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Rhineland approves 2024 financial plan

By Lori Penner

At last week's public budget hearing, the Municipality of Rhineland council shared their financial plan for 2024.

Rhineland Reeve Don Wiebe said inflationary pressures played a big role in the budget planning process this year.

"Historically, Rhineland has always been cautious in protecting our reserve funds. We have done our due diligence and continue to put money aside. This year, because of inflation, we realized we were going to have to up the ante a bit."

This year's equipment purchases

will include two graders, a truck, fire department capital, office equipment, and a mower, totalling \$1.2 million.

"We fund our graders and backhoes through the municipal reserve fund," explained Wiebe. "So that hits pretty hard because of the huge cost increase."

Consequently, Rhineland residents will see a climb in their tax bill this year.

Through proportional assessment, residential tax is based on 45 per cent of actual assessed value, 26 per cent for farm property and 65 per cent for all commercial ventures.

In 2023, Rhineland's total proportioned assessment was \$662 million,



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Municipality of Rhineland council presented its 2024 financial plan at a public hearing last week.

and in 2024 it's \$671 million, reflecting an increase of one per cent.

In Rhineland, farmland makes up 58 per cent of the total assessment, residential is 27 per cent and commercial and all other revenue such as pipelines is 15 per cent.

Based on per \$1,000 assessment, the mill rate was 8.361 in 2023. In 2024, that will rise by 5.49 per cent to 8.82.

In terms of farm tax, if your rural property is worth about \$659,000, your increase will be 5.5 per cent, or \$79.

In Rosenfeld, a rural property assessed at \$494,000 will see an increase of 0.3 per cent, or \$13. In Gretna, a property assessed at \$494,000 will see an increase of 6.6 per cent, or \$421. And in Plum Coulee, with the same assessment of \$494,000, property taxes will increase by 3.2 per cent, or \$230.

Commercial taxes, based on a \$494,000 assessment, will see a \$147 increase in rural business properties, a \$13 increase Rosenfeld, \$421 in Gretna, and \$230 in Plum Coulee.

LUDs have separate budgets, and their mill rates vary. Based on residential properties valued at \$236,000, rural taxes will increase by 5.49 per cent, or \$49. Rosenfeld taxes will increase by \$4, Gretna by \$139, and Plum Coulee by \$76.

"Gretna is not growing, so you have a de-evaluation of your assessment,

so this rises," Wiebe explained.

He says determining local taxes can be a difficult process.

"Given the inflation, it's a reasonable increase. We try to keep mill rates close to the same. We do not want a big surprise for taxpayers; they need to be able to count on something. This year, residents knew there was inflation, and got hit by it as well. But we've been able to keep things close to the status quo."

While grant support will decrease by \$450,000 in 2024, the municipality continues to complete ongoing capital projects.

This year's \$8.7 million capital budget includes Phase 3 of the Priority Grain Roads project, improvements to the Ag Park, water line looping, and work will begin on improvements at the Gretna Arena.

"The three-year Grain Roads project is nearly complete," Wiebe noted. "Last year we put in the concrete pier at West Ag Park. Now, we're working on the base, to give those roads more resilience when it comes to big trucks. We'll be paying for the two graders that we already have."

Water line looping will be done in the rural areas.

"Blumenort, for example, has pressure issues during the peak time. It drops so low that people can't even have a shower at times," said Wiebe.

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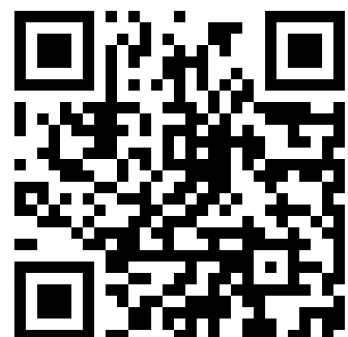
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Morden skate park shelter taking shape

By Lorne Stelmach

A project in memory of a young woman who passed away from skin cancer is taking shape at the Morden skate park.

A shelter now under construction at the BSI Skate Plaza is a tribute to Annika Ginther spearheaded by her family, including mother Centennial Ginther and aunts Anna Treichel and Sunday Ginther.

Annika often used to hang out at the skate park, shares Treichel. She was 14 when she was first diagnosed with melanoma.

"When the cancer returned when she was 18, my son was then 14 and hanging out at the skate park," Treichel recalled last week as she checked out the progress on the shelter. "There was no shade there ... and Tanner sometimes would be hiding at the end of one of the railings to get shade."

Tanner and his friend Sam Hildebrand thought they should raise

some money for cancer care, but it was suggested they raise money for a shelter instead, given how much Annika loved spend time at the park and because she died of skin cancer, explained Treichel.

"We started fundraising, and we had a huge donation from the Morden thrift store and another big one from the Elks," she said, adding support also came from Annika's doctor, Aly Dhala. "COVID hit then, and that kind of stopped our project ... then prices all went up."

"Some stuff was ridiculous, almost six times higher. It's come down since," said Albert Unrau of Moonlight Construction, which has taken on the project.

The estimate for the shelter had been close to \$30,000. Now that they've raised over \$32,000, they felt it was time to get it completed.

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Albert Unrau of Moonlight Construction with Anna Treichel and Sunday Ginther, aunts to the late Annika Ginther. A shelter is going up in the BSI Skate Plaza in Annika's memory.

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Stanley Soil Management Assoc. reports on a successful year

By Lorne Stelmach

Tree sales and shelterbelt planting continue to be popular programs for the Stanley Soil Management Association.

Those two initiatives annually attract strong interest, and it shows technician Richard Warkentin that people seem to recognize how it can

have a far-reaching positive impact.

"It is encouraging that more people are planting trees," Warkentin said following the association's annual meeting March 19.

Some of the data presented at the meeting showed how shelterbelt planting and maintenance as well as the tree sales continue to be a major service.

In the past year, there was just under nine miles of new shelterbelts planted using over 5,400 trees and 18 different varieties of trees, and another 660 trees were hand planted in gaps over 6.5 miles.

Over 19.5 miles were maintained for weed control, with 6.4 miles covered with plastic mulch for weed control.

Tree seedling sales meanwhile saw the biggest increase with over 34,000 trees ordered for planting in 2024. Most of the trees are ordered in fall for spring planting.

Warkentin said it all receives a big boost through their partnerships with three watershed districts: Redboine, Seine Rat Roseau, and Pembina Valley.

Most of the projects are in the Pembina Valley district, with most of the R.M. of Stanley in that region except for the top northwest corner, which is in the Redboine Watershed District.

The Pembina Valley Watershed District area goes all the way from Boissevain in the west to the Red River in the east.

"Our partnerships, especially with the watershed districts, are an important thing for us," said Warkentin.

"We're really partnering with the watershed districts ... and the tree sales have gone up exponentially. We're up to 34,000 trees that we were ordering for this coming year for planting," he said. "The biggest single source that has really served us well is the tree sales. That's probably the biggest thing - the tree planting as well."

The association has also continued to undertake and offer a num-



SSMA workers apply a plastic mulch cover, one of the many weed control initiatives the agency undertook in 2023.

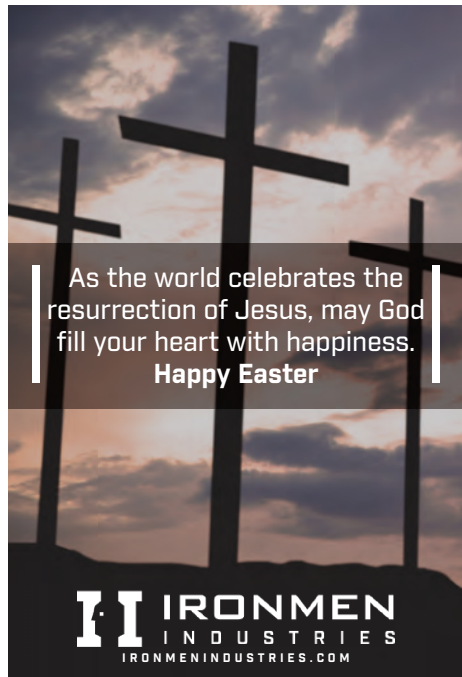
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ber of other programs and services.

Well sealing is done through the watershed districts program. It sealed three wells in the area in 2023 with a cost of \$150 to the landowners.

