.

Friesen heralded the range of measures being taken including some work that is already done or near completion as well as longer term projects also in the works.

"It's a big project. It's a very sophisticated partnership, and it really is a partnership," Friesen said last week. "We have interim needs that we're going to have to address quite soon, and then we have long term needs for water sustainability in our region."

The province recently announced more than \$17.9 million was being invested in a number of projects to help secure the water infrastructure needs in the region.

The Manitoba government is contributing nearly \$6 million to the projects, which are also receiving support from other sources such as the federal government, municipal governments and the Pembina Valley Water Cooperative.

The projects receiving funding from the province include upgrades to the PVWC's treatment plant in Letellier, construction of a pipeline from Roland to Boundary Trails Health Centre, upgrades to the Morden water treatment plant, construction of the Boundary Trails to Morden south pipeline

and booster station, and completion of phase two of the alternative water source study for the region.

Friesen noted there had been a lot of work going on behind the scenes to help pull together provincial response and support that involved a number of departments and ministers, including infrastructure, agriculture, central services and sustainable development.

"It certainly was not lost on me that we had in the spring started to see the signs of a significant drought event," he said. "We had some of these summit meetings where I was able to convey to the table that this was a very significant event."

It led to a number of MLAs and ministers coming to Morden in early August to see the conditions for themselves. That tour helped get across the urgency of the need to address short and long term strategies that started with twinning of the Pembina Valley Water Co-op's Morris pipeline to Winkler alongside PR 428.

"That is now complete ... there is a booster station on this line that is still under construction, and that booster station is going to be very, very important to get the volume of water ... that booster station will be complete I believe in the coming months," said Friesen. "Included in that was this pipeline extension south of Boundary Trails hospital. What that does is that allows us to tie Morden's east side into what we call the Letellier line.

"We will now be able to bring a po-



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Government officials, MLAs, and ministers toured Morden this summer to see firsthand the impact the drought has had on Lake Minnewasta—Morden's main source of drinking water.

table, predictable water supply to Boundary Trails hospital for the first time ever, which is significant, and now flowing past that, it will tie in Morden," he continued. "Now we're able to basically have contingencies, either supply Morden from Morris or Letellier."

Friesen also heralded the co-operation of the City of Winkler in shifting some of their draw to process more water from the aquifer and take less from water co-op, which in turn helps allow Morden to draw more for its needs.

What it meant for Morden was being able to increase from five to 12 litres per second, which is roughly half of Morden's winter demand level is about 25 litres per second, noted Friesen.

He also reflected then on the foresight that led to the creation of the Pembina Valley Water Co-op and how it has proven to be a valuable asset for the region.

"This is the first time in history that Pembina Valley Water Co-op has ever had to go back to government for support for this venture. So it speaks to the incredible good planning in this area of the province ... people who saw that water issues needed looking at," said Friesen.

Friesen nevertheless acknowledged that there is more work and planning to be done.

"We need to create over time a far more durable water strategy for southern Manitoba, for all of Manitoba."

# Threats, violence against doctors on the rise

By Lorne Stelmach

The level of abuse, threats and harassment being directed at medical professionals in the midst of the pandemic is reaching alarming levels, so health care representatives made a public appeal this week for kindness, respect, and understanding.

Their appeal was backed up by the results of a new survey that found that nearly six in 10 doctors have experienced incidents of mistreatment over the last month alone, including verbal abuse, threats, online bullying, and physical assault.

The escalation in mistreatment is adding to stress and burnout that was already reaching concerning levels earlier this year, Dr. Kristjan Thompson, president of Doctors Manitoba,

said Monday as part of a noon hour news conference that also included Dr. Katharine Smart, president of the Canadian Medical Association, and Dr. Don Klassen, a family physician from Winkler.

"It seems bizarre that we even have to talk about this," said Thompson, whose sentiment was echoed by Klassen.

"Until two years ago, I might have said it was impossible that we'd be having this press conference and calling for respect and civility," he said. "In my 40 plus years of medical practice, I have not witnessed the degree of mistreatment referred to in this survey until relatively recently."

Doctors Manitoba conducted a survey of physicians over the last several weeks and found 57 per cent experi-

enced incidents of mistreatment over the previous month.

More than half of incidents—52 per cent—appear to be linked to the pandemic in some way, and incidents are happening more frequently than a year ago, with 59 per cent of physicians reporting increased frequency.

Most incidents occurred in doctors' offices or hospitals though there were some on social media, in public places, and at physicians' homes.

Incidents appear to occur more frequently among physicians who are women, BIPOC (black, Indigenous and people of colour), or working in family medicine.

The survey also showed physicians located in rural communities experienced mistreatment more frequently than their urban counterparts.

In light of these findings, Doctor's Manitoba's message is that COVID-19 has been hard for everyone, so whether you are frustrated with pandemic restrictions or facing long wait times to get a medical test or surgery, please don't take it out on the doctors who care about your well-being and are advocating for you.

Klassen noted he has heard from several physicians who are considering early retirement or relocation at least in part because of threats and verbal abuse.

"We are aware of several physicians who plan to leave next spring/ summer, and I think that at least in part it has to do with the current environment ... to be fair, I don't think it's totally that, but I think at least in part

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# Operation Santa Paws a big success for PVHS

By Lorne Stelmach

The Pembina Valley Humane Society is grateful for the strong support shown by the community for its recent supply drive.

The organization of course always welcomes donations, but the recent Operation Santa Paws was a more concerted effort with the lofty goal to stock the regional animal shelter's shelves with enough supplies to last them through 2022.

On the final day of the campaign Saturday, directors were delighted to see that it had not only met but exceeded some of their specific targets.

"We went into this not knowing how well this would work out, and I can say my expectations were blown out of the water," said Holly Thorne, PVHS public relations chair. "I'm just so thrilled with everybody who has made the effort to support us, and all the businesses as well."

In total, there were over a thousand individual items donated between Nov. 20 and Dec. 18.

The goals included 600 cans wet cat food, 350 cans of wet dog food, 200 boxes/bags of clumping cat litter, 200 bottles of bleach, 25 bottles each of dish and laundry detergent, 20 boxes of compostable bags, and 15 jars of peanut butter.

Arriving at those numbers was



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PVHS board members Holly Thorne and Tanya Rempel with Layla, an 11-year-old pooch who is looking for a loving foster home.

somewhat challenging given the unusual circumstances of the past two years, Thorne noted.

"We had looked at 2020, but that was such an unusual year ... we had an outbreak of kennel cough, we also had ringworm, which we're still deal-

ing with again now," she said. "We feel like we had gone through our supplies at a rapid rate, so we took those numbers, but maybe it was a lofty goal.

"Now we can say we have reached our goal for cat food and dog food, and we have reached most of our goal

"I CAN SAY MY EXPECTATIONS WERE BLOWN OUT OF THE WATER."

for laundry detergent ... peanut butter and dish detergent we're a hundred per cent. We've totally gotten what we need in those areas.

"The biggest things that we still need and will always need are clumping kitty litter," Thorne continued. "We will always need bleach, and we will always need compostable kitchen bags. Those are the ones that we are short on right now, but we always need them throughout the year."

Thorne suggested the support reflects not only people having a passion to help care for animals but also a recognition of the importance of the service that the humane society provides.

"Clearly we have the support of our community when it comes to wanting to make sure that our animals in the shelter are cared for," she said. "It's fabulous that the community sees the importance of what it is that we do and why we're doing it."

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there's that dynamic," he said.

"The other side of that is to replace those three physicians and perhaps add another three becomes increasingly hard and more difficult in this kind of environment," Klassen added. "I think it will be more challenging than it has been in the recent past."

Klassen noted he himself had not personally experienced direct physical abuse but did make reference to one message that suggested somebody could put a gun to his head. He has otherwise mainly received literature that revolves around misinformation.

"I really feel for my younger colleagues ... who don't understand how this could be happening," said Klassen, who also offered a plea. "We're all humans with families and lives ... we experience the same stresses related to the pandemic ... we all want this pandemic to end, and we all need to be in this together.

"We need to keep our health care systems functional," he stressed. "Let's remember as well that we really can

believe the science. Please be aware of and avoid misinformation."

Smart noted that the survey results from Manitoba echo the stories of harassment, intimidation, and abuse being heard from physicians across Canada, and she said this kind of hateful behaviour is unacceptable in our health system.

"We already have a huge challenge with primary care in this country," she said. "It is incredibly disheartening in these very difficult times.

"We also understand that people are tired of this pandemic. We're also tired of it, but we're not through this yet, and our goal is to care for Canadians."

"It's taking a very significant toll ... we need this to stop," added Thompson, who noted the rates of harassment were higher in the Northern, Interlake, and Southern health regions.

"I think there was a trend towards increased incidences of these types of threats and abuse in rural settings compared to urban settings," Thompson said.

"Anecdotally, we are aware of physicians, nurses, other health care professionals who have transferred into other specialties," he continued. "Certainly, some of the ER nurses that I work with, who are experiencing high levels of stress and burnout, have left to work in other jurisdictions and other health care settings.

"I don't blame those who have left because they're feeling burnt out," Thompson said. "This is absolutely a critical issue that needs to be addressed because it is contributing to burnout ... it is very important that we take care of one another and support one another because we are here to help and to heal."

Doctors Manitoba had joined the Canadian Medical Association in pressing for legislative action following a growing number of incidents and protests earlier this year, and they all were very encouraged by the recent passage of Bill C-3 in Ottawa that will protect health workers and patients from threats, violence and harassment.

The new legislation amends the Criminal Code of Canada to make it illegal for people to intimidate health care workers, impede access to medical facilities or intimidate people accessing health services, including COVID-19 vaccinations, and the new offences carry a maximum penalty of 10 years in prison.

"We are also calling on the provincial government and health system leaders to reinforce the need for respect and safety in medical facilities," added Thompson.

"The legislation passed by the federal government last week was unfortunately required to ensure the safety of health workers," said Smart. "That's been a huge positive for us to feel like the government sees us and that we have that support.

"We greatly appreciate the support and kindness of the great majority of Canadians who understand how hard we are working to provide care to our patients."



# School Christmas concerts go virtual this year

By Lorne Stelmach

There may have been hope a year ago that communities would be coming together again this year for school Christmas concerts.

But with the pandemic now into a fourth wave and fears rising around the latest variant, concerts can only be done virtually again, but schools are also coming into it this time with more experience under their belts.

Local schools were making the best of it, with a number of school concerts debuting online in recent weeks.

"The priority is to make sure that parents still feel like they are a part of our school community," Morden Collegiate principal Tania Sigurdson said last week as the high school's virtual concert was unveiled Thursday on YouTube.

"It's important for parents to be able to see what their students have been working on all year, especially in performance based classes like choir and vocal jazz. It's important to have those performance opportunities," said Ben Kroeker, choral and drama teacher at Northlands Parkway Collegiate.

"One of the joys of being in a performance based class is the kids often

like to show family what they are doing," agreed Melanie Urichuk, choir teacher at Garden Valley Collegiate, which was debuting its concert Dec. 22.

GVC decided to record audio of its band classes to get the best quality sound possible, while the choir performances involved videos that were mostly filmed indoors.

"For a few of the songs, we headed outside to basically sing along outside so that we could get the nice sounds inside and the pretty visuals outside," Urichuk explained.

Like everyone, she had hoped things would be different this year.

"At the same time, it's one of those things you have to work through ... and we've taken advantage of the opportunities to build some technological skills and find new ways to share with families."

Part of their thought last year with going virtual was to have something to share with care home residents, Urichuk noted, as the students normally would go there to sing carols.

