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Altona's Anna Ginters and Gillian Hildebrand celebrate after their team skipped by Dayna Wahl won the 2022 U18 Manitoba Curling Championship in front of a hometown crowd this past week. Check out the full story on Pg. 15.

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# Honouring Portage-Lisgar's Jubilee medallion winners

Just before the holidays, Portage-Lisgar MP Candice Bergen presented nearly four dozen constituents with Queen Elizabeth II Platinum Jubilee

medallions.

The recipients were nominated because they have demonstrated the qualities extolled by the late Queen

Elizabeth II: public service, dedication, and sacrifice.

In this week's edition of the *Voice*, we're shining a spotlight on these

worthy honourees, including chatting with a few locals about their work in the community.



**GORDON ATAMANCHUK (ST. FRANCOIS XAVIER)**

In 1985, Atamanchuk started a small hardwood flooring installation business. This business has grown to include gym, school, and rec. centre floors. His contributions can be seen in the community he supports. In 1953, Atamanchuk received the Coronation of the Queen Certificate and he will be proud to pass this on to his 11-year-old grandson who is learning best leadership qualities.



**RENATA BEAULIEU, KA KINEW ITAGOSIT (PORTAGE)**

Recognized for her exceptional contributions to the preservation of culture and heritage through projects in education and advocacy for Treaty One in Portage la Prairie. She provided Indigenous language lessons for youth and was respected as a knowledge keeper. Beaulieu could also be seen volunteering at numerous events and Pow Wows. She passed away last July. Her daughter Jacinda Houlea accepted the award on her behalf.



**KRISTOPHER BOWMAN (PORTAGE LA PRAIRIE)**

Recognized as a veteran of the Canadian Armed Forces from 2000-2008 and a member of the reserves force until 2016. Post retirement, Bowman worked for Manitoba Corrections as a counsellor at the Agassiz Youth Centre. He has volunteered for over 10 years teaching Jiu-Jitsu at Portage Jiu-Jitsu and GMA'S Jiu-Jitsu and still finds time to support the Portage Royal Canadian Legion in volunteerism for various positions, including vice-president.

Happy New Year  
**MUNICIPALITY OF RHINELAND**  
Year End Review

**2022 was a challenging year for the Municipality. We went from a drought in 2021 to significant snow falls and spring flooding. The entire Municipality was affected by the flood event. A large part of this year was vested in clean-up and restoration of damaged areas.**

**Looking back highlights of 2022 included:**  
**Work began on the 3 year Priority Grain Roads Project which included upgrades in the roads that support the Rhineland Ag Parks. Plum Coulee and Gretna were approved to continue as LUD's. Building Permits reflected a strong economy for the Region.**

**Finally, joining the Watershed District supporting council's strategic direction to continue making drainage a priority.**

**On behalf of Council and Reeve Don Wiebe wishing you all the best in 2023!**



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## Man charged in Dec. 31 drug bust

By Voice staff

An local man is facing charges after a New Year's Eve drug bust.

On Dec. 31, the Altona Police Service, with the assistance of the Regional Support Tactical Team, executed a narcotics search warrant on an apartment suite located on 2nd St SW in Altona.

Police found a substantial quantity

of various drugs during the search.

The tenant of the suite, a 25-year-old man from Altona, was arrested and is facing numerous charges under the Controlled Drugs and Substances Act, as well as charges related to him breaching a current probation order.

Police say the investigation is ongoing and further charges are anticipated.



# "It's just something I've always done"

By Ashleigh Viveiros

Giving back has always been a way of life for Gail Deere.

"It's just something I've always done," the Winkler resident and Queen's Platinum Jubilee Medallion recipient said last month, reached for an interview, fittingly, during a break from digging out her neighbours after a heavy snowfall.

"We're the youngest of the seniors on our street, so we do six drive-ways," she shared.

Deere's community involvements over the years have included volunteering at the Central Station Community Centre and the Morden Friendship Centre, visiting with residents in the Buhler Active Living Centre, and handing out corn at Morden's Corn and Apple Festival even before she called the area home (she moved here from Winnipeg over a decade ago but was involved at the festival for decades before that).

During the pandemic, her usual service efforts on hold thanks to public health restrictions, Deere set out to find other ways of putting a smile on people's faces.

"When it first got started I did a lot of walking, so I'd just knock on windows and ring doorbells and wave and just say, 'I hope you're doing okay. Happy COVID!' Just trying to make people laugh."

She made the rounds in both Winkler and Morden with her physically-distanced greetings, and then set her sights on bringing some cheer to the personal care homes in both communities as well.

"I cut out little hearts and wrote on them, 'You're loved' and 'Have a great day' or whatever and then I went around them and stuck them on all the windows of the rooms at Salem Home and I did the same thing at Tabor Home."

Many residents in Morden-Winkler those early pandemic days returned to their parked cars to find anonymous notes on the windshield encouraging them to "Have a good day" or "Stay happy."

"Just little things like that," Deere said, quick to downplay her efforts. "It really wasn't anything major ... I just wanted to spread some joy."

"I was trying to, as everyone else was, to make the best of this, cer-

tainly not thinking it was going to last as long as it has. But I thought, 'Let's make the best of this. Let's have some fun with it.' So I did a whole bunch of silly things."

Deere shared that she was frankly floored to be singled out for these simple acts of kindness and nominated for the Jubilee award.

"It's very humbling, especially when you think about how there's so many other people that do so many



things for others," she said. "It makes me want to cry. "I do this because I want to. I feel it's a calling from God, for me. And I figure my reward's going to be in heaven, but I think He figured I needed a perk up this last while, and it was like, 'I'll just give you a little teeny reward here on Earth.'"

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## What year is it again?

**S**o here we are. We made it. We are now in a brand spanking shiny new year with all the hope, fear, and misdating of cheques that such an occurrence comes with (to which our GenZ friends reply, "What's a cheque?")

It is the year 4720 according to the Chinese calendar. It is 2566 according to the Buddhist calendar; 7531 according to the Byzantine measure; 2015 in the Ethiopian calendar (which means they're just getting the iPhone 6); It is 5784 according to the Hebrew calendar; It is 12023 according to the Holocene calendar; it is the year 1444 according to the Islamic calendar and Anno Domini 2023 according to the Gregorian calendar which was established by Pope Gregory XIII.