As well, the association did some scouting for diffuse knapweed, which is a tier one noxious weed in Manitoba.

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United Way hands out \$150,000 in grants, scholarships

By Lorne Stelmach

The generosity of the region means United Way Pembina Valley is able to put \$150,000 back into its local communities.

There are 31 local non-profit organizations receiving a portion of \$142,500 in United Way grants this spring. The agency will also distribute \$7,500 in scholarships and bursaries to graduates of Garden Valley Collegiate, Northlands Parkway Collegiate, and Morden Collegiate in June.

Presenting the grants last Thursday at Central Station Community Centre in Winkler, United Way Pembina Valley president Levi Taylor expressed his gratitude for every person and business who made a donation to this year's campaign. He stressed how the generosity has allowed them to support more local programs, services, and projects than ever.

"It's going to be far reaching," said Taylor, emphasizing that "\$150,000 into the community is going to have a significant impact on those who need it."

He described their campaign target as having been a lofty goal for the organization such a short time after the merger of the old Winkler and Morden United Way organizations.

"We're excited and absolutely thrilled to announce that we have met that goal ... a very exciting year for the United Way," he said.

There were challenges that came with the merger, but Taylor now feels like the new agency is well established and moving forward.

"We feel like we've really found our stride as the United Way Pembina Valley," said Taylor. "Most importantly, the community has rallied behind the group. We've received generous donations from individuals and businesses.

"We receive a lot of [grant] applications," he noted. "We go through a review process to see if those recipients meet the United Way's objectives. We try to diversify who we're granting to ... with 31 different organizations assisted through these grants, we were able to diversify fairly well."

Receiving funding this year are:

- Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Pembina Valley - \$10,500 for mentoring programs.



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United Way Pembina Valley board members with representatives of the 31 organizations receiving grant funding this year. Last fall's campaign raised \$150,000—the most since the Winkler and Morden United Ways merged a few years ago.

- Central Station Community Centre - \$8,150 for the Café 545 community meal program.
- Many Hands Resource Centre - \$8,100 towards the purchase of a vehicle for food bank deliveries.
- 500 Stephen Street Community Centre - \$7,900 for ongoing programming.
- Scholarships and bursaries - \$7,500 to graduating students of GVC, NPC and Morden Collegiate.
- Youth for Christ Morden - \$7,100 toward backyard improvements.
- Salem Home - \$6,850 to support the director of community engagement position.
- Morden school aged programming committee - \$6,650 for after-school programming.
- Boundary Trails Health Centre Foundation - \$6,600 for specialized pediatrics equipment.
- The Bunker - \$6,400 for the Industrial Eats restaurant project.
- Eden Health Care Services - \$6,250 in support of the volunteer program.
- Genesis House - \$6,150 ongoing programming for the victims of domestic violence.
- Morden Christmas Cheer Board - \$6,150 towards the Christmas hamper program.
- South Central Cancer Resource - \$6,150 towards the transportation program.
- Gateway Resources - \$5,600 towards the purchase of a wheelchair accessible swing for day program participants.
- Winkler Senior Centre - \$5,350 for the volunteer coordinator position.
- Pembina Valley Pregnancy Care Centre - \$4,800 for pregnancy support services.
- Morden Community Handi-van - \$4,100 towards a new vehicle.
- Pembina Valley counselling services - \$4,000 in support of the sliding fee scale to make counselling accessible to all.
- Morden Activity Centre - \$3,650 towards a marketing

campaign to raise awareness about the centre's programming for seniors.

- Winkler Family Resource Centre - \$3,100 toward the lending library and the Stay & Play program.
- Katie Cares - \$3,100 to change existing space at the respite home into a work/storage area.
- Regional Connections - \$3,000 in support of Winterfest programming.
- Morden Parent and Child Resource Centre - \$2,750 towards operational costs.
- Winkler Day Care Centre - \$2,500 to purchase outdoor musical playground instruments.
- The Gardens on Tenth - \$1,900 towards facility renovations.
- Cerebral Palsy Association of Manitoba - \$1,250 in support of the local sledge hockey program.
- Winkler Arts and Culture - \$1,150 for the after-school art program.
- Miami recreation and play spaces - \$1,000 in support of free community paint nights.
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Later that same day, I called a pizza place to order a specialty pizza, and the person at the other end told me that the last time I ordered that flavor of pizza, (about two months earlier) I had ordered it with no mushrooms or onions. I thanked him profusely for

reminding me, for that made the pizza that I was about to pick up edible, which it would otherwise, in my eyes, not have been!

In both cases, it seemed to me that their job may not have required them to do that. And the people I dealt with were strangers to me, but hopefully not for long, because I will be visiting those places of business again.

I am hoping other business owners

and managers will read this and encourage their staff to not let “customer service” die, as I believe there are more shoppers in the area that would not mind walking out of a store with their purchase, and leave with a smile on their face, (even if they did not buy it at half price).

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The efforts were boosted by such initiatives as a bottle drive.

“The community was very supportive. We felt the love for sure with all the stuff that was dropped off, but other local businesses have also contributed, and we will get a sign at the skate park for all who gave us donations for it,” said Treichel, who also added thanks for the Codilan family for doing the “Always for Annika” birthday cake fundraiser.

“And Albert was all gung-ho to be all on board with this,” she added, noting Unrau already had the main structure up this past week, with metal cladding to come soon. They expect the shelter will be

complete sometime next month.

“It’s very nice to be involved in this,” said Unrau. “I’m totally enjoying being part of it ... this one definitely has a special spot.”

“We will get a nice picture of her put up here,” said Treichel. “We just want to keep Annika’s memory alive, and

> STANLEY SOIL, FROM PG. 4

Other initiatives include educational projects such as the R.M. of Stanley school tree program, Arbor Day in Morden, and the two billion tree capacity building project.

The association showed a surplus of \$39,000 for the year, and Derek Trinke, Lorne Warkentine, and Peter Penner were all acclaimed as board members for another two-year term.

Also at the meeting, representatives

I know her mom always drives past here and thinks of her.

“I’m happy to see all the kids here,” she added. “I think all of the parents who come here with their kids will really appreciate it. We can’t thank the community enough for all of their support.”

of the Redboine and Pembina Valley watershed districts made presentations on the watershed projects and funding available to landowners through various programs. Upon approval, funding is available for shelterbelts, wetland conservation, water retention, fence and watering systems, cover cropping, nitrogen management and rotational grazing. Contact your local watershed district for details.

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Tour provides a glimpse inside local ag industry opportunities

By Lorne Stelmach

A two-day tour in the Morden and Winkler area last week highlighted agricultural and food industry workplaces and employment opportunities in the region.

Co-ordinated through Manitoba Agriculture, the visits and information sessions provided a chance for people in the local education and newcomer sectors to connect with professionals on local farms, research centres, and food processing facilities.

Organizers saw it as a good way to strengthen ties to Manitoba's agriculture and food industry and raise awareness of the opportunities that are available. It showed there are many career options beyond primary production, suggested Leanne Sprung, a leadership and youth development specialist with Manitoba Agriculture.

"We just try to help people make connections and understand that it is so varied, and there are really wide opportunities," said Sprung.

"Our food is produced by people just like them and who want the best food and who are looking after the land, the animals and all of the resources," she said. "We want all of these companies to be successful and to have the labour that they need, and we want individuals to have good jobs."

The event included a number of sessions including tours at locations such as Farm King and the Morden research and development centre, where associate director Scott Duguid told some of the story of the centre and what it does in terms of scientific research on cereals, oil seeds, and pulse crops.

"It also provided the opportunity to talk about where people can work in the community and the opportunities, whether you're a scientist, a technician or if you have administrative skills in terms of finances or human resources, facilities management," said Duguid.

"There are all sorts of skills that we need to have the work that we do here occur," he said. "Without all those people, it wouldn't happen."

Duguid also noted how the work done at the centre is very important and has really evolved since it started in 1915.

The facility today is focused on looking at the genetics of crops and how they can modify them so that they have disease resistance and new quality attributes to make them better suited for here.

"It's also about knowing how to best manage those crops when we put them out on the fields. We have a group that works on agronomy and looks at how the plant interacts with the soil but also with water and trying to keep the nutrients on the soil rather than having it come off the soil," said Duguid.

