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The MCC Thrift shop in Altona is celebrating its 50th anniversary this year. Volunteer Nettie Stoesz, shown here with manager Dave Rempel, has been there for 45 of those years. For the full story, see Pg. 2.

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MCC thrift shops celebrating 50th anniversary

Altona store is where it all started

By Ty Dilello

It all started as a small project by four local Altona women who expected it to last for a couple of months.

Selma Loewen gathered her friends Linie Friesen, Susan Giesbrecht, and Sara Stoesz together to respond to MCC's call to turn clothing into cash. They envisioned a temporary shop that would potentially run for six months.

That store opened in Altona on March 17, 1972. Right from the start, the shop began to thrive, producing about \$1,000 for MCC during the first six months of operation.

Today, 16 Mennonite Central Committee thrift shops across Manitoba are celebrating 50 years of offering quality used goods. Last week, MCC Altona held its own celebration for the 50th anniversary at the founding store.

In total, there are 85 stores in the U.S. and Canada that have generated \$305 million in revenue over the past five decades. Manitoba's thrift shops

alone have raised \$27 million for the global relief agency.

MCC Altona's current manager Dave Rempel remembers some of the store's early days, as his mother was one of its first volunteers.

"I remember coming into the shop when I was young with my mom a long time ago," he said. "They used to produce lye soap, and she would make it from home and I would help."

"MCC has been here for so long that it's definitely a part of the fabric of our community. It's very well known, and the fact that it has spread to 85 stores across North America really speaks volumes to that."

Ninety-four-year-old Nettie Stoesz has been volunteering at MCC Altona for 45 of its 50 years. She still comes into the store every day to help out and has no signs of slowing down.

"I just live across the street and can still walk and talk. I think being here has helped keep my mind straight," said Stoesz. "I come every day and never seem to run out of work."

Stoesz remembers when she first



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Linie Friesen, Selma Loewen, Susan Giesbrecht, and Sara Stoesz founded Mennonite Central Committee's very first thrift store in Altona in 1972. Today there are 85 such stores across North America.

came on board in 1977 that it was a very small store, and only a few people could work in it at a time.

"We just grew bigger and bigger and moved around a bit to different stores. This current building, which used to be a church, was made available, and so we bought it and moved in. We've still had to expand our building too, as we always have so much stock coming in that it can be hard to keep up with sometimes."

The store is always looking for new volunteers. If you're interested in get-

ting involved, stop by and chat with Rempel or send him an email at altonamcc@gmail.com.

"Some members of our team have been here for many years and they're looking to step back a little bit and let others fill their shoes," he said. "If they want to do something to better the world, doing a little here and there a few times a week to help out, come on down to MCC."

"Those volunteer hours make this place happen, as the show doesn't go on without our volunteers."



PHOTO BY TY DILELLO/VOICE

Volunteers remain the lifeblood of all MCC thrift shops. "The show doesn't go on without our volunteers," says Altona MCC manager Dave Rempel.

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Western SD showcases plans for new K-8 school

By Lorne Stelmach

A lot has changed in terms of what a new school looks like since one was last built in Morden over 30 years ago.

The differences were on display last Wednesday as Western School Division held an open house to showcase preliminary design plans for the new Kindergarten to Grade 8 school.

"It's not just about tomorrow; it's about 50 years from now, and how can you build spaces that are flexible and useful down the road? That's what's exciting about this, and there are some really neat features," suggested superintendent Stephen Ross.

"Lots has changed in 30 years," agreed Mike Fritschij, design architect and partner at MCM Architects. "Spaces are becoming more flexible but also allowing for interaction between classes but still maintaining, as required, that classrooms can be separated for individual classes."

The facility being planned for the northwest corner of Morden will have a core area that could accommodate up to 800 students, though the first stage of construction will provide space for 600.

There will be two floors, with early years students on the main level and middle years students on the second level. The long range flexibility of the design was being touted as a highlight, with open and also reconfigurable spaces so areas could be made larger or smaller as needed.

"The concept is developed around the idea of a main street with a centre



PHOTO BY LORNE STELMACH/VOICE
WSD hosted an open house last week to introduce the community to some of the plans they have for Morden's first new school in over 30 years.

square, and off of our centre square or hub is our main entry into the school," explained Fritschij.

"Our library opens up on to the main square and our multi-purpose room, canteen, and the gym as well," he said in describing how the central square will be a focal point for the entire school.

There will be a number of classrooms that can be partnered where they both have access to a common space between them. As well, Fritschij highlighted what he called the STEM

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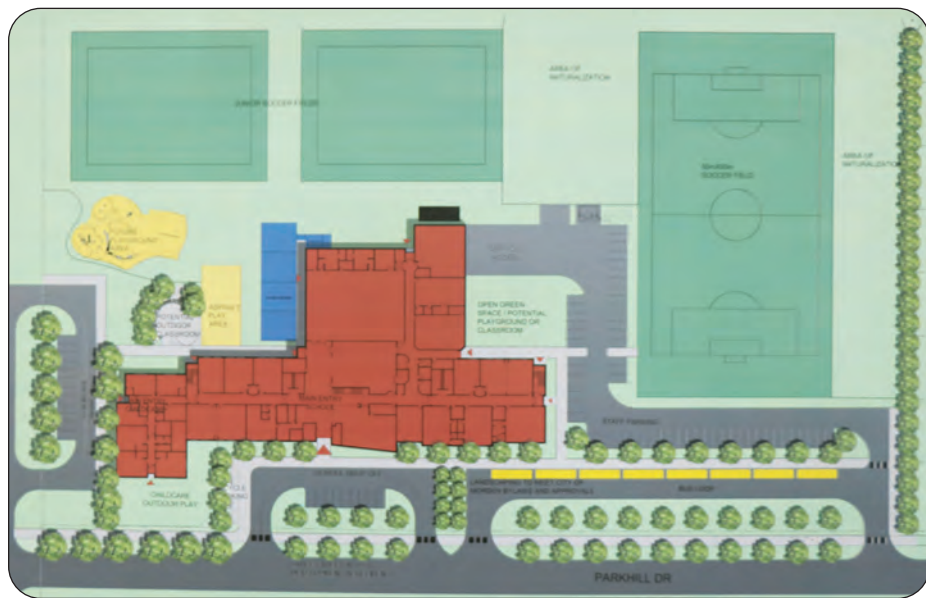
> **NEW SCHOOL, FROM PG. 3**

room, a workspace incorporating science, technology, engineering and math.

"It's the integration of all of those disciplines together to then work with the kids to problem solve," he said.

"Another feature on this school

that's quite exciting is it will have a dedicated outdoor classroom. We're looking forward to working with the school division on that to develop that space," Fritschij said. "It's something that is slowly becoming the norm for schools."



The school will also feature a child care facility with just over 70 spaces.

"That's desperately needed in our community for sure, and I think it's going to be very good for the community to have that connected to the school," said Ross. "It is pretty much standard now."

"Overall, the design of the school I think fits very well with what we're trying to do with the school division in terms of learning with kids, so that project-based learning approach ... and the flexibility of real-life learning opportunities."

"And community use is key. I think this is probably going to be one of our most used or sought after buildings for tournaments or events because of the way the gym and the multi-purpose room and the canteen is all set up," added Ross.

"It's intentionally more community oriented than maybe some of the designs from 40, 50 years ago," agreed board chair Brian Fransen. "You walk in and you have more open space right in the front of the building ...

when you walk into Morden Collegiate, you walk into a hallway."

Ross thought the open house was a good opportunity to generate excitement around the project and to get further input and feedback.

"I think it was just a good opportunity for anybody in the community to come in and have a look, give their feedback on whether they like the design, what they would like to see in it, and suggest changes," he said. "MCM has just been tremendous in taking all of the feedback they get, and I think the feedback we've had so far has been really positive from the staff who have gone through it."

The project will next be moving to design development, which could be fully completed by this fall.

"Once the province approves us to go to tender, we could go to tender either as early as October ... or it could be next spring," said Ross. "And then usually it's about an 18-month build, so probably it could be open around September 2024."

Town of Altona upping taxes, reducing spending

By Ty Dilello

The 2022 budget for the Town of Altona manages to reduce overall spending while also limiting the municipal tax hike to a 2.58 per cent increase.

It is a necessary increase in taxes, Mayor Al Friesen suggested as the \$10.3 million financial plan received first approval from council last Tuesday.

The budget represents a substantial 10.21 per cent decrease in spending from the 2021 budget made possible through a number of factors, including smart spending and trying to cut costs when possible, the mayor explained.

"Expenditures go up and down every year depending on the money that's obtained or resources that are obtained through reserves, or we make loans for financial capital

improvements or adjustments," Friesen said. "Importantly for most people, they'll look at this and wonder what it means for my taxes."

"Our mill rate went up by 2.58 per cent. So on an assessment of a \$200,000 house, it's up \$45 per household. That's one way to measure how it affects taxpayers in the pocket."

The 2.58 per cent municipal tax increase is based on a mill rate that rises from 19.78 to 20.29. The impact on municipal taxes for each residence or business will depend upon change (if any) in the property assessment value.

"We had two years during COVID where we had a zero per cent mill rate increase, and then this year we went up 2.58, which we thought was very fair," Friesen said. "Taking into account that the cost of living has gone up significantly, where I think the current rate was around 5.7 per cent. So at the Town, we're trying to tighten up and be careful with money just like everyone else is."

Altona's 2022 operating expenditure summary breaks spending down to \$930,545 for general government services, \$1,340,100 for police,

\$319,000 for fire, \$189,455 for other protective services, \$1,163,100 for transportation, \$329,600 for the landfill, \$162,000 for solid waste collection, \$311,700 for recycling and compost collection, \$66,100 for health and welfare, \$26,500 for environmental development, \$112,000 for regional development, \$98,820 for economic development, \$305,705 for recreation and cultural services, \$146,000 for the library, \$505,725 for the MEC and RPC, and \$595,175 for parks.

"We operate under the Municipal Act, and that requires us to have a balanced budget every single year," explained Friesen. "We can spend money that comes in and have savings accounts called reserves. And we can access those for projects that we have or for expenditures. And we can take out loans for significant ones, but it's important that at the end of the year, everything has to balance with cash in and cash out."

Overall, 50.7 per cent of the town's revenue comes from property taxes. The remaining 49.3 per cent comes from other revenue streams (19.2 per cent), transfer from reserves (18.9 per cent), and federal and provincial grants (11.2 per cent).

Here is a closer look at the key areas of spending in the budget:

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Winkler Police make major drug bust

By Voice staff

Local police got a significant amount of drugs off the streets last week.

On Tuesday, March 19, members of the Winkler Police Service with assistance from the Morden Police Service, the Regional Support Tactical Team, and the Winkler K-9 unit arrested two suspects in connection with a drug trafficking investigation.

At approximately 11 p.m., officers arrested a male and a female leaving a residence that was under investigation in the 200 block of Royal Crescent.

Three hours later, the tactical team executed a search warrant at the res-

idence. Two women inside were detained and later released without charges.

Police seized approximately 13.5 grams powder cocaine, approximately 0.2 grams crack cocaine, approximately 25.8 grams methamphetamine, \$615 cash, an imitation hand gun, and drug trafficking and drug use paraphernalia.

A 25-year-old Morden woman is now facing charges of possession of a Schedule I substance (cocaine).

A 37-year-old Winkler man is facing charges of possession of methamphetamine for the purpose of trafficking, possession of cocaine for the purpose of trafficking, possession of a weapon



WINKLER POLICE PHOTO

Police seized powder cocaine, crack cocaine, methamphetamine, cash, an imitation hand gun, and drug trafficking and drug use paraphernalia after a search of a home on Royal Crescent in Winkler last week. Two people are facing charges.

for a dangerous purpose, possession of property obtained by crime, and breach undertaking.

Both were released to appear in court in May.

"This is a significant seizure for our police service," the department said

in a statement announcing the arrests. "When we successfully prevent the sale of this amount of methamphetamine (the equivalent of 258 doses), there is a direct and positive impact on public safety in our community."

Corn and Apple Festival returns Aug. 26-28

By Lorne Stelmach

Morden's signature event will return this summer after being cancelled the past two years due to the pandemic.

Planning is getting underway for the Morden Corn and Apple Festival on the weekend of Aug. 26-28, and it is an exciting yet challenging prospect for the organizers.

"For the most part, we're ready and set to go for a normal festival," said executive director Tim Hodge. "Our goal is to have everything be exactly what everybody is expecting, if possible."

"It's been an interesting last two years," he said. "We've been able to use the time to plan for the future in a way that we never could accomplish with the normal annual schedule of the Corn and Apple Festival."

"We are coming out of the pandemic in a strong position and couldn't be more excited to be planning a fairly normal festival."

Most of the festival experience will be back, but the one exception is that the parade will only return in 2023. Hodge explained that decision was made due to volunteer and time constraints at this point.

"The parade adds so many logistics to the festival," he said. "In 2019, our parade was two and a half kilometres long and had 1,300 people in it. So the logistics are so high ... we thought let's leave it out for this year, and it can make a triumphant return next year."

"With the amount of work we face to get the festival up and running again, we thought this would take a bit of the burden off."

Otherwise, the challenge for the festival will be to rebuild its army of volunteers. Hodge noted they have a good number of their committee chairpersons back to plan their areas of the event, but they do have more volunteer vacancies than they would have in a typical year.

"Every year, in normal times, we have a bit of volunteer turnover for our committee chairpersons. We have 33 committees that need a volunteer

to run it so the festival can happen," said Hodge.

"There's always spots to fill, but now, of course, not having had a festival for two years, we've got more than usual, so that's our main call to action now ... we do need a bit more help with volunteers than we would in a normal year."

"If anyone has ever thought about volunteering to help plan the festival, we would love for you to reach out and get involved."

Overall, Hodge said they are well positioned to start gearing up again after having had the luxury of time to

work on some other things in relation to the festival.

"Without having had the festival the past two years, we've been able to work on a lot of stuff that we normally wouldn't have time for," he noted. "We've been able to dig really deep in terms of modernizing the festival in terms of moving all of our applications online, using the technology in a more effective way."

"We've made good use of the time off, although we certainly would have much rather been hosting festivals."

More information can be found online at cornandapple.com.

> ALTONA BUDGET, FROM PG. 4

This is due to the town and municipality trying to help stimulate business growth in the region by establishing a tax incentive program for new and growing businesses. Both the Town of Altona and RM of Rhineland have approved bylaws that will waive municipal taxes for three years for businesses erecting a new commercial or industrial building, or large-scale addition or expansion.

- Library – There is an increase of 55.98 per cent in spending from last year. The Town plans to spend \$146,000 towards the library, which is up from \$93,600 last year. This significant increase is due to the Altona Library being relocated to a new lo-

cation at the Altona Mall.

The city's financial plan for 2022 also includes the capital and utility project budget of over \$5 million.

Of that, \$3 million goes towards the industrial park expansion. The first two lots in the first phase of the industrial park are already sold, with plenty of interest in the next area of development.

"The industrial park is our biggest and most long-term financial commitment," said Friesen. "It was essential that we upgraded and made additions to it, as the current industrial park is sold out and simply ran out of space."

Next on the capital list is \$700,000 towards road construction on 2nd St

NE and \$250,000 for a street sweeper replacement. Another \$178,000 for a quick response fire truck and then \$119,000 for the downtown drainage project, and \$115,000 for the SW drainage project. Finally, \$94,000 is going towards a police vehicle and equipment.

The Town of Altona has uploaded the budget to its website (altona.ca).

"Part of our strategic plan is to communicate and engage with the community," said Friesen. "We want to hear from people, so this year our team put together a financial plan overview that we feel that is easily understandable and highlights where we are spending both the Town's and our residents' money."