Anno Domini is Latin for "the year of the Lord" which is reference to Jesus Christ, previously sometimes written "anno Domini nostri Jesu Christi" or "the year of our Lord Jesus Christ." The idea was that Year 1 would be the year Jesus was born. Embarrassingly, it is now estimated that Jesus was born in 4 B.C., which must have felt odd for him.

Of course this all makes me wonder if people of other faiths would think of this as "the year of your Lord" or

"the year of their Lord."

The Gregorian calendar was a modification of the Julian calendar established under the authority of, you guessed it, Julius Caesar and the Romans in 45 B.C.E.

Of course when it was established they didn't know they were in the year 45 B.C.E. They thought they were in "the consulship of Caesar" and left it at that, although occasionally they measured from the year they thought Rome was established.

I am not surprised we have so many different ways of measuring time. As a species, we can't even agree on whether or not to keep Daylight Savings Time or not so why would we agree on a standard way of counting years?

Most forms of measuring years have something to do with a belief system. Obviously the Gregorian calendar was based on standardizing certain Christian religious holidays to particular times of the year (like Easter) not to mention tweaking some Roman issues with measurement that constantly messed with the year in general and created way too many leap days.

Interesting fact: Orthodox Christians continue to celebrate Easter according to the old Julian calendar, although

they adopted the Gregorian modifications in 1923 for everything else (a little late) which they called "the Revised Julian Calendar."

I find it odd that we base things like the calendar year on one or another particular faiths or various other culturally significant historical events. It certainly is one more way of ensuring ongoing sectarian conflict ... aka one more thing to argue about.

Personally I like the idea of a Metric Year which would consist of 10 months of 10 weeks of 10 days of 10 hours of 10 minutes of 10 seconds etc. You get the idea.

When would Year 1 begin? Hmmm ... tough one. The best candidate would simply be the year such a calendar was adopted.

Of course we could set 1799 as year 1 because this was the year the metric system was first adopted in France, the country of its birth. That would mean we would be celebrating the year 224 now.

Frankly, knowing human nature, such a proposal would almost certainly a guarantee complete unity of all people of varying beliefs in their absolute hatred of such an idea, how-

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**By Peter Cantelon**

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# Jubilee medals a sweet surprise for Altona couple

By Lori Penner

An Altona couple was surprised to learn they were both recipients of the Queen's Platinum Jubilee medallion.

Guy and Colleen Mullen have been integral advocates in their community for many years, but for two different causes.

Colleen was recognized for being a champion for mental health in Altona and Rhineland. She has been working on youth suicide prevention for the RHA and organized the first teen mental health workshops in the area.

She has served on many committees with Southern Health and the Mood Disorders Association of Manitoba. She was also on the board of directors for the Canadian Mental Health Association.

Colleen has been promoting awareness of mental health issues and helping people for the last decade or more. Along with undertaking ongoing training and working to raise awareness, she has also made herself available, developing relationships with people and advocating for them.

She prefers to stay out of the limelight, but says she is grateful for the recognition.

"I do feel very honoured. But I have my own personal reasons for doing the mental health promotion that I do. Even if I can prevent one person from dying by suicide, my work will be done."

Guy, meanwhile, has been a huge supporter of his community for most of his life.

He has been an enthusiastic member of the Altona Elks for over 25 years, at a provincial and national level. He was instrumental in fundraising for the Altona Elks Playland, which is in constant use by the little ones who visit the Millennium Exhibition Centre in Altona.

He has supported patients for 37 years as a medical technologist in the diagnostic unit at the Altona Health Centre. He has also supported ongoing education for the diagnostic group in the area.

Guy has served on the South-Central Regional Library board and the United Church board for a number of years, coached minor baseball and hockey, and was also the president of the Pembina Valley Academy for con-

tinuing education, as well as rural director for the Cardiology Society.

Guy was recognized for his forward thinking and his ongoing commitment to make his community a better place to live.

"I was completely shocked to receive this award. I had no idea," he said. "It was a humbling experience, because we were in very impressive company, with people who put their heart and soul into helping people."

"For me, it's always just been a labour of love. Being there for the people of my community and beyond is just something I need to do. Any recognition is appreciated, but my reward comes from knowing that I helped somebody."

# Letters

## A DANGEROUS PRECEDENT

The groups of residents cited in the Dec. 22 issue of the *Voice* who made appeals to the Winkler and Altona councils to restrict library funding most certainly are attempting to ban certain library books and censor educational material in our region.

I have not specifically read the books cited in the *Voice* article. All that I learned about these books I researched on the internet. What I

## > CANTELON, FROM PG. 4

ever this would only serve as a sign that we are on the right track.

I should say, as evidence of the confusion of methods currently employed, WHEN the new year starts varies from system to system too ... it's not all as of January 1.

discovered was that the authors of these books are educators and they have written multiple educational books, a few that are intended to educate on matters related to sex. What I also discovered is that these books are housed in hundreds of libraries around the world. They are generally lauded and viewed positively by reviewers and journalists.

I also learned that these books are frequent targets for banning by groups with certain affiliations in cer-

tain jurisdictions. At any rate, regardless of what year you think it is and when your year starts, I am here to simply say: Happy New Year to you and yours. May it be a year defined by peace, tolerance, and diversity ... those things that are the best of us all.

tain jurisdictions. As a friend of SCRL, I have great concern that residents with certain beliefs feel that they can somehow dictate what citizens can read and use as educational material. It sets a dangerous precedent that if allowed, could expand to concerning levels.

The last thing Canada needs is some form of morality police. We are not the in the Middle East, an area of the world where I am not even sure a majority of its citizens approve of having their morals dictated to them (even though that is a reality).

Characterizing our librarians and library volunteers as pornographers and putting our municipal politicians in awkward situations to make your point leaves me feeling uncomfortable.