He said the work done here means people can have a significant impact on agriculture.

"The productivity that producers see today is built upon research that was done 10 or 12 years ago. Those varieties that farmers are growing on their fields start off maybe as a single cross maybe ten years ago," Duguid said. "The work that we're seeing today ... the farmer will see those down the road and be able to take advantage of those opportunities of new varieties and increase their productivity."

"WE JUST TRY TO HELP PEOPLE MAKE CONNECTIONS AND UNDERSTAND THAT IT IS SO VARIED AND THERE ARE REALLY WIDE OPPORTUNITIES."



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Manitoba Agriculture hosted a two-day tour of agricultural and food industry workplaces in Morden-Winkler last week, including the Morden Research Centre (above, below).



Sprung felt the tours so far have been very well received by participants.

"We were not sure about the interest, but we promoted it to people who were either career teachers in schools or career counsellors ... as well as people involved in newcomer organizations," she said.

"It really is for the benefit of

anyone who is a job seeker.

"We attempt to present the whole spectrum of opportunities, and they look different on each tour," she concluded. "We do try to have something related to primary production, whether we visit a farm [or not]."

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Elks host Jam Can bonspiel

By Lorne Stelmach

The annual Jam Can bonspiel, now run here for almost six decades, is a tradition that is still going strong in Morden, as evidenced by the 2024 event this past Saturday.

The bonspiel, which has served as a fun introduction to curling for generations of youth, started in 1967 as a Centennial project by the Elks service club. Club member Henry Penner, who was among the first participants when he was in Grade 7, said it continues to feel like a worthwhile venture for the community.

"It never gets old. I've done this for a lot of years now ... it's so much fun to see all the little kids out there, and their faces just light up," said Penner, who has long been involved but now credits Dave Hartry for taking on a lot of the event's organization.

Named for the jam cans that back in the day were filled up with water and frozen with a stick that could then serve as the handle for throwing, the bonspiel was originally held at the old downtown skating rink.

It obviously evolved over the years, with concrete eventually being used to make the rocks

more sturdy and durable, Penner noted.

Today's event draws over 100 youth of varying ages, up to Gr. 6. Teams play three games, using a scoring format where a point is awarded for each end won.

"It's always been an integrated team where you wouldn't have all older kids [on a team]," Penner explained. "We would make it so that there would be at least a Gr. 1 or 2 or 3 ... it would be a balanced team. It's still kind of neat to see the skips take their little Gr. 1 kids under their wings.

"It was a three-day bonspiel ... but taking up a full weekend now is kind of hard to do," he said. "At one point in time, we had maybe 700 kids playing in this thing. It was massive. It's shrunk down now to a one-day format. It makes it easier to get kids to sign up."

Penner likes the idea that it is a tradition that has been passed down for many local families.

"We're already three generations into this thing now," he said. "What really makes me kind of smile ... is because we have so many newcomers from various countries, it's a new experience for them.



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Youth took to the ice at the Morden Curling Club Saturday for the Elks' annual Jam Can bonspiel, which has been introducing kids to the sport of curling for nearly 60 years.

"It's just a fun little bit of exposure to curling, and it's a pretty big sport here," Penner added. "Jam can curling is a really nice to give an introduction to a sport that seems to be gaining in popularity.

"It does become a lot of work, but it's fun. It's something the Elks like doing ... it's become a spring break ritual."

Evan Thomas Memorial Trust Fund formed at WCF

By Lorne Stelmach

A trust fund in memory of a junior hockey player who was among the 16 people killed in the April 2016 bus accident in Saskatchewan will help ensure local youth have the opportunity to play hockey here.

A signing ceremony Monday afternoon formally established the Evan Thomas Memorial Trust Fund in partnership with Winkler Minor Hockey and under the umbrella of the Winkler Community Foundation.

The fund was started six years ago following the accident, but the family, which has some roots and connections to Winkler, may not have anticipated it growing to this extent.

"Initially, it was overwhelming ... we got thoughts and wishes from around the world," said Evan's grandfather Frank Thomas, who was on hand with his wife Betty at the ceremony. "This idea of turning it into something that can be perpetual is huge

... we're hoping we get some people from within this community come along and come for the ride and help kids. We're proud to represent Evan this way.

"Evan liked hockey. He loved the people," said Thomas, who recalled a family conversation with Evan when there were thoughts about having to leave for university. "He said, 'Dad, I can't leave these guys. I can't leave my team' ... hockey was a conduit to all the other things that make sports worthwhile."

The idea can be traced back to 2022 when the Winkler Flyers alumni were celebrating the 25th anniversary of their MJHL championship, and the proceeds of a 50/50 draw were donated to the Evan Thomas Memorial Trust Fund.

"I think that partly came about because one of our son's was actually on that team," said Thomas, who has two sons who played in Winkler and graduated to the Flyers as well



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From left: Cory Hildebrand, Ryan Friesen, Frank and Betty Thomas, and Myra Peters make the Evan Thomas Memorial Trust Fund official at the Winkler Community Foundation.

as three grandsons who played here. Thomas also coached here and still has friends in Winkler.

He recalled there was about \$3,400 that the family boosted to \$5,000 to give back to the community, but Ryan Friesen of Winkler Minor Hockey had the idea of creating something longer lasting.

"The whole intent was to make differences in the community and kids in Evan's name," said Thomas. "We hope through this initiative we can put together a few tens of thousands of dollars that we can at least cover registration for one male and one female every year to play hockey.

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Grandfather clock finds a home at the Morris Museum

By Sean Conway

In October, the Morris & District Centennial Museum received a donation offer for a longcase clock from longtime Morris resident Walter Dreger.

Dreger had put his Kennedy Street home up for sale, and the property sold before he had found a place to move.

"We didn't think the house would sell so fast," said Dreger's son Clayton. "The house was sold and dad didn't have a place to live. He was concerned about the clock."

"The people that bought my home wanted the clock. I didn't want to leave it and I didn't want it to go to strangers," said the elder Dreger.

"How do we move such an artifact?" questioned Lou Erickson, a volunteer board museum board member. "Just after receiving the phone call from Mr. Dreger, I got a call from Ray Waldner and Burt Cornelsen from Rosenort looking for information about our museum. I asked them if they could move a grandfather clock. It was serendipitous."

According to the Oxford Dictionary, longcase clocks were called grandfather clocks after a 1876 Henry Clay Work song "My Grandfather's Clock." The song tells the story from a grandchild's point of view of his grandfather's clock. They purchased the clock on the morning of the grandfather's birth, and it has worked perfectly for 90 years. After the grandpa

dies, the clock suddenly stops, and never works again.

At a presentation at the museum last week, the 90-year-old Dreger sang that song.

"When my dad passed in 1981, I wanted a memorial of some sort," Dreger recalled. "I purchased the clock at the Hudson's Bay in Winnipeg for \$2,000. They delivered it straight to my home."

William and Augusta Dreger purchased the farm land in Sewell, Manitoba during a government land sale. They were the first homesteaders. Born in 1934, Dreger grew up in Sewell and moved to Morris in 1963 following his marriage to his wife, Dianna Martha Dreger.

Besides the clock, Dreger provided the museum with the documentation of providence: a faded, dog-eared owner's manual and trade brochure with pictures of all models of longcase clocks created by the company.

Since the clock found a new home, Ed's Clock Repair has tuned it in Winnipeg to keep its time-tolling chime accurate.

The artifact has taken residence in the dining room display at the museum.

Organizers plan to frame the words of "My Grandfather's Clock" and put them on display with the clock.

"We really appreciate the donation," said Erickson. "It is another attraction for our museum."



PHOTO BY SEAN CONWAY/VOICE

Walter Dreger with the grandfather clock he donated to the Morris and District Centennial Museum. It's now on display in their dining room exhibit. Right: The epitaph on the clock dedicated to Dreger's late parents.



> RHINELAND BUDGET, FROM PG. 2

"Another problem is if we consistently have that level of low pressure, we need to start thinking about boil water advisories. But if we loop it, there's extra water that's available for certain spots. There are also dead ends, where we get stale water. If we loop it, or reroute it over a bigger region, we refresh it."