"The intention this year is certainly to still send to the care homes and hospital but also to share with families," she said. "Sometimes families



SCREENSHOTS

Local schools have been doing their holiday concerts online this year, including choral and band students from Morden Collegiate (above, below), who posted their's last week.

aren't all able to attend ... so this way everyone can watch it.

"The kids really value it. In a normal year, the kids of their own volition make cards and things as we go to the hospital, and they sit and talk with residents," Urichuk added. "So they find value in sharing."

At NPC, the senior, grade nine and vocal jazz ensembles were involved in a pre-recorded holiday showcase that debuted Dec. 21.

"We filmed some portions of it inside ... so you get a sense of what it's been like for students when they have been rehearsing in the space," Kroeker said. "Then I tried to get as much filmed outside as well."

"Definitely last year I think we would have been thinking we would be singing live for people again this time of year, but we're making due."

Kroeker agreed that the students have become quite comfortable with the technology involved in doing a virtual concert.

"They're getting increasingly more and more familiar with the technology as we kind of keep on using it now," he said. "And a lot of choir directors have also had to learn pretty fast how to do some of these things."

"I've been to every Christmas concert since I started working here, and it's amazing that they have done such a great job," said Sigurdson. "What our staff have been able to do in using technology to make sure that, while separate, parents can still feel part of our community."

It is disappointing that they needed to do it virtually again this year, but it was important to make it work as well as possible, she said.

"It's important because we love connecting with our parents and with our families and having them in our school and feeling like a part of our school community," said Sigurdson. "The connection that we have with parents is so vital to our success at school, so we miss that quite a bit."



# Manitoba hoping for cold and lots of snow

## Many lakes at historic lows: Schuler

By Ashleigh Viveiros

It's too early to say what the winter and spring will bring in terms of precipitation or flooding, but it's clear Manitoba headed into the winter in a pretty dry state in many areas.

Infrastructure Minister Ron Schuler unveiled the findings of Manitoba Infrastructure's Hydrologic Forecast Centre's 2021 Fall Conditions Report at a press conference in Winnipeg last Thursday.

"Soil moisture in most Manitoba ba-

sins is near normal to below normal, with the exception of some portions of the Red River Basin in the United States. That has a normal to slightly above normal soil moisture," Schuler said.

"Base flows on most Manitoba rivers are normal to below normal for this time of year, with the exception of Northern Manitoba, which has nor-

mal to above normal base flows," he continued.

"As of Dec. 10, 2021, the Red River at Emerson, Manitoba is at 1,800 CFS, or cubic feet per second. Normal for this time of year would be 1,522 CFS, which means the Red River is currently flowing slightly above normal,"

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# Support Habitat for Humanity with 'Meaning of Home' contest

By Lorne Stelmach

The local chapter of Habitat for Humanity hopes their increased presence in the area will be a draw to interest students in a national writing contest.

The Meaning of Home contest in support of Habitat for Humanity Canada invites Grades 4-6 students from across Canada to write a composition, essay, or poem that explains what home means to them.

Entering the contest will also give students the opportunity to support their local chapter in helping families access safe, decent and affordable housing, as every single entry from the area earns \$10 for the Morden and Winkler branch from the contest's sponsors.

"Getting kids involved with any kind of project is an amazing opportunity," said chapter rep Christina Falk.

She sees this as a great way for students to get engaged with Habitat for Humanity.

"It gets young kids involved ... and this is a way for them to contribute towards building a house. They can know that they had a hand in build-



PHOTO BY LORNE STELMACH/VOICE

The local chapter of Habitat for Humanity is making great progress on its first Morden build. Kids can help support the project by taking part in the national Meaning of Home writing contest. Each entry earns the Morden-Winkler chapter \$10.

ing that next house," she suggested. "We're big believers that every part of the community, no matter what, you can be part of us doing this together, so this is a great way to incorporate kids into it."

In the past, they have visited classrooms and encouraged teachers to include this as part of their writing cur-

riculum for January.

They have had local entries previously, though last year was an off year because of the pandemic, which ruled out getting into schools, so they are hoping it will revive this year.

"We're hoping this year that we can have more kids enter again and really get the word out again," she said.

"It's definitely more visible here now. People can see that it's actually happening here and what it looks like," said Falk, noting the first Morden build is well underway. "The build is going well ... we are still struggling with some delays in shipments of things that we need ... but it's progressing."

"Everything helps to get the message out and make sure that people know we're here," she said. "And it's a really fun idea for kids too, and the prizes are fun."

The contest runs from Jan. 3 to Feb. 18. There is a top prize of a \$30,000 grant to the Habitat chapter of the winner's choice plus an iPad and a pizza party. There are runner up prizes as well.

For teachers, there are resources available as well to help incorporate the contest into lesson plans and get students involved in the creative writing process while also teaching them about the importance of giving back in their community.

More information can be found online at the [meaningofhome.ca](http://meaningofhome.ca) website.

## "Let's hope that we get a very normal prairie winter"

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Schuler said, attributing the increase to weather events south of the border. "Conversely, the Assiniboine River at Headingley is at 400 CFS, which normally runs at 679 CFS."

Meanwhile, most major lakes in the province are at below normal to well below normal levels for this time of the year.

"Lake Manitoba continues to be at 810.2 feet—near an historic low for this time of the year," Schuler said. "Normal would be 811.9 feet. Not since 1942 has Lake Manitoba been this low."

Lake Winnipeg is also seeing incredible lows—it's currently at 711.9 feet. Normal for this time of year is 713.2 feet.

"Keep in mind, that is more than a foot difference on a very large body of water," Schuler pointed out.

Still, Lake Winnipeg has nothing on Morden's Lake Minnewasta, which is a full nine feet below its normal level of 1,079 feet.

Meanwhile, Lake St. Martin and Lake Winnipegosis are both below normal while Dauphin Lake and Lake Wahtopanah are just at or slight above normal levels.

The Whiteshell lakes are faring better thanks to dam regulation and fall precipitation, putting them at "optimal levels for this time of year," Schuler said.

Projections for the winter favour normal to below-normal precipitation for most of Manitoba. In a normal winter, Manitoba sees an average of about 100 centimeters (40 inches) of snow.

"Good for this year would be 100 cm of snow to a high of 130 cm of snow," Schuler said.

"If we get low snowfall, lots of above average, warmer temperatures, and lots of sunshine, which could cause

snow sublimation, Manitoba could see a very difficult growing season for 2022," the minister said. He noted the provincial government is already working with producers to see how they might provide assistance, should it be necessary.

Asked whether other parts of Manitoba might find themselves under water use restrictions next summer, as Morden was this year, Schuler said it is a distinct possibility.

"If we end up with warm temperatures ... if we get a lot of sunshine ... if we don't get a lot of moisture, we could be coming back with some pretty dire reporting. And then there's go-

ing to have to be some pretty serious conversations insofar as water conservation is concerned.

"Let's hope that we get a very normal prairie winter and then we don't have to have these discussions with Manitobans," Schuler said, adding that the ideal for the months ahead would be "very cold—normal for Manitoba—lots of snow, minimal sunshine, and a normal melt ... that would be best for what we might be facing in spring."

The province will start releasing flood outlooks in February.

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## Local police replace shotgun ammo with bean bags rounds

By Ashleigh Viveiros

Local police agencies have rolled out a less lethal form of force to give officers more options in tense situations.

Winkler police Chief Ryan Hunt says the department has transitioned all of its shotguns to deploy bean bag rounds instead of bullets.

"Our regional tactical team rolled it out first and then we decided the rest of the general patrol members should also have access to it, so we're working towards having one of these less lethal shotguns in each of our police cruisers," Hunt said, noting patrol officers are most often on the scene of an unfolding incident before the tactical team, so arming them appropriately is a prudent move.

An officer received training in Winnipeg on the use of bean bag rounds—when and how to use them safely—and has since trained the rest of the department.

"They're trained not to aim for sensitive areas, like the head," Hunt said, pointing out a bean bag round can most certainly cause pain and bruising. "They're not designed to puncture the skin, though."

While officers are all equipped with Tasers to non-lethally subdue suspects who are not an immediate threat to others, those can only be used in close proximity. The bean bag shotgun is a non-lethal option with far greater range.

Hunt doesn't expect they'll be used very of-

ten, but it's good to have them for those rare occasions they are needed.

"A perfect example I can think of—and this is a situation we actually ran into a few years ago before we had this available—is a suicidal person that has a knife or a gun," he explained. "Obviously in a situation like that our officers can't approach them safely but yet they still need to be able to keep him safe from harming himself."

"At that point we could shoot a bean bag at him [aiming for the arm or hand] and get him to drop the weapon, at which point our officers could safely move in and take him into custody."

This move to using bean bag rounds is being made by other departments across the country and closer to home as well.

"The Morden, Winkler, and Altona departments have done it—we kind of all did it

together," Hunt said. "The trend right now is going in this direction and I would say we're probably at the forefront of that trend ... of rolling this out to general patrol members."

It didn't require any new weapons, as the old shotguns were able to be repurposed. They are now fitted with an orange stock and forearm to identify them as no longer firing traditional ammunition.

While Winkler police officers have always had shotguns available in their cruisers, they've never had to fire them in an active sit-

**"WE'RE WORKING TO HAVE ONE OF THESE LESS LETHAL SHOTGUNS IN EACH OF OUR POLICE CRUISERS."**



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Cst. Rudy Loewen of the Winkler Police Service with one of the shotguns repurposed to now fire only bean bag rounds, giving officers a less lethal option.

uation before, so Hunt isn't worried de-arming the weapons in this way will be a safety issue moving forward.

He points out officers are armed at all times with their pistols and, as of a several years ago, also have patrol rifles at hand should they be needed.



## Congrats to our big winners

We had the chance to present the grand prizes to the two winners of our Christmas writing contest last week. Gr. 7 student Rachel Hesom (left) won the Gr. 5-8 category for her story An Ornamental Perspective. Gr. 4 student Zaharra Hildebrand (right) won the K-4 age group for her tale Mystery Reindeer. They both received a gift card for a night out at the local cinema for them and five friends. Enjoy the show, ladies! You can check out a few more honourable mentions on Pgs. 18-19 of this week's edition of the Voice.







# Checking out the holiday lights



The City of Morden hosted an evening of fellowship last Tuesday with its Tour of Lights. Residents gathered for a 45 minute walk to see some of the Christmas lights around town. Left: The chamber's Shop Morden truck tagged along to play music. Top: Everyone gathered afterwards at the Morden Activity Centre for games, hot chocolate, snacks, and live music from Tim deBekker.

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## Navigating cancer with the help of nurse navigators

By Becca Myskiw

The Canadian Cancer Society estimates 628 Canadians will be diagnosed with cancer every day—but as they start this journey, they won't be

alone.

Southern Health-Santé Sud has cancer navigation services, which is essentially a group of healthcare professionals who have specialized training in cancer care. One of the key members on the team is a nurse navigator, and Southern Health has two.

Kristen Schultz and Kaeleigh Bodden are registered nurses. They work closely with cancer patients' healthcare teams, offering the patient and their family more information, guidance, and support from the "clinical suspicion of cancer" through diagnosis and treatment.

"Nurse navigators have an integral role in supporting patients to navigate the cancer care system which can be complex," said Schultz. "This in turn can help to reduce emotional distress, help patients cope with the diagnosis, treatment, and symptom management. This support can help in reducing ER visits and hospital admissions."

Nurse navigators also help to facilitate coordination between specialists and healthcare providers for their patients. They prepare them for various

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# YouTube channel reaching Low German speakers around the world

By Ashleigh Viveiros

A Winkler man is becoming something of a celebrity as his Low German YouTube channel racks up views from around the world.

A couple of years ago, Abe Wall was puttering around the getaway he owns out in the Pembina hills south of Morden.

