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Mennonite Collegiate Institute's performance of Matilda the Musical was a smash hit last week, with the teens taking to the stage for the first time since early 2020.

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Honouring nurses' contributions to health care

By Ty Dilello

Altona Community Memorial Health Centre manager Kevin Hamilton knows all too well about the importance of nurses.

"Our nurses are an extremely valuable resource, and this is exactly what we found once we were quite short with nurses," Hamilton said as Canada marked National Nursing Week May 9-15. "Because of our nurses, we're able to provide our services to the community."

"Nurses are the ones who develop those relationships and provide the day-to-day care that so many people and families really need. Our nurses sometimes go underappreciated, so it's nice to highlight how valuable they are to our whole healthcare system."

Kathy Winter is the clinical resource nurse in Altona. She's been in the field ever since getting out of high school decades ago.

"I picked nursing because I felt it would have good job security and lots of variety. Boy, was that true," she said last week. "I attended the Misericordia School of Nursing, a two-year program, and met great people and had a great experience."

Looking back at her career, Winter noted she has had many great experiences on the job.

"I worked with labour and delivery, emergency room, operating room, recovery room, home care, and now working as a certified radiology nurse (CRN). There is rarely a dull moment, always something to learn, and I have always had extremely wonderful people to work

with. We have such a great team."

Winters reflected on the challenges of the last two years over the course of the COVID-19 pandemic.

"In 2020 I was still working as a case coordinator in home care. COVID-19 brought many challenges, as the home environment is much less controlled regarding isolation procedures, use of PPE, etc.," she said. "It took some time for staff not to fear the COVID-19 positive client."

"In 2021 I started back doing hospital work in the recreated position of clinical resource nurse. This position had previously been eliminated and is now reinstated. During the pandemic, especially, it was very important to coordinate patient placements. We are often short of space, as any patient with COVID symptoms has to be isolated. In the hospital, we have had some very sick people with COVID, so using nursing resources wisely to ensure quality care is challenging. Also having to deal with attitudes and confrontations on a regular basis regarding visiting rules has taken a toll on all staff."

Through it all, Winter points to the strong teamwork at Altona Memorial as helping make the facility run smoothly.

"The camaraderie that a nursing team has is rewarding, enjoyable, and fun," she said. "The whole team, including doctors, nurses, healthcare aides, housekeeping, kitchen, maintenance, and supplies working together to care for our patients is a really wonderful thing."

"Working with patients and helping them feel better in one way or another is a joy."



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Kathy Winter is the clinical resource nurse at Altona Community Memorial Health Centre.

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Some areas remain waterlogged as spring flooding continues

By Ty Dilello

The water receded in some areas of southern Manitoba over the past several days, but many remain plagued by spring flooding.

In Altona, the flooding issues on the northwest corner of town have gone, flood protection equipment was removed last week, and things are starting to return to normal.

"Unless things change dramatically due to the rain this week, we are pretty much finished with the flood stuff," said Altona Mayor Al Friesen Monday. "We've closed our emergency operations centre and are starting to transition to other work. But we will sit down for an overall review on May 19."

Other communities have not been so fortunate.

The Municipality of Rhineland declared a state of local emergency last week, with the Pembina River still remaining a flood threat in the southeast corner of the municipality. At one point, the level of the Pembina River at Neche, North Dakota, was 21.66,

which is nearly four feet above channel capacity.

The border crossing at Gretna to Neche has been closed for nearly two weeks now as flooding made the road between the two countries impassable.

A little further north, at press time Highway 75 remained closed both north and south of Morris, with detours in place that stretch all the way to Carman or St. Malo.

There are several warnings and high water advisories still in effect as we progress through this week, including flood warnings for the Red River from Emerson to the Red River Floodway inlet, La Salle near Sanford, Pembina, Boyne, Morris and Little Morris rivers, and the Deadhorse, Shannon and Netley creeks. All other Red River tributaries remain under a flood watch.

There is flooding all around Emerson, but the town remains accessible through both of its main roads, said resident and former mayor Wayne

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Winkler Horticulture Soc. gearing up for the season

By Ashleigh Viveiros

The Winkler Horticulture Society is hard at work on its plans for the summer ahead.

It will be a season that sees the completion of one community beautification project and the end of another.

Society chair Margaret Penner explains they are in the midst of dismantling the Parkside Pioneer Patch.

The little park located just off Hwy. 14 in north Winkler has been home for the last five years to several vintage vehicles and farm equipment, a picnic space, and a small sea of flowers, natural grasses, and shrubs.

The land was always on temporary loan to the society from the city, who recently sold the lot for future commercial development.

There was talk originally of moving the entire patch elsewhere, but a suitable location could not be found.

"There are just really no sites that are conducive to have this kind of a setup," Penner says. "And our committee doesn't want to reinvent the wheel and start out somewhere from scratch again."

"We loved putting this place together because it gave us a wide-open space to be creative with perennials and shrubs and all the other little touches," she adds. "But I think there is a time for everything ..."

Still, it's bittersweet, Penner says, since the space has really come into its own in recent years, serving as a backdrop for countless photos and a



VOICE FILE PHOTO

The horticulture society is working on dismantling the Parkside Pioneer Patch in north Winkler (shown here in full bloom last summer). The city land it rests on has been sold for development.

quiet space for families to visit.

"It's sad because it just got to its prime maybe two years ago; it's been the most showy in that period," she says, noting the guest book is filled with comments from out-of-town visitors and locals alike.

"It was a good thing for families with children to come and talk about heritage and agriculture. So it's sad to see all that go."

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Marilyn Skubovius has been named Morden's newest Citizen of Distinction Award winner for her decades of tireless community involvement.

Marilyn Skubovius to receive Citizen of Distinction Award

By Lorne Stelmach

One would be hard pressed to find something in Morden that has not had the involvement of Marilyn Skubovius in some shape or form over the years.

Her lengthy record of community service has earned her this year's Citizen of Distinction Award from the Morden Area Foundation.

"I have known Marilyn for over 50 years as an inspiration and the face of many endeavors that Morden has benefited from," Doug Reichert said in his nomination of Skubovius. "She has served on so many boards and

volunteer committees regarding education, civic affairs, health care, business and related issues.

"Marilyn deserves this recognition, firstly as a woman who has operated a successful business for many decades, but she did not hesitate to put herself forward as a volunteer, feeling she could give back to the community that she has lived in all her life."

"I was surprised and honoured ... but there's so many people in the community that do so many different things," Skubovius said after learning of her selection this past week.

"It's nice to be recognized, but you don't do it for the recognition," she stressed. "You just do what you can; you do what you're interested in; you just do things to make things better in your community."

What has kept her going over the years?

"I guess you're just interested, and you want to improve things where you can, and if you've got the ability to do it ... and if nobody else steps up, you just do what you can," Skubovius said.

"It's better to light a candle than to curse the darkness," she added. "I'm not a negative person."

"Pat Gibson talked about planting the tree, the shade of which you don't expect to sit under," Skubovius recalled. "We've been fortunate enough to see some of the things develop, like the foundation."

Skubovius's experience and involvement has been varied and extensive over the years. Here are just a few highlights:

- Involved on the Boundary Trails Health Centre expansion committee.
- Served on town council for 13 years.
- Chaired the Pembina Valley Recycling Network, which led to the regional landfill.
- Sat on the library board and helped lobby for a new library.
- Represented Morden on the hospital board and on the first BTHC Foundation board.
- Involved in forming the Morden Area Foundation.
- Helped lobby for the four-lane highway through Morden.
- Sat on the Pembina Valley Water Co-op board.
- Served as a Western School Division trustee for nine years.
- Represented Morden retail merchants on the Morden Chamber of Commerce.

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Premier tours flood damage

By Lorne Stelmach

Provincial officials including Premier Heather Stefanson last week toured a number of communities impacted by this spring's flooding.

During a stop in our area Wednesday, the premier along with Morden-Winkler MLA Cameron Friesen and Doyle Piwniuk, minister of transportation and infrastructure, met with municipal leaders and staff while also seeing some of the damage firsthand.

"We're just here to support the municipality and make sure that we're here for them," Stefanson said after seeing the destruction of the Alvey Street bridge in Morden. "We have to assess the damage. I wanted to be here myself and along with our min-

isters to just see what the extent of the damage is so we know what needs to take place moving forward."

"This community was hard hit by continuing high precipitation events this spring," noted Friesen. "We will be here in the aftermath to help clean up."

"Our government made changes to the way disasters were handled so that we're able to not just restore things to its previous state but to actually make things better. It's more expensive, but it's more durable," he added. "The damage here in Morden is very significant ... a huge community effort [was made] to be able to keep the damage from being worse."

Piwniuk also noted that the province has the benefit of having been through

different flood events in recent history and being able to see where things can be handled differently.

"We've learnt a lot, and we're going to assess everything so that we actually continue investing in our flood mitigation projects," he said.


"We're looking at all the assessments across the province. Right now we have 24 municipalities [that] have declared local states of emergency, and we'll be assessing all these communities ... and even our infrastructure from the Province of Manitoba," Piwniuk added.

"We want to make sure that we invest in long-term solutions

... like a bridge here versus say culverts," he said in looking at the damage to the Alvey bridge.

"We're going to be working together to make sure that anything that the community needs, when it comes to sandbags, equipment, we're there for them for communities, and we'll continue doing that."

"When it comes to infrastructure projects ... working with the federal government, making sure there's a program that will replace infrastructure that will withstand other events."



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Staying ahead of the curve

Walter Gretzky, the father of the greatest hockey player to ever lace up skates, Wayne Gretzky, once told a Pee Wee hockey team "skate to where the puck is going, not to where it is."

A powerful quote that encapsulates not just a way of playing the game but, perhaps, of living life.

In fact, this quote has become so (over)used by business types as to almost become meaningless and most certainly annoy the heck out of business columnists everywhere.

Still, there's a reason it has become a cliché. There is a deep sentiment in this quote that rings true, especially with visionaries and people who want to be visionary.

So at the risk of driving this cliché a little further, let's talk about it as it relates to vision.

Anyone who has watched Gretzky play and looked at his stats recognizes there was something remarkably different about him and how he played hockey. I like to think part of this (a big part) had to do with his father's philosophy of looking ahead and being strategically offensive.

In fact Gretzky was so good that coaches and players would adapt their strategies to counter his speed and skill on the ice.

But here's the thing: when the game changes around you, because of you, you are the one that is in control ... and this is a powerful place to be.

When Tiger Woods burst onto the professional golf scene by becoming the youngest player in history to win The Masters tournament at the age of 21 he created a similar vibe to Gretzky (or Michael Jordan if you're a basketball fan or the Williams sisters for tennis). Not only did he win, he did so in record style, leading second-place Tom Kite by 12 shots with a staggering 18 under par score.

Woods became so good that golf courses around the world began to "Tiger-proof" by lengthening holes to counter his domination of the game. I would argue with you (over beer that you can buy me) that Woods is the greatest golfer to ever play the game ... better even than Jack Nicklaus.

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When the game and players change around you, because of you, you are the one that is in control.

This is what I see as I watch Elon Musk and his romp through the business world.

I am not a Musk fanboy (a Muskie? A Muskeg?) although this column may convince you otherwise. What I am is a person fascinated by what Musk has done to almost every sector he has touched.

A South African and Canadian citizen, Musk is a little like Thomas Edison in the worst possible way: he sometimes sees the potential of other's technology and services in ways most cannot and positions himself ahead of the curve. Musk founded his first company at the age of 24, Zip2, which he sold at the age of 28 for \$307 million.

Musk co-founded a company called X.com (which you have probably not heard of) and then after being booted as CEO returned after X.com merged with PayPal (which you probably have heard of) and took over as CEO again. After PayPal sold, Musk, as the largest shareholder, made a tidy \$175 million.

In 2002, Musk founded SpaceX to focus on the development of affordable launch technology. He has also founded Starlink, Tesla, and The Boring Company, among others. With a net worth of more than \$300 billion, Musk is far and away the richest human being on earth. It is because of this wealth he was recently able to successfully make a cash offer to buy Twitter.

It is not the purpose of the column to weigh in on how good or evil Elon Musk is. It is the purpose of this column to point out that some of the most dominant (or dominating) people in our history have had the uncanny, visionary ability to go to where the puck is going to be. They know how to get ahead of the curve before others do and they capitalize on this.

If you want to understand visionary power, look at folks like Gretzky, Woods, Musk. But be warned: the closer you look the more disheartened you may become because ultimately it's not so much a formula as it is a perfect storm of persona, strategy, timing, luck, and generational wealth.



By Peter Cantelon

"IF YOU WANT TO UNDERSTAND VISIONARY POWER, LOOK AT FOLKS LIKE GRETZKY, WOODS, MUSK."