I hope the concerned citizens who approached the Winkler and Altona councils to restrict library funding are spending as much time talking to their children about these matters. Telling them to stay away from certain books you do not approve of is within your right. Allowing the same people to dictate morality to the population as a whole sets a dangerous precedent I do not accept and I hope citizens who share this concern raise their voices against it.

I urge municipal governments to maintain funding of our libraries and concerned citizens to review the information on Change.org (search for "SCRL") and sign the petition in support of maintaining library funding.

Jeffrey Wooster,  
Morden



# Medal a bittersweet honour for prenatal care advocate

By Lori Penner

A Gretna resident is being recognized for her successful volunteerism to positively affect change in prenatal care in Manitoba.

Jenna-Lee Catherine Luptak lost her second son Beau in January 2021 due to a liver disorder called Intrahepatic Cholestasis of Pregnancy (ICP) that she developed in the third trimester of her pregnancy.

Since then, Luptak has advocated for critical life-saving tests to be provided and has worked with Manitoba Health and Southern Health to inspire changes to high-risk pregnancy and bereavement care maps for medical professionals.

She has been engaged by the Manitoba Government Policy & Planning Secretariat to help develop program and infrastructure support for families experiencing the tragedy of an infant's death. She is driven to continue to be instrumental in saving the lives of Manitoba's precious resource: our children.



She is grateful for the recognition, but receives the Jubilee medallion with mixed emotions.

"I didn't anticipate it, and I wouldn't

be doing the things I'm being honoured for if my son had not passed away."

Luptak and her husband Michael

recently started a charity called "A Beau.tiful Journey" in honour of their late son and their journey together as a family of four.

"We started our charity to build awareness regarding ICP in our communities and to raise funds for the organizations who conduct vital ICP research and create educational materials for medical professionals and the general population. We also aim to build bereavement services within our communities."

Luptak says their goal is to educate families about the risks involved with ICP, and to take symptoms such as the insatiable itch that accompanies it seriously.

"There is a lot of research going into ICP these days because they're finding that the incident rate is higher than what was previously reported," she says. "We've had many families come forward who have been impacted by this condition themselves. It's profound and powerful to have these connections, and heartbreaking to hear these stories."

## "We're all in this together"

By Lorne Stelmach

Dr. David Goerz firmly believes that you get as much out of being part of a community as what you put into it.

The Morden resident, who is known for the Care Dental Group, likes to quote Winston Churchill, who is attributed as having once said, "We make a living by what we get but we make a life by what we give."

"It's wonderful to be part of the community," said Goerz, who was among the recipients recently presented with the Queen's Platinum Jubilee Medallion by Portage-Lisgar MP Candice

Bergen in commemoration of the 70th anniversary of the late queen's accession to the throne.

"We're all in this together, and if you can do it together with other people and paddle in the same direction, you get to the destination so much faster," said Goerz.

Goerz has a varied record of community service, from having been involved with the former Kinsmen Club in Morden to serving on the boards of the Winkler Flyers and the Minnewasta Golf and Country Club.

"I've always thought the golf course is one of the pillars of our communi-



ty in terms of community and recreation," said Goerz, who reflected on the terrible loss of the fire that destroyed the clubhouse but also presented the opportunity to move forward with something new. "I know people have moved to this community because of the golf course in their retirement years."

Goerz of course is well-known for his dental practice, but his community involvement has been as important if not even more so to him over the years.

"I was very humbled to receive the award," he said. "The resounding message I heard [at the presentation] was that everyone was humbled ... and everyone I talked to said they didn't do it for an award, giving back

to the community.

"It was never done for a pat on the back ... it's just giving back," he continued. "I think of the queen, and we've now lost her, but her life was a legacy of giving back to the community."

"It was a wonderful recognition for sure," said Goerz, who hopes the stories of the selected recipients will perhaps encourage people to either step up or keep doing what they are doing in their communities.

"I think maybe, at the end of the day, an award like this can be used to encourage people," he said. "It's good to give back a little bit ... get out of your bubble at least a little bit and make a difference in somebody else's life."

### ROSE CARRIERE (PORTAGE LA PRAIRIE)



Recognized for her commitment to the community. She has made outstanding contributions with her volunteerism, participation, and leadership with the Portage la Prairie Citizens on Patrol Program. Carriere has been instrumental in keeping people safe by helping to report, educate, and be vigilante about crime, road related initiatives, and general awareness in the riding.



# “Very quickly I started getting involved”

By Ashleigh Viveiros

Former Winkler mayor Martin Harder was recognized for a lifetime of community service as a recipient of the Queen Elizabeth II Platinum Jubilee medallion this fall.

In addition to 16 years at the head of Winkler city council (a role that wrapped up in October with his retirement from politics), Harder has been a deacon and lay minister with his church, a regular volunteer at the Central Station weekly community meal program, an annual volunteer with the Winkler Christmas Cheer Board hamper distribution campaign, and has had a leadership role in countless community projects, including the creation of Bethel Heritage Park, the Buhler Active Living Centre, and Eleanor’s Reading Nook at the Winkler Centennial Library.

“My connection with Winkler goes pretty deep,” Harder says, sharing how his life was saved as an infant by medical staff at Bethel Hospital.

When he found himself making Winkler his home later in life, he felt called to get involved as much as possible in projects that contributed to the betterment of the community he had grown to love.

“Very quickly I started getting involved—through the chamber of commerce, through the Harvest Festival,” Harder says, recalling his early years of lending a hand wherever he could.

Looking back at the lengthy list of projects he

assisted in bringing to fruition, three really stand out as being points of pride for Harder.

“Buhler Active Living Centre, Bethel Heritage Park, and the Meridian Exhibition Centre,” he says, noting all three were passions of his apart from his role as mayor.

The heritage park, located on the former Bethel Hospital site downtown, was top of mind for him as he pondered running for mayor.

“I remember initially back in ‘06 getting involved in trying to persuade people that we needed the park where it is right now,” Harder says. “I am a firm believer that as people living in a community you need something more than bricks and mortar and businesses and politics—you need a place to be able to call home, a place to be able to unique, a place to just be. Bethel Heritage Park meant that for me.”

Harder was later a major champion of the Buhler Active Living Centre project, which sought to provide a space for seniors to age in place in the community with assisted living services.