"One day I was sitting there bored, I needed something to do, so I thought I'd make a short little video," he recalls. "I happened to put it on YouTube. And I got so much response for it."

So he made another video, and another, and just like that, Schtrucklaunt Manitoba was born.

The first few uploads saw the retired truck driver simply chatting in Low German, but then he decided to put the kitchen he had up at the cabin to good use.

"I started making cooking videos and telling stories from the past in Mexico, and people were so interested and there were all these comments," he says. "It kept me going. And it just went from one video to the next."

Today, Wall has dozens of videos up on his channel, which is closing in on 5,000 subscribers and has had over 1.2 million views.

"It's unbelievable. I had never dreamt of this going where it is now," Wall says. "I've had people [commenting] from Siberia ... and actually China. There's apparently Low German speaking people in China too."

Wall, who grew up in Mexico before moving to Canada in the early '80s, sees his videos as a way of preserving a language that's close to his heart.

"There's so many Mennonites, though Low German is actually dying off because the younger generation, they don't speak it or they're not interested in it."

He's had viewers encourage him to start posting videos in Spanish or English, pointing out how much wid-

er his audience could be, but he's not keen to stray too far from his mother tongue.

"I would get a lot more views, but for me it's not about making money," Wall says. "This is just basically entertainment and also to be a blessing, to show them new ideas."

Many of Wall's viewers are in Mexico or South America, tuning in from sheltered Mennonite communities.

"A lot of people, they don't get to town or they don't have a TV, so when they have something like this to watch, it's something different," he says, sharing with a chuckle that he's had more than a few thank-yous from viewers very grateful to add a new recipe to their family's repertoire.

"I have cousins down in Argentina and they encourage me always to make more cooking videos because their wives, all they know is what they learned from their mothers. And if you can't read ... they can't really look up recipes and learn new stuff."

"A lot of times I get recommendations. Can you cook this or can you cook that? So I've done some French cooking, I've done some Italian, Mexican cooking. Everything and anything."

He's also an avid storyteller, sharing about life in Canada or retelling inspirational stories he's come across.

"There's so much sadness and seriousness in this world, so sometimes I tell a story where people get inspired or get out of their loneliness," Wall says.

And he's not above a goofy skit or two, including one recent one that had him donning a dress he found at the local thrift shop to play a clumsy female maid.

"People need humour. They need to laugh. Now with this pandemic and everything, you need to cheer people up," Wall says.

That trip to the thrift shop also demonstrated that it's not just people in other countries tuning in—Wall has a healthy fanbase right here in southern Manitoba.

"I go into MCC and I said, 'I'm doing some kind of drama show and I need a large women's dress, there's this maid that needs this dress' ... and this lady, she recognizes me, and she says, 'Are you going to be that maid?'"

People recognizing him on the street has become increasingly more commonplace, much to the amusement of his family.

"Sometimes I can't even go uptown without someone saying, 'I know you. Somehow I know you,'" Wall says.

But while the fame can be fun, the real joy comes in the feedback the videos get—people commenting how



SCREENSHOTS: SCHTRUCKLAUNT MANITOBA

Abe Wall has been posting videos to his YouTube channel, dubbed Schtrucklaunt Manitoba, for the past two years. He often shares new recipes with his viewers or tells stories—all in Low German.

much they enjoy them or calling to share stories of family members in care homes who tune in faithfully to see what Wall has cooked up for them.

"They are just so entertained and just love it. I love hearing stories about that," Wall says.

"I'm retired but somehow I find myself being busier than before," he adds. "But I really, really enjoy doing it."

You can find Wall's channel by searching for "Schtrucklaunt Manitoba" at [www.youtube.com](http://www.youtube.com).





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# Roseisle family starting from scratch after losing everything to house fire



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Cindy McDonald and her family lost their Roseisle home to a fire on Saturday, Dec. 11. The community has set up a GoFundMe to help the family rebuild their home.



## Community rallies to support them

By Becca Myskiw

In a devastating house fire, Cindy McDonald and her family lost everything.

The Roseisle family lost their historic home to a blaze on Saturday, Dec. 11. McDonald was making meat pies with her neighbour for Christmas. They used both ovens, going back and forth from house to house to monitor the cooking.

She had just gotten a new convection stove from her children, too, so she was excited to use it for the meat pies. So when McDonald took a batch out of her oven, she put them on top of the stove to cool off, turned everything off, and covered them with a tea towel so her pets wouldn't get into them.

Then she went back to her neighbours to help over there and said she had to go back home in 15 minutes—when she did, her whole stove and kitchen cupboards were in flames. She thinks her puppy smelled the meat pies, jumped up, and hit one of the front knobs, ultimately turning the stove on. Because her oven was new, McDonald had no idea she could have locked those and prevented that.

She instantly tried putting the fire out with the water in her kitchen but

was unsuccessful. The flames kept climbing, getting bigger and bigger. It became hard for her to breathe as the house got smokier, so she made the decision to get her pets and get out.

McDonald got all of her pets except two out. One kitten ran back in, and she never found one cat in time to get it out. Along with their furry family members, she grabbed her son's medication and a tub of family photos sitting in the hallway.

"Because we have no cell service, I had to run to the neighbour's to call 911," she said. "We then went to the store to get fire extinguishers, but we couldn't put it out. Fire just goes so fast."

The Carman-Dufferin Fire Department was at her house within 25 minutes, but it was too late. There was no saving her two-storey, 4,000-square foot home. It was built in 1936 and was the original Roseisle general store. She and her family (her three children, who are now adults) lived in the home for 21 years.

The family found a place to rent just a mile and a half out of town, no more than two miles away from all their family.

Inside their home that burned, though, was everything they had. Their clothes, furniture, money, identification, cookware, Christmas gifts—everything. The community banded together instantly to get them a kitchen.

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## Last-minute holiday shopping tips



Some people thrive by doing all of their tasks early. Others seem to do their best work when faced with a time crunch. The methods individuals use to manage their time at work and play may extend to the ways they approach holiday shopping as well.

There's no right or wrong way to handle holiday shopping tasks, though Christmas Eve crowds at malls and throughout shopping districts suggest that there's more late comers than there are early birds. The following tips can help those who typically wait until the last minute to check names off their lists.

- Create a budget. When rushing around from store to store, it may be easy to spend more than you want to. Make a list of how much you want to spend on each person, and stick to that limit for each person. Move on to the next store if you didn't find what you need in your price range.

- Establish a time limit. Stores have strategies in place to keep shoppers in their establishments longer, hoping you'll make impulse buys. These tricks include scenting the air with inviting aromas, putting necessities at the rear of the store, failing to display the time, and putting discounted items by the registers or door to attract shoppers. Set an alarm on your watch or phone for each store so you get what you need and get out on time.

- Subdivide bulk gifts. Think about purchasing bulk gifts like gift baskets from wholesale clubs and then breaking them down into individual gifts. This way you can gift several people on one purchase and save time in the process.

- Choose one-size-fits-all gifts. Think about a gift that can be purchased for multiple people so you can save time shopping for individualized gifts for everyone. For example, print a personalized photo calendar for several members

of your family. You also can purchase multiple subscriptions or memberships to zoos or magazines for people on your list. Streamlining gifting in this way may save money as well as time.

- Choose in-store pickup. Rather than scouring various aisles, you can shop a retailer's website and then pick up items

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Some people wait until the last minute to do their holiday shopping. A few tricks of the procrastinator's trade can make last-minute shopping go smoothly.

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# What's *Your* Christmas Story?

## HONOURABLE MENTIONS

We had so many entries in our Christmas writing contest this year that one edition wasn't enough to contain them all! So here are a few more honourable mentions:

### THE EPIC SNOWBALL FIGHT

Whoosh! Ting Ting Ting! The wind whistled against our window, picking up small ice chunks and flinging them against our window. It was a great day to spend inside with family and a nice hot dinner.

Once dinner was done, I went to bed and saw the snow starting to pick up intensity. I wondered how much snow would be on the ground in the morning.

When I woke up, I was excited to hear that school was canceled, but I would have to shovel our sidewalk and driveway.

When I got out, I could see very clearly why there was no school: there was a whole metre of snow on the ground and roads.

After an hour of shoveling, I had barely made a dent in the vast snowdrifts covering our driveway. I asked for a break, which Mom thankfully granted me. I went and started to build a snow fort.

I started with forming the walls out of snow bricks from my snow mould. stacking them carefully and

smartly I made great progress. I then packed sticky snow in the cracks in the walls and sprayed it with some water to create an impenetrable ice wall.

Once I was done, the whole driveway was clear. I also saw most kids on my street building snow forts and snowballs. It looked like there was going to be a snowball fight!

As I was making snowballs, I failed to notice one of Peter's friends sneaking up on me.

BAM! A snowball nailed me in the back of the head.

I spun around and fired a snowball, but it missed. It instead sailed off far into the distance and hit a kid right in the pants. I then saw a kid walking toward me with a snow shovel full of snow. I started running. I just barely made it inside my friend's hollowed-out snow hill when, WHUMPH! The kid with the snow shovel tripped and dumped the snow all over the entrance, blocking us in.

"What do we do!" I shouted.

"Make snowballs," my friend answered. We got to work turning the door-blocking snow into hundreds of snowballs, piling them in the back of the hill until we finally cleared all the snow and burst out into the middle of a massive snow fight.

We rushed into my friend's house and grabbed the biggest pot lids we could find and used them as shields as we battled through the fight toward the street bullies' gigantic snow fort with its two metre high walls and platforms on top piled full of snowballs and snow shovels for dumping snow.

We looked for any weak spot in the impenetrable icy walls—too slick to climb, too thick and hard to dig through—until we spotted a part which was sitting on top of a snow hill. We quickly scrambled to the hill, delighted to see that it only had a hard crust, and that the innards were soft as butter.

In a couple minutes we were through the hill, on the verge of breaking through, when we heard scratching at the wall and it broke. We saw a whole bunch of bullies digging snow to make more snowballs. We threw as many crudely made snow balls as possible.

They backed out, and we were in the fort. We quickly rushed on to the top platform and threw hundreds of snow balls, all finding their bully targets.

After a couple of minutes all the bullies had deserted the fort into the mob of people, all wielding snow balls. As the bullies were overtaken by the crowd, me and my friend went home to have a nice Christmas diner.

—Koen Thiessen,  
Grade 8, Prairie Dale  
School

### MY CHRISTMAS DAY

I woke up and went

downstairs. I smelled a perfectly baked pan of chocolate Christmas cookies. Suddenly I hear a scratching sound at the back door. I run to the back door and open it. I see ... a baby reindeer!

I look at the sparkling snow. I look back at the reindeer. I petted its chocolate brown fur. It was so soft. I let go of its fur, and when I let go, it tried to fly. It couldn't. The glittering sun was shining brightly. I wanted to help it fly.

First, I showed him how to take a running start. He fell. I went on the trampoline with the reindeer. We jumped as high as we could and the reindeer was flying. It was almost time for it to go home. I ran in to get a snack for it. I got a warm gooey cookie and gave it to the reindeer. It started to fly home.

"Good bye!" I yelled.

—Abigail Wall, Gr. 3, Blumenfeld School

### A PERFECT DECEMBER DAY

I smiled as I woke up, cozy under my thick quilt. I just knew that today was going to be a great day! Taking a deep breath I threw aside the covers and felt a rush of cold air. I swung my feet over the side of the bed, placing them gently on the carpeted floor. I walked over to the closet and selected a cream colored wool sweater. Then I tugged on a pair of jeans and some thick socks. That's when the smell of pancakes wafted into the room.

I skated into the kitchen and found Mom at the griddle.

"Morning, Mom!" I said, grabbing a plate and fork. As I sat down she replied, "Morning, hunny! Are you ready to go snowmobiling?"

