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Board chair Angelika Stoesz cuts the cake at the 25th anniversary of the Rhineland Area Food Bank and official opening of its new location at 162 Centre Ave in Altona. For the full story, see Pg. 4

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Bed closures at Emerson Health Centre has residents concerned

By Ty Dilello

Over the past month, the Emerson Health Centre has reduced its number of beds by four, from 24 to 20.

Former Emerson mayor Wayne Arseny says that during a time when Stats Canada indicates the demand for more personal care home beds is increasing with alarming urgency, seeing those four spaces disappear is unacceptable.

"Over the last few months, rumours started circulating that residents were being moved within the facility to close four beds," he said. "I have heard various reasons for this—from rooms are only being repainted, rooms have to be updated to meet code, to it is a cost-saving measure to be able just to have one nurse instead of required two and seeing three aides instead of two."

Arseny is upset that not only the beds are closing, but because there's been no public communication from Southern Health-Santé Sud on the matter.

"What troubles me most on this

move was it was done secretly without public notice or consultation. The only way I know is because I go there every day and know the transition of what's happened.

"If one views the donor plaques on the wall in this care home, there was a significant community financial contribution to this facility," Arseny said. "We all should have a say on what happens within this care home. Not advising and consulting with the surrounding community residents who this facility serves is a clear sign of how the government views our needs."

Arseny worries that a reduction in beds will only lengthen the amount of time families must wait to get a loved one into care closer to home.

"People are usually waiting a year or longer to get in, and that wait time could even go up now to get into a care home because people don't check out of one unless they pass away, so four beds are major, in my opinion."

In a statement, Southern Health-Santé Sud said that the closed beds are not considered personal care



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Emerson Health Centre closed four transitional beds this spring.

home (PCH) beds.

"The Emerson Health Centre has 20 personal care beds and four transitional care beds. The beds that are closed are transitional care beds which are not part of the PCH section," the RHA said. "The transitional care beds are closed due to infrastructure concerns related to the advanced age of the site as well as due to staff vacancies in the nursing, health care aide and support services areas."

Asked whether this is a temporary or permanent closure, the RHA noted that "continued assessments of the affected section of the building remain ongoing to ensure service delivery remains safe, with much attention to the comfort of those within our care to provide a pleasant environment without risk."

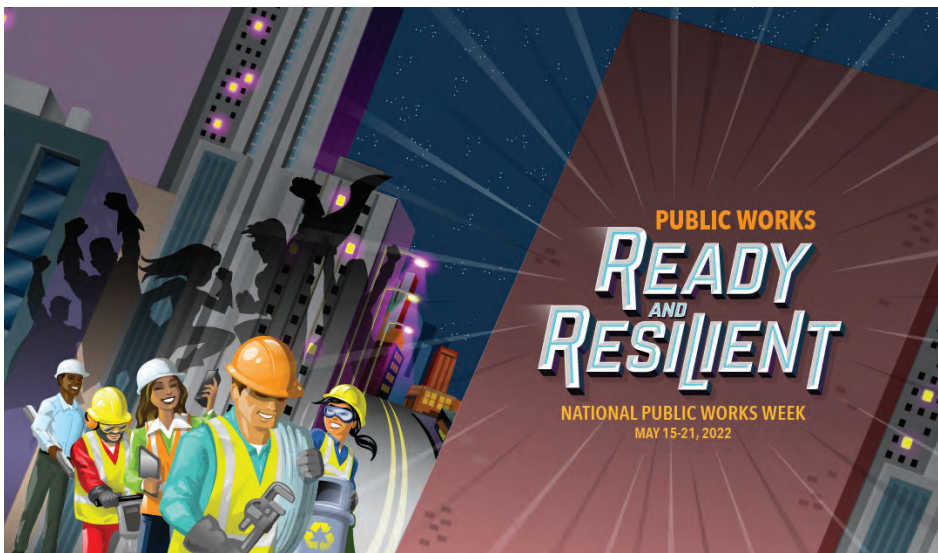
"Our main focus throughout periods of staffing shortages has been to

ensure that there is adequate staffing in place to deliver safe, quality care within all our sites. Southern Health-Santé Sud continues to focus on recruitment of new staff."

When it comes to what impact four less beds in Emerson may have on care homes elsewhere in the region, the RHA noted "there is always a demand for seniors' services, and this is monitored daily within our teams."

Arseny maintains that we need to be opening more rooms, not closing existing ones.

"To be closing care home beds, whether it be Emerson or anywhere else, is wrong," he said. "For family members with loved ones waiting to get into this care home, and those who at some time in the future will need these beds, we need these four rooms reopened."



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The Color win their second Juno Award

By Ashleigh Viveiros

Local Christian music band The Color won their second Juno last weekend.

Their latest album *No Greatest Love* was named the Contemporary Christian/Gospel Album of the Year at the Juno Opening Night Awards in Toronto Saturday.

The big win comes four years after The Color took home the trophy in the same category for their album *First Day of My Life*.

Lead singer Jordan Janzen on Monday shared how excited the group was to be honoured once again on the national stage.

"We had a great weekend celebrating, and being able to be recognized for the work that we put into this album is really great," he said.

Unable to travel to Nashville to record due to the pandemic, the band opted instead to self-isolate themselves with a producer they flew up here for two weeks in the fall of 2020.

"It was a pretty unique experience," Janzen recalled. "And kind of like a dream for us as a band to just be in

one place for 14 days just pouring all of our time and energy into making this album come to life."

Many of the songs that ultimately made up *No Greatest Love*, which was released last October, were selected by The Color's fans.

"We had a panel where we put a bunch of demos out there and they got to vote on their favourite ones and sort of shaped how the record came to be," Janzen said. "[The fans] were a big part of the process. We trust and care about our fans because they've been with us for so long ... it definitely added to the whole thing."

Janzen sends thanks to everyone who has supported the group over the past decade.

"It's an honour to be able to receive something for our work but we also understand that there's a lot of people and energy and time and commitment that goes into making something like this happen—it's not just us on stage that are deserving of it. We're really thankful for all the support."

With pandemic restrictions easing, The Color are looking forward to getting back out on the road in 2022.



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Local Christian music band The Color brought home a Juno Award for Contemporary Christian/Gospel Album of the Year last weekend.

"I think we're close to turning a corner," Janzen said. "We've been patiently waiting for things to open back up ... we have some shows coming

up in the next couple of months and we're hoping that the fall is the switch to being able to be back on the road on a more regular basis."

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Cutting the ribbon on the 500 Stephen Community Centre

By Lorne Stelmach

The community came together Saturday to celebrate the opening of a facility that is being seen as becoming a true hub in Morden.

The 500 Stephen Community Centre is the result of a vision that Morden can be a place for everybody and is a testament to people who believe that the city can be a better place for all, Morden Mayor Brandon Burley suggested at the official opening ceremony.

"This is a pretty incredible day for the City of Morden," he said "At the right time, all these people came together ... look at the amount of work and energy that has gone into this project. It was a project I had the privilege of being able to watch develop over three years, through a lot of different iterations of people who had interest and passion for a community mobilization hub."

"This has been an amazing thing to see come together," said Morden-Winkler MLA Cameron Friesen,

who highlighted the provincial commitment of a Community Mobilization Hub grant that will provide annual operational funding support of \$50,000.

"This is an incredible project," said Friesen, who celebrated "what happens when the community comes together, what happens when you can get one of these hubs, where people start to meet and interact and bring down barriers and find solutions.

"I couldn't be more proud of our community."

The name 500 Stephen is the address for the community centre that brings a range of services under one roof.

There had been talk for a number of years about the need for a community centre in Morden, and the idea finally started to come together with the Morden Community Development Corporation leasing the building at good rate.

Westside Community Church helped get it off the ground with a two-year commitment of \$20,000 annually to help get the facility established, and a task force of interested community members quickly came together to lead the charge to get the facility up and running.

It has been seen as being able to serve as a space to bring a range of key local non-profit community organizations together in a central location, with Many Hands as an anchor tenant to operate the food bank program.

"This is a place, a space for all people," said task force member Gerald Dyck, who emphasized that their message to people is "that they matter, they have value, that they'll find respect, encouragement, a helping hand ... it'll be a place for everyone to connect.

"The coolest thing about this whole project has been the people that we get to work with and the organizations that we get to meet and that we get to just partner with," he added.



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500 Stephen Community Centre in downtown Morden celebrated its grand opening with a ribbon cutting Saturday.

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Rhineland food bank celebrates 25 years, new home

By Ty Dilello

The Rhineland and Area Food Bank celebrated its 25th anniversary last week alongside the grand opening of its new home.

The facility first opened its doors in May of 1997 using supplies donated from the Red Cross that had set up an office in Altona during the Flood of the Century.

Longtime board member Angelika Stoesz had gotten involved a year ear-

lier when the idea to open a food bank was first proposed.

"I've been on the board ever since," she said, recalling they had just two or three people stop by for food the first day they were open. Today, they have up to 40 families who rely on the food bank on a weekly basis.

The milestone anniversary was marked May 12 with an open house at 162 Centre Ave in Altona, which the food bank moved into earlier this year.

It was a chance to show off the new, larger location and reminisce about the work of the past two and a half decades operating from a building beside the Bergthalar Mennonite Church.

"Our old place was great for us over the years, but it was not handicap accessible as we always had to go downstairs," Stoesz said. "And during the pandemic, because it was such a small space, we had to have people waiting outside. So we thought we needed a

room with more space and that everyone could get into the building smoothly."

The new facility can accommodate many more people while still being able to maintain physical distancing as needed.

"We can seat at least ten people inside, while in the old building we'd only let two people in at a time," Stoesz said. "There's lots more room now where the volunteers can pack the hampers, and it's just more convenient for everyone.

"It was a very positive move," she added. "The old place was also very good, but it was just time to move into a new, accessible place."

For more information about the food bank or to make a donation, contact Stoesz at 204-324-8139. You can also make a donation by mail to Rhineland Area Food Bank, Box 110, Altona, MB R0G 0B0, or e-transfer to rhineland-foodbankinc@gmail.com.

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Sprucing up Main Street

By Ashleigh Viveiros

City crews were out bright and early Monday morning getting the new flower planters on Winkler's Main St. squared away.

Twelve round planters have gone in to replace the old square pots that had been lining the medians between Stanley Ave. to South Railway Ave. for years.