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Disaster financial assistance announced

By Ashleigh Viveiros

The Manitoba government has launched an assistance program for individuals and municipalities impacted by this spring's flooding.

"As we continue to assess, we are anticipating that costs related to the spring flood may exceed more than \$10 million," Transportation and Infrastructure Minister Doyle Piwniuk said at a press conference Monday. Piwniuk noted they will have to wait for the floodwaters to recede before final assessments can be made.

Whatever the final total ends up being, it's clear the road to repairing it all will be costly; the 2022 Disaster Financial Assistance (DFA)

is meant to help offset some of those costs. It's aimed at individuals and municipalities experiencing damages to infrastructure, private residences, farms or small businesses due to flooding.

"We recognize the tremendous efforts Manitobans and their communities have put into disaster response and recovery this spring," said Johanu Botha, head of Manitoba's Emergency Management Organization.

"The DFA program provides financial assistance for certain losses when a widespread natural disaster, like the one we are currently facing, strikes and creates an unreasonable financial burden. Spring flooding and rain in cer-

tain parts of the province this year certainly qualifies.

"This program will ensure that non-insurable losses ... damages to basic and essential property, response costs, and infrastructure damage are covered to help alleviate the burden so many of our residents, municipalities, non-profits, small businesses, and farmers have felt this spring."

Manitobans are encouraged to check with their insurance providers to review their policy coverage before applying for DFA. Insurable costs, such as sewer backup, are not covered by DFA. Some Manitobans may have also purchased overland flood insurance, which means those covered costs will not be eligible for DFA funds.

For more information about eligibility or to apply, visit www.manitoba.ca/emo/dfa or email dfa@gov.mb.ca.

> HORTICULTURE SOCIETY, FROM PG. 2

The antique vehicles have already been sold, as has the red shed, while a few of the other features (the picnic table, benches, and possibly the decorative railway ties and red rims) will likely find their way to other public spaces in town.

As for the perennials, the society will be hosting a buy-and-dig sale from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the patch on Saturday, May 28.

GREG ENS PARK

While the Parkside Pioneer Patch has seen its end, the life of the Greg Ens Memorial Park down the road is really just getting started.

The society transformed the empty green space in front of the arena last year, and project lead Jodi Szutu says they plan to put the finishing touches in this summer.

"We're finishing up with phase two of our Greg Ens Memorial Park plantings," she says, explaining the drought threw a wrench into things last year. "So we have a few more trees and shrubs available if people would like to

donate in memory of somebody."

The cost of sponsoring a memorial plant starts at \$50. A donor board will be installed the park in the future.

You can contact the Winkler Horticulture Society to make a donation by calling 204-362-2552 or messaging the group on its Facebook page.

That's also the number to call if you'd like to help the society with its annual planting blitz, scheduled this year for Monday, June 6.

Volunteers will be gathering at Bethel Heritage Park that morning at 8:30 a.m. to head out to plant thousands of flowers in the society's various public garden beds around town. Call ahead to let them know you're coming and to get an assignment.

If you can't make it out to volunteer, you can still be part of the society's efforts by planning your own yard and gardens around this year's colour theme: red.

"It's going to be red flowers everywhere," Penner says.

> SKUBOVIUS, FROM PG. 3

Skubovius was also cited for her extensive involvement with the St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church parish council and in particular with getting the new church built in Morden.

"With Marilyn as the leader, new interest was created," noted Basil and Barb Agnew. "Marilyn worked regularly with the designer to be sure the final design of the building suited our needs. Marilyn's persistence paid off and both the parish and diocese are happy with the outcome. Without her leadership the final result would not have happened so quickly."

Supporting her nomination as well was Jerry Dykman.

"She has supported the chamber of commerce and has kept a downtown retail outlet open for 35 years employing many people," he noted. "She has ensured women were represented in government and has run as a candidate provincially and worked on both provincial and federal campaigns."

"She has been an advocate to bring more business into the community," noted Reichert in his nomination. "She was on city council at a time when things like the old post office and some downtown landmarks were being considered as spaces for non-profits. She was instrumental in helping save the old post office."

"Marilyn gave tirelessly to the planning of the new Boundary Trails hospital, doctor clinics, day care planning along with the need for more schools as the community grew," he added.

"Some of the previous winners of this award were supported in their endeavors by Marilyn's iron will and 'dog on a bone' determination to see things through. She will surely be retiring in the coming years, but she still takes an interest in everything around the community."

The foundation is planning an event for later this year to formally honour Skubovius as the Citizen of Distinction.

MONEY FOR ROAD REPAIRS

Also on Monday, Premier Heather Stefanson announced \$15 million for a one-time grant program to provide municipalities with financial support for road reconstruction, rehabilitation, and preservation projects.

"Manitoba municipalities are facing significant road infrastructure challenges as a result of this year's extraordinary weather conditions," Stefanson said in a statement. "Above-average precipitation and colder-than-average temperatures have caused a substantial increase in the number and severity of potholes on roads throughout the province, and inflation and supply chain issues have also added to this challenge."

As part of this grant program, the province will distribute \$15 million to Manitoba's 137 municipalities on a per-capita basis, with the City of Winnipeg to receive nearly \$9 million of the total.

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From Ukraine to Winkler

By Ashleigh Viveiros

The first Ukrainian refugee families in Winkler are settling into their new home.

Oleksandr and Alina Mykoliets and their three children arrived in town about a month ago. Alina gave birth to their fourth child at Boundary Trails Health Centre just weeks after arriving.

It's been a whirlwind experience for the family who, until a couple months ago, were happily living in the city of Brovary, Ukraine.

"We left our home on second day [of the invasion] and moved to western Ukraine. And then in two days we moved on to Poland," said Alina, explaining Brovary is not far from Kyiv, Ukraine's capital, and was not a safe place for them to remain as the Russian invasion got underway. "We have some military [targets] around the town and so they were the aim of the bombs. We heard them the first day."

That first day saw scores of people flee from the city as a result, gridlocking the roads. It was much easier to travel the next day, but the family still took a circuitous route to avoid the fighting.

"It was not so easy because we decided to go not on the straight way through Ukraine," Alina said. "We were near the Moldova border so we went through Moldova, Hungary,

Slovakia, Romania, and then Poland. It was five countries but we understood that we were out of Ukraine and safe."

"Everything happened so fast," said Oleksandr, speaking through Regional Connections interpreter Muzaffar Nemat.

A move to Canada hadn't been on the couple's radar, he noted, reflecting that even in peacetime such a life change is a monumental task; during a war, it's a completely different level of stress.

"EVERYTHING HAPPENED SO FAST."

"In this time especially it's very difficult to cut your roots and move anywhere else," Oleksandr said. "But when we had this situation we didn't think about our house, our things—the safety was first."

Their time in Poland was perhaps the most difficult, Oleksandr reflected, after days of focusing so much on simply trying to get away from the danger.

"It was very difficult emotionally because of the uncertainty. We didn't know where to go, what will happen tomorrow."

"It was stressful and actually I didn't understand that it is true and all of this is happening to us," added Alina. "It was terrible."

The couple wanted to get their family out of Europe entirely, as far from the hostilities unfolding in Ukraine as possible.

"The farther the better," Alina said. When they learned Canada was



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Oleksandr and Alina Mykoliets with their children Maiia (far left), Nazir, Liza (far right), and newborn David in their new home in Winkler. The family arrived in Canada last month after fleeing the war in Ukraine.

fast-tracking Ukrainian refugees, they were lucky enough to get their applications in quickly and receive approval to travel here within a week.

They brought only a few suitcases, having left most of their belongings at their home in Brovary, which family members who stayed behind are keeping an eye on for them.

"Nothing extra, just all the necessary things," Oleksandr said.

They had originally thought about making Winnipeg their final destination, but then heard about Winkler and the aid groups like Sixteen13 Ministry were offering refugees, including a furnished home they could stay in rent-free until they get settled.

"I worried about where we would live because before we left the Poland we needed to have an address where we would be quarantined," Alina said. "When I found out about this opportunity I was happy and very thankful to this ministry that helps such people as we."

The Mykoliets have found Winkler to be a pretty welcoming place thus far.

"It's a very nice city, nice people, very friendly," said Alina. "We've already met a lot of people ... a lot of people from the different churches. It's been great."

Oleksandr has begun taking English classes at Regional Connections and has job applications out at a few local construction companies. Alina is staying home with their newborn right now but also plans to start taking English classes. The kids, age 13, 12, and 9, just began school.

Their plan for the months ahead, Alina said, is "to find a job and start our new life."

'THEY'VE STOPPED BEING SCARED'

While the Mykoliets have had a few weeks to get their footing on Canadian soil, Ivan Ivantsiv and his family are still very much getting their bearings.

They had been in Winkler just nine days when Ivan chatted with the *Voice* last week.

He and his wife and three young children are still wrapping their heads around being in Canada.

"Now is fine, now is okay. Our kids feel better and they've stopped being scared," Ivantsiv said, noting last week's emergency siren test (which saw Winkler's two sirens sound off briefly at noon on May 4) did send the kids running into their parent's arms. "It reminded us of the time [in Ukraine]."

"When it was starting Feb. 24 we were there and sometimes we heard the shooting and bombing in our apartment. In one case it was very near—BOOM," Ivantsiv shared. The family lived in Kharkiv in northeast Ukraine.

They fled to Poland and eventually Germany before applying to come to Canada. Like the Mykoliets, they travelled light.

"I'm 30 years old and everything I brought just fit into two big luggage," Ivantsiv said. "And my three kids, my wife. That's all I brought."

The family has actually been dreaming of moving to Canada for years, but fleeing a war wasn't how they imagined it finally happening.

Nonetheless, Ivantsiv said they have great hope for the future and intend



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Ivan and Khafizakhon Ivantsiv and their children Aisha, Veniamin, and Nazir are relieved to have found safety in Canada, a country they've wanted to make a new home in for years.

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Local projects benefit from provincial funding in a big way

By Ashleigh Viveiros

Community projects across the Pembina and Red River valleys are getting a welcome infusion of provincial funding through the Building Sustainable Communities (BSC) program.

Two local projects in particular walked away with the largest amount the program provides. Grants of \$300,000 each are going to support the Central Station Community Centre in Winkler and the Minnewasta Golf and Country Club in Morden.

"We're very pleased to see the investments by our provincial government coming to Manitoba," Morden-Winkler MLA Cameron Friesen said last week in touring both sites. "It's a huge help to our communities' recovery, both economically and socially. These grants are being invested to enhance quality of life and invest in key community amenities that all residents use and enjoy."

Central Station will use the funds to get that much closer to its goal of raising \$1.6 million to cover the costs

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of renovations to its new facility on Main St.

The \$300,000 puts the fundraising efforts at about \$1.4 million.

"I feel a little bit giddy," executive director Bev Wiebe said on Friday. "When they called to let us know we got the full amount I just about fell off my chair."

Renovations on the much larger facility designed to be a true community hub are nearing completion.

"Renos are going really, really well," Wiebe said. "We're in the final stretch ... they're working really hard to get us in there for June."

Wiebe is confident Central Station will be able to raise the remaining



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From left: Minnewasta Golf and Country Club board president Tyler Sawatzky and golf pro Greg Hesom with Morden-Winkler MLA Cameron Friesen last week. The golf course has received \$300,000 in provincial funding to rebuild its clubhouse.

couple hundred thousand dollars needed to fund the project

"We will get there—it's just I didn't think we would get there this fast," she said.

The funding is equally welcome at the golf course, which is in the midst of rebuilding its clubhouse.

"We suffered a great loss last fall with the beloved clubhouse burning down," said Minnewasta Golf and Country Club board president Tyler Sawatzky. "As disappointed and as heartbroken as the community was, as the membership was, we feel like this is a great opportunity to see and make improvements, to make more efficient layout and so on.

"Our desire is to build a clubhouse that the community and the surrounding area as a whole can be proud of, that can be sustainable and just be a great place to enjoy year-round."

These projects are among the 427 across the province receiving a piece of the \$25 million available from the Building Sustainable Communities program this year,

Other regional projects receiving support include:

- Blumenfeld Ice Rink Committee, \$12,250 for playground upgrades.
- Border Valley Sno-Goers, \$27,139 for equipment upgrades.
- City of Morden, \$75,000 for spray park upgrades.
- City of Winkler, \$70,000 for pathway extension, \$60,000 for a trans-

portation master plan, \$45,000 for the Pembina-Scotia pathway, and \$43,512 for aquatic centre upgrades.