I looked outside, the weather couldn't get any better. I only nodded, because my mouth was already full of pancakes and maple syrup. By now my two sisters were awake and grabbing plates to dig into the delicious mountain of cakes. We were all anxious to get outside!

Minutes later, we were pulling on our snow gear and on our way towards the red shed, where the snow machine was kept. My sisters and I went over to the big ice fishing sled and flipped it over. The three of us would ride in it hitched to the snowmobile while Mom and Dad rode on the Polaris.

Before long I saw Dad coming, carrying a jerry can, followed by Mom, carrying a bag of snacks. It took some patience as everything and everyone got loaded but soon the engine fired up and we were on our way.

"First up, the woods," I thought. Sure enough, Dad steered us down a trail towards the woods. It didn't take long before we were deep within the trees. I braced myself as we sped around a corner.

"Branches!" Dad called out, just in time for us to duck down in the sled.

Zooming, turning, ducking, winding—it was better than an amusement park ride! We were now coming up to the edge of the woods, where the trail met the road. As Dad picked up speed, we all held on to the edge of the sled. We made a quick steep climb and then down again on the other side. Dad gunned the

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throttle while we continued holding on. I nudged my sisters, we all were thinking the same thing: We were heading to the big dip!

The big dip? It sounds like an ice cream shop! No, it is a set of super big hills with a "bowl" in the middle! We raced along the edge of a woods, through more fields, and finally up a small hill before we were there! We were all excited to go up and down the big dip, but decided a little snack was a good idea. So, plopping down on the snow, Mom gave us each an apple, a small thermos of hot cocoa, and a fresh baked chocolate cookie.

"Daddy," I asked, "How high is the hill?"

He didn't answer right away, as he was thinking it over. "At least 250 feet high, probably more!"

Snack time was done, and it was time to get going. Dad revved the snowmobile and us girls quickly piled back into our spots. We zipped down the hill and then Dad hit the throttle to make our way up the other side. We barely made it to the top, when we turned tail and headed back down the dip again. I love that feeling .... it is as if you are truly flying!

When we got to the other side, we turned back around for a final time. After all, there was more country side to explore and more memories to make!

—Larren Kreiser, Gr. 6, Thornhill

### MY FRIEND GINGER

It was a cool winter night. I just finished getting my cosy bright blue pyjamas on and was heading to bed.

Suddenly I heard a scratching at the back door. I assumed it was my dog, Jovie.

I scramble to the door and open it wide. There was a baby reindeer! What was she doing?

She jumped. So I jumped too!

She limped across my backyard for awhile, then she finally sat down.

"WHAT? A baby reindeer!" I said. "She must've crashed here. I'll take her inside until she feels better."

I took her inside and to my room. She laid down on my carpet and, as I pet her, she fell asleep. Soon I did too.

I woke up thinking it was a dream. I rubbed my eyes. I slid off the bed. There she was! It wasn't a dream.

I watched her walk around just fine. I took her outside to see if she would fly away.

She took a running start and a little jump. She tried again and again, but she just couldn't fly.

I felt bad for her, so I went inside and pulled all the grey couch cushions off

the couch. I also brought my pillow and my blanket. I dragged them out into the snow in front of the trampoline. I laid my pillow and blanket on top of the pile of couch cushions.

I called my baby reindeer Ginger.

"Ginger! Ginger!" I yelled.

Finally the baby reindeer started to trot towards me. I picked her up and put her on the trampoline. She seemed to know what was going on.

Ginger leapt into the air and fell on the cushions and pillows. She tried again and again.

I tried to give her confidence by saying, "You got this, Ginger. You got this!"

I gave Ginger a big hug and watched her as she leapt into the air. She started to run in the air. She was flying!

"Bye, Ginger!" I yelled.

She looked back and gave me a wink, as if to say thank you. And just like that, she was gone. But I'm not sad because every year she comes back for a visit and we jump on my trampoline.

—Raelyn Martens, Gr. 5, École Morden Middle School

### IT'S SNOWING, I'M NOT GOING!

The weather is cold.

"Come on, let's go outside, Gaby!" said Monica.

My sister came out with me and built a snowman.

I ate chocolate milk. I ate bananas and chicken wings. Mmm ... tasty.

I put on my clothes and went outside and went on the hill at sledding.

I had chicken and carrots with dip.

—Monica Suderman,  
Gr. 1, Southwood Elementary School

### GIFTS FOR BABY JESUS

If I was a wiseman I would bring baby Jesus a teddy bear dog like the one I sleep with every night and a toy angel because I think he would like them to play with.

—Wade Bueckert, Gr. 1, Stanley



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Winkler netminder Jayme Janzen stops Carman's Fraser Mirrlees during the shootout Sunday night. The Royals won the game 4-3.

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## Royals split final games of 2021, Bombers down Altona

By Ashleigh Viveiros

The Winkler Royals' final games of 2021 came down to the wire.

The SEMHL team battled the Portage Islanders to a 7-6 OT loss last week Wednesday and then beat the Carman Beavers 4-3 in a shootout Sunday afternoon.

Wednesday night's game saw the Royals behind 3-2 after 20 minutes (goals scored by Brett Dudar and Cameron McNabb) but then end period two tied at 5-5 (goals from Dudar, Remi Laurencelle, and Jordan Wall).

Portage pulled ahead again midway through the final frame, but Wall got his second of the night to tie things up and force overtime.

There, Portage got the game winner past Winkler netminder Travis Klassen, who had a 36-save night off the 43 shots he faced. His teammates fired 42 back the other way.

Four nights later, Winkler found themselves playing catchup once again after the Beavers got two unanswered goals in the first.

Marlin Froese broke the drought for the Royals in the second, only to have Carman bolster their lead to 3-2 heading into the final period.

Another goal from Froese and one from Laurencelle tied things at 3-3. Overtime solved nothing, but the shootout went Winkler's way to give them the 4-3 victory.

Jayme Janzen was in net this time around for the Royals. He made 35 saves as Winkler outshot Car-

man 43-38.

Meanwhile, down the road, the Morden Bombers won their game against the visiting Altona Maroons Thursday night.

Tyler Peers, Mike Rey (with two), and Matt Sibbald all found the back of the net in the 4-2 victory while goalie Reed Peters made 25 saves. The Bombers had 35 shots on net.

The SEMHL standings have Morden in fourth place behind Warren (14 points), Portage (14), and Carman (13) with a record of 6-3 for 12 points. Winkler is in fifth at 4-6-1 for nine points.

League play resumes after the holidays with the Beavers coming to Winkler Jan. 4 and then playing in Morden Jan. 6.

## Male Hawks beat Winnipeg but fall to Selects

By Lorne Stelmach

There were mixed results for the male U18 Pembina Valley Hawks last week as they headed into the Christmas break.

It started off with the Hawks snapping a five game losing streak in outscoring the Winnipeg Thrash-

ers 8-6 last Wednesday, but they then dropped both ends of a weekend doubleheader with Eastman, as the third place Selects won 4-2 Friday and 6-1 Saturday in Morden.

Pembina Valley will head into 2022 in ninth place in the 13 team league at 10-15-2 for 22 points. It left

them two points back of the Winnipeg Bruins and five behind Yellowhead while just one in front of Norman.

The Hawks broke out of their scoring slump in a

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# Flyers down OCN

By Ashleigh Viveiros

The Winkler Flyers ended 2021 on a high note last weekend.

The OCN Blizzard came to Winkler last Friday and Saturday nights and left with a pair of losses as a souvenir.

Friday night's match was a close one, with the two teams pretty evenly matched in shots on net (Winkler had a slight edge at 37-30).

The Flyers headed into the first intermission up 2-0 thanks to goals from Jayden McCarthy and Trent Sambrook.

Period two saw the two teams steadily trade goals, Winkler's Justin Svenson, Owen Lugowski, Kyle Crewe, and Nicholas McKee bolstering the home team's tally to six, while OCN got their first three.

The Blizzard added two more early in the third to make it a 6-5 game. Another goal from Svenson widened the gap to 7-5.

With about six minutes to go on the clock, OCN managed to get within one of tying once again. They yanked their goalie to try to make the most of an extra man, but the wide open net just made it easier for Svenson to score his third of the night (backwards, no less) and cement Winkler's win at 8-6.

Malachi Klassen got the win in net

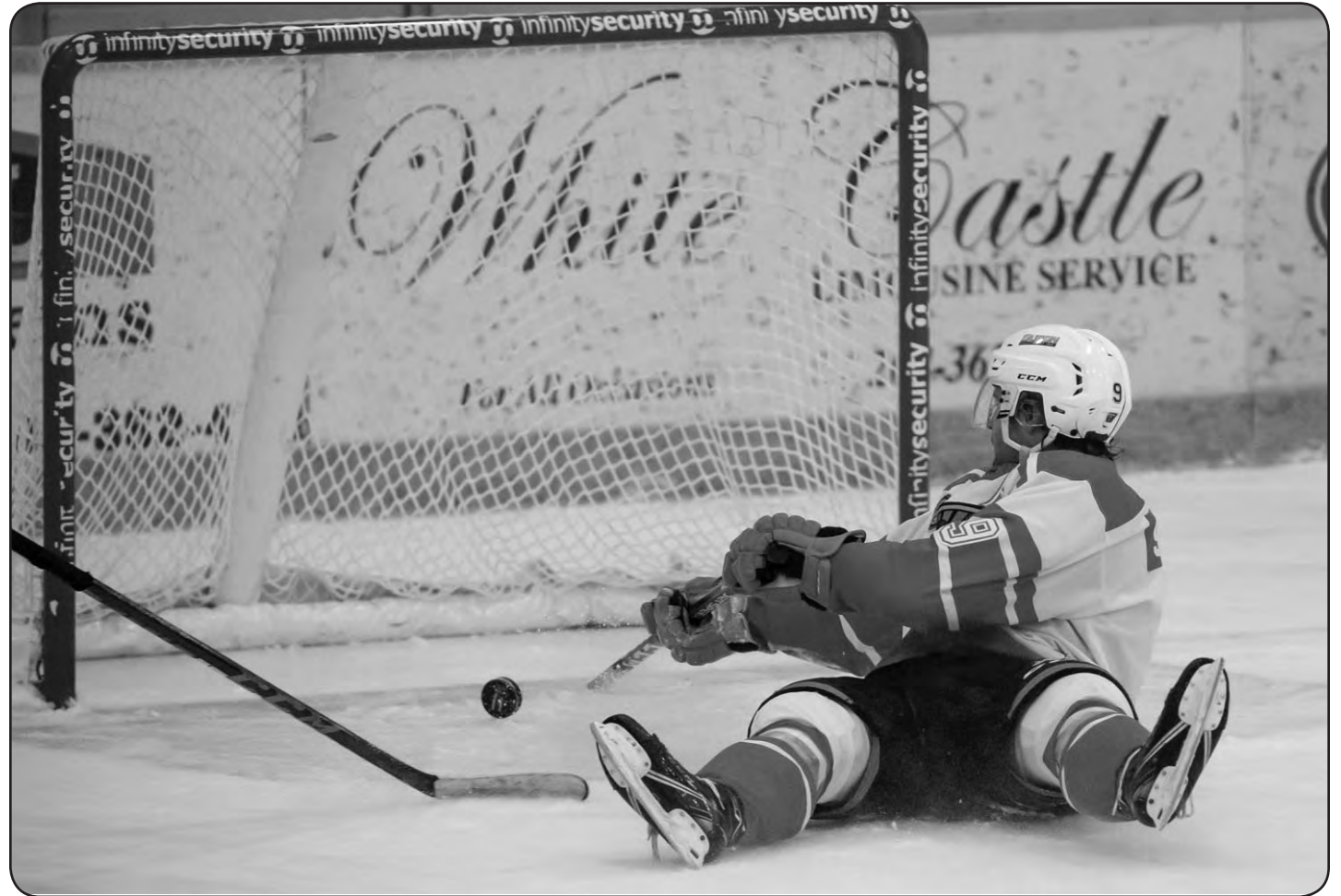


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The Winkler Flyers' Justin Svenson slides on his backside while scoring an empty net goal to end game one against the OCN Blizzard last Saturday 8-6 for the Flyers. Winkler also took game two the next night 4-1.

for the Flyers, making 24 saves.