“I thought how was it possible that a community like Winkler could not provide services to those seniors who needed a little bit of help?” Harder says, lauding the community for pulling together to make the facility a reality by providing the needed financial support.

Getting hands on with these and other initiatives has been profoundly rewarding for Harder.

“When I look back at my community involve-



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ment, it has always been driven by a sense of need, of meeting needs in the community,” he says. “It’s a sense of caring for others, I think, that is one of the most important things in my life.”

## ROBERTA CHRISTIANSON (HIGH BLUFF)



Recognized for her exceptional contributions as an advocate and volunteer for cultural diversity, visual, literary, and arts. Christianson serves as chair of the Manitoba Arts Council.

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# “I didn’t expect any kind of acknowledgement”

By Lorne Stelmach

Rick Wiebe has been there for people in perhaps their most difficult times in life, and his years of compassion for others earned him recognition recently.

The Morden resident was honoured with the Queen’s Platinum Jubilee award for his work through the family business, Wiebe Funeral Homes, as well as his involvement in the local music scene.

Wiebe was cited for his calm and sensitive demeanor in providing essential care to families through his work in the funeral profession.

Now 69, he took over the business from his father in 1971 and continued until he retired in 2014.

“The accolade for me, receiving it because of my professional involvement in the funeral profession, is really tremendous,” said Wiebe.

“To get acknowledged, even especially in the year of the Queen’s death, is special too. My dad was such a monarchist; he loved the queen and

thought she was a tremendous part of growing our nation.

“I’ve always loved my involvement in the funeral profession,” continued Wiebe, who sold the company to employees upon his retirement. “The compassion needed for the people we were dealing with was so important ... that’s what I really enjoyed about being in the profession ... people still come up to me and thank me at times, and that’s really amazing. I appreciate it.”

Wiebe added that he certainly would have never expected any special recognition.

“I didn’t expect any kind of acknowledgement from being in the funeral profession,” he said. “But to receive the medal from Candice [Bergen, Portage-Lisgar MP] was nice because she is a personal friend as well. For her to be able to present this to me was special.”

Wiebe was also cited for his contributions to the music scene in southern Manitoba, including not only performing widely himself but also supporting fellow musicians.

Music has always been important to him, and



he appreciates being able to play with and encourage other talented local artists.

“I always had the liberty to be able to express myself with music, and I’ve appreciated that,” he said. “I could always do that as well as my profession.”



**GIL COLLET (NOTRE DAME DE LOURDES)**

Collet is a successful business leader, mentor, innovator, and promoter of the Francophonie in the community of Notre Dame de Lourdes. A 25-year school trustee who employed hundreds in his community, he has aided in keeping the French language alive while also mentoring many throughout his career.



**KATHERINE CORBEL (ILE DES CHENES)**

Recognized for her outstanding contributions and community support through programs such as the Smile Cookie, which helped fund the splash park, and donations to many other events such as Love Morris and DEKALB Super Spiel. She and her husband Keith introduced the Tim Hortons Timbits Soccer program with 60 children receiving jerseys, shorts, socks, and a soccer ball.



**CANDACE DERKSEN (ALTONA)**

Derksen’s voice could be heard over the airwaves during the pandemic and her stories could be seen online. She delivered stories of hope and promise. Through those uplifting stories and reports of residents we experienced encouraging accounts of people who were unsung heroes in their own rights that were trying to help ease the impacts from the pandemic.



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**JOAN DRIEDGER (MIAMI)**

Recognized for being a volunteer since 2007 with the Miami Railway Station Museum. She has played a vital role in applying for and securing numerous grants for a variety of improvement projects at the museum. Driedger has dedicated herself to preserving, enhancing, promoting, educating, and developing tourism opportunities for her community.



**SANDRA DUCHAK (PORTAGE LA PRAIRIE)**

Recognized for her overwhelming contribution toward her community through volunteerism of over 42 years with the Gainsborough 4H Club. Duchak's countless hours of working with youth for the development and opportunity to step outside their comfort zones through Head, Heart, Health, and Hands were not unnoticed.



**ROBERT JONES (PORTAGE LA PRAIRIE)**

Recognized for his exceptional efforts towards heritage teachings and preservation of the CP Train Station. He serves as a volunteer for Portage la Prairie Heritage. Jones' efforts and volunteerism are greatly appreciated and noticed in the community.



**GRACE KETSMAN (SWAN LAKE)**

Ketsman is recognized as a kind and compassionate person who is always thinking of others. When she was in elementary school, she held a Koats for Kids drive. In middle school, she raised over \$1,000 for a Buddy Bench. And in high school, she was the co-president of the Social Justice Committee, which recently helped a Ukrainian family by holding a clothing sale, car wash, BBQ and pierogi sale. Ketsman's strong leadership qualities are a blessing that will be with her throughout her life.



**JOHN KNOTT (PORTAGE LA PRAIRIE)**

Knott has volunteered at the Prairie Alliance Church in a variety of capacities for over 30 years. He has also been an active community patrol volunteer with the Portage Bear Clan, the Portage Soup Kitchen as a server, Meals on Wheels as a delivery driver, and the Herman Prior Centre, the local activity centre for seniors, as a volunteer in the kitchen and as an event server.

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**DAVE KOROSCIL (PORTAGE LA PRAIRIE)**

Koroscil has been noted as an unsung hero as the president of the Portage Terriers and a Portage Exhibition board member, in addition to his dedicated support and volunteerism in response to the pandemic and all it encompassed. Koroscil's participation, leadership, and motivator skills are greatly appreciated in his community.



**JUNE LETKEMAN (PLUM COULEE)**

Letkeman has been the chair of the Plum Coulee Age Friendly committee, the Plum Fest Committee, and vice-chairperson for the Plum Coulee Elevator Museum. In 2018, she was the first female councillor for the Municipality of Rhineland and brought years of experience with her to the job, having previously served two terms as a councillor for the Town of Plum Coulee. She continues to serve on numerous community boards.