"We've got 12 here now and 12 more to go," said Winkler Horticulture Society volunteer Val Harder as public works staff filled the planters already in place with rocks and soil ahead of the society putting in the flowers.

The new planters provide a more modern look for downtown, Harder noted, and are also much better at retaining moisture.

"We can also fit more flowers in here," she said, pointing out they'll very soon be overflowing.

The total cost of the planter replacement project is about \$16,000. The society has already rounded up part of that through donations from various downtown businesses, private sponsors, and a few fundraisers, but they still have a ways to go and are asking the public for their help.

"We ordered them kind of on faith," said Harder, noting anyone interested in making a donation is asked to call Margaret Penner at 204-362-2552, email winklerhorticulture@gmail.com.

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Task force chairperson Heidi Janzen said they had much to celebrate with so much support coming together to make this day a reality.

"It's a little overwhelming because it's been about a year that we've really been working really hard at getting this place together," she said.

"It's a great feeling to actually see this all come together and the support that we're getting is unbelievable. I don't think we envisioned this much support from our community, from the government.

"Our mandate was really just to get this place up and going and getting it started ... now our next step is to create a board," Janzen noted, adding that there will likely be two or three members of the task force who will be part of the board.

"The sky's the limit in what we want to do here," she said. "It's really a place for everyone, and I just cannot stress that enough, that we're just here to continue to build community."



com, or connect with the society on Facebook.

Long term, the society would like to update the planters all the way down Main St. to Hwy. 14.

"But it'll be as we get the finances," Harder said.

Meanwhile, the old pots have found their way to other public spaces in town, including the cemetery and Pembina Ave. walking path near Eden.

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Winkler Horticulture Society volunteers Val Harder (left) and Betty Klassen with the new Main St. planters. Left: City workers installed them this past week.

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Bored yet? Hang in there. We are gearing up for another exciting adventure in democracy as we approach the upcoming municipal elections in Manitoba on October 26 when we all get together, listen to the job interviews, and hire/elect a new council.

Why the heck are you writing about an election that is soooooo far away!?!?" one might wonder. For one thing, that's only six months away and most of us don't pay a whole lot of attention to them, sadly.

Heck, in the past when I have moderated the Morden All Candidates meeting about 200ish people will come to be informed and hear about positions and visions. That's about two per cent of the population of the city. Not very many informed voters. Of course, there are other ways to get informed like radio, television and newspapers—like this one. Having covered municipal politics going back to the stone age of my work with *The Ottawa Citizen* I have seen and heard a thing or two when it comes to candidates and elections.

Anyone considering a run for public office should be congratulated. It is a thankless job with low remuneration and terrible hours (plus they have to deal with columnists constantly advocating for things and seeking accountability).

Very few first-timers really have a sense for what they are in for. The ones that stick to it term after term are either selfless saints with thick skins and a huge heart for service or egomaniacs who cannot imagine anyone else being able to do it as well as them (maybe there are some in the middle, too).

It is up to the humble electorate to sift the wheat from the chaff and place the authority to make decisions on their behalf onto a select few should-ers.

A few points to keep in mind: Be wary of any candidate for council or mayor who sounds suspiciously like that person who ran for student council president back in the day and who promised the moon. You know the promises: a slushie machine in the cafeteria or extra days off school, none of which they had even the slightest authority or ability to do.

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By Peter Cantelon

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So why start this off with discus-

sions of deficits and money?

Because often candidates for council have this first and foremost on their minds (at least while running for council). Don't trust any one individual who says they will build you a pool, for example. This is not a one-person job. They can advocate for it but they cannot with their one vote do anything alone.

Also, do not trust anyone who criticizes spending on a pool or anything else as simply being "a money loser." Or "too costly." Why? For one, these are VERY insubstantial answers. For another, services are all generally money losers. Transit, street repairs, snow clearing, baseball, hockey, community centres, landscaping, etc. all cost money.

Anyone who dismisses your desire for anything because it "loses money" simply isn't interested in your idea as much as another money losing idea they do support. When a candidate or member of council says, "Do you want to pay the monstrous cost for this?" you respond with, "Maybe I do—show me the details and I'll tell you what I'm willing to pay."

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Powerboats banned from Lake Minnewasta

By Lorne Stelmach

A ban on power boats on Lake Minnewasta introduced in the midst of the drought has now become permanent.

Morden city council moved at a special meeting May 10 to no longer permit any gas-powered boats on the lake and only allow boats with electric trolling motors up to 10 hp along with non-motorized watercrafts.

"It was a conservancy and water management decision that led councillors to believe this was the right step forward," said Mayor Brandon Burley. "We've seen what can happen when our source of drinking water is compromised.

"Council has been eyeing this for a

while," the mayor added, noting that the low lake level last summer especially highlighted the potential harm from power boats.

"We have some concerns firstly about safety on the lake and people just not managing the usage right," he said. "It's about water quality. We have concerns about turbidity in the water and, not only that, but there is a substantial amount of leaching of gasoline into our drinking water supply.

"We were hard pressed to find a lake that is a similar size in North America where it is also the biggest sole drinking supply for a community where gas powered boats were permitted ... we weren't able to find a comparable example."

There were a number of other con-



Morden city council has decided the only watercraft allowed on Lake Minnewasta are non-motorized vehicles or those with electric trolling motors of up to 10 hp. Gas-powered boats are no longer permitted.

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siderations that also came into play in this decision, Burley said.

"We have spawning grounds that are being impacted by the wake. There's also a concern about the introduction of invasive species like zebra mussels, which are more likely to come in on

power boats.

"Ultimately though, the decision came down to a strong recommendation from a professional firm ... the extremely strong recommendation was that power boats be removed," Burley

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Access Event Centre ice plant to be relocated

By Lorne Stelmach

Work is underway to move the new ice plant at the Access Event Centre in order to address community concerns about excessive noise.

Morden city council has agreed with a recommendation to relocate the ice plant from the west side of the complex, where its proximity to a neighbouring residential area led a large delegation to appear before council to complain last November.

The ice plant now is going to be situ-

ated in the gap between the two rinks. The relocation plans also include soundproofing walls.

"The engineering modelling indicates that this will relieve the noise concern from the ice plant and will allow us to better manage it as well," Mayor Brandon Burley said last week.

Concerns arose immediately after the installation of the unit last year. Measurements of the sound level it generated were found to be excessive.

Residents had maintained sound mitigation should have not only been

part of the plan from the start but questioned the decision to locate the plant on the west side of the building rather than the east, which does not border residential properties.

Council had an engineering assessment done to identify possible solutions along with projected reductions in noise pollution, and Burley had vowed that they would rectify the situation as quickly as possible.

"There were options available ... but this was the better option," he said, noting that initial pricing attached

to the options for adding silencing actually had higher costs than the \$100,000 the city will spend to move the unit. "We've seen the engineer's report and we're comfortable that this is going to provide the solution that we need there.

"The work is getting underway right now ... the ice is out and the ice plant is shut down, so it can start immediately," Burley said. "That's being done right now, and it should be back in operation sometime this summer."

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plan for next time.

We DO know that our success is largely due to our "boots on the ground" public works team. This is National Public Works Week, a "tip of the hard hat" to Public Works for your energy, creativity, and readiness to protect our community.

We also know that due to this year's high water event, your energy is now focused on a spring "to-do" list of pothole repairs, sidewalk and street sweeping, wastewater mainline flushing/inspection, and general town clean-up.

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**Mayor Al Friesen,
Town of Altona**

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History prof. to speak on Mennonite ties to Ukraine



Dr. Aileen Friesen

By Ty Dilello

A presentation entitled *Mennonites In Ukraine: Past And Present* is coming to the Neubergthal Commons Barn at 2 p.m. on Sunday, May 29.

Dr. Aileen Friesen, a scholar of Russian Mennonite history, will discuss the experiences of Mennonites in Ukraine.

"Since I am Mennonite, I grew up listening to stories about my family's history in tsarist Russia and the Soviet Union, especially from my maternal side," said Friesen. "My grandparents arrived in Canada during the 1920s with their families as teenagers, and they had vivid memories as the foundational years of their lives happened in that space.

"I ended up studying about Eastern Europe at university and I had the

opportunity to travel to both Ukraine and Russia. As I had grown up with these places living in my imagination, in many ways, travelling there was like going home."

Friesen is the associate professor and co-director of the Centre for Transnational Mennonite Studies at the University of Winnipeg. She is also the executive director of the D.F. Plett Historical Research Foundation Inc.

The May 29 presentation will touch on Mennonite history and the depth of its ties to Ukraine.

"Even though our ancestors left, for some of us almost 150 years ago, this is a place that many of us still feel emotionally connected to," she said. "This event will be a time to collectively process the violence being inflicted on a place that holds the richness of part of our history.

"There are some Mennonites in Ukraine today. But I would emphasize that it is not the physical presence of Mennonites which makes this story important. Over the past 30 years, we have developed deep relationships with local groups in Ukraine, especially around the former colonies of Khortytsia and Molochna.

"In the historical community specifically, scholars and archivists from Ukraine have protected the history of this region as a multi-confessional and multi-ethnic space. These are the people who have become refugees or who are still living with the experience of continual violence. Thanks to them, our history lives on in Ukraine."

Admission is \$20, which includes refreshments. Donations will also be accepted at the event on behalf of MCC's relief efforts in Ukraine.

Winkler receives funding for asset management planning

By Lorne Stelmach

Federal funding is allowing the City of Winkler to expand the scope of its asset management planning.

The city was among seven Manitoba municipalities that received a share of \$272,228 in grants through the Municipal Asset Management Program (MAMP) delivered by the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM).

The \$50,000 for Winkler will help it build on asset management in several key areas including water, wastewater, storm water, and transportation and will expand the asset management by including buildings, parks and recreation, vehicles and equipment.

The scope of the project includes conducting data collection, facilitating the development of asset management plans, reviewing existing plans, collaborating across city departments to consolidate key planning information and conducting education and building workshops for the council, executive leadership, directors and other staff.

The importance of this asset management planning cannot be understated, noted City of Winkler's direc-

tor of planning and engineering Scott Toews.

"Asset management is a critical part of how Winkler manages all of its assets, from roads, sewer and water, sidewalks, playgrounds, parks," he cited as a few examples.

"We've got to be able to fund any replacements in the future to whatever the level of service is determined to be required by the city, so we want to make sure that we are adding infrastructure in a sustainable way, that we are able to maintain our infrastructure in a good state."