Winkler kept an even firmer hand on things the next night, winning it 4-1.

Lucas Ens opened scoring late in the first to get Winkler up on the board 1-0.

OCN's lone goal of the game came a few minutes into the second, but that was it for them while the Flyers

added two more from Trent Penner and Svenson that frame and then Ens scored an empty-netter in the third.

Dylan Meilun was between the posts, making 26 saves as the Flyers outshot the Blizzard 39-27.

With that, Winkler's record sits at 17-11-1-1 for 36 points and third place, though they're tied in points with the

Winnipeg Blues. Sitting in first place with 47 points at press time were the Steinbach Pistons.

The Flyers get a break over the holidays, their next game taking place Jan. 7 in Dauphin against the Kings.

# Close games end in a split week for Twisters

By Lorne Stelmach

The Pembina Valley Twisters had a pair of one goal decisions last weekend but came away from them with a win and a loss.

The MMJHL team needed overtime Saturday but picked up a 7-6 victory over the St. Vital Victorias before coming up just short Sunday in falling 5-4 to the St. James Canucks.

It left the Twisters sitting in third place going into the break on a 16-4-3 record for 35 points. They trail St. James at 45 and Transcona at 42, while trailing them are St. Vital at 30 and River East at 26 points.

Pembina Valley lagged behind 3-1 and 5-4 at the intermissions against St. Vital. Nico Vigier tied the game with 1:15 remaining in regulation and then Curtis Rebeck notched the winner with his second of the game just 10 seconds into overtime.

T.J. Matuszewski, Travis Penner, Merek Degraeve, and Jordan Keck also scored for Pembina Valley while Martin Gagnon made 22 saves. Shots on goal was 37-28 in the Twisters' favour.

Pembina Valley trailed 2-1 and 3-2 at the intermissions against St. James,

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big way against the Thrashers, as a 4-3 lead after two periods led to a wide open final frame with Pembina Valley outscoring Winnipeg by that same amount.

Carter Sotheran had a goal and a four point night, and Griffin Ayotte and Carter Campbell contributed two goals and three points each. Also scoring were Kam Thomas, Sebastien Hicks, and Keston Worley.

The Hawks were two for eight on powerplays and killed off their five

which held a slim 36-34 edge in shots on goal. Logan Enns took the loss in net with 31 saves.

Matuszewski and Vigier each scored a pair for Pembina Valley to bring them to 16 and 14 goals respectively so far this season.

The Twisters will now recharge for

shorthanded situations. Shots on goal were 35-27 for Winnipeg, so Raiden LeGall got the win in goal with 29 saves.

On Friday, Sotheran opened scoring on a powerplay goal for the Hawks, but they gave up four unanswered goals until Cameron Parr connected with only 16 seconds remaining. Shots on goal were 39-25 for the Selects with Bryson Yaschyshyn holding the Hawks in the game with 35 saves.

Raiden LeGall then had an even

when they return to action in the new year with two teams they have been pursuing in the standings. Transcona welcomes Pembina Valley Jan. 4 and then it is on to St. James Jan. 7 before hosting Stonewall in Morris Jan. 9.

busier night in net Saturday as he stopped 47 shots with the Hawks outshot 53-28.

Worley scored the lone Pembina Valley goal in the third period as Eastman held period leads of 1-0 and 5-0.

The Hawks return Wednesday, Jan. 5 when they host a return match with the Thrashers before heading north for a doubleheader against Norman in Thompson.



# Thunder hockey team host Cheer game

By Lorne Stelmach

The Morden Thunder high school hockey team was able to do its part to help spread some holiday joy again this year.

The Thunder brought back their Christmas Cheer game after it had to be cancelled last year because of pandemic restrictions.

"This is an annual tradition that the Thunder hockey team has had for many years. We wanted to keep that tradition going, especially since we weren't able to do it last year," said Lisa Dyck, who is a special events coordinator for the Thunder.

Morden may have ended up not getting the desired result on the ice, as the Thunder fell 4-3 in overtime to the W.C. Miller Aces of Altona, but everyone was all smiles off the ice.

There was a chuck-a-puck event during the second intermission to help contribute to the fundraising efforts.

"We have all the gate fees and 50/50 going to Christmas cheer, and all the silent auction proceeds will go there as well," said Dyck.

"We're trying to help them out as



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The Morden Thunder took on the Altona Aces Sunday in Zone 4 hockey action. The Thunder lost the game 4-3 in OT, but they won big by raising funds for the Morden Christmas Cheer Board.

much as possible," she said, noting the final total wasn't available just yet but they were hoping to raise around a thousand dollars between the gate fee, 50/50, and silent auction.

It was a good opportunity for the team to contribute something to the community, Dyck said.

"They came dressed up how they wanted to be; they're usually in suits, so some did Santa hats, Christmas pajamas, and we got some pictures of them ... so they were having a good time.



"Right now, it's hard for us to get out into the community with the restric-

tions, so this was one way we figured we could give back to the community."

## Winkler's Taylor Wall receives softball award

By Ty Dilello

Softball Manitoba recently handed out its awards for the 2021 ball season. Winkler's Taylor Wall of the Central Energy AAA team was the recipient of the Top Female Player U12 AAA Award.

Taylor Wall, 12, is in her second year playing AAA softball. It's only her third-year pitching, and she can already throw the ball in the low 50 km range. She's well known in the league for her speed.

"It means a lot to me to be recognized for the hard work I put in last season," said Wall. "When I first started play-

ing, I never thought I would play AAA softball, let alone get an award. This award made me realize that if you put your full effort in, you can accomplish so much."

This season, Wall and Central Energy were U12 provincial champions. In the provincial final, Central Energy defeated Western Magic by a score of 3-1. The 2021 victory was only the second gold medal in the history of the Central Energy organization.

"As I've played for Central Energy, I've grown a very strong passion for softball that increases each practice and game I play," Wall said. "My coaches have helped me strive to be

the best player skill-wise and sportsmanship-wise that I can be."

Wall has a bright future ahead of her in softball and plans to soar in the coming years to reach new heights and make a run at playing at the highest levels of the sport.

"As I get older, I hope to improve each year, maybe one day get into a college playing softball and later on, my big dream would be to play in the Olympics," she said. "Getting this award was a big accomplishment, but it only makes me want to improve even more."



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Winkler's Taylor Wall was the recipient of the Top Female Player U12 AAA Award by Softball Manitoba.

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# Hawks fall to Chiefs, bounce back to beat Capitals

By Lorne Stelmach

The year ended on a winning note for the female U18 Pembina Valley Hawks this past weekend.

The Hawks had dropped a third straight game in falling 5-2 to the Yellowhead Chiefs Saturday, but they recovered to pick up a 6-1 victory Sunday afternoon over the Central Plains Capitals.

It sent the Hawks into the holiday break in fifth place in the eight team league on a record of 8-9-0 for 16 points. That has them five up on both Eastman and Central Plains while six back of the Winnipeg Ice. Leading the way are Yellowhead at 28 points, Westman at 26, and Winnipeg Avros at 25. At the bottom is Interlake, which remains winless in 16 games.

Yellowhead held period leads of 1-0

and 4-1 Saturday night in Morden while outshooting the Hawks 37-13 with Gracie Carels and Mackenzie Couling scoring for Pembina Valley. Kaylee Franz stopped 28 of 32 shots through 40 minutes. Tria Enns allowed one goal on five shots in 20 minutes of play.

The Hawks took control Sunday afternoon in Morden with four unanswered second period goals in what became a wide open game.

Enns made 48 saves for Pembina Valley, which outshot Central Plains, 55-49. Abbey Bourdeaud'hui scored twice with other goals from Caitlin Anderson, Erica Fijala, Cambree Martens, and Quinn McLaren, while Mya Pearce contributed three assists.

The Hawks return to action in the new year starting with a home game against the Winnipeg Ice Jan. 2.



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The Pembina Valley Hawks U18 team downed the visiting Central Plains Capitals Sunday to close out 2021.

# Altona's Zacharias wins Manitoba Scotties

By Ty Dilello

For the second-straight year, Altona's Mackenzie Zacharias will be competing at the Scotties Tournament of Hearts. However, this time she will be going as a provincial champion.

Zacharias won her first Manitoba Scotties championship after defeating Assiniboine Memorial's Kristy Watling 7-5 in a riveting back-and-forth final on Sunday night in Carberry.

Team Zacharias, with third Karlee Burgess, second Emily Zacharias, and lead Lauren Lenentine, opened the fi-

nal with a blank after beginning the game with the last rock. In the second end, Zacharias drew the rings for two to take an early 2-0 lead.

Watling replied with a deuce of their own in the third end to tie things up. In the fourth end, Zacharias made an incredible draw to the side of the four-foot facing three Watling counters to take a 3-2 lead. Watling took one in the fifth end to level things up at the midway point of the game.

In the sixth end, Zacharias missed a tough hit for two and wound up giving up a steal of one to give Watling a 4-3 lead. However, Zacharias bounced

back in the next end with an open draw for two.

Watling made a difficult hit and roll to score one in the eighth end to once again level things up. Zacharias was able to blank the ninth end to keep the game tied and hold the hammer in the final end.

In the tenth end, Zacharias played perhaps their best end of the entire week. They seemed to make all eight shots with ease. When the dust settled, Zacharias had made an open hit for two to win the game and the provincial championship by a 7-5 scoreline.

"I can't believe that just happened, but pretty excited. The team absolutely played amazing today. We had a little bit of a rough go early in the week, but we pulled through," said Mackenzie Zacharias.

It wasn't looking great for Zacharias earlier in the week as they dropped two of their first four games in the event. From there, they rallied, winning four straight games to win the Scotties.

Zacharias will now go on to represent Manitoba at the 2022 Scotties Tournament of Hearts in Thunder Bay from Jan. 28 - Feb. 6. Although Zacharias was at the national Scotties last year as one of the Wild Card teams, this year's event in Thunder Bay will be the team's first appearance as Team Manitoba.

"This team is so special," Zacharias said. "We've been together for the past three years, and when we put the team together, we had one goal in

mind, and that was to win a world junior title. We got a taste of the Scotties last year, we had a really good provincial Scotties this year, and now we get to go back to the national stage. We're just so excited for that."

For Zacharias, they are hoping that their experience playing in a national Scotties last year will bode well for them as they head back to the event, but this time wearing the fabled Manitoba crest.

"We learned so much," Zacharias said. "Every team there is absolutely fantastic, and you can't take anything for granted, that's for sure. We were kinda star-struck to begin with when we got to the bubble, but I think we got the nerves out that year, so hopefully, we can go there and do some damage this year."

Assiniboine Memorial's Kristy Watling also deserves some mention as her upstart rink had a very successful week at the provincial championship. The rink posted a 6-2 record through round robin and championship round play, including a win over the number one seed Tracy Fleury. Watling reached her first provincial final by defeating clubmate Kaitlyn Jones (featuring Marquette's Sara Oliver at lead) 8-6 in Sunday morning's semi-final.