- Lowe Farm Kane Community Centre, \$17,235 for outdoor rink upgrades.
- Morden Community Handi-van, \$43,000 for a new vehicle.
- MSTW Planning District, \$21,000 for a development plan update.
- Municipality of Emerson-Franklin, \$4,503 for improvements to the Dominion City Healthy Living Centre.
- Musée St. Joseph Museum Inc., \$68,413 for pavilion development.
- Neubergthal Heritage Foundation, \$95,865 for renovations to the Klippenstein House.
- Plum Coulee pedestrian bridge committee, \$64,839 for phase one of the project.
- RM of Stanley, \$103,241 for the Schanzenfeld pathway.
- Regional Connections, \$35,000 for renovation to its Altona office.
- Roseau Crossing Heritage Park, \$7339 for change room improvements.
- Somerset History Book Committee, \$9,012 for rose garden upgrades.
- The Bunker Youth Ministry, \$60,000 for kitchen upgrades.
- Town of Altona, \$75,000 for library renovations.
- Town of Carman, \$66,767 for arena and outdoor sports complex upgrades.
- Youth for Christ Altona, \$75,000 for facility and program expansion.



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MLA Friesen with Phillip Vallely and Bev Wiebe of the Central Station Community Centre in Winkler, which received \$300,000 towards renovations in its new facility on Main St.

Direct Farm MB hoping for provincial funding for food currency program

By Lorne Stelmach

A local community organization is hoping to see a program continue to help provide people with access to fresh food and support local growers.

After two successful years, Direct Farm Manitoba fears its Manitoba Community Food Currency Program may not be able to continue for the 2022 farmers' market season if there isn't more funding to support it.

It provides food coupons to participants to spend directly on Manitoba farm products at their community farmers' market. In Morden, it has worked with the market through Many Hands, and local directors see a lot of value in increasing access to fresh, local farm food for food insecure Manitobans.

"If Direct Farm wasn't able to provide the program, I think it's definitely something Many Hands would consider trying to set up on our own," suggested Daniel Klauke, chairperson of Many Hands. "We had lots of participants both in 2020 and 2021. I think the people who are participating in the program do find it very beneficial and are appreciative of the program."

"We like it because it gets people out and into the community," he continued. "It increases the foot traffic to



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The Manitoba Community Food Currency Program provided vouchers for 242 households across the province last year to purchase fresh goods at local farmers' markets, including in Morden.

the market and introduces people to something they maybe wouldn't have found on their own.

"It's beneficial for the people who are receiving the vouchers, it's beneficial also for the farmers who are participating in the program, and I think it's beneficial for the community overall," Klauke said. "We like the idea that the participants get to choose what they're buying and what they're consuming."

Last year, the program grew by 60

per cent from its 2020 pilot year, made possible through additional funding from the Manitoba Building Sustainable Communities program and Winnipeg Foundation

Organizers estimate they distributed \$69,000 in community food currency to 242 households in five communities across the province.

Coupon redemption rates were 98.5 per cent in 2021, with all coupons being spent on fresh farm food sourced directly from Manitoba producers.

The 2021 program elicited much greater interest than the funding could support, and Direct Farm Manitoba anticipated significantly growing the program in 2022 to better meet need. They have reached out to the provincial government for investment to make that possible.

"The Manitoba Community Food Currency Program increases food security by creating greater access to fresh, local food for Manitobans who need it most, while at the same time directly supporting our local farmers and producers. This is a win for farmers, a win for farmers' markets, and a win for our Manitoba communities," said Kristie Beynon, executive director of Direct Farm Manitoba.

"COVID-19 and the rising prices of groceries have only made eating healthy more difficult for families," she continued. "This program gives community members the opportunity to visit their local farmers' market to purchase fresh vegetables, fruit, meat and other farm products, while at the same time connecting with farmers and other community members."

"COVID-19 has been very isolating for so many people in our communities, and this program also builds the community that is so necessary for positive mental health."

'Walk Your Way' in support of Alzheimer's Soc. this month

By Ty Dilello

The Alzheimer Society of Manitoba is asking, "Who are you walking for?" as it launches this year's 2022 IG Wealth Management Walk for Alzheimer's, taking place virtually across the province as well as in-person May 28 in Winnipeg.

The Walk is the Alzheimer Society's most extensive nationwide fundraiser. Now in its 30th year, it continues to help offer programs and services to meet the needs of the over 23,000 people living with dementia and their caregivers in Manitoba.

"We are so excited to virtually walk together in support of people living with dementia across the province," said program director Erin Crawford. "It's great to see the support online of people walking their way in May and raising funds for their communities. We look forward to cheering them on."

The need for support to those living with dementia continues to rise as it's projected to nationally reach 900,000 Canadians by 2030. So the Walk is crucial every year to raise awareness

and funds.

The annual Walk usually comes to towns in-person across the province, but due to COVID-19 the past few years, it has had to go virtually for the most part.

"A lot of the regional areas we are promoting are more of a walk-your-way than an actual in-person walk," said Allison Woodward, events manager for the Alzheimers Society of Manitoba. "We did reach out to a number of our past hosts in the south central region for this year, and most-

ly all of them were unable to hold in-person walks due to COVID restrictions as so many of them are in personal care homes. But we definitely want to promote in-person events going forward in future years."

For residents unable to attend the event at St. Vital Park in Winnipeg May 28, the society is promoting "Walk Your Way" and asking people to do activities throughout the month of May to keep active.

"We want to let people challenge themselves to walk at their own pace,

maybe something like five kilometres a day for the month of May, track the progress and promote it on social media," said Woodward. "Alzheimer's affects every family in some way or another, and we want people to let us know who they're walking for."

For those unable to participate, you can donate to the Alzheimers Society of Manitoba at its website <https://alzheimers.mb.ca>.

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to make Canada their new home. They are grateful to the many local individuals and businesses who are doing what they can to help refugee families find a place to stay, find jobs, and get connected to the support services that are out there for them.

"People are so kind to us, really helpful, everything that we need to know," Ivantsiv said. "We didn't know when we came here [we'd]

have an apartment. It's a good present for us, a place for a beginning.

"Our family is very thankful to you. God's blessed us. God bless you," he said. "We're really very thankful to the community for making us welcome every day."

Sixteen13 Ministry is overseeing the efforts in Winkler to welcome Ukrainian newcomers, with more families slated to come this and next

week.

If you'd like to make a donation to help these families as they get on their feet, you can make a monetary donation online at <https://www.canadahelps.org/en/dn/m/71407>.

Donations of clothing, furniture, food, and other necessities are also needed. Learn more by contacting Crystal Heinrichs at 204-384-6962.

Dead Horse Cider Co. opening indoor/outdoor taproom

By Lorne Stelmach

Dead Horse Cider Company has become a local business success story in just the past four years, and it is taking another big step forward now this spring.

It will be opening an indoor and outdoor taproom as well as celebrating the beginnings of its own apple orchard at their location a few miles north of Winkler.

It is an exciting step for the business partners Matthew Zacharias and Marcus Wiebe to be able to welcome people to enjoy tasting their variety of ciders on site.

"I don't think we knew how big to dream at the start of this," said Zacharias as he explained they never originally envisioned this leading to a full-fledged taproom. "A big reason for the taproom, for us, has been not only to engage with the community but to promote an experience for people to come out and see.

"We've actually licensed the entire orchard, so people can come in, grab a glass of cider, and actually anywhere there's trees, you can sit and drink some cider," he noted. "So it's exciting. We have the space here to do all kinds of interesting things. We're very excited about the opportunities."

It has been quite a journey for Zacharias and Wiebe from the simple, small-scale beginnings of their enterprise.

They started out pressing local apples, as almost everybody in southern Manitoba has apple trees in their yards, but so much goes to waste.

"It's been big growth from making some juice and a few hundred litres the first year to where we are now, but it's been so much fun," Zacharias said.

He sees a lot of potential for further growth with their taproom and orchard.

"The idea behind the patio and our outdoor taproom was really to embrace the outdoor culture of southern Manitoba in particular," he said. "We have about three acres of trees here, 400 trees in total. Most of them are quite young still; the dream is, in five to ten years, for them to be beautiful and stunning. Right now, they're quite small.

"What's unique about our orchard is that about half, if not two thirds of the trees here, are trees that have never been planted here in Manitoba before," explained Zacharias. "Cider apples are kind of like grapes. When you think about the grapes that you get in the store, they're not



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Marcus Wiebe (left) and Matthew Zacharias in Dead Horse Cider's new indoor taproom tasting space.

the grapes that you make wine out of; apples are the same way.

"Where the flavour for the cider really comes from is the skin and the pulp ... so when you look at the cider apples, they're really quite small ... the trail apples or crabapples around here, they make unbelievable cider for us.

"There's also a good amount of these types of trees that have been developed over the course of hundreds of years on the east coast. Cider is a big part of the culture on the east coast," added Zacharias. "We were able, over the course of about three years, to ask some Canadian nurseries to actually graft east coast varieties on to root stock that's winter hardy because the real challenge with a lot of these cider varieties is they're not winter hardy for our climate."

He said they planted 150 trees last year and have 23 different new varieties. He estimated about 95 per cent of them have survived, which is better than he had expected.

"So we're really excited to have apple trees like that which you can't make cider from anywhere else," he said. "Nowhere else on the prairies is making cider from these really cool, interesting apples, and it really does come through in the final quality of the product."

Zacharias acknowledged the weather and conditions both last year and this year have been a challenge for them.

"It's a challenge to create a balance and a con-

sistent product," he said. "What we've tried to work on though is branding our product more along the lines of a wine.

"Our biggest challenge is people see a cider as a beer alternative ... but the reality of it is, as far as production is concerned, cider is far more like wine.

"To me, the variances year to year actually are part of the story of who we are and tell the story that we're not a mass produced, big production place. We are a small cidery making the best we can in small quantities."

He looks forward to being able to diversify, including introducing an ice cider, and he also sees them playing a role in helping introduce more and more people to cider and especially their unique offerings.

"We get beautiful warm summers that are long enough to ripen apples, but we also get hard frosts in the fall, which for a rosé is a crucial part of the production method ... you have to wait until it gets to minus eight, minus ten, and then you pick the apples," Zacharias noted.

"It's been great for us to increase the exposure of cider in Manitoba," he concluded. "It's also the fact that we can grow apples here in a way that no one else in the world can ... it really is a unique region or terroir, to use the wine terminology, as far as apples are concerned."

Learn more online at deadhorsecider.com

COVID keeps Bergen from touring flooded areas

By Voice staff

Portage-Lisgar MP Candice Bergen sent her apologies last week for having to miss out on touring local areas plagued by spring flooding.

"I had hoped to be home in Manitoba this weekend with my constituents affected by the flooding; however, I have received a positive COVID-19 test early this week," Bergen said in a statement Friday. "I am isolating and working from Ottawa with mild symptoms, but I unfortunately will not be able to travel home this weekend.

"I know how devastating flooding can be and I'm extremely grateful for our first responders and volunteers on the ground. I hope that the warm weather continues, and the flooding stops," Bergen noted. "To all residents of Portage-Lisgar and Manitobans affected by flooding; continue to stay strong, stay safe, and I look forward to being home with you soon."

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Many Hands excited to tackle many new opportunities

By Lorne Stelmach

It has been a time of transition in a number of ways for the Many Hands Resource Centre.

The biggest change of course has seen the community organization move from what had been a drive-thru meal program amidst the pandemic to now operating the food bank out of the 500 Stephen Community Centre.

Having that space now as a home base also opens up other exciting possibilities for Many Hands, board chairperson Daniel Klauke said after its recent annual meeting.

"We are excited for the opportunity to be at 500 Stephen St. and what it means for our organization going forward," he said.

"The food bank was not on our list, so that was kind of a surprise initially," Klauke noted. "When we were doing our strategic planning, one thing we really wanted to get off the ground again was opening or hosting a community drop-in. When they approached us and asked if we wanted to be part of it and be involved in that space then, it was very easy to say yes."

"The last big thing was the food bank, which kind of fell into our laps ... but it wasn't a hard decision for our board. It had been within the realm of things we were trying to accomplish, so when the opportunity came to us, it fit very well with our portfolio ... it fit very well with the issue of food security."

The past year was one of change for Many Hands, with not only new programs but a new team of board members, volunteers, and the addition of Tracey Krause as program co-ordinator.

"I think it really reinvigorated the organization and brought a lot of new



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Many Hands treasurer Brenda Klassen, program co-ordinator Tracey Krause, board chair Daniel Klauke, and board members Darcy Wolfe and Jaimee Loewen at the food bank's new home in the 500 Stephen Community Centre.

ideas to the table and new energy to get things done and move the organization forward," Klauke said.

Being in the midst of such changes, he noted, they have been overwhelmed by the support they have received from local businesses and individuals who see the value of what they offer in the community.

While under pandemic restrictions, they had continued with a drive-thru community meal but held off on re-starting their community kitchen program or exploring new programs.

Then, at the end of May, they were approached by members of Westside Community Church representing the 500 Stephen task force who were planning to transform the building

into a community space for non-profit organizations.