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All in

There is this great scene in a somewhat obscure movie from the '90s, called *Gattaca*, and it's the story of two brothers, Vincent and Anton.

Anton is the result of genetic modification, this ideal human, and the other brother, Vincent, is an accident, a natural birth.

They grow up together and there is no comparison between the two—Anton is better looking, he's smarter, he's more gifted, more everything. But Vincent is more driven.

A scene comes near the end of the



By Terry Dueck

movie where they go out swimming together on this large body of water, and they are competing to see who will go farther, almost like a game of chicken.

Eventually Anton, who is genetically perfect, begins to get exhausted, and he starts to tell his brother, 'We need to stop, we need to go back.'

But Vincent refuses, he just keeps swimming. So they keep going, stroke for stroke, and finally, exhausted, Anton gives up, and he says again to Vincent, "We have to go back!" But by now they are past the point of no return and the way back is too dangerous.

Anton asks his brother, "How are you doing this?"

And his younger brother says, "Do you want to know how I did it? I didn't save anything for the swim back."

Going "all in" in anything takes a risk. The moment you show up at work and decide that you're going to go all in, to be the best employee, others are going to say, who does she think she is, showing off, showing up on time? Who does he think is staying late, going above and beyond? As

soon as you decide you're going to go for more, others will want you to settle for less.

It's true of those who go all in as followers of Jesus. My guess is that a lot of us live on borrowed faith in Winkler; but there comes a moment, perhaps a point of no return, where we must make faith our own, where we refuse to be carried by the faith of someone else.

What you will find when you go all in is that often you will not be celebrated for pressing forward by those have chosen to stay behind in mediocrity. Those who have hid in the status quo will say, who do you think you are praying prayers that big? Who do you think you are having faith that big? Who do you think you are taking that step, that risk?

Apathy has an endless supply of friends who love to be miserable together, who love nothing better than to sit around and criticize. If you don't want to ever risk upsetting people than don't try do anything meaningful with your life.

But ... what kind of life could you

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Letters

TRUCKERS NOT AT FAULT

Don Radford's diatribe concerning the trucker's protest [*Voice, Letters, March 24*] is over and above what is called for.

Truckers protested because their livelihood was threatened with mandated vaccinations. Truckers are essential workers who provide the service between producers and those who distribute to consumers.

Truckers protested using placards and their own service vehicle together with a huge crowd. The truckers' first objection was for the federal government to lift the mandatory vaccine mandates. This failed because Prime Minister Trudeau would not even meet with them.

Radford raises such issues as Nazi flags, bridge blockades, noise, and invasion of Ottawa. The invasion of

Ottawa is no issue since that happens to be where our federal government is located. The bridge blockade was a small issue, especially if you consider the Government lockdown of the country for two years and the damage caused to the economy. In addition to the lockdowns we have Trudeau's neverending carbon tax a

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Winkler Harvest Festival aiming for Aug. 12-14 return

By Ashleigh Viveiros

Circle Aug. 12-14 on your calendar—the Winkler Harvest Festival is hoping to make its return that weekend after two pandemic-cancelled years.

Festival director Kathy Bueckert says planning is well underway on what will be the 35th annual festival.

“Our midway is booked and we’re bringing in some good headliners—we’re looking forward to announcing them soon,” she said.

Organizers are still waiting on confirmation from a few stage performers, Bueckert noted. Uncertainty about what travel restrictions might be in place come summer

has slowed that process down somewhat, especially for those who might be coming in from out of country.

The festival will include all the old favourites and a few new events as well, though Bueckert is keeping mum for now on what those might be.

“We’re bringing in some new elements hopefully this year,” she said. “I can say our focus is really on family and getting kids involved and just something for all ages.”

This is Bueckert’s first year as director of the event, though as executive assistant at City Hall she has been involved in festival planning in the past.

“I was asked by the City if I would take it on,” she explained. “It made me nervous, I’m not going to lie, especially when you think we haven’t had a festival the last two years ... but it also made me really excited at the idea of being able to bring something really good that brings such a sense of community with it. That’s something that we really need right now.”

The festival has begun sharing some of its plans on social media in recent weeks, and the feedback has been overwhelmingly positive.

“Everything we announce, people are just so excited,” said Bueckert. “They’re waiting for it to happen. Hopefully we can do it for them.”

Right now, the plan is for the Harvest Festival to go ahead as it always has when it comes to capacity, but that could change depending on public health orders in the months ahead.

“If we’re going to do a festival, then I want to be able to do it right. I want

“AT THIS POINT, THE GOAL IS TO GO BIG OR GO HOME.”



VOICE FILE PHOTO

Planning is underway for the 2022 Winkler Harvest Festival.

to be able to do it for everyone. That’s the goal,” Bueckert stressed. “Should things change drastically—which, who knows, it’s only March—and we decide we have to pull the plug, that’s not something that is off the table.”

But they’re moving forward with a measure of optimism that the celebration which routinely draws thousands of people to Winkler’s Parkland will

not have to try to scale things down due to COVID-19.

“At this point, the goal is to go big or go home,” Bueckert said. “This is our 35th and we want to come back bigger than ever.”

You can find festival updates online at winklerharvestfestival.com.

> LETTERS, FROM PG. 6

huge negative to any economy.

As to the noise in Ottawa disturbing the comfortable civil service should not be a big issue. From what we saw the protest was very well attended but peaceful, with street hockey, children’s entertainment and some food for Ottawa’s homeless. It was after

Trudeau used the Emergency Act that police used clubs, brutal attacks on protesters and horses in the crowds of protesters that trampled people.

I firmly believe that the truckers protests were instrumental in moving the provinces to remove mandates as they knew their political popularity

was in decline. There were no doubt some others who wanted to make the truckers look bad, especially regarding the War Memorial and the attempt to start a fire, which was later found to be done by non-involved in their protest.

So far all Trudeau has done is build his power base with a formal alliance

with the NDP and no movement on mandates.

I was born in the 1930s and never in my life have I witnessed such total control by government. We are in for a very rough ride!

**Cornelius Fehr,
Winkler**

> FAITH, FROM PG. 6

have if you didn’t opt out of the opportunities that move you in the direction of your dreams, your purpose, your passions? The difference between those who make a difference in this world and those who don’t, it’s not their intelligence, it’s not their capacity, it’s that they say yes to the opportunity. They stop thinking about all the reasons they can’t, and they start believing in all the reasons they can. God will never force us into the

more, otherwise it becomes obligation.

If you haven’t taken a step towards faith for a long time, what are you waiting for? What are you afraid of? What could happen if you went past the point of no return? Take the risk and step into God’s love, step into a changed life.

Terry Dueck is the lead pastor at the Winkler MB Church

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With the warmer weather we have been experiencing, the Buffalo Creek Nature Pond in Altona is no longer usable. The Town of Altona is asking that people remain off of the pond, as it is becoming unsafe to walk on.

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Winkler city council presents 6.7% tax increase

By Lorne Stelmach

Having significant capital projects in play is a key part of what's behind a 9.7 per cent increase in the 2022 budget for the City of Winkler.

It is a financial plan that will see municipal tax bills increase by 6.7 per cent, a hike Mayor Martin Harder maintains is pretty reasonable considering major capital projects on the horizon like the new wastewater treatment facility.

"I think it's striking a balance ... we have never created a budget for the sake of an election year," he said. "We always put the truth out there, and the truth is this is what we need."

"We have a history over the last 16 years, I think, it's under two per cent average per year for tax increases, so this seems fairly significant," Harder acknowledged. "We've never been in a situation like we are today with the capital required to fund these projects. I guess it's one of the costs of doing well."

Overall, the budget increase of 9.73 per cent brings the total expenditures for 2022 up to \$20,446,108.

There is a 6.7 per cent increase in municipal tax bills based on a mill rate increase from 12.925 to 13.790.

It means a residential property assessed at \$250,000 will see a \$97.32 increase in taxes to \$1,551.38 plus the \$110 fee for waste services. A commercial property assessed at \$500,000 will have a \$281.12 increase in municipal taxes to \$4,481.75.

If you break down that tax bill of \$1,661.38, \$301 goes to police services, \$286 to recreation, \$227 for transportation, \$215 for fiscal services, \$204 is transferred to the city's reserves, \$176 is for general government services, the waste disposal fee is \$110, the fire department gets \$66, \$46 is for plan-

ning services, and \$3 goes to economic services.

The financial plan is also supporting a capital budget of over \$23.8 million, with \$16.6 million of that amount being for the new wastewater treatment facility.

The budget also follows other recent major projects like the Meridian Exhibition Centre and water treatment plant, Harder noted. All told, that leaves the city with debenture debt of \$25.34 million, including \$14.63 million for the MEC.

"The City of Winkler over the last number of years has particularly had some significant capital projects," the mayor said. "So when you take a look at all those projects, they take a significant amount of money. The other capital projects, honestly, like replacement of equipment and those types of things, have been significantly pulled back because of the capital projects."

"We always have to find a balance," he continued. "When you're dealing with a major project, all the gloves come off and you go and fund that project. I think that is where we are at this year, and that's the reason why we see the increases that we have here."

The net municipal taxes represent two-thirds of the city's revenue for the year, and it is set to bring in \$13.5 million, which overall is a 10 per cent increase from the 2021 budget.

The revenue is boosted by a 3.84 per cent increase in property assessment growth, which is being driven by the 8.6 per cent population growth from

2016 to 2021 to 13,745 as of 2021.

Other revenue sources, including primarily provincial and federal support, makes up the other 34 per cent of revenue. That amount overall also increases by 10 per cent to almost \$6.9 million.

On the expenditure side, labour costs overall represent about 41 per cent of the operating budget at \$8.3 million, but that of course is spread out over a number of departments.

Here is a closer look at the key areas of spending in the budget:

- Protective services - 23 per cent of the budget with a five per cent increase to over \$4.6 million. Over \$3.7 million is for the police, while about \$818,000 is for the fire department.

- Recreation and culture - 17.2 per cent of the budget with a 15.3 per cent increase to over \$3.5 million. It includes over \$1 million for the skating rinks and arenas, \$692,800 for parks and beautification, \$552,000 for swimming pools and spray pads, \$453,000 for the recreation commission, almost \$292,000 for libraries, and \$130,000 for the Harvest Festival.

- Fiscal services - 14 per cent of the budget with a 29.5 per cent increase to over \$2.8 million. This is primarily over \$2.6 million in the debenture debt charges.

- Transportation services - 12.8 per cent of the budget with a 3.2 per cent increase to over \$2.6 million. This includes over \$1.5 million for road maintenance labour and materials; another \$325,000 is for ditches and drainage, while \$235,000 is for road work costs including fuel and equipment.

- Transfer to reserve - 12 per cent of the budget with a 3.4 per cent increase to over \$2.5 million going into the general reserve fund.

- General government services - 11 per cent of the budget with a 30 per cent increase to over \$2.2 million. The largest expense here is over \$478,000 for administrative staff.

- Environmental health services - 4.4 per cent of the budget with a 3.1 per cent increase to \$903,000. This includes \$810,000 for garbage collection.

- Environmental planning services - 2.8 per cent of the budget with a 13.5 per cent increase to \$566,050. This is primarily for planning and engineering costs.

- Economic development services - 1.8 per cent of the budget with a 37 per cent decrease to \$372,415.

- Public health and welfare services - one per cent of the budget with a 3.9 per cent increase to \$165,478.

The financial plan also includes the utility budget of over \$4.1 million.

A few of the more significant projects in the plan include construction of the George Street reservoir at \$850,000, water treatment plant expansion also at \$850,000 as well as new water line and sewer relining.

The biggest item included in the \$23.8 million capital budget of course is \$16.6 million for the wastewater treatment facility.

Other projects include the Clover Creek industrial development at \$1.14 million, Park Street construction at \$800,000, road rehabilitation at \$670,000, sidewalks and pathways at \$337,000, grounds and parks at \$260,000, \$205,000 for cemetery expansion, and \$170,000 for street lighting.

"I THINK IT'S STRIKING A BALANCE ... THE TRUTH IS THIS IS WHAT WE NEED."

Morden students put their French skills to the test

By Lorne Stelmach

A group of French Immersion students at École Morden Middle School had an opportunity last week to put their language skills to the test.

Ten students took part in a speaking competition at the school March 21 as part of a nationwide program.

Spearheaded through the Canadian Parents for French, which has a Morden chapter, the Concours d'art Oratoire is a long-standing public speaking competition open to youth who are learning French in school.

It's a great way to celebrate their many hours of hard work and official language bilingualism in Canada, and the competition provides a valuable experience that complements Manitoba curricula, said local teachers.

"It takes a lot of courage to do this and get up in front of people and in your second or third language," said Gisèle Rondeau.

The school has been involved in the competition before, but of course events were largely not able to happen in the last couple of years. There was no provincial competition at all last year, though the school did do something at the local level.

This year, there were 10 students from Grades 5-8 involved in two categories: "Tell Us a Story" for Grades 5-6 and "Tell Us a Speech" for Grades 7-8.

"This really helps them to practise their oral French. As they work on it, they're corrected by their teachers to fix some sentence structures that may be problematic," said Rondeau.

"It gives them practise to speak in front of a crowd ... and it builds their confidence," she said. "And it's one more way to show them that French is alive and well and that there can be many opportunities for them to use it."

Gr. 8 teacher Colin Sibilleau, who



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French Immersion students at École Morden Middle School took part in the Canadian Parents for French Concours d'art Oratoire last week.

was one of the judges, agreed that a program like this can play a vital role in motivating kids.

"Especially by Gr. 8, they're starting to feel more self-conscious ... and speaking in public is one of the most nerve wracking things a person can do. Even a lot of adults are afraid of speaking in public.

"It's also the fact that this is their second language, so you start to be-

come more conscious of the mistakes that you make," Sibilleau noted. "We notice that by Grade 8, the teenage years, a lot of that willingness to speak French does drop off, so this is just another way to promote self confidence, help students get over that trepidation.

"I would say this is a huge confidence boost for the students."

Pandemic backlog continues to grow: Doctors MB

By Lorne Stelmach

Doctors Manitoba last week laid out how severe the surgical and diagnostic testing backlog remains in the province.

The organization updated its backlog dashboard with estimates that suggest it has reached nearly 168,000 cases.

This is a significant increase of more than 6,300 from last month's estimate, and it reflects the continued disruptive impact of the omicron wave on hospitals in Manitoba, said Dr. Kristjan Thompson, president of Doctors Manitoba.

"I always see a light at the end of the tunnel, but I think we have our work cut out for us. I think this massive surgical and diagnostic backlog will take years to address," Thompson said in an online news conference.

The total estimated pandemic backlog is 167,887 cases. This includes:

- 54,820 surgeries (as of January 2022), up 2,493 over the last month's estimate.
- 45,251 diagnostic imaging procedures (as of January 2022), up 2,762 cases over last month's estimate.
- 67,816 other diagnostic procedures (as of February 2022), including aller-

gy tests, endoscopies, mammograms, sleep disorder studies, and lung function tests, an increase of 1,047 cases over last month's estimate.

"This is a significant increase, and it reflects the continued disruptions to surgery and diagnostic testing that has occurred throughout the omicron wave, which is thankfully receding but is still present," said Thompson.

"The backlog has grown effectively in every area that we monitor," he added. "It's impacting thousands of Manitobans, likely over 10 per cent of our population ... each case is a person ... it may be you ... our friends, our family, and our loved ones."

For nearly a year, Doctors Manitoba has estimated the backlog that has accumulated by calculating the reduced volume of procedures delivered since the pandemic began in March 2020 compared to pre-pandemic volumes.

Over the next several weeks, the organization will be working on a more comprehensive analysis with the aim of offering a more refined estimate of the work that will be required to clear the backlog.