The top seed and current number one ranked team in the world, Tracy Fleury (East St. Paul), had a very disappointing week. They just couldn't get anything going throughout the event



SUBMITTED PHOTO

Mackenzie Zacharias took home the Manitoba Scotties title by defeating Kristy Watling in a thrilling 7-5 championship final in Carberry. Pictured left to right, Lauren Lenentine, Emily Zacharias, Karlee Burgess, and Mackenzie Zacharias.



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## An invaluable support

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tests and appointments and link the patients and their families to any resources they may need.

Accessing quality care withing a timely manner is essential for optimal outcomes, according to CancerCare Manitoba. They say cancer patients receive care in an outpatient manner, but there are still around 9,000 hospital discharges per year in the province related to cancer.

"In our experience, the suspicion or diagnosis of cancer often comes with little to no warning," said Bodden. "Patients have expressed that having a connection to the Cancer Navigation team was invaluable in terms of having constant support available when needed, to answer their questions or

just to simply check in."

Also on the cancer navigation team is a psychological oncology physician, which is an experienced counsellor to help patients and their families cope with the emotions and adjustments that come after a diagnosis. They can assist with work, finances, and transportation as well as provide guidance on how to tell people in the patient's life.

A community engagement liaison works to increase information about cancer prevention and early detection. The nurse navigators work closely with the rest of the healthcare system on the patient's behalf.

To get in touch with the cancer navigation team, talk to a healthcare professional and get referred or call the office at 204-331-8844.

## "We feel surrounded by love and people who care"

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en table, bags of clothes, and utensils. People are still dropping off things they need and donating to a GoFundMe created by McDonald's daughter-in-law.

The GoFundMe is raising money for the family to rebuild their home. One of the first donations came from a person McDonald met when she was 18 and living in New Zealand.

"You're just touched by a lot of people in times like this," she said. "We feel surrounded by love and people who care."

On Thursday, Dec. 16, \$9,605 had been raised on the GoFundMe so far. The goal is \$15,000.

To donate to the campaign, go to [https://www.gofundme.com/f/help-cindy-and-her-family-rebuild-their-home?utm\\_campaign=p\\_cp+share-sheet&utm\\_medium=copy\\_link\\_all&utm\\_source=customer](https://www.gofundme.com/f/help-cindy-and-her-family-rebuild-their-home?utm_campaign=p_cp+share-sheet&utm_medium=copy_link_all&utm_source=customer). If people are unable to contribute to the GoFundMe, they're also accepting extra items people may have at home. People can drop those off at the Roseisle grocery store.

"All they have is the clothes on their back," said Desiree Furet, campaign organizer. "They're starting

from scratch again ... the money that is raised in the GoFundMe will also go towards the cost of living for the meantime."

McDonald said her brother will clean up the area their house burned down on, and they'll start rebuilding once they get everything sorted out with the insurance. Her next steps, for now, are trying to replace everything in her wallet, all her identification.

She's also working on a list of everything in her house. That's for the insurance and finding out what they now need to replace.

"It's the craziest thing to lose everything," she said. "I was wearing crocs when it happened. An hour later, my feet are freezing, and I don't have boots to change into. That realization is the hardest part."

The Miami community has been taking care of the family as best they can. People made a run to Walmart to get them basic clothes; they already had a kitchen set and some furniture, along with mounds of utensils. Someone fighting their own battle with cancer brought them a Christmas tree.

"You definitely know when you live in a small community how close you are," said McDonald.

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and finished with a 5-3 record, just shy of advancing to the semifinals. However, Fleury will have another shot to reach the Scotties Tournament of Hearts through the wild-card play-in game, which will feature the top two teams who did not already qualify.

Familiar names like Gimli's Kerri Einarson, who will be at the Scotties as Team Canada, and St. Vital's Jennifer Jones, who is off to represent Canada at the upcoming Winter Olym-

pics, did not compete in this year's Manitoba Scotties.

So far, only Zacharias, Einarson, Nova Scotia's Christina Black and Nunavut's Brigitte MacPhail have secured their spots for the 16-team national Scotties field. The remaining provincial playdowns are scheduled to take place in early January.

The 2022 Scotties Tournament of Hearts will take place from Jan. 28-Feb. 6 at the Fort William Memorial Gardens in Thunder Bay. Zacharias will have a little extra time to prepare for the national championship than usual as the Manitoba Scotties were moved up in the schedule by a month to accommodate for the Olympic scheduling.

"It will be a little bit different since it's not in a bubble compared to last year in Calgary, but we feel like we're more a comfortable and confident team than we were at the last Scotties," said Zacharias. "We're not sure what the schedule is going to be like for us yet (due to the evolving COVID-19 pandemic), but we're looking forward to going back to the Scotties."

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• A LOOK BACK

# What we found in the cemetery—and what we didn't

*This is part four of a five-part series looking at one local family's journey to and settlement in the area.*

The cemetery restoration event, as briefly accounted in part three of this series, brought into full display the actual gravesites and the arrangement of these in the cemetery, information we had little knowledge of at the outset of our efforts.

The only documents we had were gained via websites like Find A Grave, GRanDMA Online, and Ancestry.

Find A Grave, for example, provided a list that indicated there were 22 grave sites in the cemetery. It was already known at pre-restoration that some names on that list were buried elsewhere, in the Winkler Cemetery, for example.



**By Henry A. Wiebe**

Much information and data came to us from relatives, and friends of the family after they first learned of the cemetery recovery project through an article published in the *Voice* on May 28, 2020.

Julianna Enns, a professor in the Geography Department, University of Manitoba, and a great granddaughter of Franz Enns, called to inform that she had a rough copy of the cemetery layout that her father, Gerhard G. Enns, assisted by his cousin Wm P. Enns, had drafted in 1965. The contents were documented as per their knowledge of burial sites at that time.

Julianna also mentioned how her father, a grandson of Franz Enns, had made many efforts to keep the cemetery in a respectful condition until his death in 1978.

In 1969, he had made his last valiant effort by erecting a fence around the cemetery with concrete corner posts, one of which was engraved "1969." Failing health made it difficult for him to continue.

Other family descendents such as: Bill and Linda Miller of Michigan (a son of Maria Enns Miller, grandson of Peter F. Enns, and great grandson of Franz Enns); Andrew Enns of Stonewall (a son of David Enns, grandson of Peter F. Enns, and great grandson

of Franz Enns); and Helena and David Klassen of Edmonton (daughter of Franz I. Enns, granddaughter of Isaac F. Enns, and great granddaughter of Franz Enns), have all provided significant additional information pertaining to the cemetery.

The following is a list of the grave sites that were located and that were identified with visible headstones and/or other forms of markers. The dates of birth and of death are indicated beside each along with their relationship in the Franz Enns family:

- Franz Enns (Sr), 1844-1933, creator of the cemetery on his farm.
  - Maria (Esau) Ens, 1842-1915, Franz' first wife and mother of his children.
  - Franz F Enss (Jr), 1866 - 1901, son of Franz Enns (Sr).
  - Jacob F Enns, 1875-1951, son of Franz Enns (Sr).
  - Agatha (Neufeld) Enns, 1877-1952, wife of Jacob F. Enns.
  - Willie J. Enns, 1919-1938, son of Jacob F. Enns.
  - Irving E. Neufeld, 1937-1937, great nephew of Agatha (Neufeld) Enns.
  - Johann F Enns, 1877-1929, son of Franz Enns (Sr).
  - Katharina (Bergen) Enns, 1882-1941, wife of Johann F. Enns.
  - Gerhard F. Enns, 1881-1950, son of Franz Enns (Sr).
  - Anna (Janzen) Enns, 1881-1950, wife of Gerhard F. Enns.
  - Helena G. Enns, 1906-1907, daughter of Gerhard G. Enns.
  - Henry G. Enns, 1918-1921, son of Gerhard G. Enns.
  - Aron F. Enns, 1882-1912, son of Franz Enns (Sr).
  - Peter F. Enns, 1884-1964, son of Franz Enns (Sr).
  - Elizabeth (Nickel) Enns, 1885-1949, wife of Peter F. Enns.
  - Maria P. Ens, 1908-1908, daughter of Peter F. Enns.
  - Peter P. Enns, 1909-1913, son of Peter F. Enns.
  - Isaak Wiens, 1916, engraved on base of Aron F. Ens headstone.
  - Isaak (surname spelling not clear), 1909, engraved on base of Helena G. Enns headstone
- Following is a list of burials that are said to be, or believed to be, in the cemetery, but for which formal headstones/markers were not located:
- Eliizabeth (Esau) (Pries) Enns, 1844-1927, Franz' second wife (mar-



**SUPPLIED PHOTOS**

Left: The cemetery last year after a great deal of clearing work. Right: One of the corner fence posts put in at the cemetery in 1969, before the site became overgrown.

ried 1915).

- Aganetha (Janzen) (Born) Enns, 1858-1941, Franz' third wife (married 1928).
- Susanna (Hamm) Enns, 1872-1943, wife of Franz F. Enss Jr.
- Johann Enns, 1901-1901, son of Franz F. Enss (Jr).
- Katharina F Enns, 1868-1882, daughter of Franz Enns (Sr).
- Elisabeth F (Janzen) Enns, 1869-1928, daughter of Franz Enns (Sr).
- Maria F Enns, 1873-1876, daughter of Franz Enns (Sr).
- Aganetha Neufeld, 1899-1902, sister of Agatha (Neufeld) Enns.
- Johann Enns, 1900-1901, son of Johann F. Enns.
- Henry I. Enns, 1922-1923, son of Isaac F. Enns
- Dorothy Enns, 1919-1949, granddaughter of Peter F. Enns.

It appears that all of Franz and Maria Enns' eleven children were buried in the cemetery except Wilhelm F. Enns (and his wife, Anna Wiens), and Isaac F. Enns (and his wife, Helena Nickel), who were laid to rest in the Rosenbach Cemetery and in the Winkler Cemetery, respectively.

All in all, it could be estimated that 30+ burials have occurred at the site, from the late 1800s through to 1964.

It also appears that the burials all have some connection to the Franz Enns Family, either as a direct descendent relationship or some affiliation to a descendent.

We would like to hear from you as to the data compiled. It is apparent that it is a significant burial site that requires more than just our passing attention. It is the site of one of many pioneer families that has helped make a significant contribution to Winkler and its surrounding area, not to mention Manitoba, Canada, and the world in general.

Next up: The final part of this series after the holidays will zero in on our responsibility to preserve and to care for historical burial sites of pioneers who were so instrumental in helping lay the foundations of our country.

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A cheque for \$10,000.00 must accompany the tender as a down payment. Written tenders must be received by 12:00 p.m. on January 7, 2022. Down payment will be returned if tender not accepted.

Closing date for the sale shall be February 7, 2022, by cash or approved loan proceeds. Any loan advances paid after closing date are subject to payment of interest at loan rate during reasonable delay for registration of security. Purchaser shall be responsible for payment of all 2022 property taxes and GST or shall self-assess for GST.

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Lorne and Midge

It is with much sorrow and a profound feeling of loss that the family of Lorne and Midge Kyle approach the anniversary of their passing.  
We want to thank those who have helped us navigate this heartbreaking year with their continued support, love, and understanding. For our parent's friends, we wish that your memories of them have helped you cope with your loss.  
May all of our fond memories continue to give us comfort.

-Peace from  
Colleen, Tanis, Gus  
and their families

## OBITUARY

### Sarah Penner (nee Thiessen) 1941 - 2021

Sarah Penner passed away peacefully at Salem Home on Wednesday, December 15, 2021 with her husband and son by her side.

She is survived by husband, Abe; son, Rob and his wife, Michelle and grandchildren, Bailey, Cassie and Tyler; daughter, Val and her partner, Carlos; her sister, Katie; brother, Henry (Sue); sisters-in-law, Anne, Justina, Betty, Margaret, Mary and Tena (Dave); brothers-in-law, Diedrich and Cornie (Margaret) and many nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by her father in 1963 and her mother in 1965, six brothers and two sisters.