"This was an exciting opportunity for our organization, and we saw it as another avenue to help us grow," Klauke wrote in his report. "At our strategic planning meeting in April of 2021, the board decided to redirect our focus back to building connections and relationships with the community members that were accessing our services."

"Our desire was to start offering a community drop-in centre where people would feel welcome to stop in for a cup of coffee or conversation, similar to what Many Hands was doing in 2014," he continued. "We saw 500 Stephen St. as the perfect location

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to for this program as it was accessible, visible, and a space Many Hands could call its own."

The next big opportunity came in August 2021 when The Hub announced it would no longer be operating as a food bank for Morden.

"The board immediately saw the importance and need for such a program and there was little hesitation to take this on as it fit well with our other programs focused on reducing food insecurity," said Klauke. "We spoke with the Winkler Food Cupboard to get a better understanding of how to run a food bank and to ensure we were following the proper rules."

Looking ahead, Klauke said there is potential to hire another staff member in 2022 to help with administration and keep the momentum going, and Many Hands hopes to be able to increase their programming at some point.

"We are planning to start up a community kitchen again where people can come to learn new cooking skills ... it's also about the relationships and building fellowship," he added.

"I think for now we just want to feel a little more grounded in the space there. It's pretty new for us still," he said. "We want to just make sure we're doing things well before we take on more new projects."

Janzen tapped for provincial advisory committee

By Ashleigh Viveiros

A newly-formed provincial advisory committee has a local voice on it.

Salem Home CEO Sherry Janzen has been selected to join the group that will be advising Seniors and Long-

Term Care Minister Scott Johnston as he works toward the development of a strategy to aid older Manitobans in living independently for as long as they safely can.

"Older Manitobans have contributed greatly to our province and have

built our society," Johnston said in a statement last month. "We owe it to them to listen carefully to their advice and wisdom, to recognize their efforts and to afford them a good quality of life with the independence they seek."

Janzen joins 10 other experts in the

field of aging from across the province in forming the advisory panel, which has already begun meeting to discuss what will its be key areas of focus moving forward.

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Local soybeans finding markets around the world

By Lorne Stelmach

Manitoba farmers and a Canadian soybean company are working in partnership to provide a home-grown solution to growing global demand for food-grade soybeans.

As that demand continues to grow, Sevita International is working with farmers like Altona-area grower Kyle Friesen to produce soybeans for markets around the world.

These soybeans are used in such things as tofu, soy milk, soy sauce, cheese, pizza and more by leading global food manufacturers, and according to IMARC, a market research company, the global soy food market reached a value of \$42 billion US in 2020. Looking forward, it is expected the market will grow by 5.2 per cent between 2021-2026.

Friesen is in his third year growing Sevita food-grade soybeans on his farm north of Altona. His 500-acre crop yielded very well last summer, even during the dry growing conditions, so he credits Sevita's breeding program that focuses on characteristics specific to Manitoba.

"Sevita's yield, performance and profitability are what every grower hopes for from a soybean crop," said Friesen.

"It's also nice to know that the beans I'm growing are going to high-demand markets across the world and that I'm playing a key role in helping feed the growing global population while driving more revenue for my farm.

"I think moving forward in agriculture, there's going to be a much more direct connection between the producer who's growing the food essentially and the end use," added Friesen, who estimated 30 to 40 per cent of his soybean acres are non-GM, and he sees that likely increasing fur-

ther.

"They do provide an opportunity for better return ... I like the idea that they're actually going to a sort of specified food end-use product," said Friesen.

"They do provide some different weed control options which help us manage herbicide resistance on the farm," he added. "And they provide similar return to dry beans with probably a little less risk because they're more tolerant to moisture extremes."

Sevita International is a food-grade soybean production and export leader, and business manager Sandy Hart also shares the optimism around further cultivating the market for non-GM food grade soybeans.

"That's a market that has been under supplied for at least the past four seasons, so there's a tremendous amount of opportunity there particularly for good quality beans from Canada," he suggested.

"What's held us back in previous years is not having genetics in the non-GM side of things that would yield competitively with the GM varieties grown in Manitoba and western Canada and also give us the protein and other food qualities that we need to be successful marketing that crop."

Hart said Sevita's exclusive Canadian genetics and food-grade quality standards are in high demand around the world and have a reputation for excellence with some of the largest and most progressive soy food manufacturers.

"For the past 25 years, we've built long-standing relationships across our supply chain to ensure we create value for both the farmers and the end user. From breeding and genetics specific to each region's growing conditions to qualities that meet our manufacturers stringent criteria, Sevita invests in every stage of the soy-



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Sevita International business manager Sandy Hart says there's a tremendous demand for high-quality Canadian soybeans in international markets.

bean value chain," he said.

"Certainly, it looks better going forward. We've been able to bring some products to market that are early maturing enough to be grown on a good swath of the acres in western Canada, particularly in Manitoba," he continued. "Southern Manitoba, I think, is a really great place for that growth to get started. Certainly we have aspirations of greater market share in the rest of western Canada at large.

"There's also a lot of really great growers in southern Manitoba who have experience with other types of edible beans or dry beans," added Hart, who estimated there was about 1.3 million acres in the province last year.

"We want to go slow, make sure growers are having good success and that we're able to supply our customers reliably, and that's how you build a more robust, long term program."

To help expand its food-grade soybean acreage in Manitoba, Sevita partnered with Ceres Global Seeds in 2020 to leverage their extensive seed dealer network and regional soybean

expertise, and Ceres Global Seeds director of sales and marketing Daniel Acuna is keen on the partnership.

"Sevita International is like no other soybean seed company we've seen in western Canada," he said.

"It's fully integrated, from having access to its in-house breeding program with varieties bred specifically for Manitoba growing conditions to its close affiliations with international export customers and long-standing relationship with large manufacturers around the world.

"I only see it being propelled further and further, and the growth opportunity is huge," Acuna said. "The premium market that Sevita International is involved with, the demand is always there.

"A big driver that we're seeing right now is the futures price on new crop soybeans ... there is a good draw now," he concluded. "I anticipate a good push, not only on traded soybeans but even on the food grade soybeans being an extremely profitable and viable option."

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"It's an honour to be appointed to something like this because you do have the ability to share your perspective," says Janzen, whose decades-long tenure at the Winkler personal care home is just one part of a 30-year career caring for the elderly in a variety of roles. "We have issues in long-term care and community aging that need to be addressed ... and so I'm hoping I can actually raise those around the table."

Janzen brings a very important rural point of view to the committee.

"Obviously in rural the perspective of the aging is going to be a little different than it is in urban because we may not have the same resources that Winnipeg would have in terms of transportation or different living arrangements," she points out. "So how do we make it so that people can stay in their homes longer, be more independent here?"

In addition to the committee, the provincial government is also inviting older Manitobans to weigh-in on what supports they need in their communities as they age. An online survey is now available at engamb.ca/building-a-plan-for-older-manitobans.

The government has also said it intends to reach out to community-based organizations who work with seniors across the province to

host in-person discussions and consultations on this matter.

"Our government is committed to working together with Manitobans to solve challenges we are facing," said Johnston. "I am excited to see how Manitobans help shape our seniors strategy in the coming months. The health and vitality of our communities depends on it."



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4 landscaping tips for a beautiful yard

Planting flowers and shrubs can enhance your property's curb appeal and provide you with a backyard oasis. Here are four tips to help you beautify your garden and lawn.

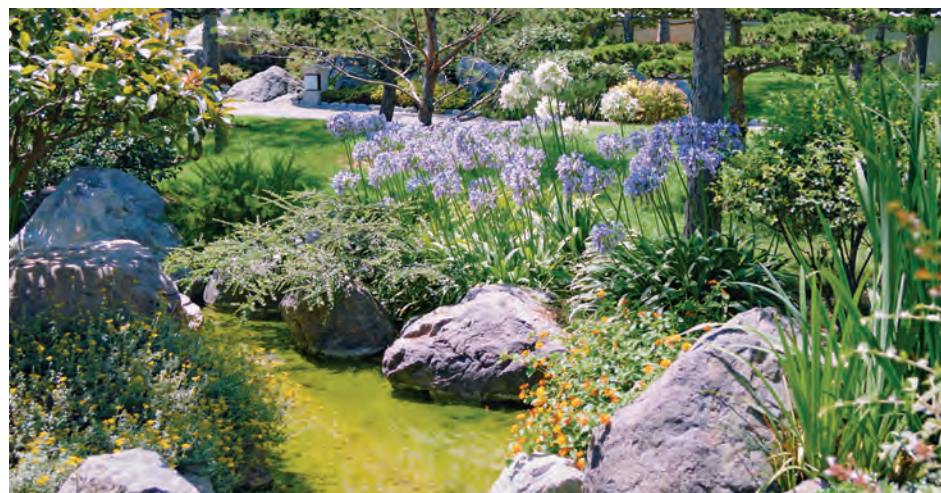
1. Consider flowering times. Choose plants that bloom at different times between late spring and early fall. This way you'll have flowers to enjoy all summer long.

2. Pay attention to soil type. When selecting plants, opt for species that grow well in the type of soil on your property. This will help your garden flourish and make it easier to maintain.

3. Think about the sun. While some plants thrive in direct sunlight, others prefer shade. Select vegetation based on the amount of light your yard gets.

4. Factor in yard work. All lawns and gardens require some upkeep, but certain trees, bushes and flowers need more care than others. Make sure to choose plants based on the amount of time you have to weed, prune, water and rake.

Finally, if you want to add planters or build a deck, find out what maintenance is required. Ask about weather-resistant options at your local hardware store.





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2. Choose the right size. You want to ensure you maintain a cohesive look when adding flowers to a space. Consider whether a room would benefit more from a single, large bouquet that draws the eye or several subtle arrangements.

3. Get creative with placement. Play around with height and texture by hanging plants in macrame holders or securing them to the wall to create a vertical flower garden. Make sure your

flowers get enough natural light, as this will make their colours pop.

4. Pick the right flowers. Choose plants that don't require more maintenance than you have time for, and consider how they grow to ensure your flowers won't overwhelm

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The sign is ready to go up on the newly renamed ICON Drive in northeast Winkler. Mayor Martin Harder (far right) met with ICON's Harv Giesbrecht (far left), CEO John Loewen, and company spokesperson and race car driver Amber Balcaen recently to celebrate the change to the north-south street located east of the company's manufacturing plant. ICON has been manufacturing plastic RV components in the community for 25 years, opening its current facility in 2018. "I'm extremely pleased that the city council chose to name this street after our company," Loewen said. "This will be especially beneficial once ICON Drive connects to Highway 14." The company has retail shipments leaving its facility daily.

Peak of the Market becomes a for-profit company

By Becca Myskiw

As of May 1, Peak of the Market is now Peak of the Market Ltd.

With the recent changes in legislation, Peak of the Market has been re-established as a for-profit company. All Manitoba table potato and root crop growers are looking to continue to working together "with a renewed purpose focused on exceptional quality and service," the company said last week.

"Peak of the Market Ltd. will continue to provide retailers and consumers with high quality, fresh produce and exceptional customer service," said CEO Pamela Kolochuk in a news release on May 2. "Our yellow and red diamond logo has signaled the best and freshest products for the past 80 years. That will not change. Our customers can continue to expect a terrific assortment of produce from the same group of knowledgeable Canadian Growers."

Peak of the Market Ltd. will be an extension of the produce growers in Manitoba. Kolochuk said the produc-

ers want to make money and so does Peak of the Market Ltd.—now they both can.

Before May 1, the company was a non-profit, meaning any money they made was put in a pooling system. So all costs were covered, and the rest went to the growers, but the company never saw profits.

"Now we can make money instead of breaking even," Kolochuk said.

They can also invest, expand, and import product. Kolochuk said they will also continue to donate to the projects and organizations they did before.

Peak of the Market Ltd. has 13 growers. One of them is Kroeker Farms in Winkler. CEO Wayne Rempel said all the growers are now shareholders and they want to turn it into a competitive marketing company that primarily sells Manitoba-grown produce in Canada and the USA.