After two years of repeated disruptions to surgeries and diagnostic procedures, it's important to gauge how much capacity is needed to catch back

up and ensure Manitobans get the care they need, Thompson said.

And he noted that a new feature had been added online that documents the impact the backlog is having on patients across Manitoba based on news media reports.

"These aren't just numbers, they're people," Thompson said. "The harrowing stories of Manitobans left waiting help us to understand the true impact this enormous backlog is having on patients and their families."

He stressed that transparent monthly reporting of the data is important to understand the breadth of the backlog in order to then address it.

"Without that data, it's going to be hard to assess whether what we're doing is actually working," said Thompson. "It's important to note that a return to pre-pandemic volumes alone is not going to help clear this massive backlog. New capacity must be added to help those Manitobans who are still left waiting in both pain and uncertainty.

"There's a lot of things that Doctors Manitoba has been engaging with the task force ... there are a lot of ideas coming from front line workers, and I think we just have to continue work-

ing with them to implement these plans," he added. "And the task force needs to have the resources and latitude to make these changes and to implement these ideas.

"I hope that government gives the task force the resources they need to accomplish these tasks ... we're having more physician input at the table, which I think is critical."

The surgical and diagnostic backlog dashboard can be accessed at DoctorsManitoba.ca/backlog.

As COVID-19 hospitalizations continue their downward trend, Health Minister Audrey Gordon earlier this month stressed that health-care staff who had been reassigned to care for COVID-19 patients are being returned to their regular duties to support planned increases in surgical activity that will bring capacity back to pre-pandemic levels.

"Our government is focused on ensuring our health-care system has the resources needed to balance the day-to-day pressures in critical care with our need to fully restore capacity for services that have been impacted by COVID-19, such as elective and non-urgent surgeries," she said as the province released its COVID-19 Health System Recovery Plan.

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Altona Police wrap up Rural Watch campaign

By Ty Dilello

The Altona Police Service once again participated in Manitoba Public Insurance's Rural Road Watch Program.

The past year's program ran from May 15, 2021 to March 16, 2022. The department received \$25,000, which allowed officers to work a total of 360 overtime hours resulting in 106 tickets and warnings.

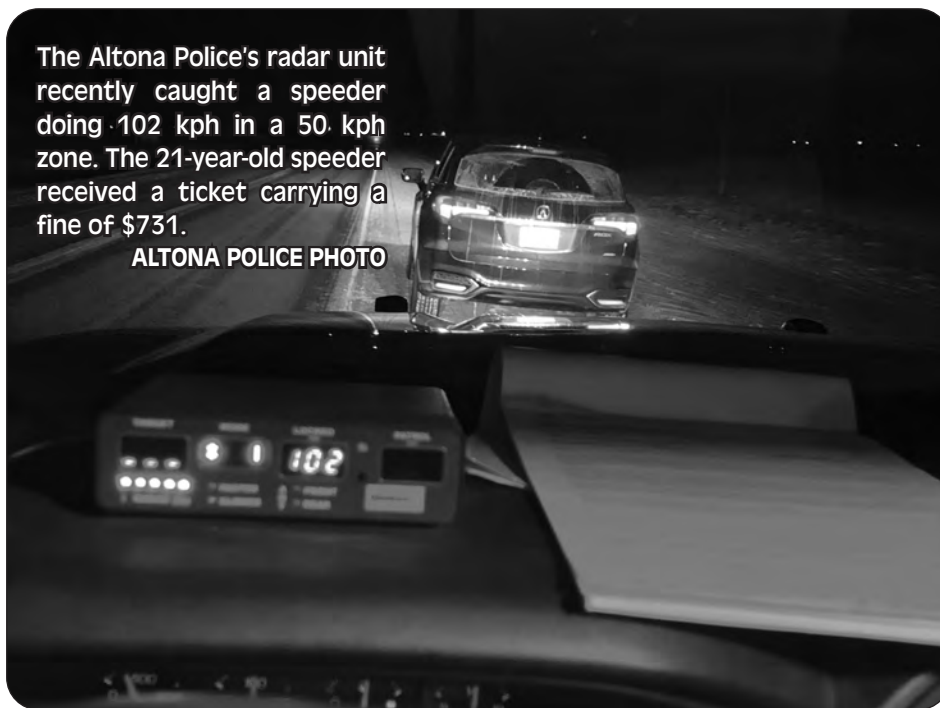
The ticket breakdown includes 39 for speeding, one for cell phone use, 11 for not wearing a seat belt, 15 unregistered vehicles, five disqualified or suspended drivers, 20 instances of disobeying traffic control devices, and 15 other Highway Traffic Act offenses.

The Altona Police Service has received word that they will be receiving \$30,000 for this year's grant.

"Our officers will continue to work hard to keep our roads safer through these overtime dollars," the department said in a statement last week.

The Altona Police's radar unit recently caught a speeder doing 102 kph in a 50 kph zone. The 21-year-old speeder received a ticket carrying a fine of \$731.

ALTONA POLICE PHOTO



"This year's campaign will run from May 2022 to March 2023."

A few other department happenings

of note from 2021 include:

- Cst. Anthony Dueck left Altona Police Service for another Manitoba

police department. In October, Cst. Caitlyn Ginter joined the Altona team.

• All police officers completed their annual qualifications on both the service pistol and shotgun. Those qualified for carbine recertified in that as well. All members of APS were trained and are now qualified in the use of a less lethal shotgun, which fires alternative, less lethal rounds instead of bullets.

• There were no official complaints lodged against any officer of the Altona Police Service in 2021.

• The department came in just under budget for the year.

• Through the Criminal Property Forfeiture Fund, the service received \$61,739.73. These funds were split as follows: \$25,000.00 to Altona Youth for Christ, \$5,423.04 to purchase a Ballistic Shield for the RSTT, and \$31,316.69 for an auxiliary power generator for the police station.

Steps in HOPE starting up another session

Support group for women grieving due to miscarriage, stillbirth begins next month

By Lorne Stelmach

Women who are impacted by the grief and loss around miscarriage and stillbirth need support to work through their feelings.

Coming to terms with what is a traumatic experience is something the support group Steps in HOPE (Healing Our Pregnancy Experiences) aims to help them with.

The Pembina Valley Pregnancy Care Centre support group is starting up a new six-week session starting in early April.

"Yes, they can talk to their friends or their family members, but there's something unique about the group experience and the commonalities," said executive director Linda Marek. "If they're struggling or if they feel they're still struggling where it's re-

cent or a loss from further back, everyone is welcome to come."

Sessions focus on sharing your experience with other women, learning to cope, cycles of grief, self-care, honouring your difficult journey and creating a keepsake.

"The feedback has been really positive that it has been meaningful and helpful," said Marek. "Truly the intent was to be supportive, and all of that is reflected in all of the feedback we received from people. So we're glad that it was helpful in their seasons of grief. It was just lovely to see the warm connections among the participants."

A big part of it is providing a safe, caring space for women to come together and know they aren't alone with their grief.

"Sometimes the pain is so deep, but women are told they should be over it by now, or they feel misunderstood when they do take that brave step to be vulnerable about their experiences," Marek said.

"We have always offered one-on-one support to women experiencing any type of loss, and one client indicated that having a group to connect with would be helpful to them in their grief journey. So with a grant from the Morden Area Foundation, we were

able to create this program and ran it in 2020 before restrictions required us to close. In fall 2021 we were able to run the program in its entirety.

"Miscarriage can happen at any time, pandemic or not, and women's grief has been even more complicated with all that's been going on in the past few years."

Anyone who knows of a woman who might benefit from this support group is urged to encourage her to contact the centre. Pre-register by email to stepsinhope@gmail.com or by calling 204-325-7900. You can also learn more online at www.pvpcc.com/miscarriage-and-loss-support.

Morden downgrades drought status to "normal"

By Voice staff

The spring melt has allowed Morden to downgrade its drought status.

After months with water restrictions, the City of Morden on Monday announced it is now moving to the "normal conditions" stage of its drought response plan.

"With the spring melt inflows, the

water level in Lake Minnewasta has risen to one inch below the full-supply level," a statement from the city read. "We are expecting it to overflow by tomorrow [Tuesday]."

The change means there are no longer any water use restrictions in effect, though residents are still encouraged to practise water conservation.

"By doing this, we will reduce the discharge to the lagoons and also save on water bills," the city noted.

Morden first declared an extreme drought last summer when the levels at Lake Minnewasta reached record lows. The status was downgraded to moderate last month in light of the spring runoff forecast.

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Local cops take the plunge

By Lorne Stelmach

An annual fundraiser in support of Special Olympics Manitoba is going virtual again this year.

Uncertainty around what pandemic restrictions would still be in place meant organizers of the Polar Plunge opted to go virtual again for the event that has normally been held locally in conjunction with Morden's Multicultural Winterfest.

Participants this year were again encouraged to use their own imagination to do some sort of plunge into ice cold water by themselves or perhaps with a family member or friend at home.

"With the changes to the restrictions when we were planning this throughout the winter, we ended up sticking to the virtual way. Now, of course, it would have been a good time to do our big in-person event with the tank, but that will have to wait until next year," said Morden police Sgt. Scott Edwards, who has spearheaded the local event for the past six years.

The bottom line for everyone was this is an important enough fundraiser that they wanted to carry on with the Polar Plunge however it was possible, said Edwards, who joined three other officers in getting doused recently at the Morden police station.

"We would have really liked to have done something in the lake, but we decided safety was probably paramount," he said.

Last year, Morden's officers got hosed down by a fire truck, but they wanted to do something a little different for 2022.

"We had our kids join us at the station, and they stood in the back of the police truck and they all dumped big recycling buckets of water on our heads.

"We'll have a bit of fundraising happening around it with it being posted online," added Edwards, whose team had posted an online goal to raise \$2,000.

Provincially, the target was to bring in \$35,000. More than \$7,000 had already been raised as of last week.

"We did it virtually last year for the first time and had some success with it," Edwards said. "There's the ability to kind of reach other areas of the province that doesn't normally take part in the event. We were really intrigued with that aspect.

"Our hope though is to get back to the in-person events and plunges next year."

You can still take part individually or with a team by signing up online at plungemanitoba.com and then posting a video of your plunge via email or social media until April 2.

All videos will be ranked by a Special Olympics athlete panel who will select this year's Golden Plunger Award winner.

Registration is \$100 per individual and \$500 per team.



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Four Morden officers were among those across the province who did a modified version of the Polar Plunge in support of Special Olympics Manitoba recently.

Access CU announces \$13.1M in patronage returns

By Voice staff

Access Credit Union is giving back \$13.1 million to its members—the largest profit sharing return in the financial institution's history.

Access is crediting the increase—up from \$8.2 million last spring—in part to its merger with Crosstown Civic Union in January 2021 and the growth that partnership generated.

This year's Member Rewards payout makes good on the merger promise to not only continue to pay patronage returns, but also to pay out existing Surplus Shares as cash.

"The successes of 2021 reflect an organization that is committed to excellence in every facet of our operation," board chair Ingrid Loewen said in a statement. "It's this achievement that allows us to give back to our members through the Member Rewards

program.

"We are proud of the accomplishments achieved last year and are eager to return the associated earnings to our valued members, while maintaining a strong equity position for the future."

The rebate amount a member receives is based on interest earned on non-registered deposits and interest paid on lending products with Access CU.

"It is important that Access Credit Union remains true to its cooperative values," noted president and CEO Larry Davey. "Whether that be through volunteer and donation efforts in our communities, or by returning an unprecedented patronage payout to our loyal members, we are a true coop and we will continue to place emphasis on those values into the future."

Manitoba Parks' Camping Reservations Begin April 4

New this year: There are now **five** opening reservation days to help improve your reservation experience.



Choose your accommodation or location as follows:

Day 1 - Monday April 4, 2022: Book cabins, yurts and group use areas in **all** parks.

Day 2 - Wednesday, April 6, 2022: Book a spot at Birds Hill, Falcon Beach, Falcon Lakeshore or West Hawk Lake campgrounds.

Day 3 - Friday, April 8, 2022: Book a spot in western and northern provincial park campgrounds including Assessippi, Bakers Narrows, Clearwater, Duck Mountain, Manipogo, Paint Lake, Rainbow Beach, Rivers, Spruce Woods - Kiche Manitou, Turtle Mountain - Adam Lake, William Lake, and Wekusko Falls.

Day 4 - Monday, April 11, 2022: Book a spot at a Grand Beach, Nopiming and all remaining Whiteshell Provincial Parks.

Day 5 - Wednesday, April 13, 2022: Book a spot at all remaining provincial park campgrounds including Birch Point, Camp Morton, Hecla - Gull Harbour, Hnusa Beach, Lunder Beach, Moose Lake, St. Malo, Stephenfield, Watchorn, and Winnipeg Beach.

How to Reserve Your Spot

- Online and call centre reservations begin at 7 a.m.
Go to manitobaparks.com
Call **204-948-3333** in Winnipeg; **1-888-482-2267** toll free
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200 Saulteaux Crescent, Winnipeg, Manitoba

Changes have been made to the existing system and some site reservation policies to help improve your overall reservation experience. You may experience system delays or wait times. Manitoba continues to explore a replacement system for future seasons.

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99-year-old looks back on an eventful life

By Ty Dilello

Stan Mazur's birthday last month puts him just one year shy of a century, and it's certainly been an eventful 99 years.

The former Emerson resident who today calls the Deer Lodge Hospital in Winnipeg home sat down with the *Voice* recently to reminisce.

Born Feb. 4, 1923 to Polish immigrants, Mazur was raised in Winnipeg's Fort Rouge area alongside brothers John and Eddie and sisters Genevieve and Eva.

Mazur's father Joseph was employed as a car man in the Fort Rouge Car Department of the Canadian National Railways. His mother Mary learned English by simply talking to customers while running a small grocery store out of the main floor of the family's home.

Mazur would go on to play a significant role in getting his younger brother Eddie started in hockey.

Eddie became a professional hockey player that won a Stanley Cup with the Montreal Canadiens in 1952-53 during a career that stretched nearly 20 years.

Mazur had started Eddie skating when he was five years old at the nearby Lord Roberts Community Club, which was just a stone's throw from the Mazur house at 714 Walker Avenue.

"We didn't have a hell of a lot of money back then," recalled Mazur. "My skates never fit Eddie as I was a little bigger than him when he first started playing. But we found a few dollars and got him a pair."

One of Mazur's biggest hobbies over the years was putting together scrapbooks full of newspaper clippings, telegrams, and photos from his little brother's professional hockey career.

"I worked at the corner of Portage and Main in Winnipeg. There were two sporting goods stores on Portage before The Bay. One of them was

Baldy Northcott's Sporting Goods," said Mazur. "They had newsstands, and I would go there and pick up the sports page. And if they had any mention of Eddie and his hockey exploits, I would write a little note on it and buy the paper. It became a hobby for me to document my brother's hockey career, and so I put these scrapbooks together."

Mazur turned 18 right around the beginning of Canada's involvement in the Second World War.

Although he initially had no intention of getting involved, in the end he really didn't have much of a say in the matter.

"I hated war, and I was trying to stay out of the army," said Mazur. "But I was approached shortly after turning 18 and was told to report to Fort Osborne Barracks.

"So I went there and went through some training, and my objective was to get into signals and being a

signalman. I moved around a bit throughout Canada for that and then went overseas to the war. As a signalman, I carried this thing called an Enigma Machine on my back which was a cipher device to protect conversations. We used to call it the jukebox."

With the role of a signalman, Mazur was in charge of the communications between the front lines and headquarters. He performed the stressful role on battlegrounds in Belgium, France, and into Germany towards the end of the war.

"D-Day was approaching, and we got moved to France in the woods. I survived a few shellings, thankfully, but some of my friends weren't so lucky as we got as far as the German/France border. Our army took over some abandoned houses in the town we were in to stay overnight one night as we awaited further instructions.