**BLAIR MASON (SOMERSET)**

Inspired by his grandparents and father, the grassroots philosophy of giving to others has been evident throughout Mason's life. In 2021, he decided to join the Bannatyne Legacy Circle for the HSC Foundation. During his spare time, he started the pioneer Mason Boote Museum near Somerset. A pillar in his church community, Mason is focused on living his best life through helping others, staying well, and setting an example for the community.



**KEN MINTY (CARMAN)**

Recognized as a lifelong "Red Surge," Minty got involved with the force right out of high school and was stationed in Morden, Carman, and around Canada for over 35 years. A longtime member of the Carman Royal Canadian Legion, Minty is the president of Legion #18.



**ROBERT OLDFORD (PORTAGE LA PRAIRIE)**

Recognized for his contribution to veteran support and preservation of heritage through conservation and education as long-time president of Portage's Legion Branch #65. Oldford has been instrumental in helping to bring an understanding and respect of the Legion and its veterans. His volunteer work has also included 16 years at United Way Central Plains, including a term as president.



**CORNELL PASHE (DAKOTA TIPI)**

Recognized for his contribution to the Portage-Lisgar riding as an Indigenous coordinator bringing awareness for reconciliation, helping set up the Urban Indigenous COVID Clinic in Portage, along with his endless devotion and dedication to bringing all people together.

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- Any person who is eligible to vote in municipal elections in the Local Authority of Rural Municipality of Stanley can have his or her name added to the Voters List or have any information about the voter on the Voters List corrected.
- Any person can request to have his or her name and address obscured from the Voters List.

A person whose name has been obscured will receive a Personal Security Certificate and identification number. In a civic election, that person may only vote by Sealed Envelope Ballot and cannot vote in person at the regular or advance voting places.

To implement the above, a written request must be submitted to the RM of Stanley, in person, by phone, fax or mail to:

Dale Toews, Chief Administrative Officer  
1-23111 PTH 14  
Stanley MB R6P 0B1  
Phone: (204) 325-4101  
Fax: (204) 325-4008

The next General Municipal Election takes place on October 28, 2026.

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**1055 Milt Stegall Drive, Winnipeg, MB R3G 0Z6**  
Fax: **(204) 927-5385**

- We respond to all formal objections and will work to resolve objections before issuing a licence.
- A copy of the objection, including the name of the person who submits the objection, will be provided to the licence applicant.
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## PUBLIC NOTICE

The City of Winkler purchases approximately 35% of its water from the Pembina Valley Water Cooperative (PVWC). The Public Utility Board has approved a rate increase for PVWC in the amount of \$0.38/1000 gallons, effective January 1, 2023. This rate increase reflects a "pass through" rate increase of .13/1000 gallons for Winkler consumers.

Public notice is hereby given that the water rate increase will be 0.13/1000 gallons effective for the March 15, 2023 quarterly billing in the City of Winkler. That being from the present water rate of \$9.98/1000 gallons to \$10.11/1000 gallons. The sewer rate will remain as it presently is, being \$6.42/1000 gallons.

Jody Penner  
City Manager



## LAND FOR SALE BY TENDER

## Land for Sale by Tender

Completed Tenders and a \$20,000.00 deposit will be received up to 12:00 PM (noon) on January 25, 2023 (the "Deadline") at:  
MLT Aikins LLP  
30th Floor - 360 Main Street  
Winnipeg, MB R3C 4G1  
Attn: Jilian P. Stefanson  
Ph: 204-957-4713 Fax: 204-957-0840  
Email: [jstefanson@mltaikins.com](mailto:jstefanson@mltaikins.com)

### Property for Sale Between Kaleida and Darlingford

#### Hwy # 3 Road Access:

4 titles comprising:  
NW 11-3-8 WPM  
SW 11-3-8 WPM

(approximately 317.41 acres) all as more particularly described in the Real Estate Tender Form. To obtain a Tender Form or more information, contact Jilian P. Stefanson of MLT Aikins LLP at the address above.

#### Conditions of Tender

1. Interested parties must rely on their own inspection and knowledge of the property.
2. Tenders must be in the form prepared by MLT Aikins LLP and must be delivered by the Deadline.
3. Each Tender must be accompanied by a certified cheque, payable to MLT Aikins LLP (in trust), in the amount of \$20,000.00.
4. Deposits for Tenders not accepted will be returned to the bidders.
5. The possession date and the due date of the balance of tender price shall be February 15, 2023 (the "Due Date").
6. If the balance of the accepted tender is not paid on the Due Date, the deposit paid may be forfeited as liquidated damages.
7. Successful bidders shall be responsible for payment of the GST or shall self-assess GST.
8. Successful bidders will be responsible for the payment of property taxes commencing January 1, 2023.
9. **Highest Tender or any Tender will not necessarily be accepted. The Vendors are not obligated to sell any of the land, or to accept any Tender.**





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

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

Sudoku Answer

Y	R	T							P	D	E	S			
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									V	A	V	C	B	A	

Crossword Answer

## CROSSWORD

**CLUES ACROSS**

- Basics
- Swiss river
- Constrictor snake
- Building occupied by monks
- Discount
- Deal a blow to
- Relating to the ear
- Thyrotropin
- Loud, unpleasant noise
- Large intestines
- Move with a curving trajectory
- Witnesses
- You need both to live
- Dash
- Network
- Dig
- C. European river
- Supplement with difficulty
- Corporate executive
- Carroll O'Connor's onscreen wife
- No variation
- Airborne (abbr.)
- "Heidi" author
- Affirmative
- Pie \_\_\_ mode
- W. Asian country
- Grotesque or bizarre
- Delicacy (archaic)
- Textile
- Denial
- Electronic data processing
- Attempt

**CLUES DOWN**

- Engulf
- Waterside hotel

1	2	3					4	5	6			
7							8					9
10			11				12					
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17				18			19				20	
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39	40									42		
43					44					45		
46					47					48		
49											50	
											52	

- Printed cotton fabric
- Defensive nuclear weapon
- One who follows the rules
- Lace up once more
- Fire byproduct
- Hankering
- Outer
- One-time aerospace firm
- Seafood
- Commercial
- Epoxy hardener (abbr.)
- Samoan monetary unit
- Type of gland
- Arrest
- Check
- Past participle of be
- Alias
- A major division of geological time
- Kids programming channel (abbr.)
- Joked
- Helps little firms
- Roman numeral 50
- Impressive in size or scope
- Domineering leader
- A person who delivers a speech
- One after 89
- Young hawk
- The scene of any event or action
- A team's best pitcher
- Integrated data processing