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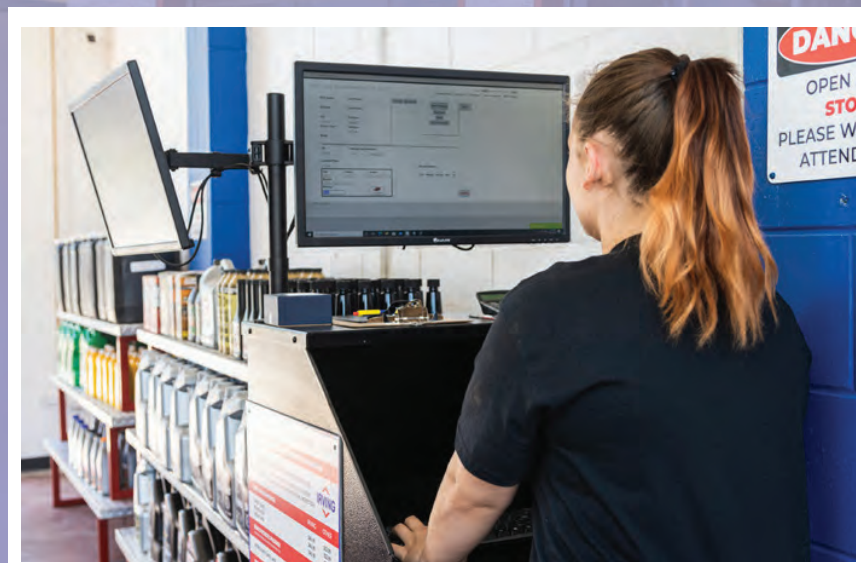
The Gaudettes sold their Great Canadian Oil Change stores in October of 2020 to the new franchisor, Valvoline USA. Cory and Ryan decided it was time to venture off and create their own brand of quick lubes.



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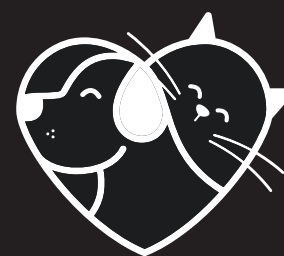
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 Level 1: 4:00, 5:00, 6:15
 Level 2: 4:30, 5:15, 5:45
 Level 3: 4:15, 4:45, 5:30
 Level 4: 4:45, 5:15, 5:45
 Level 5: 4:00, 5:30, 6:15
 Level 6: 4:15, 5:00
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 Level 8: 5:15
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 Level 2: 10:30, 11:15, 12:15
 Level 3: 10:00, 11:00, 11:30
 Level 4: 10:30, 11:30, 12:00
 Level 5: 10:15, 11:15
 Level 6: 10:00, 11:00
 Level 7: 9:30, 10:15
 Level 8: 9:00
 Level 9/10: 9:00
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 Level 1: 10:30, 11:30, 12:00
 Level 2: 10:00, 10:30, 11:30
 Level 3: 10:15, 11:15, 12:15
 Level 4: 10:45, 11:30, 12:00
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Duck: 12:15
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 Sal/Sun/Croc: 10:30, 11:15, 11:45
 Level 1: 10:00, 11:00, 12:00
 Level 2: 10:45, 11:45
 Level 3: 10:00, 11:15
 Level 4: 10:15, 11:45
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 Aqua Adults: 12:00

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Duck: 12:15
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 Sal/Sun/Croc: 10:30, 11:30
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 Level 2: 10:15, 11:00
 Level 3: 10:00, 10:45
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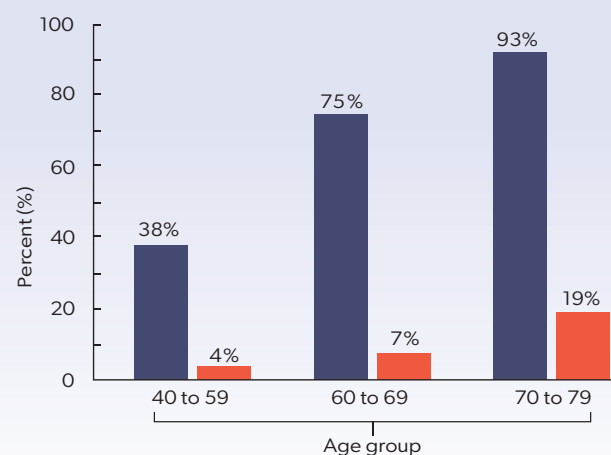


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View from the sky

Voice photographer Rick Hiebert hitched a couple of rides with local pilots Curtis Penner and Alvin Wiebe this and last week to take a look at flooding throughout the region. The photos he got make it very clear why Hwy. 75 into Morris has been closed. Above: Approaching Morris from the south. Right, top: A waterlogged yard in between St. Jean Baptiste and Morris. Right, bottom: A pair of jet skiers were spotted making the most of all that water on Sunday.

PHOTOS BY RICK HIEBERT/VOICE



> FLOODING, FROM PG. 2

Arseny. Emerson-Franklin Reeve Dave Carlson could not be reached for comment at press time.

“We were cresting over the weekend, so we were optimistic things were going to start to drop, but then we also sustained lots of wind that caused us concern,” said Arseny. “There were lots of waves from this big lake that starts 15 miles south of Emerson. Now we wait to see the effects of this rain. It looks like we’re getting about an inch, so it’ll be a while till it dries up.”

Arseny notes that it takes a good month for the water levels to go down, and then you will still need some days of dry weather on top of that, which means local farmers will be kept off of their fields for some

time still.

“It will be challenging for the farmers here this summer that have several thousand acres along the river. I guess we’re fortunate enough that most of us have been around to see past floods here, and so this isn’t that new to us.”

Emerson-Franklin had also declared a state of local emergency last week. A notice on emersonfranklin.com noted staff are continually monitoring the water levels and road conditions.

Residents requiring sandbags can make arrangements to pick some up at the Municipal Public Works Yard at PR 201 in Dominion City. Calls can be made to the municipal office at 204-427-2557 or public works at 204-746-5380.



Altona public works staff dismantled the temporary Tiger Dam along 9th St. N last week so it could be used in other communities still facing flooding.

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A spot of tea for Mother's Day

There was a warm cup of tea and dainties to be enjoyed last Thursday afternoon as the Morden Activity Centre hosted a Mother's Day Tea. Admission was by donation, and a nearly full room also enjoyed music by Jerry Dykman and Dennis Wood.

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Pembina Valley Muslims celebrate the end of Ramadan



By Voice staff

The Pembina Valley Islamic community marked the end of the month of Ramadan with an Eid ul Fitr celebration last week at the Morden Activity Centre.

"Muslim families and individuals have celebrated the end of fasting month by attending this prayer from Winkler, Morden, Carman, Norte Dame, Altona and other rural areas of southern Manitoba," said Zahid Zehri of the MIA Pembina Valley Mussallah, estimating between 150-200 people attended.

An imam (prayer leader) prayed for the prosperity and protection of people of southern Manitoba, Zehri said, and also reminded everyone to continue to do good deeds even after Ramadan.

During Ramadan, considered the holiest month of the year in the Islamic faith, Muslims fast during the day and are encouraged to do acts of charity and giving.

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Kitty cat therapy session



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A unique event last Wednesday offered some 'kitten therapy' as part of Mental Health Week May 2-8 in Morden. The evening also gave people a chance to experience hand massage. Other activities throughout the week included cardio drumming, yoga, and mindfulness practices with an overall theme of empathy. Mental Health Week programming is funded by a mental well-being grant administered by Southern Health-Santé Sud and Healthy Together Now.

> PEAK OF THE MARKET, FROM PG. 15

onions and other vegetables," he said.

The first steps, Rempel said, are to organize the growers and work together. Changing Peak of the Market to Peak of the Market Ltd. has been two years in the making, and they're excited to get to work.

"Our strength will be our unity," Rempel said. "That we're all in it together."

Products from the company are currently sold across Manitoba, western Canada, and a little in eastern Canada and the U.S.A. Rempel said they're

trying to grow that now, especially in western Canada because it's traditionally where they've been the strongest.

"Manitoba produces some of the most attractive potatoes in North America and certainly western Canada," he said. "They have a high quality. The combination of weather and soils give us that advantage. [The potatoes are] hard to replicate across North America. Even in the U.S., we're known for our quality."

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• **People.** The RCMP intends to build a healthier, more diverse workforce that can better serve Canadian communities. The organization will do this by changing its recruitment and hiring processes, providing more training and improving well-ness support services for employees.

• **Culture.** The organization will create Gender and Harassment Advisory Committees and launch initiatives aimed at empowering employees and encouraging diverse, respectful leadership. By doing this, the RCMP hopes to become a more trusted and inclusive organization.

• **Stewardship.** The RCMP is embracing transparency, accountability and sound

business management initiatives. Among other things, it'll collect race-based data on police interactions and streamline its public complaint process.

• **Services.** Equipping employees with the right tools and resources to protect Canadians is a key objective. Additionally, the RCMP wants to strengthen its collaboration with health and social service

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Morden community centre benefits from "hub" funding

By Lorne Stelmach

Morden's new community centre is getting an annual funding boost from the province.

A \$50,000 grant through the Community Mobilization Hub program came as very welcome news last Thursday to representatives of 500 Stephen.

Natalie Friesen, part of the community centre team and who is involved in fundraising and publicity, especially welcomed the idea "to have funding for a program that is designed for the unique needs of different people in Morden.

"I think it's going to benefit the people here, and I think it really will bring unity to the different organizations ... bring some cohesion to help people out," she said. "Because our goal is to bring people together and to make connections, it's one more way of bringing all the different organizations together."

The funding will support an administrative position to help oversee the facility. The position will be created and filled once the centre has its community board in place (the facility so



PHOTO BY LORNE STELMACH/VOICE

The 500 Stephen Community Centre in Morden is receiving \$50,000 in annual funding through the province's Community Mobilization Hub program—welcome news that will help support an administrative position at the facility.

far has been overseen by a temporary community task force).

"This is permanent, enshrined funding coming from the department of justice," explained Morden-Winkler MLA Cameron Friesen, noting the program came out of a policing and

public safety review done in 2019.

"One of the findings of that review was community mobilization hubs were helpful in decreasing the interactions people had in the community with the police. It was a more appropriate way for people who were vul-

nerable to receive services," he said.

"The idea is about consolidating control in the hands of the community, letting them identify opportunities and areas that need addressing," said Friesen, who noted there were now 14 such hubs in the province, including Central Station in Winkler.

"It really works ... because the control is in the hands of the community, it is not a cookie cutter approach," he said. "What we are funding and doing in Selkirk and Thompson and Winnipeg and Brandon and Steinbach and Morden and Winkler look different ... because the way the community comes together, identifies what those issues are in the community [is different]."

"I think the beauty of the program has been that it has been so open-ended."

Friesen had high praise for how the community as a whole really came together to make 500 Stephen happen.

"The momentum in this place was very, very significant. It was easy to see that the community was coalescing around this place."

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New tool can help you prioritize your health

Vaccines play a critical role in keeping you, your loved ones and the community safe from vaccine-preventable illnesses.

Over the past two years, there's been a lot of discussion about the importance of vaccines, particularly flu and COVID-19 vaccines. But while those vaccines are of utmost importance, there are other vaccines older adults should keep on their radar, including the pneumococcal and shingles vaccines.

Vaccines are the best way to protect oneself from contracting certain vaccine-preventable illnesses and can also help prevent against serious complications from illness, which is why we need to continue prioritizing them, partic-



By Zahid Zehri

ularly as we age.

Research shows that during the pandemic many older adults have missed one or more of their standard adult vaccines or are unaware of which ones they need. In fact, only 28 per cent of adults over the age of 55 have received the shingles vaccine and only 38 per cent have received the pneumococcal vaccine (available free of charge to older adults 65+ in Manitoba).

As an injection-certified pharmacist, these numbers are concerning as many Canadians are don't know that pneumonia is one of the leading causes of death and hospitalizations in older adults and for adults living with chronic conditions. About 10 to 18 per cent of people who get shingles develop severe pain in areas where the shingles occurred that can extend for weeks, months and in some cases, it can be permanent.

Administering vaccines is an important part of my role as a frontline healthcare worker. It's important for our community to understand the vital role vaccines play in keeping us healthy.

I've put together some information to help you put your health first:

Understand the facts

Unfortunately, there is a lot of misinformation around vaccines. A common myth I hear is that only those with weakened immunity should get vaccinated. Even if you don't have underlying health issues, it is still vital to stay up to date on your vaccines as anyone can contract vaccine-preventable illnesses. The best way to prevent illness or serious complications is by getting vaccinated. Speak with a qualified healthcare professional, like a pharmacist or doctor, on any questions you may have about vaccines.

Try the vaccine assessment tool

Shoppers Drug Mart has a new online assessment tool that can help you determine which vaccines you might need. As many are not sure of their vaccination status, using this tool can help.

After answering a few simple questions, the CANImmunize assessment tool will indicate which vaccines you should speak to your healthcare pro-

vider about.

Visit <https://shoppersdrugmart-vaccinescreening.canimmunize.ca/> to access the tool.

Get vaccinated

Vaccinations help you build immunity against illnesses, which protects you from getting sick and can help prevent against serious complications. Some vaccines protect you for several years and some protect you for the rest of your life. It is important to stay up on top of which vaccines you need.

I encourage you to get caught up on your vaccines and check in with your family and friends to ensure they are doing the same. Together, we can keep each other safe.

Getting vaccinated and staying up to date on your vaccination schedule is important in protecting yourself and those around you. For more information on a specific vaccine or vaccine services speak with your local pharmacist.