"I couldn't sleep at night a lot, so there was a radio in the house, and I was listening to Frank Sinatra on it in the middle of the night. At about

"I'M STILL HERE, SO IT MUST HAVE MEANT I DID SOMETHING RIGHT!"



PHOTO BY TY DILELLO/VOICE

Ninety-nine-year-old Second World War veteran Stan Mazur kept scrapbooks full of news clippings, photos, and telegrams detailing his young brother Eddie's professional hockey career.

3 a.m., with the rest of the guys were sleeping, there was a pause on the radio and this fellow came on and spoke, 'I got some good news for you for all you people listening. The war is over.' I couldn't believe it!"

Mazur returned home from the war and went on to live in Emerson for many years while working on the railroad.

"It was a good way to make a living," he recalled. "And I enjoyed my time in Emerson a great deal. Lots of great people there as it was a nice border town in all my years there."

Mazur eventually moved back to Winnipeg and resided in the St. Vital area for his later years.

Now at 99, Mazur is still very much with it and has an incredible memory for his age. Although he currently resides at Deer Lodge Hospital, that's only because of a bum leg that prevents him from getting around too well anymore. He lived on his own until he was 98.

As someone who fought in the last major European war, Mazur hates

what is going on in Ukraine at the moment.

"I didn't think I'd see another war in Europe like that in my lifetime, but I guess they proved me wrong. I hope it ends soon and that lives aren't lost. That's all I got to say on that."

As he inches ever closer to 100 years, Mazur has fielded countless questions about the secret to his longevity. He gave this scribe his best advice on how we all can live a little longer:

"I don't know what possessed me, but it goes back to working out quite a bit as I was starting to get older. I was at the Re-fit Centre in Winnipeg for 25 years and seeing a nutritionist regularly.

"I had to quit because my leg required a new knee, so that's why I'm in a wheelchair and live in here now. But in regard to my longevity, in addition to staying active, I cut out meat and bread a long time ago and instead ate fish twice a week.

"I'm still here, so it must have meant I did something right!"

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Planning for Schanzenfeld's future growth

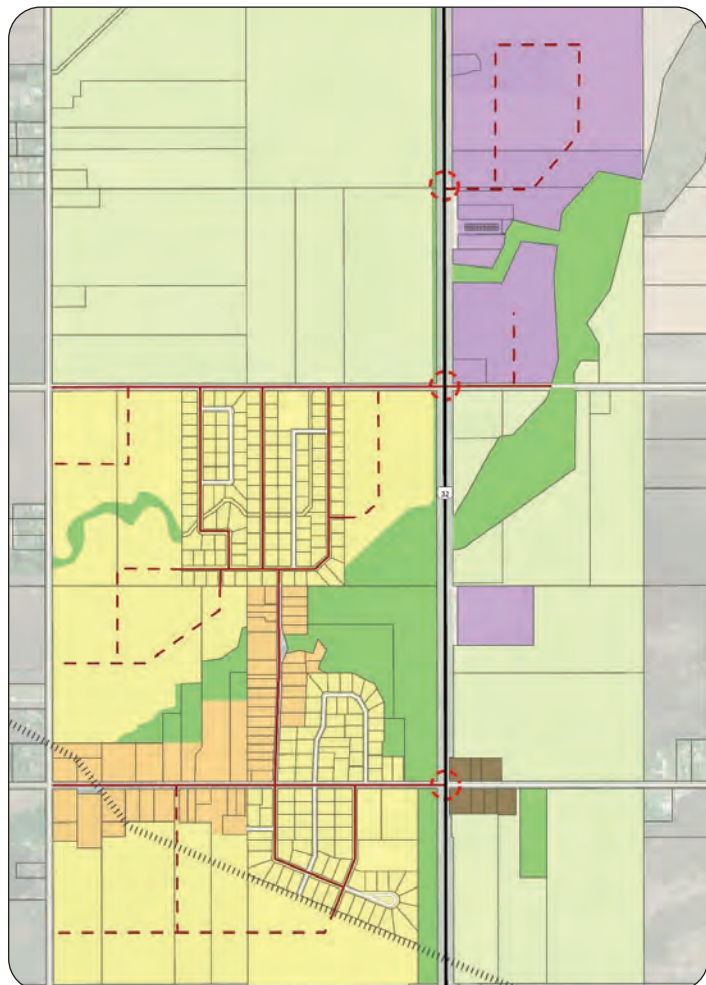
By Lorne Stelmach

A plan has been created to help guide future growth within and surrounding the village of Schanzenfeld.

The Secondary Plan prepared by Landmark Planning and Design was presented at a pair of open houses last week. It will help the RM of Stanley manage land use and development over a 20 year planning horizon by providing a more comprehensive vision for how Schanzenfeld should grow now and into the future.

It contains policies that apply to a variety of areas including land use, infrastructure, servicing, transportation and zoning, and it aims to meet the challenges that come with a village that has more than doubled in size.

"There's a lot of different interests to balance, from pro-



The Schanzenfeld Secondary Plan drafted by Landmark Planning and Design lays out several zones of growth in the community south of Winkler.

tection of agricultural land to Manitoba Highways wanting to preserve the integrity of their highway infrastructure and the community's need for growth, both residential and commercial," said Jeff Pratte of Landmark Planning and Design.

"We had to try to balance all those interests and try to find a plan that manages to speak to all of those things," he said, noting the plan covers a lot of ground both literally and figuratively. "There's some pretty substantial agricultural areas that are intended to remain as such on the west side of the highway directly south of Winkler.

"It all needs to be managed responsibly ... and both in terms of making good use of municipal infrastructure and growing in a way that doesn't over extend services and over extend what taxes can cover."

The plan aims to address a number of key general principles such as minimizing land use conflict and minimizing impacts on agriculture, and it sets out considerations for council such as compatibility with surrounding land uses, future development, environmental aspects, the scale of adjacent development, impact on servicing, evidence of sufficient demand for development, and budget planning for all infrastructure as well as long term sustainability.

One key area is the need to restrict access on to PTH 32 while also needing improved intersections and restricting development on the west side in the interest of future expansion.

It goes on to touch on road development and making allowance for sidewalks and pathways while also having future village expansion in mind so as not to impede that growth. There is also recommendations for a multi-use trail system and multi-use pathway between Schanzenfeld and the City of Winkler to be considered along Road 22 West.

In the area of servicing and infrastructure, a number of factors are cited, including providing a semi-urban level of municipal servicing, avoiding leapfrog development to ensure servicing can be provided in an economical and thought-out manner and encouraging joint infrastructure and servicing projects between the RM of Stanley and the City of Winkler.

The plan of course also notes that new development in the plan area should be connected to the RM of Stanley's piped water network and to the municipal wastewater service system once available. In the meantime, limited new development may be approved prior to the establishment of full wastewater servicing.

One other key area addresses village objectives, including the following:

- Preserve the unique character of the village area.
- Permit a mix of uses that are compatible within a rural village setting and do not inhibit or conflict with future residential development outside the village area.
- Recognize West Hespeler Avenue as a main roadway that may be redeveloped to feature a broad mix of businesses, amenities and services as the community continues to grow.

A number of objectives are then set out for new residential areas including:

- Ensure residential development is developed in a contiguous and phased manner.
- Ensure residential development does not contribute to existing drainage issues in the area.
- Encourage residential development that maintains the large-lot semi-rural character of Schanzenfeld.

Rural residential objectives are also addressed, including:

- Continue existing rural residential uses.
- Enable future redevelopment, via infill, of existing zoned rural residential lots once wastewater has become available.

Another section touches on open space and recreational areas:

- Connect parks, natural areas and community facilities to residential land uses through an interconnected parks and trail system.
- Protect existing open space areas to enhance the plan area and provide natural storm water management.
- Enable the creation of new parks to support community recreation and green spaces.

"The plan provides policy direction for the local council and also for members of the community to know what might happen where," said Pratte. "The secondary plan doesn't propose any particular developments specifically ... rezonings are still required for a new development to happen, but it does give people a sense of knowing what is intended to happen over time in various parts of their community.

"One of the really great things about a secondary plan is it allows for development to occur in a cohesive manner over longer periods of time and in areas with multiple land ownership," he concluded. "So instead of piecemeal development happening ... the plan lays out the framework for the collector road network, active transportation paths, parks connections and provides that framework for a cohesive community to develop over a longer period of time."

Dyck to remain as Pine Ridge principal


By Voice staff

Pine Ridge Elementary School will have a familiar face at the helm next school year.

Garden Valley School Division announced last week that Ashly Dyck has been appointed to the 100 per cent term school principal position for

the 2022-2023 school year.

Dyck has been with the division for 19 years, teaching everything from Kindergarten to Grade 7. She has worked at Pine Ridge since the start of the 2019 school year as a teacher and vice-principal and is already serving as term principal there this school year.



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1. TO ENHANCE COMFORT

Difficult road conditions in winter can affect your car in different ways. For example, your alignment might be off, causing your drive to be less than pleasant.

2. TO IMPROVE SAFETY

Winder driving conditions are conducive to rust formation, especially on and around your brakes. Take advan-

tage of your tire change and have a detailed inspection done to ensure your vehicle is safe to drive.

3. TO MAKE YOUR VEHICLE LAST

In addition to skewing your wheel alignment — something that can prematurely ruin your tires — driving on winter roads can damage parts of your engine and reduce the effectiveness of the additives in your motor oil. It's no secret that regularly scheduled maintenance is the best way to maximize your vehicle's lifespan.

4. TO SAVE MONEY

A springtime inspection will help prevent your car from

breaking down and can correct minor problems before they become serious. This will help you save money in the long run!

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Low tire pressure, low oil levels, broken filters, defective climate control — a poorly maintained car burns more fuel, which isn't good for the environment or your wallet!

A well-maintained vehicle provides peace of mind — and peace of mind is priceless.

Why is it important to check your fluids come spring?

Lubricant, coolant, cleaner — there are various fluids in your car that play several important roles when it comes to your engine's health. And since the mechanical components of your car are under heavy strain throughout the winter months, it's important to check your oil and other fluid levels when the weather lightens up in order maintain their effectiveness.

MOTOR OIL

Motor oil is subject to significant temperature variations during the cold season. These changes are responsible for the formation of moisture, which reduces the effectiveness of the oil's lubricating properties. That's why it's important to drain your fluids every spring, even if you don't drive much during the winter. Alternatively, if you use motor oil designed to withstand ex-



treme cold, come spring, it will need to be replaced with one that's more suitable for summer weather.

OTHER FLUIDS

During the summer, coolant prevents your engine from overheating. So it's important to check on it before the summer heat wave finally hits. To preserve the mechanical parts of your car for as long as possible, your brake and power steering fluids have to be carefully maintained — your mechanic will make sure they stay at the appropriate levels so that your car continues to work at peak performance.

Last but not least, take a second to check your windshield wiper fluid: have you filled it since the last snowstorm? Don't wait until you need it to find out!



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No place like home

Morden couple enjoying the benefits of at-home dialysis

By Ashleigh Viveiros

A local couple are making the best of a difficult situation.

Just before the pandemic struck, Morden's Linda and Graham Corlett found themselves trying to get to the bottom of why Linda was feeling so poorly so often.

It all started while they were in the United Kingdom visiting family in late 2019, Graham recalls.

"She had a couple of bad episodes there that we thought maybe was overindulgence or whatever—it was Christmastime, we were seeing family for the first time in a few years," he says. "You get under the weather once in a while, no big deal."

But it proved to be much more than a simple cold or flu.

"When we got back she went to the doctor and she was sent to a specialist and they did a test on her kidney function," says Graham. "At that time, it was less than 50 per cent. Over the next three months, it went down to five per cent."

Further testing revealed Linda has a rare disease called AL amyloidosis, which can wreak havoc with one's organs, including the kidneys.

Five per cent kidney function is not enough to cleanse the blood of toxins as they should, and so Linda quickly

found herself on dialysis.

Lack of space at Boundary Trails Health Centre meant Linda and Graham were driving into Seven Oaks Hospital in Winnipeg three times a week so she could be hooked up to a machine that would clean her blood.

A transfer to BTHC several months later cut down on Linda's time on the road, but that only slightly lessened the impact dialysis has had on her life.

"I had to be there at quarter to 7 in the morning three days a week, and it takes five hours each time," she shares, explaining it takes about half an hour for nursing staff to connect or disconnect her from the dialysis machine, and then four hours for it to fully process her blood.

Spending that much time in the hospital at the best of times is a lot to deal with, observes Graham, never mind in the middle of a pandemic.

And because of Linda's amyloidosis and the ongoing treatments for that, a kidney transplant is not an option for her. That means she'll be on dialysis indefinitely.

Thankfully, with some help from Graham, she no longer has to do it at the hospital.

The Corletts have installed an at-home hemodialysis unit in what was their basement en suite washroom.

Graham spent several weeks last fall training to be Linda's nurse for the treatments, which includes regular weigh-ins, blood draws, and, of course, hooking her up to the machine and making sure it runs smoothly as it draws out her blood about a cup at a time, cleans it, and puts it all back.



PHOTO BY ASHLEIGH VIVEIROS/VOICE

Linda and Graham Corlett with the dialysis machine they have had installed in their home so Linda can do her thrice weekly treatments in a more comfortable setting.

It's a job well outside his scope of experience.

"I was in sales for years. I didn't know one end of the needle from the other," Graham jokes before adding, more seriously, that he's not squeamish when it comes to dealing with blood and he wanted to do whatever he could to help Linda regain some measure of independence.

"It was a lot to learn," he admits. "But it's one of those for better or for worse things ..."

"Yeah, but how could you think it would get this worse?" Linda chimes in, choking up. "He draws my blood and he does everything with this."

"I'm so lucky to have him as a husband."

A GAME-CHANGER

At-home hemodialysis has been a game-changer for the couple. It's still time consuming, but is less regimented and much more comfortable.

"The benefit of home dialysis is you can do it whenever you want," says Graham, noting, for example, they usually hook Linda up in the evening so she can go to bed right after treatment. But when they have other plans for the night, they can simply shift the treatment to the afternoon or perhaps the next morning. They're able to once again control their own schedule.

"And I don't have to get dressed to go out. I can stay in bed. He hooks me up and I turn over and I can either sleep or read a book," Linda says, adding she certainly does not miss having to drag herself to the hospital every other day, especially in the dead of winter.

They figure they're saving the health care system a fair bit of time and mon-

"IT WAS A LOT TO LEARN, BUT IT'S ONE OF THOSE FOR BETTER OR FOR WORSE THINGS ..."

ey as well, both in terms of staffing but also by opening up a space at the hospital for someone for whom home dialysis isn't an option.

The dialysis machine and all the supplies the Corletts need are provided to them at no cost through Manitoba's health care system.

The washroom retrofit came with a price tag, of course, and the couple also pay the increased electrical and water bills (every treatment uses 400 litres of water), though there is a program in place for them to be reimbursed for the latter.

Medical professionals also keep close tabs on Linda's health, with Graham sending in her treatment logs regularly for assessment.

"They check in once a month and they're available 24 hours a day if we have any problems," he notes, sharing a story of one mishap that landed her back in hospital for treatment: one of the lines connecting Linda to the machine acted up and, upon disconnecting it to try to fix the problem, he lost some of her blood, necessitating an iron infusion at the hospital.

"We've only lost my blood once, so we're doing pretty good, I think," Linda says, chuckling. "You never want



PHOTO BY ASHLEIGH VIVEIROS/VOICE

A spare room in the Corlett home is packed with all the supplies needed for the treatments. This is about six weeks' worth.

> DIALYSIS, FROM PG. 16

to hear 'Oh shoot!' Especially when your blood's in the machine!"