The DFA flood damage grant of \$4.5 million will also be paid out.

"There are still some repairs needed at the crossing on Road 9 and a repair on Road 7, but the \$2.8 million border road project was completed," Wiebe said.

The Gretna Arena will see some vast improvements this year.

"There was a \$300,000 increase on that project," Wiebe said. "This is a three-year process. Initially, it was

supposed to be a \$1 million project, but that's gone up. Right now, the tenders are out. The plans are drawn. There will be a new roof and better entrance accessibility. We're also redoing some of the washrooms. It will be a huge improvement, that will save a lot of energy."

Rhineland began 2024 with \$1.4 million in debt, which includes the cost of reservoirs and the Plum Coulee fire hall upgrades.

Their proposed borrowing for this year includes \$250,000 for an inter-section upgrade and \$2.3 million for a low-pressure sewer at the Ag Park.

"The province allows us to borrow up to \$47 million. So that means we are using just three per cent of our allowable debt." Wiebe said.

"That's impressive. We've worked hard to keep the municipality in the black. That's why we have those reserve funds. To buy the two graders, at the cost of \$900,000, we would have to borrow money for that. But we have the money sitting in an account earning interest. I'm proud of this."

Reflecting on the upcoming year, Wiebe says he's happy with the new financial plan.

"It's a budget that keeps us sustainable and allows us to keep our pattern

going without creating more debt."

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Bread Basket hands out its 5,000th loaf

By Sean Conway

On March 23, 2020, 10 days into the COVID-19 pandemic, Joan van der Linde made a loaf of bread in a single bread machine and gifted it.

"I had a divine download," explains van der Linde. "People were grappling with the harsh reality of the pandemic. I heard a whisper in my heart: bake bread and give it away."

She's been doing just that ever since, though with considerably more bread machines at her disposal. Last weekend, van der Linde gifted her 5,000th loaf.

"Jesus reminds me this is not about me. I am a facilitator of God's project. This bread story is something God has used to heal my heart," says van der Linde as she reflects on what has become known as The Bread Basket project.

"Today we are celebrating what can be accomplished when many people work together," she says, noting it's only through the generosity of others in the community that the project has been able to keep going.

"If it wasn't for Pat Schmitke's donations of ingredients, this project wouldn't be happening," she says, in example, of the Morris Bigway owner. "God orchestrated today."

Van der Linde looks up from her work with the rolling pin with a smile and recites, "Your purpose is not the thing you do. It is the things that happen in others when you do what you do."

She has kept a record of the person or place where every numbered loaf has been delivered, along with pictures and newspaper clippings. There were so many that she had to start a second book. There is one handwritten page in that book titled "LOAF 5,000."

Van der Linde has been looking forward to celebrating that 5,000-loaf day for months. To mark it, she held a celebration Saturday to gift loaves to 12 people who have contributed to The Bread Project in some way to make it a success.

She set up a microphone and speakers and moved her bread machines and shelving rack to her front yard for the celebration. Family and friends start arriving around noon.

"Baking 5,000 loaves of bread is a massive accomplishment," observes sister Barb Brandt, who had the job of helping stage the front yard. "She is about making changes that make the world a better place."

Asked how long she intends to keep giving bread away, van der Linde



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Having handed out her 5,000th loaf of bread, Joan van der Linde got started on the next 5,000, offering a dozen loaves to people who have been involved with the project, including Liz and Troy Hoffman (above). Right: Van der Linde at work in the kitchen in preparation for the weekend's milestone celebration.



PHOTO BY BRETT MITCHELL/VOICE

Joan van der Linde with the semi-truck 5,000 loaves of bread would fill. The Bread Basket has been handing out homemade bread to the community for free for the past four years.

says she has no plans to stop any time soon.

"There is still life in it. The story is still impacting people. I still have a list of people wanting bread. Maybe after 10,000 loaves. I'm calling this part 'The Next Five Thousand.'"

A transport truck from Paul Brandt Trucking with a trailer attached pulls up in front of the van der Linde's home. The driver exits and opens the trailer door at the rear to reveal a Bread Basket poster filling the back of the truck.

"If you were given the task of filling that trailer with loaves of bread, it would take 5,000 to fill it," shares van der Linde. "Someone way smarter than myself figured this out and came

up with this brilliant visual."

"Joan asked me if she could have a truck to create a visual, so people could see the space for 5,000 loaves of bread," says Kerry Brandt, driver and brother-in-law to the bread baker. "Little things become big things. A few loaves of bread to Joan seemed big. The impact can also multiply."

Following the truck's arrival, van der Linde handed out loaves to project supporters, including Troy Hoffman, Kerry and Barb Brandt, Bethany Wiebe, Jason and Stephanie Jablonski, Schmitke, and this reporter, who has covered the project through the years.

Loaf 5,000 went to van der Linde's church on Sunday to be used in communion.



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Plum Coulee thrift shop looks back on year of giving

By Lori Penner

Thanks to ongoing community support, Plum Coulee's Your Thrift Shoppe was able to give a record amount of funds to charity in 2023.

Board president Ken Reimer says, after expenses, the not-for-profit is thrilled to donate \$62,000 to mission-based and humanitarian organizations such as Siloam Mission, Union Gospel Mission, and World Serve Missions, as well as provide financial support for local Bible camps, Genesis House, Boundary Trails Foundation, and Teen Challenge, just to name a few.

"That figure is pretty impressive, when you consider that most of the things in the store are dollar items," Reimer says.

The Shoppe has come a long way since they officially opened in 1991, when their year-end balance was a grand total \$3,184. In comparison, their total revenue for 2023 was \$80,136

"It has slowly been increasing every year. This little store is very popular, Reimer says. "We get good traffic, especially on Tuesdays when the new stuff hits the shelves and racks."

And, as the guest book at the front counter attests, their clientele includes locals, as well as visitors from around the world.

"People are always looking for something, and it's great to see when they find it. We have customers who

make the rounds from town to town, and they always come here."

Reimer recalls how Eva Dick and her Grimsby Mission Group—a local ladies sewing circle—originally started the store on Main Ave. to support those in need.

"They approached Mr. Peters, who owned this old hardware store building in 1980. The structure was good even though it was dilapidated on the outside. The ladies started with using the one side of the building on certain days from spring until fall, because the building was not heated. They sold mostly clothes back then, with garden produce in the fall."

As the store became more popular and donations increased, the building housing them was taken down, with much of the materials used for rebuilding a larger space.

The new \$55,000 store opened in early 1991 and was debt-free by that April.

"They got the community involved, and today it is fully community supported and operated," says Reimer. "Now we sell everything from clothing, housewares, books and toys to small appliances and home décor. We have many people in the area who need a store like this. It's become a necessary place in the community, and our primary focus is to help others."

Your Thrift Shoppe is run by a volunteer board, elected by the community, which includes Reimer and his



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Board president Ken Reimer says the Plum Coulee Thrift Shoppe is thriving, but could always use a few more helping hands.

wife Helen, Lena Unrau, Grace Giesbrecht, Rodney Harder, Verna Kroeker, and Moira Porte.

One of the committee's goals this year is to install new and improved shelving for toys and linens, and they're hoping the grants they applied for through the Municipality of Rhineland and the Plum Coulee Community Foundation will help cover this.

Reimer has been involved with the store from the beginning and says while their bottom line is growing, their volunteer base could always use some help.

"We have about 30 volunteers who have a heart for this place and a heart for helping. But we're all getting older, and we would like to see some

younger members step up and lend a hand. We could always use more community involvement.

"We have somebody to fix bicycles, but it would be great to have someone who knows how to repair electronics," he says. "Those are the kind of skills we'll need more of."

"We're looking for younger people with a heart for giving. We're not asking for their money. Just their time and their caring. Whether you're a Baby Boomer, a Gen X-er, or a Millennial—wherever you place yourself—it's really about how you serve others. That's what counts. Helping is ageless. And meaningful work doesn't have to have a paycheque. The need doesn't go away, and there are always ways that you can serve."

Access CU named top employer for 10th year

By Voice staff

Access Credit Union has made the cut once again for Manitoba's Top Employer list.

The list is compiled annually by the editors of Canada's Top 100 Employers to recognize Manitoba employers that lead their industries in offering exceptional places to work. Access CU has been on the list for 10 years now.