Zahid Zehri is a pharmacist and owner of Shoppers Drug Mart in Winkler.

"It can really happen anywhere, anytime"

Is your family ready for an emergency?

By Ashleigh Viveiros

If the last couple weeks have demonstrated anything, it's that the Pembina Valley is certainly not immune to community-wide emergencies.

It's a fact that's pretty easy to forget, though, when we go years between serious disaster alerts and decades, even, between evacuation notices—both of which were issued in Morden-Winkler-Stanley this spring thanks to rising floodwaters.

Southern Emergency Response Committee (SERC) emergency coordinator Darin Driedger hopes people take a moment to consider how much worse things could have gotten and whether or not their families were truly ready for it.

"I hope that the last few weeks made it real to people in this community," he said Friday at the tail end of National Emergency Preparedness Week. "All three communities were impacted in one way or another. Some had very close calls ... we have to resist complacency."

When you hear from people in communities struck by disaster, a common thread often emerges: no one ever thought it could happen to them.

"But it can really happen anywhere, anytime," stressed Driedger. "You

want to be as ready as you can."

To that end, Driedger, as he does every year, continues to urge area residents to put together both an emergency kit and an emergency plan for their households.

"It doesn't have to be a lot of work. Even a little bit of work, a little bit of thought and discussion with your friends and family or close circle can go a very long way in making your family or yourself much more prepared."

When it comes to an emergency kit, there is a wealth of information online as to what to put in it—everything from a few days' worth of clothing and food to important medicines and documents. You want something you can quickly grab knowing you have everything you need to survive away from home for a few days.

"The thing with a kit is you can actually start it very small and you can build on it over time," Driedger said. "It doesn't have to cost a lot of money ... there's plenty of resources out there that show you how to build kits for under \$100. Just start with something, the bare essentials, and then add to it as time goes on."

Driedger encourages people to check out www.getprepared.gc.ca for a detailed overview of how to put together a kit.

Having an emergency bag ready to go alleviates a lot of anxiety when events are perhaps unfolding quickly.

"Trying to grab everything you think



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The best thing you can do to prepare your family for an emergency is to have an emergency kit and emergency plan ready to go, says SERC coordinator Darin Driedger.

you need in that moment is going to be very difficult to do," Driedger said. "You are going to forget something and it will just add to your anxiety or stress."

Along those same lines, an emergency plan can go a long way toward ensuring everyone in your family is on the same page if a disaster occurs.

"That's just as important [as a kit] but I think it's sometimes maybe overlooked," Driedger said.

Everyone in your household should have a clear idea of how to safely evacuate from your home and neighbourhood and where to go once they do.

"There's a good chance most of you will not be together when it happens," Driedger said, pointing out that during the average weekday everyone might be at school or work. What's your family's plan in that case? Where will you all meet if you can't go home? "You want to know

who your out-of-town contact is that you can all reach out to and that way you can all get back together quicker"

"Just a little bit of work, a little bit of planning can really make a big difference in how your family responds to an emergency."

Preparing your family is a key part of keeping everyone safe, but so too is listening to the information and requests coming from first responders.

If you're advised to evacuate, then evacuate, Driedger urged. If you're asked to shelter in place, don't go out to drive around and see what's happening, potentially putting yourself and others at risk.

"Listen to the messaging that you are getting because it's from emergency responders," he said. "We're trying to give you the best information we can to keep you and your family safe, so it's really important that people listen to that and take it seriously."

• A LOOK BACK

Happy days in my neighbourhood

On Mr. Roger's television show, he sings "It's a beautiful day in the neighbourhood." It makes me think about the happy days I had growing up in my Morden neighbourhood.

After living in six different communities before I was 8 years old, our family moved to Morden.

In 1952, 1st Street was made up of

a variety of inexpensive homes. Some might even call them shacks, as did the local policeman who confronted my parents shortly after they had our very small home moved in from the country. They had to promise to take out a building permit and show they planned to add an addition before the year was up.

The house to the left of us was



By Florence Dyck

also moved in from the country but it was slightly larger and was moved on to a basement. This was the home Morden's former mayor Ken Wiebe grew up in.

The house to the right of us was the only newly built home on our side of the street. Across the road was country, and the two or three small new homes there were for returning soldiers.

The gravel road in front of our houses was frequented by farmers in their pick-ups or ton trucks speeding to and from various businesses in town. On hot summer days, the dust was

unbearable! In winter, this road was often left unploughed.

The deep ditch in front of our home was part of our playground. The snow-filled ditch often melted and froze again, allowing us to skate a mile along it. After a heavy rain in summer, we built a raft and pretended to be Tom Sawyer.

We were the generation who never heard of play dates. We played with whoever was outside. The vacant lot on the corner of 1st and Gilmour was perfect for all our pick-up baseball and football games.

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Orioles, Bisons prepare to take the field

MJBL teams kick off season in Morden Sunday

By Lorne Stelmach

The region's two Manitoba Junior Baseball League teams are both excited about the prospect of playing ball again.

The Pembina Valley Orioles and Altona Bisons are gearing up for a 2022 season that is scheduled to start with them playing a doubleheader against each other in Morden this Sunday.

It comes after a pandemic-shortened 2021 campaign that saw the Bisons finish second at 11-7 while the Orioles were fifth at 7-11. However, it was Pembina Valley that emerged from the playoff round by winning three of four games to earn a chance at taking down the defending champion Elmwood, though the Giants took the title in the end.

"We made some noise ... and we were within one run of beating Elmwood and going into the final game with the upper hand," noted manager Jim Odlum, who oversaw things as the Orioles held an indoors tryout last Tuesday.

He was encouraged by the numbers for the first tryout, where they mostly just had the players tossing the ball around to get the arms limbered up.

"We're just talking with the boys, seeing what level of commitment they can bring us," Odlum said. "It's great



The Pembina Valley Orioles held their first tryouts indoors last week. They kick off the season this Sunday with a double-header against the Altona Bisons,

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VOICE

to see all these new faces ... that's pretty exciting. It shows that the Orioles have a good future here.

"There's a lot of young kids here who probably are still going to be playing midget, but there are kids here who are junior age, and they're going to be able to join the team and be big contributors."

He was hopeful of having a number of solid returning players such as Kyle Dick and Drew Hillhorst.

"[Hillhorst] looks awesome. He's gotten bigger and stronger, so I think he's going to have a big year for us ... and Kyle Dick, he's a big part of our pitching staff," said Odlum. "We've got a number of good guys coming back ... I think we're looking really good.

"I'm looking for a good attitude and a good team player. That's what I want

to see, and last year we had that," he added. "I'm looking forward to the season ... the schedule is 24 games but it's really condensed. It's a pretty big commitment for the boys."

Over in Altona, Curt Letkeman sees great potential for the Bisons to field a solid, experienced team again this year.

"We've got a good solid core of guys ... some of them are going to college and hopefully they will be back in time for the start of the season," he said. "This group of guys has been together for probably two or three years for sure, and it's just a matter of every year waiting to see who is able to come back."

As far as tryouts, Letkeman observed that it was a less formal process for them.

"When you're a small market team

like we are ... you take whoever wants to show up," he said with a laugh. "Whoever wants to play, we'll likely have a spot ... we hope to have a competitive team.

"We're hoping to have a fairly similar group of guys as last year, but until things dry up so we can get out there ... we've asked the guys to do some throwing on their own to kind of get ready.

"It will be pretty condensed once the season gets going," he noted. "But I think we've got a good group of guys who really get along well with each other ... it all comes down to pitching. If your pitching is solid, I think you've got a chance."

This week's Orioles-Bisons doubleheader gets underway at 1 p.m. Sunday.

Border Baseball League season begins this month

Submitted by Jack Pethybridge

The Border Baseball League had its spring meeting May 1 and eight teams are set to return to play in the league, with Killarney taking a one-year leave of absence.

The league is back to a full schedule of games within the entire league with a home and home schedule of 14 games. The league is scheduled to begin May 24 and will include the Pilot Mound Pilots, Cartwright Twins,

Clearwater in the East division while Morden Mud Hens, Winkler Whips, Altona Bisons and Carman Cardinals will make up the West division.

Playoffs for all teams will begin after league play with East and West

divisions playing off. The first two rounds will be a best-of-3 series and the league championship will be a best-of-5 series.

The league schedule will be available soon.

Joe Wiwchar to retire from Baseball HOF and museum

By Lorne Stelmach

He's been the face of the Manitoba Baseball Hall of Fame and Museum since its inception, but Joe Wiwchar has decided it is time to step aside from the role.

He will however remain no less interested in seeing the museum located in the Access Event Centre in Morden continue to grow and thrive.

"My dream has always been to promote this and make it better," said Wiwchar last week as news broke of his impending retirement.

"I'm still passionate about it ... but I'm too old, I'm too slow at doing things," he said with a chuckle. "We have to be able to really promote this place ... and change in any organizations is good. People will come in with new ideas of how to do things."

The Manitoba Baseball Hall of Fame Museum annually selects outstanding Manitoba athletes, coaches, officials, builders and teams for induction. It also gathers memories and artifacts associated with the history of baseball in Manitoba.

The idea originated with Gladwyn Scott, and the first two banquets in 1997 and 1998 took place in Brandon. They have since been in Morden every year, with the exception one banquet held in Neepawa in 2001.

The museum officially opened in Morden the day of the 1999 banquet,

and the cornerstone has always been Wiwchar as its administrator.

There was perhaps no one more suited to the role, as he has coached baseball continuously since 1953.

Now on the cusp of retiring from his illustrious career as a builder of the sport of baseball, he has covered all the bases in serving as a player, coach, umpire, executive administrator and mentor at the local, provincial, national and international levels.

"I'm pretty proud of this place ... we're one of three dedicated baseball halls of fame in Canada," Wiwchar noted.

"Things always evolve ... we started off, it was going to be maybe three little display cases or something like that," he recalled. "I was saying that's not good enough."

There was of course some fundraising to help get it off the ground, but he also recalled making do at first with whatever limited resources they had available.

"We scrounged around and found display cases from places like Eatons or Sears ... then we eventually ended up getting more space where the old racquetball courts used to be.

"So it's always been continually growing ... and we just got some more displays for uniforms and such because they are all jammed up."

Wiwchar estimated there are now



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Joe Wiwchar has headed up the Manitoba Baseball Hall of Fame and Museum in Morden since the day it opened in 1999. He's decided it's time to pass the baton on to someone new.

about 2,000 items in the collection, and he would like to see even more done with them, including perhaps going a bit more in depth into the rich history of baseball here in Manitoba.

"There's got to be continual promotion and using as many media avenues as we can get," said Wiwchar. "My biggest concern is we've got to keep this growing, and we've got to get more people coming ... we need to promote this because to me it's a real gem."

Representatives of the Manitoba Baseball Hall of Fame and Museum

board paid tribute to Wiwchar for his commitment, diligence, and visionary leadership.

"Joe Wiwchar has done a tremendous job building the ship at the Access Event Centre," said local board member Lane Curry, who noted the search was already underway for a new administrator who could be mentored by Wiwchar before he leaves. "Now we are looking for a good skipper to maintain the course and keep the Manitoba Baseball Hall of Fame and Museum on an even keel."

Trio of Flyers make post-secondary commitments

By Voice staff

With the 2021-2022 season now behind them, a number of Winkler Flyers players are looking to what's next.

The junior club announced recently that defensemen Nick Dobson and Trent Sambrook and forward Justin Svenson have made university commitments for the years ahead.

Dobson has committed to the Concordia University of Edmonton Men's Hockey Program for this fall.

"It's in [the] province where I'm from, so I'm able to commute back and forth pretty easy if I want to see my family and friends," Dobson stated on what led him to committing to the Concordia Thunderbirds. "I've heard nothing but good things, they made it to the ACAC finals this year, and hoping to win one next year.

"It's been amazing to play here, it's a really detailed system and the coach-

es really pushed me to be a lot better and improve my game." Dobson added of his time in Winkler.

Dobson joined the Flyers for the second half of the season. He went on to contribute 11 points in 24 games.

Meanwhile, Sambrook is headed to NCAA Division 1 Mercyhurst University Hockey Program.

"They showed some interest early on, I really connected with their coach there. Their campus is really nice, and it ties into my life really well," he said of the decision.

Sambrook has spent his entire junior hockey career with the Flyers, scoring 13 goals and 66 assists for 79 points in 112 games. He was the team's assistant captain this season.

"Winkler is an incredible place for me to play as it is close to home so my parents and the rest of my family could come watch," he said. "Having

that support means a lot to me. As well as the incredible fans who were invested with the team all year."

Svenson has signed to play for the Ontario Tech University Ridgebacks in Oshawa, Ontario.

In his three years with the Flyers, Svenson contributed 101 points (37 goals, 64 assists) in 72 games. He was named assistant captain for the 2021-22 season and was the MJHL's leading scorer.