All in all, the Corletts are enjoying the freedom home dialysis is giving them, and they're certainly not alone.

Dr. Mauro Verrelli, provincial medical specialty lead for renal health, says Manitoba is leading the nation in at-home hemodialysis.

"We have the highest utilization rate in the country," he says, noting, meanwhile, that Manitoba's numbers for peritoneal dialysis (another method that uses the lining of your belly as a natural filter instead of an artificial kidney machine) are about average compared to other provinces.

There are a total of 1,877 dialysis patients in Manitoba right now. Eight per cent of them, about 155 people, are doing home hemodialysis. Another 284, or 15 per cent, are on home peritoneal dialysis.

A big part of Manitoba's success with both home dialysis modes has been education, Verrelli observes. Most people don't immediately think of dialysis as something they could do at home, he points out, but once they become comfortable with the process at the hospital and then learn the opportunity to do it themselves exists, many opt to go that route.

"The home treatments are really what we wish for any patient because we know that if they can do that you really can have your independence in your own

home," Verrelli says, adding it also gives dialysis patients a little more flexibility when it comes to their food and water intake.

It also, he stresses, keeps people in their home communities and near their support networks—a factor that can't be understated, especially when you start looking at rural or northern patients who have to travel great distances for in-centre care.

Meanwhile, freeing up space for in-centre dialysis for patients who aren't a good fit for the home treatments is a boon for everyone, Verrelli notes.

"Not everyone can do it ... but for people who can it really is the way to go for quality of life," he says. "When people start home treatments it is not uncommon for them to say, gee, this is not as bad as I thought. This is something I can definitely do and I'm doing it.

"And there's a very large sub group of that population who would never want to back, would never want to in-centre dialysis again."

As far as the Corletts know, they're the only ones in the Morden-Winkler area doing dialysis treatments at home. They'd be happy to speak with anyone who wants a personal perspective on how it all works.

"If anybody wants to talk to us or visit us to see it, we're more than happy to do that," Linda says.

You can get in touch with them via email at trimetal@mymts.net.



PHOTO BY ASHLEIGH VIVEIROS/VOICE
Graham Corlett with the equipment that cleans the toxins from his wife's body.

RM of Rhineland tables \$7.9M financial plan

By Ty Dilello

The RM of Rhineland council approved a \$7.9 million operating budget for 2022 at its meeting last week.

"We're satisfied with this year's financial plan," said Reeve Don Wiebe. "One of the things we looked at was what was driving our costs up, so we made some adjustments."

The RM's mill rate increases by half a mill, going from 8.291 to 8.761. How that impacts a taxpayer depends on where in the municipality they live:

- Rural area: 0.7-1.7 per cent tax increase (including the school tax), depending on the school division
- LUD of Gretna: 1.3 per cent tax increase (including the school tax)
- LUD of Rosenfeld: 0.2 per cent tax increase (including the school tax)
- LUD of Plum Coulee: 1.3 per cent tax increase (including the school tax)

The total budgeted expenditures in the RM will increase by \$2 million (a 26 per cent increase) to \$9.6 million from \$7.6 million in 2021. The expenditures going up are offset by the RM having a good assessment last year.

"Some of the concepts that we've been using in Rhineland is that we fund all our capital projects by reserves," explained Wiebe. "With that right now, we are using three per cent of our allowable debt, so virtually we have no debt that we carry forward, which puts us in a very strong posi-

tion.

"We build reserves and pay for our capital costs, and if we do that, it keeps our tax rates very level so that we can avoid the huge interest rates and a huge spike in taxes. That's our philosophy, and I think in this year's financial plan, we're keeping within that framework."

The RM is also setting \$35,000 aside to join the Pembina Valley Watershed District. Doing so will give Rhineland's ag producers access to some of the agency's programs, such as creating your own storage space for water or creating wetlands.

The budget also includes a fair amount of money for the Priority Grain Roads project, which totals \$1.7 million this year (\$1.4 million from federal/provincial grants and \$300,000 from the Rhineland infra-

structure reserve).

"We're going to be starting our Grain Project this year, which is projected at \$4.2 million over three years," said Wiebe. "It's going to upgrade 30 miles of our priority grain roads, and we're going to also upgrade the entrances to our Ag Farms, putting in a half-mile of concrete in each one."

Excluding the Grain Roads funding, the budgeted expenditures are increasing about \$300,000 or 3.9 per cent from 2021. Most of the increases are a result of inflationary pressures and a couple of smaller new municipal programs/projects such as the watershed district, drainage, and sidewalks.

Other main capital projects that the RM is working on in 2022 include the Plum Coulee lift station and a new fire hall/public works building in Plum Coulee as well.

"The tenders to renovate the existing building we bought for the public works and fire hall should come in soon. The lift station in Plum Coulee is not finished yet, but we hope to do that this year," said Wiebe.

"In conjunction with the Town of Altona, we should be able to finish the old Soapstock Landfill project as we think that will be cleaned up this year," he noted. "Also, with Altona, we're going to be buying a Quick Response Fire Truck. And we decided that the dirt blower we used last year worked so well last year that we bought one and added it for dirt and ditches."

For the complete financial plan, residents can either pick up a copy at the Rhineland office in Altona or visit its website: www.rmofrhineland.com.

New EMS station opens in Crystal City

By Voice staff

Crystal City is home to one of two new emergency medical services (EMS) stations that have opened in rural Manitoba.

Health Minister Audrey Gordon was in the community Monday for the grand opening celebrations. A second station has also opened in Portage la

Prairie.

"These new stations support enhanced emergency care for patients and underscore an ongoing commitment to develop a more effective and integrated emergency response system in the province," Gordon said. "This is a major upgrade to stations in rural Manitoba and demonstrates our commitment to build a more respon-

sive, reliable and sustainable EMS system in Southern Health-Santé Sud and across Manitoba."

The EMS stations will act as operational hubs for paramedics, who are repositioned across the region using a flexible dispatch model that uses computer modelling and predictive

Planning for the future, preserving the past

By Ashleigh Viveiros

The Winkler Heritage Society continues to have big plans for the future as it strives to preserve our community's past.

At the society's annual general meeting last week, board chair Randy Rietze said finding a space where the Winkler Heritage Museum (currently in the mall) and the Winkler Archives (currently at the library) can be housed under one roof remains a priority for the years ahead.

"We've been looking for a permanent location for some time now," he said. "We need more room than what we have at the museum right now ... and we'd like to have our own building. Instead of paying roughly \$12,000 a year rent, it'd be nice to put that back into our own space."

The organization has some money put aside for the project but will need to launch a major fundraising campaign to make it possible.

Rietze noted they've been in talks with the City of Winkler about potential public properties that could be used, but the roadblock thus far has been the requirement for the society to have at least \$200,000 for construction costs before the City will commit the land.

Those discussions will continue, Ri-

etze noted.

"We're looking at something, but we can't raise the \$200,000 right now," he said.

If a standalone building isn't possible, the society has also been in talks with the Southland Mall about potentially securing more space there. That idea is also a bit up in the air, though, as the mall continues to work on plans for major renovations.

Whichever path this project takes, Rietze is optimistic they'll be able to get it done eventually.

"I'd like to see it happen. It's what we're pushing for," he said. "But being a small group of volunteers, it's not easy."

"History is a part of all our lives. Where we came from, where our parents, our grandparents were from," Rietze said in stressing just how important it is to have a place where local historical documents and artifacts can go to be preserved and put on display for future generations. "I think it's very important to know the history of how we all got here."

The past couple of years have certainly come with challenges for the heritage society. The museum had to close for a time and then return with shorter hours, they struggled to find volunteers to man the space, and both donations and revenue were down a bit in 2021 (though they still managed to finish the year with a surplus of \$6,299).



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At the Winkler Heritage Society's AGM last week, archivist Ed Falk shared some of the materials in storage at the Winkler Archives, including letters sent to Russia from immigrants who settled in Blumenfeld in 1875. They detail their journey to Canada and offer advice to family members planning to make the trip after them.



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The Winkler Heritage Museum received a number of notable artifact donations over the past year, curator Joanne Bergen shared at the Winkler Heritage Society AGM last week, including this graduation dress worn in 1937.

With things opening back up again, Rietze is looking forward to operations returning to something more akin to normal. They're planning on bringing back popular fundraisers and events such as the June barbecue, the crokinole tournament in September, and the heritage banquet in November.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Many of the people involved with the heritage society have been involved for decades, stretching back to the organization's creation in 1999.

While they remain dedicated to the work, some fresh blood is needed moving forward.

"A lot of our volunteers have gotten to an age where they just can't do it as much anymore," Rietze said, encouraging anyone with an interest in local history to reach out to see how they can get involved with the Winkler Heritage Society.

If you can't commit to volunteering, there is the option of becoming a society member for \$20 a year per individual or \$30 per couple. Membership dues go to keep the museum, archives, and other society programming up and running.

You can learn more online at winklerheritagesociety.ca or by stopping by the museum (its current hours are Tuesdays to Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.).

Excess animal hearing prompts likely review of bylaw

By Ty Dilello

The Town of Altona is going to be taking another look at its bylaw regarding the number of cats and dogs a household is allowed to have within town limits.

Resident Tara Steliga appeared before council at its meeting March 22 to request a permit to exceed the current number of allowable animals in her home.

Steliga has three cats and four dogs; the current limit under the bylaw is three dogs or three cats, or a total of three dogs and cats over the age of four months.

Steliga spoke at the hearing on how she didn't know that there was a bylaw in place that limited the number of pets she could have. If she had known that, it might have changed her decision about moving to Altona in the first place, she said.

Several people spoke at the hearing both in favour and against the idea of granting Steliga an

excess animal permit.

"Whenever pets or animals are up for debate, there are two sides. One for pet lovers and one for those who would like more peace and quiet," noted Altona Mayor Al Friesen. "We know that people care for their animals deeply, and we also know that other people are in the neighbourhood that don't share the same enthusiasm for pets. We also care for the general wellbeing of the animals, and those are the three things we consider. It's a delicate balancing act."

In the end, council approved the permit for Steliga with conditions, including a limit on the number of animals she is allowed (seven) and a restriction from housing any additional animals on a temporary basis.

Friesen said council will be taking a look at whether the current bylaw should be reworked.

"We don't have a timetable on that, but council will revisit and provide more clarity in the future for residents that want more pets," he said.

ÉMMS among top fundraisers for Terry Fox school run

By Lorne Stelmach

École Morden Middle School ranks among the top schools in the province for fundraising in support of the Terry Fox Run.

Last fall, the school raised \$4,391.52, which it recently found out ranked it fifth among what the Terry Fox Foundation classifies as secondary schools.

Other area schools also did well, with Nellie McClung Collegiate in Manitou in seventh place with \$3,986.90 raised and Miami School in 21st with \$2,281.

"I think the Terry Fox Foundation has also been overwhelmed with the continued support throughout the pandemic ... that the schools have carried on with this through these difficult times," said ÉMMS teacher and school run organizer Tara Chewings.

"The Terry Fox Foundation has done a really good job with their promotions that they sent out to schools,"

she said. "Through the pandemic, we've had to adjust, and they have adjusted too putting stuff online, which really makes things accessible."

"We used to have a full school assembly and then go out and do the run together," Chewings noted. "Of course, these last couple years, we haven't been able to do that, so what I've done instead is a video kickoff message that is sent out to all the teachers."

"We staggered our run times so that we weren't all heading out at once," she explained. "So it was different, but with everything the last two years, we've found different ways of doing things, and it's worked out."

ÉMMS has been actively involved with the Terry Fox Run for many years, and Chewings said she is grateful for continued support it gets from the school community.

"It's a fundraiser that's close to my heart because I've lost a fair number of people to cancer," she noted. "I



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École Morden Middle School students raised \$4,391 for the Terry Fox Run school program last fall, putting it among the top five schools in the province.

always try to promote it and get the kids enthused about it, and we've received phenomenal support over the years from all of our families.

"I think the kids see Terry Fox as a

real hero. Every year we watch a video that tells about his life and what we went through, and I think it's inspirational to them."

B.C. humanist group calls out local councils for opening meetings with prayer

By Lorne Stelmach

A British Columbia based organization for humanists, atheists, agnostics and the non-religious took issue last week with some Manitoba municipalities for opening their meetings with prayer.

The B.C. Humanist Association (BCHA) in a report cited eight municipalities for opening a council meeting with prayers, seemingly in open violation of an edict from the Supreme Court of Canada.

They cited information gleaned from 101 municipalities that showed four that began regular council meetings with a prayer, while six began their inaugural meeting after the last municipal election (when councillors were sworn in) with a prayer.

The organization maintains it represents a breach of a 2015 decision by the Supreme Court of Canada that ruled prayers at municipal council meetings violate the Charter of Rights and Freedoms by breaching the state's duty of religious neutrality and violating the freedom of conscience and religion of non-religious residents.

"We were surprised by how many major municipalities in Manitoba have continued a practice that is clearly unconstitutional," said BCHA executive director Ian Bushfield last week. "The Supreme Court has very clearly ruled on what municipalities can and cannot do."

Among the municipalities cited were the RM of Rhineland for both their inaugural and regular meetings, while the City of Winkler and RM of Stanley were included the report in relation to their inaugural meetings.

Both of the latter in response take issue with the BCHA's findings and suggest that it hasn't fully done its homework.

"We've faced this question before ... we don't do it as part of our council meeting, we do it prior to council meeting, and that is our own time and our own prerogative," noted Winkler Mayor Martin Harder, who explained councillors are invited to share whatever they like during that time. "It's meant to be a positive thing, and I think it draws us together as council."

"We don't call it a prayer, we call it a reading, and everybody has the right

"JUST BECAUSE ONE GROUP HAPPENS TO BE THE MAJORITY DOESN'T GIVE THEM THE RIGHT TO TRAMPLE THE MINORITY ... LOCAL GOVERNMENT IS FOR EVERYONE."

to be able to do what they do, and we don't tell them what to do," he said. "We're not excluding anybody—it's open ... we changed that years ago. Before we call council to order, we do our thing."

"I'm not worried about this," Harder said. "I think we've handled it fairly well."

RM of Stanley Reeve Morris Olafson similarly defended their practice and cited what they have done as being simply an invocation rather than a prayer.

"As far as I'm concerned, I think it's just perfectly fine ... if someone wants to get excited about this, go ahead," he said. "It's just tradition; that's why we do it ... we're not hurting anybody, and I haven't heard our constituents

complain that this is a bad thing.

"If somebody wants to take us to court over this, so be it."

The City of Morden had also initially been cited in the BCHA report for its inaugural meeting, but it was then removed because the association had incorrect information that meeting had been kicked off with an address from a pastor.

"We had not had any religious invocation," said Mayor Brandon Burley, who further explained it was Peter Cantelon—who was at the time the executive director of the Canadian Fossil Discovery Centre—who addressed the new council's first meeting.

"It was a secular message, and he was there on behalf of the CFDC," Burley said. "We are aware of the Supreme Court decision around this and we have been compliant with the Charter and the court decision ... that has guided our process."

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Female artists rise above challenges

By Lorne Stelmach

Five local women involved in the arts spoke on their experiences and journeys last week as part of the art talks program of the Pembina Hills Arts Council.

Women in Art was the theme for the Third Thursdays series at the gallery, and the speakers touched on their work and inspiration as well as a bit about their experiences as female artists in an industry that can be still quite male dominated.

"I would say women can still be a somewhat marginalized population in art galleries ... I think the patriarchal system is still in play," said Tricia Dyck, who has been on a one-year leave from her role as programs and outreach co-ordinator for the arts council.

"There are lots of opportunities. I think there's lots of avenues for women, it's just whether women decide they are going to make the time to get into it," suggested Lynda Lambert. "I would say just do it. Don't wait until you think you have the time."