The city is working with consulting firm Urban Systems to help further

develop the existing plan "and really flesh out the last few components of the plan to cover all of the major city infrastructure," said Toews. "We hope to have a majority of the plan completed by mid-September."

Federal officials also stressed how managing municipal infrastructure effectively is vital to Canada's economic competitiveness, so municipalities of all sizes need good asset management practices to build and maintain resilient, sustainable communities.

"Through the Municipal Asset Management Program, we are helping rural municipalities in Manitoba ac-

quire the skills they need to sustainably manage their assets and realize savings over the long term," said Dominic LeBlanc, minister of inter-governmental affairs, infrastructure and communities.

"Empowering municipalities to make strategic investment decisions regarding their municipal infrastructure assets is the goal," noted Joanne Vanderheyden, president of the Federation of Canadian Municipalities.

The \$110 million Municipal Asset Management Program has invested in more than 1,259 municipal asset management projects.

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said. "It also came with a recommendation from the fire and police services, which have been monitoring and watching and seeing a decline in safe usage over time."

Burley noted that community input related to the development of the parks and urban forestry master plan gauged people's feelings around the lake and its usage.

"The support for taking gas powered boats off the lake was overwhelmingly strong. And because of the drought, we did have the opportunity, on account of turbidity issues, to take gas-powered motors off the lake and the community feedback was very positive.

"People really enjoyed the tranquility, and there was a lot of natural

benefit as well to wildlife and habitat as well," he said, noting that there has been a big resurgence of interest in such watercraft as canoes and kayaks.

"So I think council made the decision that this was something that we valued and wanted to protect, and this was one of the best ways that we could do it."

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Community support made Gospel Echoes Thrift Store's new home a reality

By Ashleigh Viveiros

The Gospel Echoes Thrift Store in Winkler cut the ribbon on its new location on Saturday.

The thrift shop made the move to 326 Roblin Blvd. East (just behind the mall) in January. Now, with nice weather finally here, staff, customers, and volunteers all gathered outside the new building to celebrate.

"It's an honour to celebrate this day—and what a day it is to celebrate," board chair Abe Penner told the assembled crowd, noting it was only through God's direction that this long-awaited project came to fruition.

Thrift store leaders had discussed the need for a larger space for years, but "we couldn't quite see how we

could build our own building with no funding," he said.

The generosity of local donors, tradespeople, and lenders is what finally turned the dream into reality.

The new building is not only in a much more visible location but is also about 5,000 square feet larger than the thrift shop's old home on Cargill Rd.

While their location has changed, their mission has not, observed Penner.

"Our motto as Gospel Echoes is sharing Christ in prisons in all of western and northern Canada," he explained.

"We do that through sharing Bible studies, Bibles, and Christian literature. We also do gospel preaching and gospel concerts in prisons when restrictions allow.



PHOTO BY ASHLEIGH VIVEIROS/VOICE

The Gospel Echoes Thrift Store in Winkler cut the ribbon on its new space at 326 Roblin Blvd. last weekend.

"We couldn't do that without everybody's input, be it a board member, a manager, a staff member, a volunteer, a donator, or a customer."

Morris reeve expects it to be weeks before Hwy. 75 reopens

By Ty Dilello

Southern Manitoba is still coping with the effects of spring flooding, but local Reeves believe that the worst is now behind them.

RM of Morris Reeve Ralph Groening notes that water is going down slowly in his area, an inch or two per day.

That said, Groening believes that it's going to take another three to four weeks at least before PTH. 75 is fully reopened, depending on how quickly the water goes down.

"The good news from our perspective is the big wind from last Friday that was supposed to destroy some roads did do some damage but wasn't as bad as we thought it would be," he said.

The RM of Morris council met on Monday to begin the development of a strategy for flood clean-up.

"We've hired a drone plane to take pictures of the affected areas. That's the first step to identify what the problems are," Groening said. "We will use the Disaster Financial Assistance (DFA) program from the province, and that will be essential to doing our repairs and getting our residents back. We currently have 150 people that are still out of their homes, and we want them back as soon as possible."

In the RM of Emerson-Franklin, the water level is also starting to recede. Over the past few days, the level has dropped over a foot to expose previously covered roads, allowing public works staff to begin to assess how much damage the flood has caused.

"We've seen some pretty good damage on the roads so far," said Reeve David Carlson. "We'll have to see the extent of the damage before knowing how long the clean-up and repairs are going to take. Once we get going on that, we can get things back into shape relatively quick."

King Street in Emerson has emerged from the water slightly enough to see that the road has taken a hit.

"We're going to get fixing King Street right away as it's an access road to some people that are currently evacu-

ated," Carlson noted. "It's going to be interesting times for the next little bit here, and our hopes are we can get the farmers on the fields sooner than later to start seeding."

Emerson-Franklin will be taking the province up on the DFA program funding as well.

Both Reeves are looking for a nice run of sunny weather over the next short while to dry things out so that they can start with the repairs.

In the meantime, area residents are reminded not to travel on water-cov-

ered roads, as the surface beneath may well be severely damaged.

"We'd just like to tell the public to please be patient," stressed Carlson. "Our public works staff is working pretty close to around the clock to get things back to where they need to be. And there's going to be a lot of trucks and heavier equipment on the roads coming up, so we just want to warn everyone to be careful when they're driving and don't drive on gravel roads if you can avoid it."

Friesens named to Top 50 companies list

By Ty Dilello

Friesens Corporation has made Deloitte's Top 50 list of Canada's Best Managed Companies for the 19th straight year.

The lengthy run also qualifies the Altona print manufacturer for the Platinum Club status on the list.

"The program by Deloitte awards you onto the Top 50 list of Canada's Best Managed Companies in year one, and then you continue to apply in subsequent years and have to meet their minimum thresholds for acknowledgement," said Friesens CEO Chad Friesen. "Once we hit seven years of meeting that criteria, we reached the Platinum Club for

the Top 50 Best Managed Companies. And so we've been in the Platinum Club for 12 years now."

Friesens goes through a fairly extensive process to qualify for this honour every year. What Deloitte looks for is evidence of strong leadership, management fundamentals, progression, building culture, and incentivizing innovation in the company.

Friesens Corp. has worked hard every year to meet those criteria, Friesen said.

"You can't just meet the threshold one year and you're in the Top 50 club for good, but you must demonstrate that your company is maintaining those good practices and is

showing advancement in a number of different areas," he explained. "Because it's not only how we manage people, but how you manage the business in general."

At the end of the day, for Friesens, it's less about the awards and recognition and more about wanting to be as good as they can be in how they run their business.

"It's that relentless pursuit of improvement as we've established that as part of our culture that we want to compete with ourselves more than our competitor," Friesen said. "It's a continuous improvement mindset we have at our business, always thinking we can do things better than what we've done in the past."

Clare Agnew to head up Morden chamber of commerce

By Lorne Stelmach

Clare Agnew will continue to play a vital role in Morden, but in a different capacity.

Agnew is stepping away from her role as director of community services for the City of Morden to take on the job of executive director for the Morden and District Chamber of Commerce.

"I'm going to be sitting at the table still but just with a different hat on ... I will still be at the table," Agnew said on Monday as the chamber announced her hire. "I'm very thankful for what I've been able to do for the last 14 years. It was a very rewarding career, and I want to keep going on that but just with a little bit different focus."

Agnew has played an integral part

in planning and organizing countless events in the community through her role with the City of Morden.

She is known especially for having taken the lead on having Morden act as the host community for the Esso Cup U18 women's national hockey championship as well as other provincial championships.

Her involvement has certainly not ended there, as she's also spearheaded everything from the local MS fundraising walks and Canada Day celebrations to spearheading upgrades at the Access Event Centre and advocating tirelessly for parks and recreation in Morden as well as for Lake Minnewasta.

"I've loved my job with the city. I think it's been the most rewarding career that I've ever had ... I've had so many opportunities and accomplished so many things while I've been in the role," Agnew said.

"Some of it has even been the smaller things that have been so rewarding like the Manitoba 150 mosaic or Communities in Bloom ... and even things like the spray park and the dog park.

"I've worked with youth and with seniors and everybody in between ... and the job I'm going to, I think I still get to do that."

In a statement, the Morden and District Chamber of Commerce board of directors said they were "thrilled that Clare has decided to bring her considerable and enviable skill set to the position, which will no doubt benefit the chamber and ultimately its members."

Agnew will step into her new role in

early July. She's eager to get to work.

"I'm not retiring. I'm just changing focus," she said. "It was a new opportunity for me to continue to serve the community of Morden but in a different capacity."

"I've always been interested in the business community of Morden, and I feel that I have established a lot of great relationships and felt that maybe there's another role for me to play within the community."

She sees her chamber role as being able to not only benefit the chamber and business sector but the community as a whole.

"I think the work that they have been doing has been great, and I just hope that I can keep the momentum going," said Agnew, who noted how the chamber really stepped up in the last couple years during the pandemic.

She sees there being a growing sense of optimism about Morden's potential, and she believes that she has a lot of relationships with various partners and stakeholders already established in Morden that will benefit her in the position.

"I think I'm still going to be involved in everything," she said. "I have the relationships with the business community. I have the relationships with the city, provincial government. I've been involved with events. I've worked with the foundation and I've worked with Corn and Apple."

"There's great partnerships available here, and we can all work together to continue to improve and to grow Morden."



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Clare Agnew is stepping away from her post as Morden's director of community services to become the Morden chamber's new executive director.

Heritage region receives funding for projects

By Lorne Stelmach

Provincial funding will help a heritage organization in southern Manitoba organize and digitize some archival material and write local history articles.

The Boundary Trail Heritage Region received \$6,000 for the effort as part of the Manitoba government investing more than \$194,000 through the Heritage Grant Program to support 38 projects across the province.

"Our idea is to try to help museums become more aware of the nature of their archival collections," said Al Thorleifson, who is involved with the Pembina Manitou Archive, which is working with the Boundary Trail Heritage Region. "To me, the biggest issue is the accessibility of it ... it's so

much easier for people to do research if the documentation is available in a digital archive."

It has become a key emphasis for the heritage region, which grew out of the Boundary Commission - North West Mounted Police (NWMP) Trail Association formed in 1988.

Their goal was the promotion of a network of southern Manitoba trails collectively known as the Boundary Commission NWMP Trail as a focal point for the history and heritage of southern Manitoba.