"At Access Credit Union we have a passion for what we do and want to make a positive difference," Access president and CEO Larry Davey said in a statement announcing the honour. "Our success is tied to the strength of our organizational values and leveraging the talent of our employees. We are delighted to be a Top Employer for the tenth year in a row."

The company says it prides itself on creating a culture to maintain a healthy work-life balance and offering benefits that include paid training and continuing education subsidies, flexible hours and work locations, matched pension plans, competitive salaries, robust health plans, and the opportunity to give back to the community.

Access has also been selected by as one of Canada's best employers for recent grads by The Career Directory, Canada's longest-running employment guide for new graduates.

Highlights in Access' winning submission, the company shared, include the development and engagement of staff as well as a continued focus on member service and innovative technologies.

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But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, *Christ died for us.*

ROMANS 5:8



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Come back to the village for a good dose of Low German fun

By Lori Penner

Once again, the Village of Neuberghthal will be doing their part to teach you a new language.

Plautdietschet Tietfedrief (Passing the time with Low German) is back by popular demand, where you'll laugh and reminisce, and learn about the language introduced to Canada by the Mennonites 150 years ago.

The event will take place two Saturdays in April, offering stories and readings, music and comedy, and a little history lesson just for good measure.

The Commons Barn will provide the vintage vibe to help you immerse yourself in the hilarious tales and jokes that make you wish you understood Low German a little better, so you could laugh even harder.

Organizer Joe Braun says over the years they've drawn a full house to each of these Low German events, and he's anticipating the same response now.

The first session on April 6 will feature stories and readings by Joyce Kehler Friesen.

"She's absolutely hilarious, and her timing is so great," Braun says.

The afternoon will also feature guest speaker Hans Werner, who teaches Canadian History and Mennonite studies at the University of Winnipeg. His current research includes German and Mennonite migration in the Soviet Union and early Mennonite settlements in Western Canada.

His presentation is titled: "Sent dit onse Lied?" (Are these our people?)

This year marks the 150th anniversary of the Mennonites arriving in Canada in the 1870s, and the 100th anniversary of the second wave of Mennonites arriving the 1920s. Werner's discussion will touch on the complicated relationships between the different generations of immigrants.

"There was some very interesting development among the Mennonites, in terms of education and music, commerce and farming during those early years," notes Braun. "When the second wave arrived, the more conservative, original settlers saw them as rebels, that had thrown away a lot of the old customs. There was a lot of tension there."



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Neuberghthal Heritage Foundation member Joe Braun with a selection of Low German dictionaries. "The language is alive and well," he says. Braun is one of the organizers of "Plautdietschet Tietfedrief" taking place in April.

The April 13 event will feature the music of Enspire, a trio of sisters from the Winkler area.

"The whole performance is in Low German, of course," Braun says. "The music is quite upbeat and lighthearted, with a good measure of humour."

Presenter Ron Plett from Mitchell will round out the afternoon with his

reading from "Koop enn Bua" (Koop and Buhr).

Both Low German events take place at 2 p.m. at the Neuberghthal Commons. The cost is \$20 a session, and yes, faspa is included.

For more information, contact Braun at 204-324-6259 or via email to events@neuberghthal.ca.

Altona Farmers' Market puts call out for vendors

By Lori Penner

Gardening season may still be a distant wish, but the Altona Farmers' Market committee is already hunting for vendors.

This year marks the 35th season of the market, which set up shop for the first time on July 10, 1989.

Organizer Joe Braun recalls how it all got started.

"While the location has changed over the years, it's always been a very popular place to be on Saturday mornings. We set up downtown for years, and finally wound up under the canopy on Main St. where we still set up today."

Initially, there was no shelter, so a sudden rain could put a quick end to the sales. Then, in 2010, the federal government reached out to support local markets with a \$350,000 boost.

"I applied right away, and we got the maximum amount of \$10,000. We purchased the shelter and set it up on

Main St. on the spot formerly owned by Esso."

Braun recalls the red tape involved in the use of that spot, but letters of support from town council and the chamber of commerce helped make it happen.

"There were a lot of specifications, because of the underground tanks, and the railroad tracks. They also wanted us to pay them \$400 a month rent, but once again, the town and the chamber stepped in, and they lowered it to \$40. Now we pay for the spot during the market season, and MCC across the street uses it for parking for the rest of the year. It all worked out just fine."

The Altona Farmers' Market draws up to 15 vendors every summer, providing everything from fresh produce, baked goods, meat, and crafts.

Erin Cornelson will be back this year, providing gluten free bread. There will also be two honey providers, a pork and beef seller, and the Wiebe

sisters will return, adding herbs to their list of wares.

"We're also looking for more bakers and vegetable growers this year," Braun says.

As always, the opening day of the market revolves around the strawberry season.

"They are our biggest draw. Last year they were early, but you never know."

Recently, the market became part of a food currency program, which works with the local food bank to provide vouchers for those in need.

"Anyone who would benefit from this the most can become part of it," Braun says. "We've had many people involved in this program. It helps them and it helps us, too."

What keeps the Farmers' Market so popular year after year?

"There's a trend where customers want to know where their food comes from, and this is their place for direct communication with the grower,"

Braun says. "Every seller at this market must have made it, baked it, or grown it themselves. Here you'll find the source."

There's also the endearing ritual of heading to a fresh air market and meeting with the same familiar folks, week after week.

The 2024 market season will start on the last Saturday in June or the first Saturday in July, depending on the strawberry season. The market will be open weekly from 10 a.m. to noon.

"It's not too early to reach out now and reserve a table," urges Braun, noting they're also looking for buskers who would like to share their music and entertain people while they shop.

The fee for tables is \$25 per session, or \$150 for the season.

For more information about the Altona Farmers' Market, contact Raven Nickel at 204-304-1272 or email ravennickel@gmail.com.

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The Funnies

PLANET GARRY

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"We are really pleased to be able to do this ... we think it certainly fits the mandate for the trust. We believe it will help the community of Winkler, and we hope there are people out there who think enough of the minor hockey system."

"That tragedy in Tisdale really left a lasting mark for everybody," said Friesen, who noted how the Thomas family has been a part of the community in Winkler. "I could really see the heart for what they were trying to do, and I thought it was an amazing gesture."

"I really believe strongly in kids being able to participate in sports for the life lessons that come from it," he added. "Not every child has the ability to participate."

Foundation executive director

Myra Peters noted how this gift will be "impacting our young people in our community who want to play hockey for years to come. We really appreciate working with Frank and Betty ... definitely their passion for impacting community is evident."

Some local businesspeople have already made commitments to donate to the fund, and the foundation and the family would welcome others who might be interested in supporting children who might not be able to afford the costs of minor hockey.

Donations can be made directly to the Winkler Community Foundation, and they can be made online at www.winklercommunityfoundation.com or by mail to 2-880L 15th Street Winkler, MB R6W 0H5.



Experience the excitement of your neighborhood Bud's grand reopening!

By Lana Meier

Rural Buds Cannabis Shops dispensary in Carman (9 Centre Ave West) is having their Grand Reopening on Thursday, March 28, after undergoing renovations that started in late October.

In May 2021, the Carman Rural Buds Store opened its doors, following the success of their original location in Morris at 654 Main St. South in January of 2021. Since then, they have opened a store in July of 2021 at 530 Rue Sabourin in St. Pierre-Jolys and a fourth store in April of 2022 at 511 Main St. in St. Adolphe.

District Manager Stacie Rasmussen and her crew have been very busy increasing the square footage of the Carman store to provide a wider selection of product and services.

"The revamped space redefines the cannabis experience with a clean, upscale atmosphere that is simultaneously approachable and comfortable, aiming to dispel stereotypes associated with cannabis," said store manager Tianna Wanders.

Rural Buds Cannabis took over the retail space next door which was Big Willy's Pizza.

"Although it's sad not to have Chad visiting from next door, we are super excited to be getting bigger and much better!" said district manager Rasmussen.

The wall between the two spaces was removed to open the floor plan and doubled the retail space. New lighting and flooring have been added and the size of the vault has increased, which increases the selection of cannabis products too! The new

display cabinets, new window decals and painted walls add a nice bright green to liven the space up.