Lambert acknowledged the challenges for women in the art world such as in dealing with their traditional roles and having to set artistic endeavors aside.

She recalled being inspired by a Canadian artist whose husband was a successful artist and was envious while at home looking after the house and kids. It was while eyeing the cluttered dining room table that the woman got a different perspective as to what was possible.

"She realized that art can be in the every day stuff," said Lambert.

"It really resonated with me and then helped me through the rest of my life to realize that art is everywhere, not just painting on a canvas or not just traditionally what you would think," she said.

"It took me a few years still, but after I got that in my head, I realized you can do art in some way every day ... it's always possible."

Jen Martens also touched on the struggles she has faced in regards to balancing her creative work with family life.

She also spoke on recognizing that she faces barriers in terms of how she perceives herself and her value as an artist under the circumstances.

"I have a hard time trying to sell myself," she said. "It would be nice to be a little more established as the years go on if I'm going to pursue this."

"It's good to be kind of part of the



PHOTO BY LORNE STELMACH/VOICE

Lynda Lambert was among the artists to share their stories at PHAC's Third Thursday art talk series last week, which focused on women in art.

culture and the art community here," she added. "Maybe it will open some doors and some opportunities."

Dyck touched on the idea of inheritance in relation to art.

"We carry on our work through our identity, so I'm thinking about things like the creative process with women and how my mom taught me," she said. "There's a huge legacy there with mothers and grandmothers having taught various art forms to their children."

She also addressed her journey on pursuing her masters degree and spoke on being particularly interested in cultural issues and breaking down

barriers

"I think this is the time not only for women but also for any marginalized group, to be able to have a voice," she suggested.

"I think one of the main impacts that I've had in all of my courses has been the question of who is not at the table. In all art galleries, whose voices are not being heard? I carry that weight of whether we do in fact have those voices at the table," she continued. "I keep coming back to wanting to elevate all of those voices."

The April art talk will focus on the artistic process.

Alzheimer Soc. of MB looking for board members

By Ashleigh Viveiros

The Alzheimer Society of Manitoba is on the hunt for a few new board members.

Rob Kennedy, past board chair and current nominating committee head, says that as an organization that helps people affected by dementia across the province, they're looking for representation from all over.

"Because we're a province-wide organization with satellite offices in many rural communities around the province and a wide network of volunteers, we like and need to have rural and small town representation on our board," he stressed.

Board members typically serve two terms of three years each. The 12-member board has two members reaching the end of their terms this year, including a Winkler area resident.

"I'd like to do a little shout out to Jessica Phillips-Hunt, whose six-year service with the Alzheimer Society is running out in this June," Kennedy said. "She's a health care professional from the Southern Health region."

"We're looking for people like her. People who have a deep connection to persons with dementia, whether that's through their professional life or a family member, and who also bring that rural and small town community perspective to our board table. That is paramount with us."

The board welcomes applicants with diverse backgrounds and skill sets and a eagerness to get involved.

"We would like to see people apply who are big picture orientated," Kennedy said, explaining the board follows the Carver Policy Governance model, which focuses on empowering the agency's staff to get things done. "We kind of stand back and create the

policies under which the staff delivers the work."

The society provides programming, education, and support to thousands of Manitobans affected by dementia each year.

Its board meets six times a year. Members who drive into Winnipeg from out of town can be reimbursed for their travel expenses. Attending meetings virtually is also an option.

In addition to making policy decisions and the like, board meetings also regularly include guest speakers who help paint a picture of the impact of the society's work and the challenges families dealing with dementia face.

"Hearing the stories is a mandate of the organization," noted Kennedy. "We've had numerous presentations from people with dementia and their caregiver ... talking about the trials and tribulations and the personal stories that can be heart-wrenching."

But it also helps board members better understand the work they are supporting and make decisions with the people they impact in mind, he observed.

After nearly six years as a board member, Kennedy is nearing the end of his own time with the organization. He doesn't hesitate to recommend the experience to anyone with a passion for helping others.

"It's been very rewarding," he said. "It's really a great group, a diverse group of people that includes health care professionals, physicians, architects, financial advisors, owners of construction companies, and a couple of retired people. So it's really an interesting group of people to work with."

If you're interested in learning more, head to alzheimer.mb.ca. Applications are due in by April 22.

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Flyers open playoffs with a big win

Blues get revenge by taking game two

By Ty Dilello

The Winkler Flyers opened their MJHL postseason with a 9-3 win over the Winnipeg Blues last Friday night in game one of their best-of-seven quarterfinal series.

Flyers' head coach and general manager Justin Falk says that the team's home crowd was vital to their early success.

"There's a lot of excitement to be playing at home, and it got the boys amped up," he said on Monday. "We love playing at home in front of our fans. And the community we have in Winkler, we're lucky to have such a great organization. The guys came out guns a blazing from the start there and got a few bounces early on to get us rolling."

It was point night for the Flyers as they scored nine goals on 38 shots.

Flyers' sniper and leading scorer Justin Svenson led the way for the home side with two goals and one assist. Winkler's other goals were scored by Mike Svenson, Daniel Isaak, Trent Penner, Brady Beauchemin, Trent Sambrook, Jayden McCarthy, and Ryan Monias.

Flyers' netminder Dylan Meilun stopped 22 of 25 shots in the winning effort as the Flyers outshot the Blues 38-25.

Falk knows that the rest of the series likely won't be as much of a blow-out as the first game, so his team will need to stay sharp the rest of the way.

"We gotta get ready for game two and raise our intensity level as we know Winnipeg will be coming out hard. We expect a much different team from them the next game.

"Our team needs to continue to keep managing the puck well, and our game/clock management needs to stay working well, with everything that goes into that," Falk added. "We don't want to get into a game-like sit-



PHOTO BY RICK HIEBERT/VOICE
Blues goalie Dawson Cowan tries to cover a rebound while Flyers Troy Hamilton and Jackson Arpin are hungry for a loose puck in Friday's first playoff game, which Winkler took 9-3. Right: Daniel Isaak (center) celebrates scoring Winkler's second goal of the game.

uation in a seven-game series where we're trading chances with other teams. We want to work on continuing our game, our system of process and tilting the ice in our favour over the course of the series."

Things swung Winnipeg's way in game two Monday night. Playing before a hometown crowd themselves, the Blues eked out a 1-0 victory to tie the series at a game apiece.

The game looked poised to go into overtime, tied a 0-0 after over 54 minutes of play, but then Winnipeg's Eric Fawkes finally snuck one past Meilun. Winkler pulled Meilun off the ice in favour of the extra man as the clock wound down, but it wasn't enough.

The Flyers handily beat the Blues



when it came to shots on goal, firing 28 at Winnipeg's net while the Blues returned just 16.

One way or another, the deadlock will be broken in game three Wednesday night in Winnipeg. Games four

and five are back in Winkler Friday and Sunday. If needed, game six will be in Winnipeg Wednesday, April 6 and game seven will be in Winkler Saturday, April 9.

Gretna's own Hal Winkler was a hockey pioneer

By Ty Dilello

It's been nearly a century since Gretna's Hal Winkler donned the goalie pads for NHL teams such as the New York Rangers and Boston Bruins in the league's primitive years.

Winkler was born on March 20, 1894, in Gretna. His father, Enoch, worked as a translator for the German-speaking Mennonite immigrants who had come over to Manitoba. He was also a farmer, implement dealer, realtor, insurance agent, MLA, and even the mayor of Gretna at one time.

The house that Winkler was born at (590 Hespeler Avenue) in Gretna is today known as the Winkler House and is a municipally designated historic site.

Winkler moved to Winnipeg with his family when he was about 15. He played junior hockey in Winnipeg for teams such as the Winnipeg Hockey Club, Winnipeg Monarchs, and Winnipeg Ypres.

He later played senior hockey with the Brandon Hockey Club, Moose Jaw Maple Leafs, and Saskatoon Crescents before joining the pro hockey ranks.

The 5'9" Winkler started his professional hockey career with the Edmonton Eskimos of the Western Canada Hockey League (WCHL) in 1921. He was named to the league's All-Star Team that first season.

Winkler played for the Eskimos in

the 1923 Stanley Cup final, where they fell in a best-of-three series to the NHL's Ottawa Senators in the days where the NHL champion would meet the WCHL champ for the Stanley Cup. Winkler was phenomenal in the Cup finals, only allowing three goals in the two games.

He would later play for the Calgary Tigers before moving on to the NHL.

A funny story about Winkler's time in the Western League comes from when he and the Edmonton Eskimos would venture to Regina.

In those days, visiting teams were reluctant to play in the Regina Arena. There was a brick wall at the south end of the arena, just a couple of feet behind the goal. At the top of this brick wall, there were three or four rows of seats, usually occupied by very young and exceptionally devoted supporters of the Regina Capitals. These charming children used to spit upon visiting hockey players who made the error of skating behind the goal. Also, the dear children used to drop water bombs on the visiting players.

The favourite target of those kids in the south end gallery of the Regina Arena was Winkler. His visits to Regina were awaited expectantly. You see, Winkler, even as a young goalie, was bald. When he appeared in Regina, his bald head gleaming as it reflected the arena's overhead lights, the kids



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Gretna's Hal Winkler was a pioneer netminder in the sport of hockey.

in the gallery hoot and hollered with joy.

Those charming children inspired Winkler to make a change. On his third visit of the season to Regina, he skated onto the ice wearing a large woollen toque atop his head. After the anthem, Winkler turned and thumbed his nose at the children in the peanut gallery. The kids never gave Winkler any trouble after that.

In 1926, Winkler moved on to the NHL's expansion New York Rangers, at the advanced age of 32. On Nov 16, 1926, Winkler became the first goalie in NHL history to earn a shutout in his first career game, when the Rangers defeated the Montreal Maroons 1-0. It was also the first-ever game for the New York Rangers franchise.

Winkler was traded later that year to the Boston Bruins for \$5,000, a great deal of money back then. With the Bruins, Winkler led the club to the 1927 Stanley Cup finals, where they fell to the Ottawa Senators in four games.

During the following 1927-28 season, Winkler played 44 games for the Bruins, posting a 1.51 goals-against average and a staggering 15 shutouts. Today, Winkler's 15 shutouts in one season are still good for second all-time, even though the NHL regular season has doubled in games since Winkler's playing days.

Unfortunately, this big feat was the beginning of the end for Winkler as his age started to show on the ice.

The writing was on the wall when the Bruins called up future Hockey Hall of Famer Tiny Thompson to tend goal in 1928-29. Winkler was soon dispatched to the minors, where he closed out his career, retiring in 1931.

Winkler's problem was that he was simply born too soon. He could have had a great NHL career, possibly one worthy of a Hockey Hall of Fame induction, had he not entered the NHL

at such an advanced age.

However, Winkler's name has recently been added for a possible induction into the Manitoba Hockey Hall of Fame. It would be a long time coming for such a wonderful netminder.

When it was all said and done, Winkler finished with a 35-26-14 record in 75 NHL games with 21 shutouts. The Boston Bruins won the Stanley Cup in 1928-29 (the year they replaced Winkler with Thompson). And in 1958, when the Stanley Cup was redone to the size it is today, Winkler's name was added to the Cup as a member of the Bruins, even though he spent the majority of the season in the minors.

When Winkler was through with hockey, he returned to Winnipeg and operated a mink ranch for many years in Charleswood.

He stayed out of the game once he retired from hockey, as it was reported that he had only been to a Winnipeg arena once in his first fifteen years of retirement.

Winkler passed away at Winnipeg General Hospital on May 30, 1956, at the age of 62.

Winkler's name doesn't get talked about in hockey circles too much anymore. But one day, I would love to see a sign outside of Gretna saying "Home of Hal Winkler" with a picture of the former NHL netminder of the 1920s. It would be a nice touch for a forgotten hockey pioneer.

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"WINKLER TURNED AND THUMBED HIS NOSE AT THE CHILDREN IN THE PEANUT GALLERY. THEY NEVER GAVE HIM ANY TROUBLE AFTER THAT."

Mercs win SEMHL title

By Voice staff

The Warren Mercs took the South Eastern Manitoba Hockey League title in four games straight last week.

The Notre Dame Hawks found themselves on the losing end of games one through three 7-2, 5-2, and 4-2, and then Warren put the final nail in their coffin with a 4-2 win last Thursday night to become the SEM-

HL's 70th champion team.

Warren goalie Hayden Dola's 8-1 playoff record and 2.45 GAA earned him playoff MVP honours.

The team will now face the Minnedosa Bombers in two games to see who moves on to face either the Bois-sevain Border Kings or the Minio-ta-Elkhorn C-Hawks for the Manitoba Senior "A" Championship.



SEMHL.NET

Railer Express take game one vs. Twisters

By Lorne Stelmach

The Pembina Valley Twisters have a tough task on their hands as they seek to return to the MMJHL championship final.

The third ranked Twisters are taking on second place Transcona in the best of seven semi-final that saw the Railer Express take game one 4-3 in over-

time Sunday.

Pembina Valley grabbed a 2-1 first period lead, but the game was then knotted at 3-3 after 40 minutes, and it remained that way until Transcona got the winner at 3:49 of overtime.

It was TJ Matuszewski and Curtis Rebeck with a pair scoring for the Twisters, who notched one power-

play goal but gave up two as well as a shorthanded goal.

Shots were 29-21 in favour of Transcona, so Logan Enns took the loss in goal on 25 saves.

The Twisters, who lost four of five regular season games against the Railer Express, were looking to even things up with game two Tuesday.

The result was not available at press time.

The series continues with game three Friday and game four Sunday.

The other semi-final had first place St. James and the fifth place Raiders even at a game apiece going into action this week.

Fostering conversations about secularism in Canada

From Pg. 19

RM of Rhineland Reeve Don Wiebe was away and so unavailable for comment at press time. The BCHA noted it had received a response from the RM explaining councillors were no longer required to provide a prayer but, similar to some other Manitoba councils, they rotate between councillors who deliver a message each meeting.

"Sometimes councillors read devotions/short stories/prayers or fables (any domination or faith) as part of the opening or sometimes comment on recent events or news in our region," the RM said in response to the group's query.

That doesn't hold water with the BCHA, which has previously raised this issue with municipalities in B.C.

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deployment to ensure timely emergency response in all areas of the region, noted the minister.

"Emergency response teams, local health-care staff and residents of Southern Health-Santé Sud will all greatly benefit from these new facilities," said Jane Curtis, CEO of Southern Health-Santé Sud. "Workflow out of these stations has fundamentally improved to better support the delivery of emergency services across the region and provincially."

and is now broadening its scope to look at other provinces.

Bushfield noted that the Supreme Court found that "even if [a prayer] is said to be inclusive, it may nevertheless exclude non-believers."

The BCHA's report argues a council cannot choose to follow the Charter at one meeting but ignore it at the next. The act of sharing an individual prayer on any given day is discriminatory in and of itself, they attest.

"Just because one group happens to be the majority doesn't give them the right to trample the minority ... local government is for everyone," Bushfield stressed. "I think Manitoba is kind of similar to what we're finding in Alberta and Saskatchewan, although Winnipeg is the standout largest city that we've identified where prayer is happening."

The station located in Crystal City is 1,800 sq. ft. and provides EMS staff with a larger station that has ample office space and staff areas, as well as vehicle space that meets modern requirements for emergency service vehicles, the province says.

The Portage station clocks in at 5,834-sq.-ft. and replaces a station located in an old fire hall in nearby Southport. It includes a five-bay garage, offices, crew space and an area for training and meetings.

Other communities cited in the report include Steinbach, Hanover, Springfield, and West St. Paul.

Bushfield maintained that they simply want to help be an agent for change.

"We're not best positioned to fight

the battle for secularism in Manitoba—there are other individuals for that—but we're hoping that the research capacity that we're building up on our own work can benefit conversations about secularism across Canada."