"Throughout the talks we had, it seemed like the best place to go and the best place I'd have a really good opportunity to play right away" he explained as to what led him to Ontario Tech.

"I just want to say thanks for getting the barn rocking when we could finally get all you guys in there," he said to Winkler's fans. "Continue to support the boys in the coming years, they're

going to need you guys."

Meanwhile, the team handed out its year-end awards late last month:

- Scholastic Player of the Year: Sully Ross.
- Most Improved Player: Lucas Ens.
- Community Commitment Award: Jacob Sargent.
- Unsung Hero Award: Jackson Arpin.
- Leadership and Perseverance Award: Jayden McCarthy.
- Rookie of the Year: Brody Beauchemin.
- Top Defenseman: Trent Sambrook.
- Top Forward: Justin Svenson.
- Co-MVPs: Justin Svenson and Jayden McCarthy.

The Flyers also bid farewell to its graduating 20-year-old players, which includes McCarthy, Svenson, Arpin, Dylan Meilun, Josh Beauchemin, Troy Hamilton, and Dobson.

Reid Dyck represents Canada

By Ty Dilello

Winkler's Reid Dyck recently returned home after representing Team Canada at the 2022 IIHF U18 World Championships in Germany.

The 6'4" netminder got into the sport of hockey from a young age. Both of his brothers played, and so did his father, so he grew up around the game.

"I grew up playing Winkler minor hockey my whole life, and I always wanted to play goalie every chance I could," said Dyck. "My mom didn't want me to play goalie full-time, so I split my time between forward and goalie growing up, and then I made the full-time switch to goalie around the age of 12.

"Winkler is a great place to develop because you grow up around the game, and that helps to develop the hockey IQ aspect of the game. Also, Winkler always has a competitive hockey atmosphere, so no matter what level you play at, it's challenging, and it makes it easier to develop."

Dyck played in the Winkler minor hockey system and then played multiple seasons with the Pembina Valley Hawks AAA organization. He played a few games with the MJHL's Winkler Flyers in 2020-21 before spending the last season and a half with the WHL's Swift Current Broncos.

This past hockey season, Dyck had a 6-12-1 record in Swift Current with a 4.26 goals-against average and .884 save percentage.

"My first full season in Swift had lots of ups and downs. Moving away from home for the first time, moving

to online school and living in a billet house for the first time is all a challenging experience," Dyck reflected. "I am so blessed to have the billets that I have, as they took me in and made me feel like family right away. And I am so grateful for that.

"From the hockey standpoint, I had some tough stretches and some good stretches, but overall it was such a great experience to be there with a great group of guys, and we had a really competitive group. We have so much young talent on our team, so we will be a very exciting team to watch in the next couple of years."

At the season's end, Dyck was named to be one of the goaltenders on Team Canada's World U18 team.

"Being named to Team Canada was some of the best news I got all season," he said. "Growing up watching the World Championships and World Juniors, it's a dream of everyone's to put on the Maple Leaf, and I was so excited when I got the phone call that I would be headed to Germany for the World U18 Championships."

Dyck was the team's starting goaltender throughout the tournament and appeared in three games for Canada. Unfortunately, their run ended in the quarterfinals after a tough 6-5 overtime loss to Finland.

"It was an unreal experience. We had a great group of guys. It was a very stressful situation as we found out we had been eliminated from the WHL playoffs on a Saturday, and I found out on Sunday that I would be flying to Germany the next day," Dyck said.



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Reid Dyck had an excellent experience representing Canada at the recent IIHF U18 World Championships in Germany earlier this month.

"It was a very quick turnaround and a rush to get packed. Once I was over in Germany, it was super cool to see Europe and the culture there, as it was my first time in Europe. The outcome of the tournament wasn't the result we were looking for, but it is an experience I will forever cherish, and the memories will live a lifetime."

As Dyck now enters the off-season, the upcoming 2022 NHL Entry Draft looms. Dyck was ranked eighth among North Americans goaltenders by the most recent Draft Prospect Rankings.

"The draft is something that's always in the back of your mind throughout the season as teams start to show in-

terest in you," he said. "Now that the season is over, it's a waiting game to see if my name will be called in July. It's something that I've been working towards my whole life, so it would be a dream come true if it became a reality."

No matter what happens at the draft, Dyck's plans for next season are to go back to Swift Current and get another year of WHL hockey under his belt.

"We will have a very competitive training camp followed by a competitive season. Our young core will have aged another year, and we will be prepared to do some damage this year and make a run in the playoffs. Looking forward to getting back at it."

> A LOOK BACK, FROM PG. 25

The sewer hill on Gilmour, close to the chicken plant, was perfect for tobogganing. We played outside every evening, never worrying about the temperature. I even tried, unsuccessfully, to ski down that hill with an old pair of my Uncle Hank's skis.

We built snow forts, picked sides and had fierce battles. We never complained when we got hurt, and certainly never told our parents.

Our winter clothing and boots were not adequate by today's standards, but no one had wind and water-resistant clothing. I did envy my brother and his friends their moccasins, though. They could wear thick socks in them, and they never got snow in their boots like I did.

Our dad had a hammer and a hand-held saw we were allowed to use. We also had wood stacked beside our

shed. With those meager supplies, we built a sheriff's office, rabbit hutches, stilts, a raft, a teeter-totter and some props for practising our high jumping and broad jumping. Adults never came out to supervise. Our backyard was mostly garden, so we used the frontage to play cops and robbers, to practice track and field events and to run races alongside our ditches.

We played Mother May I, Red Rover, different kinds of tag, and Anti-I-Over. We played the most amazing games of hide-and-seek in the dark using the entire neighbourhood.

We did get into trouble, though, the day we played hide-and-seek across our country road in a farmer's cornfield. After a short time of our hooting and hollering, we heard his stomping feet and his gruff voice yelling, "You kids get out of there. If I catch you ..."

We did not want to find out what he would do!"

Artie did not often join in our games, but he had the largest box of comic books. On stifling summer days, we found a shady spot on the side of our house without windows and read the exciting exploits of Roy Rogers, Gene Autry and the Lone Ranger. We also read Archie, Richie Rich, Donald Duck, and Casper the Friendly Ghost. If Mom saw us, she was sure to have chores for us to do. She did not approve of comic books!

We did have lots of chores to do. In summer, we helped with the garden. Jim and I had to haul water summer and winter. With a barrel on our wagon, we pulled it the long block on Gilmour to 2nd Street where the pump was located. In winter we used our toboggan.

We shovelled snow into a barrel that was brought into the house to melt and used for washing. I was 15 years old before our house was put on a basement and cold water could be pumped up from the cistern downstairs.

I don't remember ever feeling deprived! When our chores were done, we had almost unlimited freedom.

My children's childhood was not quite as free as mine but not nearly as restricted as my grandchildren's.

I have grandchildren who have never roamed their neighbourhood, have never played with neighbourhood children, and never even left the safety of their fenced yards until they were 10 years old. Instead, they had supervised play dates with friends from school. Such different times we live in.

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> MEAL IDEAS



Strawberry Walnut Hand Pies

pulse strawberries and lemon juice until slightly chunky.

Transfer to saucepan and gradually whisk in cornstarch until dissolved. Stir in sugar.

Heat over low heat until sugar dissolves, about 3 minutes. Turn heat off and stir in chopped walnuts. Transfer mixture to small bowl; refrigerate.

To assemble hand pies: Remove one dough disc from refrigerator. Lightly flour work surface and rolling pin. Roll out dough into large rectangle. Slice dough into six 4-by-2-inch rectangles. Place on parchment paper-lined baking sheet.

In bowl, mix water and egg. Brush perimeter of dough rectangles with egg wash. Place 1 tablespoon filling on center of dough.

Roll out second dough disc, creating six rectangles of dough. Place on top of jam and crimp edges with fork to seal. Freeze hand pies 20 minutes.

Preheat oven to 375 F.

Trim uneven edges of dough with sharp knife and brush tops and sides with egg wash.

Bake 20-24 minutes until golden brown around edges. Cool at room temperature 5 minutes on baking sheet then transfer to wire cooling rack until completely cooled.

To make frosting: In bowl, whisk sugar, milk and beetroot powder until thick but smooth. Drizzle frosting over hand pies and top with chopped walnuts. Cool 15 minutes, or until frosting is set.

- Dough:
 1/4 cup California walnuts
 1 1/4 cups all-purpose flour
 1 teaspoon cane sugar
 1/4 teaspoon salt
 7 tablespoons cold unsalted butter, cubed
 4-5 tablespoons ice cold water
 1 egg, beaten
 Strawberry Walnut Filling:
 1 cup strawberries, tops removed, halved
 1 tablespoon fresh lemon juice
 1 teaspoon cornstarch
 2 tablespoons cane sugar
 1/3 cup finely chopped California walnuts
 Frosting:
 1/2 cup powdered sugar
 2 tablespoons 2% milk
 1/2 teaspoon beetroot powder
 2 tablespoons finely chopped California walnuts

To make dough: In food processor, pulse walnuts until fine and evenly ground. Add flour, sugar and salt to ground walnuts; pulse to combine. Add cubed butter; pulse until butter is in small pieces. Add cold water 1 tablespoon at a time, pulsing while adding, until dough starts sticking together.

Transfer dough to clean surface; shape into two 4-inch discs. Wrap with plastic wrap and refrigerate 1 hour.

To make filling: In food processor,

Walnut Chorizo Pizza Bites



- 1 cup sliced sweet onion
 5 mini bagels
 1 large zucchini, sliced 1/2 inch (10 slices)
 1 cup marinara sauce
 1 cup walnut chorizo
 1/2 cup crumbled goat cheese
 1/2 cup chopped basil

To make walnut chorizo: In food processor, pulse walnuts until finely crumbled. Transfer to mixing bowl.

In food processor, pulse pinto beans, lime juice, paprika, oregano, cumin, chi-

- Walnut Chorizo:
 1 1/2 cups California walnuts
 1 cup pinto beans, drained and rinsed
 2 tablespoons lime juice
 1 teaspoon smoked paprika
 1/2 teaspoon dried oregano
 1/2 teaspoon cumin
 1/2 teaspoon chipotle powder
 1/2 teaspoon salt
 1/4 teaspoon garlic powder
 1 tablespoon olive oil
 Pizza Bites:
 3 tablespoons olive oil

May is Mental Health month

Now with spring upon us, we all feel the positive effects of sunshine and spring. The change in season can benefit us physically, relationally, but also emotionally and within our mental health. Higher Vitamin D and longer days tend to make us feel more energized, which can lead to us feeling lighter in mood. Time outdoors helps to reset internal rhythms and systems and gives us better sleep at night. For those of us who enjoy gardening during this season, there are benefits there, too. Did you know that there are natural antidepressants found in soil? It's true! In all these ways and more, spring can be a wonderful time of refreshment as we step into summer. With that being said, spring and summer can nevertheless be difficult times in mental health, just as any other time of year.

This month is Mental Health Awareness Month and we at Stonewall Counselling Center feel more than ever that it is important to find a mental health practitioner who you can trust and where you feel supported in your healing process. You may be experiencing stress, anxiety, fear, sadness, and loneliness. Stonewall Counselling Center is a collaborative team of professionals with comprehensive knowledge in evidence-based care, and we are here to help you and listen to you. Erica Hildebrand and Damaris Bredin are professional counsellors at the center, and each bring their own unique set of skills, strength, and wisdom to their practice. We mutually share the importance of care for individuals who are suffering from mental health challenges. We each



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 Damaris Bredin, left, and Erica Hildebrand.

have a strong understanding of ethical and confidential issues, an ability to form a therapeutic connection with our clients and are well versed in recognizing treatment strategies designed to create positive changes for those we work with. Most importantly we desire to partner with you to help you feel unstuck while working through barriers allowing you to achieve your potential. We believe that everyone has the resources and inner strength to heal and overcome adverse experiences with the right help.

Erica Hildebrand is the founder of Stonewall Counselling Center and her vision for SCC is to create a space in the Interlake area to help those who are struggling in their mental health and who are seeking help within their own community. We are located at 405 3rd Ave South in Stonewall. Please find more about us on our website: www.stonewall-counsellingcenter.com.

potle powder, salt and garlic powder until mixture resembles ground meat. Stir bean mixture with walnut pieces.

In medium skillet over medium heat, heat olive oil. Add walnut chorizo and cook 5-7 minutes until lightly browned, using spatula to break into crumbles.

To make pizza bites: In pan over medium heat, heat olive oil and add onion. Cook, stirring occasionally, 15-20 minutes until onion is soft and golden brown.