"We are so proud to be a part of this beautiful community and happy to be able to invest in it," said Rasmussen.

The newly renovated space carries cannabis products and cannabis accessories and most recently an abundant influx of nicotine products like juices, disposables, and hardware.

"Before, our little shop was, well little. Now, there's more room to have more accessories like candles, bongs, games, stickers, lifestyle products including incense, books, apparel and much more. The atmosphere is bright, airy, and colourful!" said store manager Tiffany Robertson.

"Our Budtenders (employees) are a great resource for information on all of the products we carry," said Rasmussen. All the Rural Bud stores are pet friendly and welcome anything from exotic reptiles to grandma's Kitty. "The most exotic animal to accompany their owner into one of our stores was a Patagonian mara, look that one up!" said Kieran Fowler, store manager.

You can place online orders through the Rural Buds website or through Leafly. Rural Buds also has social media accounts on Facebook and Instagram.

All Rural Buds Cannabis Shops are open seven days a week. 10 am to 8 pm Monday to Friday, 10 am to 6 pm Saturday and 12 pm to 6 pm Sunday.

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Winkler Flyers win game one

By Ashleigh Viveiros

The Winkler Flyers took game one of their MJHL first-round playoff series against the Portage Terriers over the weekend, but then dropped game two.

The opening salvo Friday night in Winkler saw the home team dominate thanks to two goals from Mike Svenson and singles from Jayce Legaarden and Zach Nicolas along with the net-minding skills of Malachi Klassen, who denied all but one of Portage's 26 shots on goal. Winkler, meanwhile, had 35 shots on net in the 4-1 victory.

Portage then tied the series with a 3-2 win two nights later.

The Terriers were up 3-0 before Connor Jensen got Winkler up on the board midway through the final period. Trent Penner scored a few minutes later, but the Flyers failed to close the gap any further.

Klassen and Liam Ernst both got time between the posts, with Klassen making 18 saves off 21 shots in his 40 minutes in net, while Ernst stopped



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all five he faced in the remainder.

The two teams meet back in Winkler Wednesday night for the tie-breaker. Game four is then in Portage Friday evening followed by game five in Winkler Saturday.

If needed, game six is in Portage Monday night, April 1, followed by game seven in Winkler on Wednesday, April 3.

The Terriers finished in third place behind the second-place Flyers in the regular season standings.

The two teams faced off against each other five times this season, with Portage coming out ahead in four of those, though three were close, with the Terriers victorious by just one goal.

In the league's other playoff series, the Steinbach Pistons lead the Niverville Nighthawks two games to zero, as do the Dauphin Kings against the Winnipeg Blizzard. The Virden Oil Capitals versus the Neepawa Knights series was tied at 1-1 at press time.

Winkler's Trent Penner escapes the defensive efforts of Portage's Decker Mujcin in game one of the MJHL playoff series last week, which the Flyers took 4-1. Below: Forward Dalton Andrew received the Mike Ridley Trophy as the league's top scorer for the regular season. Andrew had 43 goals in 54 games, along with 39 assists and an average of 1.52 points per game.



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REGARDING LOCAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN NO. 46 - BY-LAW NO. 2307-23 FOR THE REDEVELOPMENT OF THE CENTENNIAL ARENA



The Council of the City of Winkler has scheduled a public hearing at Winkler City Hall, 185 Main Street, Winkler, MB on the 9th day of April, 2024 at 6:30 p.m. to present the following local improvement proposal:

GENERAL DESCRIPTION OF LOCAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN NO. 46

The proposed design concept for the redevelopment of the Winkler Arena is to demolish much of the interior of the existing arena and redevelop it into an approx. 1300 seat arena. Entrance into the redeveloped arena would be from the Meridian Centre at the Southwest corner. The proposed general scope of the renovation is to redevelop and modernize the existing arena by implementing energy efficient systems, constructing extensive code upgrades, and providing safe spectator viewing and inclusive public amenities. The recently constructed link connecting the Meridian Centre to the Centennial Arena would be expanded to enlarge the concessions, concession seating, and staff room.

The building envelope walls and roof will be upgraded to improve energy performance for a deep energy retrofit to meet the requirement for funding incentive programs including the Infrastructure Canada Green and Inclusive Community Buildings Program Grant (GICB) and the FCM Community Building Retrofit Program (CBR). The existing mechanical and electrical systems are dated and past service life and will require full replacement. As per the Building Condition Assessment Report, a complete electrical distribution system replacement is recommended.

The estimated cost of the Local Improvement plan is to a maximum of \$23,750,000.00. The Government of Canada has committed \$7,962,240.00 and the Province of Manitoba has committed \$3,137,500.00 towards the redevelopment of the Arena. The City of Winkler has committed \$5,150,260.00 from the Recreation Reserves towards the project. The balance of up to \$7,500,000.00 is to be funded by borrowing. The term of the proposed borrowing is 15 years at an interest rate estimated for the time being up to 8.00% per year. The annual debt payment of \$876,221.59 is to be raised by a local improvement tax calculated on the basis of the portioned assessed value of all taxable, grant-in-lieu and otherwise exempt properties within the City of Winkler.

Based on the 2024 Assessment Roll of \$1,133,555,000 an estimated mill rate of 0.773 mills will be required. Calculated on a residential property valued at \$300,000 (portion valued of \$135,000) a \$104.36 local improvement tax will be levied annually for 15 years.

The annual operating and maintenance costs associated with the proposed project will be covered under the City's annual recreation maintenance budget.

A written objection may be filed with the City Manager, at 185 main Street, Winkler, Manitoba, prior to the commencement of the hearing. At the hearing, Council will hear any potential ratepayer who wishes to make a presentation, ask questions or register an objection to the local improvement proposal.

All objections, written or verbal, must be filed prior to the adjournment of the hearing and must include the name, address and property description of the person filing the objection and the grounds of their objection.

Copies of the Local Improvement Plan No. 46 are available at the City of Winkler office at 185 Main Street, Winkler, MB, and on the municipal website at www.cityofwinkler.ca.

Dated at the City of Winkler this 14th day of March, 2024, and issued pursuant to Section 318 of The Municipal Act.

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OBITUARY



**Lora Hiebert
1933 – 2024**

On Saturday, March 23rd, 2024 Lora Hiebert (nee Neufeld) aged 90 years formerly of Lowe Farm, MB entered her eternal home in heaven.

Lora was predeceased by her husband Harry Hiebert (2013); parents Johann and Anna (nee Wiebe) Neufeld and siblings Clinton, Abe (Helen), Ben (Annie), Anna (Bill), Esther (Jake); brother-in-law Bill; stepmother Aganetha (nee Wiebe) and step-siblings Abe (Sarah), Margaret (Martin); step brother-in-law Cornie.

Left to cherish her memory are children, Rick Hiebert (Roxie) and Arlene Penner (Roy), grandchildren, Brittany Hiebert, Noah Penner (Rylie), Carmyn Penner. She is survived by sister Rose, brother John (Diane), step sisters Helen and Nettie, and many nephews, nieces

and their families. She will be deeply missed by her family and friends.

Private family interment will take place prior to the service at the Grossweide Cemetery. Funeral Service to be held at the Christian Faith Church, Reinfeld on Saturday, March 30, 2024 at 2:30 p.m.