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Lana Meier  
Email: [news@stonewallteulontribune.ca](mailto:news@stonewallteulontribune.ca)



**FARMLAND TENDER**

**FARM LAND FOR SALE BY TENDER IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF PEMBINA**

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**McCULLOCH MOONEY JOHNSTON SELBY LLP**  
351 Main Street,  
Box 279, Manitou, MB R0G 1G0

**PROPERTY FOR SALE:**

**PARCEL I:**

NW ¼ OF SECTION 24-3-8 WPM  
(Approximately 110 cultivates acres, 32 acres of hay land, 18 acres of bush and yard site)

**PARCEL II:**

NE 1/4 OF SECTION 24-3-8 WPM  
(Approximately 115 cultivated acres, 40 acres of hay land, 5 acres of bush)

Yard site is currently vacant (no buildings). Perfect site to build on.

**CONDITIONS OF TENDER**

1. Interested parties must rely on their own inspection and knowledge of the property.
2. Tenders may be placed on all or part of the above described parcels of land.
3. Tenders must be received on or before 3:00 p.m. on January 13, 2023.
4. A deposit cheque in the amount of \$25,000.00, payable to McCulloch Mooney Johnston Selby Trust, must accompany each Tender. Deposit cheques accompanying unacceptable bids will be returned.
5. Highest or any tender not necessarily accepted.

**TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF SALE**

1. The bidder whose tender is accepted will be required to complete an agreement covering terms and conditions of sale.
2. In addition to the deposit, the balance of the accepted tender must be paid on or before the date of closing which shall be February 16, 2023, or evidence provided that the purchase funds will be available under conditions acceptable to the Vendor. If the balance of the accepted tender is not paid within the set time limit the deposit may be forfeited as liquidated damages and not as a penalty.
3. Possession is not authorized until acceptable arrangements for full payment are made following acceptance of tender. Once arrangements acceptable to the vendor have been made, the successful bidder may have access to the property for seeding and other farming purposes.
4. Successful bidder will be responsible for real property taxes commencing January 1, 2023.
5. The purchaser shall be responsible for payment of GST or shall self-assess for GST.
6. The land is not subject to a first right of refusal.

For further information, contact Chris H. Bowler  
Phone: 204-242-2801  
Fax: 204-242-2723  
Email: [chris@mmjlaw.com](mailto:chris@mmjlaw.com)

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**PUBLIC NOTICE**

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING UNDER THE PLANNING ACT**

The City of Winkler, under the authority of The Planning Act, will hold a hearing at which time and place the council of the City of Winkler will receive representation from the applicants and any other persons who wish to make representations in respect of the Rezoning Application No. RZ2022-015 and By-law No. 2292-23, being an amendment to Winkler Zoning By-law 2271-21 of the City of Winkler.

The general intent of the above By-Law No. 2292-23, is to zone the land described below, Namely:

**Legally described as Lots 1-3, Plan No. (Dep 1413/2018) MLTO. In the SE ¼ 32-2-4 WPM**

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

**FROM:** "DR" DEVELOPMENT RESERVE

**TO:** "RR" RURAL RESIDENTIAL

A copy of the above By-Law No. 2292-23 and supporting material may be inspected by any persons between the hours of 9:00 AM and 5:00 PM, Monday to Thursday and 9:00 AM and 4:30 PM, Friday, in the City Office.

**Date of Hearing:** January 24, 2023

**Time of Hearing:** 6:30 p.m.

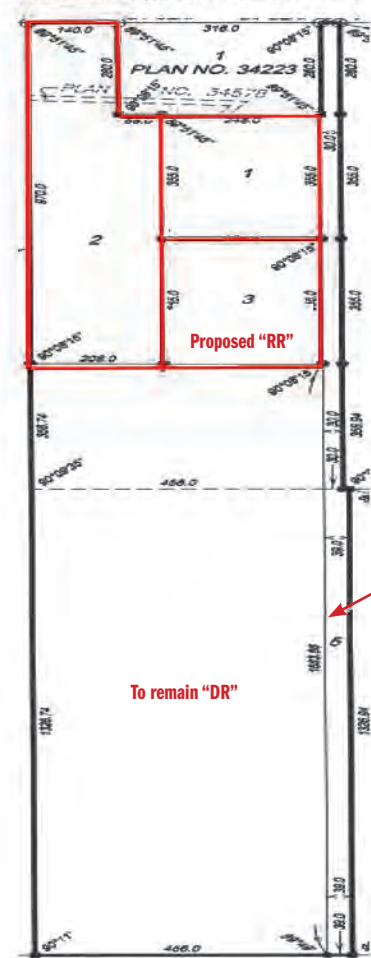
**Location:** Winkler Council Chambers, 185 Main Street, Winkler, Manitoba

DATED at Winkler, in Manitoba, this 15th day of December 2022.

Designated Officer  
City of Winkler

**Schedule "A"**

Private Road (Southview Drive West)



Road 11 North/Sandy Ridge Road

185 Main Street, Winkler MB R6W1B4  
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**Ruth Gall (nee Link)**  
1928 - 1990

Always in our hearts  
Always on our mind, forever in our hearts  
You'll be with us forever  
Gone yet not forgotten  
May the winds of heaven blow softly,  
And whisper in your ear;  
How much we love and miss you,  
And wish that you were here.  
You may be gone from our sight,  
But you are never gone from our hearts.  
Death leaves a heartache no one can heal,  
Love leaves a memory no one can steal.  
Your life was a blessing,  
Your memory a treasure;  
You are loved beyond words,  
And missed beyond measure.  
We will hold you in our hearts  
Until we can hold you again in heaven.  
-Dearly missed by your family

**DEVOTION**

**Devotion**

If you do not know  
Jesus before you die,  
Heaven will not be  
your home.