The Funnies



PANET GARRY

By: Harrison Doell
Inspired By: Bill Watterson



Steppers win Charolais World Virtual Show with a bred heifer

By Becca Myskiw

Miami's Steppers are making international headlines after winning the Charolais World Virtual Show in two divisions.

Charolais Charbray International hosted the show to build an intra-country business and connect farmers worldwide during an isolating pandemic. It had three divisions: French, Purebred, and Charbray, each judged by three judges worldwide. Producers from France, Czech Republic, Ecuador, Canada, Mexico, Australia, Estonia, and Columbia participated.

Stepler Farms entered the Purebred competition with Brynn Stepler's bred heifer, Gabby. The heifer was named after Brynn Stepler's favourite country singer, Gabby Barrett.

When she was a calf, nine-year-old Brynn Stepler picked out Gabby from their main herd. She then halter broke her, worked on getting the heifer to trust her, and made Gabby her 4-H animal, taking to her a number of shows before the Charolais World Virtual Show in January.

Gabby was 21 months old at the time of submission and 1,624 lbs. Andre



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Brynn Stepler's bred heifer, Gabby, won Grand Champion Purebred Female and People's Choice Female Champion at the Charolais World Virtual Show.

Stepler said the show's timing was perfect for them because when they submitted, it was show season, and Gabby was the heifer they showed all fall. In other words, she was in perfect spirits and shape to be displayed on the world stage.

"The work had already been done," he said. "So, one morning we grabbed her, took a video, and submitted it."

Andre Stepler said this show was a lot different from the others they typically enter because it is international.

"It's a dynamic experience because all around the world, people have a different opinion on what a good animal is," he said. "In one country they look for a certain trait and in another they might not want that at all. It's virtually anyone's game."

Another difference is northern cattle compared to the south. To survive in a climate like Miami's, the Stepler's Charolais's need to have lots of hair. Closer to the equator, they want the animals to be slick-haired. Things like that are dependent on location.

The one standard, though, in all cattle genetics is the structure of the animal and its functionality. You want a maternal heifer and a masculine bull.

On top of that initial submission video, Brynn Stepler also campaigned for Gabby to win People's Choice Female Champion. She took a video with the heifer every day leading up to voting and campaigned on social media for her to win—and she did.

By the end of the 2021 Charolais World Virtual Show, Brynn Stepler and her heifer, Gabby, had the titles of Grand Champion Purebred Female and People's Choice Female Champion.

Gabby has since calved and moved on from her grain diet to silage.

The other winner in the Purebred division was High Bluff Stock Farm from Inglis, Manitoba. They won for Grand Champion Purebred Bull.

Canola seeding steps to reduce flea beetle risk

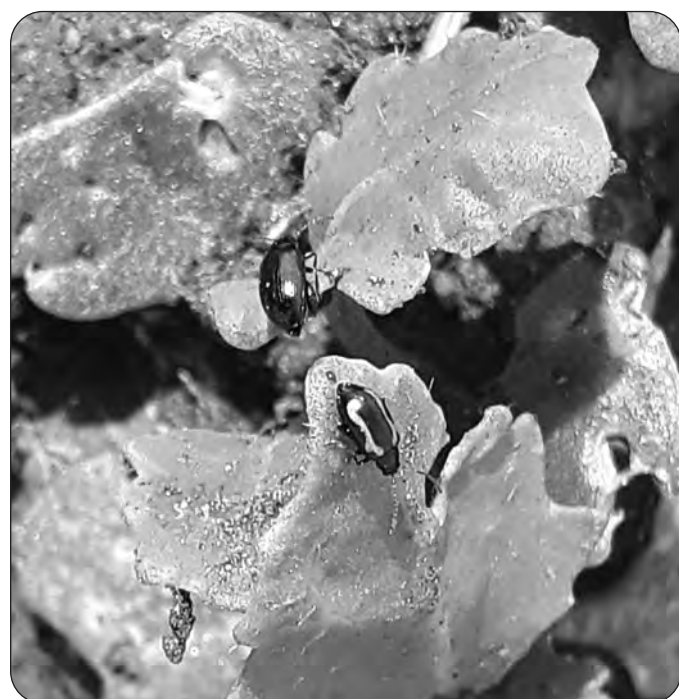
By Keith Gabert

Canola growers can take steps before or at seeding to improve crop competition against flea beetles. These include:

Residue management

Standing stubble protects soil from

erosion and collects more snow. Stubble also improves flea beetle management by providing shelter from wind. With direct seeding, the remaining stubble can keep flea beetles feeding on leaves – and not down on the stems. A few bites on a leaf are far less damaging than a few bites on the stem.



Even after taking the steps described in this article, flea beetle damage can still reach the economic threshold of 25 per cent leaf area loss across the field. Immediately after crop emergence, be on the lookout for striped flea beetles (with orange stripes) and crucifer flea beetles (all black).

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Seed decisions

If growers have some wiggle room on last minute seed treatment decisions, they may upgrade their seed treatment. Enhanced insecticide seed treatments will improve flea beetle protection, especially when used in combination with the following management practices. Arrange a check strip comparison if you have two seed treatments on the same variety.

Aim for five to eight plants per square foot

This target is good for yield, and more plants mean fewer flea beetles per plant and more seed treatment per acre.

Take steps for fast emergence and more vigour

Rapid emergence and vigorous early-season growth can extend seed treatment protection until the four-leaf stage, which is generally considered to be the end of the flea beetle risk period. To achieve these objectives, seed shallow, at a reduced speed, into a warm, moist seedbed. Use only safe rates of seed-placed fertilizer. Our best recommendation is to use only phosphorus in the seed row

and no more than 20 lb./ac. of actual phosphate. Higher rates of seed-placed fertilizer can add more stress, slow the pace of growth and reduce the plant stand.

Even with all of these steps, flea beetle damage can still reach the economic threshold of 25 per cent leaf area loss across the field. If feeding is a concern, scout frequently, especially in warm, dry conditions that are ideal for flea beetles.

Flea beetles become active with the first extended period of warm weather in April and May. Striped flea beetles emerge from winter rest one to four weeks before the crucifer flea beetles, and it may take three weeks for all overwintering adults to emerge.

Canola Watch has good tips on the spray decision and tips to improve results. Please go to canolawatch.org/fundamentals, click on the Insects section and read "The flea beetle spray decision: 8 steps" and "How to assess leaf area loss from flea beetles".

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get inspired

> MEAL IDEAS



Fish with Bok Choy

1 teaspoon sesame oil
1 teaspoon grated ginger
2 baby bok choy, quartered
1 teaspoon soy sauce
Heat rice according to package directions. Set aside.

Add salt and pepper to both sides of fish, to taste.

In medium skillet over medium-high heat, melt butter. Cook fish 2 minutes on each side. Remove fish from pan and keep warm.

In same pan, add sesame oil and ginger. Cook 1 minute.

Add bok choy to pan and stir-fry 2 minutes. Add soy sauce; stir to incorporate. Top rice with fish and serve with bok choy.

Prep time: 3 minutes
Cook time: 7 minutes
Servings: 1
1 Minute Brown Rice Cup
salt, to taste
pepper, to taste
1 white fish fillet
1 tablespoon butter



Fiesta Rice

1 sliced green onion
1 tablespoon chopped cilantro
1 teaspoon lime juice
salt, to taste
black pepper, to taste
Heat rice according to package directions. Set aside.

In bowl, combine tomato, avocado, onion and cilantro.

Add lime juice and salt and pepper, to taste.

Mix thoroughly and serve.

Prep time: 3 minutes
Cook time: 1 minute
Servings: 1
1 Minute White Rice Cup
1 diced tomato
1/2 diced avocado



Grilled Quinoa Paella

3 tablespoons lemon juice
Preheat grill to medium-high heat; grease grates well.

Prepare quinoa according to package directions, substituting chicken broth for water. Drain, reserving 1 cup chicken broth.

In large saucepan, stir diced tomatoes with reserved chicken broth; bring to boil. Cook 3-5 minutes, or until thickened slightly. Stir in quinoa, peas and smoked paprika. Cook 1 minute. Cover and let stand 10 minutes.

In small bowl, stir olive oil, garlic, paprika, salt and pepper. Brush marinade over onion and red pepper. Toss half of remaining marinade with chicken and remaining marinade with shrimp.

Grill chicken 6-8 minutes per side, or until well-marked and internal temperature reaches 165 F. Grill sausages, turning occasionally, 6-8 minutes, or until well-marked and heated through. Grill shrimp 2-3 minutes per side, or until well-marked and cooked through. Grill red pepper and onion 2-3 minutes per side, or until well-marked and tender.

Chop chicken, sausage, red pepper and onion into bite-size pieces. Stir into quinoa mixture. Stir in shrimp, parsley and lemon juice. Serve warm or at room temperature.

Prep time: 20 minutes
Cook time: 30 minutes
Servings: 6
2 bags Success Tri-Color Quinoa
4 cups chicken broth
1 cup canned diced tomatoes
1 cup frozen peas
3/4 teaspoon smoked paprika
3 tablespoons olive oil
3 cloves garlic, minced
1 teaspoon paprika
3/4 teaspoon salt
1/2 teaspoon black pepper
1 onion, sliced into 1/4-inch rounds
1 red bell pepper, halved
4 boneless, skinless chicken thighs
12 ounces medium shrimp, peeled and deveined
2 cured chorizo sausages
1/4 cup finely chopped fresh parsley

Expert patient here to help!



Susie Schwartz

By Susie Schwartz

I'm having a lot of ups and downs lately. It's not what you think. Sure, life can get tricky: challenging, beautiful, exciting; fear-ridden. But that's not what I am referring to here. Although either way, the advice stands: Embrace the ups and downs.

I'm not sure about you, but this does not come easy to me. And here's what I'm talking about:

Our Queen-sized bed felt less than ideal for many years, as the hubs and I are not small people. Also, our mattress was very worn out. So... whilst heavily researching beds, a seed was planted in Don's head. Why not get his and hers motorized beds?

Why not?! As a sick person, I felt defeated and old when he threw out his proposal. I don't need a motorized bed! I don't want to need a motorized bed! Was this foreshadowing?! Would we be manifesting a worsened condition?! (I'd been in a place of illness before, where this bed was definitely needed. Might it

happen again?)

But knowing how often I sit up in bed, fourteen pillows behind my back and a snack tray on my lap, well, this made much sense. I read, watch TV, write lyrics, and sometimes do push-ups in there. (Okay, maybe not push-ups.) It made much sense.

But then he said, "And we get a tax exemption because of your Type 1 Diabetes!" Whoa. That's a win! But wait. Qualifying for a disease perk doesn't feel so great. It must be serious if the government doesn't want your money.

Still, I embraced the idea and now, as I buzz myself up and down and let the massage feature pulse and vibrate (I should stop talking), I am thrilled that I got over myself.

Uncertainty can shoot hot darts of fear right into our neuropathy-ridden nerves when dealing with illness, but is it worth not getting the magic bed? And does pride of wanting to appear young, able and put together help anything? Only pride itself.

So, although the conversation about powered beds was an emotional journey for me, once I settled on the idea, I soon got to settle in the bum-cradling, back-massaging, feast-friendly, fit-for-a-king (size) den of luxury. I highly recommend it. So yeah...life is all things.

But who would've thought that 'ups and downs' could be 100 per cent positive, eh?

Less health stress, yes?

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Mexican Grilled Corn Salad

1/2 teaspoon salt
1/2 teaspoon black pepper
1/4 teaspoon ground cumin
1/3 cup finely crumbled feta cheese
2 green onions, thinly sliced

Prepare rice according to package directions. Set aside and allow to cool completely.

Preheat grill to medium-high; grease grates well. Grill corn 10-12 minutes, or until well-marked and tender. Allow to cool slightly. Slice corn kernels from cobs and reserve.

In medium bowl, stir lime juice, mayonnaise, sour cream, garlic, chili powder, lime zest, salt, pepper and cumin. Add rice, corn, feta and green onions. Toss well.

Prep time: 15 minutes
Cook time: 10 minutes
Servings: 4
1 bag Success Jasmine Rice
3 ears corn
1/4 cup lime juice
3 tablespoons mayonnaise
2 tablespoons sour cream
1 clove garlic, minced
1 teaspoon chili powder
1 teaspoon lime zest

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Public Notice

The Minnewasta Golf Club will be conducting its Pesticide Control Program from May15/2022 to November 6/2022.

The program intent is to Control Noxious Weeds, Turf Diseases and Mosquitoes on the property.

The control products to be used include; Pyraclostrobin, Propiconazole, Chlorothalonil, Fludioxonil, Glyphosate, Mecoprop-p, 2,4-D, dicamba, mineral oil, Trifloxystrobin, Baillie thuringiensis.

Anyone having concerns about the use of these products may send written submissions within 15 days of publication of notice to the department below.

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Spring Gun Show Carman Hall April 2, 2022 9-3 pm \$5 Admission BUY, SELL, TRADE

For more info carmangunshow@gmail.com

GARAGE SALE

Moving garage sale – everything must go! Pressure canner, Forman grill, deck chairs, BBQ, and too many items to mention. Mar. 31, 4 p.m. – 7 p.m.; Apr. 1, 9 a.m. – 7 p.m.; Apr. 2, 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. 55 Schantz Street North, Schanzefeld.

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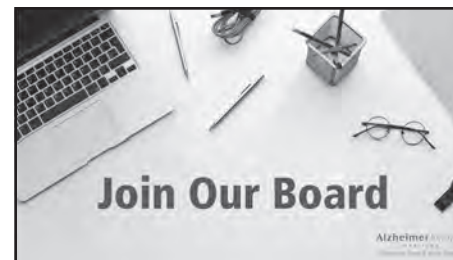
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LAND TENDER

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Completed Tender and a \$10,000.00 deposit of the Tender Price are invited to be received up to 12:00 PM (noon) on April 21, 2022 (the "deadline") on the property described below, which Tenders and Deposits shall be received at:

PKF Lawyers,
326 Stephen Street, Morden MB
Attn: Stéphane Warnock
Ph: 204-822-4463

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PUBLIC NOTICE



R.M. of ROLAND PUBLIC NOTICE - 2022 FINANCIAL PLAN

Pursuant to Section 162(2) of The Municipal Act The Council of the Rural Municipality of Roland will hold a Public Hearing to present the 2022 Financial Plan:

Tuesday,
April 12, 2022 • 10:00 a.m.
Roland Memorial Hall

Interested persons may make representation, ask questions, or register an objection to the Plan. Copies of the Financial Plan will be available for review from the Municipal Office after April 4, 2022.

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2022 PROPOSED PESTICIDE PROGRAM - CITY OF MORDEN

Public notice is hereby given that the City of Morden may conduct the following Pesticide Control Programs during 2022. An Integrated Pest Management Plan (IPM) has been developed for the City and will act as a guide for pest prevention, treatment and management. One of the goals of the IPM is to reduce the use of chemical controls by means of using preventative, mechanical, and biological controls. The City will adhere to provincial legislation and regulations pertaining to the use and implementation of a pesticide program.

1. For the control of noxious weeds within the City of Morden and in accordance to the Noxious Weed Act, Environment Act and the Non-Essential Pesticide Use Regulations between May 1st and October 31st the following herbicides may be used:

- Fiesta (Iron HEDTA)
- Par 3 (mecocorp-p, 2,4-D, dicamba)
- Round-up (Glyphosate)

2. To control larval mosquitoes in stagnant/standing water, within the City of Morden and 1 mile beyond the city boundary on public property, rights-of way, and ditches between May 1st to October 1st 2022 the following biological larvicides may be used include:

- Aquabac (Bacillus thuringiensis var. israelensis -Bti)
- Vectobac (Bacillus thuringiensis var. israelensis -Bti)

3. To control adult mosquitoes along streets and lanes, City parks, golf courses, cemeteries and rights-of-ways within the City boundaries between May 1st and October 31st 2022 by way of ultra-low volume mist sprayers the following insecticide may be used:

- DeltaGard 20EW ULV

4. To control elm bark beetles, the carrier of Dutch Elm Disease, by spraying Pyrate (chlorpyrifos) onto the lower 50cm of elm trees on both public and private property from approximately June 1st until October 15, 2022.