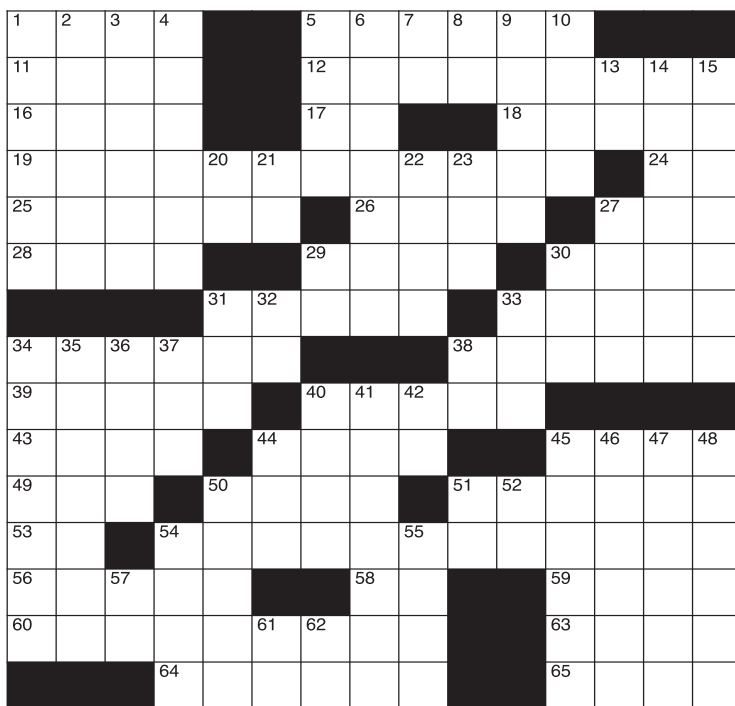
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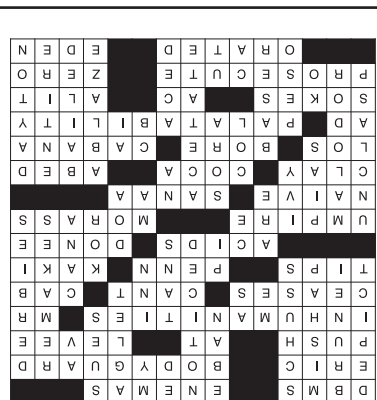


CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Database management system
- 5. Medical procedures
- 11. ___ Clapton, musician
- 12. Defender
- 16. Exert oneself
- 17. Indicates position
- 18. Quay
- 19. Atrocities
- 24. A way to address an adult man
- 25. Ends
- 26. Unable

CLUES DOWN

- 27. Taxi
- 28. Gratuities
- 29. A famous train station
- 30. Japanese persimmon
- 31. Sours
- 33. Beneficiary
- 34. Baseball official
- 38. Confused situation
- 39. Unworldly
- 40. Yemen capital
- 43. Type of soil
- 44. Beloved beverage ___-Cola
- 45. Lying down



Crossword Answer

OBITUARY

**Betty Lorraine Dunbar Sager
(nee Murray)**



It is with great sadness that we announce the peaceful passing of our Mom, Grandma, Grandma-Great, Betty Lorraine Dunbar Sager (nee Murray).

Left to cherish her memory are her children Joe Dunbar (Shannon), Brenda Sloan (Al), Joanne Dunbar; stepchildren Glenda Hemminger (Terry), Janet McCue (Pete), Brian Burnett; grandchildren Tyler Sloan (Allison), Reid Sloan (Cherise), Matt Dunbar (Denise), Mallory Roovers (Sebastiaan), Molly Dunbar (Mohammed), Brenda Burnett, Adam Burnett, Rachel Miller (Sean), Kristen Hemminger (Jamie), Leah McCue (Kelli) Sheridan McCue, Mariah McCue; great-grandchildren Aubree and Olen Sloan, Woody and Joé Dunbar, Dash and Felix Roovers, Dahome and

Betty Althikrallah, Hannah and Colin Miller.

Betty was predeceased by her husbands Jack Dunbar and Don Sager, her stepdaughter Barb Burnett, her siblings and their spouses.

Betty was born to Charles and Martha Murray in Graysville and grew up on the farm. After graduating school she went to Success Business College in Winnipeg, then returned to Carman and worked at the Land Titles Office. Those times were filled with evenings at the movies and dances at the Memorial Hall. It was around this time she met Jack and in her words "I kind of liked him". They were married on June 26, 1954 in the Carman United Church. Joe came along in 1955 and in 1956 they left the farm and moved to Morden where Brenda and Joanne were born.

Always ones for adventure, Jack and Betty started their business in 1965 with three small children at home. Betty got actively involved again when Jack passed away suddenly in 1986. She was a strong and determined woman and jumped right back in even while going through the most trying of times.

Family was important to Betty and there were many visits to Carman to see cousins, aunts and uncles. These visits were filled with great meals, raucous card games and laughter. Betty was a great mother and very involved with her kid's activities. She never missed sporting events, concerts or plays and this continued with her grandchildren and great-grandchildren. When she married Don in 1990, she added seven more grandchildren to the mix.

Betty was very community minded. She was a lifetime member of the Kinettes, sat on the board of the Morden Community Foundation and volunteered at the hospital. She was very involved with St. Paul's United Church. She loved to sing and was part of the choir for over 50 years, led the junior choir and was a member of Tapestry, a community choir ensemble.

Betty was instrumental in helping to launch the very first Morden Corn & Apple Festival where Jack was the first Chairperson (yes – they invented Corn & Apple).

Betty loved adventures with Jack and they traveled to many places including China and Spain. Her love of travel continued with Don as they traveled all over the US and Canada, Scotland, Australia and New Zealand. Her last big trip was with her family in 2019 to walk the beaches of Normandy, the trenches of Vimy Ridge and see the lights of Paris.

Betty was active right until the end, walking the stairs to her apartment daily, going to hockey games of her great-grandchildren and never saying no to an invitation out for supper.

She will be remembered for her smile, her adventurous spirit and her style.

Funeral Service will be at 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, April 6, 2024 at St Paul's United Church in Morden.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Betty's memory to the Boundary Trails Health Center Foundation, Box 2000, Winkler, MB R6W 1H8 or on-line at BTHCFoundation.com. To the BTHC Expansion fund.

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- 50. Fail to amuse
- 51. Collapsible shelter
- 53. Commercial
- 54. Taste property
- 56. Lordship's jurisdictions
- 58. It cools your home
- 59. Dismounted
- 60. Charge in a court of law
- 63. One less than one
- 64. Spoke
- 65. Famed garden

- Harris
- 8. Belonging to me
- 9. Shoelace tube
- 10. Takes to civil court
- 13. Early multimedia
- 14. Produces anew
- 15. Horse races
- 20. Of I
- 21. Equally
- 22. Changes color
- 23. A place to stay
- 27. Town in Galilee
- 29. Mathematical figure
- 30. Klingon character
- 31. They ___
- 32. Atomic #58
- 33. Showed up extinct
- 34. Loosen grip
- 35. Unpleasant smell
- 36. Innermost membranes enveloping the brain
- 37. Esteemed college "league"

- 38. Partner to Pa
- 40. Small American rail
- 41. A salt or ester of acetic acid
- 42. Sodium
- 44. Military figure (abbr.)
- 45. Lighted
- 46. Paid to get out of jail
- 47. All of something
- 48. Ohio city
- 50. More abject
- 51. A radio band
- 52. Scientific development (abbr.)
- 54. Monetary unit
- 55. Scored perfectly
- 57. A punch to end a fight
- 61. The Golden State (abbr.)
- 62. The Beehive State (abbr.)

sports & recreation

Altona Angels looking to make improvements to local softball fields

By Lori Penner

A delegation from the Altona Girls Minor Softball Association recently made a presentation to Altona town council to garner support for the female athletes who represent the community.

President Rachal Wahl said in their discussion with council they addressed several upgrades the board of directors would like to add or complete in the coming year or so, including new clay infields, new bleachers, roofs for all dugouts for softball, and moving the backstop from Parkside School to West Park School.

Advocating for the association, Wahl says they wanted to make council aware of their current and future needs, and address the important role the organization plays in the community, by inspiring and empowering girls through the sport of softball and providing a supporting and inclusive environment where they can develop confidence.

"We'll be launching a fundraising campaign in the coming weeks and soliciting donations from local organizations and private donors," she says. "The town said they would

support us by issuing tax receipts on our behalf, as we are not a charitable organization. We're very excited and grateful about this because businesses, of course, want a tax receipt for their donations."

The Altona softball program has had an ongoing agreement with the town and Border Land School Division for years.

"It's a three-part project," explains Wahl. "We run the programs, the division provides us with the use of their diamonds, and the Altona Recreation Department schedules our diamonds for us and acts as a liaison between us and the division. We're grateful for all the support we've received from them so far."

Wahl says the excitement is already building for the upcoming softball season.

"This year, our age groups run from U7 thru U19. So this includes birth years 2005 through 2018. We have over 100 players registered to date. We're hoping for more U7 (2017-2018) to sign up."