**IN MEMORIAM**



**Elmer Friesen**  
December 13, 1940 - January 5, 2022

A year ago January 5, 2022 Elmer went to be with Jesus. We will miss his special smile, his caring heart, and that warm embrace he always gave us.  
God saw you getting tired,  
And a cure was not to be;  
So He put His arms around you,  
And whispered "Come to Me".  
With tearful eyes we watched you,  
And saw you pass away;  
And though we loved you dearly,  
We could not make you stay.  
A golden heart stopped beating,  
Hard-working hands at rest;  
And although our hearts were broken,  
We know- God knows best.

-The family

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**OBITUARY**

**Arthur Edward Titchkosky**  
1937 - 2022



It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of Art Titchkosky on Sunday, December 25, 2022 at Boundary Trails Health Centre.

He is survived by his beloved wife of 63 years, Elizabeth (nee Hink); children Barry (Fabiola), Pat, Glenda (Ken) Hildebrand, Carrie Osika, Gordon (Allison), Janis (George) Roussel; 17 grandchildren and 23 great-grandchildren.

He was predeceased by his parents, Robert and Minnie (nee Gundrum); siblings, Evelyn Hildebrand, Florence Matzner, Allan and son-in-law, Brian Osika.

Arthur grew up in the 1-6 district. He married Liz in 1959 and farmed until 1978. The family moved to Morden where he worked in construction painting and then took classes to become and arborist before caretaking at Stanley Park. His retirement was spent traveling to Osoyoos, BC each winter and enjoying the temperate climate, dancing and socializing with family and friends. His greatest joy came from spending time with family and friends. He loved fishing, hunting and most of all visits with those whom he loved.

Memorial service was held at 1:00 p.m. on Saturday, December 31, 2022 at St. John the Evangelist Roman Catholic Church in Morden with inurnment at Chapel Cemetery Columbarium. If friends so desire, donations may be made in Art's memory to the St. John Church Building Fund.

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**OBITUARY**

**Bernard (Ben) Harry Hemminger**  
1924 - 2022



On Saturday, December 24, 2022 at Tabor Home in Morden, MB. Ben Hemminger, 98, formerly of Darlingford passed away.

Bernard Hemminger was born on March 31, 1924 to parents Henry and Minnie Hemminger who farmed south of Thornhill, MB. He was the third of six children. As young men, Ben and his brother, Clifford started farming together in the Windygates area and shared the same farmyard. Ben married his first wife, Phyllis (Swanky) of Dominion City in 1953 and they had two sons, Terry and Larry. Phyllis passed away in 1968 when the boys were still quite young. Ben continued to farm and raise his sons on his own. Ben loved the land and farming. He worked long hours and took great care in everything he did. Every tool was picked up and put

away. His fields, yard, garden and home were always neat and well cared for. Ben married Doreen Fijala in 1983 and they moved to Morden. Ben continued to drive out to the farm to help out and he spent long hours on the tractor doing fieldwork, a task he especially enjoyed. Ben was blessed with good health which allowed him to drive tractors well into his senior years. Ben enjoyed the outdoors - hunting, fishing, snowmobiling and golfing were favorite past times. A special fishing trip with his two sons took place in 2011 to catch sturgeon on the Fraser River. Ben was 87 years old then and the fishing guide said Ben was the oldest fisherman he had ever had on his boat. Ben and Doreen enjoyed many activities together - travelling, camping, playing cards, dancing and being involved in their families' activities and life events.

Ben is remembered by his wife, Doreen; and his son, Terry (Glenda) Hemminger and their daughters, Rachel (Sean) Miller, and Kristen (Jamie) Hemminger; his son, Larry (Sheila) Hemminger and their son, Brian (Shannon) Hemminger, and daughters, Callie (Jared) Fofonoff, and Jennie (Chris) Moffatt and five great-grandchildren, stepson, Ron Fijala and his son, Tony (Suzie) Fijala, stepdaughter, Sharon (Bob) Tremere and their son, Mark (Alison) Fijala, and daughter, Melanie (Jarret) Tremere, stepson, Doug (Debbie) Fijala and their son, Danny (Amber) Fijala, and daughter, Tiffany (Eric) Ching and nine great-grandchildren.

Ben was predeceased by his first wife, Phyllis, an infant daughter who died at birth, his stepson, Dennis Fijala and all of his siblings, Celia (Titchkosky), Clifford, Herb, Leonard and Arthur Hemminger.

Private service was held on Tuesday, January 3, 2023 at Wiebe Funeral Chapel in Morden with ash interment at Chapel Cemetery.

The family would like to thank the doctors, nurses and staff at Tabor Home for taking such good care of Ben in his final years.

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

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## Wahl wins U18 Manitoba curling provincials

By Ty Dilello

It was a storybook ending for Altona's Dayna Wahl and her rink, who were victorious at the 2022 U18 Manitoba Curling Championship held this past week at the Altona Curling Club.

In the championship final, Wahl and Piper Stoesz, Anna Ginters and Gillian Hildebrand defeated St. Vital's Grace Beaudry 5-3. In February, the girls will represent Manitoba at the U18 National Curling Championships, to be held in Timmins, Ontario.

Down 2-1 in the sixth end, Wahl cracked a big three-ender to break the game open and take a 4-2 lead. Up 4-3 in the final end, Wahl hit and stuck with her final shot of the game to score a single point for the decisive 5-3 victory.

"It's an amazing feeling," said Wahl. "To win at home in front of all of our family and friends is just so awesome."

"I'm really proud of our team as we

deserve this for how much we practice and work on our game; it shows that practice pays off and you can be successful," added second Ginters.

This was Team Wahl's second provincial championship in under two months, as they are also headed to the Canada Games as Team Manitoba in late February.

All week and weekend, the Wahl rink had the support of the entire town of Altona, with fans coming out in droves to support their home team. There were also lots of local junior curlers that made up signs for the team showing their support.

"It was very cute to see the kids with signs, and you can hear the crowd through the glass sometimes, so it was nice to play in that atmosphere," said Wahl. "Having so many people watching our games is something we often don't have in the smaller clubs in the city and also when family can't come out to watch. So this was amazing."