Sarah was born to Jacob and Anna Thiessen on July 29, 1941 in the Thames District near Plum Coulee; she was the youngest of the family. As a young woman she worked at Salem Home, Bethel Hospital and at the Morden Hospital. In the spring of 1962, while working at Bethel Hospital, she was introduced to Abe and she fell in love and in the fall of 1963 on September 22 they were married. Then in December of 1964, Rob was born followed by Val in May of 1968. Sarah only worked for a short time after she got married so that she could spend time with her children and be a full time mom and homemaker. Mom loved to bake and some of our favourites were her apple pies, fluffy buns and delicious cookies. After the children were in school full time, she started to volunteer at the M.C.C. Store at least one or two days a week for over 25 years. She very much enjoyed the work and the fellowship with the other ladies and worked there as long as her health allowed her to. After her grandchildren came along, she enjoyed having them over for sleepovers and cooking and baking for them. She would always make sure that she had a change of clothes and pyjamas on hand for them (that she had purchased especially for them at the M.C.C. Store) so they were always ready for a sleepover, which the grandchildren enjoyed - especially grandma's special choices of pyjamas for them. Her family was always very important to her. Sarah struggled with Parkinson's disease and dementia for the past 13 years. She was a resident of Salem Home for nine years and 11 months and her loving husband spent almost every day with her during those years.

A private service was held at Wiebe Funeral Home with interment at Westridge Memorial Gardens.

The family expresses their appreciation to Dayna and her staff in the Evergreen Unit at Salem Home; you have been like a second family to us.

Donations may be made in Sarah's memory to Salem Foundation Inc. designated to the Evergreen Unit.

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OBITUARY



**Cornelius Wiens**  
**1926 - 2021**

Cornie Wiens, 95 of Winkler, MB passed away on Monday, December 13, 2021 at Salem Home.

Dad was born on April 6, 1926 in Mexico, to Cornelius and Agatha (Friesen) Wiens. He was three and a half years old when his father died. His mother remarried some years later, and his blended family moved to Canada when he was 12 years old, living in the villages of Neuenberg and Reinfeld, MB. School in Canada was difficult for Dad since he didn't know the English language. He quit school after Grade four so that he could work and help support his family. Considering his lack of education, he managed quite well reading and writing in English. He often wished that he had had a better education. Dad was baptized upon his confession of faith on May 16, 1948, in the Old Colony Mennonite Church in Chortitz, MB. Around this time, he met Susana Thiessen in Reinfeld, who later became his wife. They were married on April 27, 1952. They had three children: one son and two daughters. Dad transferred his membership to the Winkler Bergthaler Mennonite Church when he and Mom got married. There he served as an usher for many years. He and Mom sang in the German choir, and they served as porters at Salem Home, taking residents to chapel services on Sunday mornings. Little did they know that Dad would spend the last five and a half years of his life at Salem Home.

Dad had several different jobs over the years. He worked as a farm hand in the early years, he was a school bus driver, Gladstone grocery store employee and for many years he worked for his brother A.C. Wiens at Winkler Construction, driving gravel truck. After retirement Dad loved nothing more than to go for coffee with his buddies every day, to DJs in the morning and to Dairy Queen in the afternoon. Dad loved to drive. He spent so many of his working years driving. When it got to the point where he couldn't always find his way home after coffee, it was time to give up his driver's license. This was incredibly hard for him. He couldn't understand why he had to give up his license when he had never had an accident! When Dad was no longer able to function at home because of Dementia, he was admitted to the hospital in January of 2016, and then to Salem Home on June 3, 2016. Even at Salem, he was still driving. He would grab the table of his wheelchair and use it as a steering wheel. If we were pushing him, he would say "Not too fast" or "Look out for the pole".

Dad loved to laugh. Even when he was in the hospital, his sense of humour came through. One day when the patient he shared a room with coughed, Dad said "Die kricht sien Chevy nich lous". "He can't get his Chevy started". At times it was hard to tell if he understood what we were saying, but then we would see that mischievous look in his eyes and the wink, and then we knew he was with us! Dad lived through some hard times in his childhood and later in life when his memory started to fail. He told us how difficult it was for him and how he longed to go to Heaven. His faith in Christ brought him through these tough times. His faith was evident through his kind and gentle spirit and the way he related to others. He was quieter in group settings. Visiting with someone one-on-one was more his style.

Dad leaves to mourn his passing his wife of 69 years, Susan; children, Ray (Phyllis) Wiens, Janice (George) Froese, Judy (Jake) Unrau; nine grandchildren; 19 great-grandchildren; one sister, and one half-brother.

He was predeceased by his parents, eight siblings, one half-sister, and several step siblings.

Thank you, Mom for taking care of Dad at home before he was admitted to the hospital. We know that it was a very difficult time for you. Thank you for being so faithful in visiting him at Salem. Thank you also to the staff at the Evergreen and Cottonwood care areas at Salem for taking such good care of Dad. We will miss being part of that caring family. When Dad's Dementia was getting worse, he was so often looking for home but seemingly never found it. Although we will miss you Dad, we are so glad that you finally found your way home! We love you!

A private memorial service was held on Thursday, December 16, 2021 at Wiebe Funeral Home, Winkler with interment prior to the service at the Winkler Cemetery.

Donations in Cornie's memory may be made to the Salem Foundation Inc.

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IN THE MATTER of the Estate of **GERTRUDE HELEN GIESBRECHT** late of the City of Winkler, in Manitoba, Deceased.

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OBITUARY



**Peter Guenther**

**June 2, 1924 – December 13, 2021**

Peter, beloved husband of the late Amelia Guenther, passed away peacefully in his sleep at Salem Personal Care Home in Winkler, MB on Monday, December 13, 2021.

He leaves to mourn his five children: Sharon (Carl), Wayne (Esther), Marilyn (Archie), Murray (Ivy), Glenn, and 15 grandchildren, 26 great-grandchildren and their families. Peter is survived by one sister, Margaret, one brother, David along with a number of brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law. He was predeceased by his parents, Abram and Helena Guenther, four brothers and three sisters.

Peter and Amelia were married in Cartwright in March of 1946.

They lived briefly near Mather before moving to Snowflake and farming there for 44 years, while raising their five children. Peter also enjoyed his 22 years of service as a councillor for Louise Municipality. Dad made a decision to follow Jesus as a young married man and his Christian commitment was an example not only to us as his children, but also to the greater community. In 1991, Dad and Mom moved off the farm and retired to Crystal City. After Mom's passing in 2003, Dad continued to live in Crystal City a few more years, eventually moving to a condo in Morden in 2007. His last move was to Salem Personal Care Home in 2015.

A private funeral service was held with interment at the Crystal City Cemetery.

The family would like to acknowledge the exceptional care Dad received from all the staff at Salem Home.

A Bible verse that has special meaning for our family is Joshua 24:15: "As for me and my house we will serve the Lord."

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OBITUARY



**Frederick William Lyne**

**1941 – 2021**

Bill Lyne of Morden, MB passed away peacefully with family by his side on Tuesday, December 14, 2021 at the age of 80.

Bill leaves to mourn his passing his beloved wife of 55 years, Colleen (nee Moore) as well as brothers, Joe (Lynne), Mervin (Elaine) and sister-in-law, Sheryle (Maurice) as well as many friends, colleagues and business associates. Bill's memory lives on with John (Pat) Moore, Elaine Finney, Diane Melnychuk, Rowena Moore and many extended family members. Bill was predeceased by his parents, Frederick and Mary (nee Walker), brothers, Robert and Ken, brothers-in-law, Jim, McKay, Norman, Michael, sister-in-law, Gwen and nephew Curtis.

Bill, as he was known to all his friends and family, was born in Pilot Mound and attended school at Valleyview and Snowflake schools. Following school, Bill was stationed at HMCS Cornwallis after basic Navy training in BC where he trained as a diesel mechanic. After marrying Colleen on July 2, 1966 at St. Andrews on the Red, Bill was employed as a corrections officer at Stony Mountain, followed by a sales position for International Harvester (I.H.). Bill and Colleen moved to Pilot Mound in 1969 where he worked for Mound Motors followed by further employment with I.H. In 1977, Bill formed a partnership with Bill Otto and the start of Southman Agri Sales in Morden. Bill continued with Case I.H. until his retirement in 1997 when the business was sold to the Metcalfes in Treherne. Bill and Colleen enjoyed many years in their winter homes in both Arizona and Texas. Travels took them around the world and Bill had a keen eye for collections of interesting objects! A few favorite destinations were New Zealand, Hawaii, Alaska, Ireland, England and many trips to Scotland to visit distant relatives. Bill spent his years in Morden enjoying their new home, his yard, garden and even a bit of photography. His special coffee groups provided hours of laughter, reminiscing and road worthy wisdom! Bill was so proud of his farm, his land and the bounty it provided. He was equally proud of all his nieces and nephews and took delight in their accomplishments and dreams. The whole of Bill's world was Colleen and caregiving since 1990 made their bond stronger and everlasting. Bill had a way of making everything shine, including Colleen and his vehicles!

Funeral service was held on Monday, December 20, 2021 at the Morden Alliance Church with interment at Snowflake Cemetery.

The family would like to thank all of the staff who provided exceptional care and concern to Bill and Colleen over the years with a special mention to the staff at Boundary Trails who also provided exceptional care for Bill during his short illness.

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**OBITUARY**



**Elizabeth Katherine (Betty) Lambrecht**  
**April 3rd, 1932 – November 25th, 2021**

It is with deep sadness that we announce the passing of Betty Lambrecht (nee Penner) of Pincher Creek, AB, formerly of Calgary, AB and Morden, MB, on November 25th, 2021. She was a dearly loved wife, mother, grandmother and great-grandmother.

She is survived by her son Ken (Sharon) and their daughter Melissa, (Braeden Debroni) and sons Evan and Garret, son Donny (Barb), son Curtis (Tigist), and their children Megan and Rachel and daughter Connie, great-grandmother of Grace Elizabeth Debroni.

She was predeceased by her husband of 58 years and love of her life, Mel Lambrecht; her parents Peter and Tina (Klassen) Penner, her brothers Peter, George (Helen) David, Jacob (Selma). She will be deeply missed by her brother John (Mary), sister Kae and

brother Len (Jane), sister-in-law Margaret (Neudorf) many nieces and nephews, extended family and friends.

She was a devoted mother, gifted and skilled homemaker and enjoyed sharing great food and hospitality with family and friends.

In her years living in Calgary she operated a day home for young children and provided those families with the love and care of a devoted grandma. Betty grew up in a musical family and enjoyed singing with her brothers and sister in the church choir, and as a soprano soloist in her church as a young woman. She sang in the church choir in Calgary at Southview Alliance Church. She also enjoyed knitting, reading books and Scripture and listening to music.

A celebration of life service will be planned for a future date in Morden, Manitoba. The Lambrecht family would like to express our profound appreciation for the love and care that Mom received from the staff at Vista Village Cottage C in Pincher Creek.