In 1991, Heritage Canada then designated the 12 rural municipalities of southern Manitoba between the Red River and the Saskatchewan border as a national heritage region. It became the Boundary Trail Heritage Region

in 1993.

At the time of its establishment, the Boundary Trail Heritage Region was the fifth national heritage region in Canada and the first in western Canada.

The commemorative highway route runs from PTH 75 near Emerson west along PR 243 to PTH 32 near Reinland then north to Winkler. From there, the route runs west along PTH 14 to where it merges with PTH 3 and then follows the entire distance to Pierson near the Saskatchewan border.

There are a few projects on the go that can be supported by this funding, including working with the Manitoba Agricultural Museum in Austin as well as digitizing a collection of newspapers while also providing

some guidance on preservation of the originals.

Promoting and taking on the digitization of collections and materials has been an increasing focus in recent years, said Thorleifson.

"One of the things that we've been trying to do over the last three years is firstly to make people more aware of the archival collections that exist," he said, noting that many people will go to a museum and view the exhibits but not necessarily read much about it.

"Some museums, in some cases, have been given large collections of documents over the years," he said. "Do you have an idea of what all is

get informed

St. Jean 4 Corners Project nearing completion

By Ty Dilello

The 4 Corners Project in St. Jean Baptiste is well underway and is expected to be completed by the end of this year.

The project was started by the Local Urban District (LUD) to help revitalize and promote the town.

The intersection where all of the upgrades are happening in vicinity of is known as the 4 Corners, hence the name for the project.

"Mona Lavallee has been instrumental in bringing all of this together. She started with the idea that this bare corner could use some life, as there was a lone flagpole at this location," said LUD chair Wayne Klassen. "She proposed something that honoured our forefathers and our culture and heritage. This led to the Heritage Park, four flagpoles for the Canadian, Manitoba, Métis, and cultural flags [and] a bronze statue of Antoine Vandal, a founding father and promoter of education.

"As this project neared completion, we had been talking about the need for a memorial to all of the members of the community that had served in the great wars or served in any of the uniformed services such as police, etc.

Lavallee, along with some local legion members, got the groundwork going for the memorial, and by fall of 2020, we had the Pillars of Remembrance."

During this time, the LUD took advantage of a program offered by the province called Community Place Making. Its intent was to bring community members together for a brainstorming session about what makes St. Jean Baptiste a great place to live, work, or visit. They also looked at what kind of community space could be created to showcase and promote the town.

After many months of consultation with landscape designers and potential funding sources, as well as COVID-related delays, construction began last spring and is now in the final stages.

"The finished product will be an area that welcomes visitors and local folk alike to learn about our heritage, history and culture, all while enjoying the beauty of the Red River area," Klassen said.

St. Jean-Baptiste is planning a ribbon cutting ceremony for the project later this summer.

For this project, the LUD successfully secured a \$50,000 contribution through the Manitoba Building Sus-



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St. Jean Baptiste's 4 Corners Project is nearly complete. Above: The Peace Memorial's Pillars of Remembrance. Below: Heritage Park, featuring a bronze statue of Antoine Vandal and Raymond Rajotte. Below, left: The new "Welcome to St Jean Baptiste" sign, across from the Heritage Park, still missing some lettering to be completed later this year.

tainable Communities grant and Sport, Culture & Heritage program. another \$7,000 through a Manitoba



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in the collection ... in some cases, no one has really looked at it.

"We encourage the museum to keep the original documents, but it is far easier to search a digital collection of documents than it is to go through thousands of pages of physical documents."

The provincial government is pleased to be able to support proj-

ects like this, Sport, Culture, and Heritage Minister Andrew Smith said in announcing the funding last week.

"This funding allows community groups and not-for-profit organizations to complete these important initiatives, which honour and preserve Manitoba's history for future generations," he said.

"We want there to be more awareness"

REDress Project touring the Pembina Valley

By Lorne Stelmach

A public art installation returned to the Morden Park Saturday to honour the victims and bring attention to the issue of Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls and 2 Spirited (MMIWG2S) people.

Created by Winnipeg artist Jaimie Black, the REDress Project plays an important role in recognizing this ongoing issue that touches both our nation and local communities right here in the Pembina Valley, said organizers.

"We want there to be more awareness," said Carolyn Wiebe, who is involved with the REDress Pembina Valley group that is displaying the exhibit throughout the region this month.

"And maybe more people will get on board as well ... it would be nice to have a representative from each of the towns that we have visited ... they can help us create even more awareness," she said. "I think the more people involved, the better."

Black has described REDress as an art project based on an aesthetic response to a critical national issue, and it serves as a visual reminder of the staggering number of women who are no longer with us.

Through the installation, she hopes to draw attention to the gendered and racialized nature of violent crimes against Indigenous women and to evoke a presence through the marking of the absence.

This was the second time an exhibit has been on display in the Morden park, and the organizers were encouraged by the response.

"There's still a lot of people who are not aware of this," suggested Wiebe. "I think it's been well received. I think it's really important because it raises awareness, and it's just a powerful



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Pembina Valley REDress Project organizers Denise Thiessen, Carolyn Wiebe, and Amara Reimer in Morden Park last weekend. The public art installation is designed to honour the Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls and 2 Spirited individuals.



statement."

The exhibit featured about 70 dresses and clothing items its first time here. The 2022 edition is up to over 100 pieces.

"I think it's always growing. We add more and more pieces to it," said volunteer Amara Reimer, who has found it to be a very meaningful experience.

"It's been such a great group of women to work with on this," she said. "It's nice to have this here in this area so that people are aware of it."

"We had a goal of a hundred dress-



es, and hopefully that just keeps building," said Wiebe. "We added the Every Child Matters display now as well, so that's been significant as well."

Reimer said it is heartening and encouraging to see more community involvement such as having had local students make small dress cutouts that were placed along the park pathway and on trees.

"There was a lot done in Manitow last year. They added so many things to the art work," she said. "There's a

lot more artwork this year from the schools as well than there was last year."

"We're hoping that it will keep growing," Wiebe reiterated.

The display thus far has been in Carman and Morden. The regional tour continues with stops at the Winkler Arts and Culture Centre this Saturday, Killarney May 28, and Crystal City June 4.

If you would like them to come to your community, e-mail organizers at peminavalleyreddress@gmail.com.

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“Families need to start with a home they can be proud of”

By Ashleigh Viveiros

Social housing developments across Winkler are getting a major and much-needed facelift.

About half of the 66 units Central Community Homes (formerly known as Winkler Affordable Housing) purchased from Manitoba Housing several years ago have been completely redone over the past year or so, both inside and out. Another 20 units are expected to be upgraded throughout the rest of this year.

“They were just so old and they hadn’t been renovated for so many years,” said Bev Wiebe, executive director of the Central Station Community Centre, which manages the properties on behalf of Central Community Homes. “If the small stuff keeps never getting done, it builds up and then we’re doing major renos.”

Some of these housing complexes were built decades ago and certainly looked it, observed housing coordinator Lori Penner.

“This one had never been renovated,” she said last week during a tour of a single-family home on Mountain Ave. that was virtually gutted. It had been home to the same family for over 20 years.

These renovations—which include updated kitchen cupboards, new flooring, fresh coats of paint, new windows, electrical and plumbing upgrades, exterior siding, and, in the case of the Mountain Ave. house, finally fixing a perpetually leaking basement—are by no means fancy, but simply bringing the buildings up to modern standards is integral to

creating livable spaces for the families who call them home.

“Families need to start with a home that they can be proud of, they can have people over, they feel safe in, they’re not embarrassed by,” said Penner, stressing that these upgrades are just one step of many when it comes to building relationships with families in social housing.

“We give them a great house—that’s the beginning,” she said. “So now it’s something to be proud of and now we’re going to work with you and spend time with you to help your family get the supports that you need.

“The social issues don’t necessarily change,” Penner added, “but it’s creating an opportunity for change.”

Penner and housing support worker Amber Plett meet regularly with tenants to discuss any issues that may come up with their homes and help them access the support programs available to them—the local food bank, transportation, education programs, employment and income assistance, community meals, etc.

“We are building programs or finding programs that build into their lives,” Penner said. “What does your family need?”

Central Station is also working to change some of the negative stereotypes that are out there when it comes to families in need.

“Understanding that no matter who we are and which home in Winkler we live in ... we’re all on a journey,” Wiebe said, emphasizing that they’re trying to get people thinking more about “understanding your neigh-



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From left: Housing coordinator Lori Penner, housing support worker Amber Plett, and project manager Brad Adrian in one of the affordable housing units Central Community Homes has renovated in recent months.

bours, understanding different socioeconomic issues in the community, understanding how we can be good neighbours.”

The fact these units are now locally-owned is paying off in spades, Wiebe noted, as issues can get taken care of far faster than they ever did before and a real sense of community can be built.

“I think it definitely is paying off

because the community wants to be a part of it and the community is taking ownership of making it welcoming and inviting,” she said. “There’s just more pride when it’s owned locally, by contractors, by builders, by people who are doing the work. If it’s ours as a community then there’s going to be more pride and more investment.”

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Southview Apartments got a complete overhaul late last year. In addition to putting new siding up outside and renovating the 10 units inside, a new common room was also created to foster community-building.

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Most of the Manitoba Egg Farmers team next to their promotional tent in Old Market Square May 5.

Manitoba Egg Farmers celebrate 50th

By Emma Honeybun

Manitoba Egg Farmers celebrated their 50th anniversary on May 5 with a tent kitchen set-up in Old Market Square in Winnipeg's Exchange District.

Farmers spent the morning handing out free egg sandwiches and coffee to passers-bys.

They worked with culinary students from RRC Polytech's Paterson GlobalFoods Insti-

tute, who had taken the time to make the sandwiches and coffee in their nearby campus.

The tent garnered a decent crowd, and line-ups that led down the Market Square's sidewalk. To no one's fault, sandwiches ran out quickly and were rushed to be refilled. Cars stopped and parked on the road next to the clearing to investigate out of curiosity, or after hearing the coverage on the radio.

Harley Siemens, a fourth generation Rosenort egg farmer who had been present at the event, said that he was happy to be able to come out and interact with other farmers and visitors dropping by to celebrate.

"It was great to meet with people. I think our first event we were able to do was in October last year, but before that nothing for two years. So it's really great that we can come back out and just talk with our consumers," Siemens said.

"I just want to thank everybody for supporting our industry and keep buying eggs. We're trying to support Manitobans with fresh local high grade. Good protein quality eggs for everybody."