The organization includes eight teams from ages U11 through U19 that compete with and travel to other southern Manitoba communities, and



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Last summer, Altona Angels Softball was able to purchase two loads of red ball diamond clay thanks to local corporate donations. With volunteer labour, they completed the transition of the east diamond at École Parkside School from partial clay to full clay infield. This improvement means their U13 age group has a designated softball quality diamond to use.

about 30 U7 and U9 girls that play in-house on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Programming runs from May to the end of June.

Twisters take Game 1 of MMJHL semifinals

By Ty Dilello

The Pembina Valley Twisters remain undefeated in the MMJHL postseason, having won 3-1 over the St. Boniface Riels in Game 1 of their best-of-seven series in the league semifinals.

Game 1 was played in Morris on the evening of March 24, and it was Pem-

bina Valley that earned the 3-1 win. Derek Wiebe, Kyle Van Deynze and Cohen Thomas scored for the Twisters, while Logan Enns stopped 15 shots in goal for the win.

Pembina Valley had quite the long break after sweeping their quarter-final series in four games, but there were no signs of a lull in Game 1 as

they were the better team from start to finish.

"Of course, there are some concerns when you have a long break," said Twisters' head coach Braeden Beernaerts. "But we managed to fit in a few high-intensity practices to try and help keep the feet underneath us, and tonight we controlled the game in a

full sixty-minute fashion, which was nice to see."

The Twisters and Riels will be back in action for Game 2 of their best-of-seven series on Wednesday in Winnipeg. The puck drops at 7:30 p.m.

Game 3 is Saturday, March 30 in Morris at 7 p.m.

Game 4 - Monday, April 1 at Southdale Arena, 8 p.m.

Game 5 (if necessary) - Wednesday, April 3 in Morris at 8 p.m.

Game 6 - (if necessary) Friday, April 5 at Southdale Arena, 7:30 p.m.

Game 7 - (if necessary) Sunday, April 7 in Morris at 7 p.m.

"Staying successful goes towards what we've preached all year, and that is consistency," said Beernaerts. "We're facing a good goaltender this series, so we need to constantly get pucks and bodies to the net without cheating or becoming too fancy and overthinking in the other team's zone."

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Kids Krafty Easter Cake Pops

Recipe courtesy of "Cookin' Savvy"

- 1 box cake mix
- 1 can frosting
- 1 bunny chocolate mold
- 1 cakesicle mold
- ice pop sticks
- 1 bag white chocolate chips or melting chips
- cake pop sticks
- 1 bag orange melting chips
- 2 tablespoons canola or coconut oil, divided
- 1 bag green melting chips
- pastel sprinkles
- 1 piece hard foam (optional)
- edible markers

Bake cake according to package instructions and let cool completely.

Crumble cake and mix with 1/2 can frosting until dough forms. Add more frosting, if needed. Using small cookie scoop, form dough into balls and set aside. Place dough in bunny molds then pop out and set aside with balls. Place dough in cakesicle mold, insert ice pop stick in each slot and freeze 5-10 minutes.

Melt handful of white melting chips. Stick tip of each cake pop stick in choc-

olate then insert into every cake ball and bunny until each has one stick. Set aside to dry.

Remove cakesicles from freezer and pop out of molds. In bowl, melt orange melts then mix in 1 tablespoon oil and transfer to cup. Dip cakesicles and scrape off excess using rim of cup. Place on parchment paper to dry.

In bowl, melt green melts then place in zip-top or piping bag. Cut tip off bag, pipe carrot leaves onto piece of parchment paper and let dry.

Melt remaining white melts and mix in remaining oil. Transfer to cup and dip ball-shaped cake pops and bunnies then tap stick on edge of cup to remove excess.

Over separate bowl, sprinkle ball-shaped pops with pastel sprinkles. To keep ball shape, let dry by sticking in piece of hard foam. Bunnies can dry face side up on parchment paper. After bunnies are dry, use edible markers to make face and color in ears.

When carrots and leaves are dry, remelt orange melts and place in piping or zip-top bag. Cut off tip and drizzle orange over carrots. Add small line of orange on each ice pop stick and place leaves on each stick. Let dry.



Easter Sugar Cookies

3 cups all-purpose flour
To make icing: Mix meringue powder, 1/2 cup warm water, vanilla, powdered sugar and corn syrup. Separate into bowls and add food coloring; mix with water, as needed, to thin for piping.

To make cookies: Heat oven to 350 F. Cream butter and sugar. Mix in egg, vanilla, baking powder and salt. Mix in flour 1 cup at a time to form dough. Roll dough out to 1/4-1/2-inch thickness.

Cut into shapes, place on baking sheet and freeze 10 minutes. Bake 8-12 minutes. Cool completely before icing.

Place icing in zip-top or piping bags and cut off tips. Put cookies on parchment paper. Trace outline first then fill in middle. Use toothpicks to smooth out.

Let dry 6 hours and finish decorating with different icing colors or edible markers.

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- Icing:
- 1/3 cup meringue powder
 - 1/2 cup warm water, plus additional for thinning (optional), divided
 - 3 tablespoons vanilla
 - 1 bag (2 pounds) powdered sugar
 - 2 tablespoons corn syrup
 - assorted food coloring
- Cookies:
- 2 sticks unsalted butter, at room temperature
 - 1 cup sugar
 - 1 egg
 - 1 tablespoon vanilla
 - 2 teaspoons baking powder
 - 1 dash salt

Expert Patient Here to Help!

By Susie Schwartz

Here's a top tip: celebrate the small (and big) stuff.

In April, I'll be turning fifty. Fifty! Wowza. I'm too young to be this old. (Although my body tells me I'm too old to be this young, ha.)

Here's the thing. The doctors were telling me at about age seventeen that, based on my diabetes control, I could be dead by the age of twenty-five. Guess what? I didn't die. I'll do the math for you (you're welcome); I've doubled that projected lifespan.

I could get all, 'boohoo I'm getting older' or, and this is what I'm choosing to do - I can see these 'extra(?)' years as a gift - a realization of a longer, more full life. What does this mean? I am going to celebrate the snot out of this birthday. I've given myself the year of 2024 to celebrate 50 days. On the list? A coffee date with Carlos the wonder Chihuahua; a spa day; a party on the night before my actual birthday to ring in the big day (yes, my guests must stay until after midnight); having a friend from Stonewall come over to England for a week. (I just got the tingles from excitement!)

I've actually started my celebratory activities. I headed to a large, new Salvation Army charity shop. Oh, how I love the hunt of finding a treasure that has already been loved by someone else. I also found a little wooden sign that said, 'I just want to read my book and ignore my adult problems,' which I regret not buying. I found a delightful T-shirt. It reads, "I do not like the cone of shame - Dug" and sports a picture



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of a dog in a vet-issued head cone. My next dog shall be named 'Dug,' (But spelled right, maybe?), and I shall rock this T-shirt with pleather trousers and funky boots often. It cost me £3. See? Treasure.

Those of us who can't say, 'At least I have my health,' can often find gratitude and honour in each breath we take and all the beautiful things that fill those moments we still have. It needn't be skydiving or sunbathing in Hawaii. We need to be intentional and present. Carpe Diem and all that.

I do hope you are healthy, but whether you do or not, celebrate some small (and big) stuff with me?

Less health stress, yes?

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- Yield: 1 roast
- Salt
 - pepper
 - garlic powder
 - 1 roast (3 pounds)
 - 1 bag (1 pound) baby carrots
 - 1 bag (1 1/2 pounds) trio potatoes or potato of choice
 - 3 cups beef broth
 - 1 can (10 ounces) cream of mushroom soup
 - 1 tablespoon garlic pepper
 - 3 tablespoons brown sugar
 - 1 onion, roughly chopped
 - 1 bundle asparagus



Easter Roast

Preheat oven to 350 F.

Sprinkle salt, pepper and garlic powder over roast and rub into front, back and sides. Place seasoned roast in middle of large roasting pan.

Place carrots on one side of roasting pan and potatoes on other side.

In large bowl, mix beef broth and cream of mushroom soup with garlic pepper. Pour mixture over roast, potatoes and carrots. Sprinkle brown sugar over carrots and add chopped onion. Cover and cook 2 1/2 hours then remove from oven, add asparagus and cook uncovered 30 minutes.

Serve from pan or place on platter for more formal presentation.