**OBITUARY**



**Gloria Gorgeen Thiessen (nee Klassen)**  
**1972 - 2021**

On November 24, 1972, a beautiful healthy baby girl was born to Elise who called her MaryAnn. It was if it was a divine appointment that Don and Susan were living in Birtle, Manitoba fostering children at the time and were called and asked if they wanted to pick this little precious one up. Ten days later, Don and Susan picked up this beautiful little girl at Shoal Lake Hospital at 7:30 p.m. and she immediately became a part of their lives. When they picked her up it was a very stormy night, and they were stranded there for three days. During those three days they got acquainted with their new addition to the family as they had to improvise a way of feeding her because they could not get formula because of the storm. Don being the farmer he was, found out where there was

a cow that had just had a calf in the area and he went and got milk from the cow so they could feed their new baby. On September 1, 1973, Don came in from chores and suggested to Susan that they should adopt Maryann and if they could do that, wanted to call her Gloria Gorgeen. So, Susan phoned CFS on September 4 to tell the social worker they wanted to adopt Baby Maryann. It turns out that CFS had already been discussing permanent placement for her and so this request was handled immediately. After discussion with the CFS board, the request for adoption was approved and on September 5 the adoption application was started and finalized. Six months later, Gloria Gorgeen was officially adopted into the Klassen family which was just a formality because she was already considered family.

When Gloria was one and a half years old, the Klassen family moved to Darlingford, Manitoba. And then in 1974, the family moved to Manitou, MB where the family set down roots and the kids began school where Gloria graduated in 1990. After graduation Gloria moved to Winnipeg and began life in the big city. It was here that she met Howard Mills and they began a life together in 1996 and soon after moved to Morden and welcomed their son, Hayden who was born in Morden. This began a new chapter as a little family unit. Several years later Howard and Gloria decided to go their separate ways, but it was very important to them that Hayden had a good life even in separation, so they committed to keeping their relationship friendly and caring.

In May 2000, Gloria married Cornie Thiessen and became a mom to Patricia, Kevin, and Tim. They had eight years together before a terrible accident took Cornie's life and Gloria was seriously injured. She was taken to Health Sciences Centre and stayed in hospital for six and a half weeks. It was a very difficult time for Gloria as she mourned the loss of her husband and tried to rebuild her physical strength. Gloria showed her resilience by making a life for herself after that tragic accident. In 2010, Gloria met her soulmate, Adam Peters and a new beginning which included a beautiful daughter, Sierra to Gloria's special family. Gloria and Adam have spent the last 11 years together in Morden where they have enjoyed their life and lived it to the full. You could always find them at the campground from May to October where they met life-long friends. They enjoyed fishing, camping, and watching hockey games. They enjoyed life together with all their children and eventually grandchildren.

Gloria is survived by her partner, Adam, her son, Hayden, Adam's daughter, Sierra, Cornie's children, Patricia and Tim, her mother, Susan, brother, Robert, sisters, Bev and Linda and their families and adopted brother, Jeff and family as well as many uncles and aunts. Gloria was predeceased by her father, Don, Cornie Thiessen and son, Kevin, Howard Mills (Hayden's dad), grandparents, Jake and Helen Klassen, Stan and Tina Dyck and great niece, Kylie Michelle Nuestaeder.

The family would like to thank the doctors and nurses at Boundary Trails and the Health Sciences Centre for their care of Gloria. Also thank you to all those who have helped put this memorial service together to celebrate Gloria's life. Thank you to the many people for their kindness in bringing flowers, meals, cards and phone calls to and for the family. Thank you to Wiebe Funeral home for your wonderful care. On the day Gloria died with family by her side they witnessed an amazing sight of an Eagle and black bird flying by Gloria's window as if they were carrying her spirit to see Jesus and her dad. Rest in Peace Precious one we will deeply miss you.

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**OBITUARY**



**Daniel Koop**  
**1940 - 2021**

Daniel "Dan" Koop, age 81, passed away Tuesday, December 14, 2021 at Boundary Trails Health Centre.

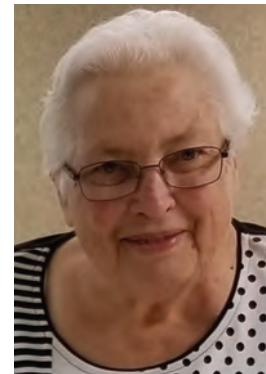
He is survived by his wife, Norma and four children: Dwight (Michele) from Saskatoon, SK, Gwendy (Steve) from Westport, ON, Twyla from Calgary, AB, and Marcia (Nathan) from Coaldale, AB; his grandchildren: Ashlyn (Justin), Braden (Rachel), Charissa, Nicole (Jacob), Joshua (fiancée Janika), Alex, Erica, Luke, Karlin (fiancée Shayla), Colton, Callisa and Kayleigh and his three great-grandchildren: Baylor, Calder and Oakely.

Funeral service was held on Monday, December 20, 2021 at Wiebe Funeral Chapel, Morden with interment at the Southside Cemetery.

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**OBITUARY**



**Leona Berg (nee Hiebert)**  
**1939 - 2021**

Mom was born on April 7th, 1939, in the Town of Winkler, the eldest child of Peter and Margaret Hiebert. This is where she spent her childhood and attended school. Following her high school graduation, Mom moved to Winnipeg where she worked towards and graduated as a Licensed Practical Nurse. She worked as an LPN and continued in that role until starting a family. November 1, 1959, Mom and Dad were joined in marriage in the Winkler Bergthaler Mennonite Church by Bishop David Schulz. Mom and Dad were to become a shining example of what marriage should be. They were partners, best friends and truly enjoyed spending time with one another. Dad's career with Manitoba Telephone System brought Mom and Dad to many parts of the province,

taking up residence in Rivers, Brandon, Arborg, and other points in the Brandon area until finally settling in Winkler in 1962. The earlier years were very hard on both of them with Dad being gone for long periods of time working the lines in different locations around Manitoba. They were very grateful for extended family and friends that were there to help. Family was the most important thing to Mom and Dad, and they were blessed with three sons, Bill, Gary and Darrel and one daughter, Lori. While Dad worked to provide for the family, Mom was busy looking after the day-to-day business of running a household. Their priority in life was always their children and later their grandchildren and then for Mom, her great-grandchildren. We kids have many wonderful memories of vacations and camping trips with Mom and Dad. As we got older and had our own families, more memories of sharing Mom's delicious meals and watching Mom and Dad interact with their grandchildren. Even as Mom's health was failing and she could no longer cook the substantial meals she was famous for, we always enjoyed ordering in, and the meal was completed with Mom's homemade soups. It became much more about the family time, especially as we knew how important that was to Mom. Along with family, their faith and church were also a top priority. Mom and Dad were active members of the Winkler Bergthaler Church from the time they were married and served in the church together. Mom was not a woman to preach, but rather lived her faith every day and it was very evident in the way that she treated others. Always a smile on her face and a kind word for all she met. Mom and Dad volunteered with Meals on Wheels, Salem Home, MCC, Winkler Food Cupboard and many other areas. After Dad retired Mom and Dad began a new and exciting time in their life. They were able to enjoy all their grandkids activities and were a fixture at sporting events, school concerts, piano recitals, and anything else they could squeeze into their busy schedule. Mom enjoyed nothing more than feeding people and having them enjoy each other's company around her table. Other hobbies of hers were reading, knitting, playing cards, and visiting. It was very important for Mom and Dad to build relationships with their friends and extended family and made time for those visits. Many a card game lasted late into the night, and Monday Morning breakfasts with the Berg family were thoroughly enjoyed.

Mom lost the love of her life on December 29th, 2007 and lost her son, Gary and daughter in-law, Tammy, on September 8th, 2017. Dad's passing was always with her and it left a hole in her heart which remained until her last days. Gary and Tammy's death was overwhelming for Mom and she grieved their loss deeply. Throughout these extremely difficult years, Mom was an example of inner strength. She was a woman of deep faith and the assurance that one day she would be reunited with her loved ones carried her through her darkest days. We know she is rejoicing with them in Heaven. On Friday December 17th, 2021, shortly after noon, Mom passed away peacefully with family at her side.

She leaves to mourn: son, Bill and Hilde Berg (Steven and Sara – sons, Sam and Luc, Elizabeth and Robert – daughters, Hayley and Paige, Karlynn, Charnelle and Jim – daughters, Isla and Iris); daughter, Lori and Darrell McElroy (Nolan, Sydney); grandsons, Kyle and Jill, Eric and Sean; son, Darrel and Janice Berg (Mackenzie, Joseph, Mark); sister, Judy and family, five sisters-in-law and their families.

We would like to express our heartfelt appreciation to the doctors, nurses and staff at Boundary Trails Health Centre (CancerCare) and Tabor Home for their tender and compassionate care of Mom. Mom often expressed her gratitude for Dr. Gacutan and the above and beyond care he provided for her, the nurses that took a little extra time to make her comfortable, and all the others that had a role in caring for her. We would also like to thank all those who took the time to visit Mom at home, at the hospital, and Tabor. May God richly bless you!

Mom, we will miss you more than we can say, but we know that we will see you again.

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

If friends so desire, donations may be made in Leona's memory to the Boundary Trails Health Centre Foundation designated to CancerCare.

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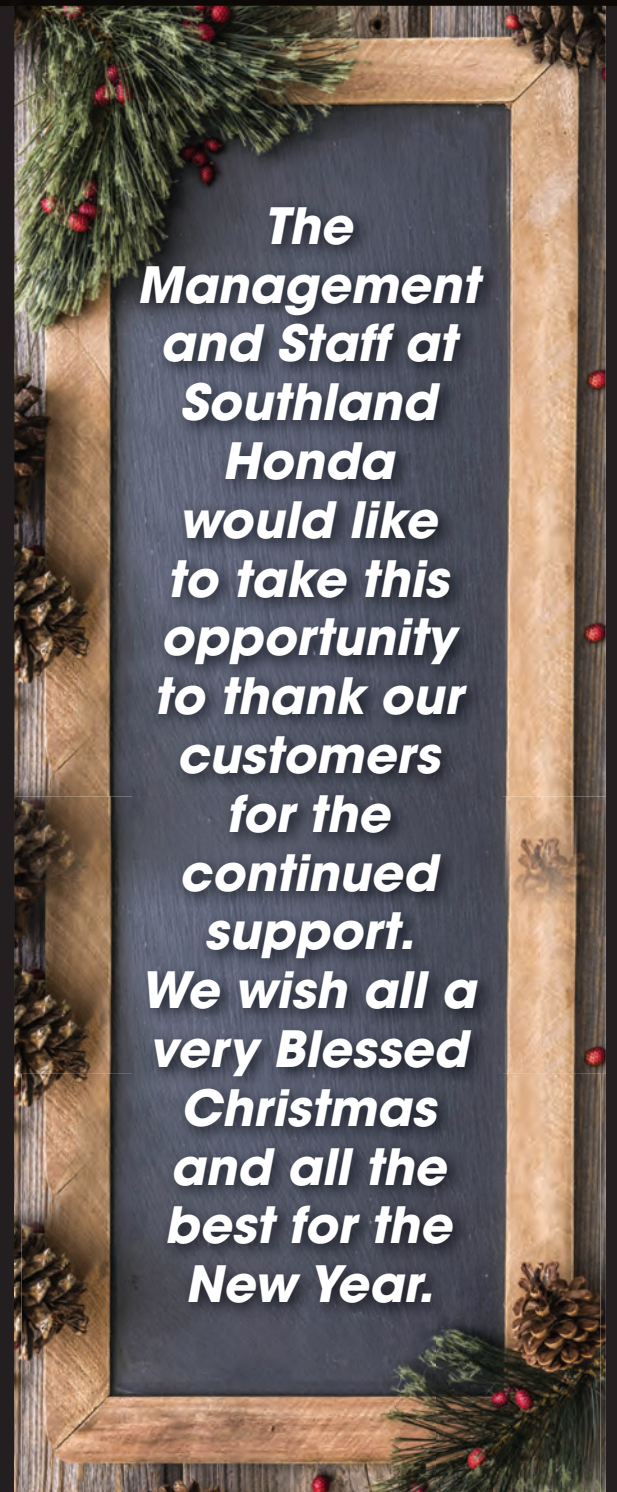


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