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Team Wahl lost just one game at the U18 provincials in Altona last week—to Carman's Team Hayward 3-6—but clinched the title on the strength of five other wins, including in the championship final against Team Beaudry 5-3.



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Altona's Dayna Wahl and her team were victorious at the 2022 U18 Manitoba Curling Championship held at the Altona Curling Club last week. From left: Dayna Wahl, Piper Stoesz, Anna Ginters, Gillian Hildebrand, and coach Keith Stoesz.

"When we make a shot, we can hear everyone clapping for us and cheering. So it was so nice to play at home and show our town how good we are and that they can be proud of us," added Ginters.

Carman's Shaela Hayward had her U18 Championship end in heartbreak when her rink fell in the semi-finals to Beaudry in an extra end. However, Hayward, who also lost to Wahl in the Canada Games Trials final, will have one more chance to advance to a National Championship this year when they compete at the U21 Provincials in January.

On the boys' side, Virder's Jace Freeman (Elias Huminicki, Rylan Graham, Jack Steski) defeated Deer Lodge's Ronan Peterson 6-5 in an extra end to win the U18 Manitoba finals in Saturday's championship game.

Wahl and Freeman will head to Timmins, Ontario, in February to compete at the 2023 U18 Curling Championships. Provincial finalists Beaudry

and Peterson will also be heading to the Nationals, to represent Manitoba. The province can send two teams to the event.

With the Canada Games and U18 Nationals in February, Team Wahl will be gearing up for a very busy month.

"There's going to be lots of travelling in February, but

we're going to be ready for it. Hopefully our school will let us take off some exams!" said Wahl.

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**FRANK PLETT (ROSENORT)**

Plett has demonstrated the true meaning of philanthropy with generous support to the St. Boniface Hospital and Research Foundation and of heart disease research and treatment in the past. He has served on the board of the Research Foundation for 10 years. Plett is also on the fundraising committee for the \$2.5 million Rosenort Fire Hall.



**ANGELA ROULETTE (PORTAGE)**

Recognized for her heritage and reconciliation efforts, helping preserve cultural heritage of the Indigenous through her teachings and awareness. Roulette's work with the youth, government office, agencies and neighboring communities is exceptional.



**PAT SCHMITKE (MORRIS)**

Recognized through his various volunteer contribution of time and funds in the Morris area. Owner of Bigway Grocers, Schmitke has contributed numerous food and supplies to various charities and fundraisers. He is the owner of the Pembina Valley Twisters and past president of the Valley Agricultural Society.



**WILMA SHIRRIFF (PORTAGE)**

Recognized for her volunteerism. She taught school in Portage for 37 years, worked as a lay minister for decades, and served at Rossendale United for 20 years. Shirriff also volunteered at Lion's Manor, Douglas Campbell Lodge, and Portage la Prairie Hospital providing church services.



**MIKE SIEMENS (OAK BLUFF)**

Recognized as being a devoted firefighter for over 40 years. Most recently he volunteered for eight and a half years as the fire chief for the MacDonald Volunteer Fire Department. He also volunteered at the Oak Bluff Bible Church for over 12 years as the finance chairperson and was an Oak Bluff Recreation Club volunteer for over 12 years while coaching hockey in the RM of MacDonald.



**YVETTE SOUQUE (PORTAGE)**

Souque has been active in refugee and immigrant work for over 60 years. She served as the executive director of the Calgary Immigrant Aid Society and the National Chair of the Canadian Refugee Association. Her volunteer work has culminated in her 11-year service on the board of the Portage Learning and Literacy Centre, the last eight as its chair.



**CHERYL STOCK (ELIE)**

Recognized as being a volunteer who has also created numerous clubs and committees around Elie. She created a thriving community club, helped feed needy families from the community Thrift Store, organized free winter fun days, and in the summer created a thriving green space. Stock's imagination and drive have no limits.



**ODILE THIBERT (CARTIER)**

Recognized in being instrumental as a published author in researching Métis and early settlers from the St Francois Xavier parish, along with her own excerpts of her personal life in Western Manitoba.



**DONALD WOODS (ELM CREEK)**

Recognized for the commitment and outstanding contributions to Elm Creek. Woods has been a volunteer curling rink icemaker, a hunter safety instructor, a volunteer firefighter, and the volunteer groundskeeper at the golf course. In retirement he continues to support the youth by tutoring several students to advance their grades in physics. His wife Helen accepted the award on his behalf.

## Additional Jubilee medallion recipients:

- Pedro Bedard (St. Francois Xavier)—Recognized as a fire medic who has advanced first-aid training. He took five weeks of unpaid leave to travel to Ukraine in April to help the people there. He was nominated by his son, Varian, who says, "He's also a great dad."
- Hank Boschmann (Winkler)—Recognized for community service efforts. Further details were not made available.
- Debra Enns (Altona)—Recognized for her volunteerism in provincial and federal elections. She also served as the chairperson of the Boundary Trails Health Centre Foundation and was a member of the Red River College Board of Governance.
- Blair Geisel (Portage la Prairie)—Recognized for his exceptional con-

tribution to enhancing mental and physical well-being to the youth in Portage as president of the Portage Junk Yard Dogs Cycling Club. Geisel has been instrumental for the development and fundraising of the activity park project.

- Colleen Kyle (Morden)—Recognized for her community service. Further details were not made available.

- Callum Morrison (Altona)—Recognized as investing an incredible amount of time and energy in the Altona area. He has been very active the response to the Ukraine crisis. He organized a fundraiser for MCC's Ukraine emergency response and raised over \$18,000. He also has been instrumental in volunteering for Regional Connections and the Conversation Café.

- Lynn Rempel (Morris)—Rempel is the former president and chief executive officer of Rempel Insurance Brokers and has given generously through the Dale and Lynn Rempel Foundation. She has volunteered at the Care Closet Thrift Store and with the parade committee for the Morris Stampede.

- Brain Watt (Morris)—Recognized for being the best neighbour you could ask for. At 92 years young, he still continues to clear neighbourhood driveways of snow with his snowplow. He continues to help others even though he now uses a walker.

*Photos were not available for these medallion winners.*