Preheat oven to 375 F. Line two bak-

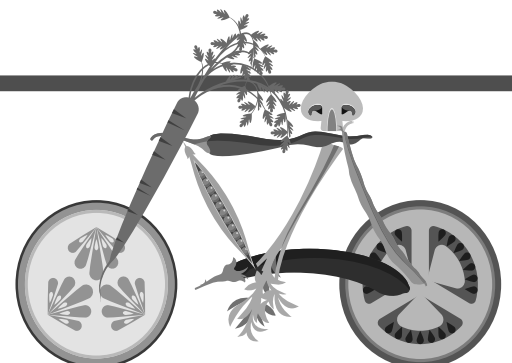
ing sheets with parchment paper. Halve bagels and place on baking sheet. Place zucchini slices on second baking sheet.

Top each bagel and zucchini slice with 1 tablespoon marinara; spread with back of spoon. Add 1 tablespoon walnut chorizo crumbles to each bagel and zucchini slice. Sprinkle with caramelized onion and goat cheese.

Bake 10 minutes.

Cool 5 minutes on baking sheets. Top with basil.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING UNDER THE PLANNING ACT

The City of Winkler, under the authority of The Planning Act, will hold a hearing at which time and place the council of the City of Winkler will receive representation from the applicants and any other persons who wish to make representations in respect of the Rezoning Application No. RZ2022-012 and By-law No. 2284-22, being an amendment to Winkler Zoning By-law 2271-21 of the City of Winkler.

The general intent of the above By-Law No. 2284-22, is to zone the land described below, Namely:

115 Main Street S., legally described as Lot 5, Plan 283 MLTO.

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

FROM: "R1" RESIDENTIAL LOWER DENSITY
TO: "R2" RESIDENTIAL MEDIUM DENSITY

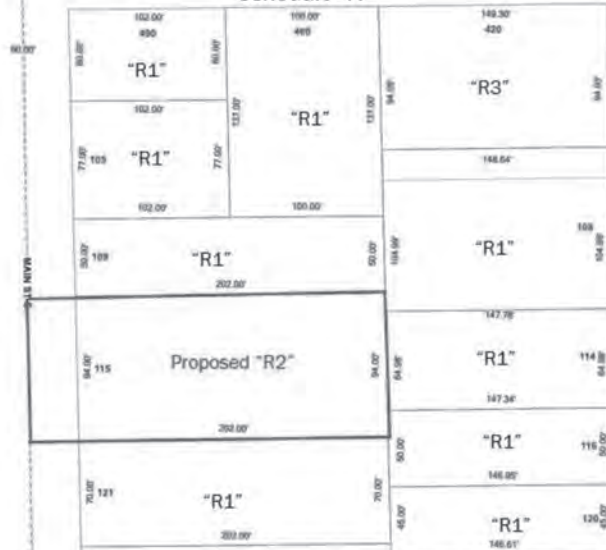
A copy of the above By-Law No. 2284-22 and supporting material may be inspected by any persons between the hours of 9:00 AM and 5:00 PM, Monday to Thursday and 9:00 AM and 4:30 PM, Friday, in the City Office.

Date of Hearing: May 24, 2022
Time of Hearing: 6:45 p.m.
Location: Winkler Council Chambers,
185 Main Street, Winkler, Manitoba

DATED at Winkler, in Manitoba, this 11th day of April 2022.

Designated Officer
City of Winkler

Schedule "A"



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IN THE MATTER of the ESTATE of **DELMAR ANDREW DICKEY**, late of the Town of Miami, in Manitoba, deceased.

All claims against the above Estate, duly verified by Statutory Declaration, must be filed with the undersigned at 309 Stephen Street, Morden, Manitoba, R6M 1V1 within thirty (30) days of the date of this publication.

DATED at the City of Morden, in Manitoba, this 2nd day of May, 2022.

McCULLOCH MOONEY JOHNSTON SELBY LLP.
Attention: KELLY A KENNEDY
Solicitors for the Executor

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Craig Smiley, Public Works Director
Municipality of Rhineland

Box 270 Altona, MB R0G 0B0

Phone: 204-324-7510

Email: craig.smiley@rhinelandmb.ca

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CARD OF THANKS

With sincere thanks from the Agnew family Thank you to our family, friends, and neighbours for your kindness over the past weeks. Thanks for your visits and food (so much wonderful food!), for the flowers and donations to the St. John the Evangelist church building fund, and especially for sharing your memories of Basil. We'd also like to thank Dr. Brian Duff for his ongoing and attentive care of Basil for many years; Dr. Kevin Convery and the nurses at Boundary Trails Health Centre for the compassion they showed Basil in his last days; Father Ramon Oncog, Father Stan Jaworski, and the church community for the lovely funeral service, music, and food; and Joey Grenier and his staff at Wiebe's funeral home for easing our way in the days after Basil's passing. Barb and her family sincerely appreciate your support and kind words at this difficult time. We know Basil is at peace and has been joyfully reunited with the family and friends who went before him.

IN MEMORIAM



Lauren "Lori" Zylstra (nee Paracholski)
December 2, 1960- May 11, 2021

A year ago, the light of our world dimmed and has remained forever changed. We miss your laughter, your unwavering love, your silliness, your daily calls/texts and those amazing hugs and kisses. You were the woman we all turned to and our constant support. Remembering you is easy, missing you is the hard part. Our loss is immeasurable, but so was your love.

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Your loving family



IN MEMORIAM



Linda Marie Giesbrecht
1952 - 2013

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING UNDER THE AUTHORITY OF THE PLANNING ACT

On the date and at the time and location shown below, a PUBLIC HEARING will be held to receive representations from any person(s) who wish to make them in respect to the following matter:

CITY OF MORDEN BY-LAW 07-2022
Being an AMENDMENT to the CITY OF MORDEN ZONING BY-LAW 08-2017

HEARING LOCATION: Morden Civic Centre
195 Stephen St., Morden, MB

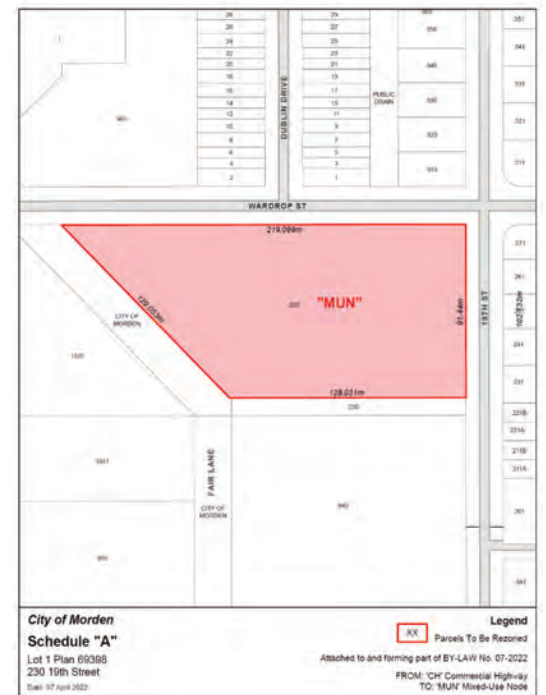
DATE & TIME: Monday, 30 May 2022
at 7:00 pm

From : "CH" Commercial Highway
To: "MUN" Mixed Use Node

AREA: 230 19th Street
Lot 1, Plan 69398 MLTO
Morden, MB

As shown outlined in red lines on the map attached hereto as Schedule "A", and forming part of this by-law.

FOR INFORMATION CONTACT:
Santokh Randhawa, M. Eng., P. Eng.
133 7th Street, Morden, MB. R6M 1V3
Phone: (204) 822-2567



A copy of the above proposal and supporting material may be inspected at the location noted above during office hours, Monday to Friday. Copies may be made and extracts taken therefrom, upon request. If you wish to be present at the hearing, please contact Michelle Braun, Executive Assistant at 204-822-4434, extension 2004 or email mbraun@mymorden.ca a minimum of 2 business days prior to the scheduled hearing.



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OBITUARY



**Aron Enns
1932 - 2022**

On Friday, April 29, 2022 at Boundary Trails Health Centre, Aron Enns, 89 of Winkler, MB passed away.

Aron M. Enns was born July 5, 1932, to Aron and Mary Enns. Aron married Elizabeth Reimer July 3, 1955, this union of 45 1/2 years was blessed with four children. They lived near Schanzenfeld along Hwy. 32 and had a great time farming and growing vegetables. He loved music and also was a barber for many years. Elizabeth passed away on February 1, 2001. On August 1 of 2004 Aron was united in marriage to Susan Rempel. Susan passed away March 5, 2020.

Left to mourn his passing are: Elizabeth and Dan Driedger, Ernie and Jenny Enns, Anna and Jake Penner, Marie Enns, eight grandchildren, 14 great-grandchildren, three great-great-grandchildren. Also left to cherish his memory are five stepchildren with their spouses and families; three sisters: Helen and Pete Janzen and families, Martha and Abe Derksen and families, Tena Enns, Dad's greatest concern was for his family to learn and know the way of salvation. He hoped to meet us all in heaven some day!

Memorial service was held on Tuesday, May 3, 2022 at Winkler Sommerfeld Mennonite Church with interment prior to the service at the Reinland Mennonite Church Cemetery in Schanzenfeld.

If friends so desire, donations may be made in Aron's memory to Union Gospel Mission and to the People's Gospel Hour (Halifax).

Wiebe Funeral Home, Winkler
In care of arrangements
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OBITUARY



**Howard Rudolph Titchkosky
1944 - 2022**

The Titchkosky family is saddened to announce the loss of Howard AKA "Big T," who passed away peacefully on April 24, 2022 in his 77th year at the St. Boniface Hospital. Beloved husband of 51 years to Shirley Titchkosky (nee Link) of Morden, MB; truly missed by his daughters, Leanne Campbell and Rhonda (Steve) Plett and his son and farming partner, Dwayne (Angie) Titchkosky. Grandpa Howard's absence will be deeply felt by his grandchildren: Caitlyn, Erica, Gus, Rogan, and Connor.

Howard was born in Morden of Celia and Rudolph Titchkosky, on September 3, 1944, Howard was the oldest of five children: Darlene Smith, Les, Dennis, and Doug. Howard was educated at Alexandria School in the 2-6 District and farmed his entire life until he semi-retired to Morden in 2009. Howard was a dedicated family man, a loved uncle, a true friend, an avid reader, one of the founders of the Pembina Lodge in the Valley, a faithful church member and an auction sale devotee. He was a man who was literally and figuratively looked up to by many. But Howard never looked down on anyone. He greeted you with a firm handshake which included uplifting conversation, and it left you with a smile. Howard was a collector of many things: tractors (diecast and real), books, pocketknives, coins, farm hats, guns, dollar store reading glasses (which will become Shirley's Everest as she will find them - in every bowl, basket, cupboard, drawer, vehicle, tractor, and grain truck), newspaper clippings, and any tool that was on sale at Princess Auto or Canadian Tire. But the collection he valued the most was the collection of his friends and his extremely close family relations.

Funeral service was held on Monday May 2, 2022 at Westside Community Church with burial at the 1-6 German Cemetery. Howard's family appreciated the many hands that lifted him to his final resting place, and those that made sure, "no hearse was left behind."

Much gratitude is expressed to the STARS Air Ambulance personnel, the doctors, nurses and staff at the St. Boniface Hospital and Boundary Trails Health Centre. The family is overwhelmed by the kind words/stories, funeral attendance, flowers, food, donations, and merriment in honour of Big T. Many thanks to Cara Baker and Steven Baker for the beautiful music, Pastor Alex Klages and Vicar Nigel Prozenko for officiating the service, Westside Community Church for hosting and Wiebe Funeral Home Morden for assisting with the arrangements. A special acknowledgement to Howard's favourite sister, Darlene, for sharing the eulogy. Donations may be made in Howard's memory to STARS Air Ambulance or to Howard's Project c/o Zion Lutheran Church (Storage Shed Fund).

"When we lose someone, we love we must remember not to live without them, but to live with the love they left behind" - Anonymous.

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OBITUARY



**William Henry Heinrichs
1941 - 2022**

William Henry Heinrichs, 81 of Morden, MB passed away on Saturday May 7, 2022 surrounded by his family and loved ones at the Boundary Trails Health Centre.

Bill was born in 1941 in Winnipeg, Manitoba. He was a hardworking man who dedicated his life to working on the pipelines in the energy sector. A kindhearted and jovial man, he was able to make light of any situation.

Bill is survived by his wife, Marian and his four children, Brad, Debby, Monty and Brett. Bill also leaves behind his three siblings, Dolores, Ken and Ron, eight grandchildren and many great-grandchildren.

Memorial service was held at 2:00 p.m. on Tuesday May 10, 2022 at Wiebe Funeral Chapel in Morden.

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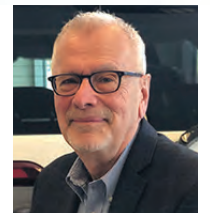
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