There had been a similar event like this one in October of 2021 to celebrate World Egg Day, but it had a very different turnout due to weather. Cars had only pulled up to receive egg sandwiches through their open windows, similar to a drive-thru.

This anniversary was much more happy in comparison, Claire McAfferey, communications specialist at Manitoba Egg Farmers, had said. People were much more encouraged to walk out, enjoy the food and weather, and mingle.

"I JUST WANT TO THANK EVERYBODY FOR SUPPORTING OUR INDUSTRY AND KEEP BUYING EGGS."



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When to prune your trees and shrubs

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Shrubs like rhododendrons and lilacs bloom from last year's stems, whereas others, like roses and hydrangeas, bloom from new growth. It's best to prune shrubs that flower from old wood immediately after blooming. However, shrubs that bloom on new growth should be trimmed in the spring.

DORMANCY

In general, shrubs and trees go dormant in the spring before their buds open. This is the best time for pruning because the plants heal faster. Late fall is also appropriate. However, pruning in the winter should be avoided.

Furthermore, mid-summer is ideal for pruning trees that produce a lot of sap in the spring, like maple, birch and willow.

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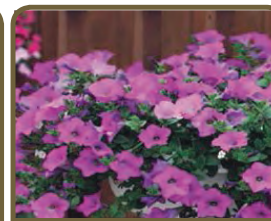
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How to spruce up your front entrance



Your front entrance can have a significant impact on the curb appeal of your home. Here are some tips to enhance this part of your property and make it look more inviting.

AN EMPHASIS ON GREENERY

Frame your front door by placing potted plants or flower arrangements on either side of the entrance. This will create symmetry and add a pop of colour. Just be sure the plants don't block the doors or stairs and that their size makes sense for the space.

To create a cohesive look, make sure the plants around your front entrance complement the rest of the landscaping. Choose species that also grow in your front garden or line the walkway. Alternatively, opt for flowers that match your yard's colour scheme.

In addition, consider the pots. You may want to select ones that resemble the shade or texture of your paving stones.

A WELCOMING WALKWAY

If you have a walkway, it's a good idea to embellish it with a bit of vegetation. For a curved walkway, or one with a sharp turn, it's a good idea to create a focal point where it's most angled. This might consist of a well-tended rosebush, a small weeping tree or a vibrant flowering perennial. Check to see how your choice of plant looks at various angles, including from the street, the driveway and the front door, before you dig into the ground.

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By Ashleigh Viveiros

Pre-press operator Sandi Enns from Friesens Corporation stopped by Katie's Cottage last week to present Katie Cares executive director Ruth Reimer with a donation of \$3,720.

Each year, Friesens' employee-owners vote to decide how much to give to selected local non-profits, Enns explains.

"I think a lot of people really appreciate this building," she says of the respite home, which is located



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Sandi Enns (right) from Friesens Corporation presents Katie Cares executive director Ruth Reimer with a donation of \$3,720 on behalf of the Altona company.

across the road from Boundary Trails Health Centre.

The Katie Cares Beanie Baby program is also a welcome one, Enns adds, noting her own son has received a few of the cuddly pals to help take his mind off what's going on during a visit to the hospital.

Donations like this are what keeps

such programs going, says Reimer, sending out a "huge thank-you to Friesens for doing this kind of giving."

"We appreciate it. We know how hard people work for that money and we will work twice as hard to ensure that the moneys is used properly, with honesty, with integrity."



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Plant sale, BBQ at BTHC May 27

Funds go to cover the costs of the hospital's colourful entrance flower beds

By Lorne Stelmach

Judy Stambuski is seeing to it that visitors to the Boundary Trails Health Centre are greeted with an eyeful of beautiful flower gardens out front at the Hwy. 3 hospital.

It's a task she took on when she was on staff at BTHC two decades ago, and one that has remained a labour of love for her ever since.

"There aren't many places in the province at hospitals that do this kind of thing," Stambuski suggested. "It's a really good feeling. It's nice to know that by volunteering and doing this, you are making somebody's day a little brighter."

Donations are what make the project possible. After a two-year absence due to the pandemic, Stambuski is

hosting a plant sale and barbecue fundraiser next week at the hospital.

The event, which will also include a raffle, takes place on Friday, May 27 at the hospital grounds from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., with the barbecue going from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Businesses like Co-op and Pioneer Meats are lined up as the main sponsors of the barbecue, but a range of other businesses are also stepping up Stambuski noted, such as by making donations for the raffle.

"It's been a while since we've been able to do it, and it's a good bit of income for me to pay for the flowers," she said. "There is a lot that is donated for this ... and it's good to have the support. There is good sponsorship from businesses."

Stambuski is also especially thank-



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For the past two decades, Judy Stambuski has overseen the flower beds in front of Boundary Trails Health Centre, shown here in full bloom. "It's nice to know that by volunteering and doing this, you are making somebody's day a little brighter," she says.

ful for the volunteers that help with hoeing and ongoing maintenance of the flower gardens.

"Miami Colony grows the flowers for us ... and this year again we will try to make up a program for hoeing where the five colonies around us will participate, and they will each take a turn at maintaining those flower beds and keeping them nice and neat.

"It feels good to have that support ... I don't know what I would do without it," Stambuski added. "They do a wonderful job, and they are just more

than happy to come and do it."

Stambuski knows that the efforts are always appreciated by people coming to the hospital.

"You get so many compliments throughout the summer ... even throughout the year people will comment and they will say, 'Are you doing the flowers again ... it always looks so nice and it's so colourful.'"

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Salem hosts its summer barbecue next week

By Ashleigh Viveiros

For the first time in years, Salem Home supporters will be gathering at the Winkler personal care home to enjoy an evening of good eats and music.

The Salem Foundation and the Salem Ladies Auxiliary are eagerly preparing for the return of their annual in-person summer barbecue.

The 2022 edition takes place on Wednesday, May 25 from 5:30-7:30 p.m. under the tent on the south parking lot. Bring your own lawn chair for seating.

"We're so blessed to be able to offer this now ... it's been long-awaited for this in-person celebration," says foundation executive coordinator Susan Hildebrand.

The past few years have been filled with drive-thru fundraisers, she notes, so everyone is eager for the opportunity to see and chat with people face-to-face once again.

Providing the classic country and gospel music soundtrack for the evening will be the Quonset Brothers.

On the menu are "McMenno" burgers, hot dogs, baked beans, coleslaw,

chips, and Smartie cookies for dessert. Supper is by donation.

The money raised at the event is going to support ongoing renovations at the care home which are transforming the aging hallways and resident rooms into safer, more modern spaces.

"The east hallway is done," says Salem CEO Sherry Janzen, explaining Cottonwood unit residents are being moved back into the 20 finished rooms there and they're preparing to start on the next 20 rooms.

These spaces haven't been significantly upgraded since they were built in 1972, despite the fact that residents' needs have changed a great deal in that time.

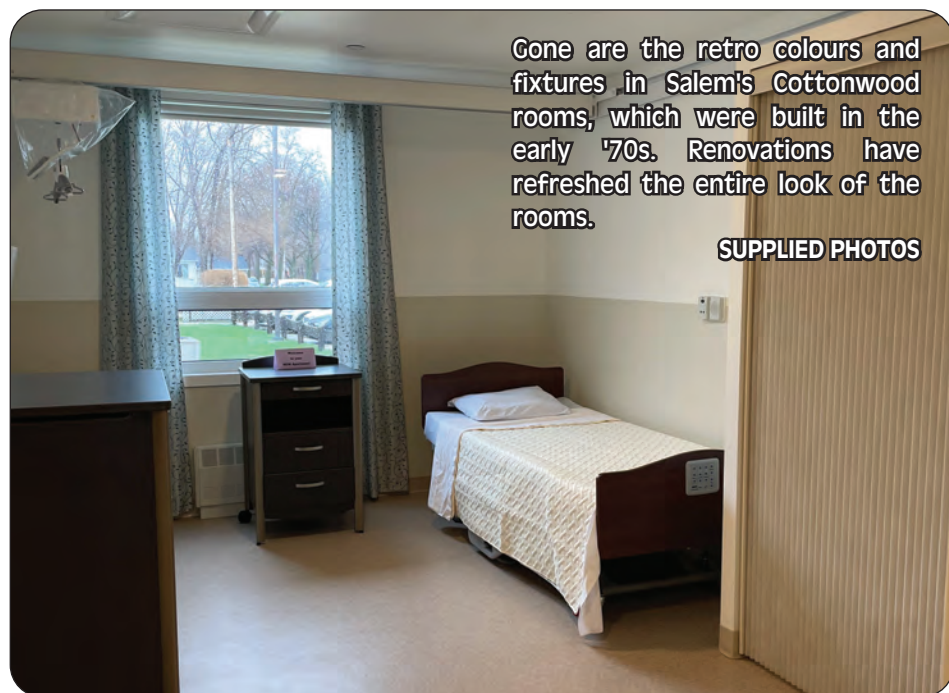
The renos reconfigure floor space to make rooms more user-friendly, add state-of-the-art beds and lifts, upgrade the furniture and draper-

ies, and also include the installation of new electrical, air circulation, and plumbing systems.

"They look amazing compared to what they were," says Janzen, pointing to the vintage fixtures and colours of the old rooms. "And they're way safer. The lifts that we have now in those rooms, they can lift a resident up anywhere in the room ... which is so much better."

It's a costly project, but one the community has generously thrown its support behind.

"We could not ask for a better response and better support than what we have gotten from the community in the past," Janzen says. "A lot of the things that Salem Home has been able to do and the equipment we've been able to purchase is because of the community support."



Gone are the retro colours and fixtures in Salem's Cottonwood rooms, which were built in the early '70s. Renovations have refreshed the entire look of the rooms.

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The hallways have also been redone, complete with features designed to help patients with dementia better navigate.

> CENTRAL COMMUNITY HOMES, FROM PG. 13

"The trades are pretty much tripping over each other to get into those units. It seems like everybody wants to work in there," observed project manager Brad Adrian, who noted

they've been working with Triple E Developments on the renovations.

Feedback from tenants as they're moved into these redesigned units has been overwhelmingly positive.



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Southview Apartments' new common area, which provides a space for the facility's tenants to gather and get to know each other better.

"We just moved four tenants into the Paramount Bay one and one of them said 'I feel like I'm living in a dream,'" Penner shared.