5. To control Dutch Elm Disease by way of macro injection directly into the root flare of American elm trees, Arbotect 20-S fungicide will be used between June 1st and August 31st.

6. To control other insect pests between May 1st and October 31st 2022 the following may be used:

- Safer's Insecticidal Soap (potassium salts)
- Copper Fungicide Spray
- Foray 48B (Btk)
- Sevin (carbaryl)

Any person may, within 15 days after this notice is published, send a written submission to Manitoba Conservation regarding the above control program or register with the department their written objection to the use of pesticides next to their property to:

Pesticide Use Permit Program
Environmental Approvals Branch
Manitoba Environment, Climate and Parks
1007 Century Street, Winnipeg MB R3H 0W4
T: (204) 945-7107
F: (204) 945-5229

E: pesticideusepermit@gov.mb.ca
W: www.gov.mb.ca/sd/environment_and_biodiversity/pesticides
Any person who may wish to discuss the control policy may also contact the City of Morden, Parks & Urban Forestry Department at 204.362.3999 or email sdias@mymorden.ca

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The Citizens of Winkler are invited to a Public Information meeting at City Hall. The information session will include an overview of the proposed Utility Rate Change, as well as provide opportunity for questions and comments from the public. Come and join us, April 12th, at City Hall, 185 Main Street, at 7:00 pm.



CITY OF WINKLER
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PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE OF REGISTRATION OF PROSPECTIVE CANDIDATE FOR GENERAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION CITY OF WINKLER

Please be advised that a general municipal election will be held October 26, 2022.

Prospective municipal election candidates must register with the Senior Election Official (SEO) during the registration period before they may begin to accept contributions, incur expenses, fundraise or borrow money for their campaign.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that I will be receiving candidate registrations:

For the office of head of council: Between May 1, 2022 and September 20, 2022

For the office of councillor: Between June 30, 2022 and September 20, 2022

at the City of Winkler Administration Office, 185 Main Street, during the regular hours of business.

To obtain a registration form contact the SEO at the email or telephone number listed below:

Barb Dyck
Senior Election Official (SEO)
City of Winkler
204-325-9524
seo@cityofwinkler.ca



Dated at the City of Winkler on March 24, 2022.

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Sudoku Answer

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Crossword Answer

X CROSSWORD

CLUES ACROSS

- Hillsides
- A way to ingest
- Large number
- Southeastern Minnesota city
- Cronies
- Having sufficient skill, knowledge
- Supplements with difficulty
- Former VP nominee Palin
- Cambodian monetary unit
- Where coaches work
- Secret political clique
- A type of lute
- Tan
- Empire State
- Where golfers begin
- For each
- Muslim inhabitants of the Philippines
- Bird genus
- Popular Dave Matthews Band song
- Domesticates
- "Boardwalk Empire" actress Gretchen
- Asian antelope
- One who takes apart
- Kin
- Dresses
- Says something about you (abbr.)
- Doctor of Education
- One quintillion bytes (abbr.)
- Overcharge
- Sailboats
- Indian musical patterns
- Predisposition to a condition
- Share a common boundary with
- Wide
- Skin disease
- Monetary unit of Samoa
- Source of the Blue Nile
- Instrument
- Red deer
- Unidentified flying object
- Bar or prelude

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CLUES DOWN

- Flying insects
- Strong alcoholic spirit
- Old
- Moves in slowly
- Symbol for tin
- Having certain appendages
- Expression of sorrow or pity
- Type of hormone (abbr.)
- One with an unjustified mistrust
- Hebrew calendar month
- Pure
- LSU football coach
- Unbroken views
- Fathers
- Part of a race
- Hairstyle
- Fifth note of a major scale
- Body art
- Amounts of time
- Designed chairs
- Sensational dramatic piece
- Arrangement of steps
- Classifies
- Young child
- Oh, no!
- Astronomical period of about 18 years
- Not or
- Poke fun at
- Consisting of roots
- "_ Humbug!"
- A way to remove
- A confusion of voices and other sounds
- Keyed instrument
- Varnishes
- Unpleasantly sticky substance
- Unable to hear
- A short erect tail
- Indicates interest
- Flow or leak through
- British thermal unit
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AUCTION

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AUCTION

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AUCTION



Farm Auction for Morely & Bev Wilson, Darlingford, MB. Timed on-line closing April 18/22. Good line of Farm equipment, haying, cattle, and large amount of shop items. Owners 204-246-2142



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AUCTION

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OBITUARY

Katherine Helen Loewen (nee Friesen)

May 7, 1923 – February 19, 2022

On Saturday, February 19, 2022, Katherine (Kay) Loewen peacefully passed away at Eagle Ridge Manor long term care in Port Moody, BC at the age of 98 years and nine months.

Katherine was born and raised in Winkler, MB, the eldest child of Peter T. and Agatha Friesen. She married Frank G. Loewen in 1942 and they settled in Winkler. In 1983, Katherine relocated to Maple Ridge, BC. She lived independently in BC until the age of 97, when she moved into the excellent and compassionate care of Eagle Ridge Manor.

Katherine is lovingly remembered by children, Ginny and Ron Peters of Morden, MB; Lyn and Steve Boswell of Crozet, France; Cindy and Dave Neufeld of Port Coquitlam, BC; daughter-in-law Iris Loewen of Sechelt, BC; nine grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren. She is survived by two sisters, Lil Collins of Maple Ridge, BC and Deanna and Don Kohanik of Winnipeg, MB.

Katherine was predeceased by husband Frank G. Loewen in 1974, son Les Loewen in 2020, and siblings, Harvey Friesen, Florence Edwards, Mabel Friesen and Ken Friesen.

We will grieve her absence but can celebrate her long active life.

OBITUARY

David Peters

September 14, 1940

– March 14, 2022



David (Dave) Peters was born on September 14, 1940, on a small farm just outside Plum Coulee, to Maria and Abram Peters. He was the third child of what would eventually become five in total.

Dad showed a passion for singing, and even at the tender age of three or four was known to sing for anyone who would give him an audience. This blossomed into a love for song leading and choir directing, that would follow him for his entire life. It was this love that led him to meet the love of his life at a Daily Vacation Bible School event. He had been asked to lead singing for the week, and to his delight, the pianist was a beautiful young lady by the name

of Alice Penner (Giesbrecht). It was a match made in heaven. Dave and Alice married on August 3rd of 1963. Dad had been developing a career as a school teacher, teaching in various towns in south eastern Manitoba, and they settled in Steinbach just long enough to introduce a son to the world. Darcy was born in November of 1965.

Desiring to dive deeper into his understanding of the scriptures, the family moved to Nipawin, SK, so that Dave could attend Nipawin Bible College, and a year later took on the Principal position at the school in Smeaton, SK. While living there, Dad spent several summers in Saskatoon working towards his degree at the University of Saskatoon. It was during one of those summers, in August of 1969, that Mom and Dad welcomed a beautiful little girl into the family, they named her Chandra. In 1972, the family once again packed up and moved, this time to Prince Albert, SK, where Dad took a Principal position at a small rural school. In 1975, missing family, and tired of the long drives to family events, Mom and Dad moved to Esterhazy, SK, which was only five hours from family, eventually retiring to Yorkton, SK.

Mom and Dad were deeply invested in the church community in Yorkton. However, with Chandra now living in Whitehorse, Yukon, and Darcy living in Winnipeg, they realized that they were entering a season of life where being close to family was increasingly important. After exploring various options, they decided to settle in Steinbach, where once again they became deeply invested in the community.

Alice passed away suddenly on August 6, 2019, and understandably, Dad was devastated. He never completely recovered from the loss of his best friend, and life partner. Dad lasted another two and a half years and lived to see the birth of his newest great-grandsons, Levi and Eli Kolesar. In his final few days, Dad was alert and present, and was able to have final visits with his kids, their spouses, his southern grandkids, and even his brothers and sisters. On Monday, March 14, 2022, at approximately 1:30 in the afternoon, Dad took his last breath, and was reunited with Mom, and many friends and family that preceded him.

Surviving him are his children: Darcy (Deirdre) Peters and Chandra (Frank) Ursich; grandkids: Joshua Peters, Stephanie Peters, Tiffany (Tyler) Kolesar, Spencer Ursich, Amy Dunbar (deceased), Gina (Dave) Anderson, and Amber (Leo) Ursich; great-grandkids: Stephanie, Cameron, Hannah, and Ben Dunbar, and Makiah, Theo, Cora, and Opal Anderson, and Levi and Eli Kolesar. Also surviving him are his siblings Abe (Betty) Peters, Eva (Jim - deceased) Harms, Martha (Richard) Letkemen, and Jon (Janice) Peters.

A public memorial service will be held on Sunday, April 10, 2022, at 2:00 p.m. at Birchwood Funeral Chapel, Steinbach, MB. To join the family via livestream please go to www.birchwoodfuneralchapel.com and click the link on David's obituary page.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Canadian Gideons.
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OBITUARY

Lawrence Klippenstein

July 16, 1930 – March 18, 2022



Lawrence Klippenstein, age 91, of Winnipeg, passed away on Friday, March 18, 2022, at St. Boniface Hospital.

He was predeceased by his wife LaVerna, two brothers and two sisters.

He is survived by four children: Norman (Amanda), Noreen, Nathan (Jamie Lynn) and Nevin Jerry (Lisa); former son-in-law Ron Janzen; 10 grandchildren and their spouses; two brothers; one sister; as well as two sisters-in-law and one brother-in-law.

Lawrence Klippenstein was born in Altberghal, MB. on July 16, 1930 and grew up on a poultry farm on the banks of beautiful Buffalo Creek. He was the oldest of five boys, with brothers Alfred, Ray, Bill and Alvin. His mother passed away when he was 14, and

second mom Susan Friesen and two little sisters came along - Helen and Nora - and later a third sister Dolores was added to the family.

After graduating from MCI, Lawrence found a position as a permit teacher for a Holdeman community in Greenland, MB. He completed Normal School, studied at Canadian Mennonite Bible College, and then taught up north in Grand Rapids for a year. He met his wife LaVerna at U of M, and after marrying they served at Mennonite Pioneer Mission in the Métis community of Matheson Island. He always had a special fondness for this experience and the people he came to know there. During this time their oldest son Norman was born. The family moved to Goshen, Indiana, where he and LaVerna attended college, and he graduated from Elkart seminary, and Noreen and Nathan were born. He was ordained and pastored in Kitchener, taught at CMBC, and helped establish the Fort Garry Mennonite Fellowship. His interest in teaching church history led him to the University of Minnesota, where he completed his Masters. It was in Minneapolis where their youngest son, Nevin (Jerry) was born. He was called back to Southern Manitoba to teach at Elim Bible School, and served as interim pastor at the Altona Mennonite Church before finding his true calling as long-time archivist for the Conference of Mennonites in Canada, where he worked for the next 24 years. During this time he completed his PhD in Russian Mennonite history, his focus being Conscientious Objection status in Russia during World War I.

He and LaVerna were actively involved in leadership roles at Home St. Mennonite Church for over 30 years.

After retirement, MCC service sabbaticals took Lawrence and LaVerna to London UK, Germany and Moscow. During their time in Moscow as MCC country reps, they became acquainted with Lemma, Marcus and Shamal, who became like sons to them when they needed family. After LaVerna's stroke, Lawrence became an attentive caregiver for the next nine years until her death.

As a father and husband he was soft-spoken and patient, and often had a twinkle in his eye. He was proud and supportive of all his children and grandchildren. Lawrence was a prolific writer, preacher and teacher, a teller of stories, a loving husband, father, grandfather and friend to many. He was known as a "walking encyclopedia in Mennonite history", a great help to those doing family research, and a wise mentor. Lawrence was deeply invested in the work of preserving Mennonite history, right until the month of his death - chairing committees, giving lectures, answering email questions, writing his memoirs, and editing and mailing many newsletters, into his 90's.

He was beloved by many friends old and new at the Lindenwood Terrace, where he lived comfortably the last seven years until his death.

Lawrence was a man who in his own words, "wondered as he wandered", his life at times meandering like the Buffalo Creek where it began. Like other men of his generation his focus was education and finding a career path, but days before his death, though experiencing much confusion, he said clearly and with deliberation, "I could not have imagined a more obliging and caring family to be the legacy of my life and work."

We love you too, Dad. You will be so missed.

A public funeral service was held on Saturday, March 26, 2022, at 2:00 p.m., at the Fort Garry Mennonite Fellowship Church, Winnipeg, MB. To view the service go to www.birchwoodfuneralchapel.com and click the link on Lawrence's obituary page.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the MCC Ukraine Emergency Response.

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Recognizing the heroic efforts of essential workers

Many businesses were forced to close their facilities to the public as local governments implemented measures to prevent the spread of the novel coronavirus COVID-19. Businesses deemed “non-essential” could no longer welcome customers into their offices and stores, prompting many people to wonder just why some businesses are considered “essential” while others are not.

Prior to the COVID-19 outbreak, residents may not have given much thought to the people who help to keep their communities running smoothly.

But now more than ever, it's vital to understand what essential workers do, and how their efforts during this uncertain time are helping us all.

Sanitation workers

Sanitation workers ride in garbage trucks and collect trash from local businesses and residents. These workers' efforts are often taken for granted, but their work has been especially important during the COVID-19 outbreak. Stay-at-home measures have produced more residential garbage, and sanitation workers have ensured that garbage is still being taken away. During a time when people are being urged to stay home as much as possible, these vital workers are still moving from house to house in service of their communities, making them unsung heroes of this outbreak.

Healthcare workers

The efforts of healthcare workers during the COVID-19 outbreak have been nothing short of heroic. Doctors and nurses risk their health each day to treat patients with COVID-19 as well as the myriad other conditions and diseases that continue to affect people across the globe. But the National Institutes of Health note that healthcare workers also comprise administrative staffs, aides, lab technicians, and other healthcare industry professionals, many of whom have continued to go to work throughout this crisis. These people provide vital services that have kept people safe and healthy during this uncertain time.

Postal carriers

Postal carriers also perform vital services every day. For aging men and women confined to their homes while stay-at-home orders are in place, postal carriers may be delivering the only consistent communications with the outside world they receive each day. Like sanitation workers, postal carriers are showing up for work each day despite the risks of traveling from house to house. In addition to postal carriers, in-office postal workers are working diligently each day to sort letters and packages, doing so during a time when many people are fearful of coming into contact with anything they have not disinfected. These efforts are helping people receive necessary supplies, including medications and masks, while also ensuring that people continue to receive vital communications from local governments, financial advisors, banks, and other institutions.

Financial workers

As unemployment rates soar across much of the globe, workers in the financial sector are helping people confront the economic uncertainty that arises from job loss and furloughs. Banking administrators and executives have continued to help customers learn about assistance programs, and many institutions have relaxed penalties and payment deadlines for customers struggling to make ends meet.

Grocery workers

Grocery store workers have been among the hardest working men and women during the COVID-19 crisis. Shelves are emptying rapidly, and grocery workers are working diligently to deliver goods, unload trucks, restock shelves, and clean stores each night in order to keep communities safe and well fed.

The tireless efforts of essential workers has helped communities stay strong during the COVID-19 outbreak. Such efforts may go unnoticed, but it's important that communities recognize and acknowledge the vital services these workers provide.

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