Similarly, changes to the Southview Apartments at the corner of Pembina Ave. and Hwy. 32 have not just wowed the community at large—the exterior upgrades to the aging building last year were striking—but the longtime tenants as well. All 10 units in the building were modernized, with an 11th unit transformed into a common area that is seeing a lot of use.

"Tenants who have never met, who have lived here for many years, are now meeting here," Penner said at the site last week. "We've watched those relationships grow."

Moving forward, the plan is to put in common areas in all their multi-unit buildings to further foster community-building, Penner noted.

"WE'RE BUILDING HOMES"

Seeing all this work paying off is encouraging to Central Community

Homes' board of directors.

"That's the inspirational part that keeps the board motivated," said president James Friesen, noting that when the non-profit agency purchased these units from Manitoba Housing this was the dream from the get-go. "And we've been chipping away at that ever since. It has been hugely gratifying to see the effect that has on people's lives when they move into these new units.

"It really communicates the fact that even if you are in the position to require social housing, it isn't a second-class experience. It's finished according to top standards ... it is our responsibility to make sure that these things are up to those standards."

Friesen notes the agency's recent name change is meant to better reflect the work they're doing in the community.

"We're a community-based organization that is listening to the needs of the community and trying to respond accordingly," he said. "Although we are a housing organization, we're also building homes."

sports & recreation



CWE returns

Canadian Wrestling Elite was back in Morden for the first time since 2019 last Saturday. Clockwise from above, left: "The Zombie Killer" Mentallo puts "The Boston Bruiser" Kevin O'Doyle into an arm bar; the younger member of the "Collins Family Tradition" takes on both Adrien "Big Balls" Burton and "Canadian Strong Style" Rob Stardom in this tag team match; "The Headline" Shaun Martens puts a headlock on Big Vito; Danny Duggan throws "Tasty" Travis Cole to the mat.

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Flyers host pre-draft development camp

By Ty Dilello

The Winkler Flyers held its first-ever Pre-Draft Development Camp over the weekend.

"We wanted to do something different and utilize our expertise in development," said Flyers director of player personnel Riley Dudar. "We wanted all draft-eligible players here to work on a variety of things over the

course of a weekend. And we really got a good view of who we want to draft into our organization."

Flyers head coach and general manager Justin Falk noted that the team's scouting staff put a lot of work in over the winter to make the camp happen.

"This is the first time we're seeing these players, so it's been great to show them our facility for a weekend, watch them play and see what they

can do. It's a great look for our organization."

Falk and assistant coach Ryan White, were joined by former local NHLer Eric Fehr in guiding the players through the weekend.

The Flyers used the camp to scout and evaluate some of the players up close to get an idea of who they would like to draft at the upcoming 2022 MJHL Draft set for June 4.

The draft will be held online, and all selections will be made available online to the public in real-time for the benefit of all teams, players, and fans to engage with the live event.

As previously announced in 2021, the MJHL Draft has moved from a U16 Draft (formerly Bantam Draft) to a U17 Draft, highlighting players who are going into their 16-year-old season (born in 2006).

Dueck brings home silver in cross country



By Lorne Stelmach

A Morden student earned recognition last week as one of the best cross country athletes in the province.

Benji Dueck won the varsity boys silver medal at the 2022 Manitoba High Schools Athletic Association provincial cross country championship May 10 at Epinette Creek Trail in Spruce Woods Provincial Park.

The Grade 12 student at Morden Collegiate started doing cross country in middle school and has been train-

Morden Collegiate's Benji Dueck won silver at the cross country championships May 10.

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LORNE STELMACH/VOICE

ing and working even harder in high school, so he went into the event with high hopes.

"I always hope to be near the top ... it feels great. I had been training a lot for it, so it's nice to place really well," said Dueck.

The different terrain and settings for running cross country is a large part of what makes it appealing to Dueck.

"I just find it really fun. You can push your body to see how far you can go, how much pain you can go through ... and it's fun to be out running on the trails and racing with other people," he said.

"It's always pretty different because every course is different. Some are very hilly, others are more flat. You never really know what kind of

course it's going to be until you get there.

"I run basically all year round. A lot of time I go up to the trail at Minnewasta there and train in the hills there," he noted. "There's so many nice trails there ... in the summer, it's nice to go there almost every day."

The cross country championship also saw a couple other athletes in the region do well, with Brady Kimball of Pilot Mound School getting varsity boys bronze while Nathan Dyck of Carman Collegiate got junior varsity boys bronze.

The team results saw Sanford Collegiate earn top honours in A-AAA junior varsity boys and girls as well as A-AAA varsity girls.

SC Hurricanes return to the soccer pitch

By Ashleigh Viveiros

It's been three years since the SC Hurricanes women's soccer team has fielded a team, and they're hoping to make up for lost time.

The ladies kicked off their season in Division 2 of the Winnipeg Womens Soccer League earlier this month.

So far, their weekly Tuesday night games have included a 2-0 loss to Hornets SC and a 6-2 loss to Synergy. They had a rematch against the Hornets this week, but results were not available at press time.

They're still very much working the kinks out, says veteran player Mel Warkentine, who notes they only have a handful of players returning from past seasons.

"There's a lot of new players ... there was a lot of interest. We do have a good roster, but now it's just about gaining that experience," she says, noting many of the newcomers are making the jump from high school soccer to the senior womens level. "So it's learning a new game, pretty much. Some of these girls, they're like two years out of high school but haven't played since high school [thanks to the pandemic]."

The team spent the winter practising indoors on the Meridian Exhibition Centre turf. They're eager to take those practises outdoors once the weather finally allows.

"The girls who came consistently to that, we've definitely gelled," Warkentine observes. "It wasn't possible for everyone to come, just with some people being in university, but

now with everyone starting to practise together ... it's coming together."

In addition to playing, Warkentine has also taken on the role of coach and manager for the team, working closely with Claus Aschberg, who coaches the U17 girls team in Morden.

"Lots of his past players are now playing for the Hurricanes, so between Claus and myself we have kind of teamed up to create a relationship there between the youth team and us," Warkentine says. "Hopefully that

will feed into our senior team in the future."

The league has opted to play all games in Winnipeg this season, which means the 'Canes won't be able to play before a hometown crowd.

It's a disappointment, to be sure, but Warkentine is hopeful they'll be able to play on local fields again in 2023.

"They've told me that by next year we will be playing home games, so I'm counting on that," she says. "Home games are always a lot of fun.

They give the community something to come out to and it's a great way for the younger girls to see that there is opportunity after high school to keep playing."

If you're a female soccer player who wants to get involved with the Hurricanes, Warkentine says they still have some space on the roster. You can reach her at melwarkentine@gmail.com.

PV Soccer kicks off its May-June season

By Lorne Stelmach

The bottom line for the Pembina Valley Soccer League is just to get kids playing for the love of the game.

The league has been around for about a decade now, and it involves youth aged nine to 14 with co-ed teams in Morden, Winkler, Altona and Carman.

Games are being played weekly through May and June. Seven games kicked things off with under-10, under-12 and under-14 teams May 7 indoors at the Meridian Exhibition Centre in Winkler.

"There is a need for more soccer opportunities," suggested organizer Nuno Sousa, who estimated that there were around 270 kids involved overall.

He emphasized that this is more

about having fun than the competition.

"We just want to give the kids a chance to play soccer," said Sousa. "We have kids where the skill level is a little higher ... we do see some competitive play ... but it's fun.

"It was nice to see in the end it was a good experience for them," he said. "It was nice to see the games. We had good games, good goals ... at the end, I believe every single kid and every single parent was happy with it, so we achieved our goal with it."

Their aim is simply to give every kid who wants to play the opportunity, no matter their skill level.

"We just want to get the kids involved, get them doing some sports," Sousa said. "Some of them are just starting now ... we try to

involve everyone, and we don't exclude anyone.

"Everyone still wants to win of course, but it's more about the play and starting something different maybe," he continued. "Some of these kids, it is something that they have been playing for years, and it's just something that they really love to play.

"With the kids, who maybe have only been doing this for the two months, in the end, you can see that most of the kids are better than when they started ... and that is good to see."

Play will wrap up the last weekend of June with a final tournament.

"That will be the one that everyone will want to win," said Sousa.

Morden friends find themselves back on the ice together in PEI

By Lorne Stelmach

Similar circumstances not only brought two lifelong friends from Morden back together again, but they now are teammates on a squad with a shot at a national hockey championship.

Both Trent Crane and William Irvine were going into their first full seasons in the Western Hockey League last fall, with Crane playing as a forward with the Victoria Royals and Irvine as a defenceman with the Kelowna Rockets.

Now they are both with the Summerside Western Capitals from PEI, and the team not only claimed the Maritime Junior Hockey League regular-season crown but then took the title in five games over the Truro Bearcats to earn a spot in the Centennial Cup.

"I still can't believe how it happened, but it's pretty awesome," Irvine said by phone last week.

"I didn't know that me and Will would ever get a chance to play together again," said Crane. "So it's been a really special year, and I'm really looking forward to nationals."

Irvine and Crane played together most years at the various levels through the local minor hockey system.

They connected through hockey and became good friends off the ice as well.

"I spent a lot of time with him. I basically lived at his house. We were always together," said Irvine.

"I think almost every year we played together growing up," said Crane. "We played on a lot of teams together, and it was always a great experience playing with him. I cherish every year of us playing together."

They even have had various opportunities to travel and compete together over the years, added Irvine.

"We've been to LA together playing hockey, and we've been to Toronto a few times; Minneapolis a few times. We've kind of been together everywhere together."

Their hockey careers then of course had taken them to different teams, but they ended up having a similar experience that would end up bringing them together again.

Crane had been in four games with Victoria but was not getting much ice

time, so he was sent to the OCN Blizzard of the Manitoba Junior Hockey League. Irvine, meanwhile, only got into two pre-season games with Kelowna, so he was also sent back to the Blizzard.

Upon thinking about his hockey future, Crane asked for a trade and last November was sent to Summerside, which was a good choice for him as his maternal grandparents and other extended family live in the region.

Partway into the season, Crane approached Summerside management with the suggestion that they trade

to bring in his friend Irvine. His wish was granted in February.

"Things didn't work out for either of us on the teams we were on there, so we ended up going home ... but I wanted something new," Crane recalled of what led him to Summerside. "I had heard them then talking about that they

wanted another defenceman, and I had heard that Will was available."

"Things were kind of going south for me," said Irvine. "When Trent told me Summerside was interested in trading for me it was a big shock because I never imagined that happening."

"I knew Summerside was ranked really high nationally," he continued. "So it was kind of a no-brainer to come here and play because it's a great organization."

In the end, it proved to be pretty sweet deals for both of them as they landed with a team that recently

"I STILL CAN'T BELIEVE HOW IT HAPPENED, BUT IT'S PRETTY AWESOME."



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Morden's Trent Crane (left) and William Irvine came up through minor hockey together and are now playing for the Summerside Western Capitals in PEI. The Capitals won the Maritime Junior Hockey League championship and are now set to compete for the CJHL's Centennial Cup.

ranked number three in Canadian junior hockey.

It made a big difference for Irvine to have Crane to lean on in making the transition.

"When I first got here, he was the only person I knew, so I was leaning on him a lot to just kind of show me the ropes," said Irvine. "It was easy to merge though with all the guys; they're a great team."

"We hadn't played together for at least a couple years now for sure," said Crane. "It's great to have him here ... but we have a really great group here. From the first day I met

the guys on the team, they've been really open and they've treated me really well."

Both now are very excited to have the opportunity to play for the Centennial Cup in Estevan, Sask. May 18-29.

"We're putting our minds to it ... and I think we do have a chance," suggested Irvine.

"I think we've got a really good team, and we've got a really good coaching staff, and I think we are going to be really prepared and could do really well there," said Crane.

Honing their skills

Kids have been getting a chance to try their hands at pottery and sculpture at the spring session of the Pembina Hills Arts Council Art Academy program. Two sessions for kids age five to 10 began in April and continue into early June under the expert tutelage of instructor Margie Hildebrand.

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Sitting down with 94-year-old former pro hockey player Jack Mason

By Ty Dilello

Recently, I travelled to the Tuxedo neighbourhood of Winnipeg to conduct an interview with 94-year-old Jack Mason, a former professional hockey player who had quite the interesting tale to tell.

I was amazed how on-the-ball Mason was for 94 and how excellent his memory was, remembering details of his life from well over 70 years ago.

Mason was born in Morris on August 9, 1927. After originally living in a house in the south end of the town, his family moved to a home at 243 Ruby Street in the West End of Winnipeg when he was around six years old. He then played his minor hockey for Wolseley and the West End Orioles, becoming quite the defenseman in the process.

"It was a tiny two-bedroom house in Morris," said Mason. "I used to skate when the water froze over just outside our house. We had a toboggan slide in the backyard, and my dad put a rink out there."

"Eventually, my dad couldn't afford the place anymore with three young boys, so we moved to Ruby Street in 1934 behind the old CJOB building. The West End Orioles rink was right across Portage Avenue from our home."

"I just took the game early at a young age because it was something we all did as kids in the winter. We made our own fun, and hockey was the number one thing to do when the snow comes. We all spent so many hours playing hockey, and it's no wonder why some of us turned out to be pretty good hockey players. I used to go down to Sherburn Park and watch Wally Stanowski and all those hotshots. They used to go there to warm up before the season started."

With Wolseley, Mason won the Play-ground City Championships. He also won the Midget provincial title with West End Orioles in 1942-43 and lost the provincial final with them the following year. He later went to Gordon Bell High School and later was a member of the Air Cadets after high school.

After signing with a local hockey scout named Bill Kochan, Mason became the property of the New York Rangers and attended their training camp in Winnipeg at the old Amphitheatre in 1944. He made it to the last

cuts of the Rangers and was promptly signed to a contract to play pro hockey as a 17-year-old with the New York Rovers of the Eastern-Amateur Hockey League.

"Going to New York as a 17-year-old was really quite something. It was during the war, and teams were really depleted with players enlisting in the army. So they got desperate and started bringing in juniors from Canada, and that's how I was asked to go in 1944-45," Mason recalled.

"The money wasn't any good in hockey, and there were only six teams in the NHL at the time, and so it was very tough to break in. I made around \$3,000 with the Rovers and could just as well make the same money back home working. So I quit the dream of playing pro hockey after juniors and got a job at Air Canada that I stayed at for numerous decades."

Mason scored eight points in 27 games patrolling the blueline for the Rovers in 1944-45.

The following season, Mason returned to play junior hockey back home with the Winnipeg Rangers, where he was a teammate of the great Terry Sawchuk.

"Sawchuk was a hell of a goalie," said Mason. "I knew he was going to be good even back then. You couldn't call him a sieve because we weren't a great team, but we were decent. It's amazing the career he went on to have, as when he played with us, he was very underrated at the time. It wasn't until after our season together that his career took off."

After two years with the Winnipeg Rangers, Mason fielded pro offers from the likes of Eddie Shore and Earl Siebert from minor league clubs across the United States, such as the Oakland Oaks and Springfield Indians. Mason attended some training camps but ultimately decided to return to Winnipeg and play senior hockey while earning a living with a job at Air Canada.

"I had to answer to Eddie Shore, but I didn't like him much. He said he'd make me into a hockey player if I played for him. He said he'd give me more money to go out to Oakland to play. If you lead the league in scoring, we'll consider a pay increase. Stuff like that. Same with Earl Siebert in Springfield."

Mason would go on to spend most of the late 1940s and 1950s playing



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Jack Mason, shown here with wife Eff, is one of the last living professional hockey players that played during the Second World War era. Right: A younger Mason during his time with the Grand Forks Red Wings.



senior hockey with teams in his hometown, such as the Winnipeg Maroons, Winnipeg Nationals, and Winnipeg Graham-Hoeme Plowmen. He also spent a couple of seasons playing in the States-Dominion League for various teams such as the Grand Forks Red Wings, Hallock Lions, Emerson Canadiens, Letellier, and Morden Bombers.

"I'd drive down from Winnipeg twice a week to these southern towns with three or four teammates when I played in the States-Dominion League," said Mason. "We had to leave from work and get there by 8 p.m. dressed for the game and then drive home afterwards. It wasn't fun some nights driving back in the winter, but we made it work and had a great time playing in that league."

"We had a lot of fun playing in all these border towns, but the quality of the hockey was also excellent. People really came out to fill out these barns every game and it made it quite the competitive atmosphere."

Mason's first wife, Dorothy, died of polio when she was just 27 years old in 1953. They

had two very young children at the time, and Jack raised them while working and playing hockey on the side in the States-Dominion League to support them.

Mason later married Eff in 1959, and the pair have been married for 63 years and are still going strong.

At 94 years of age, Mason is one of the last-living professional hockey players from the World War II era. With the career that he's had, he deserves to see himself be inducted into the Manitoba Hockey Hall of Fame while he's still with us.

"All of my friends are gone. It's unfortunate, but it's the sad reality, I guess. However, I've had a great life and have no complaints. I'm thankful for every day I get to spend on this green earth!"

Ty Dilello is the author of Mosienko: The Man Who Caught Lightning In A Bottle. He is an accredited writer with the International Ice Hockey Federation (IIHF), historian for the Manitoba Hockey Hall of Fame, and is a member of the Society for International Hockey Research (SIHR).

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Sudoku Answer

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Crossword Answer

X CROSSWORD

CLUES ACROSS

- Scream loudly
- Antidepressant (abbr.)
- The bill in a restaurant
- Oblong pulpits
- Adult female chicken
- Abnormal breathing
- Financial obligations
- Belonging to a thing
- Winged
- Peoples
- College hoops tournament
- An informal body of friends
- Region of the world
- In an early way
- Connected by kinship
- Type of tree
- Official order
- Foundation for an idea
- Small, faint constellation
- Book lovers
- Vegetable
- Cabbage variety
- A way to heal
- Illuminated
- Dish that features a stick
- Insurance-related costs (abbr.)
- Solid water
- Soldier's gear
- "Uncle Buck" actress Hoffmann
- Former measure of length
- Arabic name meaning "spring"
- Doctors' group
- Actress Susan
- Appropriate

CLUES DOWN

- Cool!
- Hebrew unit of measure
- Swedish rock group

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- College army
- Black eye
- One who stopped working
- Teach a value
- Rhythmic patterns
- "MASH" actor Alda
- "Friday Night Lights" director
- Midway between south and southeast
- Indian musical pattern
- Fulfill a desire
- Water soaked soil
- Brass instrument
- Before
- Popular color
- Peyton's little brother
- Partner to cheese
- Put onto
- "Much ___ about nothing"
- A way to mend
- Anger
- Soviet Socialist Republic
- Mobilized
- Resembles an earlobe
- Cut of meat
- Nigerian people
- Recently
- Square stone building at Mecca
- Adhere to orders
- Adventure story
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May 27, Saturday, Farm and industrial EQ/ good tools auction for Denton and June Barkman. 5 mile north of Cartwright MB. Payment and pick up is Monday, May 30 - 9 am to 2 pm at the farm.

May 31, 7 pm, Timed on-line auction of shop items, tractors etc. for quality repair. Steinbach, MB.

June 3, 6 pm, Closing, Timed on-line for Victor and Helen Elias at Rosa MB. Personal property, JD 4230 Tractor w/ 640 Loader, household, car hoist etc. Payment and pickup say June 4 - 9 am to 2pm.

June 7, 6 pm Closing for Jake and Helen Suderman Estate Auction, Chortitz, MB, this is a very large auction w/ tools, household, antiques, antique tractors and trucks, lawn and garden, etc. Payment and pickup will be Wednesday, June 8 4 pm to 7 pm and Thursday, June 9 - 4 pm to 7 pm at the house in Chortitz.

June 10, Closing timed on-line auction for William and Karen Thiessen of Poplar Point, MB. Excellent yard, tools and household merchandise. Payment and pickup will be Saturday, June 11, 9 am to 2 pm at the yard jct hwy 430 and Hwy 26, 7 mile north of Oakville, MB.

June 13, 5 PM LIVE AUCTION FOR Dave Giesbrecht, 3rd street, Winkler. Shop to be moved 12 ft x 16 ft insulated with wood floor, lots of good wood working tools etc.

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CITY OF MORDEN BY-LAW 07-2022
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HEARING LOCATION: Morden Civic Centre
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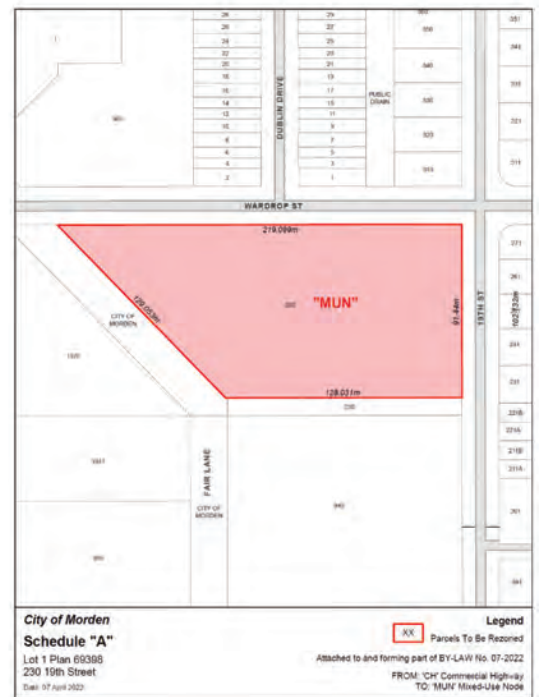
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A copy of the above proposal and supporting material may be inspected at the location noted above during office hours, Monday to Friday. Copies may be made and extracts taken therefrom, upon request. If you wish to be present at the hearing, please 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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Tender closing date is May 26, 2022 at 1:00 pm. Please drop off your tender bid at the Western School Division Office, Unit 4 - 75 Thornhill St., Morden. Include your full name and contact information along with which bus you are bidding on, and your monetary offer.
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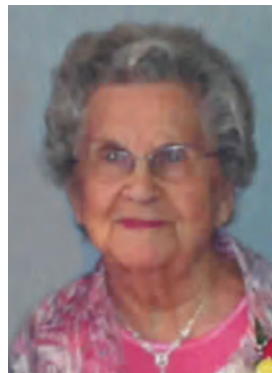
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OBITUARY



Nina (Minnie) Beatty (nee Klapper)
1923 – 2022

On Wednesday, May 11, 2022 at Tabor Home in Morden, MB, Minnie Beatty, 98 formerly of the 1-6 district, passed away.

She leaves to mourn her passing her nieces, a nephew and their families as well as many friends.

She was predeceased by her husband, Stewart in 2006.

Memorial service will be held at 2:00 p.m. on Friday May 27, 2022 at Wiebe Funeral Chapel in Morden with ash interment to follow at Hillside Cemetery.

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

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OBITUARY



Henry V. Thiessen
1934 – 2022

Henry V. Thiessen was born April 13, 1934 in Pangman, Saskatchewan to David and Margaret Thiessen. Henry moved to Alexander, Manitoba at an early age and attended Alexander Public School. After school, Henry worked on the family farm located East of Alexander on Hwy #1. At age 24 Henry moved to Morden, MB and worked for Red and White Grocery Store. It was at this time he visited the Morden Bergthaler Church one Sunday morning. While the choir was singing Henry only had eyes for the black-haired beauty in the front row. He later saw her again walking down the street and stopped to give her a ride. In September of 1958, a mere eight months later, they were married and started their adventure together. In 1960 they were thrilled to welcome

their first son, Andy, and five years later Mark came along to complete their family. Henry then started working at Livingstone Hardware Store. Henry was a jack of all trades and a master of many with his entrepreneurial skills, starting with running a self owned coal delivery service for Beaver Lumber. He also had a long career of doing artificial insemination for cattle. He took pride in this work knowing he was improving the local herds. During this time, Henry took an interest in meat cutting and left for Winnipeg to attend Meat Cutting School. After completion he took a job in Winkler at Janzen's Variety Store and later supplied Harvest Inn with their meat. With his experience in the meat business Henry then started custom cutting out of his basement. This business continued for decades. Henry also sold meat packages and bulk sunflowers and peanuts all over southern Manitoba. For this he was well known. When his oldest son, Andy returned to Morden to cut meat at the local grocery store, Henry hung up the knives so he wouldn't be in competition. Henry then began driving the Handivan for Tabor Home, worked for the RM of Stanley for a few seasons, and also at a local feed lot operation. In the mid 90's his other son, Mark started a Gas Line Leak Detection Company. Things got busy so Henry went to work for Mark making sure work got done on the main line leak surveys. In addition, Henry continued another one of his passions, dowsing, better known as water witching. He had the gift of finding the perfect spot to dig a well and also how far down to dig to find the water. This gift allowed him to help people all over Canada and even as far away as Africa finding fresh drinking water. Dad loved to help people, and this was one way he could help people, have a good visit and make new friends all at the same time. Well into his 80's dad could be seen mowing lawns for his sons' properties and recycling metal up at Lakeside Storage. Dad was never one to be sitting around. He was always working and on the move. Although he had many careers, his greatest purpose in life was supporting and showing love to his family. Dad also loved the Lord with all his heart and wanted everyone he knew to know the same. Dad loved to spend hours visiting and telling stories. If you spent time with dad, you would have heard a story or two (or a hundred). Some of the stories were told many times, but often they got better and better with the telling. The last few years were tough ones for dad. Not being able to see people because of the pandemic was something he found very hard. He was a people person but eventually understood why this needed to be done. It was during these years that dad became sick. He was hospitalized at Boundary Trails Health Centre in December 2021 and then moved to Lorne Memorial Hospital in Swan Lake in February. By this time, he had lost his mobility, being paralyzed from the chest down. May 3, 2022 dad finally made it to Tabor Home which was near and dear as mom had worked there as the CEO for over 25 years. Dad only resided at Tabor for five short days before his Lord and Saviour took him home, Sunday May 8th at 4:15 a.m.

He was predeceased by his father, David and mother, Margaret; brothers, Dave, Ike, John, Peter and sisters, Mary Janzen, Helen Mitchel and Tina Fast.

Henry is survived by his loving wife of 64 years, Leona; brothers, Jake and George; sister, Marge Peters; sons, Andy (Tami), Mark (Julia); grandchildren, Brodie (Rachel), CJ (Lindsay), Torrie and Danika as well as three precious great-grandchildren, Brock, Duke and Wren and numerous nieces and nephews.

Funeral service was held on Friday, May 13, 2022 at Westside Community Church with interment at Chapel Cemetery.

The family would like to thank all the medical staff at Boundary Trails Health Centre, Lorne Memorial Hospital and Tabor Home for their excellent care of Dad.

If friends so desire, donations may be made in Henry's memory to the Tabor Home or to the Morden Community Handivan.

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OBITUARY



John Schmidt
1923 – 2022

On Tuesday, May 10, 2022, John Schmidt, 98 of Morden, MB passed away at Tabor Home.

John was born on October 15, 1923 to John and Anna (nee Thiessen) in Reinfeld, MB. He was predeceased by his wife, Katharina (nee Wolfe) in 2017. He is survived by three daughters and three sons: John (Mavis), Anne (Syd), Ike (Butch), Kathy (Vic), Betty (Gary), Henry as well as 10 grandchildren, 21 great-grandchildren, three great-great-grandchildren, his only surviving sibling, Betty Petkau and many nieces and nephews.

Funeral service will be held at 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, May 21, 2022 at the Morden EMMC with interment to follow at the Southside Cemetery.

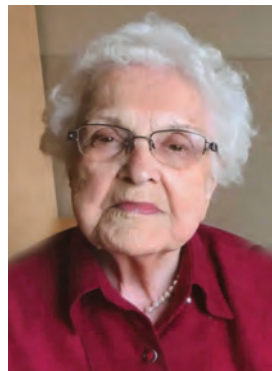
Thank you to all the staff on Birch House at Tabor Home and the nurses who lovingly cared for our dad. Thank you so very much.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in John's memory to the Tabor Home.

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OBITUARY



Amy Bernice Nield (nee Finley)
1924 – 2022

On Sunday, May 8, 2022 at Tabor Home in Morden, MB, Bernice Nield, 97 passed away.

She leaves to mourn her passing her daughter, Sherry and her family, Guy and Danica Wilcox, Ryan and Jody Nield and their children, Kai, Taya and Seth and her son, Richard and Janice Nield and their family, Jamie Nield and his son, Lucas and Burton Nield.

She was predeceased by her husband, Leslie in 2007. She was also predeceased by her five brothers and two sisters.

She was a great other half in the farming operation. She even had her own CB handle "Birdwatcher". She enjoyed gardening and the flower beds on the farm. Once retired to Morden in 1980, she volunteered at the Thrift Store, drove over to Carman with the

bowling team, and helped serve meals at the Senior Centre. She was also a member of TOPS. She enjoyed her time at Elks Park Place and made close friends. She was seen covering many miles on her electric scooter.

Private funeral service was held on May 12, 2022 at Wiebe Funeral Chapel in Morden with interment at the Chapel Cemetery.

If friends so desire, donations may be made in Bernice's memory to the Tabor Home or charity of your choice.

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Brothers Joel and Jose Legaspi are business partners and co-owners of the restaurant, which first opened its doors in 2019.

Today, Joel handles the marketing and business side of things while Jose runs and cooks at the restaurant.

Joel has been in Altona for 14 years and in Manitoba for 19.

"I managed a pig barn in Fisher Branch, Arborg, and later in Rosenfeld before studying to become a practical nurse," he says, noting he currently works at Eastview Place.

Jose, meanwhile, spent a decade as a cruise ship chef and has worked as a part-time cook at numerous restaurants in Altona. His goal was to one day have his own restaurant.

Both brothers have always enjoyed cooking authentic Filipino dishes and desserts. Filipino cuisine, they explain, is a fusion of Spanish, Chinese, Japanese, and American food.

It's real a combination of cultures, and one they wanted to share with the community. From that idea, Potpourri of Flavours was born.



Brothers Joel and Jose Legaspi, shown here with Altona Mayor Al Friesen, share their love of cuisine by offering a varied menu at Potpourri of Flavours.

Some of the pair's favourite dishes that have become top sellers since they've been in business include the chicken honey garlic rice bowl, chicken sisig, wonton soup, combo meals, and burgers.

Potpourri of Flavours is also going to offer a new dish this week: an "Authentic Japanese Ramen" that includes crispy pork belly, Japanese ramen, and dry seaweed.

The Legaspis are very proud to live in a town like Altona, which so strongly supported local businesses through these past few trying pandemic years.

"We are fortunate for the continuous support from the local community and the sur-

rounding areas, especially during the height of the COVID-19 pandemic," says Joel. "It was very challenging at first as we focused more on our take-out orders. We received some help from the government, plus the support from our community by patronizing local businesses.

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